

Board of Supervisors
County of Prince George, Virginia

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George held in the Boardroom, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia this 24th day of September, 2019:

Present:

Donald R. Hunter, Chairman
Floyd M. Brown, Jr., Vice Chairman
Alan R. Carmichael
Marlene J. Waymack
T. J. Webb

Vote:

On motion of _____, seconded by _____, which carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPOMATTOX RIVER TRAIL
THROUGH THE TRI-CITIES REGION

WHEREAS, The Appomattox River was designated a State Scenic River in 1977 and the designation was extended in 1998 and 2011 and to include 19.2 miles of river from 100 feet below the Brasfield Dam to the confluence with the James River, passing through the jurisdictions of Chesterfield County, Dinwiddie County, the City of Petersburg, the City of Colonial Heights, County of Prince George and the City of Hopewell; and

WHEREAS, The State Scenic River designation recognizes the natural beauty and the historical significance of the Appomattox River; and

WHEREAS, The Appomattox River comprises 6 miles of the northern border of the County of Prince George; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) was established in 2000 in partnership with the Crater Planning District Commission and all 6 jurisdictions of the Lower Appomattox River with the mission of working in partnership with communities to conserve and protect the Appomattox River for all to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, The Appomattox River Master Plan and Signage Plan that was adopted by FOLAR and the Crater Planning District Commission in 2017 to serve as the regional guide to create a 22 mile shared use path serving walkers, bicyclists, the physically challenged and other non-motorized users; and

WHEREAS, The Appomattox River Trail system will also provide river access for paddle craft, swimming and wading as well as places for fishing, picnicking and other passive recreation pursuits; and

WHEREAS, The history and habitat of the Appomattox River will be preserved and interpreted serving as an outdoor classroom for students of all ages; and

WHEREAS, When completed, the Appomattox River Trail will link the 6 jurisdictions along the river and increase transportation options while improving air quality, reducing roadway congestion, offering boating and fishing access and encouraging ecotourism; and

WHEREAS, Bicycle and pedestrian facilities can help curb a national epidemic of chronic obesity and weight related diseases by providing a safe alternative than travel by car; and

WHEREAS, Bicycle, pedestrian and water activities cultivate economic development and create jobs, attract events and visitors to our region, connect communities and encourage a better and more enjoyable and equitable quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, When complete, the Appomattox River Trail will provide connection to other nationally and regionally significant trails such as the East Coast Greenway, the Ashland to Petersburg Trail and the Capital Trail; and

WHEREAS, The Appomattox River Trail will run through the County of Prince George from Appomattox Boat Harbor to Appomattox River Regional Park , and will be a part of this greater regional system; and

