

# Sackville Greenway Presentation to North West Community Council

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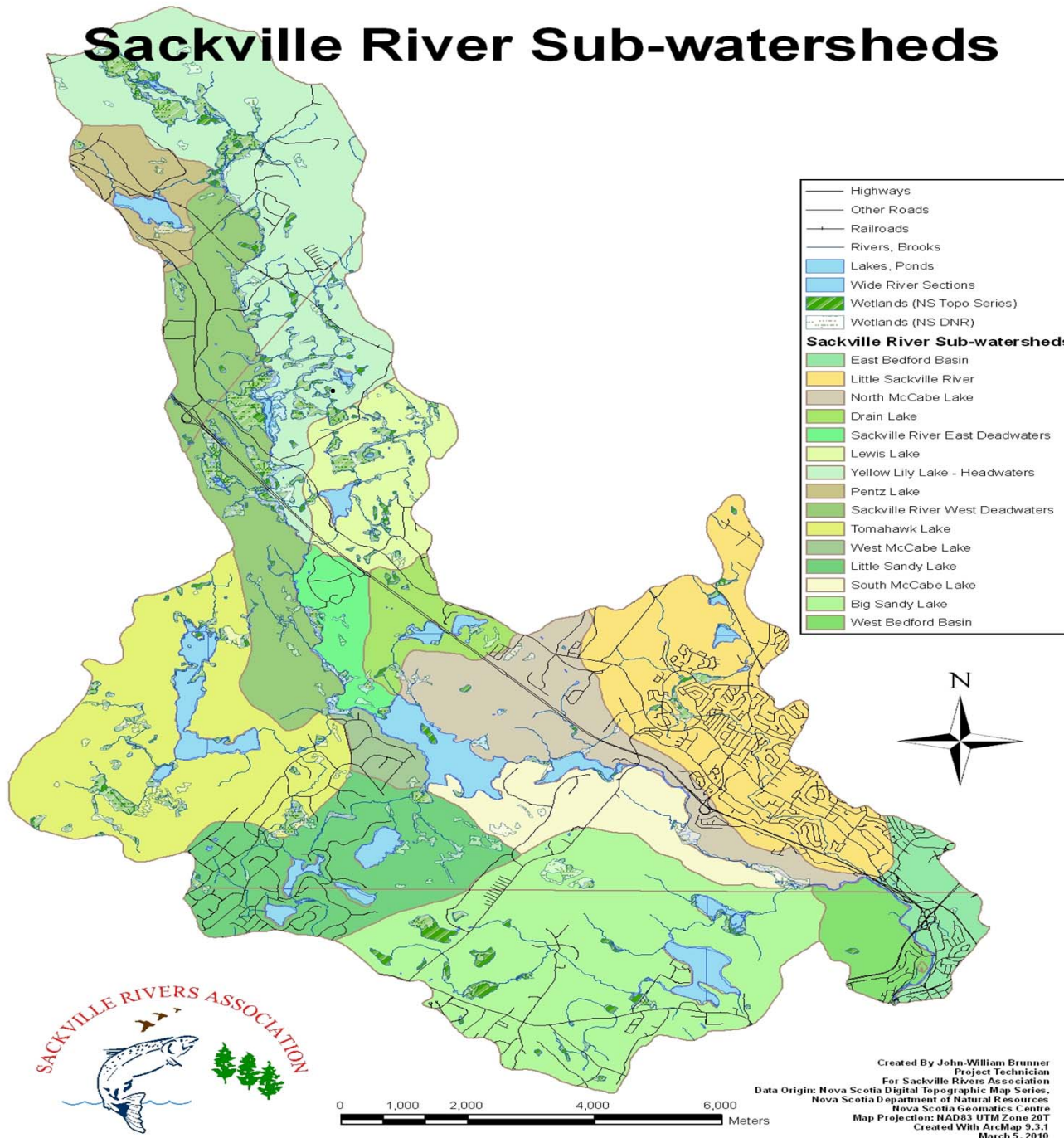
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# Who are we?

- The SRA, is a not for profit, registered charitable, volunteer based community group concerned with the health of the Sackville River Watershed.
- The SRA's mandate is to:
  - 1) Protect and where necessary restore the environment of the Sackville River Watershed
  - 2) Raise awareness about the environment of the Sackville River watershed and its adjacent watersheds
  - 3) **Establish a Conservation Corridor along the length of the Sackville River**
  - 4) Provide training and advice to community groups in other watersheds as needed, to restore the environment and raise environmental awareness



# Sackville River Sub-watersheds



A surface area of 147 Square Kilometres

Begins in Mount Uniacke

Flows for over 40 kilometers through the communities of Sackville, Hammonds Plains, Lucasville, Beaver Bank, and finally Bedford where it discharges into Halifax Harbour.

It has 17 lakes, many wetlands, ponds, streams and feeder brooks.

