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UPDATE ON THE GREENLANDS TRAILS CONCEPT STUDY

The Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

- 1. Receipt of the presentation by Laura Atkins-Paul, Senior Planner, Long Range and Strategic Planning; and**
- 2. Adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report dated November 23, 2011, from the Acting Commissioner of Planning and Development Services, subject to amending recommendation 2 to read as follows:**
 - 2. Copies of this report be forwarded by the Regional Clerk to the Clerks of the local municipalities in York Region, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority encouraging comments by the end of February, 2012.**

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Staff be directed to work with the local municipalities, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to develop a Terms of Reference for a Greenlands Trails Strategy.
2. Copies of this report be forwarded by the Regional Clerk to the Clerks of the local municipalities in York Region, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this staff report is to:

1. Provide a summary of the updated Greenlands Trails Concept Study.
2. Summarize the feedback received from Regional stakeholders and partners of the Greenlands Trails Concept Study report.
3. Outline next steps to move forward with a Greenlands Trails Strategy.

3. BACKGROUND

York Region has a history of taking a comprehensive view towards natural heritage system planning

York Region is fortunate to have approximately 786 kilometres of trails, both on- and off-road. Local municipalities in York Region and other trail groups are involved in providing trails throughout the Region, including the Nokiidaa Trail System that links Aurora, Newmarket, and East Gwillimbury and the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail being developed by the Oak Ridges Trail Association.

Under the Province's *Places to Grow Plan*, the Region is anticipating growth to 1.5 million residents, 780,000 jobs, and approximately 500,000 households by 2031. This growth will place significant pressure on our natural, social, and economic resources.

The 1994 York Regional Official Plan established a linked Greenlands System concept for the Region. Since that time a number of regional documents have promoted and reinforced the concept of a permanent, linked Greenlands System that supports healthy communities and provides recreational opportunities in the natural environment:

- In 2001, Regional Council adopted the *Regional Greening Strategy* and *Land Securement Strategy* with funding for land acquisitions, and established the Securement Coordination Committee to help co-ordinate securement efforts amongst the Region's partners.
- In 2002, Vision 2026 reinforced the promotion of a permanent linked Greenlands System as an action area.
- In January 2008, Regional Council endorsed the *Final Natural Heritage Strategic Directions Paper*, which called for the establishment of a Greenlands Trails System and recommended the Region undertake a study to define a Regional Trail connected through the Region's Natural Heritage System and to existing regional and inter-regional trails.
- The new *Regional Official Plan 2010* and Vision 2051 also commit to the creation of a Greenlands Trails System.

Draft 2009 Greenlands Trails Concept study explored concept of a connected system of trails through the Region's Greenlands System

York Region worked in partnership with the MMM Group to prepare a draft York Region Greenlands Trails Concept Study, which was undertaken in 2009 to explore the concept of a Greenlands Trails System, as well as to determine the role of the Region in regional trail planning and development.

Consultations were held at that time with stakeholders including the conservation authorities, local municipalities, local trail groups, including the Oak Ridges Moraine and Nokiidaa Trail Associations, the York Region Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan Public Advisory Committee, and the Ontario Trails Association.

The need for a connected, Greenlands Trails System was supported during consultations for the draft study, as well as during consultations for other Regional initiatives, including the Region's *Growth Management Strategy*, York Region's *Sustainability Strategy*, and the Region's *Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan*.

In June of 2011, staff received Regional Council approval to consult on an updated Regional Greenlands Trails Concept Study and to report back in the fall of 2011.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The Region is already involved in Regional Trails Provision

The Region has been involved in a number of initiatives that support and provide excellent alignment with a Greenlands Trails System including:

- The Southeast Collector trail system in Bob Hunter Park
- *Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan* funding for trail connections with transit
- Funding of the Nokiidaa Trail and local municipal connections with Regional pedestrian, cycling and transit systems
- Funding of Oak Ridges Moraine Trail connections including a signalized crossing

Furthermore, the Region is already providing similar trails funding through the Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan's Municipal Partnership Funding Program, and through the Greenlands Securement Strategy.

