



Great Lakes Waterfront Trail

A Signature Project of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust

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Waterfront Regeneration Trust

Protecting, Connecting and Celebrating the Great Lakes

- Royal Commission (1988-92)→Provincial Agency (1992-99)→**Registered Charity since 1999**
- **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



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/>

Vision

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



Tourism Northern Ontario
Lake Huron North Channel
2017/2018



Great Lakes Waterfront Trail

Protect. Connect. Celebrate.

Huron County to Espanola and Collingwood
2018

2020
Collingwood to Sudbury

2018
Frontenac Islands

- Great Lakes Waterfront Trail (GLWT) Signed Route
- GLWT Proposed/Underway
- Véloroute Voyageur Cycling Route (VCR)
- VCR Proposed/Underway
- Greenbelt Route
- Greater Niagara Circle Route
- La Route verte



- 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



140

Communities + First Nations

3

Great Lakes-touches
Lake Superior

5

Bi-national rivers



5

National Parks

33

Provincial Parks



477

Waterfront Parks



83

Conservation Areas

169

Beaches
13 Blue-Flag



45+

Connecting Trails



21

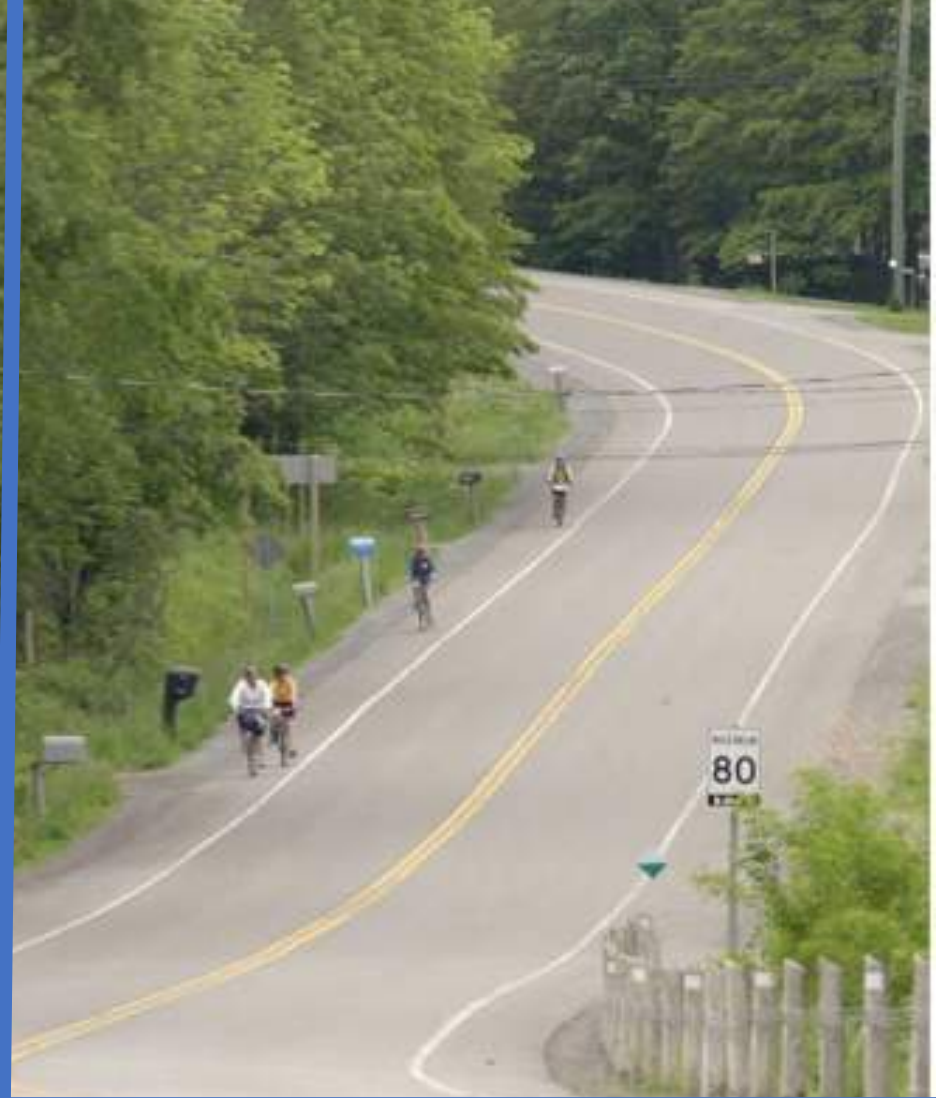
National Historic
Sites

3

Major
wine regions

25

Heritage
Main Streets



17% dedicated paths

8%
residential
streets

75% secondary
Roads