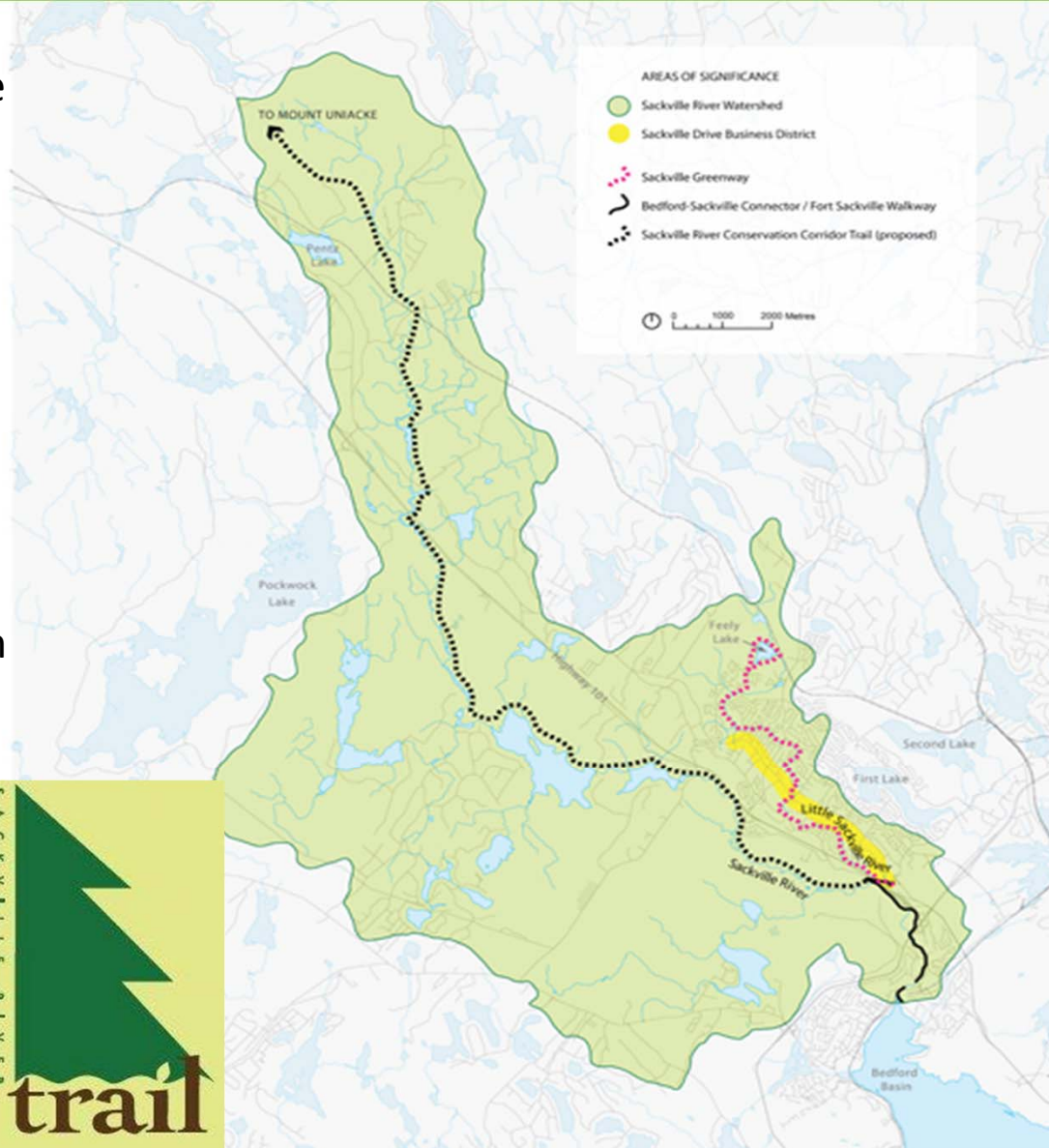
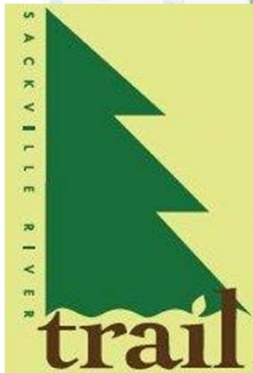
The population of the watershed is currently over 60,000 people and is increasing due to intense development activity.

# Conservation Corridor

40 Kilometer  
Multi- Use Active  
Transportation  
Corridor

Begins at Fort  
Sackville in  
Bedford (a  
Provincial  
Heritage Site)  
and ends at  
Uniacke House in  
Mount Uniacke  
(also a Provincial  
Heritage Site)

Connects  
Communities



Increase  
Public  
Awareness  
by bringing  
the “Public  
back to the  
River”