Continued strong support exists for a Regional role in a Greenlands Trails System

Working again with the MMM Group, Regional Staff updated the 2009 Regional Trails Concept study with new information and again consulted with local municipalities and conservation authorities on October 24, 2011, and with trails stakeholder groups on November 3, 2011.

The updated study brought forward a number of specific recommendations (*see Attachment 1*). Local municipalities and our partner conservation authorities and trails stakeholders continue to support a Regional role in the coordination of a Greenlands Trails System. In addition, some local municipalities, the Toronto and Region

Conservation Authority and the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee sent letters of support for the Study's directions.

Specifically, they indicated that the Region could play a role in:

- Coordination of cross-boundary and local trail connections as part of a larger system
- Coordinating and leveraging funding including third party funding, and provincial and federal funds
- Establishing Regional criteria for trail standards
- Playing a pivotal role in negotiating consistent approaches to trails connections with external agencies such as the Ministry of Transportation, CN and CP, the TransCanada Pipeline etc
- Providing greater public education on York Region's Greenlands natural heritage system and First Nations historic sites

Funding Options for Greenlands Trails System

The *Greenlands Trails Concept Study* looks at the roles that local municipalities and other Regions' play in trail planning and development, and funding opportunities should the Region decide to play a leadership and coordinator role in the planning and development of a Greenlands Trails System.

The *Study* recommends that the development and implementation of a Greenlands Trails System take place as a complimentary component of the Region's award-winning *Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan*. Combining the programs could extend available funding, based upon suitably established criteria for Greenlands Trails System.

York Region does not generally own the land on which trails would be established. However, the Region could play an effective role in assisting in the coordination of funding applications between trails partners and/or providing funding through partnership agreements with stakeholders in trail development. This would demonstrate the Region's commitment to establishing a Greenlands Trails System.

The Region can also leverage external funding opportunities through the provincial and federal governments and corporate or private sector grant programs, a practical requirement that ensures value.

Benefits of a Regional Greenlands Trails System Strategy

There is a strong link between the creation of a Regional natural heritage trails system and the existing *York Region Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan*, and the Municipal Partnership Funding program. A Regional Greenlands System Strategy will integrate and strengthen these linkages. There is also an opportunity to link a Regional trail system to adjacent municipalities including the City of Toronto and the Regions of Durham, Peel

and the County of Simcoe through linkages such as the existing Nokiidaa and Oak Ridges Moraine Trail systems.

The proposed Regional Greenlands Trail Strategy will:

- Identify strategic ways in which a natural heritage trails program can complement and assist in implementing the Greening Strategy and infrastructure master plans in concert with the Region's other ongoing natural heritage initiatives
- Build on and help coordinate existing Regional involvement in these trails
- Identify economic development and eco-tourism benefits
- Build on York Region's award winning image as a healthy and sustainable place to live and work

Process Timing and Next Steps

Regional Staff recommend that a Terms of Reference be prepared, in consultation with local municipalities, conservation authorities and trails stakeholders, to move forward with a Greenlands Trails System Strategy.

Key additional components of the Greenland Trails System Strategy that will be completed include:

- Clarification of the specific role the Region will play
- Identification and prioritization of potential trail linkages
- Identify trail systems priorities and surface options
- Outline potential regional funding options, including a Regional partnership funding program under the existing Municipal Partnership Funding Program
- Identify other funding programs and partners e.g., Province, Federal governments

Regional Staff will also explore partnership funding opportunities for the preparation of a Greenlands Trails System Strategy and bring the completed Greenlands Trail System Strategy back to Committee and Council in 2012.

Link to Key Council-approved Plans

This study helps in further implementing the Vision 2026 action areas of promoting a permanent linked Greenlands System, and balancing growth with the environment as well as the Regional Official Plan 2010 policies that support working with local municipalities, conservation authorities and trail organizations on initiatives that contribute to, or complement, the creation of a Regional Greenlands Trails System network.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This study was completed in 2009 for \$35,000 out of a total budget of \$45,000. The study was updated and finalized in 2011 with in the remaining budget of \$10,000. It is anticipated that completion of the Greenlands Trails Strategy will cost an additional \$20,000 to \$30,000.

