

VDOT STATE TRAILS OFFICE: TRAILS RESOURCE HUB



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What is the State Trails Office?

- The STO was established in January 2023 through a 2022 General Assembly budget amendment
- Key initiatives include:
 - Develop a State Trails Plan
 - Establish an Information Clearinghouse
 - Create a Trail Type and Surface Selection Guide
- The General Assembly designated funding for priority trails




Welcome to the Virginia State Trails Office Resource Hub

The Resource Hub serves as a central location for trail-related information to support planning and design efforts across the Commonwealth. Resources have been gathered from various state and federal agencies, as well as nationally recognized trail organizations.

This is a living resource and that will be updated regularly as new trail-related data and guidance becomes available.

At this time, the Trail Data Viewer Dashboard is still under development as the [State Trails Office](#) works to compile accurate and comprehensive route and attribute data.



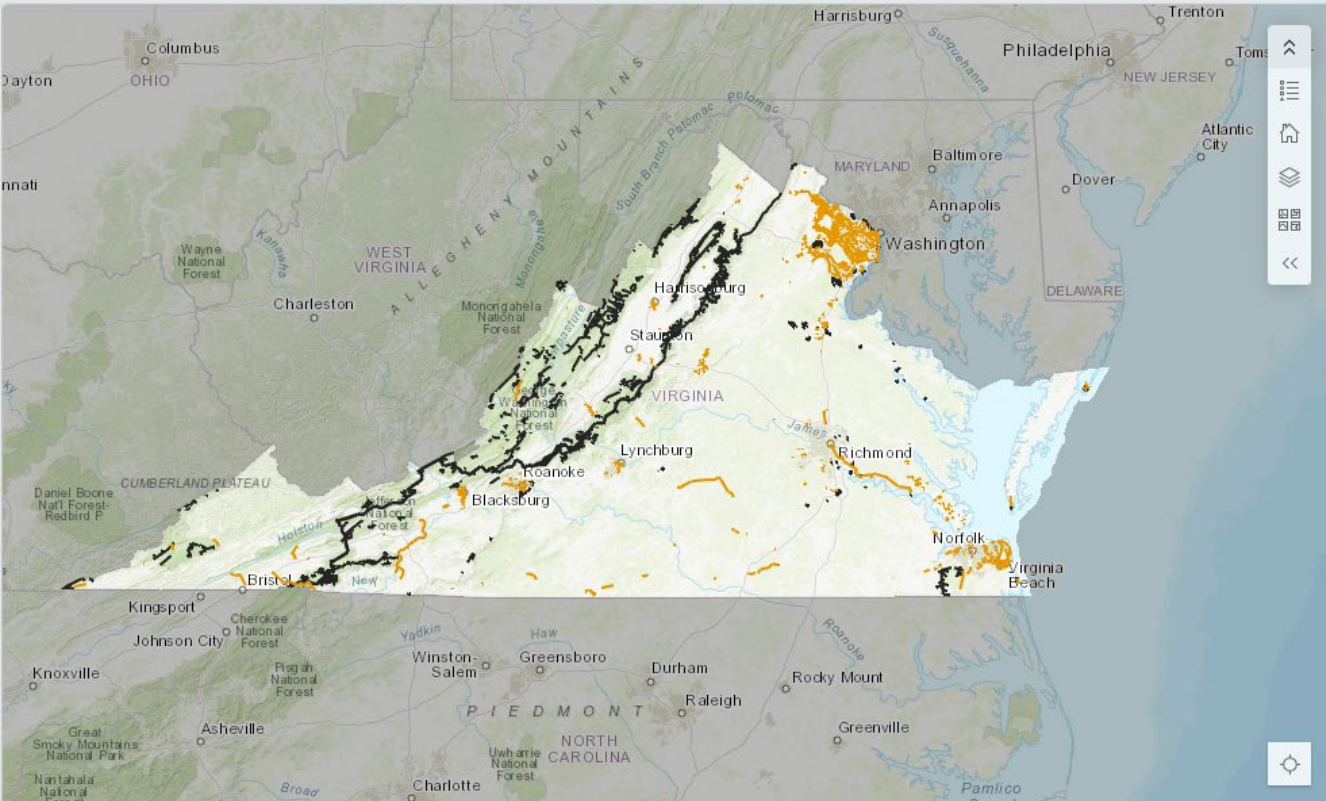
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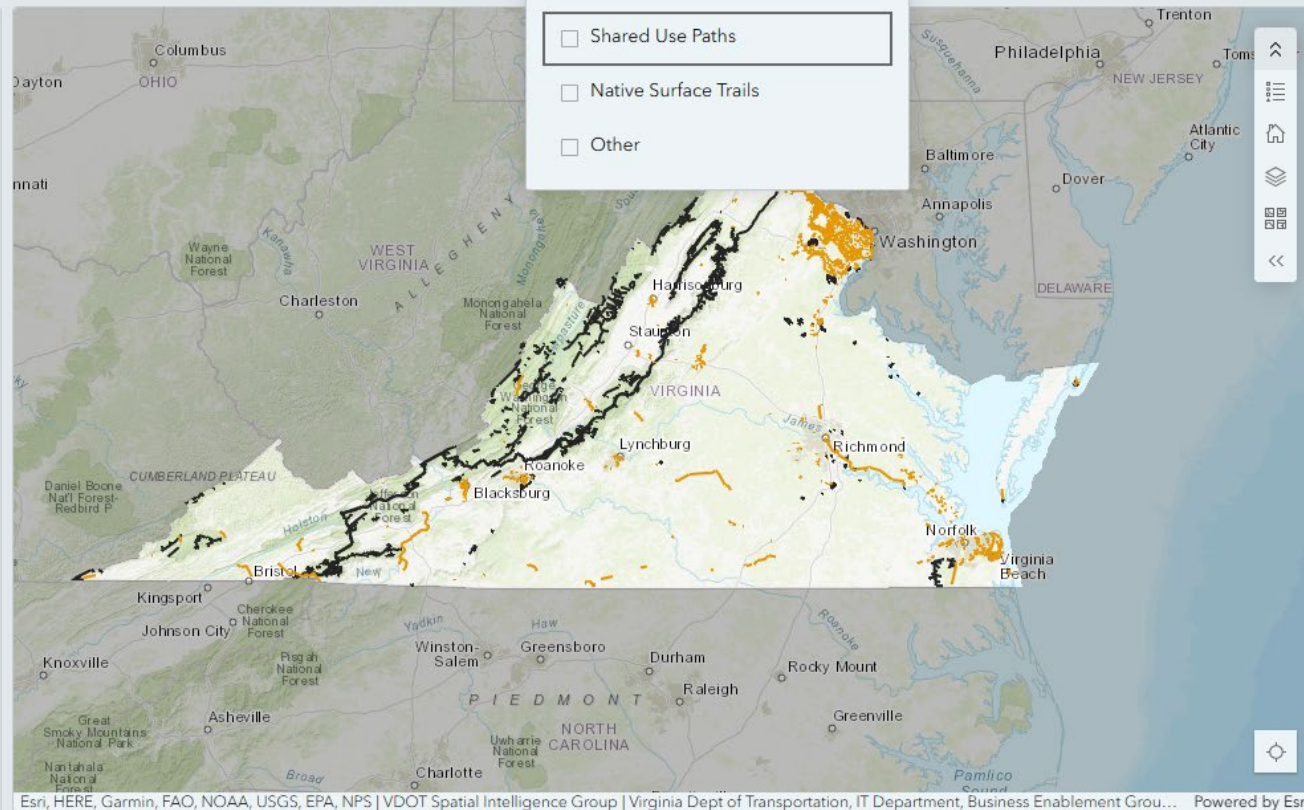
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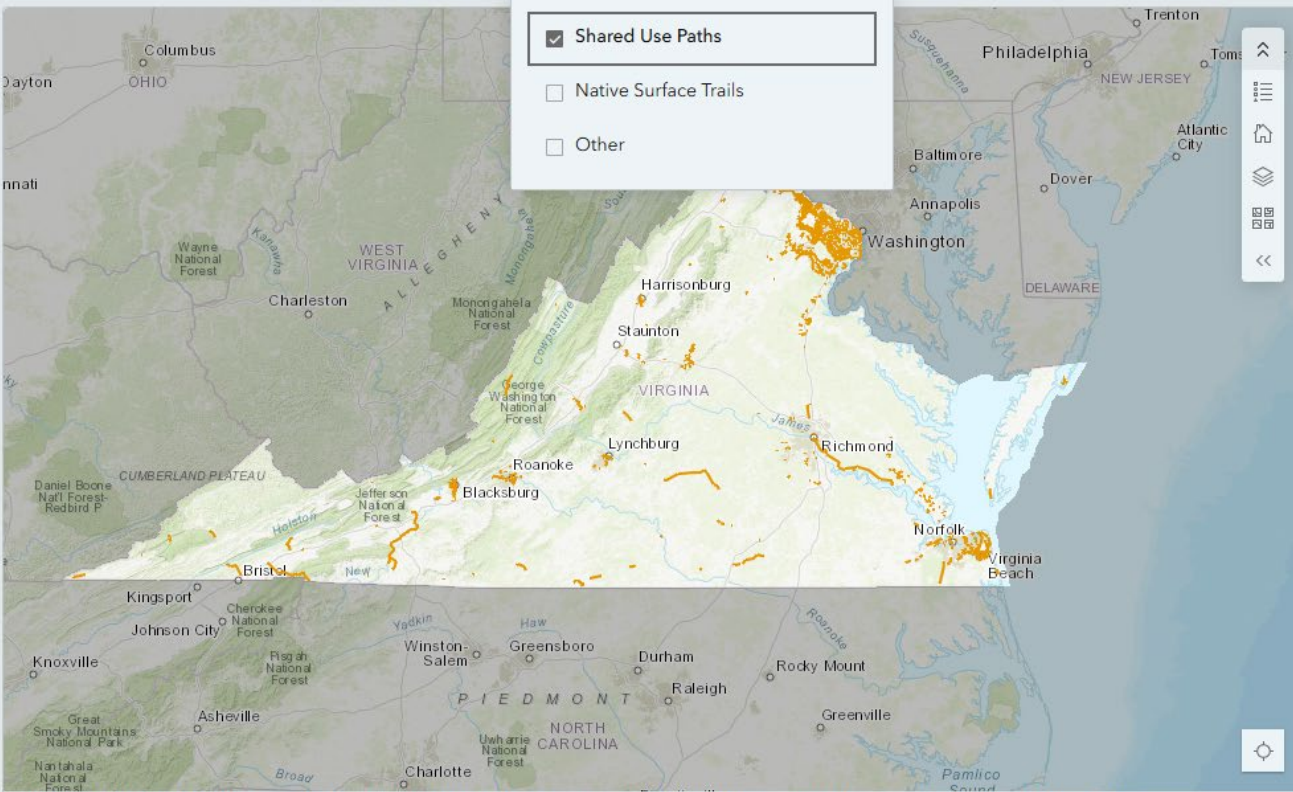
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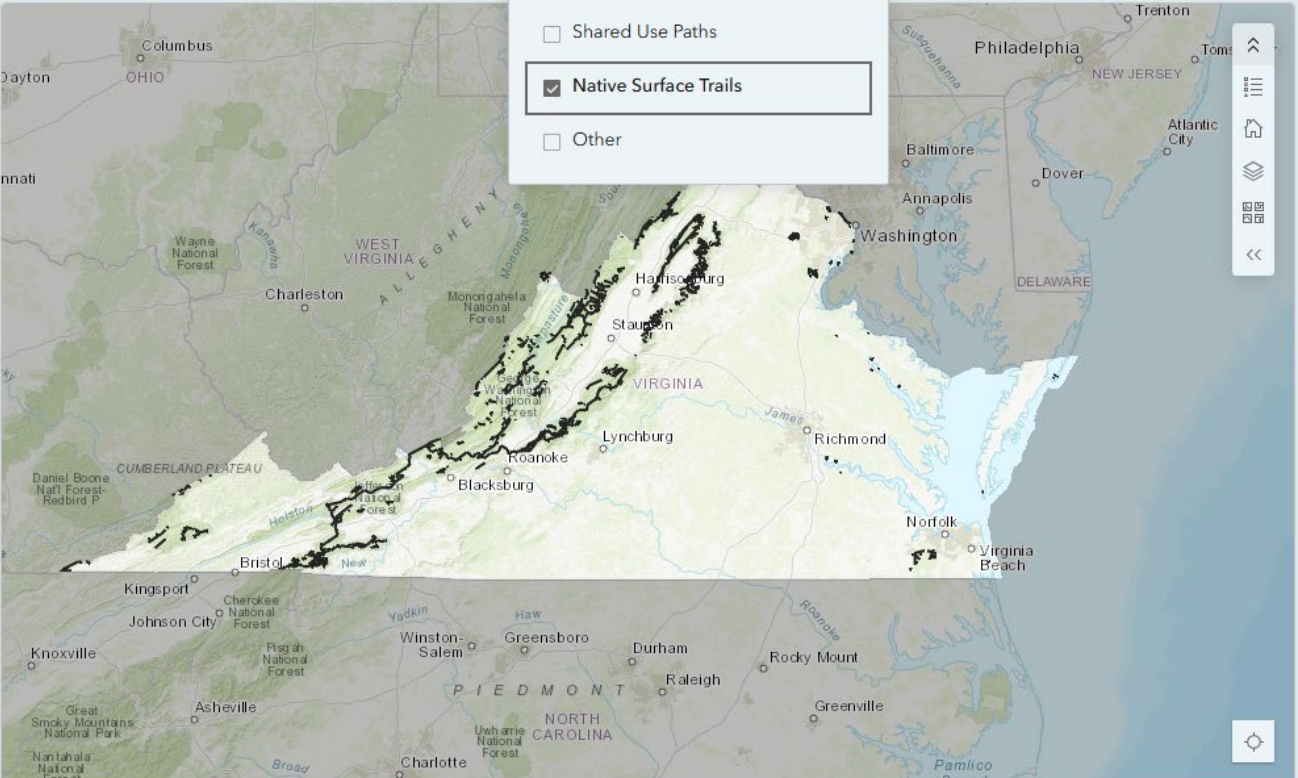
