



Township of King  
Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan Update 2026

## Trails Master Plan



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# INTRODUCTION

## Background & Purpose

The Trails Master Plan (2015) is a tool used to guide the overarching direction of trails planning, development and implementation within the Township of King. The Trails Master Plan prioritizes and itemizes implementation through three increment periods – short term (15 years), medium term (5-10 years) and long term (10 + years). Based on these cycles, 2025 will mark the end of the 10 year medium term period originally identified in the current Plan.

The primary objectives of this Trails Management Plan - Update Report are:

- To complete a general review of the Trails Master Plan context based on changes that have occurred within the Township since the plan was published, including.
- To assess the progress made to date by the Township on short term (15 years) and medium term (5-10 year) recommendations.
- To reassess recommendations that have not been completed to determine if they continue to be valid and, if so, how they should be re-prioritized.
- Through all the above, recalibrate the direction of trails planning, development, and implementation within the Township (as/if needed).

## Update Report Process

The previous Trails Master Plan (2015) has been used as a baseline document for determining where the Township is today and where it needs to go to achieve its future trails objectives. It is not the intent of this to document to repeat information found within the Trails Master Plan (2015), but to enhance it through the following activities:

- Review of available background documents.
- Consolidation of digital base mapping specific to trails assets.
- Undertaking desktop review of existing trails.
- Targeted inspection of trails infrastructure (in conjunction with Parks and Forestry Services Master Plan site reviews/ inspections).
- Review input obtained from the community through online surveys.
- Review input from stakeholders through virtual meetings.
- Develop prioritized recommendations.
- Communicate finding through associated reporting.

NOTE : The undertaking of a details trail inventory and conditions assessment by the Consultant Team is not included within the scope of this report. These activities are the responsibility of Township Staff with information communicated to the Consultant Team for their consideration and use.

The Update Report will be developed over a three -phase process. This interim report details the outcomes of the Phase 1 work plan which provides an environmental scan and situational analysis of the current state of trails within the Township of King. It also includes the outcomes of the engagement activities that have been completed to date, including the online public survey and stakeholder inputs development, and implementation within the Township (as/if needed).

## Locational Context

The Township of King is a York Region municipality located north of the City of Vaughan and east of Caledon, within the Greater Toronto Area. King Township comprises King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg and Rural King.

The Township's most populated and fastest growing community – King City – is located within minutes from Highway 400, has a Go Train station, the Municipal Centre and education facilities including Seneca College King Campus and Villanova College.

The second largest community – Nobleton – is located in the southwest area of King Township surrounded by scenic hills and farms. Schomberg is located north of the Oak Ridges Moraine and south of the Holland River on Highway 9.

Rural King includes six hamlets and is home to 35% of King Township's population and some of the larger businesses.

The Township offers a variety of recreation, heritage and cultural facilities and parks and includes a significant portion of the Oak Ridges Moraine conservation area.

Exhibit 1. Township of King Context Map



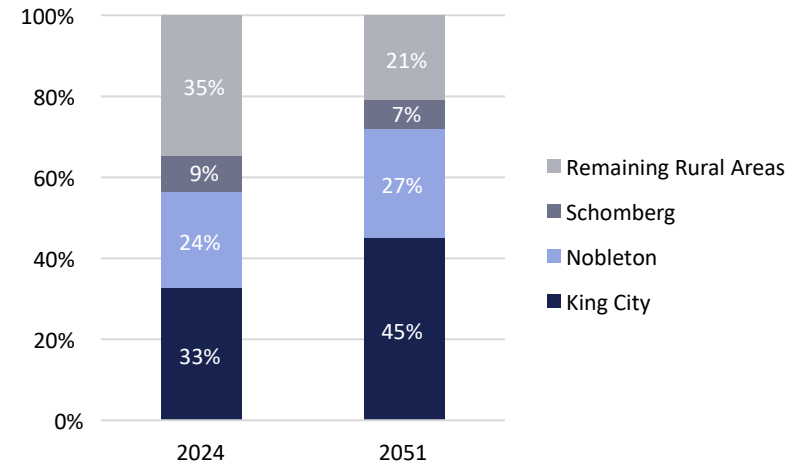
Sierra Planning and Management. Data Source: Township of King.

## Areas to Accommodate Growth

All areas of the Township are projected to grow in the next 30 years. King City and Nobleton are expected to accommodate a significant proportion of the growth, remaining the fastest growing areas of the Township. Other observations include:

- Over the next three decades, King City’s population is forecast to grow by 140% and become home to nearly half (45%) of the Township’s total population.
- Nobleton is estimated to nearly double its population and comprise nearly one third of the total population (27%) by 2051.
- Schomberg is expected to grow by 28%.
- The rural areas are expected to accommodate 4% of the projected growth. Growth forecasts for each community and the Township is shown in the exhibit below.

Exhibit 2. Township Population by Area: Share of Total Population in 2024 (Estimates) and 2051 (Projections)



	Population (Estimates)			2051
	2024	2051	Change, %	% Share of Total Population
King City	9,690	23,210	140%	45%
Nobleton	7,050	13,580	93%	27%
Rural King	10,440	10,860	4%	21%
Schomberg	2,620	3,350	28%	7%
<b>King Township</b>	<b>29,800</b>	<b>51,000</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: These population numbers differ from the above total population counts as they include Census undercount of 4.1%.

Sierra Planning and Management. Data Sources: Forecast by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. Memo: Preliminary Phase 1 Growth Management Strategy and Employment Land Strategy Findings, July 30, 2024 and [York Region Growth and Development Review 2024](#).

The distribution of population growth is further summarized based on active development applications and forecast in the 2024 growth projections. Most of the residential growth (population and new units) is projected to take place in King City (+13,003 residents by 2051), followed by Nobleton (+6,274 residents). The following exhibits demonstrate distribution of projected housing and population growth.

Exhibit 14. Population & Housing Forecast by Community / Area, 2024 to 2051

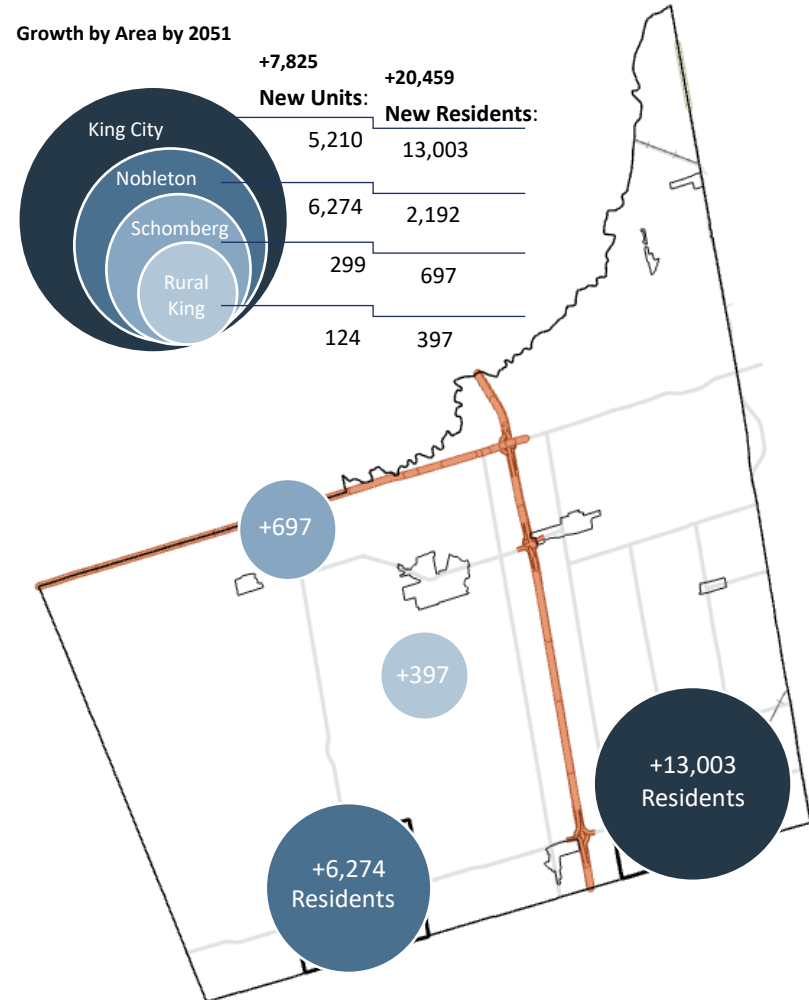
Development Location, 2024-2051	Total Residential Units	Single & Semi-Detached	Multiples	Apartments	Net Population Increase
Nobleton	2,192	1,152	390	651	6,274
King City	5,210	1,315	1,293	2,602	13,003
Schomberg	299	39	89	171	697
Rural King	124	124	0	0	397
<b>King Township</b>	<b>7,825</b>	<b>2,630</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>3,424</b>	<b>20,459</b>

Exhibit 15. Population & Housing Forecast by Designation, 2024 to 2051

Development Location, 2024-2051	Total Residential Units	Single & Semi-Detached	Multiples	Apartments	Net Population Increase
Township BUA*	3,880	139	763	2,978	8,102
Township DGA*	3,821	2,367	1,008	446	11,872
Township Rural Areas	124	124	0	0	397
<b>King Township</b>	<b>7,825</b>	<b>2,630</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>3,424</b>	<b>20,459</b>

Notes: \*B.U.A. - BuiltUp Area; D.G.A. - Designated Greenfield Area includes lands within settlement areas (excluding delineated builtup areas and rural settlements) that have been designated for development in the Official Plan and are required to accommodate forecast growth between 2024 and 2051.

Exhibit 16. Geographic Distribution of Residential Development and Population Growth, 2021-2051



Source: Sierra Planning and Management. Data Source: Forecast by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. Memo: Preliminary Phase 1 Growth Management Strategy and Employment Land Strategy Findings, July 30, 2024.

# PART 1: INVENTORY ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

## 1.1 Context – Policy and Planning

The Trails Master Plan (2015) identified several planning policies and plans that should be considered as part of the framework for the document.

**The following policy context references were noted in the Trails Master Plan (2015) and have not changes since the plan was published:**

- Ontario Trails Strategy – this document has not been updated since the 2005.
- Township of King: Integrated Community Stability Plan – this document has not been updated since 2012.

**The following policy context references were noted in the Trails Master Plan (2015) and have been revised since the plan was published:**

- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan – updated in 2017; minor revisions to Item 39 – Trail Systems to use more definitive language / terminology with regards to inclusion and accessibility.
- King Transportation Master Plan – see below.
- Township of King: Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan – see below.

### Transportation Master Plan (2025)

The Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is a detailed, long-term planning document that outlines how the Township will enhance, manage, and invest in the Township's transportation infrastructure. The plan outlines the vision, goals, and priorities for a transportation system that considers different ways people move around the Township, including - walking, cycling, public transit, and driving. The TMP will guide the improvement and development of the Township's transportation system, seeking to enhance a well-connected, accessible, and sustainable environment.

### Heritage & Cultural Master Plan (2021)

The Township of King Heritage & Cultural Master Plan (2021) supports the extension of the boundaries of cultural activities beyond the King Heritage & Cultural Centre site and emphasizes the importance of partnership and collaboration to maximize existing resources and provide more opportunities to celebrate the Township's history, safeguard heritage assets and promote community engagement. The Plan guides the Township in maintaining its unique identity, exhibiting King's heritage collections and celebrating its cultural assets.

### Facilities Master Plan (2025)

The Community Services Department manages and maintains several indoor recreation facilities. The Facilities Master Plan is based on the 2019 Master Plan Update completed by Township staff. The previous plan was used as a baseline document for determining where the Township is today and where it needs to go to achieve its objectives. This Plan addresses a variety of municipal facilities, including recreational, administrative and operational facilities – many of which are located adjacent to trails.

### **Parks and Forestry Services Master Plan (2025)**

The Public Works Department manages and maintains (32) active parks and hundreds of acres of passive open spaces. The Parks and Forestry Services Master Plan is based on the 2019 Master Plan Update completed by Township staff. The previous plan was used as a baseline document for determining where the Township is today and where it needs to go to achieve its objectives. This Plan addresses a variety of parks and open spaces – many of which provide connection to adjacent trails.

