

Prince William County  
**TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL**

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2023; 6:30 PM

**Approved by the T&BC on December 19, 2023**

Attendance

| District    | Appointee            | Present<br>(in person) | Present<br>(virtual) | Absent |
|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| At Large    | Amy Latalladi-Fulton |                        | ✓                    |        |
|             | Bill McCarty         | ✓                      |                      |        |
| Brentsville | Liz Cronauer         | ✓                      |                      |        |
|             | Catherine O'Connor   | ✓                      |                      |        |
| Coles       | Mike DePue           | ✓                      |                      |        |
|             | Joe Marshall         | ✓                      |                      |        |
| Gainesville | Duane Martin         | ✓                      |                      |        |
|             | VACANT               |                        |                      |        |
| Neabsco     | Jason Williams       | ✓                      |                      |        |
|             | Rich Wilson          |                        |                      | ✓      |
| Potomac     | Raheel Sheikh        |                        |                      | ✓      |
|             | VACANT               |                        |                      |        |
| Occoquan    | Eileen Sheridan      | ✓                      |                      |        |
|             | Neil Nelson          | ✓                      |                      |        |
| Woodbridge  | David Brickley       | ✓                      |                      |        |
|             | Lynda Silverstrand   | ✓                      |                      |        |

Staff persons Yolanda Hipski, David Kroeger and DPR Deputy Director Janet Bartnik were present. Bryce Barrett attended virtually.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Liz Cronauer at 6:30 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Administrative:**

- Oct. 24, 2023, T&BC minutes were approved through a motion by Neil and seconded by Jason.

- Resolution 23-9 allowing remote virtual participation in the meeting by Amy Latalladi-Fulton was approved through a motion by Duane and seconded by Jason. This will be attached to the minutes.
- Catherine O'Connor was introduced as the new member from the Brentsville district.
- Janet distributed T&BC polo shirts to all members present.

### **Citizen's Time.**

- Charlie Grimes complimented the T&BC as the highest performing committee in the county. He thanked all for their efforts.
- David Clem introduced himself as an equestrian who knows Duane through trail riding. He is interested in becoming a T&BC member.
- Steven Cover introduced himself as a 10-year PWC resident well versed in parks. He shared a PowerPoint presentation with the T&BC on Bridlewood-Rocky Branch Park, which includes a spur trail from the Broad Run Greenway. He highlighted a gap in the trail of about a 1/3 of a mile and discussed benefits of making the connection and how easy it would be to maintain. He pointed out that some of the missing trail would cross HOA land. The presentation is attached to these minutes and contains significant explanatory text for the reader.

### **County Agency Representatives**

#### **PWC Department of Parks and Recreation.** Janet Bartnik, David Kroeger

- Janet reported on the status of the FLAP grant for some of the gaps in the PHNST. The final paperwork to accept the Grant would be ready for the supervisors to vote on within the coming week. However, the next BOCS meeting that this could be considered would be in mid-January due to the holidays and submission deadlines.
- Janet talked about Dove's Landing Park. The developer still owns all the land to be proffered for the park from the Preserve at Long Branch. The conservation easement is almost in place. The trails built by the developer of the Preserve at Long Branch currently does not include a crossing of The Long Branch Stream to connect to the Sinclair Mill parcel. Parks department staff will check on this situation. Kayak launches and bridge over the Occoquan are both in the Master Plan. No specific information was provided about what gets built when.
- David reported on the Occoquan Greenway, that the final inspection of the 130-foot Section 3 bridge was completed and there will be a ribbon cutting on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The minor site plan for section 4 has been approved and the bridge plan for section 6 has been approved with a kickoff of design slated for November 30<sup>th</sup>. Section 8 sidewalks and trails into Occoquan were also discussed with questions raised on how to get to the riverside park.

#### **PWC Transportation.** Bryce Barrett

- Bryce talked about updates to the National Capital Trail Network Map. In the meeting packet, a list of changes brought forward this year was shown. It was pointed out that this list was still out of sync with all PWC routes and was missing many elements (i.e. Hoadly Road). Bryce said there will be a major overhaul in Spring 2024 and plans to bring most of the inconsistencies forward. There are specific rules for inclusion that include family-friendly and safety concerns for anything listed.
- Bryce talked about the Parkridge Rezoning. This was approved by the Planning Commission on 10/25. He pointed out that there were no connections to the community college, and they would be added to the proffers. No BOCS hearing is yet scheduled – probably next year.