Act as a  
buffer to  
construction

Increase  
Tourism

Improve  
people’s  
health



# 5.2 Kilometers Completed 1400+ Hundred People a Week



# Fort Sackville Trail



Bedford Hatchery



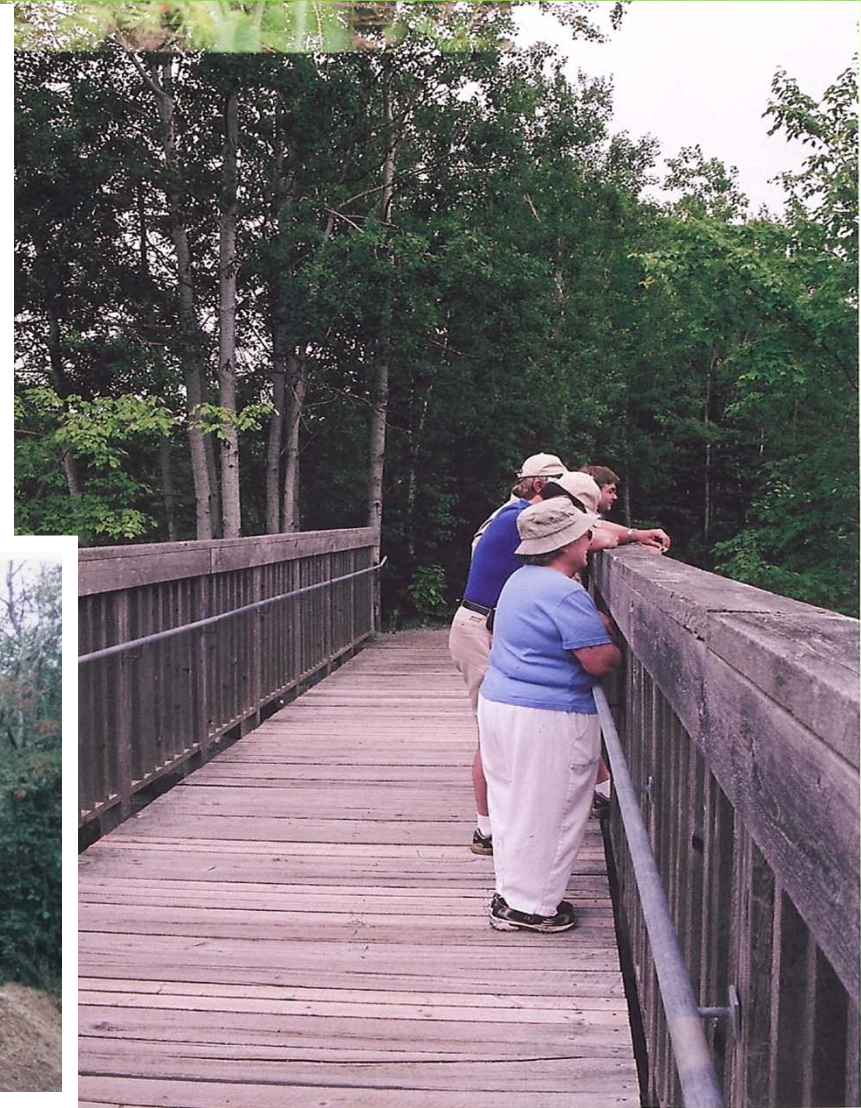


# Bedford Sackville Greenway Connector





# Hiking



# WE ARE BUILDING CANADA'S THIRD NATIONAL DREAM

FIRST: CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY

SECOND: TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY

THIRD: TRANS CANADA TRAIL

# **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION**

**“HUMAN-POWERED TRAVEL SUCH AS WALKING, BICYCLING OR JOGGING”**

**A/T DEFINED BY HRM INTO 4 CATEGORIES**

- **ACTIVE COMMUTING;**
- **ACTIVE WORKPLACE TRAVEL;**
- **ACTIVE DESTINATION ORIENTED TRIP**  
(e.g. shopping, appointments, going to school, church or events);
- **ACTIVE RECREATION!!**



***“urban trails are regarded as an amenity that helps to attract buyers and to sell property”***

There is an overwhelming amount of evidence in the form of peer-reviewed professional papers, consultants' reports and government studies which show that, if a hiking/walking/bicycling trail – an Active Transportation Trail or a "Greenways" Trail, usually just called an “AT” trail - is even located close to your home, **the value of your property will increase by anywhere from 4% to 34% but 13%** is usually quoted as the more typical number.

*"No public safety issues could be directly linked to the trail...and none of the officers interviewed believed trails had any effect on public safety....*

*"concerns that urban trails might adversely affect public safety and property value in surrounding neighborhoods are not substantiated by the results of this study. The effect of a trail is beneficial, rather than detrimental."*

*The Effect of Greenways on Property Values and Public Safety; The Conservation Fund and Colorado State Parks, State Trails Program (1995)*



## SACKVILLE GREENWAY

MULTI-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN



NOV 2011 FUNDED BY HRM  
PREPARED BY EDM & GORDON RATCLIFFE

# History of the Sackville Greenway

- 1978 NSCAD for Halifax County “ a series of small neighbourhood parks linked by a walkway which will run the entire length of the River” “ along the sewer easement”
- 1988 NSCAD Conservation Corridor proposed for the entire Sackville River
- 1988 Sackville Rivers Association formed with mandate of a Conservation Corridor along entire Sackville River
- 1992 HRM commissioned Gordon Ratcliffe to compete Regional Trail Plan, one of 11 Trails identified was the Sackville/ Little Sackville River Trail.
- 2001 Sackville Drive Streetscape Study By Ekistics recommends a “trail system along the river” “using the trail to create ...help build an image and identity for Sackville Drive and restore the street as a centre for retail activity and a core of a vibrant community”
- 2002 Policy LSR-8 and LSR-9 passed in the Sackville Secondary Planning Strategy “ In recognition of the importance of a contiguous trail system along the river....HRM **SHALL** support the SRA toward the achievement of the LSR trail system”
- 2006 HRM Regional Plan Section 2.1.2 mentions the possible creation of a HRM Regional Park at Freely Lake.

- 2006 Bedford Sackville Greenway Connector opens--\$1.2 million, 1400 people a week+
- 2009 Last section Fort Sackville Trail opened
- 2010 Sackville MPS “area along the Sackville and LSR as land within the community that presents a UNIQUE recreational and environmental conservation opportunity.... A growing desire by residents and community groups to establish Conservation Corridors along the Rivers. MPS ..encourages and supports groups and initiatives in their efforts to establish Conservation Corridors and walkways along the Rivers”
- 2010 Halifax Water starts construction of a 9 km sewer access road following along the LSR
- 2011 HRM Active Transportation Committee releases the BIG IDEAS for AT in HRM, of the 5 ideas “ Big Idea # 3 is the Bedford Sackville Spine ”
- 2011 Sackville Greenway Multi Year Development Plan Released—12 kms--\$9 million proposed