The 10 year capital budget forecast for 2011 includes an estimated expenditure of \$6.5M (over 10 years) for implementing the *Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan* through the policies adopted by Council in April 2008. This source of funding is expected to be extended to include Greenlands Trails Strategy implementation.

The Region is already providing \$500,000 annually for Pedestrian and Cycling facilities, which includes funding for trails, through the Municipal Partnership Funding Program.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Local municipalities continue to be key stakeholders in the preparation of a Greenlands Trails System Strategy. Individual meetings and a municipal workshop were held to gain input on the initial study. Feedback from recent consultation with local municipalities is included in this report. Local municipalities will continue to be involved extensively and Regional Staff will continue their dialogue with local municipal staff during the process of preparing a Greenlands Trails System Strategy.

7. CONCLUSION

The Greenlands Trails Concept Study (*Attachment 1*) concludes that York Region has an important role to play, in partnership with local municipalities, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority. This role involves coordinating the development of a Greenlands Trails System that supports the Regional Greenlands System and compliments the York Region *Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan*, as well as the Region's *Natural Heritage Strategic Directions Paper*.

To date, our partner local municipalities, Conservation Authorities and stakeholders have told us that the Region has a strong role to play in the coordination of trails provision, facilitating trails approvals, and funding for the development of a Greenlands Trails System, and the development of a Regional standard for a Greenlands Trails System in the Region.

To a large extent the Region is already involved in natural heritage trail coordination and funding for initiatives like the Southeast Collector trail system in Bob Hunter Park, *Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan* funding for trail connections with transit, and

funding of Nokiidaa and Oak Ridges Moraine Trail connections to ensure local municipal connections with Regional pedestrian, cycling and transit systems.

Following the approval of the Greenlands Trails Concept Report and recommendations (*Attachment 1*), Staff suggest that a Terms of Reference be prepared, in consultation with local municipalities, conservation authorities and trails stakeholders, to move forward with a Greenlands Trails System Strategy which will also recommend funding options to augment the existing Municipal Partnership Funding program.

Staff will also explore partnership funding opportunities for the preparation of a Greenlands Trails System Strategy and report back to Regional Council on progress in 2012 and recommended steps forward.

For more information on this report, please contact Laura Atkins-Paul, Senior Planner at 905-830-4444 ext 1534 or Paul Bottomley, Acting Director of Long Range and Strategic Planning at ext. 1530.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause is attached to this report.)



Greenlands Trails Concept Study

Presentation to Planning and
Economic Development
Committee

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November 30, 2011

York Region's Comprehensive View of Greenlands System Planning



- Regional documents promote linked Greenlands Concept:
 - 1994 Regional Official Plan
 - 2001 Greening and Land Securement Strategies
 - 2008 Natural Heritage Strategic Directions Paper
 - 2010 ROP, Vision 2026, Vision 2051
- 786 km of trails exist in York



2009 Draft Greenlands Trails Concept Study explored a concept trail system

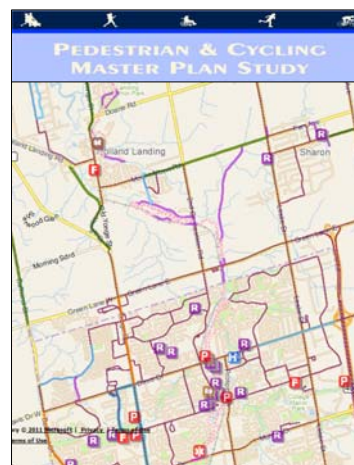


- ❑ 2009 draft feasibility study updated in 2011.
- ❑ Study identifies natural corridors, existing trails, where new/expanded trails could be considered.
- ❑ Explored potential roles of the Region.
- ❑ Proposed selection and design tool.