- Bryce talked about a Purcell Road rezoning. The applicant is dedicating right of way for a paved shoulder. Purcell is built out and acquiring right of way on other parcels is unlikely.
- Old Bridge Road intersection with the Prince William Parkway will have a public hearing on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Joe mentioned the Brentsville interchange and how Bryce pointed him to the right person who sent him a map of the temporary bike route through the interchange until it is completed. Joe thanked him for this effort.
- Jason asked about safety concerns on transportation projects – Bryce asked that he be the contact person for such concerns.
- Bryce reported that Charlie Grymes will oversee rolling out the crowdsourcing application on issues reporting.

**PWC Planning.** Yolanda Hipski

- Yolanda talked about the Yorkshire TLC Grant. This is a study to make Route 28 bikeable and walkable in the Yorkshire area. 4 Square from Atlanta has been hired as the main consultant for the study. A kickoff meeting was held among stakeholders and the key issue is safety. This area is the gateway to the county and its western cities from Fairfax. They are looking for ideas. This will lead to a Yorkshire small area plan. A two-day community meeting will be the next activity once 4Square completes their initial activities. Yolanda provided a report that is attached to these minutes.

**Presentations/Reports.**

**Dedication of Trail under I-66.** Duane Martin

- Duane reported that Supervisor Weir is enthusiastic about this trail, fixing the ditch crossings and having a ribbon cutting.

**Trail under Route 15 at Catharpin Creek.** Duane Martin

- Duane made a presentation about the Catharpin Greenway trail. He reported that the trail is good in both Silver Lake Park and James Long Park. Most of the connector trail west US 15 is also in good condition and usable. However, there is a problem getting under US 15 and connecting to James Long Park. He shows the problems and discusses possible solutions in the presentation which is attached. Portions of the trail are overgrown, portions are soggy and need to be relocated, getting under the bridge is possible but requires work, and on the Long Park side, the trail has a private farm between it and the park. Catharpin Greenway is a key connector trail between the AT west of the county and the Manassas Battlefield in the county and thus the county needs to find solutions for this part of the trail.

**DPR Capital Projects Planning.** Janet Bartnik

- Janet reported that DPR's small team is currently working on 83 projects. She presented a list of several projects that need more funding and will be taken forward to the county executive for inclusion in next year's CIP budget which included several projects with trails. 2019 bonds have funded part of this but trail costs have really been hurt by the inflationary environment over the past couple of years. She mentioned how her team has determined their maintenance needs are usually triple what budgets they get for maintenance and thus each year they fall further behind.

**PHNST Subcommittee.** Jason Williams

- No report this month – next meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.

**Organization Representatives' Time**

- Due to time constraints, no reports were made at this meeting.

**Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC).** Eileen Sheridan, Vice Chair, Neil Nelson, Secretary

**Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition (PWTSC).** Mike Depue

**Mid Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE).** Jason Williams, Rich Wilson

**Members' Time:**

- Amy:
  - Nothing to report.
- Bill:
  - He is looking into the history of the mill along Broad Run that was encountered on a hike this Fall.
- David:
  - Next PHNST subcommittee would be the next day at 2 PM. He recommended that future citizen presentations be pre-timed and worked in as agenda items.
- Duane:
  - He commented on his recent experiences with Dove's Landing Park and how wonderful a park that is.
- Eileen:
  - She recommended that all T&BC members check with their supervisor and remind them to renominate their T&BC representatives.
- Jason:
  - Jason reported on a boardwalk replacement project on Powell's Creek Scenic Trail and good words he received from nearby folks.
  - Jason plans to lead a mountain bike group to the ribbon cutting for the Section 3 Occoquan Greenway bridge ribbon cutting on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - He stated that agreements for volunteer work projects between MORE and the county were progressing.
- Joe:
  - Nothing to report.
- Liz:
  - Liz thanked everyone who brought presentations. She reminded everyone that it was important to have a good turnout for the bridge ribbon cutting.
- Lynda:
  - She had her biggest Bandalong haul recently after the rains. This included over 1500 plastic bottles.
- Mike:
  - He reported on the Paddle trip from Lake Jackson dam to Bull Run Marina. He said this showed a real need for a takeout/launch at the Prince William Parkway.

- Neil:
  - He reported that he shared information on the UOSA trail with Manassas Park with Manassas.
  - He announced the next Second Sunday hike on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Preserve at Long Branch at 1 PM.
- Raheel:
  - Not present.
- Rich:
  - Not present.
- Catherine:
  - Recommended everyone checkout Trail Keepers on Facebook.
  - Mentioned upcoming rally in Pageland against Data Centers.

**Meeting Recap:**

- Minimized due to late time.

