

FINAL REPORT

*COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL
FUND PROJECTS (STEW 2018-11)
AND CEF2019 –STEW08)*



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OUR FARM TRAIL BUILDING



This final report summarizes the activities and expenditures for the Trail Building Project for Our Farm located at the David Fisher Residence Site of KW Habilitation (KWH) which was funded by the Community Environmental Fund Projects 2018-11 and 2019-08.

The purpose of this project was to build a series of trails, which allowed for the people supported by KWH, as well as the extended community to explore and enjoy the property. The vision of our stakeholder group, which was comprised of the people we support, volunteers and KWH staff, was captured by True North Inc. in their final design plan.

Our goal for the trails was to showcase the unique features of the property and provide opportunities for wellness, both physical and mental, gathering,

education and accessibility. Over the past several years with the financial support in part from the Region of Waterloo, KW Habilitation has restored 7 acres of land located on the Waterloo Moraine in the Region's Environmentally Sensitive Landscape.

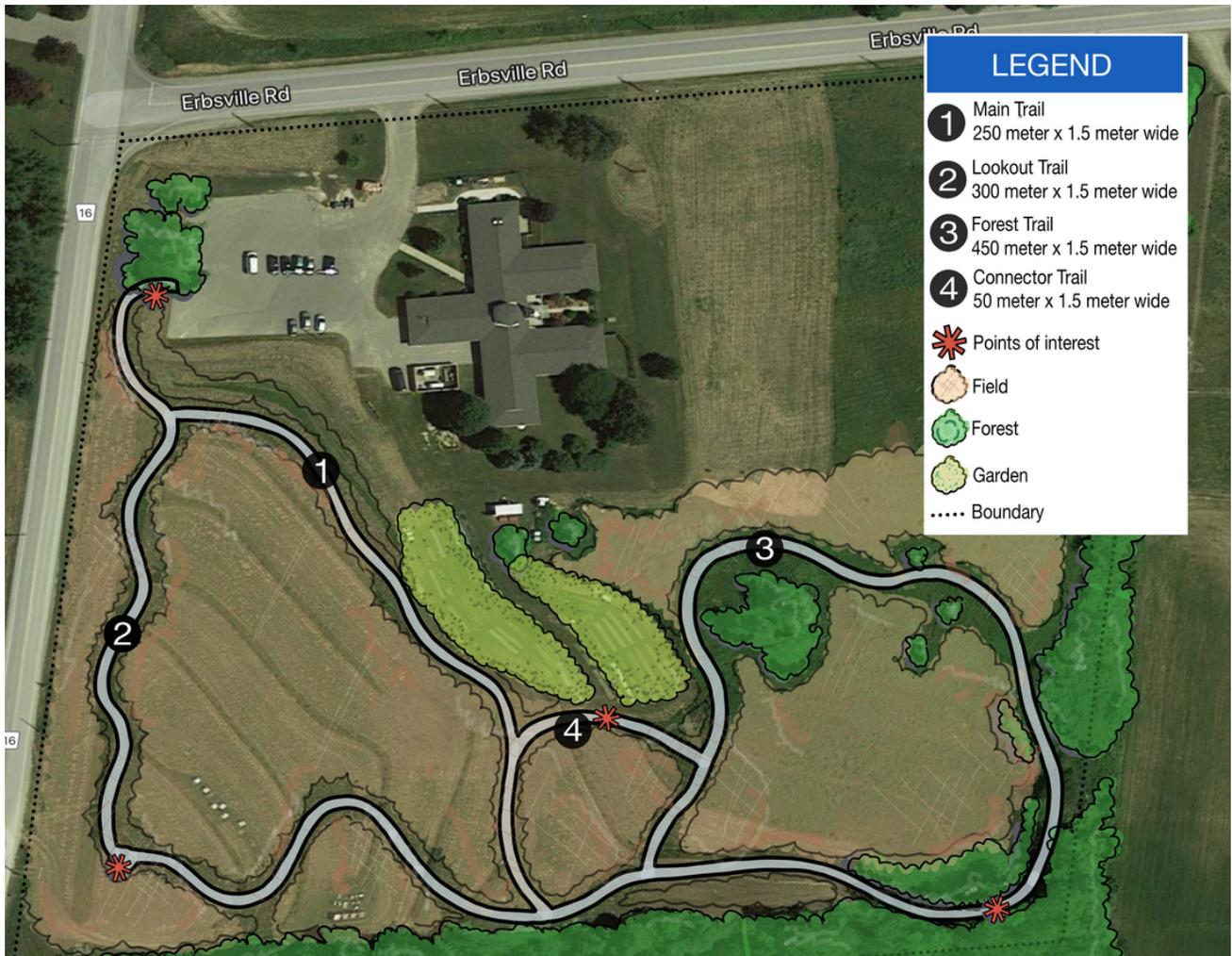
Today, the property boasts 0.25 acres of kitchen gardens with 60 beds and 150 berry bushes (Raspberry and Saskatoon) and 6 apple trees. Food produced over the past six growing seasons is valued at approximately \$36,000.00 worth of fresh organically grown vegetables that has been distributed to our homes and others who experience food insecurity. Over 1700 native species of trees and fruit bearing bushes have been planted. We have created a wild bird habitat where you can now find flourishing several varieties of birds such as Eastern Blue Birds, Tree Swallows, House Wrens and Black Capped Chickadees. Our Farm is also home-base for bees kept by a local bee keeper.



