

# WORKSHOP SUMMARY REPORT

*CREDIT VALLEY TRAIL CONSORTIUM*

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## INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes the information shared at the Credit Valley Trail Strategy workshop held on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the Alton Mill in Caledon. The workshop was hosted by the Credit Valley Heritage Society and Credit Valley Conservation to provide an update on the recent progress made toward developing a pedestrian trail along the Credit from Lake Ontario to the headwaters; to present the new trail vision; to discuss the potential trail route; and to explore the next steps forward.

Forty-nine participants from across the watershed including political representatives, provincial, regional and municipal staff, trail organizations, local environmental groups, foundations and heritage trusts gathered together to develop this concept for the Credit River.

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

In order to set the stage for discussion, the early part of the Credit Valley Trail Strategy was dedicated to a series of presentations that described the vision of the trail, the current status of trail development across the watershed, and highlight the work that CVC is undertaking that contributes to the trail on its lands in the Upper Credit Conservation Area. (These presentations are included in the Appendices D, E and F of this report.)

The second half of the meeting was organized as a more traditional workshop where participants, in facilitated small groups, discussed a series of questions. Each group documented their responses which are compiled in Appendix B and further summarized thematically in the Summary of Participants Comments Table provided on Page 6.

## BACKGROUND

The Credit Valley Trail Strategy builds on the CVC's long-standing vision of a Credit Valley 'Conservation Trail' referenced in the CVC's 1956 Credit Watershed Report and the CVC Credit Valley Trail partners' workshop held in 1998; as well as decades of work by municipalities and watershed trail groups. Over the years of effort dedicated to this vision, general consensus holds that the proposed Credit Valley Trail will serve as a main thread in a tapestry of existing and new trails in the watershed, owned and managed by a variety of watershed groups and / or individuals. Building upon this well established trail vision, a newly proposed concept of the trail was presented at the Credit Valley Trail Strategy that utilizes existing trails, trails identified in municipal trail plans, and CVC's planned trail routes on CVC property as well as seeks to highlight the natural and cultural features of interest along the river. This new trail vision spans approximately 113 kilometres north to south and includes a further 56 kilometers of 'Tributary Trails' to the east and west. Fortuitously, this new vision will also provide a north-south connection from the TransCanada Trail to the Waterfront and Greenbelt Trails.

## ACTION ITEMS

The Credit Valley Trail Strategy is the first step in the development of a plan for a continuous Credit River trail that emphasizes local tourism and the significance of the river to the past and present development of our communities.

Moving forward, the next major step is to work collaboratively with stakeholders to create a master trail plan that would build upon the multiple natural and cultural features of the Credit, including the Greenbelt, Forks of the Credit Provincial Park, the Cheltenham Badlands as well as First Nations history, mills ruins, hamlets, etc. and help bring them to life through interactive interpretation and outdoor recreation. The following is a summary of the action items planned for spring and summer 2015:

1. Form steering committee through invitation
2. Host first steering committee meeting and develop steps forward
3. Apply for a Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation grant application to assist in the completion of this project
4. Identify two-year workplan for the creation of the Master Trail Plan
5. Seek to create a Municipal Leaders Forum
6. Meet with local municipal staff and special interest groups to identify trail and natural and cultural heritage data of interest to assist in the preparation of conceptual trail alignment and determination of features of interest to be highlighted.

## NEXT STEPS: STEERING COMMITTEE FORMATION

A key component to moving this project forward is the development of a steering committee. The role of steering committee is to provide strategic direction to the project management team at key decision points throughout the development and implementation of the Credit Valley Trail Master Plan. Based on the suggestions from the various representatives present at the Trail Consortium the steering committee will include the following participants:

- Representation from Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation
- A representative from the Parks Planning Departments each local municipality in the watershed
- Peel Region representation from Planning and/or Peel Art Gallery, Museums, and Archives (PAMA)
- A representative from each major trail organization, e.g. Bruce Trail Club, the Waterfront Trust
- Key private landowners and business representatives
- A representative from the Coalition of the Niagara Escarpment
- A representative from local heritage or historical societies, e.g. Heritage Mississauga
- A representative from provincial agencies and associated ministries, e.g. the Ontario Heritage Trust and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- A representative from the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation

- Representation from municipal economic development offices, local BIA's and associated regional tourism operators

It is hoped that the steering committee will convene for the first time in April/May to discuss opportunities and next steps for moving forward with the Plan. Suggestions also included the formation of a municipal leader's forum which would include the locally elected officials in the watershed to assist in championing the initiative politically. This proposed forum will be explored further in the late spring.

## IN SUMMARY

Overall, the Credit Valley Trail concept was highly endorsed at the Credit Valley Trail Strategy Workshop as well as support given to move forward with the creation of a proposed Credit Valley Trail Master Plan. This Plan will develop linkages between the rivers natural and cultural tourism assets along a continuous river trail-way, starting at the mouth of the Credit in Port Credit, and extending north to the headwaters in Orangeville.

On behalf of the Credit Valley Heritage Society and Credit Valley Conservation, we'd like to thank you for participating in this milestone event and we look forward to working together with you and your organization in achieving this long-sought goal of a continuous trail along the Credit.

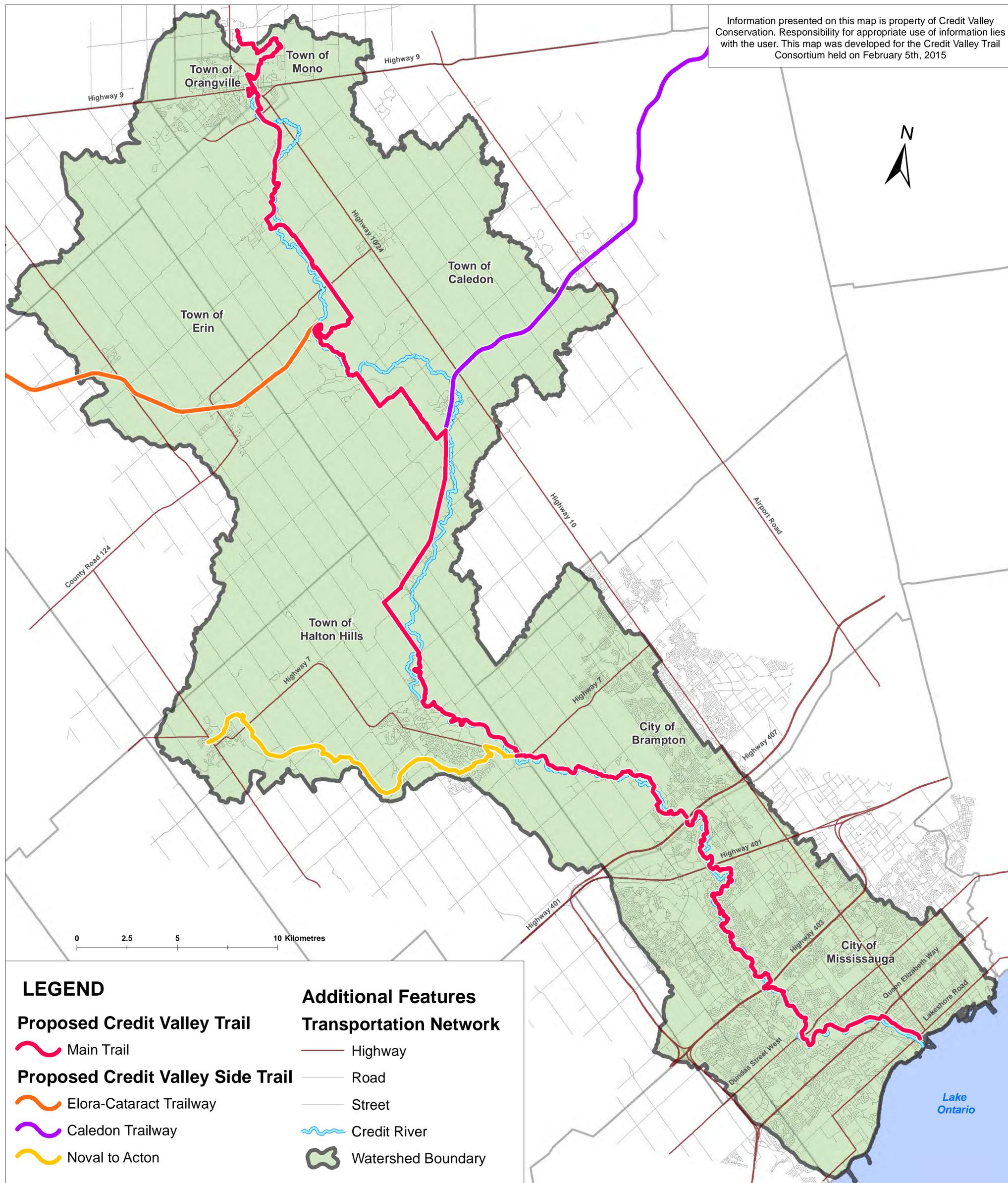
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## SUMMARY OF PARTICIPANTS COMMENTS

CATEGORY OF DISCUSSION	OVERALL COMMENTS	
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Very high level of support for the project from all present.</li> <li>– Considered as ideal to connect various communities in the watershed.</li> <li>– Sustainability is important to ensure balance with tourism.</li> <li>– Multi-use trail as much as possible while respecting sensitive sites.</li> <li>– Bringing in other trails to support connections.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Tools for land securement key.</li> <li>– Promote water trails as well.</li> <li>– Learning nodes for First Nations, cultural and natural heritage features.</li> <li>– Unified branding with consistent design standards key.</li> <li>– An emphasis on the natural environment important.</li> </ul>
<b>DESTINATIONS AND CONNECTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Connect to other trail networks, including local trails.</li> <li>– Create trail loops.</li> <li>– Utilize datasets from organizations for information.</li> <li>– Mark public facilities, e.g. parking and washrooms.</li> <li>– Incorporate historic transportation routes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Connect to Credit Valley Explorer Train.</li> <li>– Connect to private tourism industries for partnership support.</li> <li>– Nodes to be used for conveying the importance of watershed health.</li> <li>– Promote First Nations history.</li> </ul>
<b>GUIDANCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Envision who will use the trail, e.g. Collect trail user data</li> <li>– Reach out to groups where major trail gaps exist.</li> <li>– Consider seasonal trails and appropriateness of design.</li> <li>– Incorporate into planning process, e.g. subdivision agreements.</li> <li>– Delegate to councils on a regular basis to build awareness and develop local political champions.</li> <li>– Destination planning around local communities.</li> <li>– Plan site route around features of greatest sensitivity in the watershed.</li> <li>– Host regular workshops.</li> <li>– Ensure responsibilities are clear for each respective partner.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Rehabilitated quarries may have an important role to play in this project.</li> <li>– Use trail as a land securement strategy.</li> <li>– Identify reps from across the watershed for the steering committee, including private land owners, businesses, etc.</li> <li>– Workshops and PICs for information collection.</li> <li>– Offer incentives to champions.</li> <li>– Promote fundraising opportunities.</li> <li>– Ensure accessibility in design with minimal barriers.</li> <li>– Create a digital brand for marketing purposes.</li> <li>– Share expertise in trail design across municipalities.</li> <li>– Create a municipal leaders forum.</li> </ul>
<b>NEED TO KNOW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Find out about existing projects and plans.</li> <li>– Determine level of interest from the Province.</li> <li>– Work with tour organizations and promote public health linkages.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Develop communication tools for all platforms to connect to users.</li> <li>– Planning around private landownership will be key, e.g. tax incentive tools.</li> </ul>

