



**Welcome!**



# 2017 Trails Symposium

## Schedule

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11:15 AM	Mega Projects Panel	Local Government and Trails
12:00 PM	Lunch- Pick up your lunch in Mathew Brady Gallery and find a seat anywhere.	
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## Current Trail Initiatives

In July 2017, the Capital Trails Funding Working Group chose these three projects to work on ushering through the planning and development process, prior to the release of the network map.

1. **Mount Vernon Trail & Four Mile Run Trail Intersection**
2. **Suitland Parkway Trail Extension**
3. **Washington, Baltimore, and Annapolis (WB&A) Trail extension along MD 704**

### These projects were chosen based on the following criteria:

1. Despite the lack of a full network map, we were confident that these projects would be included once it was released.
2. Projects are in an ideal phase of development. They were not still merely conceptual ideas but had some movement already (e.g. feasibility study, inclusion in a priority planning document, etc.), and they were not shovel-ready for construction, which would have been too late in the process for our assistance.
3. Projects would not cost a significant amount to build (e.g. in comparison to a bridge construction), but their completion would connect more trails and therefore trail users by addressing small gaps in the network.
4. Projects are geographically diverse across the DMV region.
5. Projects include participation from the National Park Service.

### What do you think about the working group's criteria?

Should some of their decision-making structure be used to set priorities for the entire trail network? (Place a sticky note with your feedback below)

### Do you want to help out with any of the three initiatives?

*(Place a sticky note with your name below)*

Mount Vernon Trail + Four Mile Run Trail Intersection

Suitland Parkway Trail Extension

WB&A Trail extension along MD 704







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## Criteria for Network Inclusion

- This criteria sets the framework for which trails- existing and planned- are included in the network.
- This criteria was finalized Aug. 2016 and refined Aug. 2017.
- The creation of the criteria was spearheaded by the Analytics working group, and approved by the full Coalition.

**Exceptions to criteria:** There are trails within the Coalition’s footprint that do not meet the criteria but are considered to be essential spines of their respective jurisdiction’s multi-use trail network. These trails have been “grandfathered” into the identified network as of September 2017.

<b>Off-road/On-road</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Off-street, separated from moving traffic.</li> <li>2. Provision for on-street facilities for connection On-street facility trail connectors may not be accessible to all ages and abilities and will be marked as “needs improved” for continuous trail connection.</li> </ol>
<b>Width</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 10-12 feet minimum.</li> <li>2. Designed for probable use Wider if demand warrants Narrower in short segments to accommodate design constraints 8 feet minimum acceptable for existing trails (2017), but 10 feet minimum required for new trails.</li> </ol>
<b>Design Standards</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New trails (from Planned to Existing, post-2017) designed according to best practices.</li> <li>2. E.g., AASHTO standards</li> </ol>
<b>Types of Use</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Designed for non-motorized use.</li> </ol>
<b>Paved/Unpaved</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Paved.</li> <li>2. Firm, crushed stone where appropriate Boardwalks and bridges are acceptable</li> </ol>
<b>Relation to the Network</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is directly connected to the overall system or will be part of the system with the completion of future planned trails.</li> <li>2. This connection also needs to be in the form of a physical multi-use trail “Thematic” connections are not acceptable</li> <li>3. Each trail should connect to the overall network at at-least one point.</li> <li>4. Even if individual trail segments are short, the completed trail should connect places</li> </ol>
<b>Transportation/Recreation</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Well-suited for serving both transportation and recreation purposes.</li> <li>2. Connecting people to transit, activity centers, and recreation areas</li> </ol>
<b>Feasibility</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Right of way identified and trail capable of being built within 25 years.</li> <li>2. Planned trails must have associated, locally approved plan</li> </ol>







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## Equitable Trail Development

This is the working definition of equitable trail development, as created by an ad-hoc group of the Capital Trails Coalition.

**The Capital Trails Coalition recognizes long-standing and current societal inequities that have their roots in generations of unjust structural barriers, policies, practices, attitudes, language and cultural messages have disproportionately impacted many minority groups.**

**Therefore, the Coalition will promote an equitable trails network by analyzing the unique challenges and circumstances impacting specific populations' mobility, safety and connectivity needs.**

**The Coalition will use this information to offer and advocate for solutions so that the trail network more effectively serves all residents, including current and potential trail users.**

**The Coalition will also use this lens proactively to influence its own structure and decision making framework.**

**What do you think about the definition? What parts are on track? What's missing?**

*(Place a sticky note with your feedback below)*

**Do you want to be part of defining equitable trail development for our Coalition?**

*(Place a sticky note with your name below, and you'll be added to the ad hoc group)*