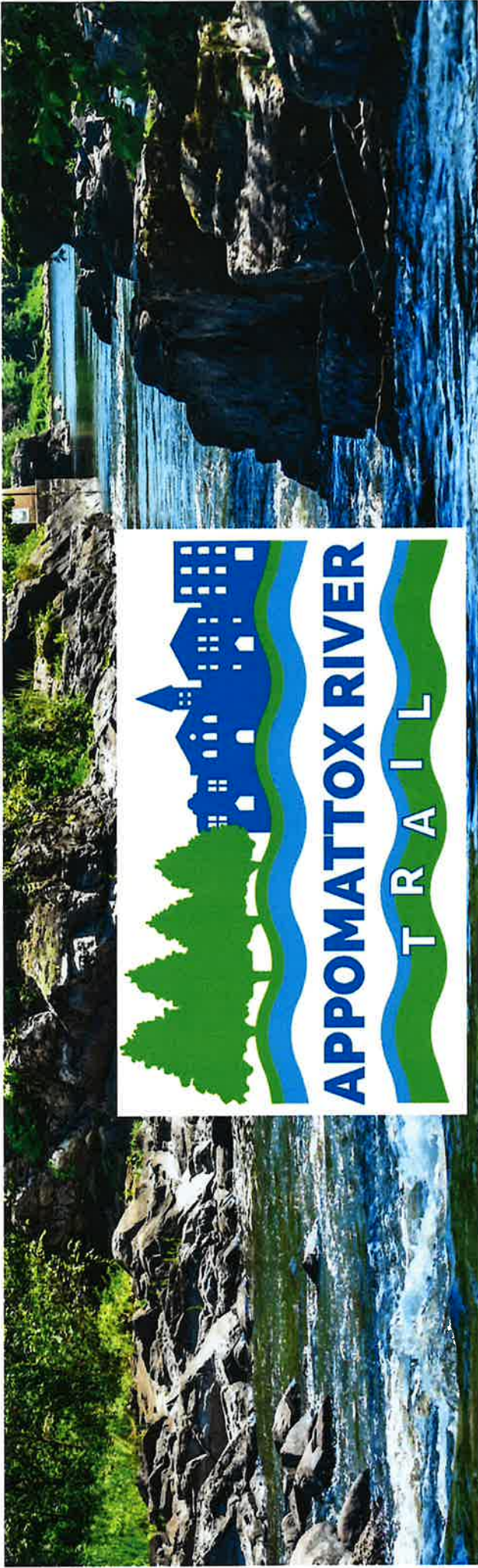
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George this 24th day of September 2019, hereby supports the Appomattox River Trail Master Plan and Signage Plan, and commends the visionary approach of past planning efforts and is committed to working FOLAR and the localities of the Crater Planning District Commission and participating with national organizations to create a connected regional asset thus setting an example for other counties/cities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County of Prince George is committed to working with our state and congressional representatives to support legislation promoting open space protection and active, human powered transportation facilities for the betterment of our county, region, state and country.

A Copy Teste:

Percy C. Ashcraft

County Administrator



Collaborative Partnerships to
**CREATE A WORLD-CLASS TRAIL SYSTEM
 ALONG THE APPOMATTOX RIVER**