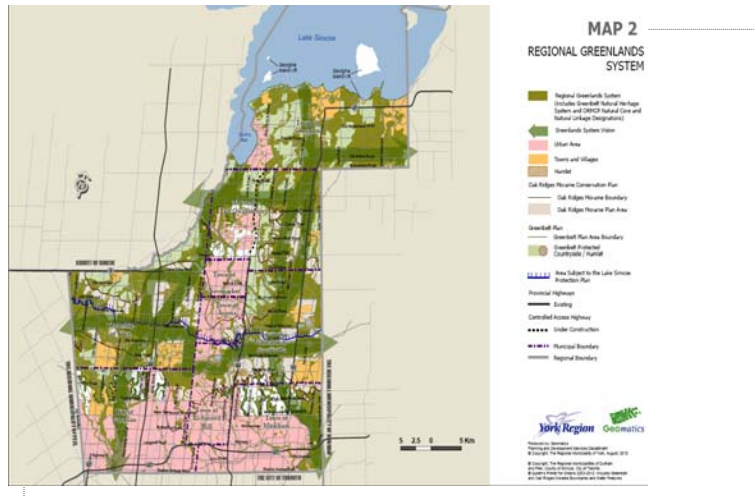
Exploring the Region's Role



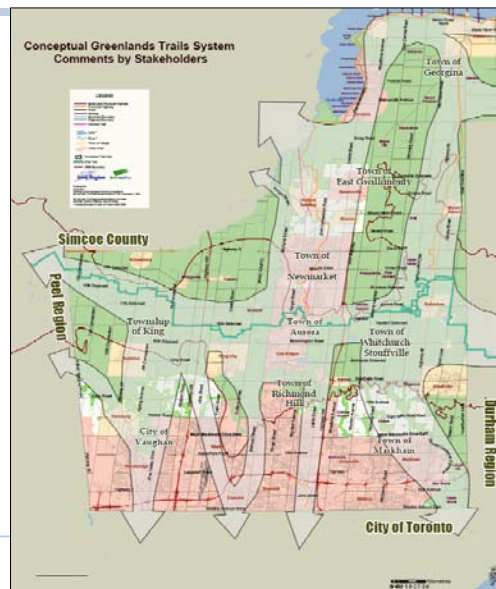
- ❑ Region Trails work, e.g. Southeast Collector and Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan Partnership funding: linking Nokiidaa Trail.
- ❑ Unanimous support from partners for leadership role in developing regional-scale network.
- ❑ Strong role in coordinating network, funding, connecting existing trails, addressing barriers and establishing regional trail standards.



Regional Greenlands System



Conceptual Greenlands Trails System Linkages



Regional Role built on existing initiatives and involvement



- ❑ Build on and help coordinate existing involvement.
- ❑ Focus on trails of Regional significance.
- ❑ Coordination, leadership, seed capital funding - not operational.
- ❑ Trails program will complement/complete Greening Strategy, Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan and infrastructure master plans.

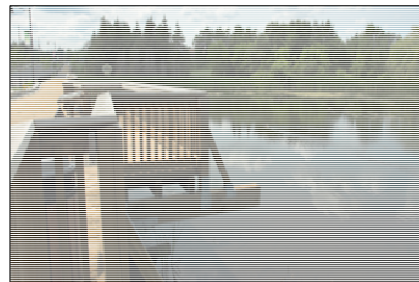


Key Draft Study Recommendations



Play a coordination role

- ❑ Prepare a Regional-scale trail network strategy to:
 - ❑ Identify strategic linkages
 - ❑ Coordinate Regional trails initiatives
 - ❑ Identify economic and eco-tourism benefits
 - ❑ Build on Region's award winning image as a healthy and sustainable place to live and work



Key Draft Study Recommendations Cont'd



Funding Options

- ❑ Explore funding partnerships to develop a Regional-scale trail network:
 - ❑ As a Complimentary component of the Region's *Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan*.
 - ❑ Coordinating and leveraging third party, provincial and federal funding.
 - ❑ Assisting in coordinating funding applications between trails partners.
 - ❑ Provide funding through partnership agreements with stakeholders.

