

Planning District: Bull Run

ID# 35 *Theme:* Connectivity
Topic: Trails

Park: Bull Run, Lomond
Planning District: Bull Run

Appropriate for
GPGC Action?

Comment: Please consider a trail/bridge connection between Bull Run Regional Park (NVRPA) in Fairfax and Ben Lomond Park in Prince William County. These two parks are separated only by the 20 feet of Bull Run. This would be a valuable connection for bike commuters and park visitors. Currently, the only ways to get from Manassas into Fairfax are Routes 28 & 29, which are both hazardous for cyclists. The next downstream connection is over the Yates Ford Rd. bridge. If the administrative challenges of linking two different parks and two counties under different owners can be worked out, bike commuters and park users get a big win for the cost of a short bridge.

Response: The proposed connection links from a NVRPA park to a Prince William County park. FCPA has no jurisdiction to comment on the proposed trail segment, but will forward to NVRPA.

Action: Forward as described above. No further action required.

ID# 40 *Theme:* Facility Reinvestment
Topic: Maintenance

Park: Cub Run SV, Chalet Woods
Planning District: Bull Run

Appropriate for
GPGC Action?

Comment: The first priority for any future park development must be to insure that current parks are being properly maintained and optimized. This is not the case. My local parks are Cub Run Stream Valley Park and Chalet Woods Park, both in Centreville, Dully District. Cub Run Park is a beautiful park that we frequently utilize. However, the park is so poorly maintained and many of the paths are in such poor condition that they have become dangerous. Chalet Woods Park is more of the same. The response from Park officials or my supervisor is always the same: "there is no money in the budget" or "the budget has been cut". It doesn't matter if Fairfax County is flush with money or experiencing a deficit, the response is always the same. Let's fix what we currently have before moving forward. Before moving forward and spending funds on new parks, implement an in-depth review of current parks resulting in a rehabilitation plan that will correct all deficiencies.

Response: [POD] The focus of the comment on the need for trail maintenance reflects the reality that there is no program for capital renovation of existing trails. Other facilities in common between Chalet Woods Park and Cub Run SV Park (courts and playgrounds) have benefited from renovation programs that, while not fully funded, have made a significant difference. Language in the Bull Run Facility Reinvestment section recommending trail work is not unwarranted. Assuming there is a need for an agency wide trails program, such a comment is probably appropriate to all other planning districts.

The trails in Chalet Woods are in poor shape. In the absence of a trail renovation program, they should be considered for renovation using proffer or monopole funds.

The trails in Cub Run SV are generally in good or better shape. The main stem of the trail is being rebuilt. The work includes

two significant upgrades where fair weather crossings of Cub Run are being replaced by bridges.

While not specifically mentioned in the comment, the only other maintenance concern addressed to Area 5 regarding these parks has been the mowing at Chalet Woods. Reductions in mowing, both frequency and footprint, are driven by environmental goals rather than monetary concerns. Reducing mowing frequency reduces air pollution, increasing air quality. Reducing mowing acreage increases vegetative mass. As vegetation acts as both an air and water filter, this improves air and water quality. Reductions in mowing have positive effects on public health. When mowing reductions do not decrease recreational opportunities, and they haven't at Chalet Woods, they are totally consistent with the Park Authority's mission to provide recreation opportunities and to preserve, protect and interpret resources.

Action: Add strategy under Connectivity non-motorized access issue, "Renovate trail segments and improve trail conditions at Chalet Woods Park."

ID# 66	<i>Theme:</i> Connectivity	<i>Park:</i>	Appropriate for
	<i>Topic:</i> Equestrian, trails	<i>Planning District:</i> Bull Run	GPGC Action? <input type="checkbox"/>

Comment: more equestrian trails would be great, especially near equestrian parks and the Manassas Battlefield access areas and Poplar Ford Park

Response: Sully Woodlands trail plan is under development and includes Poplar Ford Park. Covers all trail types including equestrian.

Action: No further action required.

ID# 75	<i>Theme:</i> Connectivity	<i>Park:</i> Poplar Ford Park, Manassas Battlefie	Appropriate for
	<i>Topic:</i> Equestrian	<i>Planning District:</i> Bull Run	GPGC Action? <input type="checkbox"/>

Comment: We would love more park connectivity so that horses and hikers do not have to cross streets to walk trails in parkland. Multi-use trails for bikers, hikers and equestrians would be ideal. You don't even need any macadem or asphalt, just a mix of bluestone and/or mulch. Ideally more trails near Poplar Ford park would be great in the Sully district, since that is the main Battlefield access for our area. Thank you. More connecting trails, better trail signage and historical placards explaining the great Civil War history on the area.

Response: Sully Woodlands trail plan is under development and includes Poplar Ford Park. Covers all trail types including equestrian. See also ID#66

Action: No further action required.

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ID# 109 *Theme:* Connectivity

Park:

Appropriate for
GPGC Action?

Topic: Trails, signage

Planning District: Bull Run

Comment: i am in favor of greater connectivity (acquisition) between park parcels and also more trails in the Sully Area for horses and hikers. Signage connecting parks would be helpful too for historical significance. Thank you.

Response: Sully Woodlands wayfinding study is being done to identify locations for signage.
Sully Woodlands trail plan is under development and includes Poplar Ford Park. Covers all trail types including equestrian.
See also ID#66.

Action: No further action required.