# Vision for the Credit Valley Trail

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## LEGEND

### Proposed Credit Valley Trail

 Main Trail

### Proposed Credit Valley Side Trail

 Elora-Cataract Trailway

 Caledon Trailway

 Noval to Acton

### Additional Features

#### Transportation Network

 Highway

 Road

 Street

 Credit River

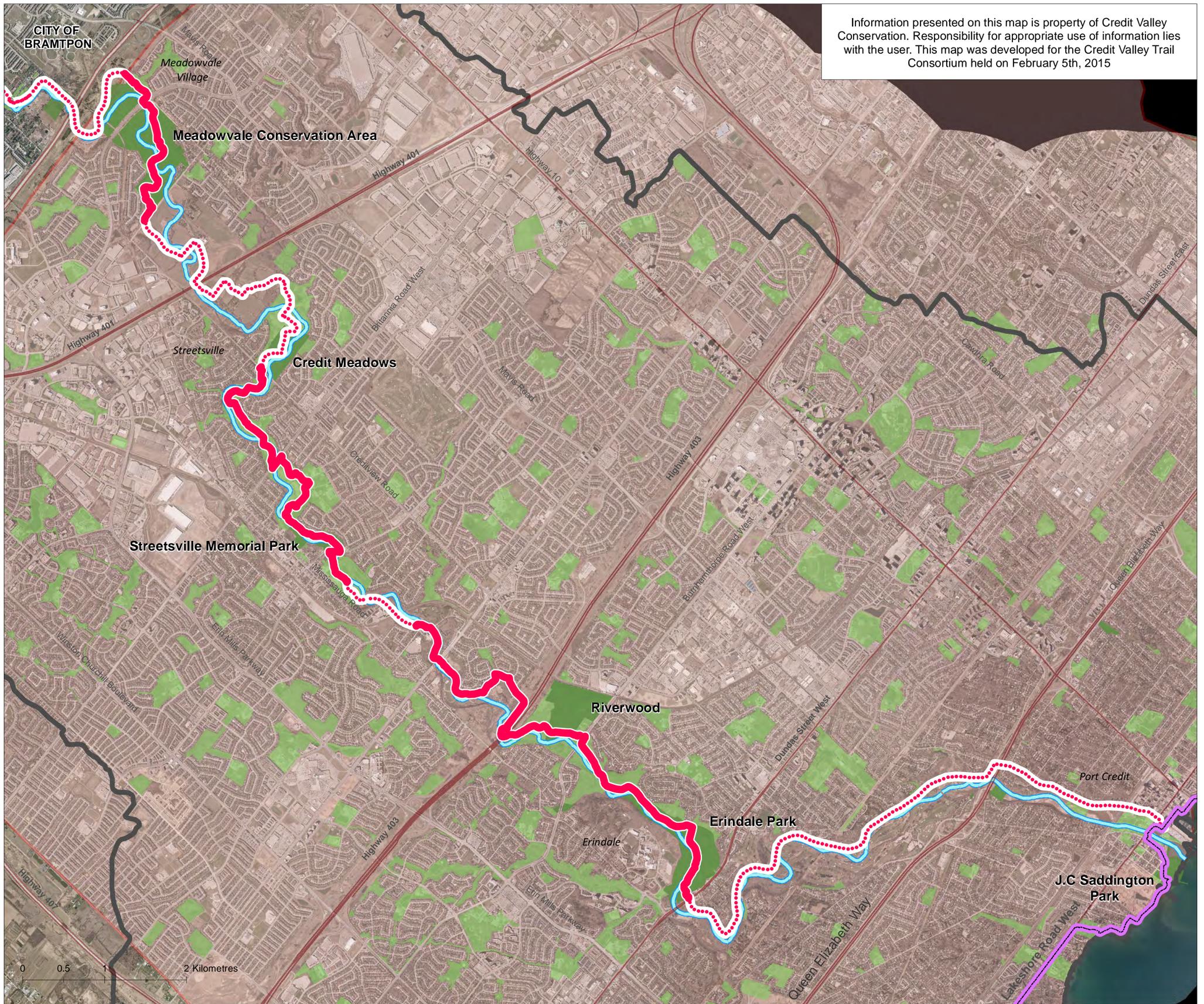
 Watershed Boundary

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## City of Mississauga



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### Legend

#### Proposed Credit Valley Main Trail

##### Status

- Existing
- Proposed

##### Other Trail Network

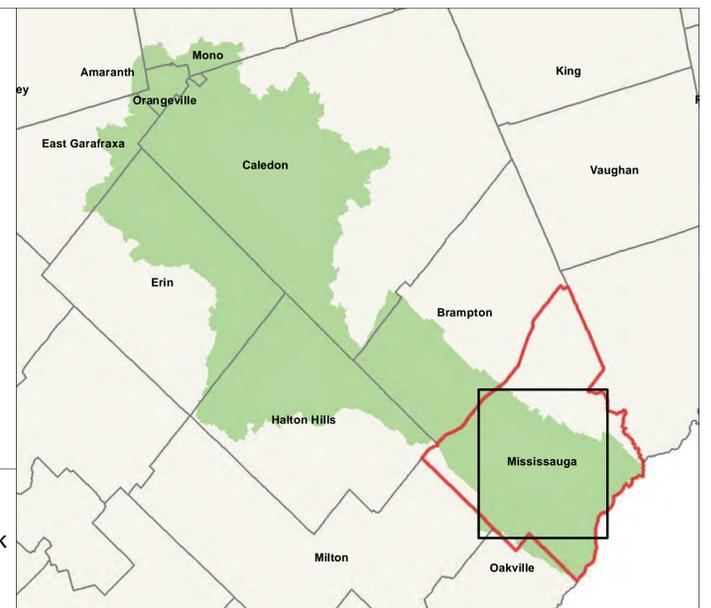
- Waterfront Trail

#### Additional Features

- Highway
- Credit River
- CVC Properties
- Public Lands
- City of Mississauga
- Watershed Boundary



Source: City of Mississauga Trails (Region of Peel, Walk and Roll 2015, Credit River Parks Strategy, 2012); City of Brampton Trails (Pathways Master Plan) Waterfront Trail (Transcanada Trailway, 2014); Municipal Boundary (CVC,2001); Road Network (CVC,2012; OMNR, 1982). Public Lands (various, 2006,2009,2013).

