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Item No. 8.7

Halifax Regional Council
June 10, 2008
June 17, 2008

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

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Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: May 13, 2008

SUBJECT: Request for Permanent Encroachment on Memory Lane

ORIGIN

Request for encroachment on public right of way on Memory Lane, Lower Sackville. The encroachment will be in the form of a trail head sign for the Bedford Sackville Connector Greenway.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve the attached encroachment agreement to allow the Sackville Rivers Association to install a trail head sign on Memory Lane.

BACKGROUND

The Fort Sackville Walkway and Bedford Sackville Connector Greenway, located along the Sackville River between Fort Sackville, Bedford, and Fultz House, Lower Sackville, have evolved from traditional paths to 3-metre wide, multi purpose, wheel chair accessible, active transportation trails.

They were planned and developed over the past twenty years (Fort Sackville Walkway from 1991 to 2001; Bedford Sackville Connector Greenway from 1997 to 2006) with leadership from the Bedford Walkway Committee and the Sackville Rivers Association, well over 10,000 volunteer hours, and funding from all three levels of government. Measured trail usage in 2006 was over 1,400 trips per week.

DISCUSSION

Each of the 3' x 4' trail head signs shows each trail's location, distance, walking time, and parking, and some detail about each of the three locations:

- Fultz House/ Memory Lane
- Range Park/Soccer Field Parking Lot
- Fort Sackville/Scott Manor House

The locations will encourage parking, when necessary, at these sites, rather than at the trail junction with Old Sackville Road, designated as a cycling/wheelchair entrance.

The location of the sign near Fultz House on Memory Lane (proposed sign face attached) would be placed on HRM right of way, as per the attached sketch and photo. Site visits by HRM staff have concluded that there is no suitable place for the sign on the private land. Staff is proposing a location for the sign near the edge of the right of way on the existing look off. This location will be visible to pedestrian and vehicular traffic next to the trail head.

Installation and maintenance of this sign will be the responsibility of the Sackville Rivers Association, as per the Encroachment Agreement. Staff is suggesting that the regular encroachment fee be waived for this sign due to the nature of the sign and its benefit to the public. The yearly fee for this sign under Administrative Order #15 would have been ten dollars.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications associated with this encroachment.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

Council could choose to deny the request.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed sign face
Sketch of proposed sign location
Photo of the proposed sign area
Proposed Encroachment Agreement between HRM and the Sackville Rivers Association

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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PROPOSED SIGN FACE

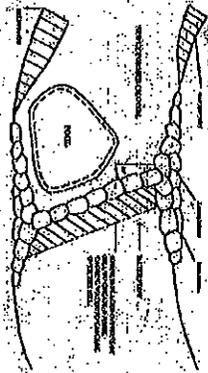
Bedford Sackville Connector Greenway

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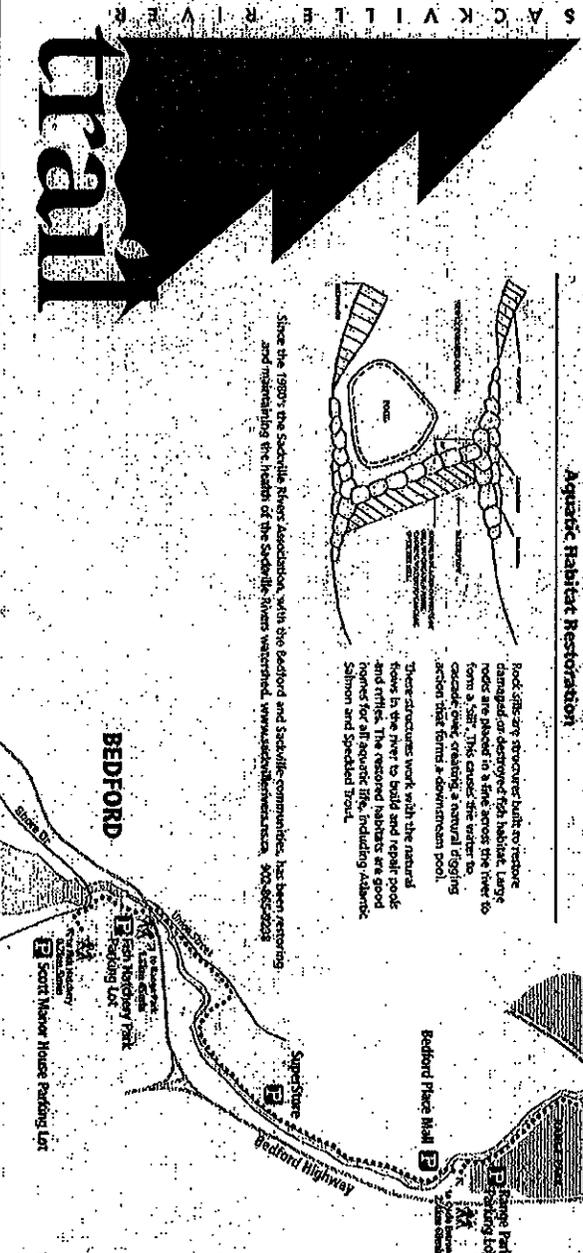
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Scott Manor
House to Fultz
House: 5.2km
2Hrs

Aquatic Habitat Restoration



Rock structures (structure bank) to reduce damaged or destroyed fish habitat. Large rocks are placed in a line across the river to form a 'riff'. This causes the water to cascade over, creating a natural riffing action that forms a downstream pool. These structures work with the natural flows in the river to build and repair pools and riffles. The restored habitats are good homes for all aquatic life, including Atlantic Salmon and Spotted Trout.

Since the 1990's the Sackville Rivers Association, with the Bedford and Sackville communities, has been restoring and maintaining the health of the Sackville Rivers watershed. www.sackville.ca, 902-665-2025



Scott Manor House
Scott Manor House (1777) is a historic house in Bedford, Nova Scotia. It is a fine example of 18th-century architecture and is now a museum. The house is located on the Sackville River and is a popular destination for visitors to Bedford.

Range Park
Range Park is a beautiful park located in Bedford, Nova Scotia. It features a large pond, walking trails, and a playground. The park is a great place to enjoy the outdoors and is a popular destination for families and individuals alike.

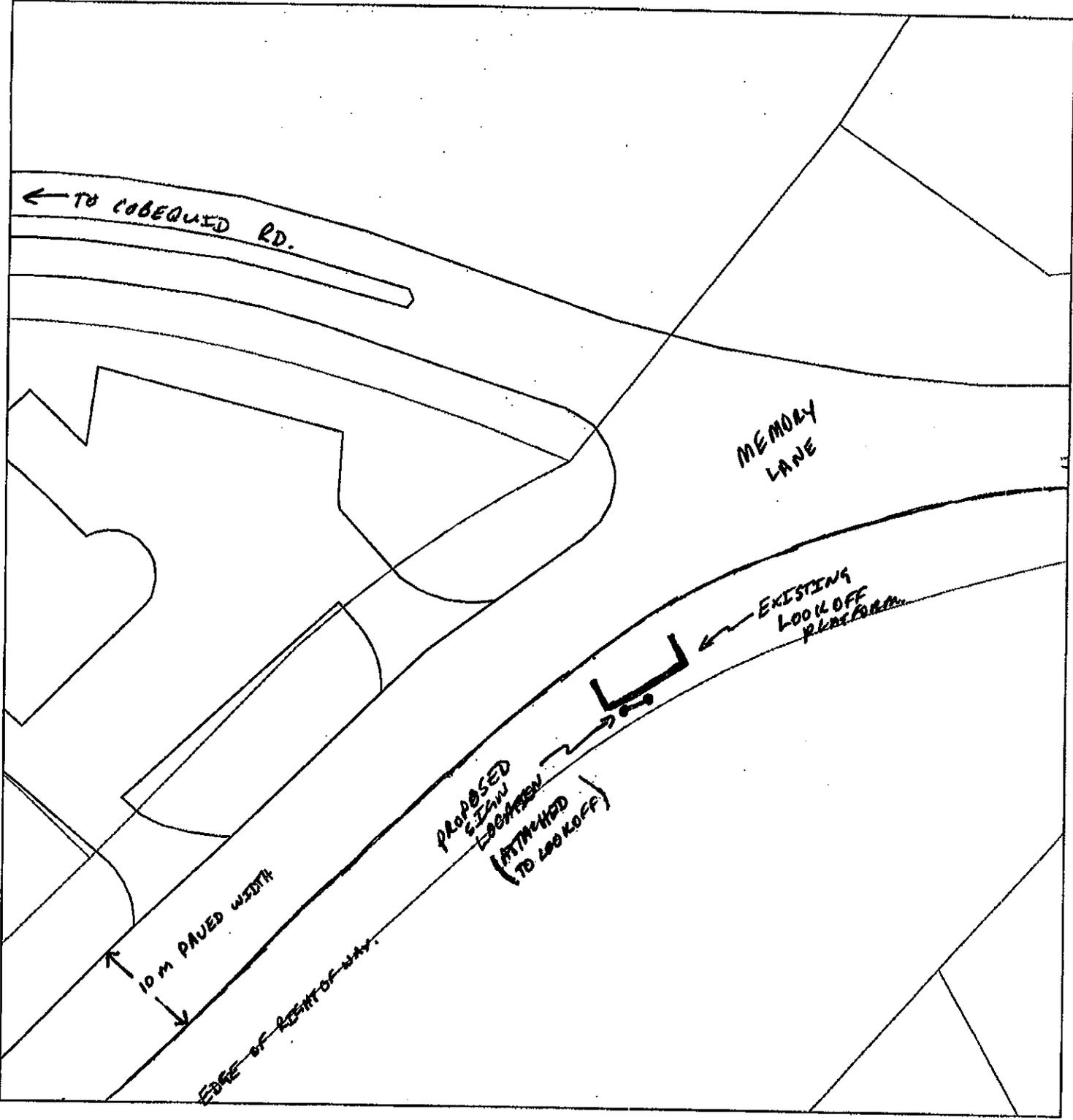
Fultz House
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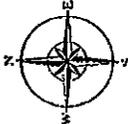


FUNDING PARTNERS:





Memory Lane



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For further information on sewer infrastructure please contact HRM Environmental Engineering Services at 490-5549 or email sewerinfo@halifax.ca.

For further information on zoning data please contact HRM Planning & Development Services at 490-4494 or email zoninginquiries@halifax.ca.

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PHOTO OF PROPOSED SIGN AREA



This Encroachment License Agreement made this ___ day of _____, 2008

BETWEEN:

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

Of the One Part

and

Sackville Rivers Association

Of the Other Part

Recitals

1. (1) Whereas Sackville Rivers Association wishes to construct sign on Memory Lane, south of the Fultz House Museum;

(2) And Whereas by resolution of the Halifax Regional Municipal Council on _____, 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality agreed to give the Sackville Rivers Association an encroachment license in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in Halifax Regional Municipality Bylaw E-200, being the Encroachment Bylaw, and as contained in this license agreement.

Definitions

2. In this agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "HRM" means the Halifax Regional Municipality established by S.N.S., 1995, c.3 succeeding and incorporating the former municipal units of the Town of Bedford, the City of Dartmouth, the City of Halifax and the Halifax County Municipality;

(b) "Engineer" means the Engineer as defined by the Halifax Regional Municipality Act.

(c) "SRA" means Sackville Rivers Association

License

3 Subject to the terms of this encroachment license agreement, HRM hereby grants to SRA the non-exclusive right by its officers, servants, agents and contractors at all times to enter on, over and under that portion Memory Lane, Lower Sackville, identified on Schedule "A" to install and maintain a 'Bedford Sackville Connector Greenway' sign structure as shown on drawing number 1.

Relocation

4 If necessary for municipal purposes, the sign must be relocated within the street if requested by HRM, which relocation will be at the expense of SRA. Should SRA wish to relocate the sign, such shall be done only upon receipt of the written consent of HRM, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld and said relocation shall be at the expense of SRA.

Permits

5 (1) SRA agrees to comply with all municipal bylaws including the Streets bylaw, S-300 for the original construction of the works and all subsequent work which involves the excavation of the street.

(2) The application for Streets & Services permit shall include a plan of the proposed sign.

(3) The final location of the sign shall be subject to the approval of the Engineer.

(4) For the purposes of the construction of the original works, Dalhousie agrees to arrange a preconstruction meeting with HRM staff.

(5) In addition to meeting the requirement of Streets Bylaw S-300, for the purposes of the construction of the original works; SRA agrees to deposit with HRM, performance security, acceptable to the Engineer, in the estimated amount of the cost of restoring the municipal infrastructure affected by the project, which security shall be released upon acceptance of the works by the Engineer and deposit of a maintenance security in the amount of 10% of said costs, or in the minimum amount of \$1000., to be valid for a period of one year from the date of the acceptance of said works.

Record Drawings

6. SRA shall provide a copy of the record drawings immediately upon completion of said project, and immediately upon completion of any relocation, both in hard copy and electronic format.

Indemnity

7. SRA agrees to indemnify and save HRM harmless from all claims, liabilities and expenses of any kind in any way related to or connected with the grants of the rights set forth in this license agreement or from the existence or operation of the sign however caused, except to the extent that the loss arises out of the gross negligence of HRM.

Fees

8. SRA shall be exempt from the fees set out in Encroachment Bylaw E-200. There will be no annual charge for this encroachment due to the nature of the sign and its benefit to the public. It is agreed that the space occupied by the sign is 0.225 square metres.

Occupational Health & Safety Act

9. SRA agrees to comply with the requirements of the Occupational Health & Safety Act and all regulations enacted pursuant thereto. Specifically SRA agrees to exercise the due diligence required by the Act in ensuring that to the extent possible the requirements of the Occupational Health & Safety Act and its regulations are followed by its contractors or agents.

Termination

10. (1) Either party may terminate this license agreement at any time.
- (2) Upon termination of the license agreement, SRA shall at HRM's option either:
- (a) remove the sign and restore the surface of Memory Lane
 - (b) abandon all claim to title in the sign to HRM.

Notices

11. Any written notice or communication relating to the administration of this agreement to be given or delivered by one party to the other shall be deemed to be duly given or delivered by hand, by fax or by courier to the following addresses or such other address that may subsequently be provided:

Halifax Regional Municipality
Director of Engineering & Transportation
21 Mount Hope Avenue
Halifax, N.S. B3J 3A5

and

Sackville Rivers Association
PO Box 45071
Sackville, N.S. B4E 2Z6

Legal notices in respect of HRM must given in compliance with the Halifax Regional Municipality Act.

12. This agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, their respective successors and permitted assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this License agreement as of the day and year first above written.

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

Mayor Peter Kelly

Regional Clerk

Sackville Rivers Association

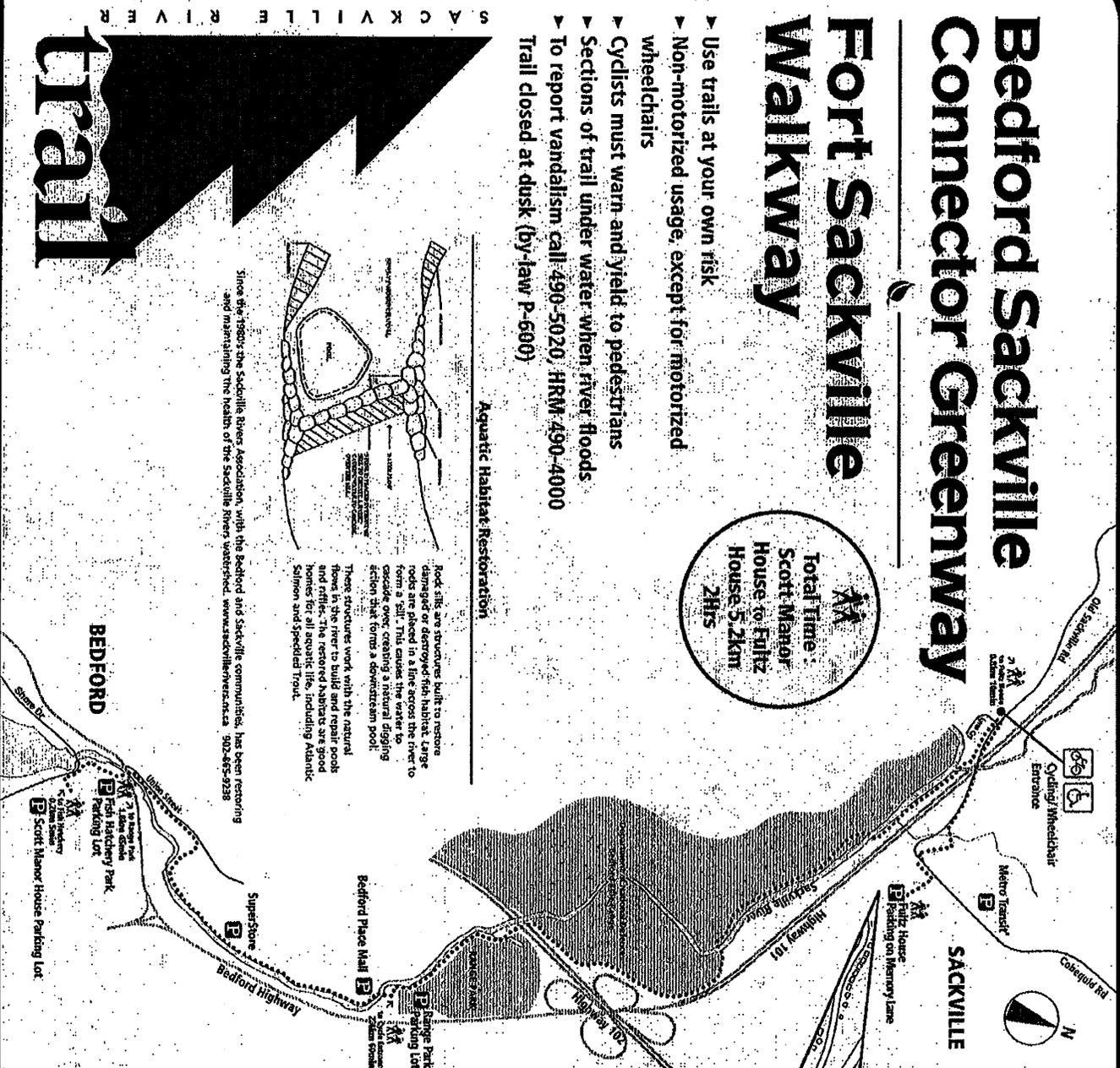
DRAWING #1

Bedford Sackville Connector Greenway

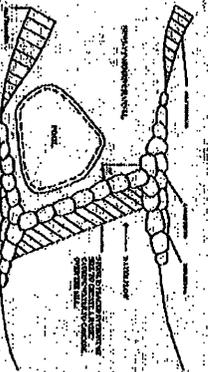
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Rock fills are structures built to restore natural riparian habitat. Large rocks are placed in the river to form a 'riff' that creates a depression pool. This structure work with the natural flow in the river to build and repair pools and riffles. The restored habitats are good homes for all aquatic life, including Atlantic Salmon and Speckled Trout.

Fulz House

The Fulz House is a fine example of early 20th-century architecture. It is a two-story house with a prominent chimney and a large porch. The house is located on the Sackville River and is a popular destination for visitors.

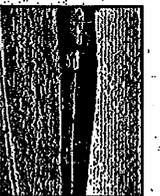
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Dinner - Open daily



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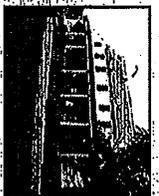
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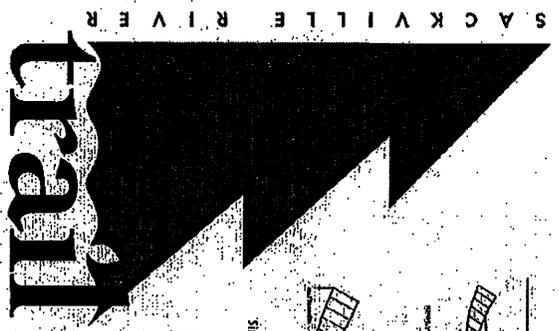


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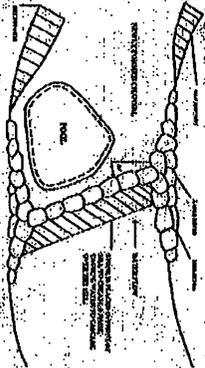
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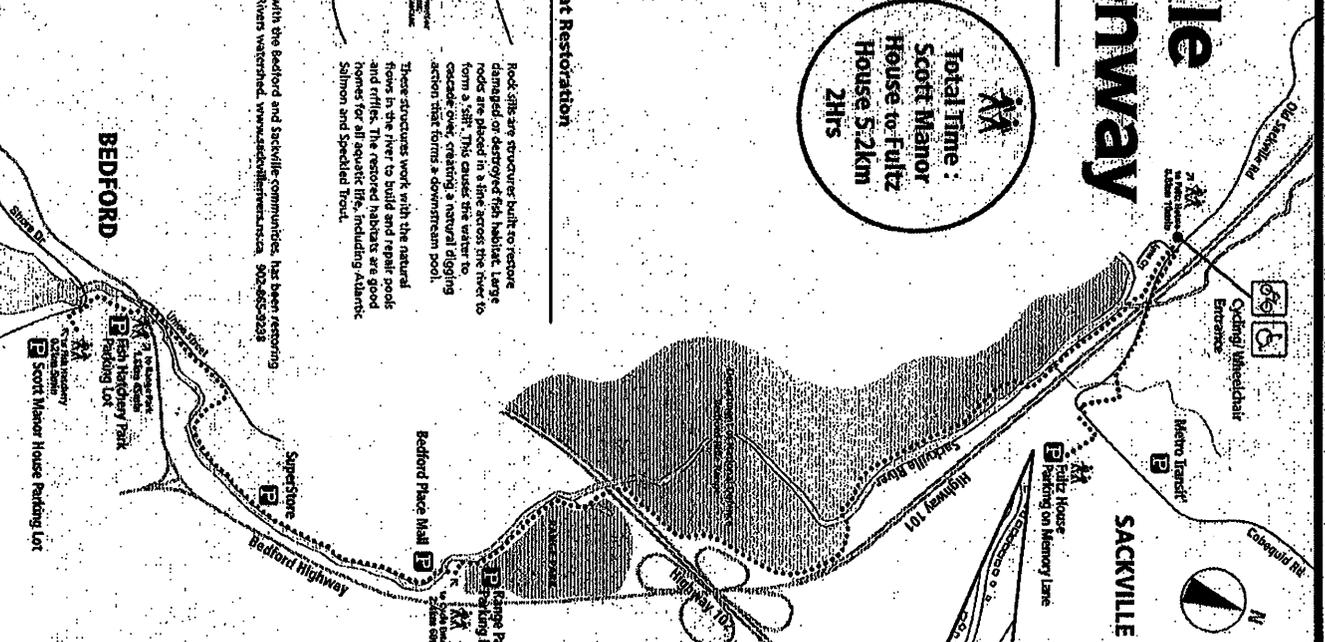


Pool will be constructed to restore degraded or damaged fish habitat. Large rocks are placed in a line across the river to form a spill. This causes the water to cascade over, creating a natural digging action that forms a downstream pool.

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SACKVILLE RIVER



Fultz House

3.6 km from Bedford to Sackville
This historic house is a fine example of 18th-century architecture. It was built in 1760 and is one of the oldest houses in the area. The house is now a museum and is open to the public. It is a must-see for anyone interested in history.

Range Park

4.2 km from Bedford to Sackville
This park is a beautiful area with many trails and a large pond. It is a great place for a walk or a run. The park is also home to many birds and other wildlife. It is a great place to spend a day with the family.

Scott Manor House

5.2 km from Bedford to Sackville
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Bedford

Bedford is a beautiful town with many shops and restaurants. It is a great place to spend a day with the family. The town is also home to many parks and trails. It is a great place to visit if you are looking for a relaxing vacation.

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