Waterfront Regeneration Trust
Protecting, Connecting and Celebrating the Great Lakes

• Partnership of 140+ communities including First Nations, conservation authorities and others
• Complete, enhance, expand & connect → Great Lakes Waterfront Trail
• Engage the public
• Leverage and attract investment--$40 M
• Develop the tourism potential of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail
Regeneration: Ontario’s Waterfront and the Sustainable City

...a waterfront greenway be of sufficient scope to incorporate the recommended interim and optimum routes for the Waterfront Trail....Policies for public lands should reflect ...the Waterfront Trail will be the highest land use for all public lands along the water’s edge...

https://waterfronttrail.org/the-charity/publications/
Connecting people to the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence waterfront and in doing so, engage them in the work to make our Great Lakes waterfront a healthy and vibrant place to live and work and play.

Complete & connected, an integral part of each ecosystem it passes through, enhancing the environment, economy, society and history of every community that participates in the development and use of the Trail.

Clean | Green | Connected | Affordable | Open | Diverse | Attractive | Useable | Accessible
Catalyst for community & waterfront regeneration

- Majority of Lake Ontario communities have a vision for the waterfront (82%) and for public waterfront access (89%).
- 140+ projects planned or underway led by community partners.
- $40M public and private investment in Great Lakes waterfront to restore/establish public access.
  - $28M public investment in 57 projects from Niagara to South Glengarry (2003-07)
  - $10M investment by MTO to make improvements to Provincial roadways (2015-17)
  - $600K to connect two provincially significant wetlands in west Whitby (2015)
  - 13 signed and mapped connections between Trail and GO stations Inter-inter-regional connections throughout the Greater Toronto Bioregion, Ontario's Greenbelt.
- Supported scores of partner initiatives along the waterfront.
  - 10 major waterfront promenades; 3 bridges; Improvements to 16 waterfront parks; 7 new cultural heritage facilities; Interpretation of 15 waterfront habitats; 3 major brownfield rehabilitation projects; 18 significant waterfront habitat restoration projects; 2 harbour/marina revitalization projects
- Attracted 3 major events to Trail from outside Ontario
Lake Huron North Channel 2017/2018

Huron County to Espanola and Collingwood 2018

- 3000 km, signed route
- 140 communities and First Nations
- combination of trails and roads
- Signed connections to Greenbelt Route and 13 GO Transit stations

• 3 Great Lakes, 5 bi-national rivers
• 3 UNESCO Biospheres, 33 Provincial Parks, 700+ parks, beaches, conservation areas, 100s heritage attractions
Communities + First Nations

3
Great Lakes-touches
Lake Superior

5
Bi-national rivers
5 National Parks

33 Provincial Parks

477 Waterfront Parks
Conservation Areas: 83
Beaches: 169
Blue-Flag: 13
Connecting Trails: 45+
21 National Historic Sites

3 Major wine regions

25 Heritage Main Streets
17% dedicated paths

8% residential streets

75% secondary Roads