



Guelph Trail Master Plan



Council Presentation

Committee of the Whole: June 7, 2021



- Plan foundation
- Vision and goals for the future
- The trail network
- Implementing the plan
- Financial implications

Agenda

Our goal today is to give an overview of the master plan and highlight how we have incorporated community and stakeholder feedback.

Guelph. Future Ready.

Relationship to our other plans and strategies:

Master plans help us assess the infrastructure we have to support City services today, and determine what we'll need as Guelph grows.





Study process



Public engagement

- 3 rounds of engagement
- 1,700 responses
- 3,700 people aware
- Over 30 opportunities to share feedback, through workshops, pop-up information booths, surveys, online presentations, focus meetings and advisory committee meetings

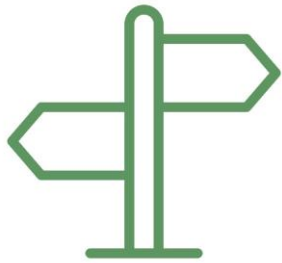
Vision for the future

Trails are essential to everyday life for recreation, health and mobility. We will support and develop an inclusive, connected, sustainable trail network that offers diverse experiences, fosters an active and healthy lifestyle, and showcases Guelph's natural and cultural assets for all.

Our community cares about

We engaged our community, AAC, NHAC, trail user groups, agency partners and city staff

Complete



A well-connected community to get to work, activities or for recreation

Inform



Easy to use and navigate trail system

Protect



What is valuable
Providing access to wild natural spaces and heritage assets in a managed, low impact way

Celebrate



Our unique community
Working with our community on trail building and promoting

Manage



Maintaining our trail system
An effective, fiscally responsible and trusted local government

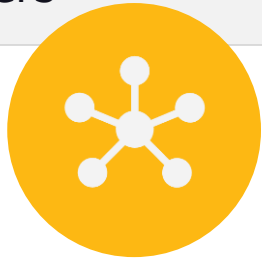
Goals of the Guelph Trail Master Plan

Strategic Plan	Guelph Trail Master Plan goals
Sustaining our future	Goal 6: Protect our natural heritage system and cultural heritage assets
Navigating our future	Goal 1: Create a complete network of trails Goal 3: Develop trails to support active transportation Goal 7: Enhance sense of security and manage risk Goal 8: Improve comfort for trail users
Working together for our future	Goal 4: Provide easily accessible information about trails Goal 5: Improve navigation of our trail network Goal 9: Work together with our community Goal 13: Enhance management and of use of data in decision-making
Building our future	Goal 2: Provide equitable access and use of our trail network Goal 6: Protect our natural heritage system and cultural heritage assets Goal 10: Accommodate placemaking along trails Goal 11: Improve branding of trails and trail materials Goal 12: Maintain existing infrastructure and improve operational efficiency

Implementing the master plan

Policies supporting trails

- Signage and wayfinding
- Trail technical manual
- Trail acquisition policy
- Better trail information for trail users
- New technologies to support trail users and wayfinding
- Programming
- Trail committee
- Work with community partners



Operations and maintenance

- Opportunities for continuous improvement
- Expand the winter maintenance
- Pilot project for ATN lighting
- Network approach to managing trails
- Natural area management plans



