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# All About Algonkian



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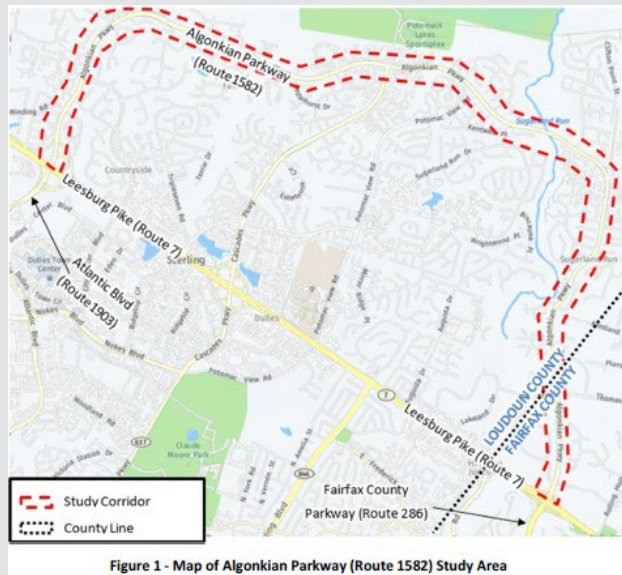
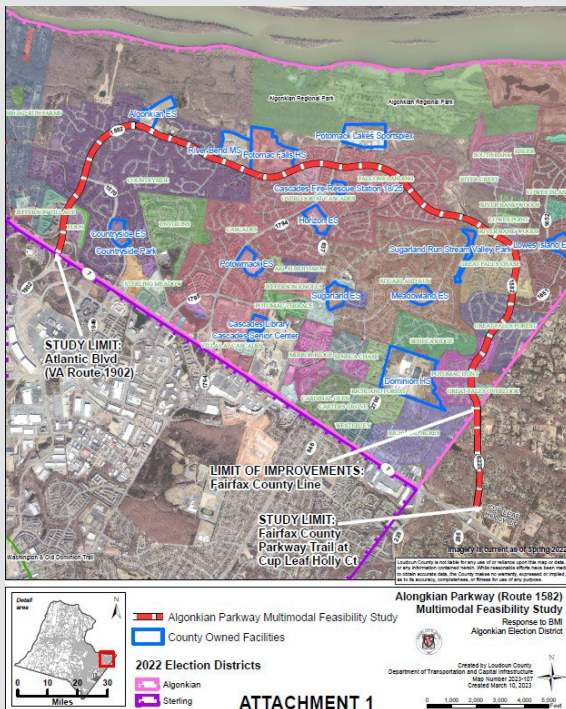


Figure 1 - Map of Algonkian Parkway (Route 1582) Study Area

## Algonkian Parkway Multi-Modal Feasibility Study



This week, the Board of Supervisors approved funding for my Board Member Initiative (BMI) for a Multi-Modal Feasibility Study along Algonkian Parkway! This study will review the current conditions for pedestrians and cyclists along Algonkian Parkway and determine the feasibility of multi-use trails and pedestrian safety improvements. I have long received complaints regarding these trails, which are not continuous and, in many places, have sharp curves, bumps, cracks, and narrow widths with overgrown vegetation. The parkway currently lacks bike lanes. Staff notes that people with disabilities, and many trail users such as bicyclists, roller skaters, scooter riders, and others, are not able to easily use the paths.

The study also calls for the county to actively seek connections with Fairfax County trail systems. Algonkian Parkway is a major thoroughfare connecting many residential communities to recreation and retail. Making the connection with our neighboring locality would unlock the door to extensive multi-modal commuting options for Algonkian residents!

I am excited to work with the county staff on this project to bring back recommendations for multi-use trails or other improvements that will make Algonkian Parkway a safe and conducive place bicycling and pedestrians!

Read the staff report on the study [here](#).

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## Earth Day Proclamation



I am excited to be presenting a [Proclamation](#) to honor Earth Day 2023 at Loudoun County's Earth Day Extravaganza at Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve. The presentation is planned for around 10:30am, while the full event runs from 10am to 2pm. This year's Earth Day theme is to "Invest in Our Planet" and I hope everyone can come together to participate in building a more sustainable future for all. Whether you join us at Banshee Reeks or join any of the many community events and service opportunities all over Loudoun, I hope everyone will take action for the environment!

At Saturday's Earth Day Extravaganza, residents are invited to learn about environmental issues through hands-on activities and nature-themed crafts, participate in educational demonstrations, and enjoy guided tours, among other festivities. Learn more about the event [here](#).

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## University Center Lakeview Application Passes



The Board of Supervisors approved University Center Lakeview at Tuesday's Business Meeting to construct 597 multifamily units. I worked closely with the developers to secure full funding for Phase 2 of Bles Park Improvements through a proffer of the first \$2.7 million in Capital Facility contributions. This will include, but is not limited to, two off-leash dog park areas, tennis and/or pickleball courts, the boardwalk, and the skatepark.



I am excited for the community to benefit from an improved Bles Park for years to come! Read the staff report on the application [here](#).

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