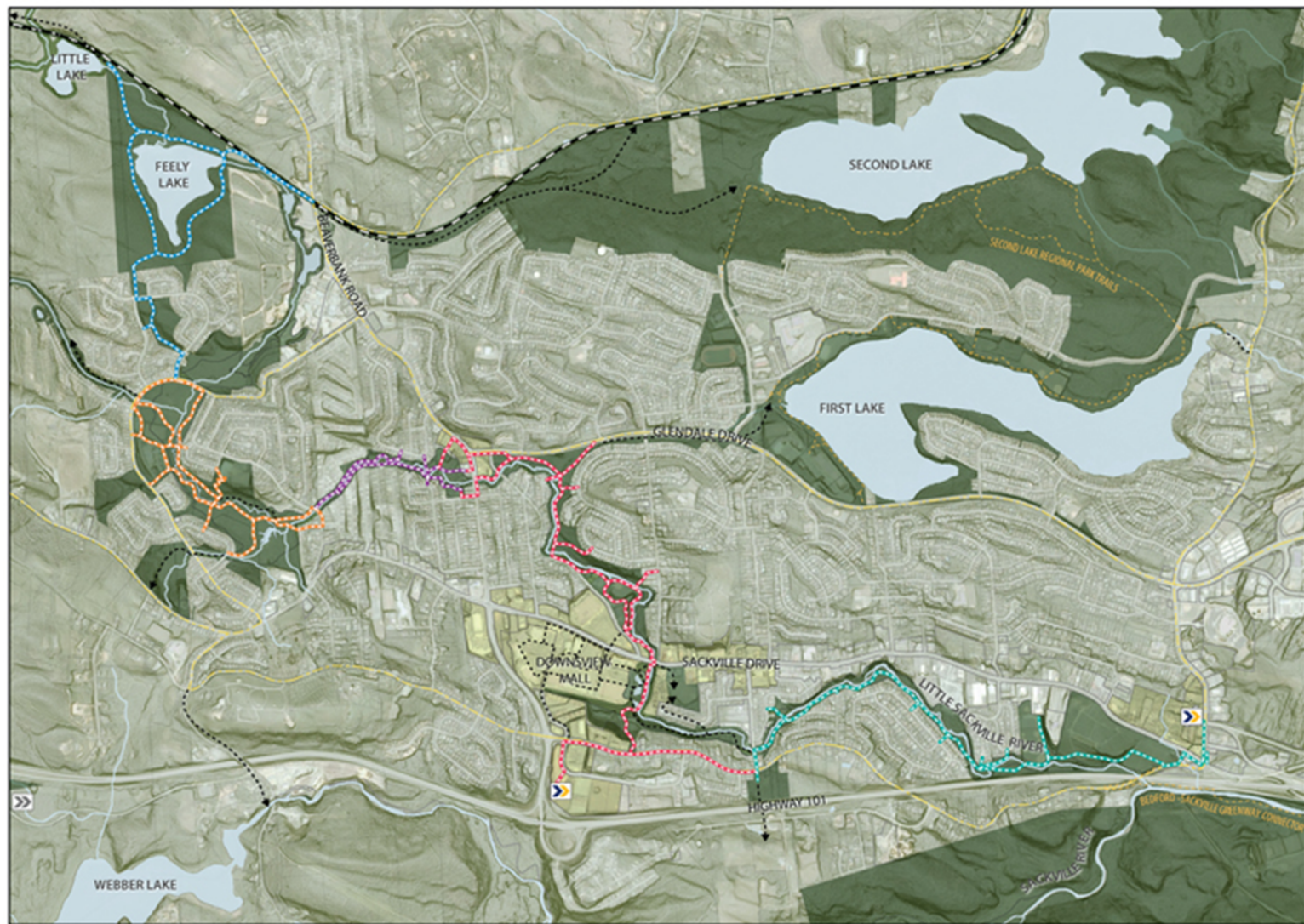
# FULTZ HOUSE TO BEAVER BANK 12 KMS LONG - \$9 MILLION



10 YEARS+



# BUILT IN 5 SECTIONS



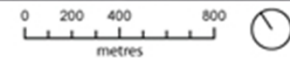
## SACKVILLE GREENWAY

Section A | Riverside Walk  
Section B | Downsview Park Link  
Section C | Beaverbank Connector

Section D | Millwood Loop  
Section E | Feely Lake Loop  
Additional / future links

