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# Pre-construction Community Meeting

## Lawson Road Pedestrian Crossing

February 3, 2026

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# Agenda

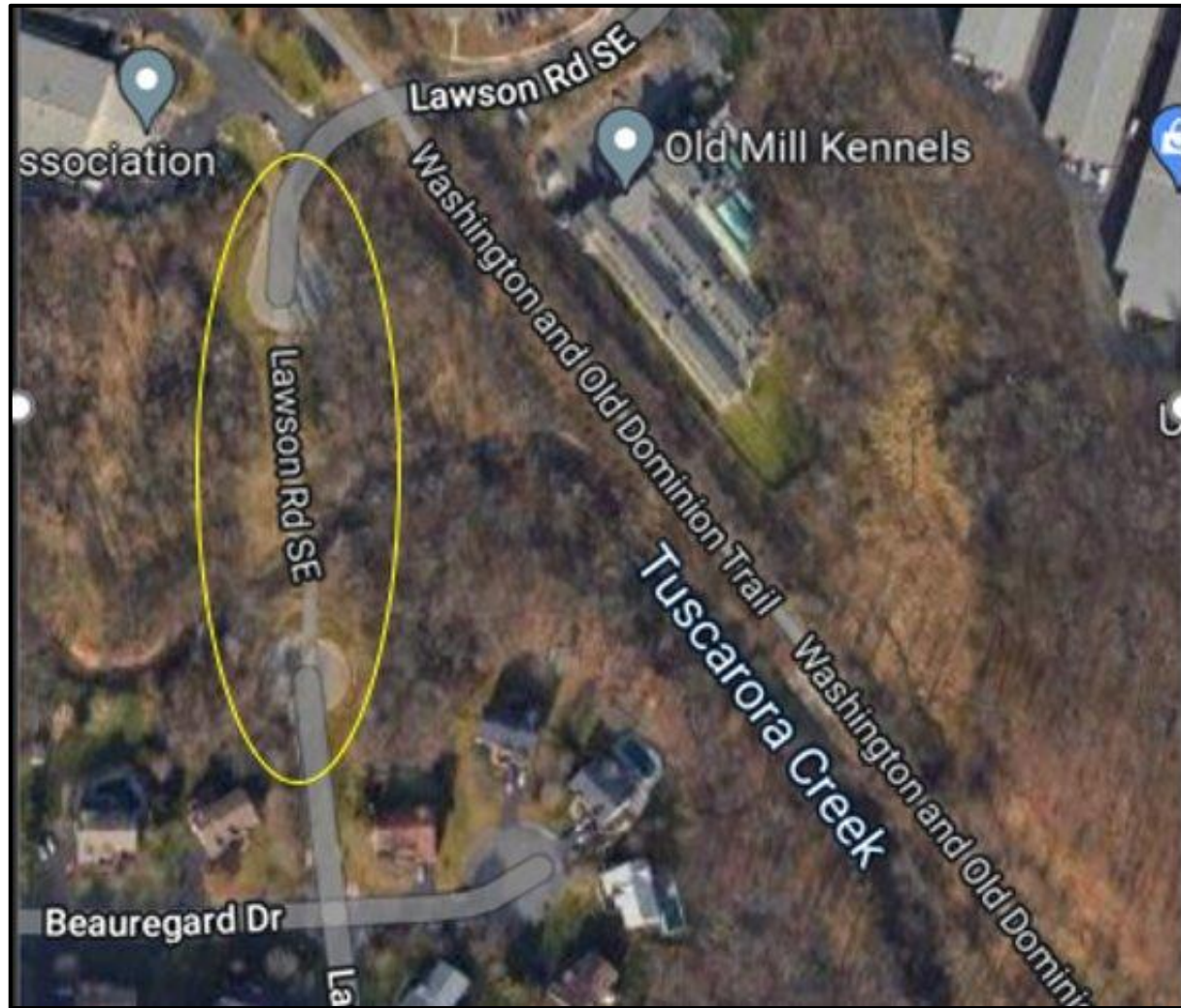
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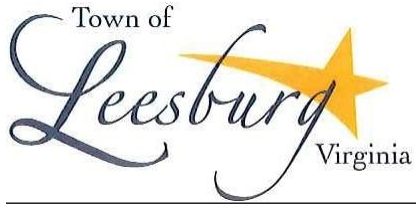
- Introduce Project Team
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# Project Location





# Project Team

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- **Renee LaFollette** – Director of Public Works & Capital Projects
- **Doug Wagner** – Assistant Director of Capital Projects
- **Rizwan Ishaq** – Project Manager for Construction
- **Chris Schumaker** – Assistant Project Manager for Construction
- **Andrew Oster** – Construction Inspector
- **Jessee Godsey** – WG Construction
- **Jennice Hyatt** – WG Construction

Two fun facts:

- Over 50 years experience working for the Town of Leesburg
- Over 125 years industry experience in their respective fields

# History

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- Lawson Road crossed Tuscarora Creek via a gravel road
  - The creek crossing flooded regularly, requiring intermittent road closures and costly maintenance
  - In 2008, Town Council passed a resolution
    - Closing Lawson Road Creek Crossing to vehicle traffic
    - The pedestrian crossing remained
  - In 2020, the pedestrian crossing was damaged during a flood, making the site dangerous, resulting in complete removal of the crossing



# History (cont'd)

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- **2020** – A study of the area was completed
  - To determine what was needed to construct a pedestrian crossing of Tuscarora Creek.
  - Results and concept plan were presented at a public meeting on November 10, 2020
- **2021** – Design was started on the creek crossing and associated improvements through a contract with RK&K
- **2022** - The Town was awarded federal funding for the project.
  - As part of receiving the federal funding, additional work was required: Additional design work, VDOT oversight, and a Federal Environmental review). These additional requirements delayed the project
  - February 9, 2022 - A public meeting was held to discuss the design and project schedule
- **2025** – Design was completed and project was bid
- **2026** – Construction to start and public meeting held

# Goals & Benefits

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- The goal of this project is to provide residents with a safe pedestrian and bicycle crossing over the creek
- Project aligns with Legacy Leesburg Town Plan
  - Expand access to the Town's most important resources
  - Improve Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure
  - Avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to natural resources when designing and implementing capital projects and in Town programs
- Meets objective #9 of the 2012 Town plan for natural resources
  - Calls for protection of people and property from natural hazards such as flooding



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# Project Schedule

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Baseline Schedule outlining the primary tasks (*subject to change due to weather or unforeseen conditions*)

- **January 2026** - Administrative notice to proceed (**completed**)
- **February** - ROW permit, construction survey, utility location
- **March:**
  - Construction notice to proceed (tentative March 2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - Equipment mobilization, erosion & sediment controls, tree removals
- **March – August:** Excavation, grading, box culverts
- **September** - Trail paving, soil stabilization
- **November** - Substantial completion, punch list (~ 252 days from construction start)
- **January 2027** – Estimated final completion (~ 312 days from construction start)



# Neighborhood Impact

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- **Work will occur** - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
- **Weekend & Nighttime work** - If required will be communicated in advance
- **Staging** – Equipment will be mobilized and staged within the project site
  - Initially equipment will not come through Trail View, but that may change at some point during the project
- **Street Closures** – Will be communicated in advance
- **Construction Site** - There will be noise, dirt and dust



## Conceptual Image of The Improved Stream Crossing



- Culvert – 20 feet wide
- Trail – 10 feet wide

# Website & Contact Information

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**Visit the Town's Project Website**

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# Question & Answer Session

Thank you