The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation

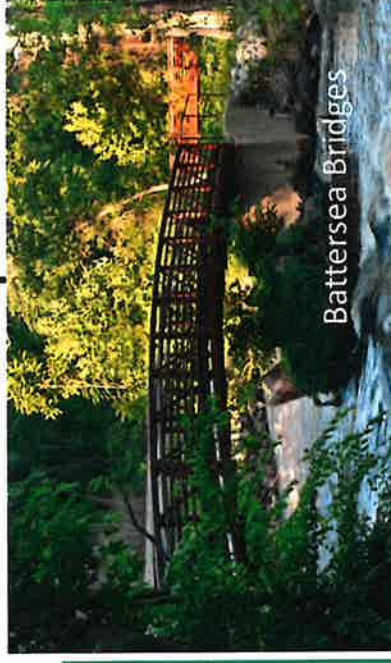
Environmental Stewardship



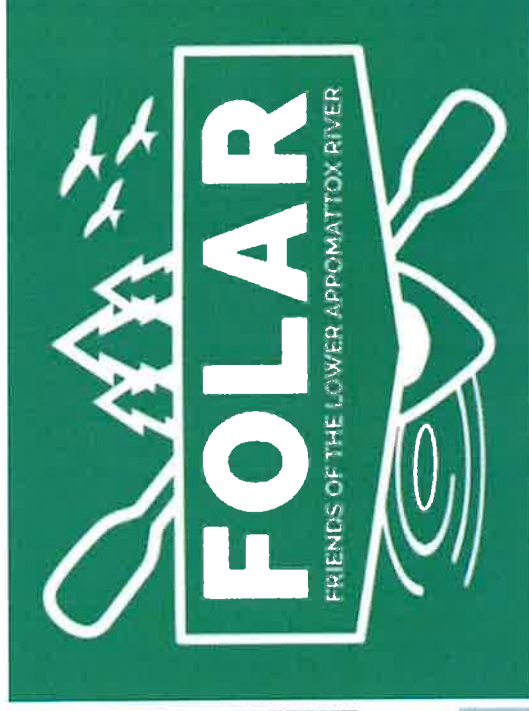
Outdoor Education



Infrastructure Improvements



Community Support



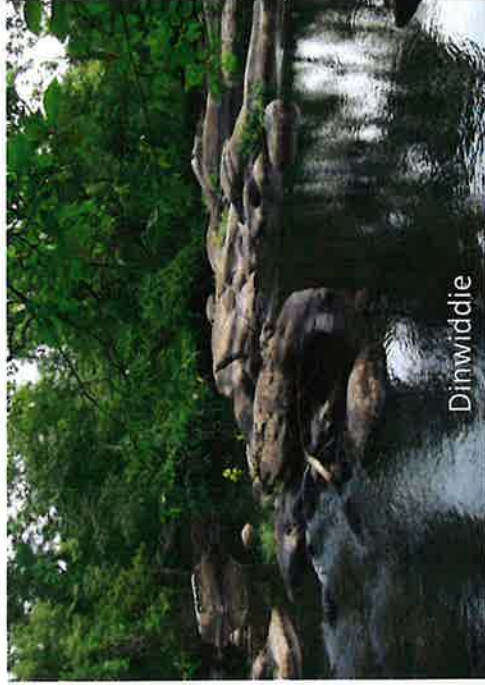
FOLAR works in partnership with communities to conserve and protect the Appomattox River for all to enjoy.



A River Connects Us – The Scenic Appomattox



Chesterfield



Dinwiddie



Petersburg



Colonial Heights



Prince George

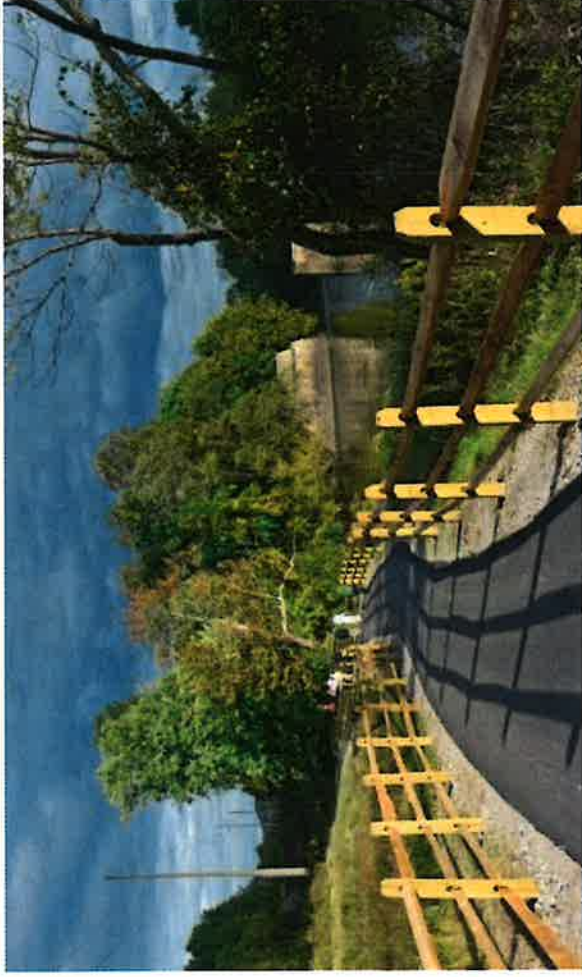


Hopewell



Appomattox River Trail Master Plan

A coordinated guide to locating and prioritizing 20+ miles of shared-use trails with a coordinated signage system through six municipalities



**Funded through a \$100,000 grant from
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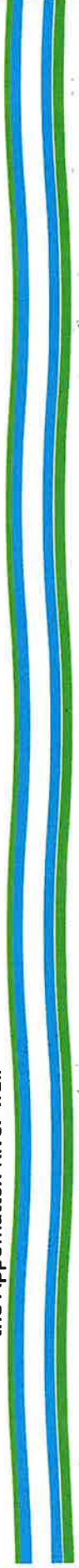