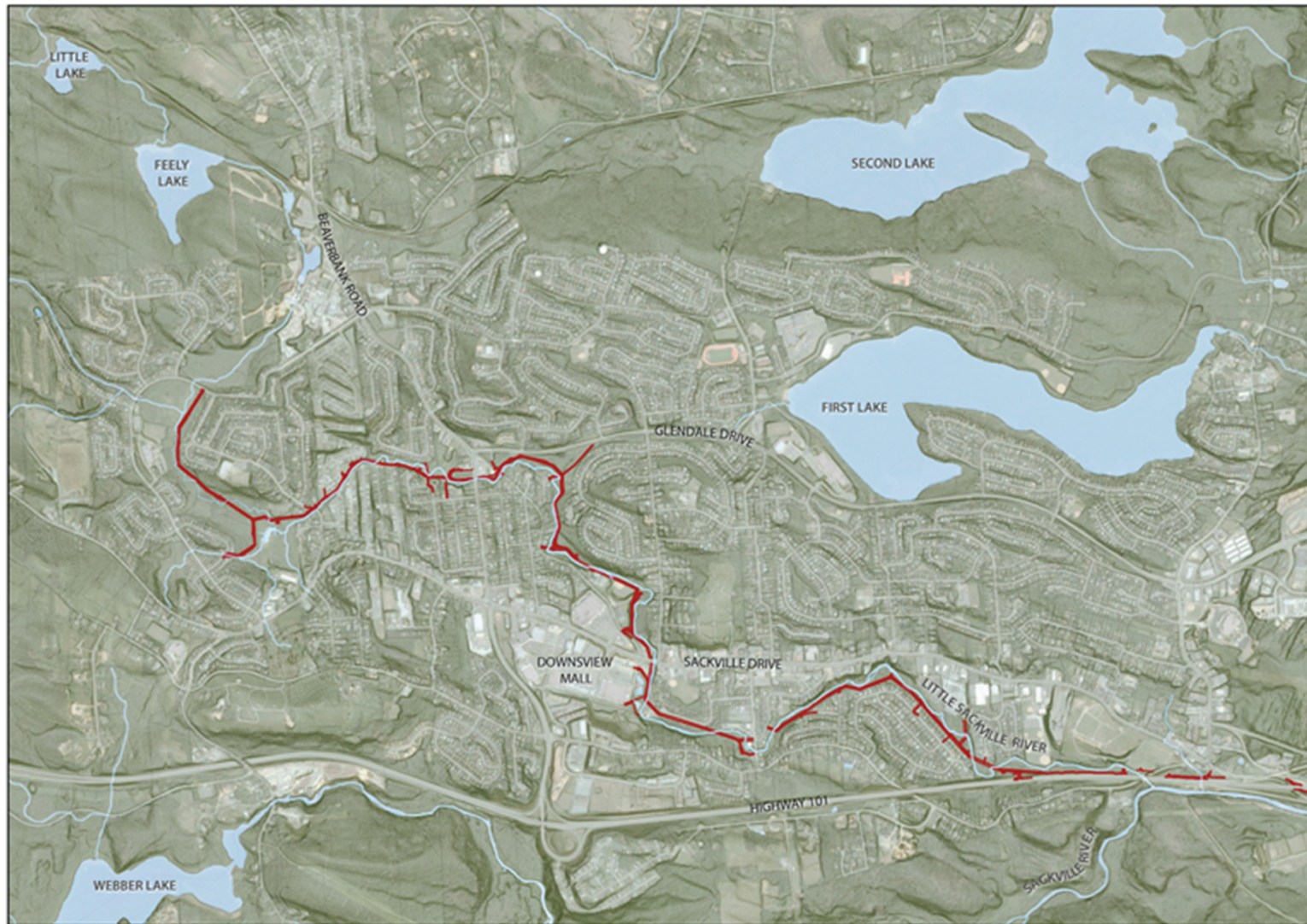
Major recreational trail  
Designated bike route  
Commercial destinations