**Next meeting agenda items:**

- Moved meeting to December 19<sup>th</sup> to avoid BOCS Gateway Data Center hearings.
- Consider moving meetings in 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday to avoid BOCS meeting conflicts
- Nominations/Elections for 2024 Officer positions
- Mike – Resolution about blueway targets and launch sites
- Jason - PHNST subcommittee status
- Agenda items for the December meeting should be forwarded to Liz, Amy, or Joe by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Next meetings:**

At Hellwig: Full T&BC – December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

At Hellwig: PHNST Subcommittee – November 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM based on motion by Eileen, seconded by Jason.

**MOTION:** Duane Martin

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**SECOND:** Jason Williams

**Regular Meeting**

**Res. No. 23-9**

**RE: AMY LATALLADI-FULTON'S REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE  
REMOTELY THROUGH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION MEANS**

**ACTION:**

**WHEREAS**, the Prince William County Trails and Blueways Council adopted a policy pursuant to Section 2.2-3708.2, VA Code Ann., to allow for remote participation by Members of the Council, and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Council's policy, NAME notified the Chair that they (the member) is requesting permission from the Council to electronically participate at the Council's October 24, 2023 Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the member certified (Check A or B);

- A.  the Member is unable to attend the meeting due to (i) a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the Member's physical attendance or (ii) a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family member, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance; OR
- B.  the Member is unable to attend the meeting due to the following specifically identified personal matter: (specify)

AND the Member has not already participated electronically due to a personal reason in excess of two meetings this calendar year or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater; and

**WHEREAS**, the remote location from which the Member plans to electronically participate is his residence; and this remote location will/will not open to the public; and

**WHEREAS** the Member verifies that the Member's participation in any closed session of the meeting shall remain confidential and not be disclosed to any unauthorized persons or entities; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Council's policy, a request for electronic participation from a remote location shall be approved unless participation violates the Council's policy or any provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William County Trails and Blueways Council does approve the request to participate in the meeting through electronic communication means in accordance with the Council's policy; a quorum of the Council was physically assembled at one primary or central meeting location; and arrangements were made for the voice of the Member to be heard by all persons at the primary or central meeting location.

**Votes:**

**Ayes: 11**

**Nays: 0**

**Absent from Vote: 1**

**Absent from Meeting: 2**

**SIGNED:**   
Prince William Trails and Blueways Council chair



To: Trails & Blueways Council  
From: Yolanda Hipski, Principal Planner  
RE: Yorkshire Transportation Land Use Connection Grant

**Background:** On September 8, 2023, Washington Council of Governments notified Prince William County staff that Foursquare ITP, a transportation planning firm, was selected to undertake an intensive study of the Yorkshire area. This project was funded through the WCOG Transportation Land Use Connection grant program. The Project purpose is “to make Route 28 a walkable, bikeable and transit-oriented corridor by recommending innovative, practical, and implementable solutions designed to generate buy-in and mobilize PWC, COG and partners into action”.

**Study Area:** The study focuses on a two mile stretch of Route 28 and includes Old Centreville Road north to the Bull Run tributary (see attached map). This roadway currently maintains speeds ranging from 35 MPH to 45 MPH, with variable lane configurations and pedestrian facilities.

**Trail & Blueways Council:** This project is co-staffed between Bryce Barrett and Yolanda who also regularly attend the T&BC meetings. In addition, Patti Pakkala and the T&BC Chair were identified as Community Stakeholders. The Stakeholders held their kickoff meeting on November 17, 2023. Additional stakeholders included representation from the Board of County Supervisors, VDOT, Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park, OmniRide and the Virginia Department of Rails and Public Transportation.

**Community Stakeholders Kickoff Meeting Summary:**

- The key focus is to make sure users are comfortable with the facility. Safety is the biggest issue and stay focused on improving people’s quality of life.
- There are a lot of residential uses as well as commercial. There are two parks and several schools to consider as well. The area has not changed since 1994 and is very car oriented
- The area is a Gateway into the County as well as Manassas and Manassas Park.
- There is also a lot of conflict with through and local traffic
- Issues ranging from lighting, accessibility and safety.
- There are also new development pockets (VW sales, Sheetz, and new housing) The new brewery was very successful and it has a nice mural.
- It is very messy, with a mixture of architecture and there is no cohesiveness.

