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STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date:	January 13 th , 2026
Agenda Title:	Timber Fence Trail
Requested Action:	No Action Requested
Department / Agency Lead:	Parks & Rec
Staff Lead:	Michael Wharton, Project Coordinator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Fauquier County School Board has requested the Town vacate the existing easement for the proposed Timber Fence Trail.

BACKGROUND

The Town received a grant via the VDOT TAP program to construct Timber Fence Trail. The project was split into two segments. The first section completed in FY2022 along Waterloo Road. The second segment was to begin construction in 2023, but due to the long ear bat being placed on the endangered species list, The Town needed to perform additional studies to determine the impact. This delayed the project for approximately a year. In that timeframe the VDOT cost estimate escalated over \$332,438 above the original estimate. The Town Council elected to drop the Timber Fence Trail project from the FY-26 budget. At that time, the Town Council determined to cancel this VDOT project. The Town is still looking at options to build the Timber Fence Trail in future years with its own funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

No action is needed at this time, but Staff would recommend Council hold on to the easement until a final decision is made on the future of the project.

Service Level/Policy Impact

None

Fiscal Impact

No impact

Legal Impact

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from Fauquier County School Board

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