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Nokiidaa Trail Expansion – East Holland River

"Nokiidaa" is an Ojibwa term meaning "Walking Together".

Stretching 20 kilometres, the Nokiidaa Trail links three watershed communities; Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury. The trail passes through local Town parks and green spaces, past wetlands and historic cultural sites and has links to numerous Conservation Areas including Rogers Reservoir, Wesley Brooks (Fairy Lake), Sheppard's Bush and Mabel Davis. These are fabulous natural areas to discover tree and plant life as well as birds, fish, and a multitude of other wild animals. Most areas offer parking and lovely picnic sites. The trail connects to the Oak Ridges Moraine to the south.

The Nokiidaa Trail Expansion Project was completed in 2017 with the addition of 1.2 kilometres of multi-use trail, connecting to a parking lot at Yonge Street and Mt. Albert Sideroad and a future head of trail kiosk.



The project included the installation of benches, waste receptacles, a spiral mound viewing area as well as native plants and shrubs to increase biodiversity. The trail now provides visitors with access to East Holland River valleylands from East Gwillimbury all the way south to Aurora. Visitors will also experience the sights and sounds of recently completed wetland enhancement projects throughout Rogers Reservoir Conservation Area. This important natural heritage corridor will also become part of the future Lake to Lake trail network that will connect Lake Ontario and Lake Simcoe via trails.

Special thanks to the Town of East Gwillimbury for leading this project and for the considerable financial contribution that was committed to see this trail connection completed!

Thanks to support from our donors, LSCF was able to help fund the contractors that built the trail.