**Proposed Schedule:**

**November:** Kick off meeting with Stakeholders and Consultants.

**January:** Complete literature review and memorandum and existing conditions schedule

**February:** Analyze demand, risk, and equity. Conduct corridor audit with stakeholders

**March:** Finalize recommendations and evaluation framework

**April:** Assess project evaluation results

**May:** Create Implementation plan and Final Report

**Recommended Action:** None requested. For information and discussion.

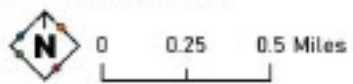


**OmniRide**

- Stops
- Routes

**VRE**

- ◆ Stations
- Manassas Line



# Catharpin Greenway Trail to US-15

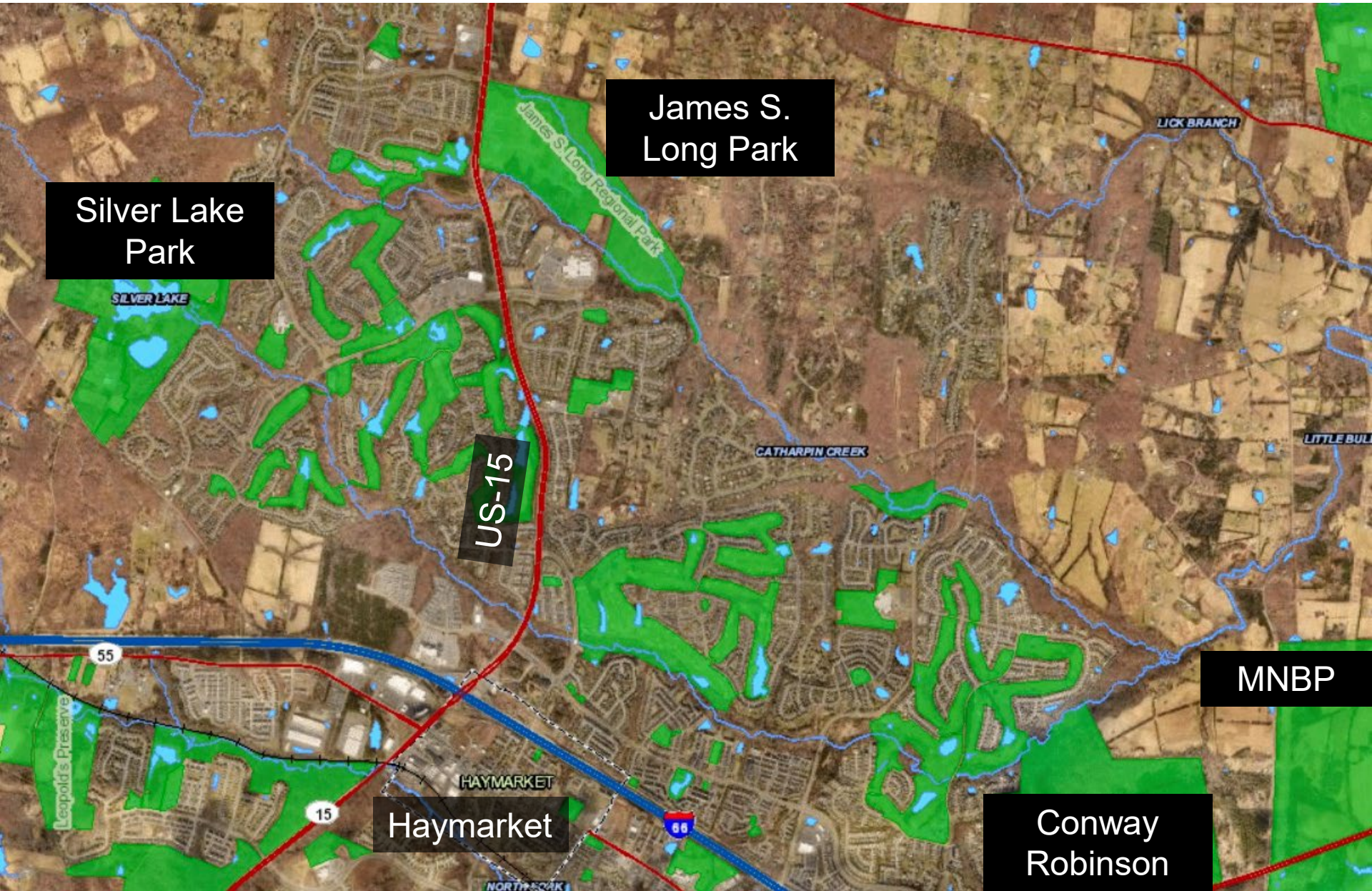


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# Overview



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Silver Lake Park

James S. Long Park

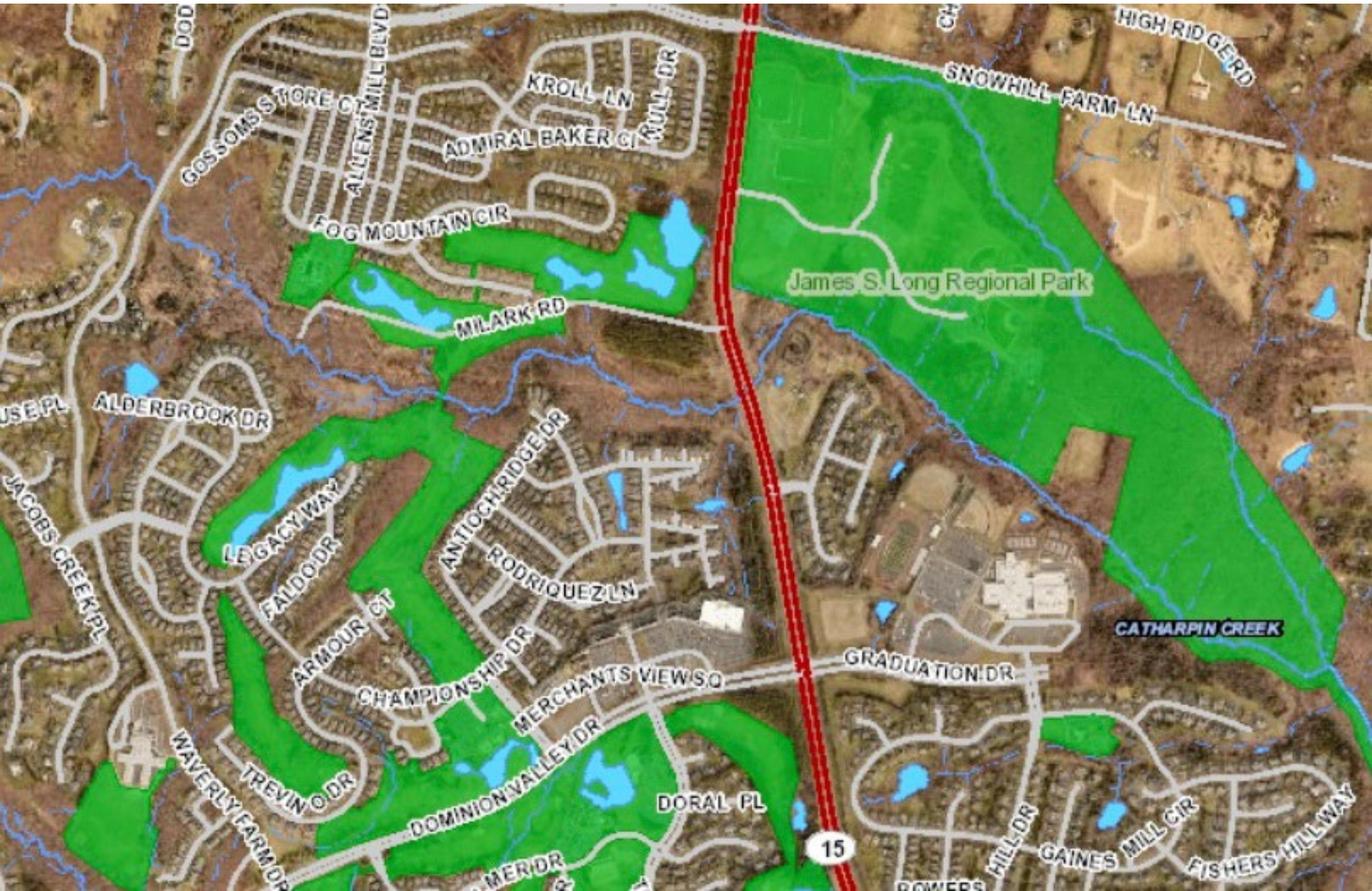
US-15

Haymarket

Conway Robinson