Community Benefits



Riverside Stormwater Greenway – a section of the Appomattox River Trail

Conservation
Health & Wellness
Economic Growth
Social Equity





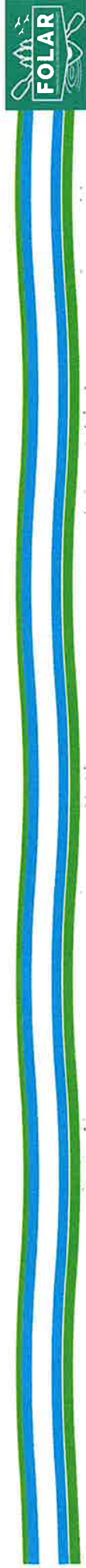
Conservation

Trails and green space are beneficial to the environment

- Preservation of land and historic structures
- Pollution abatement by reducing vehicle trips
- Prevention/reduction of soil erosion and filter road and agricultural runoff
- Serve as natural floodplain
- Provides hands-on environmental classroom



Appomattox River Trail

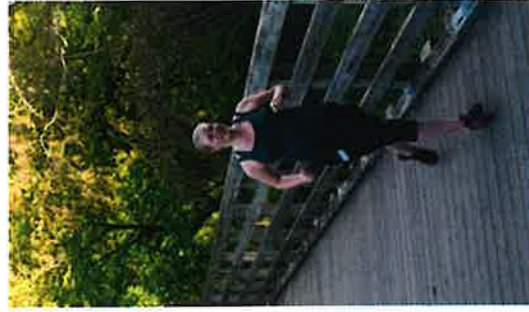




Health and Wellness

Time visiting green space is beneficial to your health

- **Heart-Healthy.** Just 30 minutes in a park each week helps control high blood pressure.
- **Promotes cancer-fighting cells.** Living in areas with a lot of green space lowers risk of death as compared to with people in least green places.
- **Helps ADHD symptoms and short-term memory.** Children with ADHD symptoms improved attention after 20 minute park walks. Short term memory improved after a nature walk but no improvement after city street walk.
- **Helps with depression and anxiety.** Walking 90 minutes in natural surroundings showed lower activity in the area of the brain linked to depression.



Virginia Creeper
Trail

--The Healing Power of Nature. Time July 25, 2016





Economic Growth

Trails stimulate tourism and recreation spending and catalyze revitalization

VA Outdoors – Powerful Economic Engine

\$21.9 BILLION In Consumer Spending

197,000 Direct Jobs

\$6.5 BILLION In Wages and Salaries

\$1.2 BILLION In State And Local Tax Revenue

\$13.61 Generated for every \$1 of tax revenue to VA State Parks in 2016

2017 Outdoor Industry Association

Virginia Capital Trail



Increases Regional Trail Assets – Capital Regional Collaborative, Regional Rivers Plan: A Top Five Priority; East Coast Greenway; Blue Ridge to Beaches Trail; VA Capital Trail; and local trail arteries

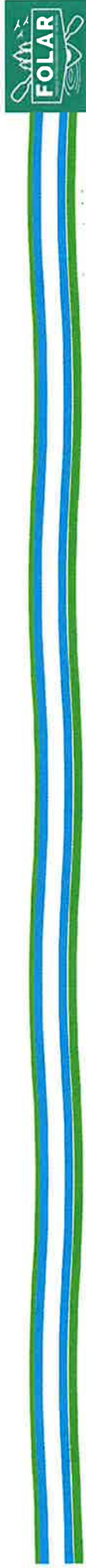




Social Equity Quality of Life for All

Access to the benefits of trails and green space for all...

