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LONG-TERM CLOSURES SCHEDULED ALONG PORTIONS OF VIRGINIA CAPITAL TRAIL FOR BRIDGE WORK

Full closures to take place in two phases along the Jamestown leg of the multi-use trail for bridge deck replacement starting as early as Nov. 1

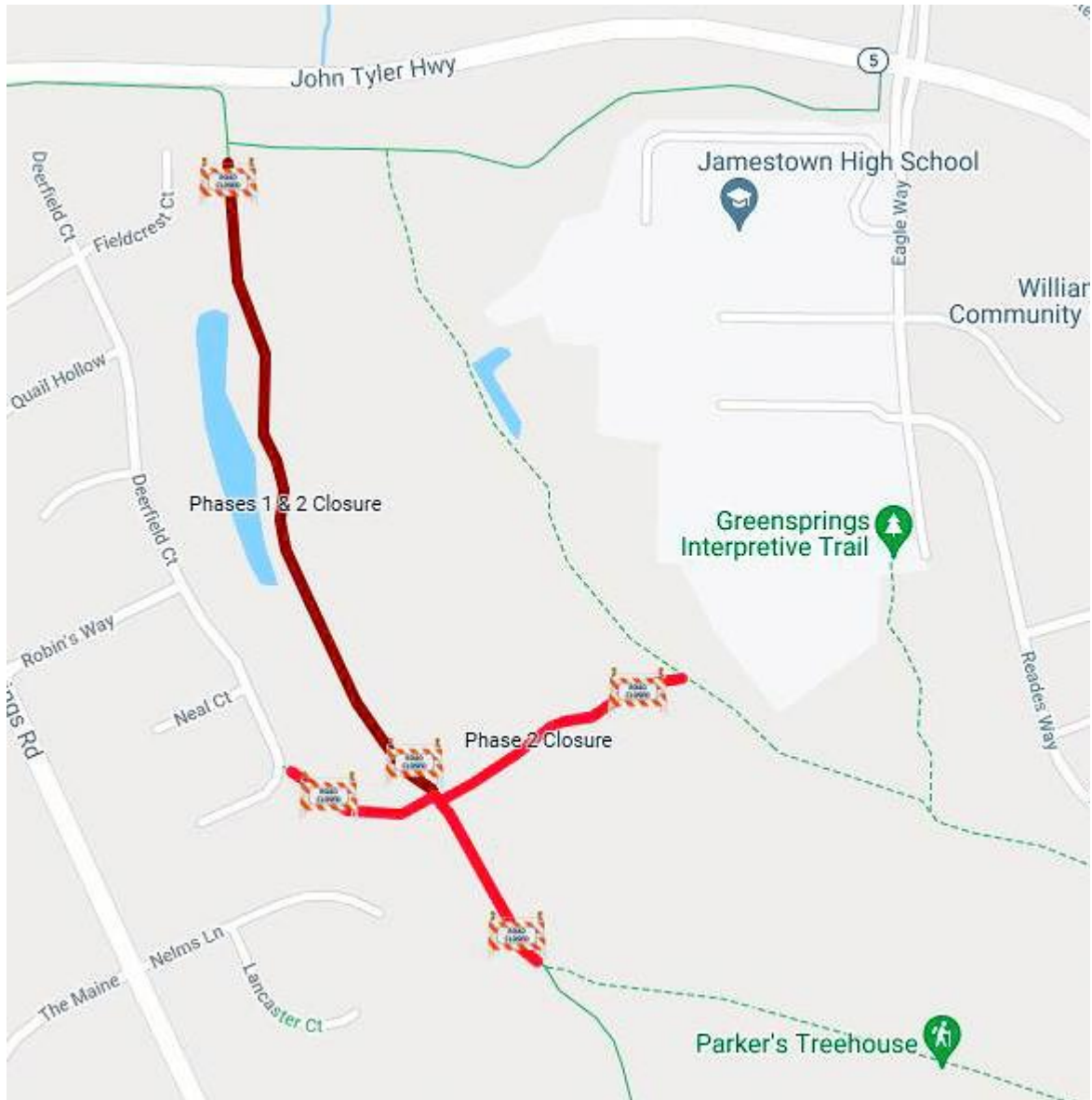
JAMES CITY COUNTY – Over the next several months, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will temporarily close portions of the Virginia Capital Trail (VCT) in two phases to allow for a full bridge deck replacement of the long wooden bridge located along the Jamestown leg of the VCT. As part of the bridge deck replacement, crews will be installing new bridge planks with an epoxy coating that will provide additional friction for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists and will extend the life of the bridge deck.

In the first phase of closures starting as early as Nov. 1, the trail will be closed between mile marker 2 and the trail entrance from Deerfield Court for approximately 3-4 months. In the second phase estimated to begin mid-winter 2022, the start of the trail closure will remain near mile marker 2 but will extend past the Deerfield Court trail entrance and down to the Greensprings Interpretive Trail. Additionally as part of this second phase of work estimated to last through early spring 2022, the trail entrance from Deerfield Court will be closed, as well as the portion of the trail that crosses over the beaver pond and wetlands, and connects to the main loop of the Greensprings Interpretive Trail. All work is weather dependent and subject to change.

As a safety precaution, this portion of the trail will be closed to pedestrians and cyclists for the duration of the repairs. Trail users should utilize alternate routes along the Virginia Capital Trail, including a signed detour on the Greensprings Interpretive Trail (GST). During these closures, bicycles will be temporarily permitted on the detour portion of the GST; however, cyclists should be aware that some portions of the detour route are gravel rather than paved.

The Virginia Capital Trail is a 52-mile bicycle and pedestrian shared-use trail that connects Virginia's past and present state capitals of Jamestown, Williamsburg and Richmond along Scenic Route 5.

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During both phases of closures along the Jamestown leg of the VCT, trail users may follow signed detours directing them to use the Greensprings Interpretive Trail.

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