Metro Transit terminal  
Proposal Metro Transit terminal



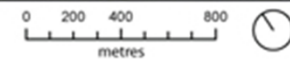


# WILL BE BUILT OVER 9 KMS OF HALIFAX WATER SEWER ACCESS ROAD



Halifax Water Sewer Access Road and Easement

— Sewer access road and easement alignment





# Section A

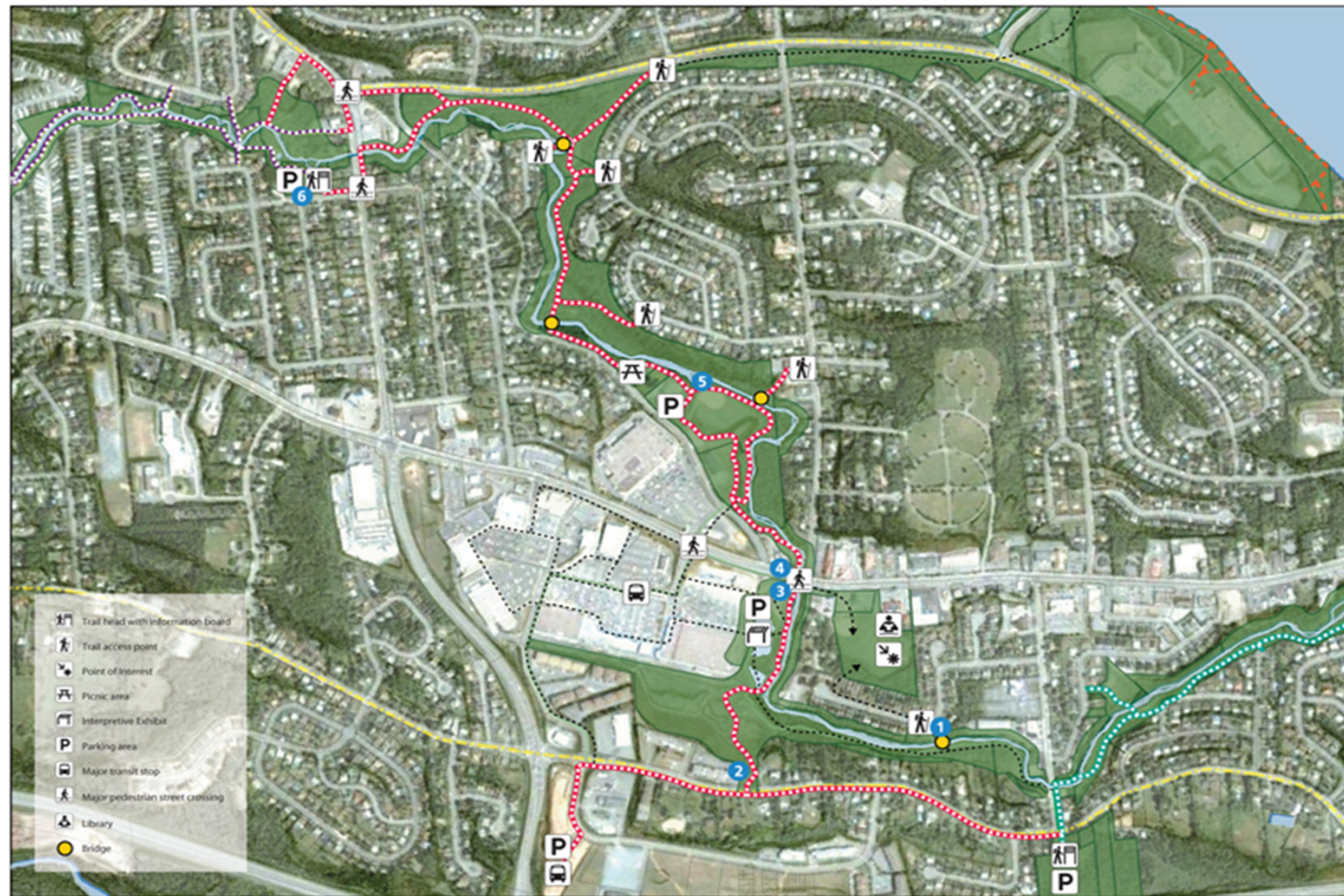
## Fultz House to Sackville Cross Road





# Section B

## Sackville Cross Road to Beaver Bank Road



### SECTION B | DOWNSVIEW PARK LINK

Section A | Riverside Walk  
Section B | Downsview Park Link  
Section C | Beaverbank Connector

Additional / future links

Major recreational trail  
Designated bike route

Photo tour  
(refer to photo page)

0 100 200 400  
metres



# Section C

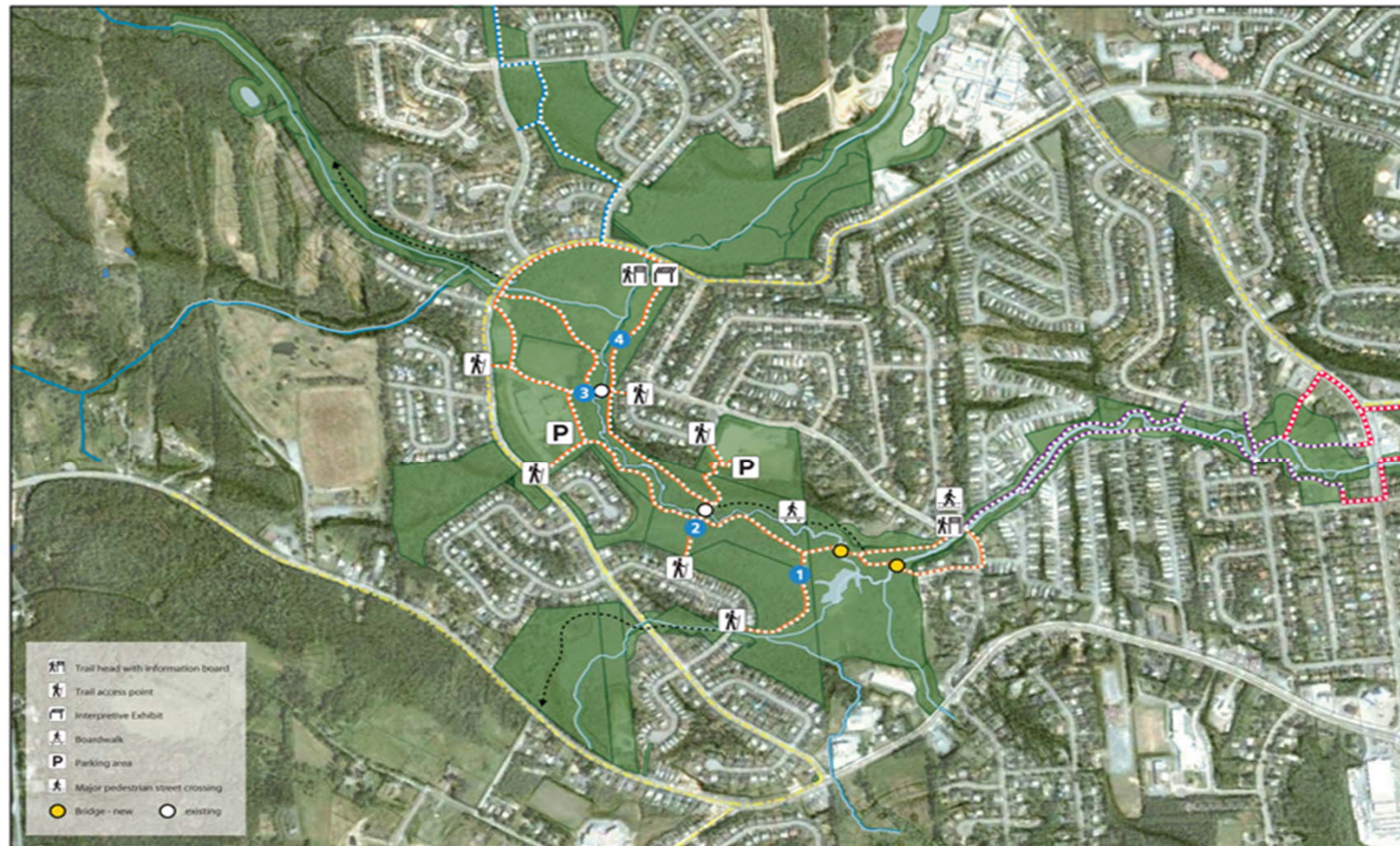
## Beaver Bank to Beaver Bank Cross Road





