Preserve a beloved Public Trail - a request to keep Alice Street road allowance a public naturalised trail

> Sarah Waggott (full time resident) Meeting date: Dec 2 2024

Click here to see a

video walk through

of the trail

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/O9D8o9BF6kA

#### Beaver River Interactive Trail Tour

Thornburg

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Beaver St -

Moreau Park

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## Trails The Blue Mountains Network

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#### WEST REGION TRAILS

**BEAVER RIVER TRAIL** (9 parts) - Grey St. S – Arthur Taylor Ln (Access from Alice St. E)

#### 0.6 Km & approximately 825 steps

AMENITIES:

- Stationary table
- 2 Interpretive signs
- Poop & Scoop Bags
- Bird boxes

- Limestone Pathway
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Bird watching

#### Section 1.5.1 of the Provincial Planning Policy States:

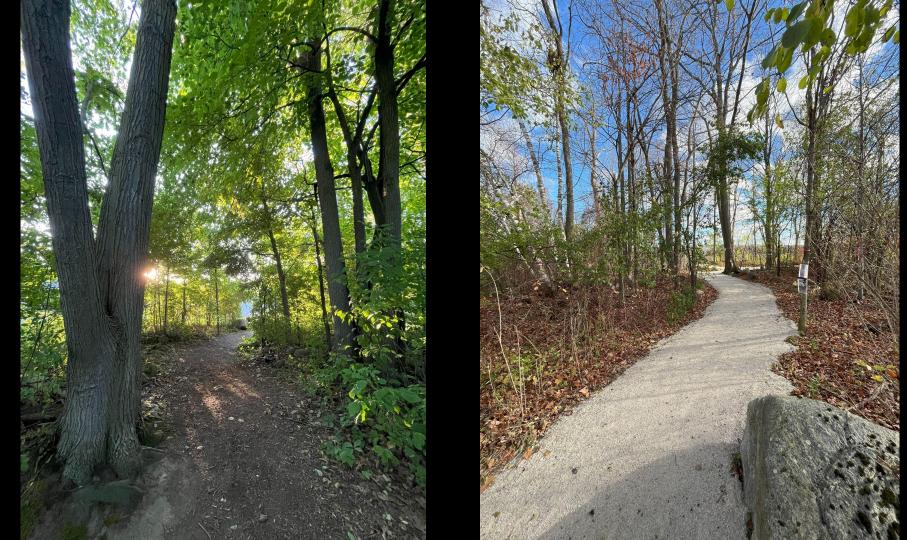
Healthy, active communities should be promoted by Municipalities by: a) planning public streets, spaces and facilities to be safe, meet the needs of pedestrians, foster social interaction and facilitate active transportation and community connectivity;

And planners should "provide for a full range and equitable distribution of publicly accessible built and natural settings for recreation, including ..., parklands, public spaces, open space areas, trails and linkages. In A3.2.2 of the Official Plan under The Natural Environment strategic objectives it states; we will "Ensure that an understanding of the natural environment ... guides land use decision-making in the Town."

In A3.1.2 of the Official Plan under The Sustainability strategic objectives it states; we will "Develop design standards that encourage the use of natural and/or naturalized landscapes in new developments to improve air quality throughout the community." In A3.4.2 of the Official Plan under The Urban Community Character strategic objective it states: "Communities should be planned to "Foster a sense of civic identity through a high standard of community design in all future development that considers: • a well-defined public realm, including an interconnected open space network; and a pedestrian oriented development pattern."

In A1.1.6 of the Official Plan under Community Vision guiding principals it states; we will "protect natural heritage features and areas and their associated ecological functions so that they can be enjoyed by current and future generations, and serve as a legacy of the community's desire to protect their role and function."





#### Preserve the Beaver River Trail in Thornbury, ON, Canada



Started July 17, 2024 Petition to Thornbury M

Thornbury Municipal Government

#### Why this petition matters



Started by **SWaggott** 

#### Media inquiries

#### The Beaver River Trail is under threat!

The section of the trail that runs through the eastern neighbourhood of Thornbury (near the water treatment plant) is rich with a mature tree canopy. It is one of the few sections of this trail that is off-road and offers a shaded refuge, calm and safe from cars. Many residents of this neighbourhood use this trail for their daily activities like walking their dogs, while others from across Thornbury and Clarksburg use it as a means of active transportation to the town center. Beyond its human usage, the trail is also a natural abode to diverse bird, animal, and plant species.



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- Explore the permanent closure of Alice Street East road allowance
- Assume the unopened road allowance as part of the Town's trail network



