MNBP

# US-15



# US-15



Connector Trail to Silver Lake Park

Dominion Valley

Battlefield High School

15

# Connector Trail - Good



# Connector Trail - Overgrown



Connector Trail  
to Silver Lake  
Park





# Connector Trail – Alt Route



# Alternate Approach to Bridge



# Connector Trail – Under US-15



# Connector Trail – Under US-15

IMPASSABLE



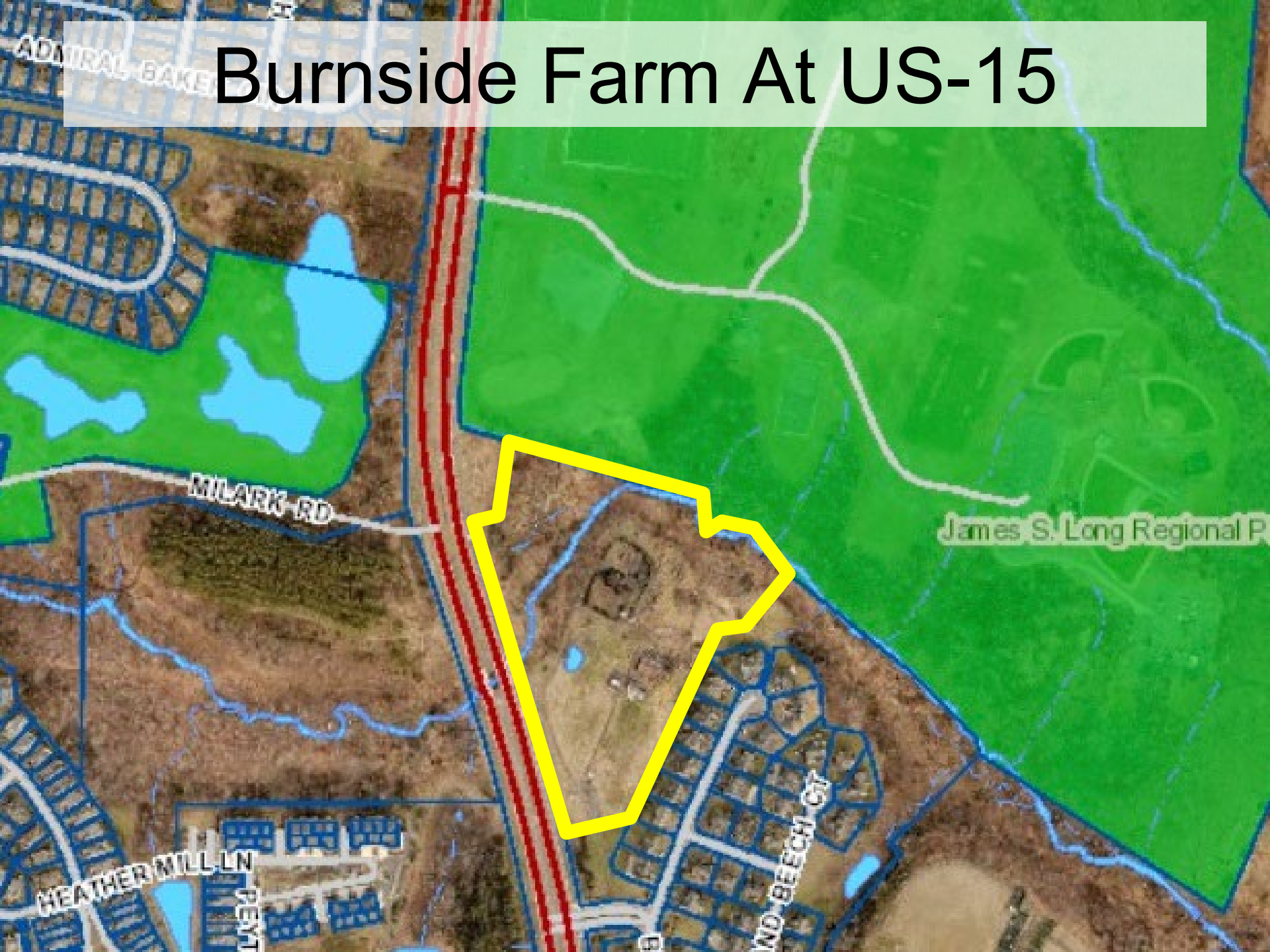
# East Side of US-15 Bridge



Connector Trail  