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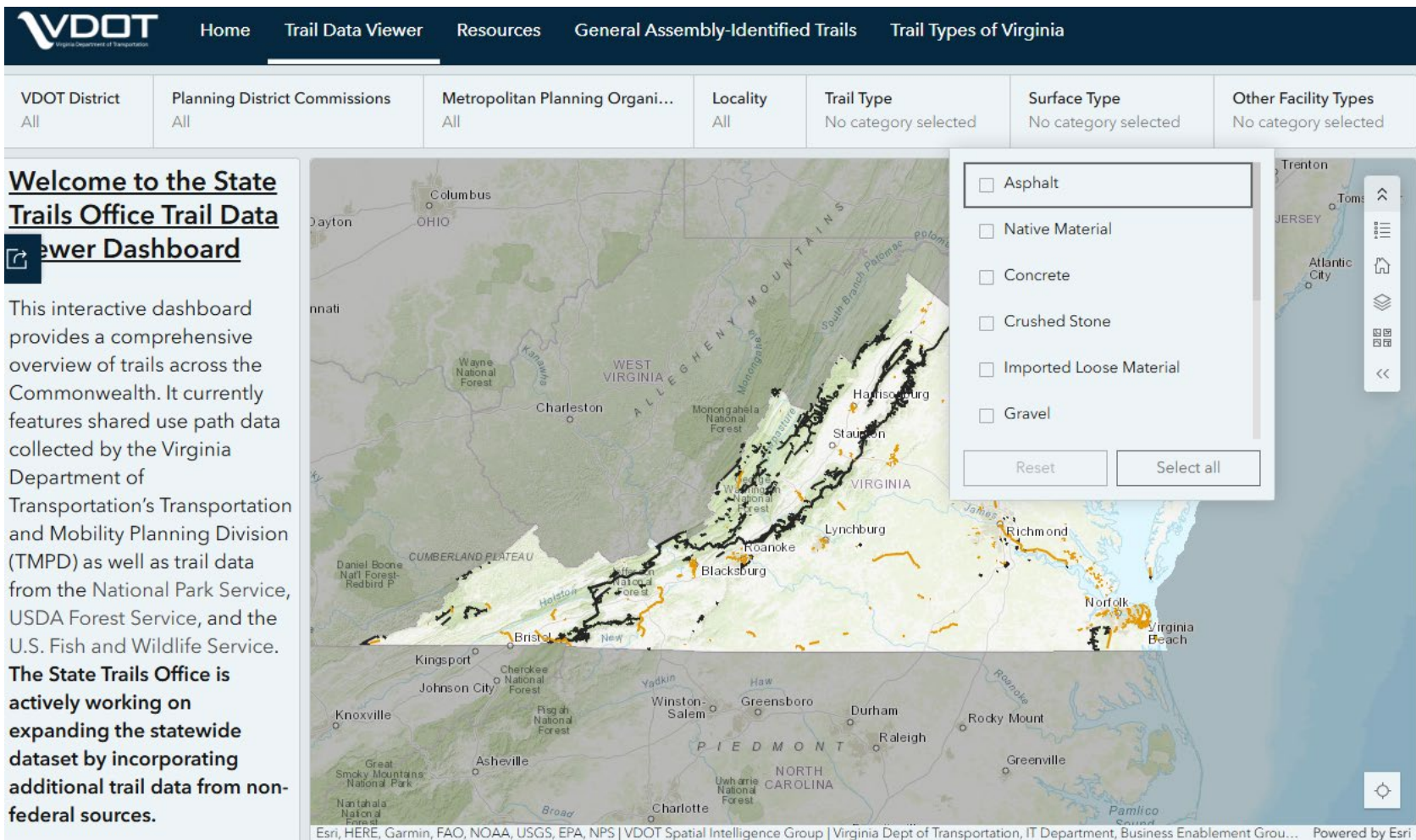
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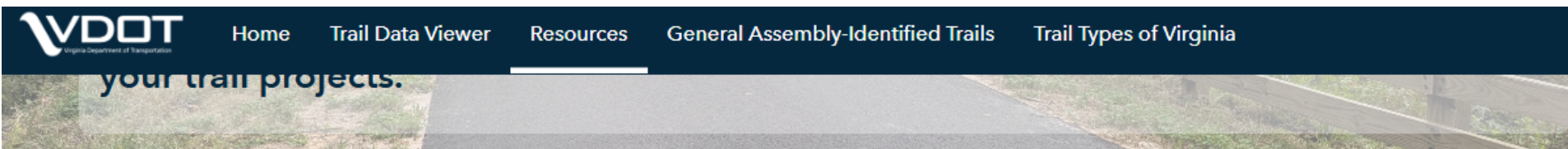
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^ Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)

