



- Charitable program launched in TBM, July 2020
- Specialized arborist conservation care provided to 11 trees, all more than 100 years old; smaller saplings planted to eventually take over
- Sapling and larger tree plantings along Georgian Trail and in Heritage, Delphi Point and Nipissing Ridge Parks
- Native tree seed/sapling nursery started 2021
- Extensive community support for Trees! (citizens, Town, NGO's and businesses)





TBM Residents have repeatedly expressed their support for preservation of our natural spaces:

- Continued and extensive support of Tree Trust TBM programs and events
- 73 % support tree protection (Public Survey, related to proposed Tree Preservation By Law)

Policy documents: The Blue Mountains Sustainable Path ,The Blue Mountains Future Story, The Natural Heritage Study and Natural Asset Inventory, The Town Vision from 2010:

*“We are a connected and caring community that blends our heritage with a thriving diverse economy **based on the continual preservation and protection of nature....The Blue Mountains is a community that...supports the protection of our natural and rural resources”***



We must be diligent to avoid:

- The destruction of established, healthy ecosystem, anchored by mature trees on town land. Established ecosystems provides habitat for wildlife, sequesters carbon, filters particulates, filters and regulates rain and storm water and provides much needed shade in a warming climate
- The removal of established, mature trees that provide tremendous ecological, recreational and esthetic value to TBM residents
- Negatively affecting Natural Area Patch Size and Natural Area Patch Shape as outlined in the Natural Asset Inventory and Natural Heritage Study by removing sections of natural areas

TOWN TRAILS AND AMENITIES

The Town of The Blue Mountains trail and amenities inventory was updated in 2020. The total distance of trails in The Blue Mountains including Crown, agency, developer and unassumed trail is 313.50 km. The Total distance of Town owned, and managed trail is 44.17 km.

Trail addresses identified are the closest civic address or are the actual civic address near the trail crossing or head of the trail.

Distance was calculated in two ways: walking the trail with a pedometer to track the distance travelled and driving the “road” sections, while tracking KM. The road sections don’t have approximate steps taken.



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







At a September 30 Council Meeting, Tree Trust TBM requested that Council protect our trail network and protect trees and natural areas on community-owned property.

This resulted in passage of the following motion:

Council directs staff to provide a staff report to consider the process of a Council review to protect trees on Town-owned property.



At this time, in the absence of a report or concrete policy development related to this motion, Tree Trust requests that Council Review as suggested in this motion *commence with the Alice Street East Road Allowance so as to protect the Beaver River Trail from a potential immediate threat.*



In order to secure the trail access in the long term: Tree Trust recommends that Council and staff explore the permanent closure of the Alice Street East Road allowance and formally declare this as part of the Town's trail network.



THANK YOU