**The following additional policy context references are provided to supplement the information provided in the Trails Master Plan (2015):**

#### **Township of King Official Plan**

This Master Plan recognizes that the Township of King is currently undertaking an Official Plan Review (OPR) for the Our King Official Plan (2019). The Official Plan is a critical document that guides the long-term growth and development of the Township. It addresses various aspects such as land use, housing, employment, transportation, and environmental protection. The OPR process provides an opportunity to ensure that the vision and policy framework is up-to-date and relevant to guide growth to the year 2051.

The OPR for Our King Official Plan is necessary to ensure:

- Alignment with recent changes in Provincial policy and legislation, including the directive to “build more homes faster”.

- Integration with the relevant policies of the York Region Official Plan, 2022, which includes population and growth targets for King to 2051.
- Relevancy of the vision, objectives, and policies for King continues to meet the Township’s evolving needs.

At present, “Our King”, King Township’s Official Plan (approved by Council in September 2019) is still in effect and was reviewed as part of the background analysis stage.

#### **2023-2026 Corporate Strategic Plan**

King’s Corporate Strategic Plan (2023 – 2026) is structured into four priority areas: A greener future, sustainable asset management, complete communities, and service excellence. These priorities, along with their associated objectives, as relevant to this assignment, are summarized below:

#### **ThinkKING Green Sustainability Development Program**

This program establishes a series of metrics for evaluating the performance of new development in the Township as it relates to sustainability. ThinkKING Green applies to all Site Plan Development and Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications that the Township receives.

The sustainability metrics are based on five principles: green infrastructure, energy, and conservation, built environment, natural environment, and healthy communities.

#### **Asset Management Policy & Plan**

The Township developed a Strategic Asset Management Policy in 2019, which outlines King’s commitment to corporate asset management practices through effective planning processes. It

stipulates that the Township’s Asset Management Plan (AMP) will be updated in accordance with legislated requirements, including the requirement for all non-core assets to be included in future AMPs.

The Township’s most recent Asset Management Plan – Non-Core Assets is dated June 2024. This plan addresses all non-core assets within the municipal portfolio, including road-related assets, fleet and equipment, facilities, and parks and forestry assets. The Township’s AMP for Core Assets is focused on roads, bridges, structural culverts, water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure, was developed in 2022.

#### **Community Group Affiliation Policy**

In 2023, the Township developed a Community Group Affiliation Policy (CORPOL154) to guide the allocation of municipal resources in an equitable manner. The policy defines the criteria that groups need to meet to become an Affiliated Community Group (ACG), including providing programs and services that meet community needs in King Township, must be open to all King residents and membership must be comprised of at least 60% residents of the Township, and must be a designated nonprofit organization.

The policy identifies the municipal resources that are available to ACGs. This includes:

- Subsidized rates for use of municipal facilities.
- Facility allocation priority in line with the Ice Allocation Policy (and Outdoor Sports Facility Allocation Policy).
- Use of designated community centre space for registration.

- Access to municipal grants and funding opportunities.
- Township staff advisory support.
- Listing on Township website.
- Marketing, workshops, and/or training opportunities.
- One free meeting space a month to accommodate planning meetings or other.

#### **Other Municipal Documents**

The Township of King has several municipal reports that reference parks and open spaces. The following documents have informed sections of the Plan where appropriate and may be a source of additional information:

- Park Development Standards (2015)
- Annual Accessibility Status Report (2019)
- Tree Management Plan (2022)

## 1.2 Context – Conservation Authorities

### Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA):

The Trails Master Plan (2015) identified several relevant TRCA policies and plans:

- Living City Policy Documents – this document has not been updated since the 2014.
- Humber River Watershed Plan:
  - The TRCA’s jurisdiction includes the Humber River Watershed within the Township of King. This watershed is the largest in the TRCA’s jurisdiction - spanning from the headwaters on the Niagara Escarpment and Oak Ridges Moraine to the river’s mouth at Lake Ontario. Since the publishing of the Trails Master Plan (2015) the TRCA has released the Humber River Watershed Characterization Report (October 2023).
  - The report characterizes current watershed conditions, provides an assessment of potential future implications due to land use and climate conditions, and identifies measures to build longterm watershed health / resiliency through protection, restoration, and enhancement measures.
  - The report is intended as a guide to help municipalities make informed decisions on growth in ways that minimize / mitigate impacts on watershed health.
  - The report confirms that the Region of York 2051 Official Plan includes and provides relevant policies and strategies

related to watershed planning components.

- The report confirms that the Township of King’s current Official Plan includes and provides relevant policies and strategies related to watershed planning components.
- The report references the following Township of King documents:
  - Water and Wastewater Master Plan Class EA (2020)
  - Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (2012)
  - Tree Management Plan (2022 – Draft)
  - Comprehensive Stormwater management Plan (2022)
  - King Climate Action Plan (Draft)
  - Sustainable King: Green Development Standards
  - ByLaw to Provide for the Preserving of Trees and for Prohibiting the Injury or Destroying of Trees
- The report identifies the Township of King 2051 Official Plan as ‘TBD’.
- Trail Planning and Design Guidelines:
  - An updated Trail Planning and Design Guideline has not been published.
  - In 2019, the TRCA did publish the [Trail Strategy for the Greater Toronto Area - Growing our Legacy](#).
- The document includes an overall vision, concept, guiding principles, influencing factors, strategic objectives, and action items for achieving trail initiatives.
- Trail / trail amenity construction standards and specifications are not included.

### Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA):

The Trails Master Plan (2015) did not identify any relevant LSCRA policies and plans. A search for relevant documents published since 2015 generated no results.

## 1.3 Context - York Region

The Trails Master Plan (2015) identified the following relevant York Region plans and initiatives:

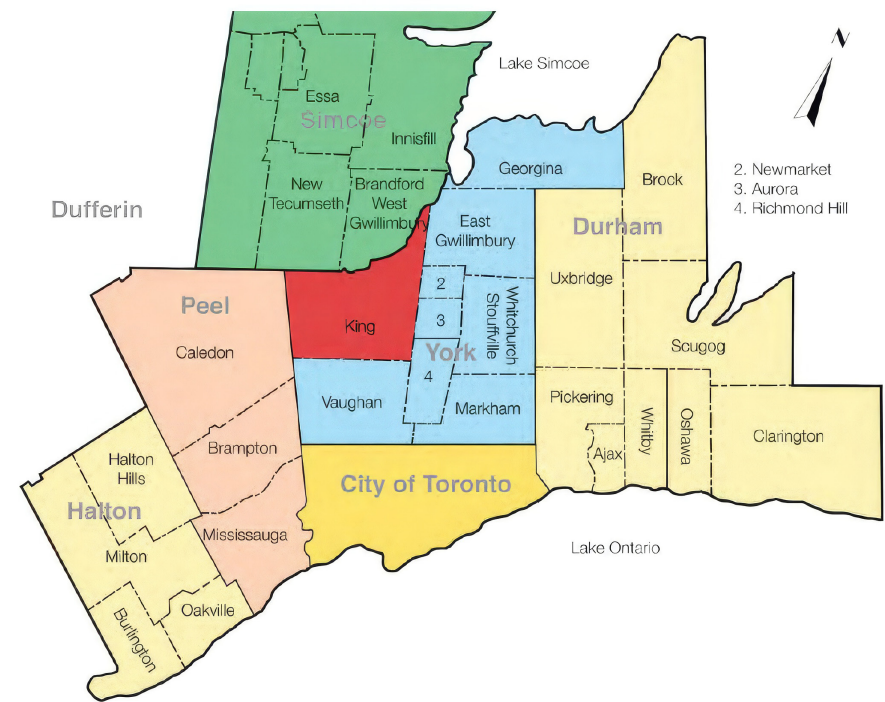
- Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan (2008) – this document has not been updated since the 2008.
- Lake to Lake Cycling Route and Walking Trail – comprehensive design and feasibility study has not changed since 2013.

## 1.4 Context Neighbouring Municipalities

The Trails Master Plan (2015) referenced a need for coordination with the Trail Master Plans of adjacent communities. Based on a general review of these documents:

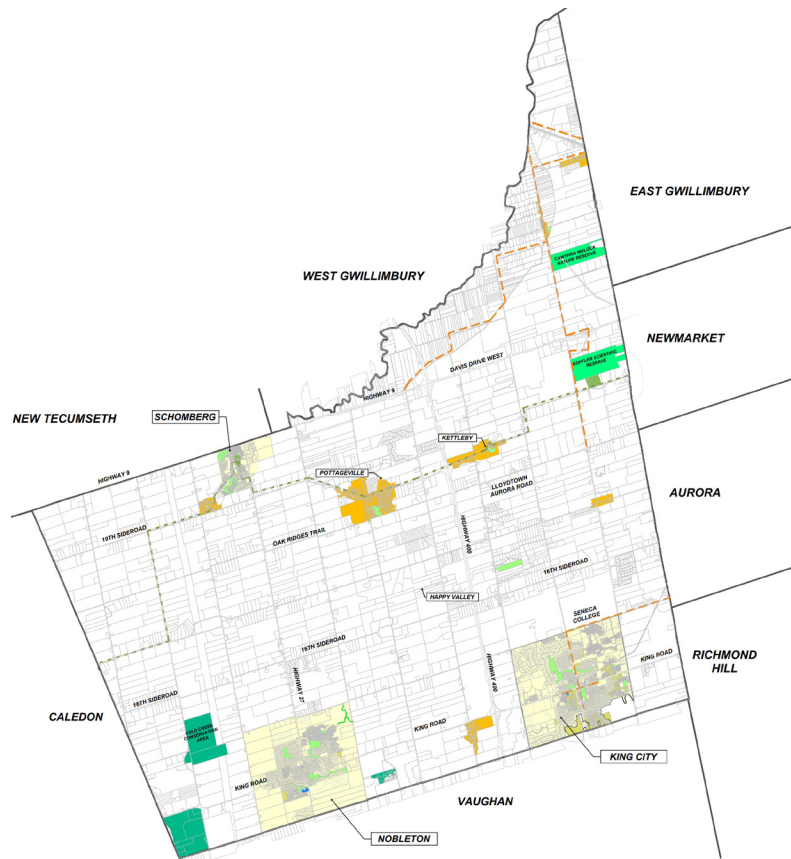
- East Gwillimbury – this document has not been updated since the 2012.
- Newmarket – updated as part of the Active Transportation Implementation Plan in 2018; no Township specific impacts noted.
- Aurora – this document has not been updated since the 2012.
- Richmond Hill – consolidated into the Transportation Master Plan in 2023 ; no Township specific impacts noted.
- Vaughan – updated as part of the Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan (2022); no Township specific impacts noted.

- Caledon – updated in the Active Transportation Master Plan (2024); no Township specific impacts noted.
- New Tecumseth – updated in Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Plan (2024); no Township specific impacts noted.
- Bradford West Gwillimbury - this document has not been updated since the 2010 .



## 1.5 Context - Existing Trails Inventory

Mapping associated with the inventory of existing trails was reviewed by MBTW in conjunction with the current GIS mapping available from Township of King. This review resulted in minor modifications have to the Figure 6: Existing Trails in the Township of King, as provided in the Trails Master Plan (2015). Refer to updated existing trails mapping on the following page.



## 1.6 Context - Community and Stakeholder Input Summary

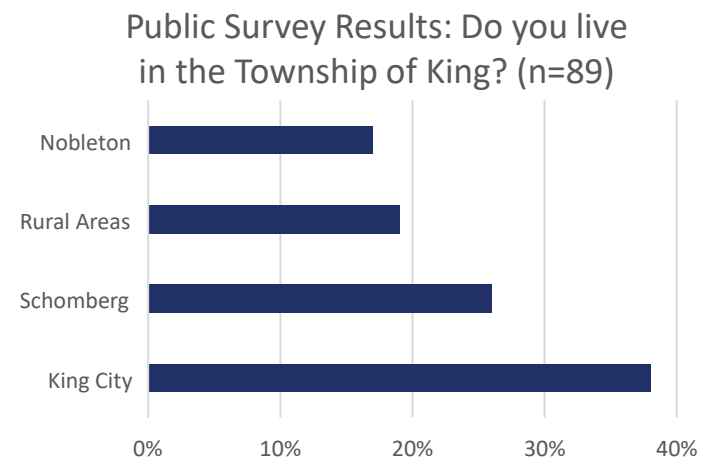
In support of the Trails Management Plan - Update Report, an Online Public Survey for Trails was posted at the following locations:

- A dedicated web page for the project was available on the Township’s website complete with a link to the online survey.
- At trailheads along key trails in the Township (using a QR code).

