

Presentation to Committee of the Whole
on
Emma Street to Earl Street Pedestrian Bridge

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A WELCOME ADDITION TO THE CITY'S SIGNATURE TRAIL SYSTEM

- CITY OF GUELPH PLANNING DOCUMENTS HAVE LONG RECOGNIZED THE PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE OF RIVER VALLEYS IN DEFINING THE CITY'S CHARACTER.
- AS EXPRESSED IN THE RIVER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN "RIVERS AND RIVER CORRIDORS ARE UNDENIABLY PUBLIC; PHYSICAL AND VISUAL ACCESS TO THEM MUST BE MAXIMIZED"

BRIDGES REQUIRED FOR RIVERSIDE TRAIL SYSTEM: EMMA STREET

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The primary multi use recreational trail extends along the west bank of the river along the railway corridor. The City has considered using the railway corridor for the trail for hiking and bicycling for many years. This master plan supports the City's intentions and illustrates the rail corridor as the primary recreational trail with secondary routes along the river edge. The trail along the active rail corridor currently exists behind the Cardigan Street apartment buildings. Special treatment of the concrete wall, e.g. construction of a trellis/portico, is required to improve the appeal of this route. A public trail is also suggested along

BRIDGES REQUIRED FOR RIVERSIDE TRAIL SYSTEM: VICTORIA ROAD

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The new lattice covered bridge provides a pedestrian connection at the confluence of the two rivers. An additional pedestrian bridge crossing should be considered between the confluence and Victoria Road to provide a direct connection to the Arboretum and the University of Guelph lands. In response to strong public support, the City should secure a public walkway/easement along the south shore of the Eramosa River between Gordon Street and Victoria Road. Special care must be taken in the design and construction of the trail

WHAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON THE
VICTORIA ROAD PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ?