



Notice of Completion Oxford County Trails Master Plan

In May 2013, Oxford County commenced the development of a County-wide Trails Master Plan consistent with Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. Master Plans are long-range plans that integrate infrastructure requirements for existing and future land uses with environmental assessment principles. While the Master Plan addresses need and justification at a broad level, more detailed studies related to some infrastructure components of the Master Plan are expected to be undertaken at a later date as part of Municipal Class EAs for other County and Local municipal infrastructure projects.

The plan is intended to be used as a flexible blueprint which can be used to guide future trail development, operation and maintenance throughout the County over the next 20+ years. Since this time, the County has worked with the project steering committee, members of the public, local stakeholders and the consulting team from MMM Group to:

- Document and map existing trails and their unique features, including opportunities and barriers to trail development;
- Review local policies and plans that influence trail development;
- Review success stories in other communities;
- Recommend a County-wide trails network, including on and off-road routes;
- Identify future plans for continuing to consult with the public, local stakeholders, interest groups and public agencies in the future; and
- Identify marketing, promotion, and partnership strategies.

To develop the master plan, the study team completed a public and stakeholder consultation strategy which included public information centres, steering committee meetings and the attendance at local events to promote the study. Public meetings were held on November 28 and December 4, 2013 at the Oxford County Administration Building and the Tillsonburg Community Centre, respectively to present the findings of the study and the recommended preferred routes, as well to receive public input. Public and agency comments have been received and incorporated into the planning of this Trails Master Plan.

By this notice, the Draft Trails Master Plan will be placed on the County website at <http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/Your-Government/Speak-up-Oxford/Campaign-Details/ArticleId/1881/Trails-Master-Plan> and on public record for thirty (30) calendar days, to be reviewed by the public or any other interested party at the following locations:

County of Oxford
Customer Service Desk
21 Reeve Street
Woodstock, Ontario
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

City of Woodstock
Customer Service Desk
500 Dundas Street
Woodstock, Ontario
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

Town of Tillsonburg
Customer Service Centre
10 Lisgar Avenue
Tillsonburg, Ontario
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

Town of Ingersoll
130 Oxford Street, 2nd Floor
Ingersoll, Ontario
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

Township of Blandford -
Blenheim
47 Wilmot Street
Drumbo, Ontario
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Township of East Zorra-
Tavistock
90 Loveys Street East
Hickson, Ontario
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

Township of Zorra
274620 27th Line
Ingersoll, Ontario
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

Township of Norwich
210 Main Street East
Otterville, Ontario
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

Township of South -West Oxford
312915 Dereham Line
Mount Elgin, Ontario
Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Moving forward, how can you stay involved? Trail design and development will be an ongoing initiative throughout the County. It will take the help of the community to continue the momentum this master plan has created. You are encouraged to participate where and when you can with trail related projects through the Oxford County Trails Council – (<http://oxfordcountytrailsCouncil.com/>) For additional details or questions regarding the trails master plan report please contact either of the study representatives noted below.

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