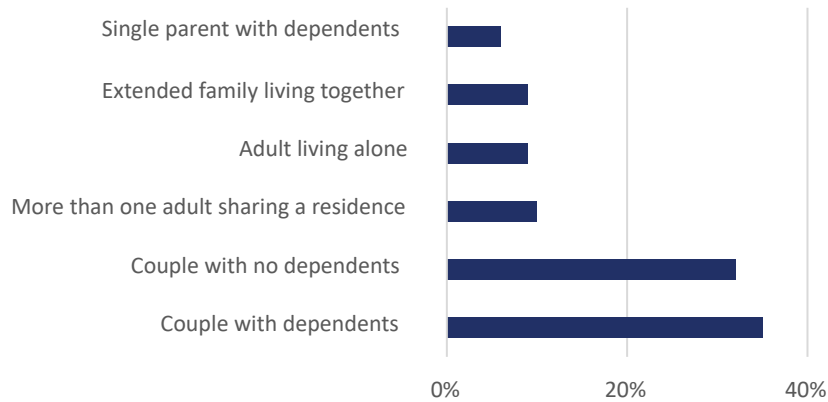
### Public Survey Results

The online public survey received 97 responses in total, including 89% or 86 participants who used trails within the Township in the past year.

**92%** of survey respondents indicated that they live in King Township. Most participants were from King City (38%), followed by Schomberg (26%), Rural Areas (19%), and Nobleton (17%).

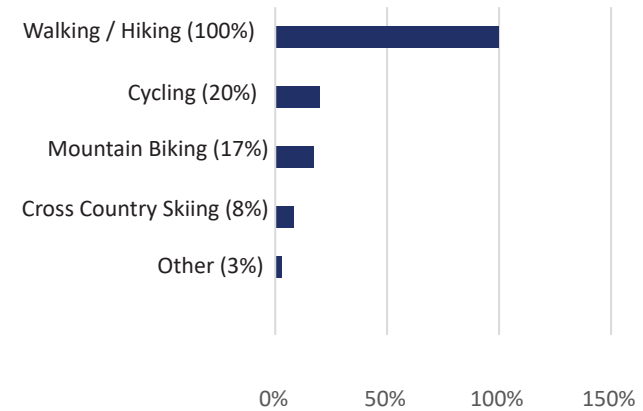


### Public Survey Results: What description best fits your household? (n=81)



The household profile of survey participants includes families / households with children (41%), couples or adults without children (50%), and extended family living together (9%).

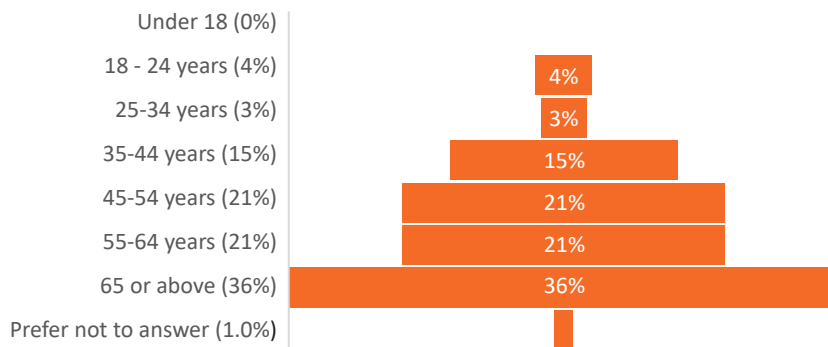
### Public Survey Results: Which mode of transport do you typically use on trails?



### How often do you or members of your household use trails within the Township?

Amount	Percentage Votes
A few times a week	26%
About once a week	20%
A few times a month	16%
Every day	14%
Less than once a month	14%
About once a month	10%

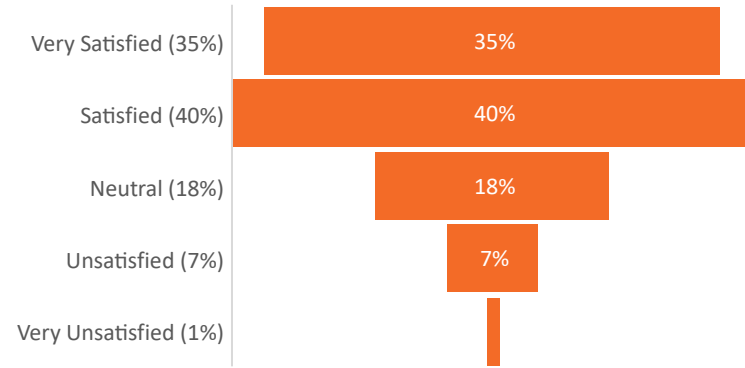
### Public Survey Results: What is your age category? (n=81)



Please indicate which trails you or members of your household have used in the past year (trails with 10% use or greater shown).

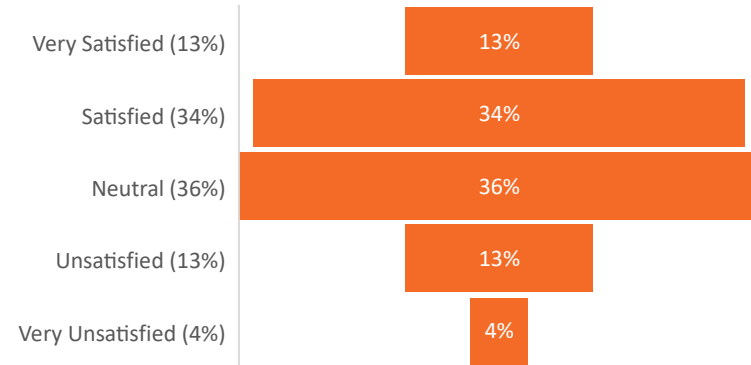
TRAIL NAME	Percentage Votes
King City Trails	42%
Seneca College	37%
Cold Creek Conservation Area (TRCA)	36%
Nobleton Trails	34%
Schomberg Trail	29%
Oak Ridges Trail	27%
Goldie Feldman Nature Reserve (Happy Valley)	27%
York Region	22%
Thornton Bales Conservation Area (LSRCA)	19%
Pottageville	16%
Centennial Park (Mountain Bike Trails)	12%
Humber Trails (TRCA)	11%
The Koffer Scientific Reserve at Jokers Hill (University of Toronto)	10%

**Public Survey Results: General satisfaction with the quality of trails (average across all trails shown based on level of satisfaction).**



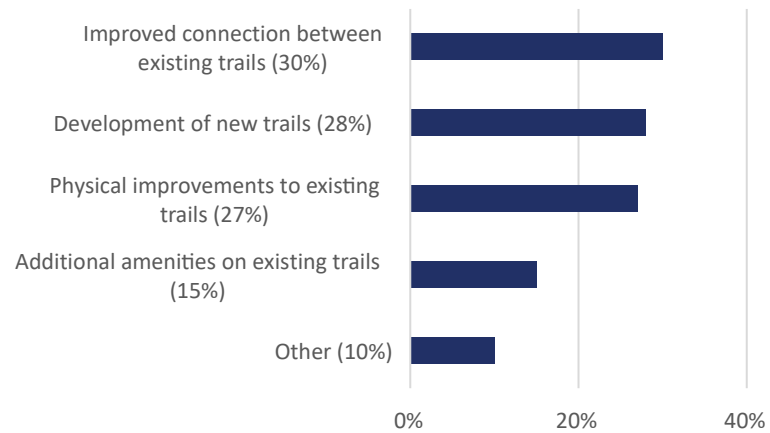
Trails with votes under 'Very Unsatisfied (1%)' included King City, Nobleton, and York Region Trails.

**Public Survey Results: Rate your general satisfaction with trails (average across all trails shown based on level of satisfaction).**



Criteria for rating of general satisfaction includes – access, trail markings, parking, trail condition / maintenance, signage / wayfinding, access to garbage bins, bicycle parking, lighting, and washrooms.

### Public Survey Results: What is the top priority for investment in trails over the next 10 years?



*Over the next 10 year period, existing trails connections, physical improvements and amenities are a priority over the development of new trails.*

## PART 2: RECOMMENDATIONS (2015)

As previously stated, one of the primary objectives of this Update Report is to assess the progress made to date by the Township on the recommendations contained within the Trails Master Plan (2015), which organized recommendations under the following six (6) headings:

- 2.1 Existing Trails (E)
- 2.2 New Trails (N)
- 2.3 Trailheads (T)
- 2.4 Signage and Wayfinding (S)
- 2.5 Operations (O)
- 2.6 Marketing and Promotions (P)

For clarity, this recommendation summaries within this section maintain the organizational structure and numbering methodology of the 2015 plan.

Summaries include the previously established priority sequence classifications (where applicable):

- Short Term (ST) - 1 to 5 years
- Medium Term (MT) - 5 to 10 years
- Long Term (LT) - 10+ year

Summaries include a status update:

- C = Completed
- OG = On Going
- NC = Not Completed
- NLR = No Longer Relevant.

The assessment of status will be based on 2015 priority sequence assigned to each recommendation. Based on these cycles, 2025 will mark the end of the Medium Term period (10 years) originally identified in Trails Master Plan.

## 2.1 Existing Trails (E)

The Trails Master Plan (2015) included twenty (20) recommendations for existing trails within the Township of King. Several of the recommendations are associated with undertaking routine inspections and maintenance. Since the undertaking of the 2015 plan, Parks and Forestry Services has coordinated Township-wide trail inspection activities and have started an associated system for data collection and record keeping.

As a result, recommendations for ‘routine inspections and maintenance’ will be assessed as completed in this review with the understanding that current practices will continue.

2015 Recommendations		Term			Current Status			
		ST	MT	LT	C	OG	NC	NLR
E1	Cold Creek Conservation Area: Trails located within Conservation Area. • Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.				✓			
E2	Nobleton (Northwest): West of Highway 27 and North of King Road. • Undertake routine inspections and maintenance. • Link trails to proposed trails north of Nobleton.				✓			
							X	
E3	Nobleton (Northeast): East of Highway 27, North of King Road • Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.				✓			
E4	Nobleton (Southeast): Woodhill Ave. to Janet Ave. • Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.				✓			
E5	Nobleton Trail Formalization: Woodhill Ave. to east end of Hawthorne Valley Rd. • Trail follows creek north of Hawthorn Valley Road. • <b>NLR – Challenges with CA, species at risk, and cost of construction make this recommendation unfeasible.</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A				

2015 Recommendations		Term			Current Status			
		ST	MT	LT	C	OG	NC	NLR
E6	<p>York Region Forest Trail: 7th Concession to Oak Ridges Trail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trail in York Region's plans for improvements including upgrading of trail/ rerouting for equestrian use.</li> <li>Work with York Region.</li> <li>NLR – Region of York initiative; Township not involved.</li> </ul>							
E7	<p>7th Concession Erosion Repair between 16th and 17th Sideroads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partner with Nature Conservancy of Canada to restore trail and fix erosion issues.</li> <li>Restoration recommendations provided in report prepared by GEMS for Nature Conservancy of Canada.</li> </ul>					O		
E8	<p>Provide formal link between the Oak Ridges Trail to the Goldie Feldman Nature Reserve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow unopened road allowance.</li> <li>Provide bridge over watercourse.</li> </ul>					O		
E9	<p>Work with landowners in the Happy Valley Forest to properly sign and close redundant trails: 6th Concession to 7th Concession.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design sustainable trail system for equestrians.</li> <li>Close trails and restore landscape on private lands as required by owners.</li> <li>Provide wayfinding signage.</li> <li>Work may be undertaken in conjunction with other trail improvement initiatives.</li> </ul>					O		
E10	<p>King City (Northwest): Keele St. (St. Andrews Park) to Kingcross Dr.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.</li> <li>Review and resolution of flood issues at the north end of the trail - as identified by Township Staff through routine inspections. Potential solutions may include a rock causeway or elevated trail.</li> </ul>					O		
E11	<p>King City (Northeast): Keele St. to Dennison St.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.</li> <li>Undertake improvements to address water and erosion sections.</li> <li>NLR – Trail closure being discussed with the CA based on erosion conditions.</li> </ul>							