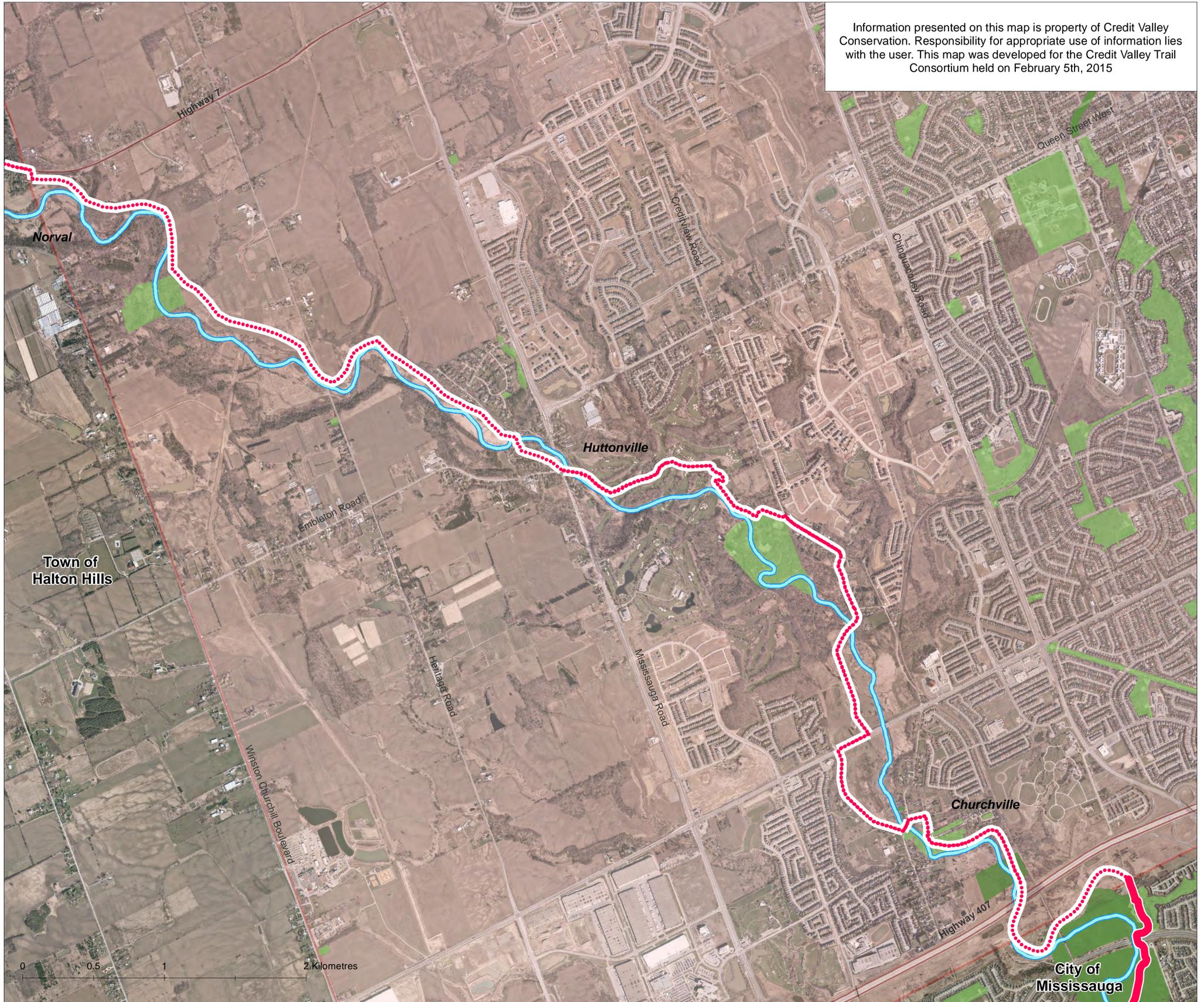


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## City of Brampton



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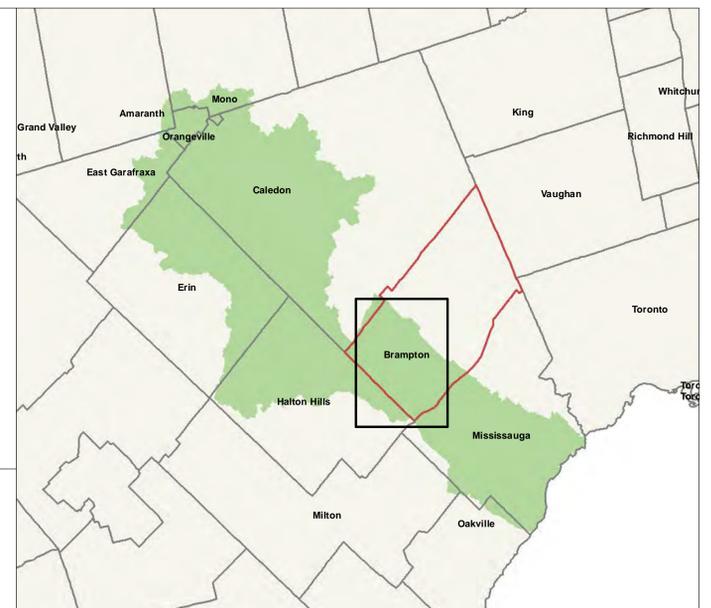
### Legend

#### Proposed Credit Valley Main Trail Status

-  Active
-  Planned

#### Additional Features

-  Highway
-  Credit River
-  CVC Properties
-  Public Lands
-  City of Brampton



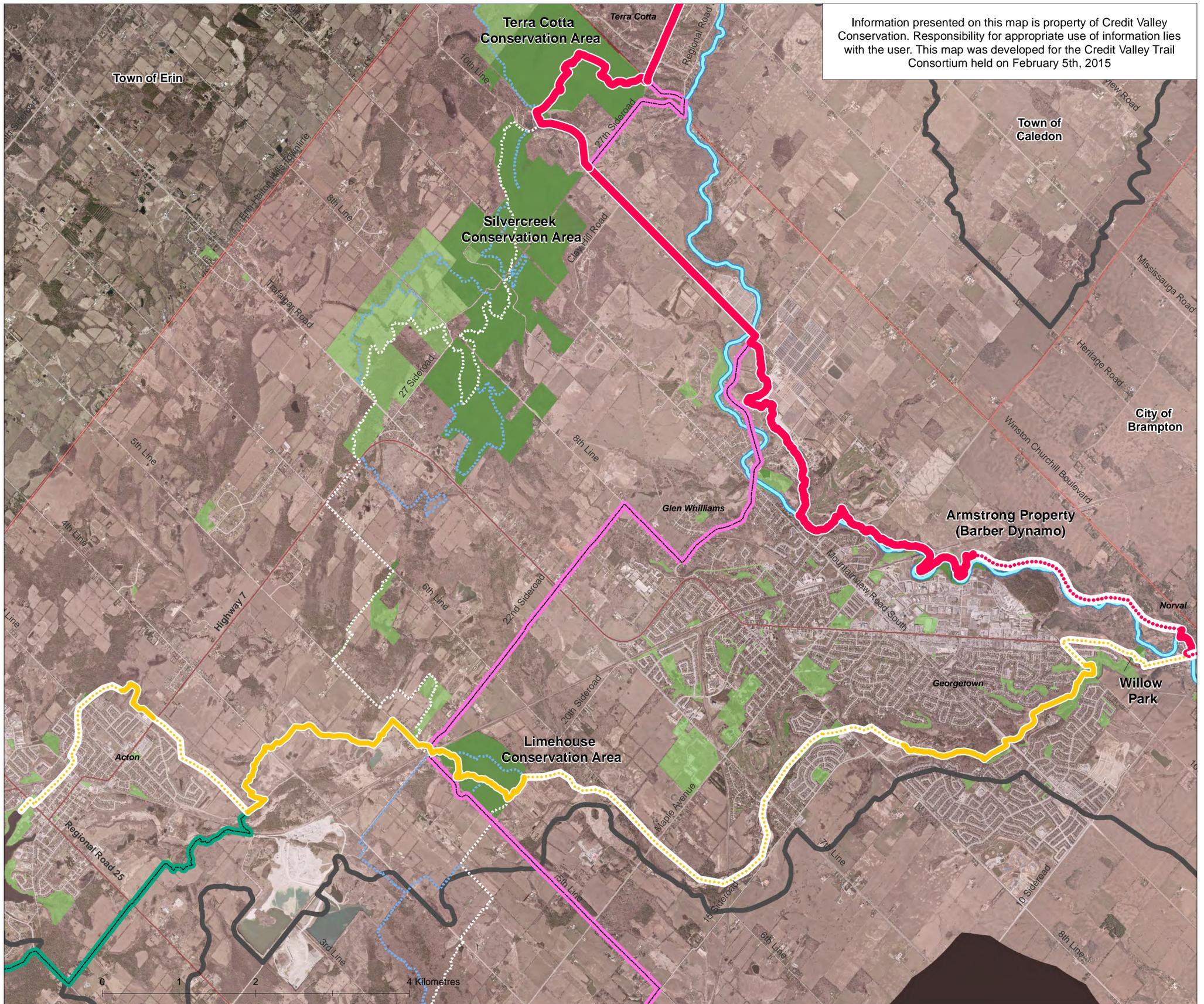
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# Vision for the Credit Valley Trail

## Middle Watershed



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### Legend

#### Proposed Credit Valley Main Trail

- Status**
- Existing
  - Planned

#### Proposed Credit Valley Side Trail

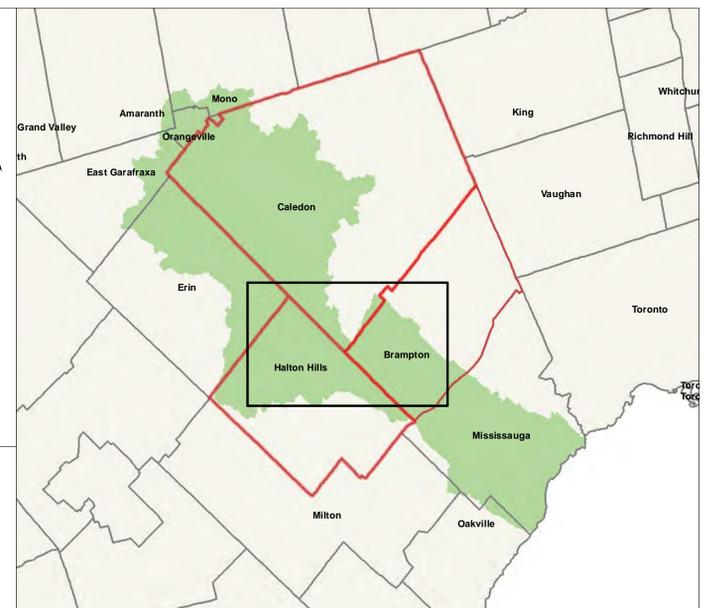
- Status**
- Active
  - Planned

#### Other Trail Network

- Bruce Trail**
- Main Trail
  - Side Trail
  - Guelph Radial Line Trail
  - Greenbelt Cycling Route

#### Additional Features

- Highway
- Credit River
- CVC Properties
- Public Lands
- Municipalities of Focus
- Watershed Boundary