- [U.S. Access Board: Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines \(PROWAG\)](#)
- [U.S. Access Board: Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Shared-Use Path Accessibility Guidelines](#)
- [U.S. Access Board: Shared-use path supplemental notice background](#)
- [U.S. Access Board: Conflicts between Shared Path Users](#)
- [U.S. Access Board: Comparison to AASHTO Guide](#)

^ Outdoor Developed Areas


- [U.S. Access Board Chapter 10: Outdoor Developed Areas](#)
- [U.S. Access Board: Outdoor Developed Areas Summary of Standards](#)


^ Mobility Devices

- [ADA Requirements: Wheelchairs, Mobility Aids, and Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices](#)

^ Other ADA & accessibility resources

- [Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Trail-Building Toolbox](#)
- [American Trails - Trail Accessibility Hub - American Trails](#)
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- [Transportation Alternatives Program](#)
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- [Federal Lands Access Program \(FLAP\)](#)

^ Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

- [Virginia Recreational Trails Program \(RTP\)](#)
- [Land and Water Conservation Fund \(LWCF\)](#)

^ United States Department of Transportation (US DOT)

- [Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities: U.S. Department of Transportation Highway, Transit, and Safety Funds \(US DOT\)](#)

The budget negotiation process for the 2022 Virginia State budget resulted in the General Assembly authorizing the State Trails Office and funding VDOT to staff the office. The negotiations provided a one-time allocation of general fund monies for the development of trails and identified five trail projects.

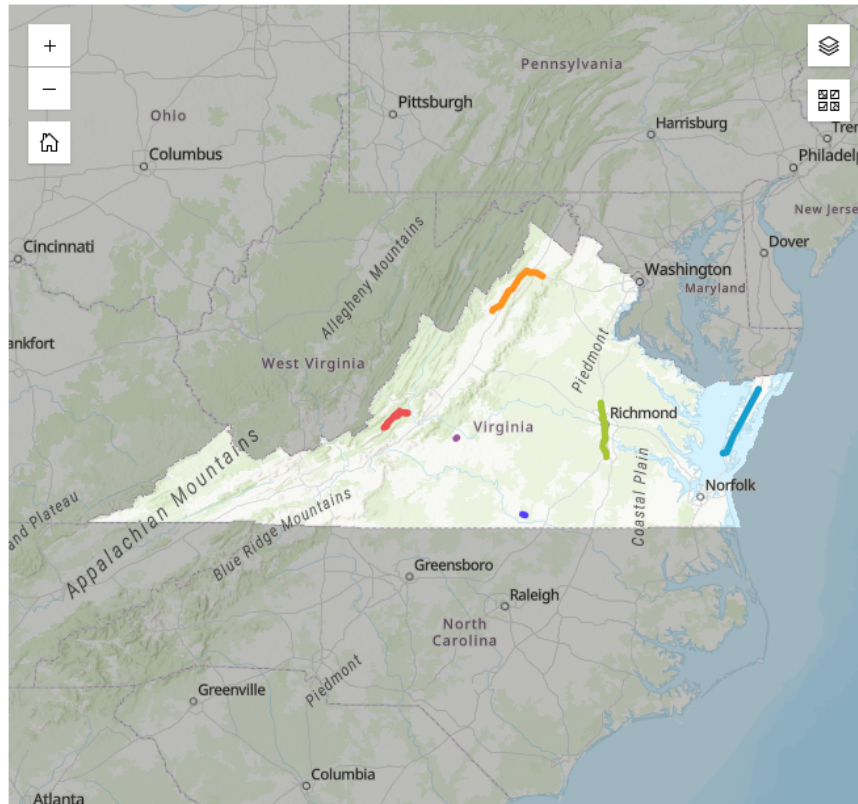
In the summer 2024 Special Session, general fund monies were allocated to the Fall Line Trail project, making it the sixth General Assembly-identified Trail.

In total, over \$86M has been allocated to the six projects.

The six General Assembly-identified trails are:

- Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail
- Eastern Shore Rail Trail
- Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail
- Tobacco Heritage Trail
- Peaks to Creeks Trail
- Fall Line Trail

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Project Name: Eastern Shore Rail Trail

Project Description: A 49.1-mile former railroad corridor stretching from Cape Charles to Hallwood on the Eastern Shore in Northampton and Accomack Counties. The shared-use path will connect twelve towns along US Route 13 on the Eastern Shore, including Cape Charles, Cheriton, Nassawadox, Exmore, Onley, Parksley, and Bloxom.