- Proximity to exercise and recreational opportunities is linked to community health Healthy Communities by Design
- Cultivates community ties by connecting people more deeply to the fabric of the community – National Rec & Parks Assoc.
- Safer neighborhoods and public spaces through social interaction, cohesion and sense of place Healthy Communities by Design





Trail Master Plan

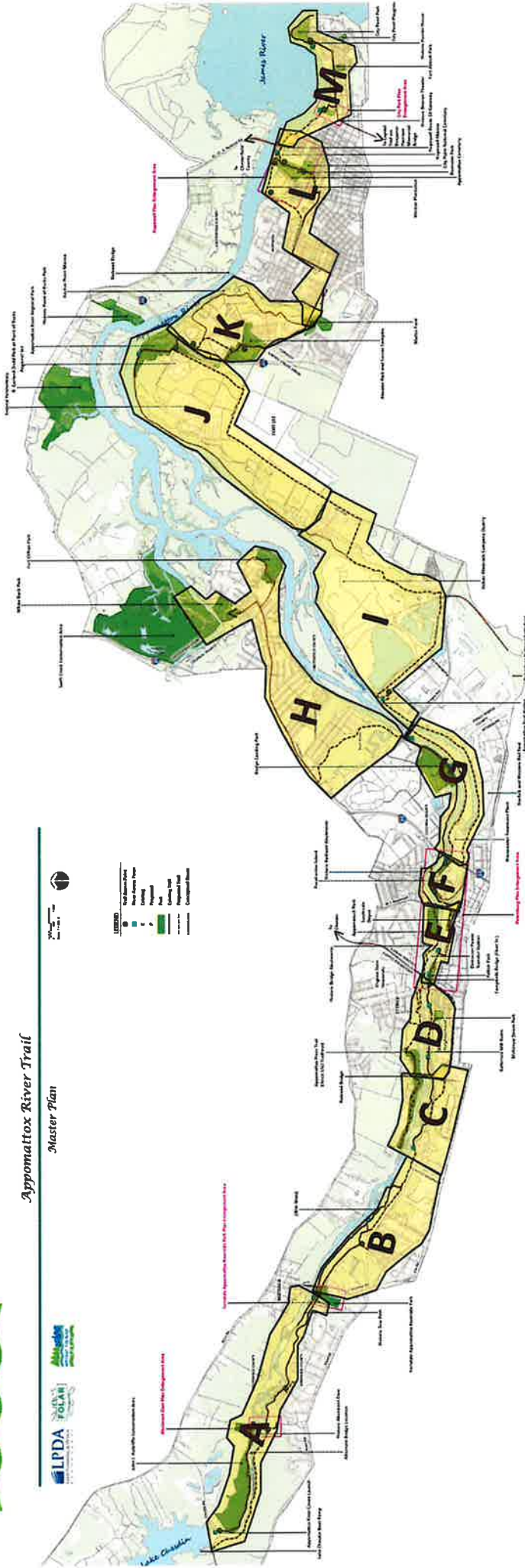
Appomattox River Trail

Master Plan



LEGEND

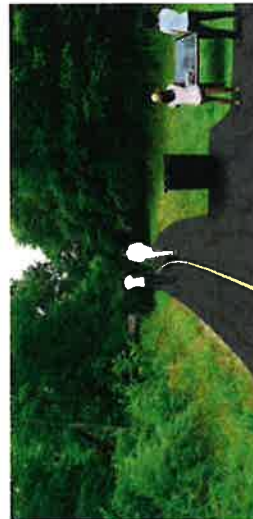
- Trail Alignment
- Park Access Point
- Park
- Trail
- Bicycle Lane
- Multi-Use Path
- Connector Path