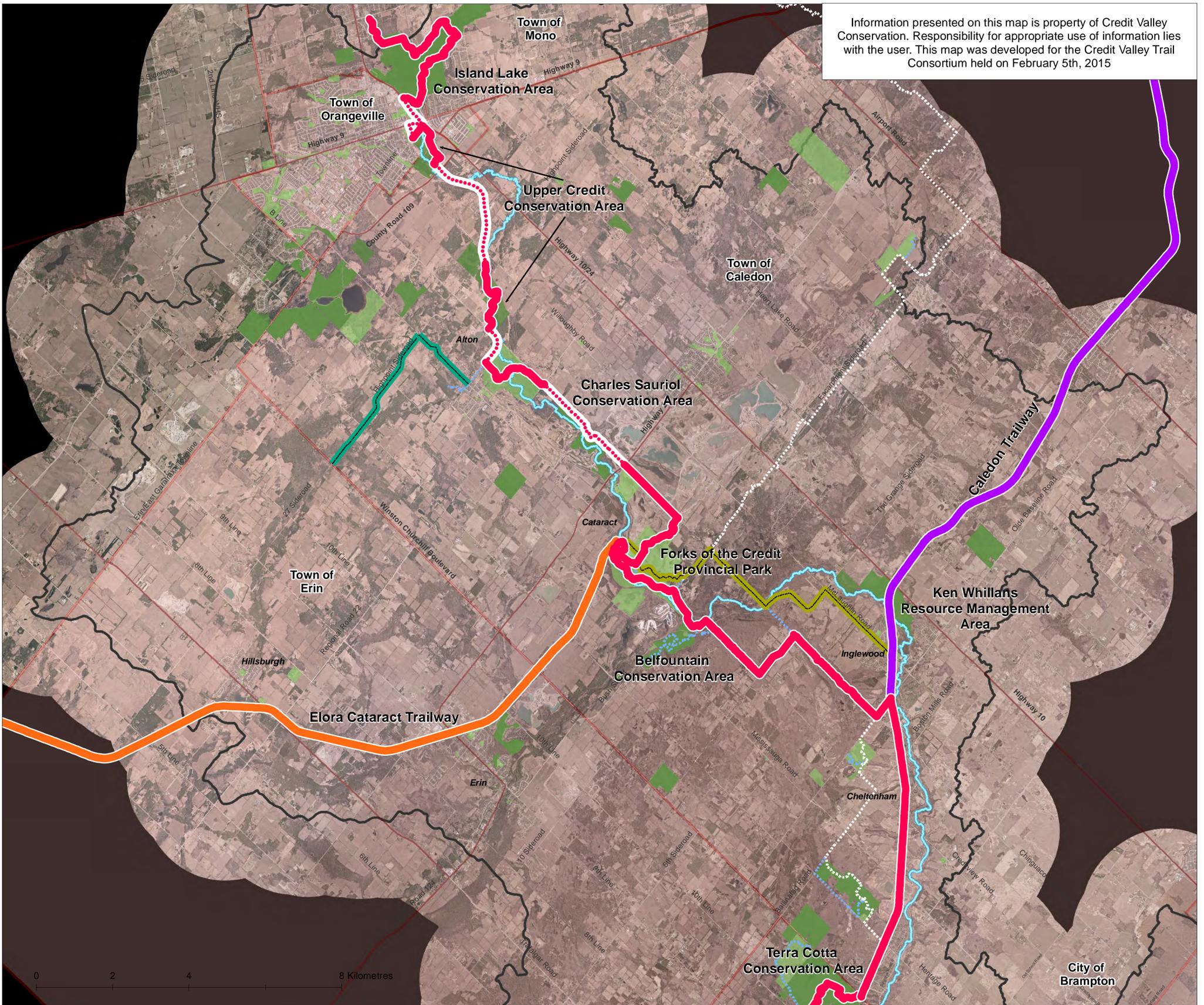
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# Vision for the Credit Valley Trail

## Upper Watershed



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### Legend

#### Proposed Credit Valley Main Trail

##### Status

- Existing
- Proposed

#### Proposed Credit Valley Side Trail

- Elora-Cataract Trailway
- Caledon Trailway

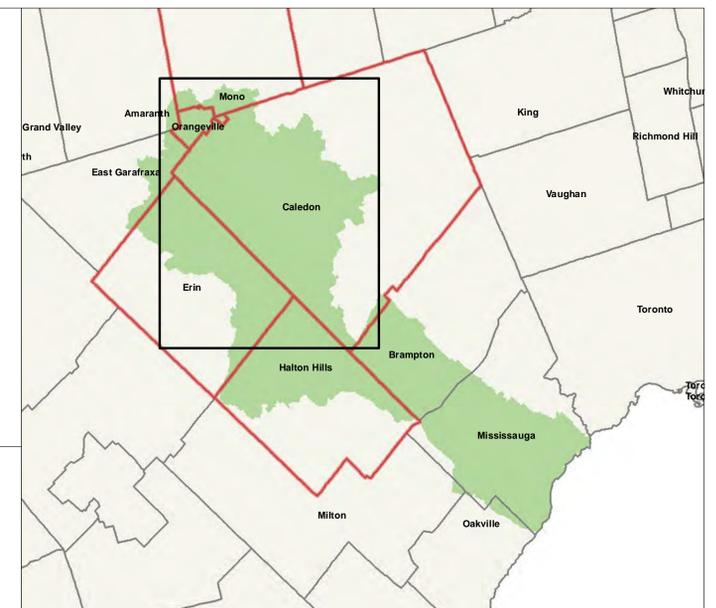
#### Other Trail Networks

##### Bruce Trail

- Main Trail
- Side Trail
- Grand Valley Trail
- Trans Canada Trail

#### Additional Features

- Highway
- Credit River
- CVC Properties
- Public Lands
- Municipalities of Focus
- Watershed Boundary



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## APPENDIX B: FACILITATION NOTES

# FACILITATION

*(Identify a facilitator and note-taker for each table.)*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Facilitation Slide: **Support** - -

- Do you support the concept?
- How do you envision it?
- What would you include additionally?
- Share with us what you think may be the opportunities or obstacles

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Facilitation Slide: **Destinations and Connections** - -

- What are the main features of interest (whether natural or cultural) to be highlighted along the trail?
- Trails to consider including?
- Please note maps for reference

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Facilitation Slide: **Guidance** - -

- Do you have any guidance or suggestions for this project?
- Any suggestions for the steering committee?
- Are there any resources (maps, reports, documents) you're aware of that we need to gather and include?

### 4<sup>th</sup> Facilitation Slide: **Need to know** - -

- Share with us what we may be missing

## APPENDIX C: PARTICIPANTS COMMENTS

TABLE 1:

- **Support:**
  - Yes, a great concept!
  - Envision a trail with learning pods along the path
  - Cultural heritage nodes
  - Natural heritage nodes
  - No lights or washrooms (impact to birds/nature) – keep it natural
  - In urban areas focus on amenities (lights or washrooms)
  - Keep natural in rural areas
  - Create an overall standard for the whole trail (ex. Width, surface)
  - Needs to be an overall connection to connect the “neighbourhood” segment
    - Is this through branding?
  - Link to First Nations and cultural aspects (mix of natural and cultural)
  - Branding strategy to tie it all together – existing networks and signage – how do we incorporate, what exists already?
- **Destinations and Connections:**
  - Main feature – water/the river
  - Are there multiple features? – walking trail, water trail
  - Destinations needs to be sold locally for tourism – info needs to be available for each
  - Nodes/interpretative signs – a destination for public awareness of watershed health, ex. Importance of wetlands
  - Cheltenham Badlands
  - CV Explorer Train
  - Do we have feedback on private industry or tourism? What are their thoughts?
  - Trails: Are there opportunities for loops? Destination or day hikes?
  - What about including a rehabilitated quarry as a destination?
  - What about other meaningful connections outside of the watershed?
    - Bruce Trail
    - TransCanada Trail
- **Guidance and Suggestions:**
  - Brand strategy – digital strategy
  - As much as possible – as close to the water as possible
  - Connect with angling community for partnerships – increase membership, info sharing
  - Timeline? Long-term, short-term – 20 years or 50 years?
  - Set a deadline
  - Do we need a municipal leader’s forum to have shared direction?
    - In addition to steering committee

- Sharing expertise (trail construction, etc.)
- Best practices (good to know what some challenges may be) – guidelines for consistency
- Does it have to be accessible – what are the standards?
- Is it a multi-use trail or cycling and hiking only? Non-motorized use only
- Build trails “barrier-free” no steps wherever possible
- Municipal recommendations: is it already part of master plans/strat plans/trail plans?
- **Steering Committee Suggestions:**
  - CVC to Chair Steering Committee
  - One rep from each municipality – 1 elected rep, 1 citizen from each municipality
  - Use Source Water Protection model
  - MTCS trails rep advisory role
  - Provincial Cultural Heritage advisory role – Ontario Heritage Trust
  - First Nations representation
  - Private industry representation
  - Are meetings public? – they should be with recorded minutes
  - Incorporate public through facilitated consultation sessions to include public input
  - Public face of committee needs to be open
- **Resources:**
  - Documenting all lands of public ownership (OHT, Bruce Trail, CVC – together)
  - Ontario Nature reports
  - Ornithologists reports
  - Angling locations
  - Existing amenities (washrooms, etc.) that are close to trail
  - Existing interpretative nodes/pods/signage/plaques
  - Apps – if some of the interpretative info could be captured via an app and reduce need for signs
  - Are there federal resources available?
- **Need to know:**
  - Endangered species (ex. Redside Dace) how do we incorporate along the trail – their protection
  - Use existing info to ID where these places are
  - Formalizing trail where existing trails are
  - Paddling, river use – how are people using the river? Drop-in points, launch locations would need to be considered
  - Consider invasive species, water usage (launch), etc.
  - How do you manage usage?
  - Who are your audiences?
  - How do you market to them?
  - Encouraging four seasons use
  - Permitting through CVC

- Classify permitting process to help expedite trail development

**TABLE 2:**

- **Support:**
  - Very positive
  - However will tourism invite too many people?
  - Can you do the CVT without negatively impacting sensitive sites?
  - Sustainable use is important
  - Main trail with side trails to direct users to sites of interest and to limit impact
  - Loop trails
  - Uses – managing the trail
  - Parking – multi-season facilities
  - Managing visitors – emergency services
  - Signage is key
- **Destinations and Connections:**
  - Caledon cultural heritage mapping as a resource
  - MNRF Data
  - MTO Trails/routes for cycling
  - Badlands
  - Forks of the Credit
  - Kilns on Safari Property
  - Cataract features
  - Connecting to Caledon Lake – is it possible?
  - Connecting to ORM Trail?
  - Caledon Pits areas as an East/West connection
  - Use CV Explorer as a tool to transport visitors – stops along the trail
- **Guidance:**
  - Delegate to councils on a regular basis – support and to coordinate projects with multiple partners
  - Year round use – yes or no?, e.g. X-country skiing
  - Variety of uses – biking, dedicated for these uses, equestrian, etc
  - Appropriate design – benches, rural verses urban for infrastructure
  - Promote use of trail as destination points for local communities
  - Uses based on local community – nature and/or cultural, side trails produce economic benefit to local communities
- **What's Missing?**
  - Liability – impacts on local groups/private owners that agree to CVT?
  - Costs – maintenance and capital costs – trail sponsorships
  - Accessibility – rest points, provide access but only where feasible

- Kiosks, interpretative opportunities, QR Codes, Apps
- Connecting with schools
- Marketing/branding – symbols, logos, pictographs, naming (people are partial to existing CVT name)
- Public health connections – funding, general support, baseline data
- Canoe/kayak routes/sections as well as tubing – provide access points specific to these activities
- Mapping events along the trail – existing events, events specific to the trail
- Good mapping to show trail/events/sites/activities is essential
- Supporting facilities
- Nodal/focal points along the trail with extensive services/ parking and washrooms
- Managing litter, managing dogs – enforcement
- Illustrate connections to the Ontario Trails Strategy
- Stewardship/volunteers to manage the trail
- Allocate trail captains like Bruce Trail and Elora Cataract Trail