# Section D

## Beaver Bank Cross Road to Millwood Drive



### SECTION D | Millwood Loop

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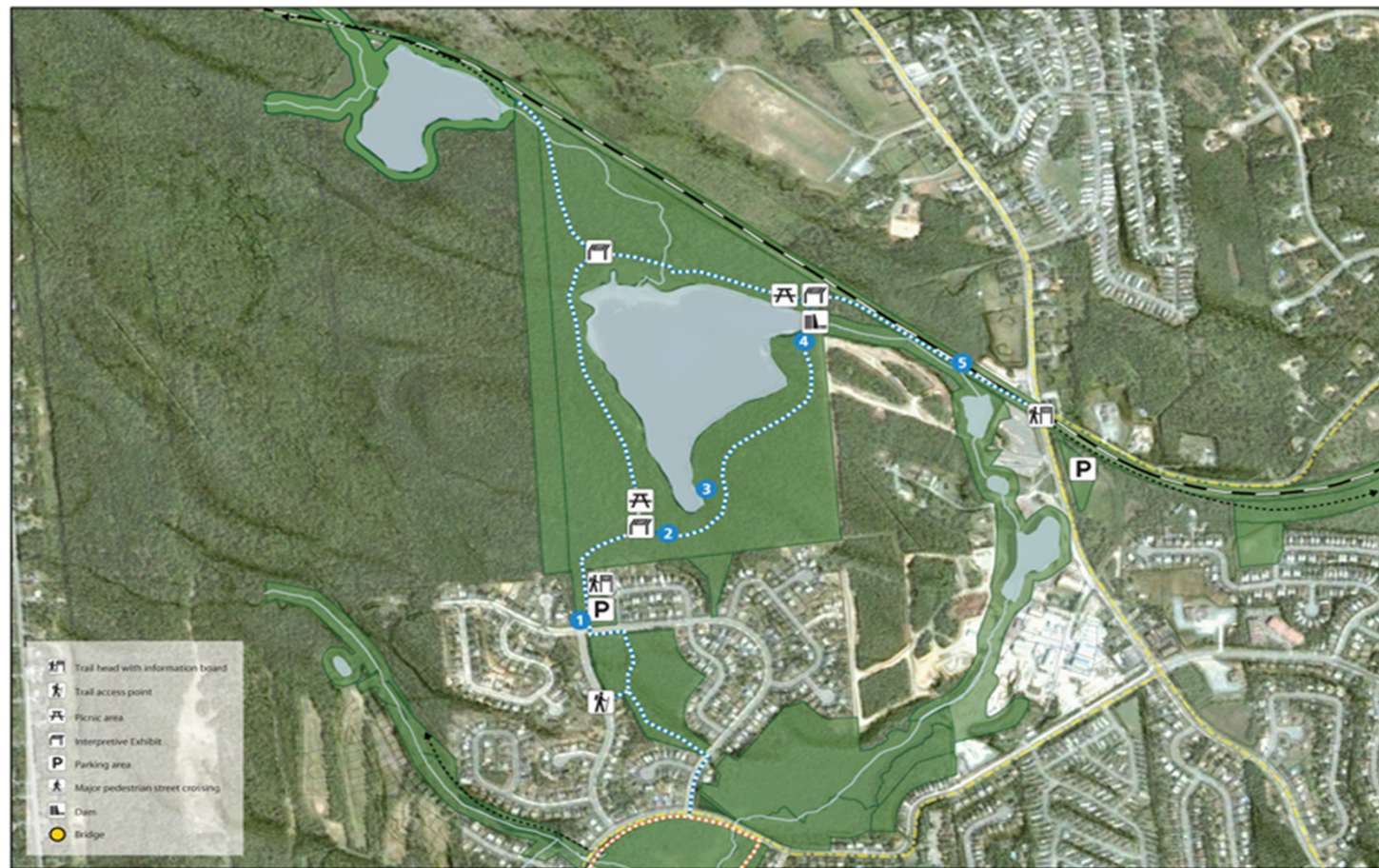
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# Section E