2015 Recommendations		Term			Current Status			
		ST	MT	LT	C	OG	NC	NLR
E12	King City (Southeast): Varies. • Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.				✓			
E13	Centennial Park: East of Jane Street (Loop). • Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.				✓			
E14	Kettleby: Kettleby Rd. • Undertake routine inspections and maintenance. • <b>NLR – Location identified is not a trail</b>							
E15	Pottageville: 18th Sideroad to north of Cooke Rd. • Disconnected from other trails.				✓			
E16	Schomberg: Varies. • Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.				✓			
E17	Cawthra Mulock: Dufferin St. to Bathurst St. • Incorporate signage at trailhead regarding other trails in King Township. • Improve signage directing users to trailheads. • <b>NLR – Location is not a municipal property</b>							
E18	Koffler Scientific Reserve at Jokers Hill: Bathurst St. north of 19th Sideroad to 19th Sideroad at Thornton Bales. • Partner with University of Toronto to improve signage and wayfinding along trail. • Improve parking on Bathurst (signage). • Improve garbage pick-up. • <b>NLR – Location is not a municipal property</b>							
E19	Thornton Bales: Loop. Starts at 19th Sideroad, ties into Koffler Scientific Reserve at Jokers Hill. • Partner with LSRCA to improve signage and wayfinding. • <b>NLR – Location is not a municipal property</b>							
E20	Seneca College: Dufferin Street north of 15th Sideroad. Ties into Oak Ridges Trail. • Work with Seneca College to provide opportunities for enhanced links to ORT and King City Trails. • <b>NLR – Location is not a municipal property</b>							

NOTE: Refer to [Appendix A – Trails Diagrams](#) for trail locations within the Township and [Appendix B - Existing Trails Recommendations \(2015\)](#) for additional information related to the 2015 recommendations.

## 2.2 New Trails (N)

The Trails Master Plan (2015) included twenty -three (23) recommendations for existing trails within the Township of King.

2015 Recommendations		Term			Current Status			
		ST	MT	LT	C	OG	NC	NLR
N1	<p>Bolton Tract Link: Trailhead at Columbia Way and Caledon / King Town Line.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Route to be determined. Work with TRCA and private landowners to receive permission to establish a route.</li> <li>Opportunity to follow unopened road 15th Sideroad allowance for portion of the trail.</li> </ul>				✓		X	
N2	<p>Nobleton to Cold Creek Conservation Area: Cold Creek Conservation area to Holden Dr.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be establish in consultation with private landowners and/or as part of future subdivision / community planning processes.</li> <li>Opportunity to follow unopened road 15th Sideroad allowance west of 10th Concession.</li> <li>Trail can link to Cold Creek Conservation Area Mixed Forest Trail.</li> </ul>						X	
					✓			
					✓			
N3	<p>Nobleton Northeast: Existing trail to 8th Concession at 15th Sideroad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential future opportunity for link to Happy Valley.</li> <li>Connection VIA road connection. Landowner outreach.</li> <li>NLR – Location is not a municipal property</li> </ul>							
N4	<p>Cold Creek Conservation Area to Nashville Tract (follows hydro corridor).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor.</li> <li>Alignment should be planned with consideration of proposed trails N2 and N3.</li> <li>NLR – Location is not a municipal property</li> </ul>							
N5	<p>Nashville Tract Link: Trailhead at King Vaughan Rd. and 10th Concession to Nobleton Community Centre (Hwy 27 and King Rd.).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be establish in consultation with private landowners and/or as part of future subdivision / community planning processes.</li> <li>Opportunity to link with existing trail at Woodhill Ave. and Janet Ave.</li> <li>NLR – Location is not a municipal property</li> </ul>							
N6	<p>Nobleton Southeast Link: Woodhill Ave. to 8th Concession.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with private landowners to receive permission to establish route.</li> <li>NLR – Location is not a municipal property</li> </ul>							

2015 Recommendations		Term			Current Status			
		ST	MT	LT	C	OG	NC	NLR
N7	Nobleton to Laskay: 8th Concession to Laskay. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with private landowners to receive permission to establish route.</li> <li>Unopened road allowance between 8th Concession and Humber Trail.</li> </ul>					O		
N8	Nobleton to Happy Valley (follows hydro corridor): 8th Concession to TRCA property at Happy Valley. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners.</li> </ul>					O		
N9	King City West Link: King Township Museum to Manitou Dr. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with private landowners to receive permission to establish route.</li> <li>Alignment to be establish in consultation with private landowners and/or as part of future subdivision / community planning processes.</li> </ul>					O		
N10	King City Southeast: East of Keele St. to East of Dufferin St. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion of existing trail network.</li> <li>Alignment to be determined through community planning process.</li> <li>Opportunity to connect to / view Richard Serra's sculpture 'Shift'.</li> </ul>				✓			
N11	King City to Richmond Hill: Dufferin St. to Bathurst Glen Golf Course at Bathurst Street and at Township boundary with Richmond Hill and Vaughan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with private landowners to receive permission to establish route.</li> <li>Link to existing primary soft surface trail (Bathurst Glen Golf Course) as per Town of Richmond Hill's Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan study (2010).</li> </ul>						X	
N12	King City Northeast: King Road to 15th Sideroad. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion of existing trail network.</li> <li>Alignment to be determined through community planning process.</li> <li>Extension across 15th Sideroad onto Seneca.</li> </ul>					O		
N13	Happy Valley to Kettleby (follows hydro corridor): TRCA property in Happy Valley to Kettleby. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be establish in consultation with private landowners and/or as part of future subdivision / community planning processes.</li> <li>Portion of route to be on road to cross Hwy 400.</li> <li>Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor.</li> </ul>					O		

2015 Recommendations		Term			Current Status			
		ST	MT	LT	C	OG	NC	NLR
N14	Kettleby to Aurora: Kettleby to Bathurst St. North of 17th Sideroad. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners.</li> <li>Alignment to address environmental sensitivity.</li> </ul>					O		
N15	Kettleby to Cawthra: Kettleby to Cawthra Mullock Nature Reserve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners.</li> <li>Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor.</li> </ul>					O		
N16	Cawthra to Newmarket: Cawthra Mullock Nature Reserve to Bathurst St. at Woodspring Ave. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be establish in consultation with private landowners and/or as part of future subdivision / community planning processes.</li> <li>Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor.</li> </ul>					O		
N17	Cawthra to East Gwillimbury (follows hydro corridor): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunity to connect to East Gwillimbury trails.</li> <li>Alignment around Cawthra Mulock to be determined / may tie into existing trails.</li> <li>Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor.</li> </ul>					O		
N18	Schomberg to Pottageville: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed alignment to follow Township owned properties and unopened road allowances where possible.</li> <li>Alignment that respects sensitive environment.</li> </ul>						X	
N19	Oak Ridges Trail to Hwy 9 (follows hydro corridor): Oak Ridge trail east of 11th Concession to Hwy. 9. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be establish in consultation with private landowners.</li> <li>Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor.</li> </ul>					O		
N20	Caledon Connection: 12th Concession and 17th Sideroad at Caledon / King Townline to Caledon / King Township Boundary north of 18th Sideroad. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be establish in consultation with private landowners.</li> <li>Proposed alignment to follow unopened road allowances.</li> </ul>						X	

2015 Recommendations		Term			Current Status			
		ST	MT	LT	C	OG	NC	NLR
N21	<p>Cold Creek Conservation Area to oak Ridges Trail (follows hydro corridor): Cold Creek Conservation Area to Oak Ridges Trail east of 11th Concession.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be establish in consultation with private landowners.</li> <li>Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor.</li> </ul>					O		
N22	<p>Equestrian Link: York Region property on 7th Concession to Humber Source Woods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to follow existing trails through York Region property, 7th Concession, 16th Sideroad, and Humber Source Woods.</li> <li>Route to be signed and designed for equestrian use.</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A			X	
N23	<p>Greenbelt Trail to Oak Ridges Trail on Jane Street: Greenbelt Trail at Lloydtown-Aurora Road to 16th Sideroad at Oak Ridges Trail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed route along Jane Street from the Greenbelt Route to Oak Ridges Trail.</li> <li>Signs provide directions to Centennial Park, Greenbelt Trail, and Oak Ridges Trail.</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A			X	

NOTE: Refer to [Appendix A – Trails Diagrams](#) for trail locations within the Township and [Appendix C - New Trails Recommendations \(2015\)](#) for additional information related to the 2015 recommendations

## 2.3 Trailheads (T)

The Trails Master Plan (2015) included nineteen (19) recommendations for trailheads within the Township of King. Within these recommendations, eight (8) of the trailheads were associated with existing and proposed trailheads (by others) – T12 through T19 (inclusive). Only the eleven (11) recommendations specific to municipal primary and secondary trailheads are included in the following summary.

2015 Recommendations		Term			Current Status			
		ST	MT	LT	C	OG	NC	NLR
T1	11th Concession at Oak Ridges Moraine Trail: Township property between 18th and 19th Sideroad <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking</li> <li>• Garbage and recycling receptacles</li> <li>• Trail Map</li> <li>• Access Gate</li> </ul>						X	
T2	Trisan Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formalized parking (existing)</li> <li>• Equestrian parking</li> <li>• Garbage and recycling receptacles</li> <li>• Trail Map</li> <li>• Access gate</li> </ul>						X	
T3	Nobleton Arena: At Old King Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formalized parking (existing)</li> <li>• Garbage and recycling receptacles</li> <li>• Trail Map</li> </ul>						X	
T4	King City Arena: At Doctors Lane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garbage and recycling receptacles</li> <li>• Trail Map</li> </ul>					O		
T5	Halls Lake: At King / Caledon Townline between 18th Sideroad and 19th Sideroad. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage</li> </ul>						X	
T6	Pottageville: Hwy 9 and 7th Concession north of 17th Sideroad. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage</li> </ul>						X	

2015 Recommendations		Term			Current Status			
		ST	MT	LT	C	OG	NC	NLR
T7	7th Concession at Happy Valley: North of 17th Sideroad. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formalized parking (existing)</li> <li>Equestrian parking</li> <li>Garbage and recycling receptacles</li> <li>Trail Map</li> <li>Access gate</li> </ul>					O		
T8	7th Concession South: South of 16th Sideroad. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roadside parking</li> <li>Signage</li> </ul>						X	
T9	Centennial Park: Jane Street north of 16th Sideroad <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parking</li> <li>Signage</li> </ul>				✓			
T10	Oak Ridges Trail at Keele Street: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roadside parking</li> <li>Signage</li> </ul>						X	
T11	Oak Ridges Trail at Dufferin Street: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roadside parking</li> <li>Signage</li> </ul>						X	

## 2.4 Signage and Wayfinding (S)

The Trails Master Plan (2015) included seven (7) recommendations for signage and wayfinding within the Township of King. Within these recommendations, six (6) of the recommendations are associated with signage content and a description of their general application to locations throughout the Township. Only the one overarching recommendation associated with signage and wayfinding has been included in the summary below.

2015 Recommendations		Term			Current Status			
		ST	MT	LT	C	OG	NC	NLR
S1	<p>Retain graphic design and sign professional to develop mapping and wayfinding template:</p> <p>Based on the guidelines provided in the Trails Master Plan, a professional graphic design company specializing in outdoor mapping and signs should be retained to develop the template for signage on all existing and future trail projects.</p>						X	

## 2.5 Operations and Maintenance (O)

The Trails Master Plan (2015) included eight (8) recommendations for trail operations and maintenance within the Township of King .