### TABLE 3:

- **Support:**

- Multi-use trail as much as possible
  - Greenbelt Cycling – TTC, Caledon Trailway
  - Caledon
  - Etobicoke – CTW, multi-use
  - Continue north to ICCA
- On water?
  - Canoe kayak – identify a water route
  - Parking
  - Portage
- Canoe trail – adopt as a water trail
- Identify a navigable route
- Network of water trails as well
- Take advantage of existing resources
- Connectivity to other trail systems
- GR to Guelph Trail system
- Take into account future/existing routes on the otherwise of CRW
- Connect communities
- Tourism – builds on business
- Hills of the Headwaters – build on recreation and local resources
- Learning history
- Marketing – unifying theme, connections with tour companies

- Understanding municipal support – primary objectives, land securement – strategies and ongoing securement concepts for municipalities and trails
- Use hiking clubs – a toolbox for landowner negotiation – Newmarket, negotiation for trail routes (5-15% property values)
- Put landowner connections – CVC
- Benefit of third party involvement
- Put ownership – help to move along the process – interim to actual
- **Destinations and Connections**
  - Overview – great features identified by Dave Beaton
  - Promote BTST from Dynamo to Glen Williams
    - Barber Mill
    - Go to Glen Williams (connections to GW Park)
    - Obstacle – train tracks/CN) – crossing over rail tracks
  - Hydro corridors – provide some connections
  - Old railway route in Acton
  - History of transportation routes
  - Route makes sense
  - Barriers to accessibility (natural areas/topography)
  - Multi-routes – canoes, accessibility and challenges, trails for different types of use (accessible roads)
  - Trail into town and community plan, master plans, etc. – secondary plans exercises, reports and studies – build into planning processes
  - Rationale of different trails in different areas – permitting processes, CVC’s regulatory department needs to streamline process, identify studies, etc.
  - CVC’s planning guidelines for trails
  - Permitting process between CVC and municipalities
  - Optimism for private lands: amendment – impossible for private landowners to sue (part of Trail Strategy Provincial update)
    - Under consideration
  - Trend to take more risk? Risk is part of being active outdoors and healthy (e.g. tobogganing)
  - Hike Ontario – take out right to sue landowners
- **Guidance:**
  - Strategy for CVC – starting point for CVT
  - Vision has to respect this – lose momentum
  - Mapping to inform where linkages should be
  - Regulatory, SAR, PSW, etc.
  - Layout and determine route this way
  - Regulations and new NHS may make it very difficult to develop a new trail – GRCA not even using boardwalk – CVC’s position?
  - CVC does not have a trail strategy guide

- Meeting – all municipalities what securement is
- Workshop ongoing within watershed planning
- Responsibilities – who is doing what? e.g. Implementation Strategy, Phasing Schedule
- Don't have to figure it all out now (partners may come out of the woodwork)
- Connecting to Historical Society – History/Culture on board – identify their role
- Role of Federal Government (importance of features - \$\$?)
- Can we share the mapping? – distribute mapping, site visits to review and plan
- Rehab of pits and quarries along the trail – what happens to them? What is the restoration plan? Recreational assets?
- Collect info/create maps – where are the pit licenses? – timelines: pits vs quarries – lake recreation – ag lands
- Can we use the trail in securement strategies?
- **Steering Committee:**
  - Routes fit – need a municipal rep from the watershed
  - Tourism and cultural perspective
  - Bruce Trail
  - Layout expectations – what does the ToR look like? Municipal councils support for staff – presentations and expectations
  - OTC – Patrick O'Connor: someone to contact
    - Funding trail work
    - Conferences, etc.
  - First Nations rep
  - Connections beyond watershed
  - ICCA-NVCA (Baker Trail and Ag Pits)
  - Waterfront trails
  - Analysis on major linkages
  - POWER – a lot of info and resources – connect and contact for this project
  - Partner – Ag industry – resources, materials, \$\$
- **Need to Know:**
  - Toronto group – culinary groups
  - Tour – canoe to Toronto island with lunch
  - Tours and organized tourism and treks
  - Greenbelt cycling – 5 day launch and stop at area accommodations
  - Off road cycling – expanding opportunities
  - Historical info from CR Heritage Designation – research exists but is not completed – info from stakeholders – sites, mills, etc
  - Funding – identify angle, what makes it unique
  - Management issues with trails – geocaching, fishing near river – impacts to fisheries
  - Hunting issues – encourages access
  - Respect for all trail users

- Manage well to avoid opposition

**TABLE 4:**

- **Support:**

- Support it!
- CVT can represent a healthy partnering of all the municipalities in the watershed
- Wondering why it's not connected already?
- Need to work out the gaps
- Some trails exist that can be brought into the system as an official part of it
- Look at connecting more side trails into it to make it accessible and user-friendly
- Barrier – user conflicts in used sections, e.g. horse, bike, foot
- Crossing freeways?
- Obstacles to fill in gaps: easements or how access land for the trail
- Challenge if trails overlap – could mean dilution of existing brand – relates also to trail maintenance

- **Destinations and Connections:**

- Mississauga
- Riverwood
- Pinshin Property including Leslie Log House
- Meadowvale Conservation Area
- Jacob's Creek (Oakville)
- Port Credit (outlet)
- Waterfront trail
- Fishladder in Streetsville
- Greenbelt route connection
- Barber dynamo
- Limehouse kilns
- Hungry Hollow Trail
- Willow Park
- Cedarvale Park
- Silver Creek Conservation Area
- Terra Cotta CA
- Norval Community
- Lucy Maude heritage
- Mills
- Glen Williams Mill and Arts Centre
- Orangeville – to – Port Credit Train Tour
- Brampton?
- Bad lands sidetrail?

- Orangeville to Inglewood train – Dr. McIlwright connection
- Heritage interpretation – what signage is out there?
- **Steering Committee:**
  - Reps from the entire length
  - Municipalities – parks and rec reps?
  - Users – e.g. equestrians, bike associations, Bruce Trail hikers, Hike Ontario
  - Land owners – farmers and developers
  - Miranet Mississauga Residence Association
  - Environmental organizations – CRA as a liaison
  - Mississauga of the New Credit First nation
  - Business owners
  - Board of Trade
  - BIAs
  - Steering committee – Advisory Committee – Stakeholders
  - Workshops for input
  - PIC – public input consultation sessions
  - CVC
  - Tourism associations
  - Resources – voyageur concept along the Credit
  - Fundraising may be crowd funding
  - Scope costing
- **Resources:**
  - Prioritize – Brampton completely undeveloped; low hanging fruit areas that are easier to get done – to help build others buy-in; areas that are at risk of development and urban impact
  - Community foundations- funds to help build destinations, e.g. Signs, benches, landscape enhancements
  - A digital strategy – trail project outreach
  - Communication on all platforms
  - User-outreach
  - Buy into conservation and heritage education

## TABLE 5:

- **Support:**
  - Strong support for the concept
  - Envisioning a walking trail that could be separated to allow biking or horseback riding
  - Non-motorized
  - Seasonal uses
  - Explain to other users wanting to use the site, e.g. dirt bikes

- May not be relevant to connect trail from top to bottom (focus on local areas)
- Watch the budget, e.g. ANSI may be more important
- Ideal to connect various communities
- **Obstacles:**
  - Development
  - Maintenance and contingency
  - Sustainability
  - Monitoring
  - Private property owners
  - Municipalities/regions may not feel responsible (economic development?)
  - Politicians need to answer to voters regarding how their money is spent
  - Trails may have to be treated like roads re: ongoing expenses, operations and rebuilding
- **Opportunities:**
  - Education
  - Exercise
  - Tourism
  - Economic development
- **Destinations and Connections:**
  - Allow stopping or tenting areas
  - Take the trail up to vantage points (look-outs, vistas)
  - Highlight First Nations
  - Don't ignore west and east from north to south
  - Facilitate access to local trails, areas
  - Connect to Grand Valley Trail (starts in Alton and down to the Grand)
  - Join trail to conservation areas or through
  - Mark parking areas, access areas, washrooms
  - Respect private and surrounding areas
  - Sign the local trails to guide off of the main trail, e.g. nodes
  - First Nations historical meeting place near Alton
  - Water tower in Erin
  - Create loops, e.g. cycling tour, e.g. Erin to Inglewood
  - Woolen Mill Conservation Area in Erin – footbridge needed
  - Clarify uses and how much access to the side of the river is accessible, e.g. can you tent on the shore of the river or tributary?
- **Guidance:**
  - Credit River Alliance, Vicki Barron, TRCA, GRCA, Upper Credit Naturalists Association
  - Envision who will ultimately use the trail – cyclers, hikers, Bruce Trail, Grand River Trail Organization
  - Reach out to Brampton groups where the major gap is – naturalists, hikers etc
  - Subdivision agreements, municipalities and planners

- Trail standards – natural verses paved will depend on location (urban verses rural)
- Ask local groups to submit their maps to the CVC
- Include snowmobiles re: trails in the winter
- Could have seasonal trails
- **Need to know:**
  - Find out if the Province is on board
  - Other trails that connect or can be examples, guides
  - Who is using trails now/user data, eg equestrian clubs (Headwaters Equine Group)
  - Local plans, developments

#### TABLE 6:

- **Support:**
  - Not intrusive
  - LID principles
  - Education – history/Culture/Nord systems
  - Connectivity
- **Obstacles:**
  - Landownership
  - Current uses
  - Political
- **Destinations:**
  - Trail loops
  - Identify adjacent trails
  - Links to community/commercial/transit/amenities
- **Special Interest:**
  - Fisheries
  - Heritage
  - Agriculture – local food, farm stewardship, overlooks
  - Geocaching
- **Guidance:**
  - Committees/working groups
  - Policy planning with planning staff
  - Agency roles and responsibilities
  - Trail builders
  - BIAs
  - Funding partners
  - EDO tourism
  - Accessibility
  - Mississauga – off road trail priority matrix (m. Gusche)

- Town of Caledon is allocating funding for an Archaeological Master Plan
- Bruce Trail Land Owner Relations and Trail Manuals

