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Suzanne R. Kane Nature Trail

PURCELLVILLE, Va. December 13, 2022 — Beginning on December 14, 2022, the Town’s Contractor, Mona Contracting LLC, will commence construction on the Suzanne R. Kane Nature Trail project. This project will improve the existing dirt trail through the Suzanne R. Kane Nature Preserve from the existing parking lot off of N. 21st Street to Hatcher Avenue. Improvements include paving the 2,100-ft. long path and adjusting the slope and width to meet American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The project will also increase parking at the existing lot by adding two ADA accessible parking spots and three regular parking spots. New wayfinding signage that will include information in Braille will be installed at both trail entrances. There will also be signage along the path with information about local flora and fauna. Two rest areas with benches will be established along the path to encourage visitors to relax and enjoy the South Fork Catoctin Creek and wildlife. The Town received a grant for this project through the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation’s Recreational Trails Program.

While the project is under construction, the Suzanne R. Kane Nature Trail will be closed to the public. Construction is expected to last until May 2023, though this schedule may change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of approximately 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the 2021 Virginia Municipal League Innovation Award for Environmental Sustainability and in years past, the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for innovation and green initiatives. The Town most recently received the Tree City USA Award for the 14th consecutive year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and was ranked “Safest City” in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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