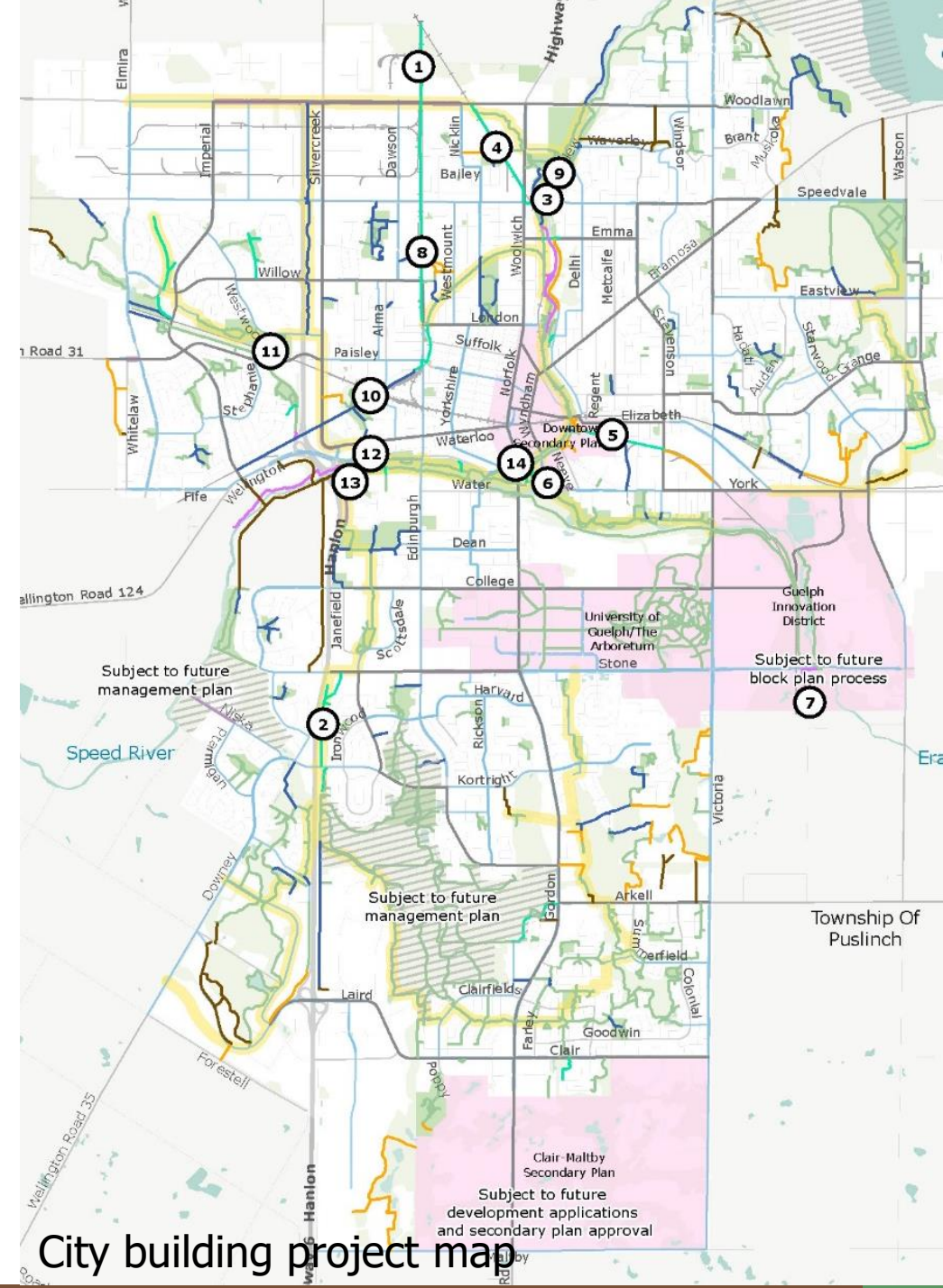
Building new trails

- New Growth trails
- New City Building trails
- Crossing and major barrier improvements
- Community-led, City-supported trail projects



Building new trails

- Growth projects will be prioritized through the City's Development Priorities Plan and implemented through development review processes (subdivision, site plan)
- 14 City Building trail projects to be planned or constructed over 10 years, ranked A, B, C using decision making criteria
- Trail road crossing projects will be prioritized with other traffic improvements



City building project map



Financial implications

Capital (2022-2031)

- New trails and infrastructure \$28.1 million
 - Trail improvements \$ 3.04 million
 - Policies and practices \$ 945,000
- \$32.1 million
- Maintains current city-wide service level as population grows and improve existing areas
 - Continue to pursue grant funding

Operating (2022-2031)

- 2020 operating budget \$945,000
- Expected increase of 25% to manage larger network of trails
- Expansion of winter maintenance \$9,500 per year
 - Currently maintain 27 kilometres of trails
 - Additional proposed 38 kilometres
 - Total in 10 years: 65 kilometres (35% of off-road trail network)



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Thank you for
your consideration.