



**Prince William  
Conservation Alliance**

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**Questions for Prince William County  
Supervisor Candidates in 2015**

*With responses published for community leaders throughout your district*

Please respond to these seven questions and send responses to Prince William Conservation Alliance at [alliance@pwconserve.org](mailto:alliance@pwconserve.org) by September 24. Thank you.

Candidate Name: Maureen S. Caddigan District: Potomac

Campaign Website: [www.caddiganforsupervisor.com](http://www.caddiganforsupervisor.com) Party Affiliation: R

**1. What changes, if any, would you make to the current 10 acre minimum in the rural area?**

I have protected the Rural Crescent throughout the past 20 years. Now, however, the County staff has brought forth recommendations asking whether the Crescent should be 10, 5 or 2.5 acres with open space. There will be public hearings and thoughtful discussions held prior to any decisions being made.

**2. Would you support Prince William County funding for a Purchase of Development Rights to encourage commercial agriculture and preserve open space in the Rural Area?**

I would definitely encourage commercial agriculture growth.



**3. How would you increase commercial agricultural operations in the Rural Area, including wineries and breweries, to preserve open space?**

The board of Supervisors just recently approved the development of a brewery at Innovation that will include a tasting room, hops fields, a restaurant and shops. It is that kind of development that should be considered elsewhere in the Rural areas.

**4. As the county population increases, how will you increase the acreage of public parkland for ballfields and for passive recreational activities?**

I will always be in favor of increasing park lands for ball fields and both active and passive recreation. Good examples in my own District are the recently completed baseball complex in Triangle, the several pending recreational fields to be constructed at Potomac Shores and the continuing extension of the running/bike path along Route 234.

**5. VRE has proposed to increase the number of trains running throughout the day, and also to extend its tracks to Gainesville/Haymarket. Which of those two options is your top priority?**

Both plans are a priority with the VRE Operations Board of which I am a member and, in my view, deserve equal consideration. If I had to select one before the other I would extend the line to Gainesville/Haymarket first.

- 6. Do you support the proposed Bi-County Parkway? The Bi-County Parkway is a 10-mile highway segment of the 45-mile long corridor that would connect I-95 in Prince William County to the back of Dulles Airport in Loudoun County.**

No! I have been, and remain, in opposition to the Bi-county Parkway. Although its major detrimental impact is in the western portions of the County, we in the east will also be negatively affected by it. The residents of the Potomac And Coles districts who reside along the Route 234 (Dumfries Road) corridor will find their ability to get in and out of their communities virtually impossible once that road becomes a major route to move heavy truck traffic from Interstate 95 to Dulles Airport as part of the bi-County Parkway.

- 7. In the update of the Economic Development Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan, would you consider it a higher priority to improve rail and bus transit capacity in order to attract businesses to Prince William, or would you prefer to rezone acreage to permit more development?**

As a commissioner of both the VRE and PRTC, I fully understand the priority of getting people off the roads as much as possible. Accordingly I consider improvements to both rail and bus transit as my highest priority.