**TABLE 7:**

- **Support:**

- Altruism is unquestionable – no brainer
- Has to be funded
- Triggers that turn the public away - Liability
- Easement = opportunity
- Show how it benefits the average individual
- Land donation
- Property access
- Acquisition?
- Willingness
- Budget
- Greenbelt conflict – private landownership within the Greenbelt
- Peel greenlands securement fund – budget must be out there to acquire land
- Context as part of larger plan in each municipality
- Must be part of the active transportation plan

- **Destinations and Connections:**

- Features – archaeological sites
- Embleton Mill
- Huttonville – mill sites
- Radial railway line – remains that are there – line to Eldorado Park – Dances with Tommy Dorsey
- Rockwood
- Belfountain Estate
- Seiman property
- Saint Nirankari property
- Trails – waterfront
- Churchville
- Meadowvale Village
- Eldorado mill
- Trails – Homestead
- UCC Norval Outdoor
- Culham Trail
- Etobicoke Creek
- Chinguacousy
- Don Doan Trail

- Samuelson Trail
- TransCanada Trail
- Waterfront Trail
- **Guidance:**
  - Tourism – have washrooms, parking and signage
  - Build awareness through city council champions
  - Funding – raise diverse funds and get product donations
  - Tap into private funding
  - Offer incentives to developers and staff champions
  - Try to sell hard facts
  - Be specific
  - Dress normal when approaching potential donors
  - Have small group discussions with private property owners
  - Communicate to everyone – connectivity between all three municipalities
  - Build relationships and trust
- **Resources:**
  - Heritage heights
  - Greenway trail concept
  - Heritage Heights secondary planning documents
  - Already provided many
  - Huttonville from Wolfsden to ... (book reference – whole history here)
  - PAMA Pioneer Maps
  - City of Brampton online interactive maps
  - Old Maps Churchville
  - ROP Landowner Agreement
  - Mississauga – credit River (CRAMS) – ask Mark Howard
  - Natural Heritage and Urban forestry Strategy
  - CRPS
  - Official Plans
  - Meadowvale Village Heritage Conservation District
- **Need to Know:**
  - A lot of privately owned land
  - Tax incentives for purchase or license agreements
  - Include angling organizations
  - Private landowners needed in Brampton
  - Acquisition of private lands needs an intensive door-to-door initiative with each individual property owner receiving benefits
  - Work with City of Brampton – speak to City now
  - New Council – listening now
  - Tangible – show benefits to each and every constituent



- MMAH – Greenbelt Review – seek special exemptions for Greenbelt landowners along the Valley Trail (for example, permit multi-unit estate lots)
- Beware – not-friends-of-CVC – needs to be engaged (cross paths with)

## **APPENDIX D: OPENING REMARKS FROM CREDIT VALLEY CONSERVATION CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, DEB MARTIN-DOWNS**

“Good afternoon and allow me to welcome you to Credit Valley Trail Consortium Meeting. I am Deborah Martin-Downs, the CAO of Credit Valley Conservation.

Thank you for taking your time to join us today to discuss the Credit Valley Trail. For some of you this may be the first time you are hearing about the idea of a Credit Valley Trail – and for others you may be saying are we *still* talking about this?

So the idea of a credit valley trail is not a new one – and in fact the early pioneers and first nations would probably tell us they have already been there, done that – but a trail today just might have a different standard! As you will hear this afternoon, a concept for a trail from Port Credit to Orangeville was developed many years ago; but without a champion and some funding it has sat – waiting for the right time. I think that time is now – in 2 years it is the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Canada and what is more Canadian than a trail that follows the path of our history – both natural and cultural?

Susan Robertson of Credit Valley Heritage Society and Dave Beaton who you will hear from later, have been strong advocates for this project, and so much so that they has captured my imagination about what this could be and we incorporated this project in our recently minted Strategic Plan.

**One of our key goals is to *connect communities with nature to promote environmental awareness, appreciation and action.***

*We believe that the most powerful force for environmental protection is an informed and mobilized community. Connecting people with nature is the first step in demonstrating how a thriving environment is vital for their health, safety and wellbeing. Those connections build capacity and advocacy for our work in the community.*

*Through our work we seek to develop residents with a strong sense of place, a deep connection to the land they call home and an appreciation for the connection between nature and their wellbeing*

*A key direction in this goal is to Work with our partners to develop a Credit Valley Trail that connects the waterfront to the headwaters, celebrates our shared local history and creates a strong sense of place and emotional connection to the Credit River and its valley.*

Now – there is no budget yet .....but we will work on that!

A trail is more than just some limestone screenings and wayfaring signs. It is a green gym; it is destination in a tourism strategy; it is a history lesson; it provides access to natures’ art gallery; it is an active transportation corridor and perhaps most important – it is a constituency builder for the Credit River and the watershed. For much of my career, I have been involved with finding ways for the public to be engaged with the watershed so that they care about having access to the environment and equally

important - the quality of that environment as it influences their experience. We have a hard time doing what we do if no one cares!

I started my career encouraging urban fishing opportunities – you can't fish if the quality of the water is poor; later as a member of the Don Watershed regeneration council building community support for restoration initiatives; and now, as CVC, we are partner with the residents, private sector and municipalities to undertake a variety of stewardship, education and community projects that engage the residents and business and demonstrate improvement. Nowhere is this more evident than the Vicky Barron trail that has been built in partnership with CVC and the Friends of Island Lake.

Together we have raised over 2 million dollars to build over 10 km of trail around the conservation area including connecting bridges over the lake. 8 km is built and the last segment – to close the gap is underway now. If we can do it in Orangeville – we can tackle the rest of the watershed.

Thank you for coming today. I look forward to your contributions. Before I turn it over to Susan Robertson I want to take a moment to specially thank her for keeping the dream alive and getting us all together today. I would also like to thank Dave Beaton and a number of other staff at CVC for preparing the mapping and taking care of the logistics. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon."

# A VISION FOR THE CREDIT

the creation of a heritage tourism trail





# CREDIT VALLEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

**2008**

Barber Mill

**2012**

New mandate

cultural and natural heritage are linked.

# GOALS FOR THE CREDIT

Voice for protection of natural and cultural heritage

Champion for preservation and restoration of cultural heritage assets

Value natural and cultural environments and understand their interactions

Connect with residents and others to build a community of care for the watershed



# THE CREDIT

largest river in the GTA  
rapidly growing population  
rare cultural heritage  
abundant natural heritage  
regional and national trail networks  
outdoor rec hotspot



# SHARING THE RIVERS HIDDEN STORIES

more than a trail: a heritage destination



*Credit River Bridge 1909*

DONATED BY MRS. A. M. STINSON, PORT CREDIT



# BENEFITS

Conservation: stronger together.  
Larger linkages - bigger picture.  
Sustainable transportation.  
Connecting nature - culture - recreation.  
Celebrating the Credit.

"WATER IS AT  
THE VERY  
HEART OF  
ONTARIO'S  
TOURISM  
INDUSTRY"

DISCOVERING ONTARIO



A REPORT ON THE FUTURE OF TOURISM

# BUILDING UPON THE WORK OF OTHERS

CVC's Credit Valley Footpath Summary Report, 1998

CVC's Credit's Canadian Heritage River designation efforts

Caledon's Cultural Heritage Landscapes Inventory, 2009

Heritage research conducted by local heritage boards and societies

Mississauga's Credit River Parks Strategy 2014

Shared Path Discovery Walk, 2010

# THE SHARED PATH



# LAURA SECORD LEGACY TRAIL



Overview of the Five Stages of the Laura Secord Legacy Trail in the Niagara Region, Ontario



Trail Start Point (Laura Secord House) Trail End Point (DeCew House) Stage 1 Stage 2 Stage 3 Stage 4 Stage 5 Municipal Boundaries

The Friends of Laura Secord Created By: Lori Stepienik and Leah Berdovich Date: March 12, 2013 Projection: UTM NAD 1983 Zone 17N Sources: 2000 South Western Ontario Orthorectified Project (SVOOP) image; Niagara [dir photo]; 1:10,000; Northing Coordinates 4,782,570,117m to 4,772,555,830m, and Easting Coordinates 675,307,300m to 648,714,450m © 2012 - The Region, Municipality of Niagara, Bing Maps Aerial Imagery, 1:12,500; Living Atlas (© 2012 Esri), Version 10.0; Redback, GA; Governmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. 1992-2010, © 2010 - Microsoft Corporation



# adopted already

Brampton's Credit Valley Secondary Plan  
Caledon Tourism Strategy 2014  
CVC Strategic Plan 2014  
Halton Hills Cultural Master Plan, 2013  
Orangeville's Official Plan, 2013