2015 Recommendations		Term			Current Status			
		ST	MT	LT	C	OG	NC	NLR
O1	Establish a trail working group committee: A trail working group committee should guide the planning and implementation of new trails and existing trail improvements. Committee should include representatives from key stakeholder groups including ORTA, King Trails, Parks & Forestry, Planning, equestrian riders and the public. One representative from each of the neighbouring eight municipalities should also have a seat at the table.						X	
O2	Undertake trail audits of existing trails at the beginning of each season to ensure the route is safe and identify where maintenance is required.					O		
O3	Establish protocol and train staff for regular trail inspections. Implementing program will help minimize Township's exposure to liability. Use a standardized check list to record observations and keep a record of inspections.				✓			
O4	Establish trail tip hot line and email through Customer Management System for the public to report any issues on the trails. Establish number and email through Customer Management System for trail users to report issues along the trail route.						X	
O5	Install municipal garbage receptacles at Koffler Scientific Reserve at Jokers Hill and add collection to municipal collection route. Work with University of Toronto to address litter and garbage collection issues at Koffler Scientific Reserve at Jokers Hill.						X	
O6	Provide animal proof garbage receptacles and dog waste bags at trailheads and add locations to municipal pickup route. Upgraded litter facilities will help keep trails clean and reduce the extent of regular maintenance along the route.						X	

2015 Recommendations		Term			Current Status			
		ST	MT	LT	C	OG	NC	NLR
O7	Work with local landowners to establish trail routes. Setup protocol for working with landowners to provide access across private lands. Ensure risk management initiatives are in place.					O		
O8	Coordinate trail building work with invasive species management / control. Work with Nature Conservancy of Canada to establish protocols and expand on work already underway in Happy Valley.	N/A	N/A	N/A		O		

## 2.6 Marketing and Promotion (P )

The Trails Master Plan (2015) included five (5) recommendations for trail s marketing and promotion within the Township of King.

2015 Recommendations		Term			Current Status			
		ST	MT	LT	C	OG	NC	NLR
P1	Trails Map: Work with a graphic design company to develop a map of the trails network. This map will need to be easily updated the trail network is expanded. It should also be suitable for use in signage, in print and posting online. Mapping for individual routes will also be required and should be of a similar graphic quality.						X	
P2	Trails Events: Look for opportunities to market the trail by hosting events such as guided hikes, naming contests, or photo contests.					O		
P3	Design and maintain a trails website: Build and maintain an online presence for the Township’s trail network to encourage allseason trail use by residents and visitors to King Township				✓			
P4	Work with adjacent municipalities and York Region to market the region as a hiking and trails destination. Sharing of resources between municipalities will help capture a wider audience.						X	
P5	Social Media Presence: Use social media to provide updates on trail conditions and trail events such as guided hikes or organized trail cleanups. Facebook and Twitter are the two primary social media tools that should be used to promote trails.						X	

## PART 3: KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED

Trails and community connections are an essential municipal asset. In the short-term, medium-term, and long-term horizons associated with this report, the Township will need to review, analyze, assess, and action the following key issues / challenges:

- Redirecting future recommendations for short - term and medium -term priorities towards existing trail improvements/ connections within neighbourhoods and villages as opposed to Township -wide connections (north to south and east to west) – as per community engagement and internal stakeholder input.
  - Priorities need to be realistic – based on what is feasible / manageable.
  - Funding for the construction of future trail improvements/ connections as growth occurs.
  - Funding for ongoing maintenance, renovation / repair, and asset management (non -core assets ) within existing trails systems.
  - This includes the potential addition of amenities to existing trails.
  - This includes the potential addition of wayfinding / signage to existing trails.
  - This includes asset management backlogs.
  - Increasing operating budgets (labour, equipment, and materials) in line with future trails development as growth occurs.
- Review / establishment of agreements with trails Partners – TRCA (multiple locations) , LSRCA (multiple locations) , Oak Ridges Moraine, Nature Conservancy of Canada (Happy Valley Forest), Ontario Nature (Cawthra Mulock Nature Reserve), Waterfront Regeneration Trust (The Greenbelt Route) , York Region (multiple locations) , University of Toronto (multiple locations) , Seneca College, utilities (hydro corridors), and private entities.
  - The development of adoption of Trails Design Standards to guide the design and implementation of future trails and better support operations, maintenance, and asset management (non -core assets) activities.
  - Paving all new trails through the development community. Understanding the potential implications to AMP and managing/budgeting for the lifecycle and future replacement cost.

## PART 4: PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS (2025)

## 4.1 Trails Recommendations (2025)

The following chart consolidates all move forward recommendations related to the Township’s trails system included in the 2015 Trails Master Plan and scope of the Master Plan, plus additional recommendation from MBTW’s review. For clarity, the numbering system for recommendations from the 2015 Master Plan (both existing and new trails) have been retained.

Recommendations included short-term (ST = 1-3 years), medium-term (MT = 4-7 years), and long-term (LT = 8+ years) planning and implementation cycles.

ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	Term		
		ST	MT	LT
<b>E – EXISTING TRAILS (2015 MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS)</b>				
E2	Nobleton (Northwest): West of Highway 27 and North of King Road. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link trails to proposed trails north of Nobleton.</li> <li>• Link trails north to connect communities, such as Noblevue, to the N2 trail, potentially through land development opportunities or processes.</li> </ul>			
E7	7 <sup>th</sup> Concession Erosion Repair between 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> Sideroads. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner with Nature Conservancy of Canada to restore trail and fix erosion issues.</li> <li>• Restoration recommendations provided in report prepared by GEMS for Nature Conservancy of Canada.</li> </ul>			
E8	Provide formal link between the Oak Ridges Trail to the Goldie Feldman Nature Reserve – existing connection on the unopened road allowance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide bridge over watercourse.</li> </ul>			
E9	Work with landowners in the Happy Valley Forest to properly sign and close redundant trails: 6 <sup>th</sup> Concession to 8 <sup>th</sup> Concession. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design sustainable trail system for equestrians.</li> <li>• Close trails and restore landscape on private lands as required by owners.</li> <li>• Provide wayfinding signage.</li> <li>• Work may be undertaken in conjunction with other trail improvement initiatives.</li> </ul>			
E10	King City (Northwest): Keele St. (St. Andrews Park) to Kingcross Dr. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.</li> <li>• Review and resolution of flood issues at the north end of the trail - as identified by Township Staff through routine inspections. Potential solutions may include a rock causeway or elevated trail.</li> </ul>			

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		ST	MT	LT
<b>N – NEW TRAILS (2015 MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS)</b>				
N1	Bolton Tract Link: Trailhead at Columbia Way and Caledon / King Town Line. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunity to follow unopened road 15th Sideroad allowance for portion of the trail.</li> </ul>			
N2	Nobleton to Cold Creek Conservation Area: Cold Creek Conservation area to Holden Dr. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners and/or as part of future subdivision / community planning processes.</li> </ul>			
N7	Nobleton to Laskay: 8 <sup>th</sup> Concession to Laskay. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with private landowners to receive permission to establish route.</li> <li>Unopened road allowance between 8<sup>th</sup> Concession and Humber Trail.</li> </ul>			
N8	Nobleton to Happy Valley (follows hydro corridor): 8 <sup>th</sup> Concession to TRCA property at Happy Valley. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners.</li> </ul>			
N9	King City West Link: King Township Museum to Manitou Dr. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with private landowners to receive permission to establish route.</li> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners and/or as part of future subdivision / community planning processes.</li> </ul>			
N11	King City to Richmond Hill: Dufferin St. to Bathurst Glen Golf Course at Bathurst Street and at Township boundary with Richmond Hill and Vaughan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with private landowners to receive permission to establish route.</li> <li>Link to existing primary soft surface trail (Bathurst Glen Golf Course) as per Town of Richmond Hill's Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan study (2010).</li> </ul>			
N12	King City Northeast: King Road to 15 <sup>th</sup> Sideroad. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion of existing trail network.</li> <li>Alignment to be determined through community planning process.</li> <li>Extension across 15<sup>th</sup> Sideroad onto Seneca.</li> </ul>			

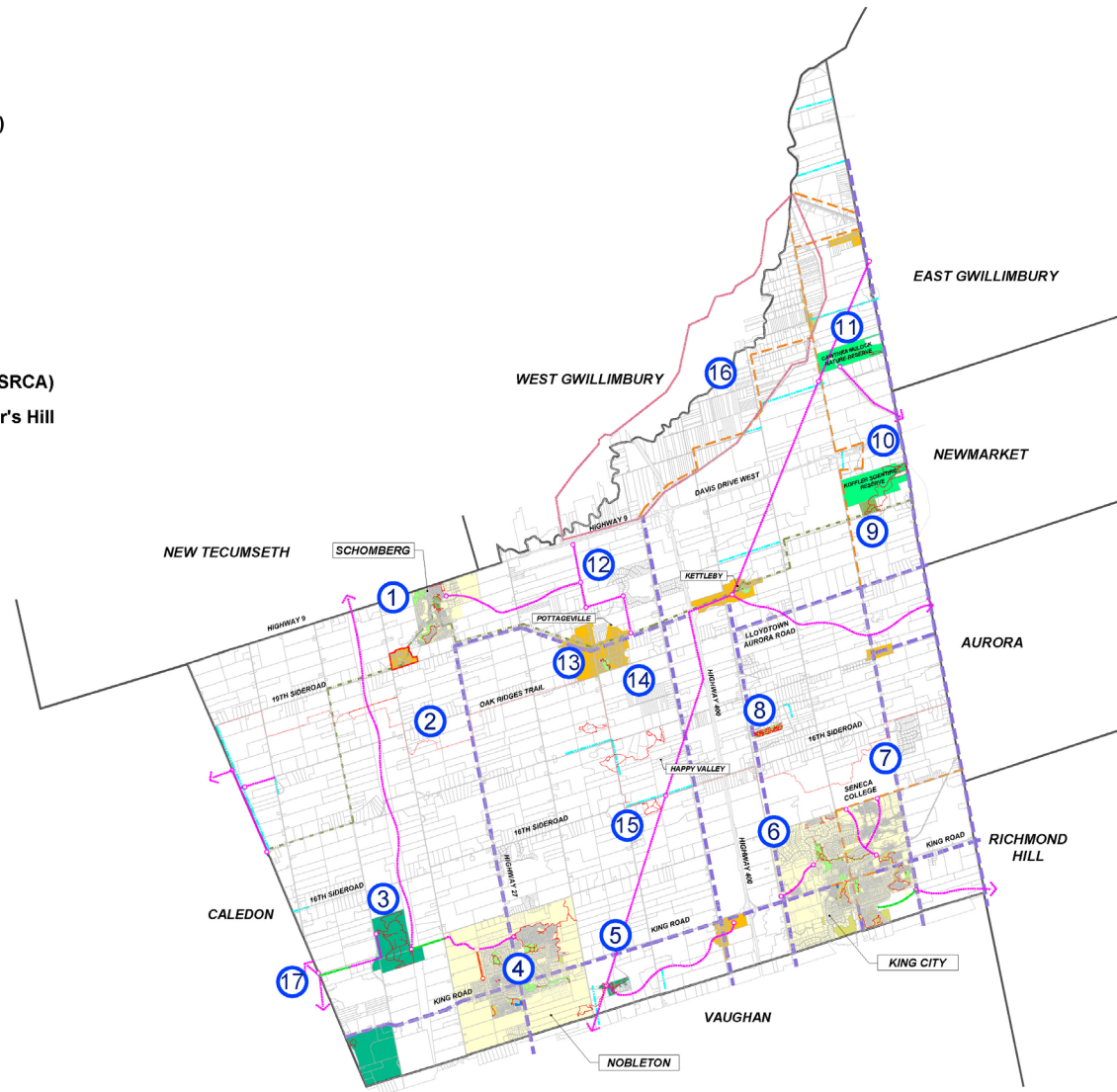
N13	<p>Happy Valley to Kettleby (follows hydro corridor): TRCA property in Happy Valley to Kettleby.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners and/or as part of future subdivision / community planning processes.</li> <li>• Portion of route to be on road to cross Hwy 400.</li> <li>• Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor.</li> </ul>			
N14	<p>Kettleby to Aurora: Kettleby to Bathurst St. north of 17<sup>th</sup> Sideroad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners.</li> <li>• Alignment to address environmental sensitivity.</li> </ul>			
N15	<p>Kettleby to Cawthra: Kettleby to Cawthra Mullock Nature Reserve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners.</li> <li>• Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor.</li> </ul>			
N16	<p>Cawthra to Newmarket: Cawthra Mullock Nature Reserve to Bathurst St. at Woodspring Ave.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners and/or as part of future subdivision / community planning processes.</li> <li>• Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor.</li> </ul>			
N17	<p>Cawthra to East Gwillimbury (follows hydro corridor):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to connect to East Gwillimbury trails.</li> <li>• Alignment around Cawthra Mullock to be determined / may tie into existing trails.</li> <li>• Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor.</li> </ul>			
N18	<p>Schomberg to Pottageville:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed alignment to follow Township owned properties and unopened road allowances where possible.</li> <li>• Alignment that respects sensitive environment.</li> </ul>			
N19	<p>Oak Ridges Trail to Hwy 9 (follows hydro corridor): Oak Ridge trail east of 11<sup>th</sup> Concession to Hwy. 9.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners.</li> <li>• Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor.</li> </ul>			
N20	<p>Caledon Connection: 12<sup>th</sup> Concession and 17<sup>th</sup> Sideroad at Caledon / King Townline to Caledon / King Township Boundary north of 18<sup>th</sup> Sideroad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners.</li> <li>• Proposed alignment to follow unopened road allowances.</li> </ul>			

