

Planning District: Fairfax

ID# 97 Theme: Connectivity
Topic: Trails

Park: Long Branch Stream Valley Trail
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Appropriate for
GPGC Action?

Comment: This is just a little input regarding the "Great Parks, Great Communities Park Comprehensive Plan". I think the park authority did a great job creating this report. I enjoyed the report presentation at Audrey Moore Rec Center.

One bulleted point in the report under the section 'Connectivity' is of particular interest to me. I can't tell you how delighted I would be to see the Long Branch Stream Valley trail continued to Woodson High School.

An idea for another trail that would be an asset to the community is a trail connecting Somerset South community with Olde Creek Elementary School. At its closest, Somerset South is little more than 100 yards from the school, and a trail would give the children the opportunity to walk 5 or 10 minutes instead of riding a bus for 10 minutes. Maybe the trail would even eliminate a bus line.

Response: This was a comment submitted during the first round GPGC meetings, at the 2nd round public meetings where I spoke with him, and online, all by the same person. As he notes this was noted as a bullet under connectivity. This project is on the Trail Development Strategy Plan, but is currently unfunded.

A review of the existing mapped trails shows that Woodson HS (and Frost) are connected to the Long Branch SV trails via trail and sidewalk, much of it on or along Woodson property. The Park Authority's trail through Long Branch SV crosses Olde Creek ES to connect to Woodson HS. The only access points between parkland and Sommerset South are owned by the HOA, the shortest route would be about 600'.

Action: Add language under Fairfax Connectivity Section that encourages working with the Sommerset South HOA to make a trail connection. Share with Trails Coordinator.