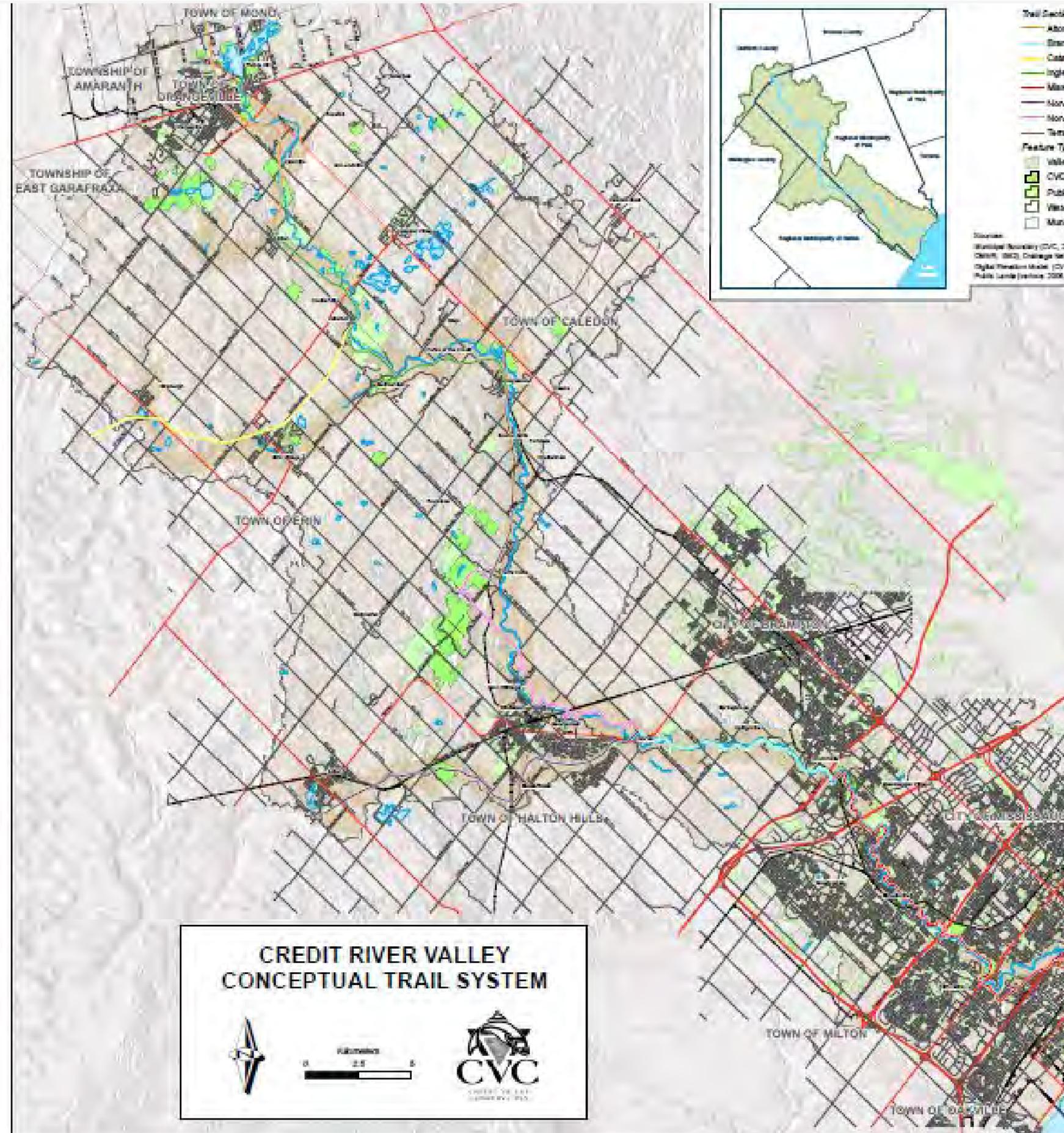


# DEVELOPING A COLLABORATIVE MASTER HERITAGE TRAIL PLAN



# preparing the plan

identify the optimal route  
find features of interest  
create destinations of choice  
share First Nations presence  
prepare a brand  
digitize it  
promote it



OPPORTUNITIES



TRAILS

NATURE

CULTURE

Bruce Trail	Badlands	Alton Mill
Elora Cataract	Forks of the Credit	Barber Mill
Greenbelt Walks	Port Credit	Belfountain
TransCanada Trail	Waterfalls	First Nations
Waterfront Trail	Willow Park	Scotsdale Farm

LINKAGES

# CHALLENGES

accessibility requirements  
brand identification of diverse trail network  
cross-jurisdictional planning  
funding and implementation  
private land ownership  
safety and site securement

# moving forward

steering committee formation  
sharing resources  
gathering data  
filling gaps  
compiling information  
grant writing



# THANK YOU



a sustainable watershed is within our reach.  
together, we can achieve it.



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**Making Connections:  
Past, Present, and Partnerships  
of the Credit Valley Trail**

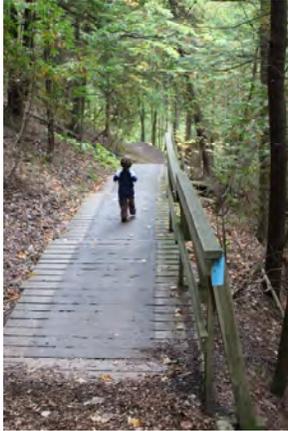
David Beaton



**Making Connections**

1. Why Trails Matter
2. A Long History
3. Progress to date
4. The time is right!
  - Credit Valley Strategic Plan
  - Greenbelt to Urban River Valley connection
  - Land Acquisition in Mississauga and Caledon
  - Secondary Plan development in City of Brampton
5. Closing the Gaps

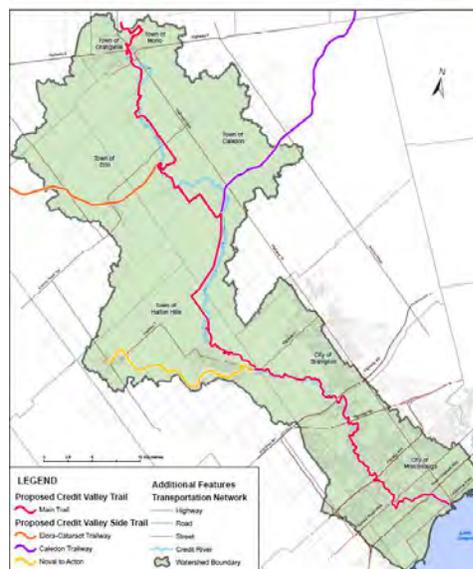
## Why Trails Matter



## Credit Valley Trail

The Credit Valley Trail will be the main thread in a tapestry of existing and new trails in the watershed, owned and managed by a variety of watershed groups. The single goal will be to provide opportunities for a wide range of residents and visitors to access, view and learn about the Credit River and its watershed, spanning from the Lake Ontario shoreline to the headwaters near Orangeville.

### Vision for the Credit Valley Trail



## History of the Credit Valley Trail

1956

- Credit Valley Scenic Drive & Conservation Trail

1970

- Credit Valley Footpath developed

1975

- Mississauga Forest & Land Acquisition Policy

1979

- Study of Open Space and Recreational Potential of the Credit River Valley

## History of the Credit Valley Trail

1986

- Caledon Credit Heritage Trail Committee formed

1986

- Credit Valley Trail RoP 86-378

1988

- Peel Region - RoP 88-306

1989

- Caledon Trailway bought

## History of the Credit Valley Trail

1991

- Elora Cataract Trailway bought

1993

- Credit Valley Trail Inventory

1994

- Elora Cataract Trailway Developed

1994

- Caledon Trailway Developed

## History of the Credit Valley Trail

1997

- TransCanada Trailway Elora Cataract - Caledon Trailway link working group

1998

- Watershed Partners Workshop

1998

- Credit Valley Trail Working Group

2001

- Draft of Credit Valley Trails Plan

## History of the Credit Valley Trail

2004

- Hungry Hollow Management Plan

2005

- Upper Credit Conservation Area formed

2011

- Canadian Heritage Rivers bid

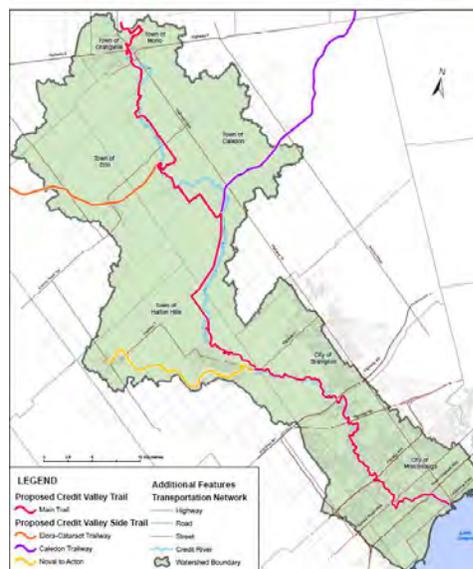
2013

- Credit River Parks Strategy Approved

## Credit Valley Trail

- Lake Ontario to Headwaters in Mono
- 113 km main trail as displayed
  - 72 km (64%) exists as part of existing trailways
- 56 km of 'Tributary Trails' within watershed (76% complete)
  - Norval to Acton (45% complete)
  - Caledon Trailway
  - Elora Cataract Trailway

### Vision for the Credit Valley Trail



Vision for the Credit Valley Trail  
City of Mississauga



## Mississauga

- Connection from Waterfront Trail in Mississauga to boundary of Brampton at 407
- Follows Culham Trail and Davidson Trail from Dundas Rd to 407
- Credit River Parks Strategy identifies trail segments on Harris Lands and future Sanford Farm acquisition



Legend		Additional Features	
<b>Proposed Credit Valley Main Trail</b>		Highway	N
Scoping	Proposed	Credit River	
<b>Other Trail Network</b>		CVC Properties	
Waterfront Trail		Public Lands	
		City of Mississauga	
		Watershed Boundary	

Source: City of Mississauga Parks Division (Fall, 2013 and Fall 2015), Credit River Parks Strategy (2012), City of Brampton Parks (Bathurst-Keele Park, Waterfront Trail) (December/January, 2014), Municipal Boundary (2012, 2014), Road Network (2012, 2013), OMAF, 2010; Public Lands Services, 2009, 2008, 2010.

## Port Credit & Connection to Waterfront Trail





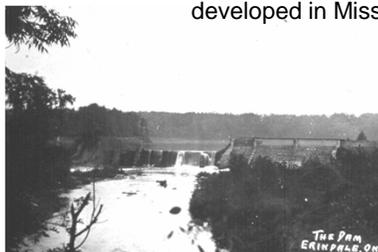
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# Credit Indian Reserve and Mission



## Erindale

- Toronto, Credit, Springfield, Springfield-on-the-Credit
- Erindale Park
- First portion of Culham trail developed in Mississauga



THE POND ERINDALE, ONT.



## ***Barberton***

- Barber Brothers and the Toronto Woollen Mills, McCarthy Milling



## ***Streetsville***



- Timothy Street & Mill Privileges
- Largest concentration of heritage buildings
- Gaps exist in the Culham trail south of Streetsville Memorial Park



## Meadowvale Village

- Est. c.1836
- Ontario's First Heritage Conservation District (1980)



## Brampton

- Connections from 407 to Norval
- Trail identified in Brampton's Pathways Master Plan
- Area slated for development
  - West of Mississauga Rd under Secondary Plan / Block Plan Pending
  - GTA West Corridor highway

### Vision for the Credit Valley Trail City of Brampton



Source: City of Brampton Trails Pathways Master Plan, 2005; City of Mississauga Trails (Region of Peel, Walk and Roll 2002); Credit Valley Trails Inventory 2012; Town of North York Trails (Town of York and Toronto, 2002); Metropolitan Brampton CVC, 2011; North York Parks & Recreation, 1983; Atkinson Land Inventory, 2006; 2009/2010.