## Millwood Drive to Little Lake



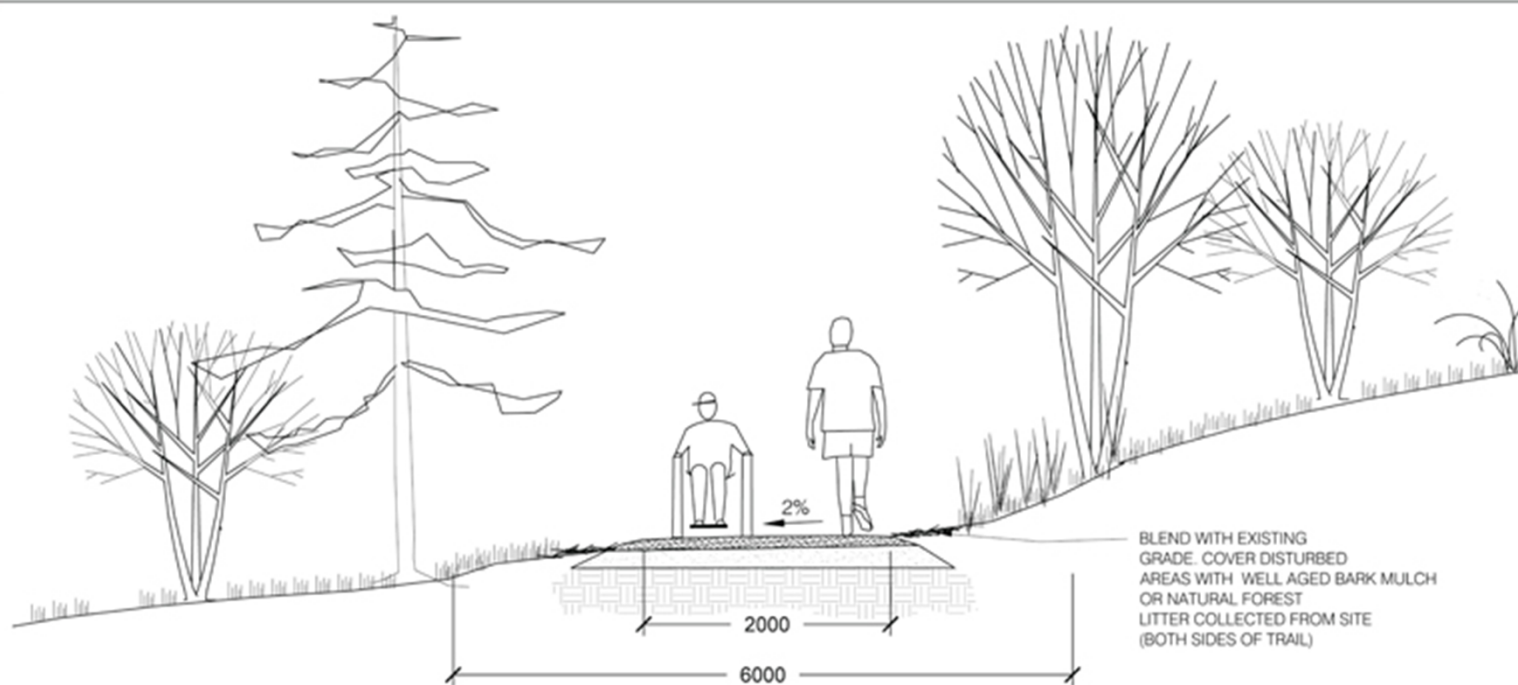
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- TRAIL SURFACE - 2000 WIDE
- CLEARED AREA - 6000 WIDE
- CRUSHER DUST SURFACE OVER COMPACTED GRAVEL

Gordon Ratcliffe  
**LANDscape ARCHITECTS**

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title: **CRUSHED STONE FOOTPATH - ON LEVEL GROUND**

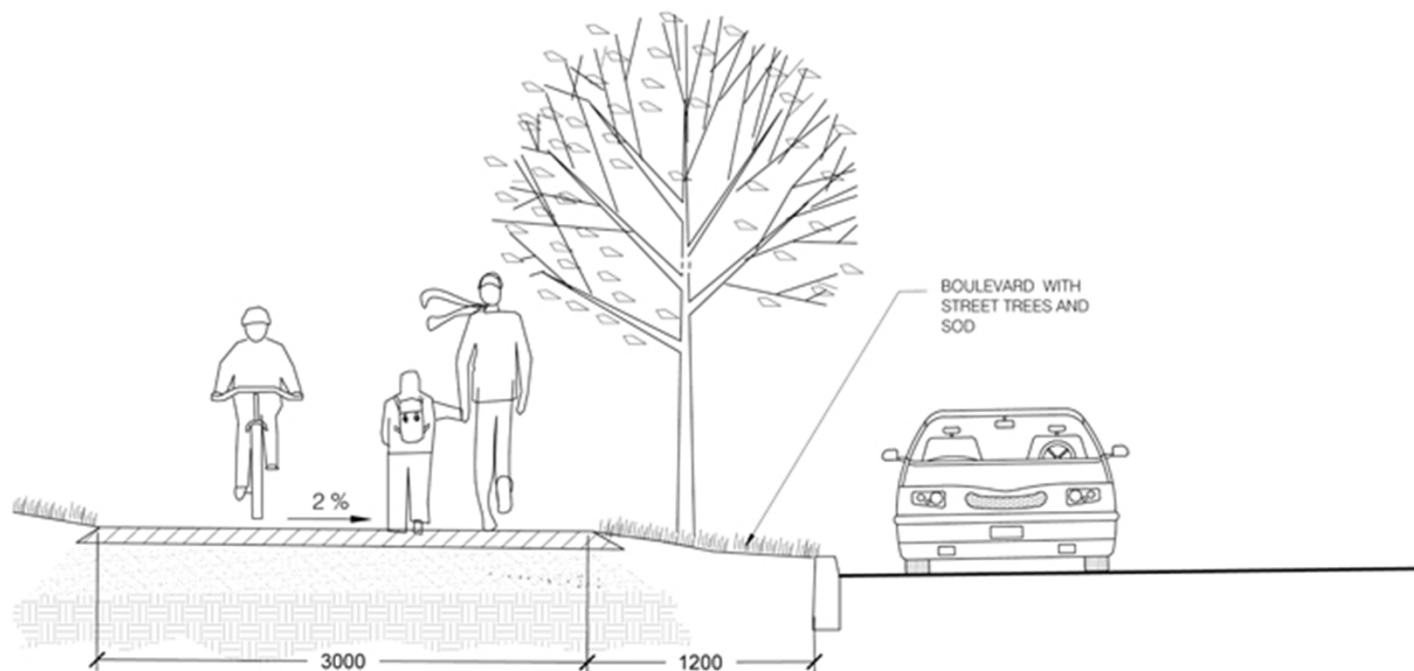
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drawn by:  
**LG**

detail:

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- TRAIL SURFACE - 3000 WIDE
- CLEARED AREA - 4200 WIDE
- ASPHALT SURFACE OVER COMPACTED GRAVELS

Gordon Ratcliffe  
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TRAILS, LIKE JOURNEYS  
START WITH THE FIRST STEP





LET'S MAKE THAT FIRST STEP TOGETHER  
THANK YOU -- QUESTIONS