Next steps



- ❑ Prepare Terms of Reference for a Greenlands Trails System Strategy in consultation with stakeholders:
 - ❑ Clarification the Regional role.
 - ❑ Identification and prioritization of potential trail linkages.
 - ❑ Identify trail systems priorities and surface options.
- ❑ Explore funding opportunities for the preparation of a Greenlands Trails System Strategy.
- ❑ Update to PEDC and Council in early 2012.



Committee Report Recommendations

- ❑ Staff be directed to work with the local municipalities, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to develop a Terms of Reference for a Greenlands Trails Strategy.
- ❑ Copies of this report be forwarded by the Regional Clerk to the Clerks of the local municipalities in York Region, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority.



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November 2011

Executive Summary

The development of a York Region Greenlands Trails System is key to ensuring that the Region builds on its award winning image as a healthy and sustainable place to live and work.

York Region is rich in natural areas that can facilitate opportunities for walking, hiking, cycling, and other outdoor activities that are a part of a healthy, active lifestyle. These natural areas include the shores of Lake Simcoe, the major valleys of the Humber, Don, Rouge, Black, Holland and Maskinonge Rivers, the extensive woodlands, wetlands, and the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Together, these natural areas and others form the Regional Greenlands System that covers 69% of York Region's land area and connects to a larger landscape system that extends across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, Ontario, and North America. The Regional Greenlands System was established in 1994 to protect York Region's natural heritage as a permanent legacy for future generations.

York Region currently contains an impressive 786 kilometres of trails. Trails are present in every local municipality in York Region and supported by agencies both within and outside the Region, as well as various organizations and the Province of Ontario.

Each of York Region's nine municipalities is very active in providing many of these trails, both on- and off-road. There are also several organizations involved in providing trails in the Region, including the Nokiidaa Trail system that links Aurora, Newmarket, and East Gwillimbury and the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail being developed by the Oak Ridges Trail Association. Trails in York Region are popular destinations and demand is increasing at the regional and local levels to improve and expand these trails and, more importantly, to connect them.

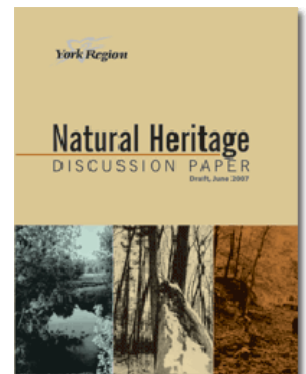
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Furthermore, the Region is already providing similar trails funding through the Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan's Municipal Partnership Funding Program, and through the Greenlands Securement Strategy.

This Greenlands Trails System Concept Study is based on the following vision and set of goals, which will guide the development of this concept study and a future Greenlands Trails System Strategy. The vision was developed for the Region's *Natural Heritage Discussion Paper*

The concept of a connected, Greenlands Trails System has been suggested by stakeholders and residents during consultations for ongoing initiatives that are



part of the York Region *Planning for Tomorrow* - the Region's Growth Management exercise, *the Regional Official Plan 2010*, and the Region's *Sustainability Strategy*.

Trails are consistently identified by residents in York Region as one of the top five recreational amenities provided by local municipalities. Trails are highly valued by residents and are one of the top features that people are seeking when moving to a new community.

A more active, healthier population that walks and cycles on a trail system integrated with other transportation infrastructure will produce economic benefits that spread over the entire Region. Trails also provide benefits to the local economy and tourism.

The Greenlands Trails System Concept Study was prepared in response to such suggestions and in response to the policies of the *York Region Official Plan 2010* and the recommended actions of the *Natural Heritage Strategic Directions Paper*, which call for the development of a Greenlands Trails System. The Region's *Natural Heritage Discussion Paper* established the vision for the Greenlands Trails System Concept Study, which is "to create a Greenlands Trails System that connects local municipal trail systems, and provides residents with the opportunity to experience the Greenlands System throughout York Region."

