

Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail

Welcome!

Public Meeting on the Feasibility of Extending the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) from Leesburg to Harpers Ferry



TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- 6:00 pm** Review the displays and talk with planning team members about feasibility issues along the corridor
- 7:00 pm** Presentation and Discussion
- 8:00 pm** Adjourn

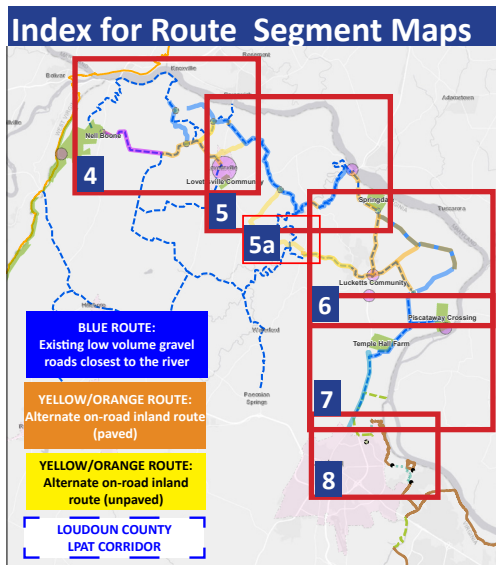
The Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) and Loudoun County's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services (PRCS), is seeking public input on the most feasible route options for completing the network gap in the PHNST in western Loudoun County. The purpose of the project is to identify, assess, and present the feasibility of potential routes in the PHNST corridor from Harpers Ferry to Leesburg.

Please take your time to review the display boards:

- **Displays 1-3** provide an overview of the study process.
- **Displays 4-8** document the initial results of the feasibility evaluation for two general routes.

Initial results indicate segments considered:

- **Feasible** by utilizing standard trail design and construction practices
- **Feasible with Conditions** that affect trail cost, maintenance and sustainability
- **Limited Feasibility** with issues that must be addressed prior to moving forward



HOW TO PROVIDE INPUT

Provide us with your insights and ideas.

- 1) Use the **yellow sticky notes** provided and put your comments directly on the displays (please write legibly).
- 2) Use the **comment form** on the back of this handout.
- 3) **E-mail the planning team** (see contact information on the back).
- 4) Follow the link below or use the QR Code to **provide input using your smart phone** or other device.

Provide Comments On-line!

Follow the link below or use the QR Code to provide comments directly to the project team from your phone or other device.

OPEN THROUGH: November 11, 2024

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PHNST_Loudoun_form102924



QR_code for comment form

October 29, 2024 Meeting Comment Form

PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY RESULTS

The presentation shown at the public meeting (**see link below to view the materials**) described the criteria and weighting factors used to evaluate the feasibility of two different routes for the PHNST:

- The **blue route** as close to the river on public right-of-way and parkland as possible
- The **yellow/orange route** providing alternative inland routes for connecting between destinations along the Potomac River. The preliminary results are shown on displays 4 through 8.

Do you agree or disagree with the preliminary findings? Is any specific segment a concern for you?

PRIORITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Trail development projects are going to be implemented over time. Some projects may only require placement of signs and repair of an existing route. Other projects may take many years to gain funding, prepare design and permitting documents, followed by a construction phase.

Which group of segments should be accomplished first (up to three continuous segments at a time)?

OTHER GENERAL COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS



Access the presentation and display materials here:
<https://www.potomacheritagetnova.com/loudoun-feasibility-study> (or use QR code at left).

Send your comments or questions to:
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