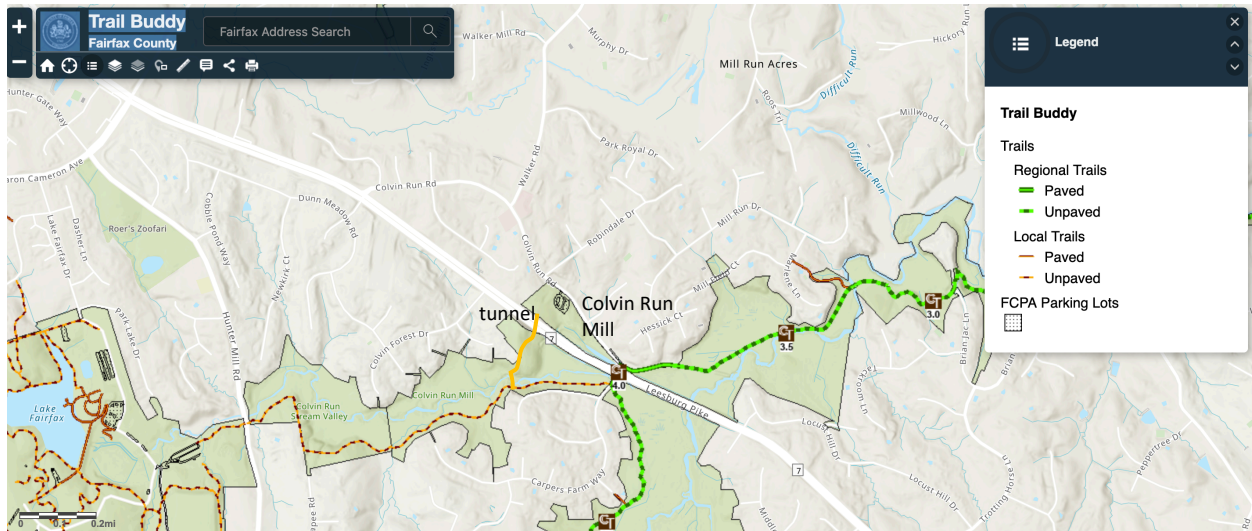


Friends and Followers of Colvin Run Mill Park: We Need Your Help!!!

In 2014 the Fairfax County Park Authority had the brilliant idea for a pedestrian passageway under Route 7 as part of the widening of Leesburg Pike. About half of Colvin Run Mill Park's 67 acres are on the southside: the old quarries, mill dam and pond, wetlands, natural beauty and of course the park's namesake: Colvin Run.

The \$1.5 million tunnel is in place and road construction is moving toward completion. Yet, there is no trail on the south side of the tunnel (see yellow line in map below) so folks can walk to the park's sites and connect with the Rails to River Trail to Lake Fairfax and the Cross County Trail. A tunnel to nowhere!!



Supervisor Foust considers the trail a priority and urged the Park Authority to begin work. The Park Authority has issued a task order to map the wetlands and a trail alignment and study the hydrology of Colvin Run to determine a place for a crossing. Results are expected this month. Another task order will be issued for design and permitting. Steps in the right direction. More needs to be done.

The Park Authority's budget continues to be tight, and funds have not been allocated for the actual construction of the 1,000-foot trail. There is, however, a glimmer of hope. The County



Executive's
FY2023
Carryover
Supplemental
Appropriations
(funds not spent
or unexpected
income from
grants, etc.)
would allocate
\$5.96 million to
the Park
Authority for
infrastructure
projects.
Wouldn't it be
great if a portion
of these funds
could be devoted
to build the trail?

Please write to Supervisor Foust (dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov) or Supervisor Alcorn (huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov) to encourage them to direct the Park Authority to allocate funds from the Carryover Appropriation to build the trail on the south side of Route 7.

No Tunnel to Nowhere!!!!

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