to Silver Lake  
Park



# Burnside Farm At US-15



# Possibilities



# BRIDLEWOOD-ROCKY BRANCH PARK

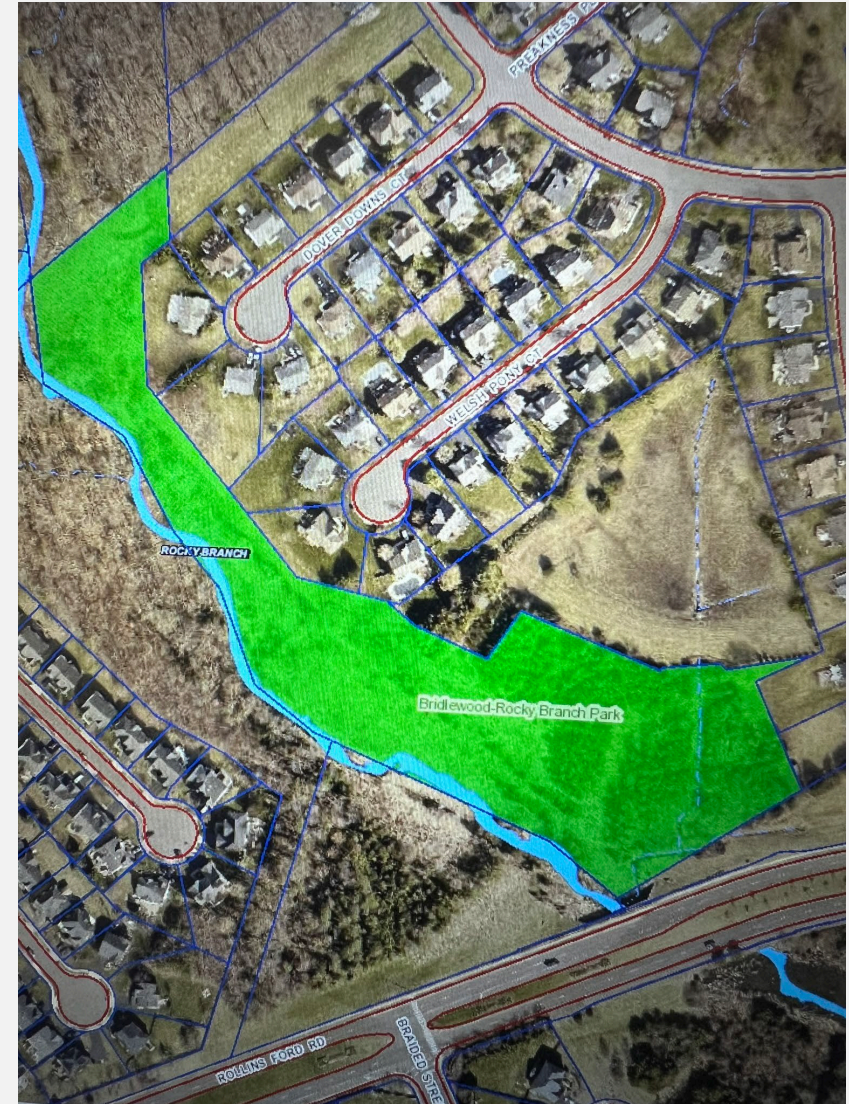
Located Between Rollins Ford Rd & Dover Downs Court



## LOCATION & FEATURES

Located Between Rollins Ford Rd and  
Dover Downs Ct

Set in a Small Stream Valley with Year  
Round Stream (Rocky Branch) and Small  
Wet Weather Tributaries

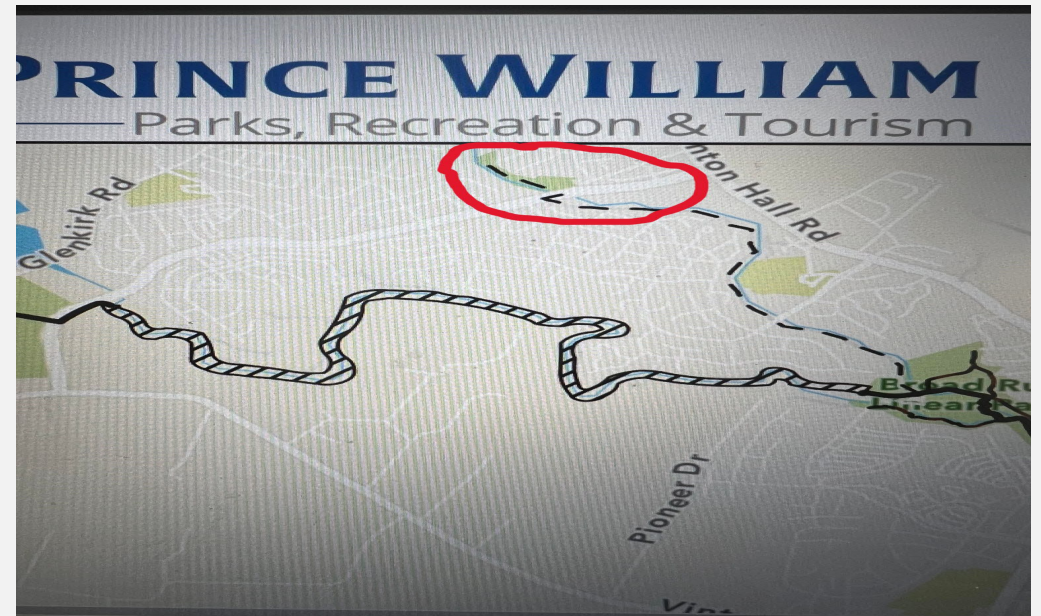
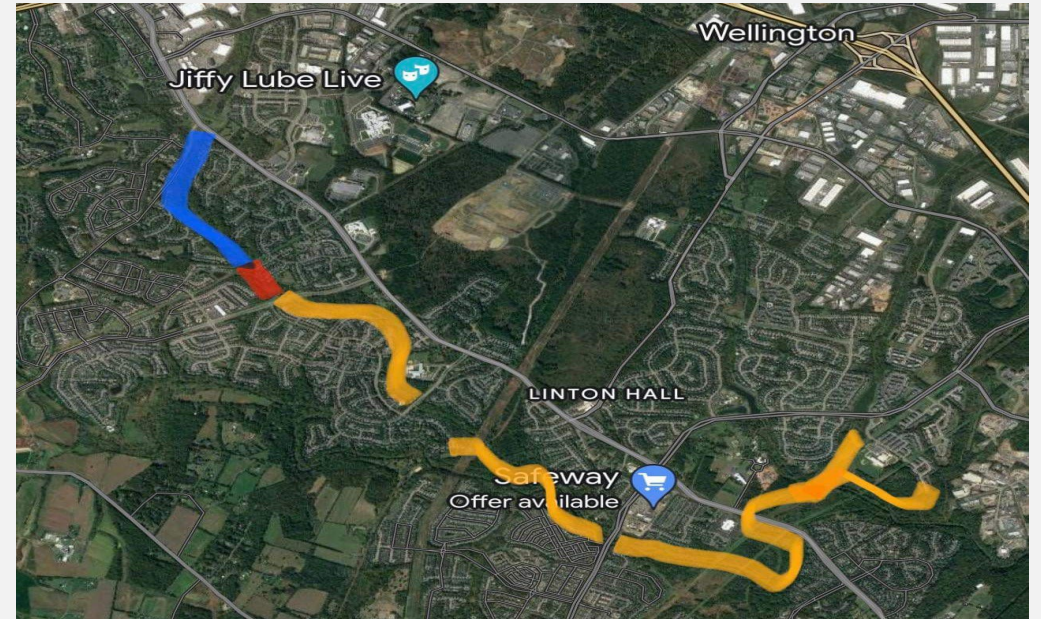