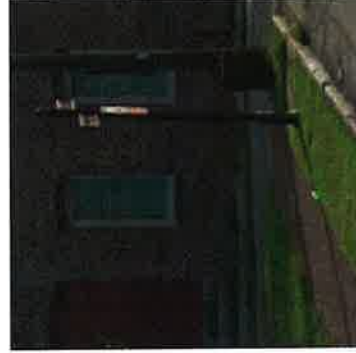
Trail Recommendations

Shared Use Path



Patton Park East

Historic Petersburg



River Road – Dedicated Path





Creating Identity & Sense-of-Place



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Pedestrian Directional

Signtype Banner

Signtype K.2
Informational Kiosk

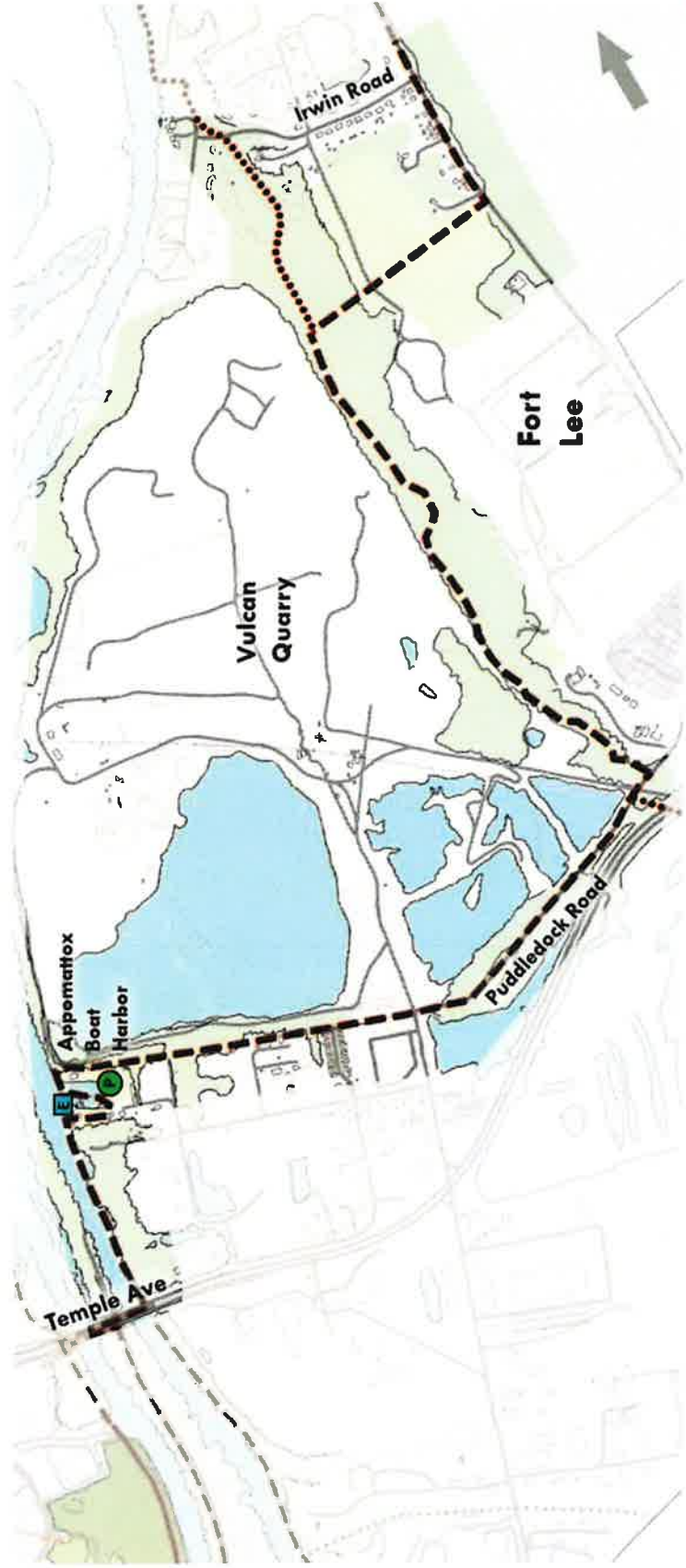
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Section I – Prince George





