

Stakeholder Comment Form

Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) Alignments:
Grist Mill Park, USAG Fort Belvoir, Pohick Bay Regional Park



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The deadline for
comments is
July 14, 2016

Please send comments to either of the following addresses:

Email: meghan.spigle@ncpc.gov

Mail: NCPC, Attn: Potomac Heritage Trail, 401 9th Street NW Suite 500N Washington DC, 20004

General Questions about trail use:

1. What modes of transportation are important for the trail to accommodate? (e.g. walking, biking, horseback riding, canoeing)

2. When would you use the PHNST? Please specify the hours, days, and/or times of year.

3. How frequently would you use the PHNST? (e.g. daily, weekly, weekend only, seasonally) _____
4. For what purpose(s) would you use the PHNST? (e.g. commute, recreation) _____
5. At what points would you typically access and depart the PHNST? _____
6. What are the environmental features that are important to see along the trail? (e.g. Pohick Bay, Accotink Bay)

7. What are the cultural features that are important to see along the trail? (e.g. Quaker heritage, Cedar Grove Plantation Cemetery)

8. Are there any seasonal events that could make use of the trail? (e.g. Christmas Bird Count, kayaking tours, Veteran's Day hike, Military Child Month hike, National Trails Day hike)

9. Do you have any other additional information that we should consider when planning a trail alignment?

Questions about current concept proposals (Refer to map and assume that 1A and 1B will be constructed):

10. What is your preferred alignment or combination of alignments for a PHNST route between Grist Mill Park and Pohick Bay Regional Park and why? _____

11. Please rank the following potential trail alignments by importance of being completed.
(1 = **most critical** to build, 6 = **least critical** to build) (*refer to the map*)

_____ **Alt 1c** (Woodlawn Loop Spur) _____ **Alt 1d** (Off Road Trail along US Route 1) _____ **Alt 1e** (Pohick Regional Park off-road trail)
_____ **Alt 2- assume controlled access only** (Fort Belvoir interior trail) _____ **Alt 3** (Wetland bridge / Boardwalk)

12. Are there other alignments, or changes to the potential alignments proposed in the map that we should consider? (Please describe, or show your proposal on the attached trail alignment map.)

Questions on the trail alignment through Fort Belvoir (Alignment 2, “Potential PHNST - controlled access trail”)

13. The Army is concerned with allowing unlimited access to this route because of security concerns, and potential hazards to human health. Do you have suggestions for how to mitigate these concerns?

14. If this alignment can only be opened a few times a year, do you have suggestions for when those times should be? What events or themes should these seasonal openings coincide with?

15. Would it be acceptable if the trail was available by appointment only? _____

16. Would it be acceptable if the trail could only be travelled if accompanied by an individual approved by the Army? _____

17. Would you rather have a controlled access trail (Alt 2) or a continuously open off-road trail (Alt 1D and 1C)? _____

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Email: _____

Commenters may voluntarily provide their name and/or organization represented, and/or email.

Comments provided in this form may be used in public reports, and may be attributed to the person or organization provided above. Personal information, including email addresses, will be added to a list of stakeholders who may be contacted for future efforts related to the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, including but not limited to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

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