# THE TRAIL

This Park has already been identified in the Oct. 2019 Broad Run Greenway Alignment (published from PWC Parks, Recreation and Tourism) as part of the “Planned BRG Access Trail”

This critical connection would help to facilitate close, convenient and easy multi-use outdoor recreation for the citizens living in the area at large.

It would serve to connect the (yellow) trail coming north from Worthington Dr (Kingsbrooke HOA) to Rollins Ford Rd and the blue trail running from Glenkirk & Linton Hall down to the powerline easement nearest Dover Downs Ct (Rocky Run and Bridlewood HOA’s).



## STRENGTHS

Would be a critical component for this part of the County to ensure convenient, reliable and permanent outdoor recreation space for those living in the area.

This missing piece would immediately open up the potential for locals to hike miles of trail without leaving their neighborhoods or having to travel and create additional daily vehicle trips on our roads.

The approximated distance of the trail would be about .33mi, and could largely be cleared and finished with hand tools and un-skilled/non professional labor.

Due to the nature of the property, the abundant amount of trees would also help lessen yearly maintenance costs due to mowing or seasonal over growth trimming seen in other parks.



# CHALLENGES

The property sits within a stream valley, and has three small areas which are subject to wet-weather drainage events.

Depending on the route of the trail, there are 5 to 7 homeowners which back up to the property, sometime at close distance to their rearmost property line.

Some trash was noted on the County property itself.

And last but not certainly least, the access to the property from Rollins Ford is obstructed by the Linton Crest Homeowners Association grounds.

Due to the width of the stream, crossing from the west side where the County owns frontage on Rollins Ford would require substantial capital improvements to get back over Rocky Branch.



# ROCKY BRANCH FROM ROLLINS FORD BRIDGE AND WEST PROPERTY



# ACCESS THROUGH LINTON CREST PROPERTY



## SOLUTIONS & BENEFITS

The few areas which would take on higher flow during wet weather events would be easily traversed by small boardwalks (or light bridges if deemed necessary).

One of the wet areas would be able to be avoided all together if the trail can be routed above the community street water drain pipe.

Rocky Branch itself is generally well channelized and away from trail corridor for for the vast majority of the property. No signs of flooding outside its banks from the last large rain event were noted on preliminary hike.

The sewer mains that run through the property would more easily accessed and maintenance/inspected due to formal trail creation instead of bushwhacking at present.

All noted trash would be able to be removed without the need for heavy equipment.



QUESTIONS?