The Greenlands Trails System Concept Study recommends that the development and implementation of a Greenlands Trails System take place as a complimentary component of the Region's award-winning *Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan* (PCMP), which provides a guide to improve both pedestrian and cycling environments that support and promote alternative modes of active transportation that will result in more liveable, walkable communities.

Specifically, the proposed Regional Greenlands Trail Strategy will:

- Clarify the specific role the Region will play in coordinating Greenland System Trails.
- Identify and prioritize Greenlands System and Trail linkages.
- Outline proposed funding options, including a Regional partnership funding program under the existing Municipal Partnership Funding Program.
- Identify trails system users and surfacing options.
- Explore existing external funding programs augmented by infrastructure project funding.
- Build on and help coordinate existing Regional involvement in trails.
- Identify economic development and eco-tourism benefits.
- Build on York Region's award winning image as a healthy and sustainable place to live and work.



Recommended Actions and Next Steps

The following is a consolidated list of the recommended actions made throughout The Greenlands Trails System Concept Study. The recommendations are outlined in order of appearance and categorized by theme.

Sustainable Communities

Report Recommendation 1:

York Region should coordinate and lead, in partnership with local municipalities and Conservation Authorities, the development of a Greenlands Trails System.

This would support and enhance the sustainability of communities throughout York Region, consistent with the Region's Sustainability Strategy, Official Plan 2010 and Natural Heritage Strategic Directions and their focus on a sustainable natural environment, healthy communities, and a vibrant economy.

Exploring and Preserving York Region's Natural Heritage

Report Recommendation 2:

York Region should coordinate, the development of a Greenlands Trails System that supports the Region's Natural Heritage Strategy in partnership with local municipalities and conservation authorities, to further promote the exploration and preservation of natural heritage in concert with the Region's other ongoing natural heritage initiatives.

Education

Report Recommendation 3:

York Region should continue leading and coordinating, in partnership with local municipalities, the development of a Greenlands Trails System that creates opportunities to educate the public about trails and about York Region's natural environment and cultural heritage, and is consistent with the Region's Greening Strategy and its focus on education and promotion which is also supported by the Natural Heritage Strategic Directions paper through Action Area 8: Awareness and Dialogue.

Report Recommendation 4:

The design guidelines identified for the York Region Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan (PCMP) as well as other local municipal trail, pedestrian, or cycling plans should be considered by the Region and its local municipalities as trail education materials are developed, particularly for those that specifically target children and youth.

Report Recommendation 5:

York Region and local municipalities should continue to educate children on the use of sustainable modes and trail use (where available) so they may be more inclined to choose active modes for recreational purposes later in life.

Report Recommendation 6:

York Region should develop and distribute newsletters and / or digital newsletters to promote and educate the public on trail opportunities, recommendations for routes and destinations and updates on available and safe routes.

Report Recommendation 7:

York Region should continue to utilize educational programming and materials to promote and inform people of the benefits of active lifestyles and trail use including health, environment, economic, and tourism throughout the Region.

Marketing

Report Recommendation 8:

The Region should explore and apply principles of Community-Based Social Marketing (CBSM) in its marketing and promotional efforts related to the York Region Greenlands Trails System Study.

Coordination

Report Recommendation 9:

The Region should continue to work with local municipalities, cycling and trail promotion agencies and committees to promote trail activities through the update and production of trail maps. The Region should work with local trails groups to consider updating the map once every two years to ensure new routes and connections are illustrated.

Report Recommendation 10:

The Region and local municipalities should make the development of end-of-trip facilities a priority during the planning and implementation of trail facilities and routing.

Report Recommendation 11:

York Region should consider leading, in coordination with local municipalities, the development of a Greenlands Trails System to contribute to liveable, walkable communities throughout York Region, consistent with the Region's Sustainability Strategy and Regional Official Plan 2010 and their focus on healthy communities.

