

Shared Path

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Shared Path Overview

- Part of the Discovery Walks
- In 2008, La Société d'Histoire de Toronto approached Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), the Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PFR) and Heritage Toronto with a proposal to create the Shared Path
- PFR lead steering committee with TRCA, Heritage Toronto, Transportation Services, Culture Services, City Planning and La Société d'Histoire de Toronto to create the Shared Path
- The Steering Committee consulted with the following First Nations on the project
 - Six Nations of the Grand River
 - Huron-Wendat Nation
 - Mississaugas of the New Credit
 - Métis Nation of Ontario

The Route of the Shared Path

- Runs from the mouth of the Humber River to Dundas Street
- Completed in 2011
- Includes 12 Story Circles with a total of 25 bilingual interpretive panels
- The Story Circles tell the history of Indigenous, French, and British communities that lived along the waterway



Map of Shared Path route
along Humber River

Current State

- On March 25, 2024, Councillors Bravo, Morley, and Perks requested PFR, in consultation with IAO, and EDC to “restore and repair” the Shared Path
- Parks Forestry and Recreation conducted an audit of the existing trail
- The audit flagged several missing and vandalized plaques
- Plaques should follow universal design and be AODA compliant
- Sign locations need to be accessible



Gravel path leading to a Story Circle

Next Steps

- PFR's audit recommended a content review for all plaques
- Community partners need to be engaged to generate content about their heritage
- Plaque language needs updating to reflect current values and standards of the City of Toronto