N21	<p>Cold Creek Conservation Area to Oak Ridges Trail (follows hydro corridor): Cold Creek Conservation Area to Oak Ridges Trail east of 11<sup>th</sup> Concession.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners.</li> <li>• Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor.</li> </ul>			
N22	<p>Equestrian Link: York Region property on 7<sup>th</sup> Concession to Humber Source Woods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment to follow existing trails through York Region property, 7<sup>th</sup> Concession, 16<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, and Humber Source Woods.</li> <li>• Route to be signed and designed for equestrian use.</li> <li>• The Township should continue to advocate for these works.</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A
N23	<p>Greenbelt Trail to Oak Ridges Trail on Jane Street: Greenbelt Trail at Lloydtown-Aurora Road to 16<sup>th</sup> Sideroad at Oak Ridges Trail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signed route along Jane Street from the Greenbelt Route to Oak Ridges Trail.</li> <li>• Signs provide directions to Centennial Park, Greenbelt Trail, and Oak Ridges Trail.</li> <li>• The Township should continue to advocate for these works.</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A

ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	Term		
		ST	MT	LT
<b>T – ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS</b>				
T1	<p><b>Redirecting Short and Medium Priorities:</b> Redirecting future recommendations for short-term and medium-term priorities towards existing trail improvements / connections within neighbourhoods and villages as opposed to Township-wide connections (north to south and east to west).</p> <p>Note: While moving away from prioritizing Township-wide connections over the short to medium term, the Township should remain open to participating in larger, special trails projects on a case-by-case basis. Initiatives like the New Toronto Carrying Place Trail (TCPT), which proposes the establishment of a new regional, public trail through King Township - providing hike/bike opportunities while recognizing the role the Toronto Carrying Place Trail played in Ontario’s historical heritage and acknowledging the First Nations’ creation and use – is one example.</p>			
T2	<p><b>Partner Agreements:</b> Review / establishment of agreements with trails Partners – TRCA (multiple locations), LSRCA (multiple locations), Oak Ridges Moraine, Nature Conservancy of Canada (Happy Valley Forest), Ontario Nature (Cawthra Mulock Nature Reserve), Waterfront Regeneration Trust (The Greenbelt Route), York Region (multiple locations), University of Toronto (multiple locations), Seneca College, utilities (hydro corridors), and private entities.</p>			
T3	<p><b>Trails Design Standards:</b> Undertake the development of adoption of Trails Design Standards to guide the design and implementation of future trails and better support operations, maintenance, and asset management (non-core assets) activities.</p>			

## Appendix A – Trails Diagrams

- ① Schomberg Trails (See Figure 3.0)
- ② Oak Ridges Trail
- ③ Cold Creek Conservation Area (TRCA)
- ④ Nobleton Trails (See Figure 2.0)
- ⑤ Humber Trails (TRCA)
- ⑥ King City Trails (See Figure 1.0)
- ⑦ Seneca Trails
- ⑧ Centennial Park
- ⑨ Thornton Bales Conservation Area (LSRCA)
- ⑩ The Koffler Scientific Reserve at Joker's Hill (University of Toronto)
- ⑪ Cawthra Mulock Nature Reserve
- ⑫ Pottageville
- ⑬ York Region
- ⑭ Goldie Feldman Nature Reserve (Happy Valley)
- ⑮ Humber Source Woods (TRCA)
- ⑯ Bradford West Gwillimbury Multi-Use Trail
- ⑰ Bolton Tract (TRCA)



**REFERENCE PLANS**

**LEGEND:**

- Municipal Boundary
- Existing Trails
- Oak Ridges Moraine Trail
- Proposed Trails (Completed)
- Proposed Trails (Not Completed)
- Proposed Trail Link (Adjacent Municipality)
- Unopened Road Allowance
- Greenbelt Cycling Route (2015)
- Proposed Signed Bike Route
- Proposed Trail Shoulder
- Proposed Bradford West Gwillimbury Holland Marsh Trail

- KING - Village Boundary
- KING - Hamlet Hub
- KING - Parks and Open Spaces
- KING - Open Space and Conservation
- KING - Stormwater Catchment Pond
- Conservation Authority Lands (TRCA)
- Conservation Authority Lands (LSRCA)
- Other Conservation Lands

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**EXISTING & PROPOSED TRAILS  
 GENERAL DISTRIBUTION**

**Trails -**

**Existing**

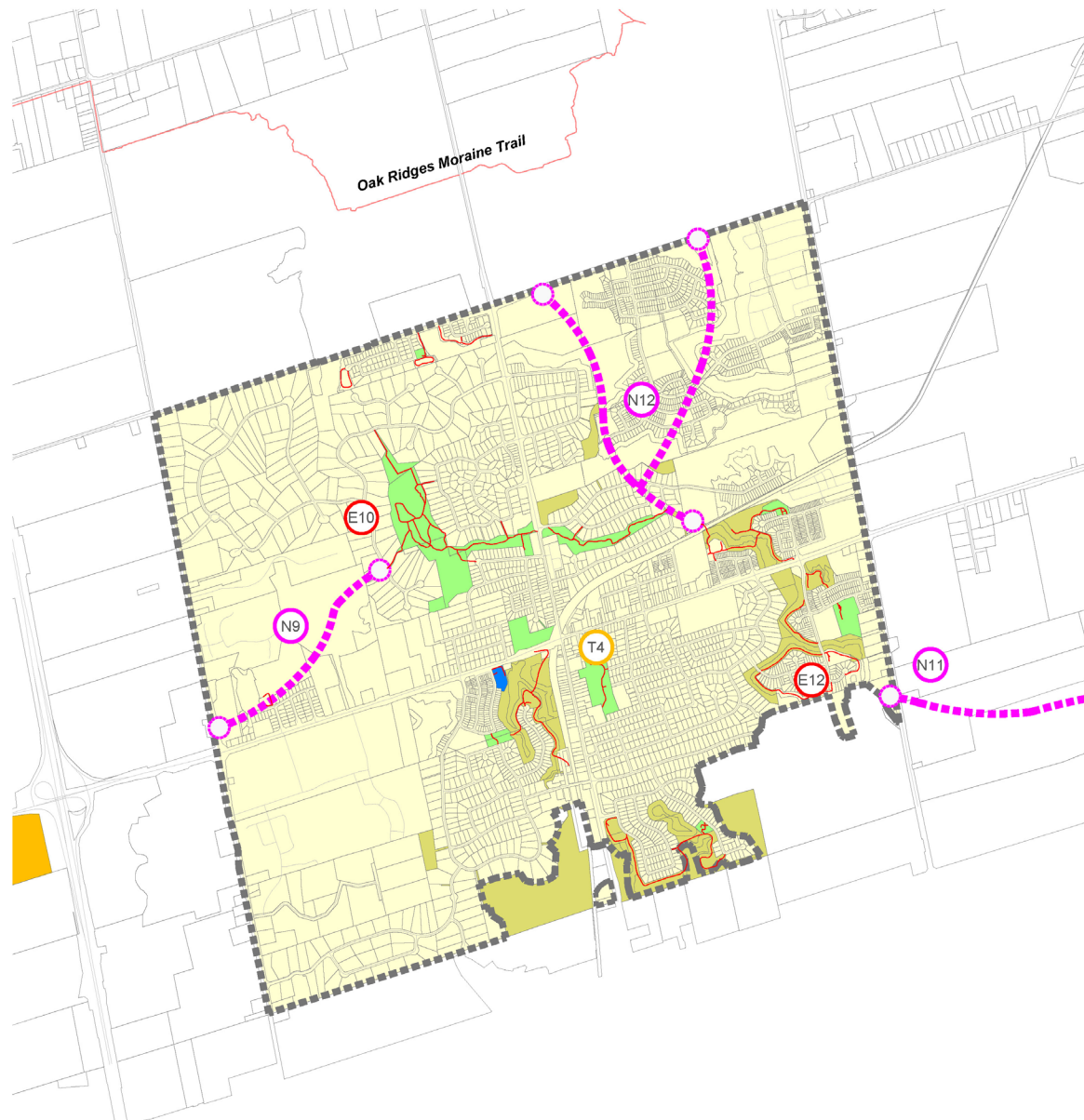
- E10 - King City (Northwest)
- E12 - King City (Southeast)

**Proposed**

- N9 - King City West Link
- N11 - King City to Richmond Hill
- N12 - King City Northeast

**Primary Trailhead**

- T4 - King City Arena



**REFERENCE PLANS**



**LEGEND:**

- Community Plan Boundary
- Existing Trails
- - - - Proposed Trails (Not Completed)
- KING - Parks and Open Spaces
- KING - Open Space and Conservation
- KING - Stormwater Catchment Pond
- KING - Village Boundary

Client:



North Arrow:



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 KING CITY DISTRIBUTION

**Trails -**

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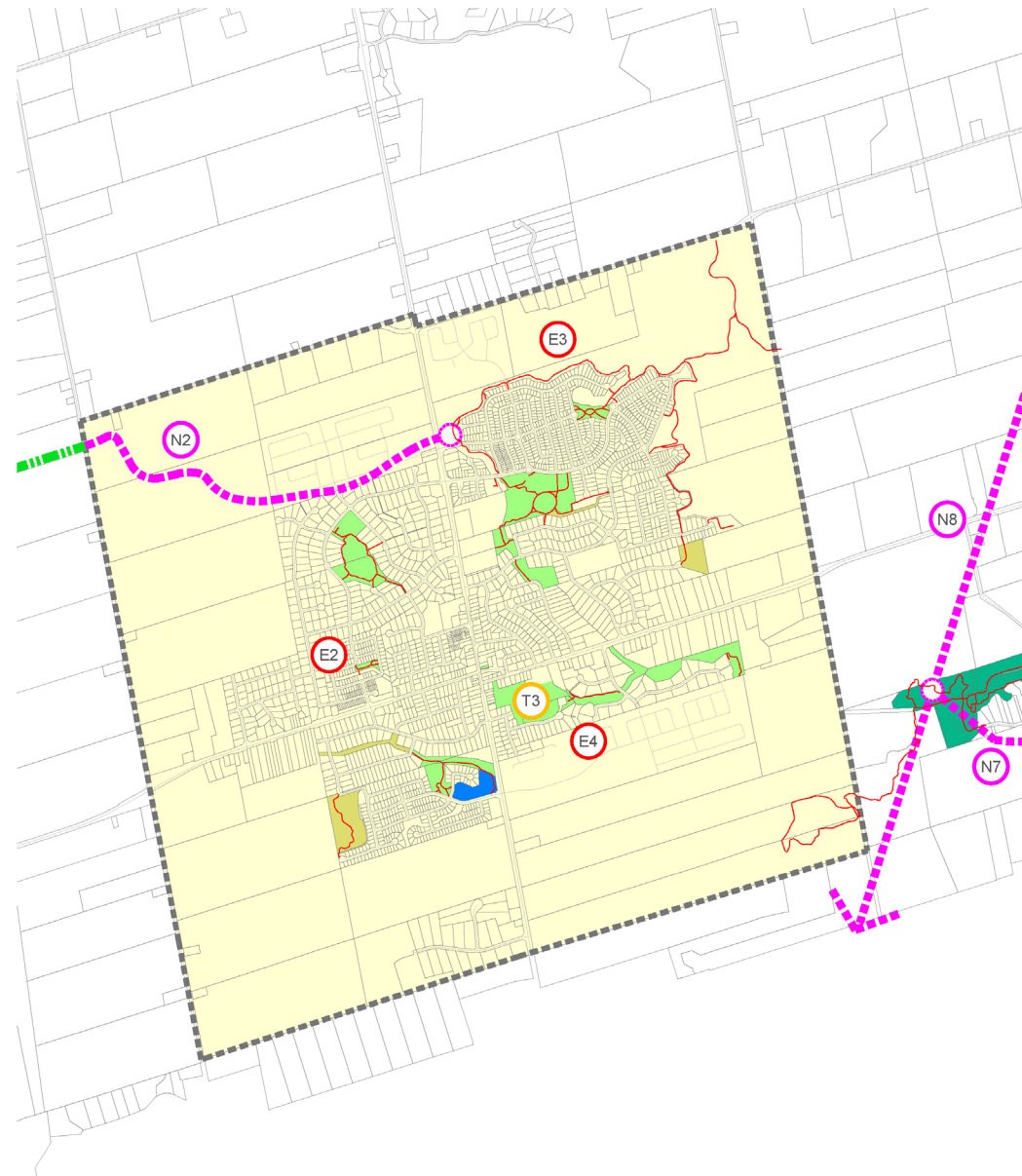
- E2 - Nobleton (Northwest)
- E3 - Nobleton (Northeast)
- E4 - Nobleton (Southeast)