Report Recommendation 12:

York Region should explore options for a role as coordinator in partnership with adjacent municipalities in the development of an inter-Regional linked Greenlands Trails System.

Funding

Report Recommendation 13:

York Region should explore opportunities to coordinate trail partnership funding applications and/or funding partnerships in addition to the Municipal Partnership Program for the development of a Greenlands Trails System, with local municipalities, the Toronto Region Conservation Authority, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, as well as fostering stronger partnerships with other stakeholders.

Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan

Report Recommendation 14:

York Region should coordinate and lead, in partnership with local municipalities and Conservation Authorities, the development of a Greenlands Trails System under the umbrella of the Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan, and responds to the PCMP's Public Advisory Committee's support for York Region taking on a leadership role in coordinating the development of a Greenlands Trails System with a focus on natural heritage corridors.

Corridor and Trail Route Selection Criteria

Report Recommendation 15:

The draft trail corridor selection and development criteria provide a basis for defining trails at a high level. These principles should be used for guidance when alignment of individual trails routes is being defined and when corridor modifications are being contemplated. These criteria are in draft form and may be revised upon further study.

Report Recommendation 16:

The Region should consider adopting the Greenlands trail corridor concept illustrated in Figure 1 as the basis for a more connected system of trails within York's Greenlands corridors.

Report Recommendation 17:

The alignment of trail routes within the trail corridors should be defined through further study by the local municipalities and should include additional research at the site/trail segment level, application of the Route Selection Criteria Matrix and consultation with stakeholders and the public.

Roles of the Region, the Province, Local Municipalities, Conservation Authorities, and Trail Organizations

Report Recommendation 18:

Establishing a Regional Trail Development Program in the Region's Planning and Development Services Department and integrate and coordinate this new function with the implementation of the Region of York Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan and management of Regional Forests and trails. It is also proposed that the Region's Active Transportation Coordinator assume a lead role in the new Regional Trail Development Program.

Report Recommendation 19:

In partnership with local municipalities, conservation authorities and trail stakeholders, and building upon the Regional Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan and the Region's linked Greenlands System and focus on the following key tasks:

- *Identify priority Greenland system and trail linkages with a trail hierarchy that includes a spine of trails within and connecting the Region's Greenlands System as well as other existing and planned local municipal and conservation authority trails;*
- *Include consideration of preserving and highlighting cultural heritage features, where appropriate, along trail corridors identified in through trails project funding*

- applications as well as other locations that may merit connections to a Greenlands Trails System;*
- *Consult with trail user groups, adjacent municipalities, other partners or agencies involved in the approval process and the public;*
 - *Work with partners and stakeholders to establish of a set of common trail planning, design, maintenance and risk management guidelines for trail development in York Region;*
 - *Develop a unit price cost matrix for trail system components to assist in capital budgeting;*
 - *Prepare a Greenlands and trail outreach and education strategy to promote the benefits of trails to York Region residents and visitors; and*
 - *Prepare a phased and long-term implementation strategy, including an estimate of costs to both implement and maintain new trails and retrofit existing trails that are designated as part of the Greenlands Trails System.*

Report Recommendation 20:

Include Trail Development as part of the role of the Inter-Municipal Working Group established following Regional Council's approval of the Regional Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan.

Report Recommendation 21:

Establishing an Active Transportation and Trails Public Advisory Committee, consisting of public representatives and stakeholders.

Funding Trail Development in York Region

Report Recommendation 22:

Leading and coordinating partnerships with local municipalities and partners, such as the conservation authorities, and/or trail organizations, such as the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail Association, to secure funding for trail development.

Report Recommendation 23:

Incorporate Greenlands Trail development into an expanded Pedestrian and Cycling Municipal Partnership Program.

Report Recommendation 24:

Seeking out cost sharing opportunities and other sources of revenue from partners within York Region, as well as the Provincial and Federal governments.

Report Recommendation 24:

Coordinating Greenlands Trails System implementation with other Regional, Local Municipal, and Conservation Authority infrastructure projects.