Length: 49.10 miles

VDOT District: Hampton Roads

Project Name: Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail

Project Description: Norfolk Southern owned rail corridor that traverses the Shenandoah Valley between the Town of Broadway in Rockingham County, and the Town of Front Royal in Warren County. Through the 2020-2022 budget negotiation, the General Assembly stipulated that "Up to \$35.0 million shall be allocated to the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail for the purposes of land acquisition, initial planning, and site development. Any land acquisition by the Commonwealth as part of this trail's development shall not preclude the consideration of options to maintain rail transportation in the corridor." To address the last clause of the budget language, VDOT is assessing the constraints, considerations, and costs for constructing a trail alongside the subject rail line as an alternative to the previously studied rail-to-trail option.

Project Name: Tobacco Heritage Trail

Project Description: Will build 2 miles of trail from Skipwith Road to the John H. Kerr Reservoir on the west side of Boydton. To the east, the existing Tobacco Heritage Trail (THT) extends 1 mile from Washington Street to Brison Road. The project is a part of the larger THT

Virginia trails across the state vary in design, surface type, and intended use. The two major types included here are Shared Use Paths and Native Surface Trails.* Trails that do not fit within these types have been denoted as Other Trails within the [Trail Data Viewer](#). Click below to learn more about each trail type.

*Details on the use of surface treatment types in VDOT-funded programs can be found in [Appendix A\(1\) of the VDOT Road Design Manual](#).