Proposed

- N2 - Nobleton to Cold Creek Conservation Area
- N7- Nobleton to Laskay
- N8 - Nobleton to Happy Valley

Primary Trailhead



- T3 - Nobleton Arena




**REFERENCE PLANS**

**LEGEND:**

- Community Plan Boundary
- Existing Trails
- - - - - Proposed Trails (Completed)
- - - - - Proposed Trails (Not Completed)
- KING - Parks and Open Spaces
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- KING - Stormwater Catchment Pond
- KING - Village Boundary
- Conservation Authority Lands (TRCA)

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**EXISTING & PROPOSED TRAILS  
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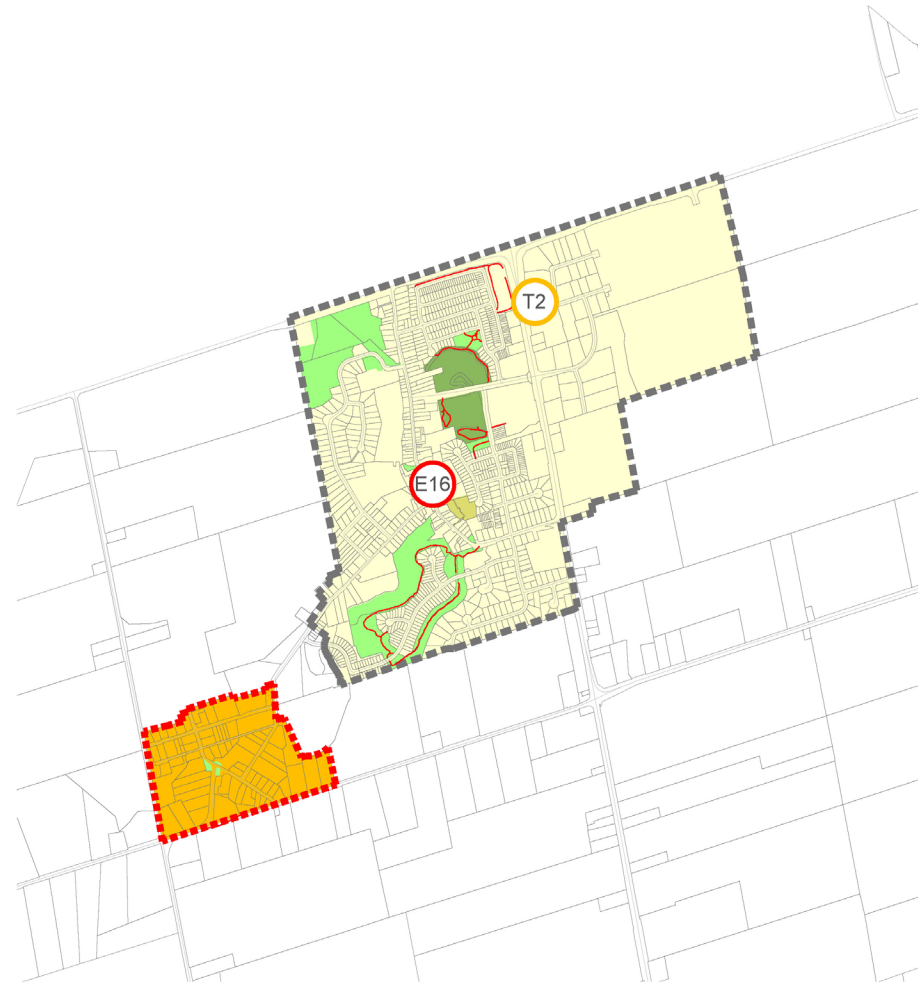
**Trails -**

Existing

E16 - Schomberg

Primary Trailhead

T2 - Trisan Centre



**REFERENCE PLANS**



**LEGEND:**

- Community Plan Boundary
- Hamlet Boundary
- Existing Trails
- KING - Parks and Open Spaces
- KING - Open Space and Conservation
- KING - Stormwater Catchment Pond
- KING - Village Boundary
- KING - Hamlet Hub
- Conservation Authority Lands (TRCA)
- Conservation Authority Lands (LSRCA)

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EXISTING & PROPOSED TRAILS  
SCHOMBERG DISTRIBUTION

Existing Trail Improvements

- ⊖ Nobleton (Northwest)
- ⊖ York Region Forest Trail
- ⊖ Formalize link between Oak Ridges Trail and Happy Valley
- ⊖ Close Redundant Trails and Formalize

Proposed Off-Road Trails

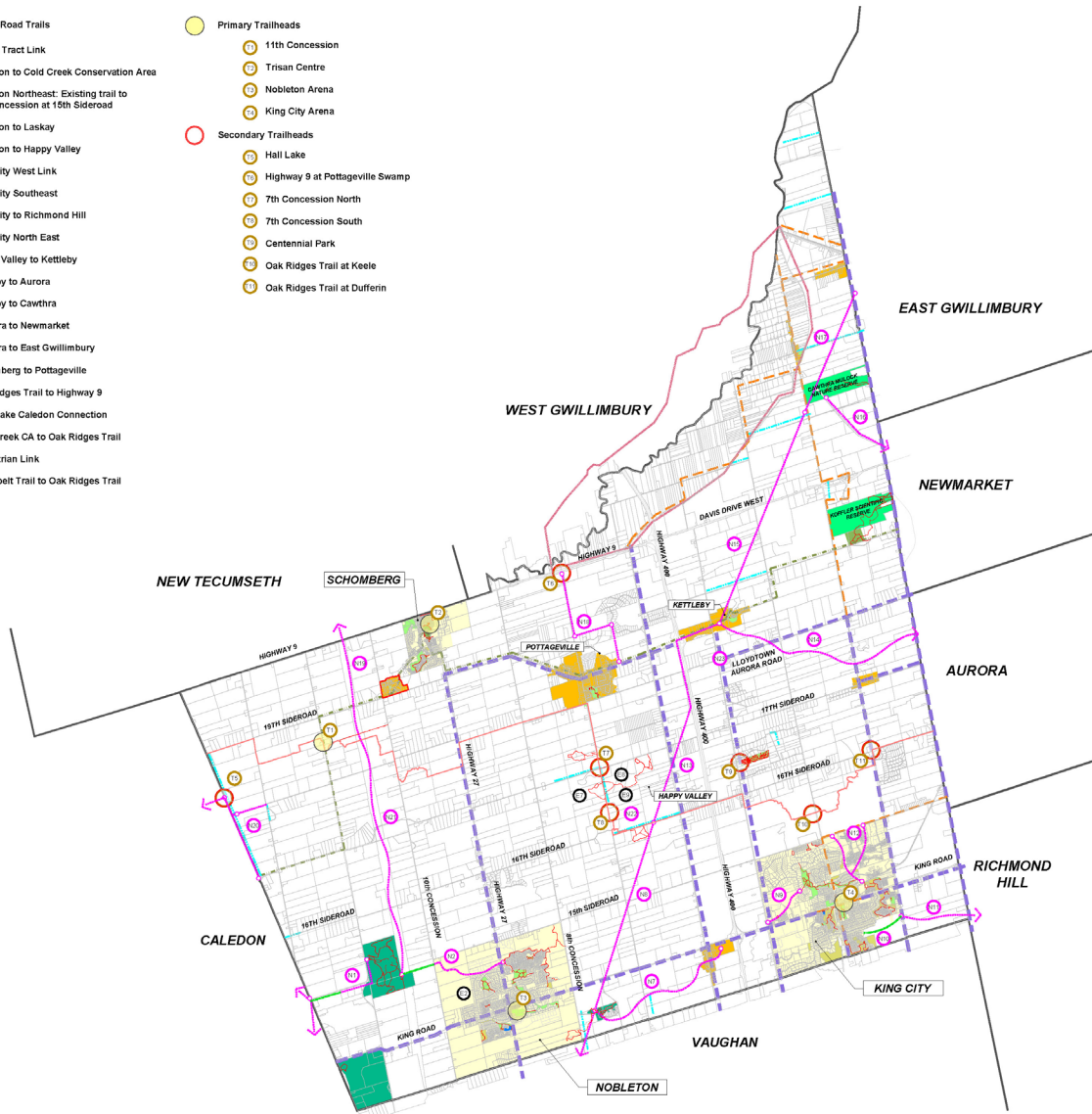
- Ⓜ1 Bolton Tract Link
- Ⓜ2 Nobleton to Cold Creek Conservation Area
- Ⓜ3 Nobleton Northeast: Existing trail to 8th Concession at 15th Sideroad
- Ⓜ4 Nobleton to Laskay
- Ⓜ5 Nobleton to Happy Valley
- Ⓜ6 King City West Link
- Ⓜ7 King City Southeast
- Ⓜ8 King City to Richmond Hill
- Ⓜ9 King City North East
- Ⓜ10 Happy Valley to Kettleby
- Ⓜ11 Kettleby to Aurora
- Ⓜ12 Kettleby to Cawthra
- Ⓜ13 Cawthra to Newmarket
- Ⓜ14 Cawthra to East Gwillimbury
- Ⓜ15 Schomberg to Pottageville
- Ⓜ16 Oak Ridges Trail to Highway 9
- Ⓜ17 Halls Lake Caledon Connection
- Ⓜ18 Cold Creek CA to Oak Ridges Trail
- Ⓜ19 Equestrian Link
- Ⓜ20 Greenbelt Trail to Oak Ridges Trail

Primary Trailheads

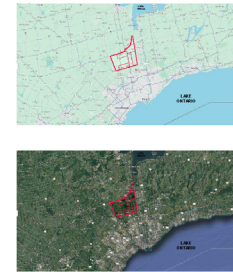
- Ⓜ 11th Concession
- Ⓜ Trisan Centre
- Ⓜ Nobleton Arena
- Ⓜ King City Arena

Secondary Trailheads

- Ⓜ Hall Lake
- Ⓜ Highway 9 at Pottageville Swamp
- Ⓜ 7th Concession North
- Ⓜ 7th Concession South
- Ⓜ Centennial Park
- Ⓜ Oak Ridges Trail at Keele
- Ⓜ Oak Ridges Trail at Dufferin



REFERENCE PLANS



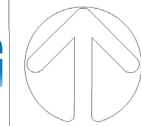
LEGEND:

- Municipal Boundary
- Existing Trails
- Oak Ridges Moraine Trail
- Proposed Trails (Completed)
- Proposed Trails (Not Completed)
- Proposed Trail Link (Adjacent Municipality)
- Unopened Road Allowance
- Greenbelt Cycling Route (2015)
- Proposed Signed Bike Route
- Proposed Trail Shoulder
- Proposed Bradford West Gwillimbury Holland Marsh Trail
- KING - Village Boundary
- KING - Hamlet Hub
- KING - Parks and Open Spaces
- KING - Open Space and Conservation
- KING - Stormwater Catchment Pond
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- Other Conservation Lands

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## Appendix B – Existing Trails Recommendations (2015)