## Churchville

- Amaziah Church
- Several mills sites,



## Huttonville

- Est. c.1825
- Wolf Den, Bully Hollow, Fountain Valley, Hutton's Mills





## Limehouse Conservation Area

### Powder House Restoration and Draw Kiln Stabilization



## Barber Dynamo (Georgetown)





## Terra Cotta

- Tucker's Mills, Salmonville
- Red Clay, Brickmaking, several mill sites



## Upper Watershed

- Connections from Terra Cotta to Island Lake in Mono
- 'Tributary Trails'
  - Elora Cataract Trailway
  - Caledon Trailway
- CVC Working on Upper Credit Conservation Area & Charles Sauriol Property

### Vision for the Credit Valley Trail Upper Watershed



Source: Town of Caledon (Region of Peel, Mark and Rich 2015); Town of Fisher Hills (Town of Fisher Hills Strategic Plan, 2011); City of Brantford (Brantford's Pathways Master Plan, 2008); Greenbelt Carling Place Community, 2010; Brantford (Brantford Trail Connectivity Study, Municipal Boundaries (CVC, 2015); Road Network (CVC, 2015); Google, 1982); Public Land (various, 2010, 2015); Grand Valley Trail (Region of Peel, Mark and Rich, 2015).



## Cheltenham

- Major flour mill, brickyard
- Charles Haines



## Boston Mills

- Caslor's Corners
- "The Road to Boston"



## *Inglewood*



- Corbett's Mills, Riverdale, Sligo
- Ken Whillan's Resource Management Area



## **Belfountain Conservation Area**

**Swing Bridge, Yellowstone Cave & 'Niagara falls' Dam  
Restored and Maintained**

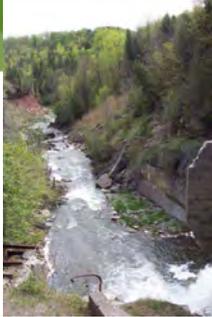


## ***Forks of the Credit***



- Adjuda, The Forks, etc.
- Famous for quarries, building stone, several mill sites

## ***Cataract***



- Gleniffer & Church's Falls

## Elora Cataract Trailway



## Alton

- Alton Grange Property
- Millcroft & Alton Mill
- Tourism Connections



## Upper Credit Conservation Area



## Island Lake Conservation Area



## Going forward...

- Partnership with Credit Valley Heritage Society
- Seek funding including Friends of the Greenbelt
- Establishing a steering committee to pursue a Credit Valley Trail Strategy
- Seek input from Heritage & Economic Advisors on key connections, and interpretive opportunities
- Work with Municipalities and trails groups to define a preferred route
- Work with Municipalities and trails groups to define an interim route
- Work with Municipalities and Region to explore opportunities for land securement with willing landowners along preferred route
- Define and build sections of the Credit Valley Trail on CVC property



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*Our Heritage to Conserve*



Credit Valley  
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## Credit Valley Trail – Present and Future Perspectives at CVC

Credit Valley Trail Consortium February 2015

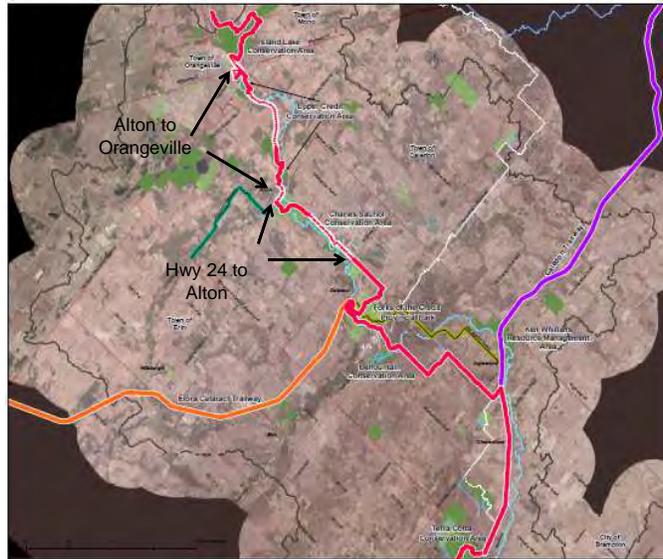


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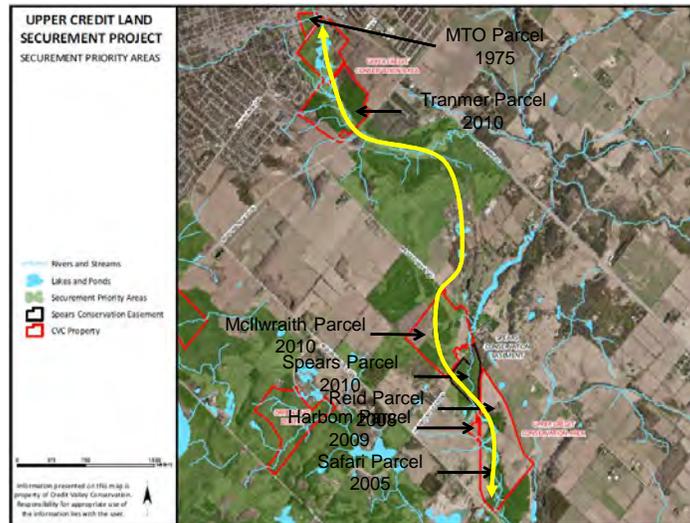
### What have you done for me lately?

- Municipalities, BTC all have trail plans, all supported by multiple mandates
- CVC has trails within CAs but no real mandate to develop a regional trail system within the watershed
- 2014 CVC Strategic Plan
- Land Acquisition – 2004 Greenlands Securement Strategy
- Management/Master Planning – 2012 Upper Credit CA; Future Plan for Charles Sauriol CA

## Upper Watershed



## Alton to Orangeville

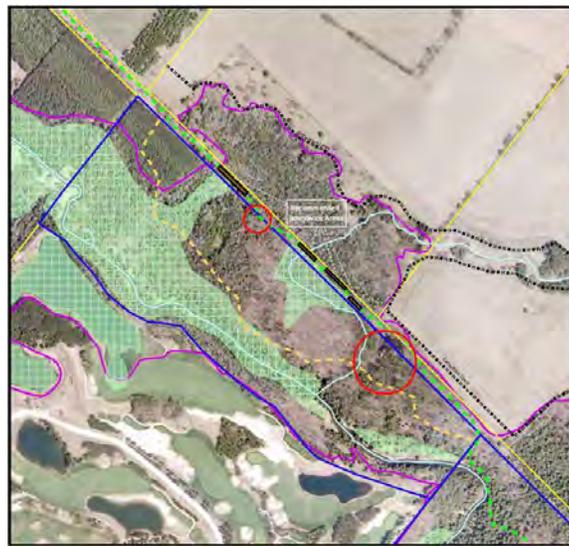


# Upper Credit CA Management Plan



- Upper Credit Watershed Profile
- Watering Trail
  - Arroyos/Drainage
  - Water Logging Pt.
  - Bridge
  - Streambank

# Highway 24 to Alton



CREDIT VALLEY CONSERVATION

### ALTON SIDE TRAIL REROUTE

Proposed Route in Northern Section

- Trail Reroute Proposed by CVC
- Potential localized Trail Reroute areas on CVC Land
- Alton Side Trail (Existing)
- CVC Property
- Calodon Parcels
- Rivers and Streams
- Elevation Contours (5m)
- Wetlands
- LSA

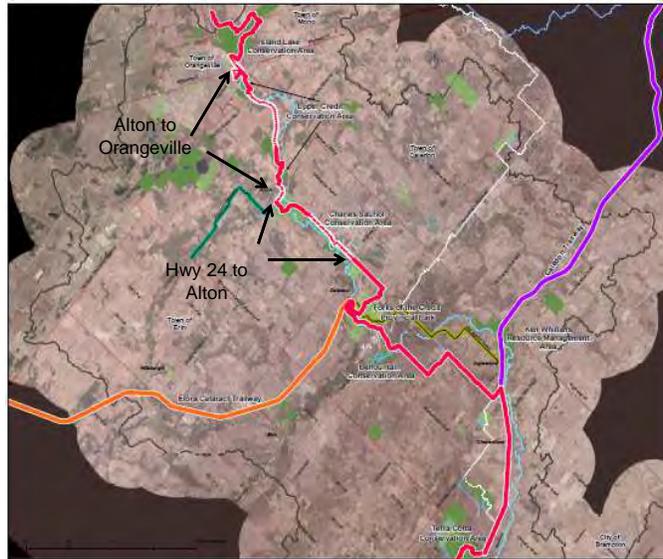
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Upper Watershed



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**APPENDIX H: TABLE OF TRAIL COMPLETE TO DATE**

Credit Valley Trail Metrics (km)							
Main Trail						% Complete	% Outstanding
	Existing	Proposed	Block Pending	Planned	TOTAL		
City Of Mississauga	13.99	14.51			28.50	0.49	0.51
City of Brampton	0.00	7.79	4.96		12.75	0.00	1.00
Town of Halton Hills	14.39	3.13			17.52	0.82	0.18
Town of Caledon	37.84	9.11			46.96	0.81	0.19
Town of Orangeville	0.77	1.55			2.33	0.33	0.67
Town of Mono	5.42				5.42	1.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72.42</b>	<b>36.10</b>	<b>4.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>113.48</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.36</b>
Side Trails						% Complete	% Outstanding
	Existing	Proposed	Block Pending	Planned	TOTAL		
Norval to Acton	10.29	1.28		12.00	23.57	0.44	0.56
Elora Cataract Trailway	14.14				14.14	1.00	0.00
Caledon Trailway	18.02				18.02	1.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42.46</b>	<b>1.28</b>		<b>12.00</b>	<b>55.73</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.24</b>
<b>Combined (Main + Tributary)</b>	<b>114.88</b>	<b>37.37</b>	<b>4.96</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>169.21</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.32</b>

## APPENDIX I: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

PARTICIPANT LIST					
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John	Brennan	Councillor, Town of Erin	Deborah	Martin-Downs	Credit Valley Conservation
Margie	Chung	Region of Peel	Andrew	McCammon	Ontario Headwaters Institute
Mary	Cooney	Alton Grange Association	Laura	McDonald	Credit Valley Conservation
Bill	Dinwoody	Town of Erin, Trails Committee	Rohit	Mehta	Credit Valley Conservation Foundation
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Brenda	Dolling	Whole Village Farm Co-op	Bill	Mungall	Hike Ontario
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