We are happy to report that despite the COVID-19 pandemic, True North Inc. was able to put shovel in ground on May 28, 2020 and the trail build was finished on June 7, 2020.

On June 11, Albert Hovingh and Kate Hagerman visited the site and we were able to walk the trail and point out the incorporated points of interest, such as the rest areas, the gardens and the bird houses. The final trail design changed slightly from the concept drawings originally submitted to ensure the privacy of the people living at the David Fisher Residence and avoid the trail crossing an access lane. **The final design consists of 3 trails and a small connector trail to the rest area attached to the garden feature.**





Final trail design features and the increase in costs of materials meant that a few design elements and finishing touches were not able to be completed. Specifically the Trail Head Structure and the Trail Head Entrance. These are important features and KW Habilitation will be looking for funding opportunities for their completion.

The initial grant STEW2018-11 for The Our Farm Trail Project for the sum of \$12,500 was designated to cover the costs of consultant services, design and some trail construction. KWH has received 75% of these funds in the amount of \$9375.00. The second grant CEF2019-STEW08 was to be used to help cover the costs of materials, equipment, labour and any related tools, as well as promotional material



and signage for the project. KWH received \$12,131.25, 75% of the grant amount of \$16,175.

Funding for this project from the Region of Waterloo was approved up to \$28,675. Please find attached the budget breakdown, copy of invoices for monies paid and the requested amount to be paid to KWH for the balance of the funds.





OUR FARM TRAIL BUILDING BUDGET

OUR FARM TRAIL PROJECT STEW2018-11	Paid to: Vendor Name Vendor Name and Invoice Number		\$ 12,500.00
Received 75% March, 2019			\$ 9,375.00
January, 2020	True North - Invoice #1901 2756707 Ontario Inc. for Trail and Rest Design, Revision plus HST	\$ 3,300.00 \$ 429.00	\$ -
Remaining balance			\$ 5,646.00
May, 2020	True North - Invoice #7403 Retainer for 25% Trailbuild Costs plus HST	\$ 6,236.00 \$ 810.68	
Remaining balance			\$ (1,400.68)
Remaining Funds requested from STEW2018-11			\$ 3,125.00
OUR FARM TRAIL PROJECT CEF 2019-STEW08			\$ 16,175.00
Received 75% August, 2019			\$ 12,131.25
July, 2020	2756707 Ontario Inc. - Invoice #7414 Final Invoice - Trail Build plus HST	\$ 17,330.00 \$ 2,252.90	\$ -
Remaining balance			\$ (7,451.65)
Remaining Funds Requested from ROS CEF 2019-STEW08			\$ 4,043.75
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED TO BE PAID TO KWH			\$ 7,168.75