## Existing Trail Recommendations

E	Existing Trails	Start	Finish	Approximate Length	Tread	Existing Condition	Recommendation and Comments*
E1	Cold Creek Conservation Area	Trails located within Conservation Area		6.6 km	Natural surface and boardwalk trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.</li> </ul>
E2	Nobleton (Northwest)	West of Highway 27 and North of King Road.		1.6 km	Primarily limestone with some asphalt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fair to very good</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link trails to proposed trails north of Nobleton.</li> <li>• Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.</li> </ul>
E3	Nobleton (Northeast)	East of Highway 27, North of King Road		5.3 km	Primarily limestone with some asphalt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.</li> </ul>
E4	Nobleton (Southeast)	Woodhill Ave	Janet Ave	0.9 km	Varies (limestone, concrete, natural)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.</li> </ul>
E5	Nobleton Trail Formalization	Woodhill Avenue	East end of Hawthorne Valley Road	1.0 km	natural surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trail informally used</li> <li>• Requires multiple bridges to cross creek</li> <li>• Alignment currently crosses into private property</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trail follows creek north of Hawthorne Valley Road.</li> </ul>
E6	York Region Forest Trail	7th Concession	Oak Ridges Trail	1.3 km	natural surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used by hikers and equestrian</li> <li>• No parking lot / roadside parking only</li> <li>• Trail's alignment creates erosion issues and safety concerns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trail in York Region's plans for improvements including upgrading of trail / routing for equestrian use.</li> <li>• Work with York Region.</li> </ul>
E7	7th Concession Erosion Repair Between 16th and 17th Sideroads.	South of 17th Sideroad	South of 17th Sideroad	2.4 km	natural surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eroded trail</li> <li>• Make improvements to entrance for equestrian users</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner with Nature Conservancy of Canada to restore trail and fix erosion issues.</li> <li>• Restoration recommendations provided in report prepared by GEMS for Nature Conservancy of Canada.</li> </ul>
E8	Provide formal link between the Oak Ridges Trail to the Goldie Feldman Nature Reserve.	7th Concession	Goldie Feldman Nature Reserve	0.3 km	Bridge natural surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature Conservancy of Canada</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow unopened Road allowance.</li> <li>• Provide bridge over watercourse.</li> </ul>
E9	Work with land owners in the Happy Valley Forest to properly sign and close redundant trails	6th Concession	8th Concession	17.2 km	natural surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informal trails cross into NCC lands and other private land owners</li> <li>• Trails historically used for equestrian purposes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design sustainable trail system for equestrians.</li> <li>• Close trails and restore landscape on private lands as required by owners.</li> <li>• Provide wayfinding signage.</li> <li>• Work may be undertaken in conjunction with other trail improvement initiatives.</li> </ul>

## Existing Trail Recommendations

E	Existing Trails	Start	Finish	Approximate Length	Tread	Existing Condition	Recommendation and Comments*
E10	King City (Northwest)	Keele Street (St. Andres Park)	Kingcross Drive	3.4 km	Granular	• Good	• Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.
E11	King City (Northeast)	Keele Street	Dennison Street	1.5 km	Limestone	• Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.</li> <li>• Undertake improvements to address water and erosion in sections.</li> </ul>
E12	King City (Southeast)		Varies	3.0 km	Limestone	• Varies	• Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.
E13	Centennial Park	East of Jane Street (loop)		5.0 km	Mountain Bike Single Track Trails	• Excellent	• Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.
E14	Kettleby		Kettleby Road	0.1 km	Natural	• Good	• Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.
E15	Pottageville	18 Sideroad	North of Cooke Road	1.0 km	Limestone and Natural	• Good	• Disconnected from other trails.
E16	Schomberg		Varies	3.8 km	Varies	• Good to excellent	• Undertake routine inspections and maintenance.
E17	Cawthra Mulock	Dufferin Street	Bathurst Street	8.0 km	Natural surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varies</li> <li>• Some wet sections</li> <li>• Some sections overgrown and require work to clear trail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate signage at trailhead regarding other trails in King Township.</li> <li>• Improve signage directing users to trailheads.</li> </ul>
E18	Koffler Scientific Reserve at Jokers Hill	Bathurst north of 19th Sideroad	19th Sideroad / Thornton Bales	5.2 km	Natural surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varies</li> <li>• Wayfinding could be improved</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner with University of Toronto to improve signage and wayfinding along trail.</li> <li>• Improve parking on Bathurst (signage).</li> <li>• Improve garbage pick-up.</li> </ul>
E19	Thornton Bales	Loop. Starts at 19th Sideroad, ties into Koffler Scientific Reserve at Jokers Hill		1.4 km	Natural surface	• Good	• Partner with LSRCA to improve signage and wayfinding
E20	Seneca College	Dufferin Street north of 15th Sideroad. Ties into Oak Ridges Trail.		17.2 km	Varies	• Varies	• Work with Seneca College to provide opportunities for enhanced links to ORT and King City Trails.

## Appendix C – New Trails Recommendations (2015)

## New Trail Recommendations

N	Trail Reference	Start	Finish	Approximate Length	Tread	Trail Partners	Route Comments
N1	Bolton Tract Link	Trailhead at Columbia Way and Caledon King Town Line	Cold Creek Conservation Area	2.5 km	Natural	Township of King, TRCA, YMCA, Town of Caledon, Private Landowners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Route to be determined. Work with TRCA and private landowners to receive permission to establish route.</li> <li>Opportunity to follow unopened 15th Sideroad allowance for portion of the trail.</li> </ul>
N2	Nobleton to Cold Creek Conservation Area	Cold Creek Conservation Area	Nobleton (Holden Drive)	3 km	Natural surface or granular	Township of King, TRCA, YMCA, Private Landowners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners and/or as part of future subdivision/ community planning process.</li> <li>Opportunity to follow unopened 15th Sideroad allowance west of 10th Concession.</li> <li>Trail can link to Cold Creek Conservation Areas Mixed Forest Trail.</li> </ul>
N3	Nobleton Northeast	Link to existing trail	8th Concession and 15th Sideroad	1.3 km	Granular	TRCA, York Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential future opportunity for link to Happy Valley</li> </ul>
N4	Cold Creek CA to Nashville Tract (follows hydro corridor)	King Vaughan Road at 10th Concession	Cold Creek Conservation Area	4 km		Hydro Corridor / Private Ownership, TRCA,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor</li> <li>Alignment should be planned with consideration of proposed trails A2 and A3.</li> </ul>
N5	Nashville Tract Link	Trailhead at King Vaughan Road and 10th Concession	Nobleton Community Centre (Highway 27 and King Rd.)	4 km	Natural surface or granular	MNR, TRCA, Private Landowners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners and/or as part of future subdivision/ community planning process.</li> <li>Opportunity to link with existing trail Woodhill and Janet Avenue.</li> </ul>
N6	Nobleton Southeast Link	Woodhill Avenue	8th Concession	2 km	Natural surface or granular	Township of King, Private Landowners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with private landowners to receive permission to establish route.</li> </ul>
N7	Nobleton to Laskay	8th Concession	Laskay	6 km	Natural surface or granular	Private Landowners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with private landowners to receive permission to establish route.</li> <li>Unopened road allowance between 8th Concession and Humber Trail</li> </ul>
N8	Nobleton to Happy Valley (follows hydro corridor)	8th Concession	TRCA Property in Happy Valley	6 km	Natural surface or granular	TRCA, Hydro Corridor / Private Ownership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners.</li> </ul>
N9	King City West Link	King Township Museum	Manitou Drive	1.5 km	Natural surface or granular	King City Trails and Township of King Planning Department.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with private landowners to receive permission to establish route.</li> <li>Alignment may be established as part of any future subdivision/community planning process</li> </ul>

## New Trail Recommendations

N	Trail Reference	Start	Finish	Approximate Length	Tread	Trail Partners	Route Comments
N10	King City Southeast	East of Keele Street	East of Dufferin Street	1.5 km	Granular	King City Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion of existing trails network</li> <li>Alignment to be determined through community planning process</li> <li>Opportunity to connect to/view Richard Serra's sculpture "Shift".</li> </ul>
N11	King City to Richmond Hill	Dufferin Street	Bathurst Glen Golf Course at Bathurst Street at Township boundary with Richmond Hill and Vaughan	2 km	Natural surface or granular	King City Trails, private landowners, Town of Richmond Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with private landowners to receive permission to establish route.</li> <li>Link to existing primary soft surface trail (Bathurst Glen Golf Course) as per Town of Richmond Hill's Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan study (2010)</li> </ul>
N12	King City Northeast	King Road	15 Sideroad	4 km	Granular	King City Trails, County Day School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion of existing trails network</li> <li>Alignment to be determined through community and subdivision planning process</li> <li>Extension across 15th onto Seneca</li> </ul>
N13	Happy Valley to Kettleby (follows hydro corridor)	TRCA Property in Happy Valley	Kettleby	7 km	Granular	Hydro Corridor / Private Ownership, Nature Conservancy Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners and/or as part of future subdivision/ community planning process.</li> <li>Portion of route to be on road to cross Highway 400.</li> <li>Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor</li> </ul>
N14	Kettleby to Aurora	Kettleby	Bathurst north of 17th Sideroad	7 km	Varies	Private Ownership, Town of Aurora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners</li> <li>Alignment to address environmental sensitivity</li> </ul>
N15	Kettleby to Cawthra (follows hydro corridor)	Kettleby	Cawthra Mullock Nature Reserve	7 km	Granular	Hydro Corridor / Private Ownership, Ontario Nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners</li> <li>Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor</li> </ul>
N16	Cawthra to Newmarket (follows hydro corridor)	Cawthra Mullock Nature Reserve	Bathurst and Woodspring Avenue	3 km	Granular	Hydro Corridor / Private Ownership, Ontario Nature, Town of Newmarket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners and/or as part of future subdivision/ community planning process.</li> <li>Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor</li> </ul>
N17	Cawthra to East Gwillimbury (follows hydro corridor)				Granular	Ontario Nature, East Gwillimbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunity to connect with East Gwillimbury trails.</li> <li>Alignment around Cawthra Mullock to be determined / may tie into existing trails</li> <li>proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor</li> </ul>

## New Trail Recommendations

N	Trail Reference	Start	Finish	Approximate Length	Tread	Trail Partners	Route Comments
N18	Schomberg to Pottageville	Schomberg	Pottageville	7 km	Natural surface and boardwalk	Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Private land owners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed alignment to follow Township of King owned properties and unopened road allowances where possible</li> <li>Alignment that respects sensitive environment</li> </ul>
N19	Oak Ridges Trail to Highway 9 (follows hydro corridor)	Oak Ridges Trail east of 11th Concession	Highway 9	3 km	Granular	Hydro Corridor / Private Ownership, Town of Tecumseth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners.</li> <li>Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor</li> </ul>
N20	Caledon Connection	12 Concession and 17th Sideroad at Caledon King Townline	Caledon / King Township Boundary north of 18th Sideroad	4 km	Granular	Caledon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners.</li> <li>Proposed alignment to follow unopened road allowances</li> </ul>
N21	Cold Creek CA to Oak Ridges Trail (follows hydro corridor)	Cold Creek Conservation Area	Oak Ridges Trail east of 11th Concession	7 km	Granular	Hydro Corridor / Private Ownership, TRCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to be established in consultation with private landowners.</li> <li>Proposed alignment to follow hydro corridor</li> </ul>
N22	Equestrian Link	York Region Property on 7th Concession	Humber Source Woods	6 km	Natural Surface	York Region, Nature Conservancy of Canada, LSRCA, TRCA, Local Equestrian Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment to follow existing trails through York Region property, 7th Concession, 16th Sideroad, and Humber Source Woods.</li> <li>Route to be signed and designed for equestrian use.</li> </ul>
N23	Greenbelt Trail to Oak Ridges Trail on Jane Street	Greenbelt Trail at Lloydtown-Aurora Road	16th Sideroad at Oak Ridges Trail	5 km	On Road link	ORTA, Greenbelt Foundation, York Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signed route along Jane Street from the Greenbelt Route to Oak Ridges Trail.</li> <li>Signs provide directions to Centennial Park, Greenbelt Trail and Oak Ridges Trail.</li> </ul>