



November 20, 2015

Chair and Member of the Budget Committee
Toronto City Council
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

Re. “Sherway Trail” Extension of the Etobicoke Creek Trail

We are requesting that funding for the “Sherway Trail” extension of the Etobicoke Creek Trail be included in the City of Toronto's 2016 Capital Budget. This trail extension will provide a vital safe and convenient connection under the Queen Elizabeth Way for pedestrians and cyclists. This will facilitate access for Ward 6 residents to Sherway Gardens and for Ward 5 residents to Lake Ontario and the Waterfront Trail. It will also create an important link between the Waterfront Trail and Mississauga via the historic Middle Road Bridge.

Citizens Concerned About the Future of the Etobicoke Waterfront (CCFEW) has been working with TRCA and City staff for many years as part of the Etobicoke & Mimico Creek Watersheds Coalition to bring this project to fruition.

In 2006, \$400,000 in funding was secured through a Section 37 agreement at 700 Evans Avenue. The project has been stalled for years due to the Ministry of Transportation's reluctance to enter into an easement agreement. Now that the MTO hurdle has finally been cleared, we are hearing that this project is no longer a City priority.

We urge you to restore funding for this project in the 2016 capital budget to finally complete this “missing link” in Toronto's trail system.

Sincerely,

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Active EM Projects

Sherway Trail & Restoration Project



LOCATION

City of Toronto Located along Etobicoke Creek between the QEW and Sherway Drive

PROJECT START

2009

Project Highlights

1 pedestrian bridges, 700 meters of trail

PROJECT STATUS

TRCA is currently working with City of Toronto, the Ministry of Transportation, and the Ministry of the Environment to secure the necessary permits and approvals required to move forward with the trail construction.

NEXT STEPS

Once the permits are secured, TRCA will work with City of Toronto staff to secure the funding for the project and move forward with construction. Upon completion of the trail works, TRCA will then follow up with the implementation of a multi year planting plan to complete the naturalization works on the site. These plantings will be implemented by staff and in partnership with local community groups, schools, businesses and residents.

PARTNERS

TRCA
City of Toronto



This project focuses on constructing approximately a 0.7 kilometre section of trail in the Etobicoke Creek Valley within the City of Toronto. This new section of trail will be built in the area between Sherway Drive and a connection immediately south of the QEW and will connect the City of Toronto with the City of Mississauga.

In addition to the trail alignment, this project will also focus on identifying and implementing restoration opportunities within the project area, including possible wetland creation, riparian enhancements, and habitat works.

This project will accomplish the following:

- Create 0.7 kilometres of new trail within the Etobicoke Creek Valley
- Incorporate and implement restoration works alongside trail development to improve existing water quality and habitat features.
- Create trail gateway to link the City of Toronto with the City of Mississauga
- Incorporate staging area and educational kiosk

The proposed restoration works will help enhance vegetation along the riparian zone and assist with mitigating the erosion along the creek banks and prevent sedimentation which is a threat to aquatic species.



