



## 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: John Jenkins District: Neabsco

Campaign Website: [www.johnjenkins.org](http://www.johnjenkins.org) Party Affiliation: D

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

First, I am an unopposed candidate for the job this I have had for the past 33 years. I could not make any changes to the 10 acre minimum lot size.

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?

Yes.

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

I grew up on a farm in Geneva County, Alabama, was the Secretary of the Alabama Association of the Future Farmers of America and was awarded the Degree of American Farmer by the National Association of Future Farmers of America. I am the only member of the BOCS to have this type of training and

experience which can translate directly into most agricultural operations in the Rural areas of Prince William County.

One point has to be made. The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) strongly controls the activities of our Farmers with product quotas and programs. The extension services provided by State Extension Offices of the USDA often supplement local programs in counties. There is market saturation in Prince William County for breweries. As of September 10, 2015 there are 6 breweries in operation with two additional breweries scheduled to open in 2015 and 2016. There are five in counties adjacent to Prince William County. Currently there are two Distilleries operating in the County. The BOCS can control the proliferation of breweries through the SUP process. Additional changes may need to be made to ZTAs. With regards to open space changes can be made as required to preserve open space as well as providing a habitat for wildlife that are native to land areas.

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

The BOCS will need to increase funding to allow for new fields and facilities. We will need to increase bike and hiking trails. We have to maximize proffers for recreation and enter into private/public partnerships on projects which can be jointly funded and operated by Manassas, Manassas Park and Prince William County. Joint projects Projects with the State, such as parks, must be maximize.

**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?**

Extend tracks for Gainesville/Haymarket.

- 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.**

Yes

- 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?**

Improve rail and bus transit capacity.