Appomattox Boat Harbor



Vulcan Quarry



Unique Assets & Opportunities



1. **Appomattox Boat Harbor**

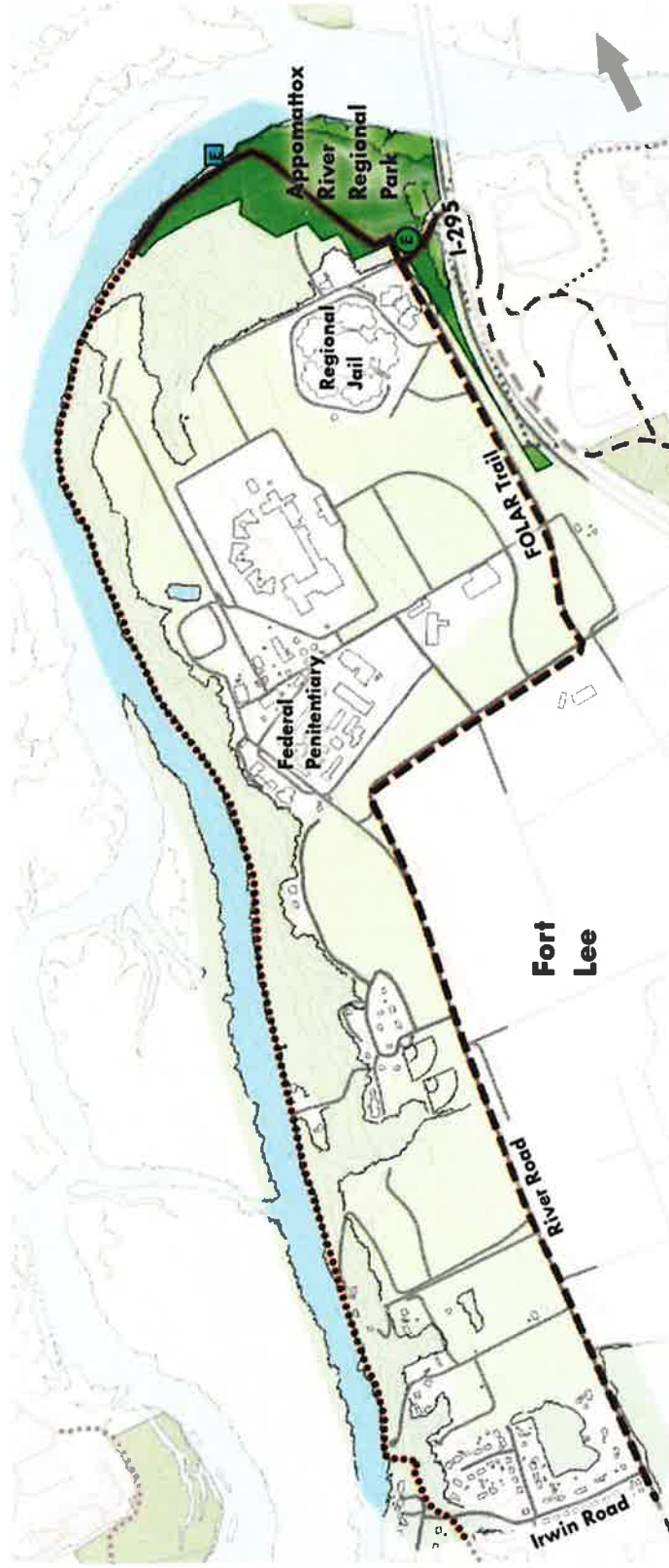
2. **Vulcan Quarry**

3. **Appomattox River**

4. **Appomattox Forest**



Section J – Prince George





Virginia Capital Trail. Source: Mobility Lab



Virginia Capital Trail

Appomattox River Regional Park

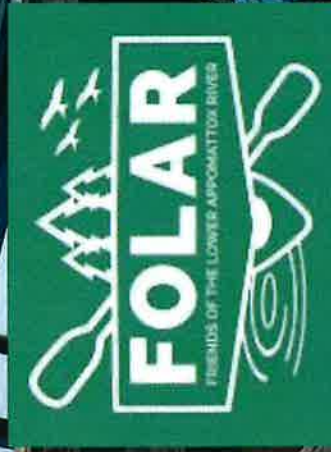




Other Projects

- **Petersburg**
 - Gateway Project
 - 2 miles of trail design
- **Colonial Heights**
 - Trail extensions
- **Hopewell**
 - Riverwalk
 - Bike Lanes
- **Cross Sector Partnerships**
 - Crater Health District
- **Regional Studies**
 - Ashland to Petersburg Trail





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