

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SIDEWALKS CELEBRATION, WALK, & TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th 2-4 PM

Wolf Trap Barns Parking Lot

(In case of heavy rain, event moved to Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Visitors Center)

VIENNA, VA—Celebrating the local community’s successful 20-year effort to create the NoVi Trail Network (pronounced “NOE VEE” for **Northern Vienna**)—a series of connecting sidewalks, trails, and bridge improvements that give residents and visitors a safe way to walk and bike between neighborhoods, schools, Tysons, downtown Vienna, and an array of nearby parks including Wolf Trap National Park, Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, the W&OD Trail, Wolf Trails, and 9 other county parks. Event includes walk to Wolf Trap Community Bridge dedication and tribute to community champions former Rep. Jim Moran, Hunter Mill Supervisor Catherine Hudgins, and others.

EVENT AGENDA:

- **2:00 pm** Attendees arrive at Wolf Trap Barns parking lot (nearest Toll Road) by foot, bike, scooter, rollerblade, wheelchair, car, etc.
- **2:15 pm** All walk from the Barns to Wolf Trap National Park pedestrian bridge for unveiling of bridge dedication and a tribute to community champions, including former US Congressman Jim Moran and outgoing Hunter Mill District Fairfax County Supervisor Catherine Hudgins.
- **3:00 pm** Return to Barns meeting spot to mingle with neighbors and enjoy refreshments donated by community businesses, including free Ben and Jerry’s ice cream, water from Ghaffari Orthodontics, and apples from Potomac Vegetable Farms.

Broader repercussions beyond NoVi Trail Network’s health, environmental, and economic benefits:

- **Culture Change at Wolftrap Elementary:** The Wolftrap Elementary school community has been transformed from completely car- and bus-dependent to having scores of kids walk and bike to school every day.
- **Synergy with Metro and Tysons:** Planners of the NoVi Trail Network applied their community-based approach to the Tysons Metrorail Station Access Management Study (TMSAMS) where local residents prioritized the walking, cycling, and bus routes to Tysons Metro stations that are now being implemented.
- **A Multi-modally Minded Community**
When it came time to start a TMSAMS-identified Tysons-serving bus route, the NoVi Trail Network area community spoke out in support, whereas the attitude of many neighbors who hadn’t been involved in the trail-planning process was NIMBY.

Learn more about how the NoVi Trail Network was planned and implemented:

<https://durablehuman.com/TrailStory>

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