Figure 1: Conceptual Long Term Potential Regional Trail Corridor system

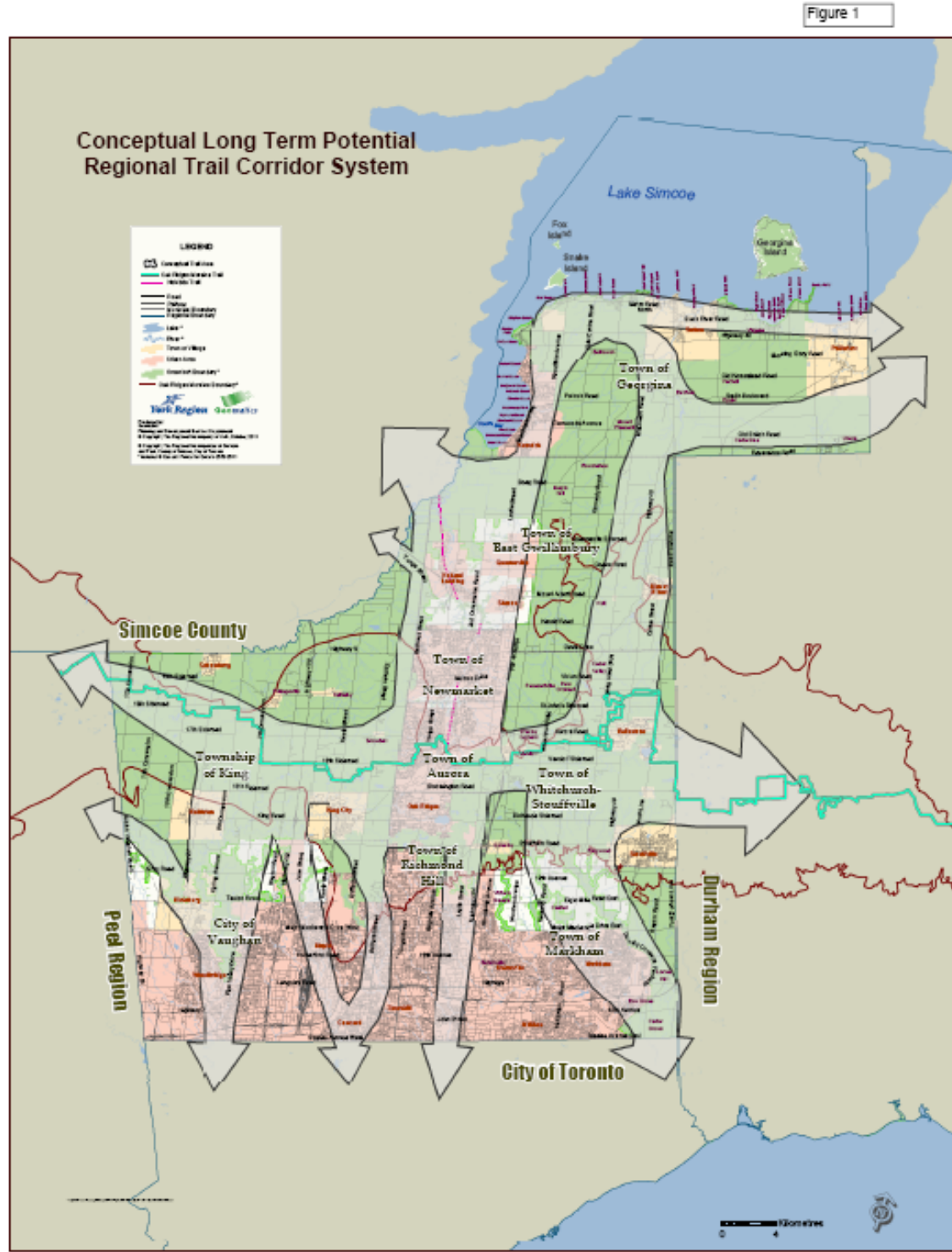


Figure 2: Regional Greenlands System

