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# Land Use Newsletter

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## New Trails & Blueways Council

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The Prince William Board of County Supervisors (BOCS), in partnership with the Prince William County Park Authority, has approved the creation of a Trails and Blueways Council (Res. 09-502) to advise the Park Authority and the BOCS on the development of a County-wide trails and blueways system. The BOCS approved changes to the Parks, Open Space and Trails components of the Comprehensive Plan in 2008. Jay Ellington, Executive Director of the Park Authority, is looking forward to working with the Council. Mr. Ellington says he is "confident that with the establishment of our Trails and Blueways Council, Prince William will soon have a first class trails system for our citizens to enjoy and be proud of." Mr. Ellington and his staff will serve as the County staff representative for the Council.

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## Comprehensive Plan Update

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The BOCS is holding a series of "Town Hall Meetings" on the Land Use and Transportation Chapters in each of the Magisterial Districts, ending with a Business Community meeting scheduled for October 21, 2009. The BOCS is expected to vote on the Land Use and Transportation Chapters this fall, following the Business Community Meeting.

The Environment Chapter is under review by the Planning Commission (PC); a first draft of proposed changes is expected on September 2, 2009.

The Environment Chapter Review Committee is seeking public input on modifications to the plan and encourages all interested parties to post comments to the County Website at [PCFeedback@pwcgov.org](mailto:PCFeedback@pwcgov.org) or attend the next Community Input Meeting, which is scheduled for September 10, 2009. Please see the review/comment schedule (subject to change) at <http://www.pwcgov.org/docLibrary/PDF/10302.pdf>.

## Changes to SWM Regulations

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The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Soil and Water Conservation Board is proposing changes to storm water management (SWM) program regulations to include increasing the limits on phosphorus discharges and expanded detention capability for SWM facilities.

Industry experts and civil engineers have expressed concern that compliance with the new requirements will pose a significant financial burden to landowners and

developers. The new regulations are expected to be adopted later this year, effective June 2010. For more information please go to

<http://www.townhall.state.va.us/L/ViewStage.cfm?stageid=5070>.

### Upcoming Meetings (Dates Subject to Change)

Date	Topic
September 10	PC Community Input Meeting on Environment Chapter
September 23	PC Work Session on Environment Chapter
October 13	Joint BOCS/PC Work Session on Environment Chapter
October 21	Business Community Town Hall Meeting

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