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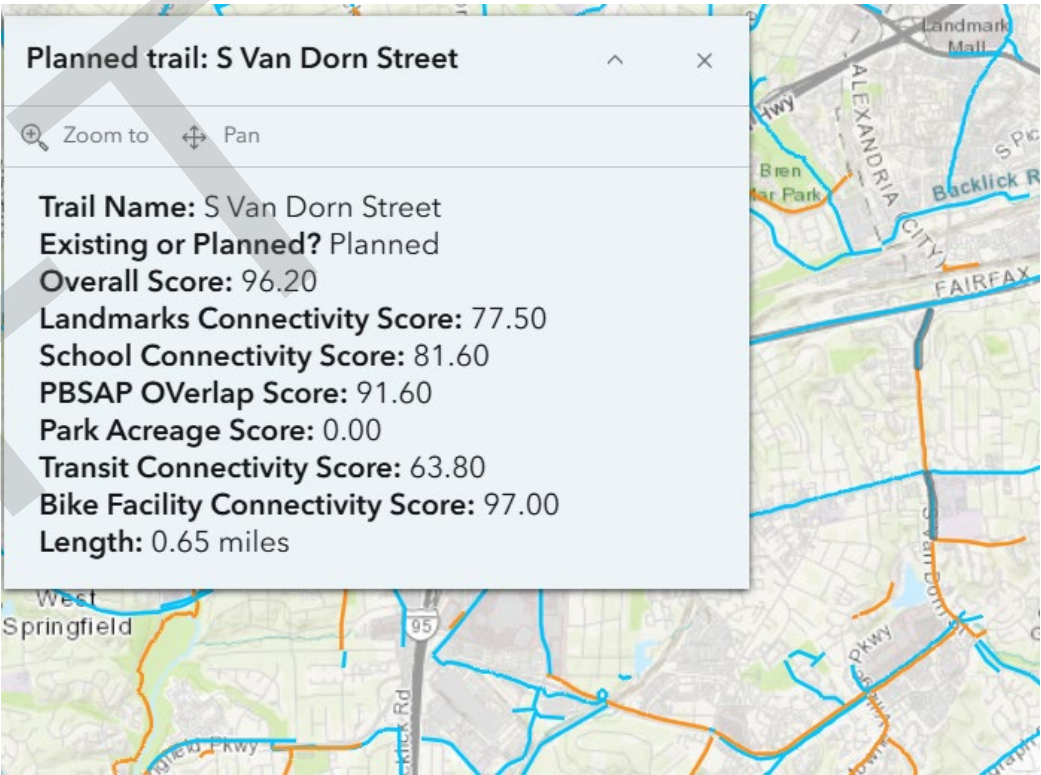
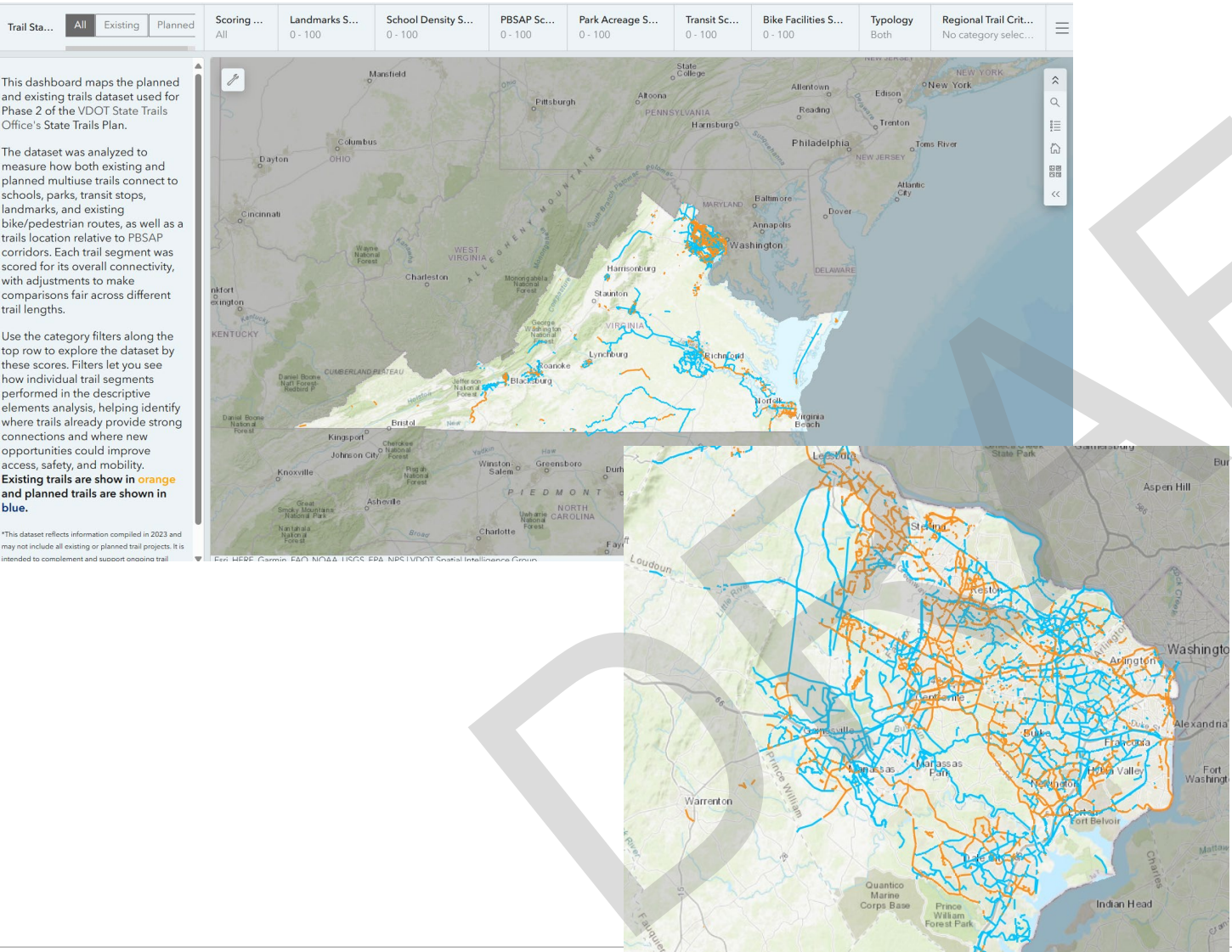
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To be released: State Multiuse Trails Plan Analysis



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