



Valleycreek Community Vista Retrofit Public Consultation: Q&A Summary Sheet

June 30, 2021

Q: Why is the George T. Ward Vista (Bonnieview Court) access necessary?

A: An access route at George T. Ward Vista (Bonnieview Court) is necessary because it is the only safe entry point to construct and maintain the Claireville North Multi-Use Trail in that area. This entrance/community trail connection to Claireville Conservation Area will remain open for both recreational and maintenance/emergency service use following the completion of the Claireville North Multi-Use Trail and Vista Retrofit projects.

Q: When were the vistas and access in to Claireville Conservation Area approved?

A: In 2003, the City of Brampton approved *The Estates of Valleycreek Community Detailed Community Design Guidelines* which established the City's principles, guidelines and design objectives for the Valleycreek community. A key principle of this initiative is to establish "Green Neighbourhoods" through linked and accessible open space system, including open space linked to the West Humber Valley, by way of vista blocks. This includes Claireville Conservation Area. The proposed trail under construction received TRCA Board and City of Brampton approval in 2011 as a city-wide amenity.

Q: How will the retrofit of the vistas and community trail connections help control unauthorized uses?

A: The retrofit of the three vistas and creation of formal trail connections will help deter unauthorized uses in several ways:

- Increased user presence will help deter unauthorized/undesirable uses.
- Placement of new gates to limit motorized vehicle access.
- Installation of additional regulatory signage
- Increased presence of TRCA Enforcement Staff and City of Brampton By-Law Officers

Q: Why is the trail currently wider than the approved 3-metre trail width?

A: The current trail alignment is currently wider than the 3-metre finished trail width due to the need to support the movement of construction equipment and transport of materials needed to construct the Claireville Multi-Use Trail. Once construction access is no longer required, the width will be reduced to 3-metres and the trail surface finished, including topsoiling of the trail edges to create a smooth side slope. Additional topsoil will be added to the edge of the trail, where necessary, and will not require further excavation. All disturbed areas will be raked and seeded.

Q: What measures will be taken to ensure trail users stay on the trail and do not approach people's backyards.

A: The design of the Claireville North Multi-Use Trail addresses privacy concerns by, where possible, avoiding sections of multi-use trail parallel to residential properties. In addition, the placement of the trail largely maintains densely vegetated and forested areas adjacent to and behind residential areas. Additionally, native compensation and restoration planting efforts will help re-naturalize the vistas and sections of trail near adjacent properties and will help keep people on the trail.

Q: Will CCTV cameras be installed at the vista entranceways?

A: CCTV cameras will not be installed at the vista entranceways due to privacy laws.

Q: Will there be separate receptacles for dog waste?

A: This has yet to be determined. The City of Brampton is aware of the community's interest in this amenity, and is exploring options for the type(s) of waste receptacles to install at the vistas.

Q: Will plantings within the retrofitted vistas focus on native species?

A: Yes. TRCA will prepare customized planting plans using native species to enhance the vistas and compliment the natural diversity of the area.

Q: How frequently will police be patrolling?

A: Local Police are aware of the trail system and will be conducting infrequent patrols of the new trail system as they similarly do with other City of Brampton parks and greenspaces. City of Brampton By-Law Enforcement Officers will also be patrolling the area. Residents are encouraged to call 311 if they notice any by-law infraction such as prohibited parking and littering.

Q: Who will pick up the current litter and garbage that litters the conservation area below the vistas?

A: TRCA will oversee the removal of garbage found within, near and adjacent to our current project area. The City of Brampton is responsible for collecting/emptying waste within the vistas. Once complete, the trail system will be managed and maintained by the City of Brampton.

Q: Will vistas be advertised on the TRCA website or on trail maps?

A: While the vistas themselves will not be advertised specifically in any mapping or on the TRCA website, the main spine trail and local community trail connections will be included in the updated trail network mapping that will appear on kiosk signage and on the TRCA website. TRCA must provide accurate signage to ensure that all trail users can safely use and understand the trail system.

Q: Will the trail be accessible for mobility device users?

A: Yes. Most of the multi-use trail in the valley will be fully accessible for all trail users. An accessible community trail connection between the valley and Valleyside Trail will be constructed to provide safe access that meets both the technical requirements of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)* and the requirements for recreational trails listed in the *City of Brampton's Accessibility Technical Standards*.

Q: Will any more trees be removed in 2022?

A: Additional trees are required to be removed to complete the trail system. This will take place after the migratory bird and bat window closes in the fall. Following these removals, no additional trees are planned to be removed because of this trail project.

Q: Why is TRCA adding another parking lot off Goreway Drive?

A: After extensive public consultation in 2011, TRCA determined that an additional parking lot would offset parking capacity issues at the existing parking areas, as well as to prevent visitors from outside the local community from parking in local neighbourhoods to access the trail system.

Q: Is there a plan to connect this trail to the Stephen Llewelyn Trail?

A: Yes. TRCA and City staff will be working together to investigate and plan for future trail connectivity north-west of the proposed Goreway Drive parking lot.

Q: Was a loop trail design considered as part of this work?

A: A loop trail was not considered as part of this initiative, as per the direction provided in the *Claireville Conservation Area Management Plan Update* (2011). Improved connectivity to existing trail loops within Claireville Conservation Area will be realized when the multi-use trail project is completed. TRCA is improving the looped trail network in Claireville Conservation Area between Queen Street and Steeles Avenue West.

Q: Why were other vistas not considered for trail connection points?

A: Connectivity to certain vista blocks is not possible due to environmental constraints such as steep grades or the prevalence of forested areas. Vista blocks were chosen by investigating where people were already entering Claireville Conservation Area as well as considering where maintenance vehicles could safely access the property.

Q: What strategies encourage people to use the trail rather than creating their own?

A: By creating a formalized trail, we promote visitors staying on the trail and thereby also limit disruption to the surrounding environment. Wayfinding sign improvements will also help people better navigate Claireville Conservation Area.

Q: Why is the trail three metres wide?

A: The Claireville North Multi-Use Trail is three metres wide to permit multi-directional travel, to ensure people can safely pass slower trail users and to accommodate maintenance vehicle use along the trail.

Q: Is there a plan to have an off-leash dog area in Claireville CA?

A: The *Claireville Conservation Area Management Plan Update* (2011) identified “the possibility for a leash-free area at [...] CCA [...]” but there has been insufficient support from the local dog-walking community and the City of Brampton to establish such an area. TRCA is open to further investigation if the City and/or other group(s) are interested in committing to its ongoing maintenance.

Q: How will the interface between the trail and the McVean Farm be managed? Will additional parking be made available?

A: TRCA will be installing fencing in areas where the multi-use trail passes near the McVean Farm area. Additional parking in the vicinity of the McVean Farm is not part of the scope of work for the Claireville North Multi-use Trail Project.

Q: Will TRCA staff be monitoring trail use and impacts once the trail is open?

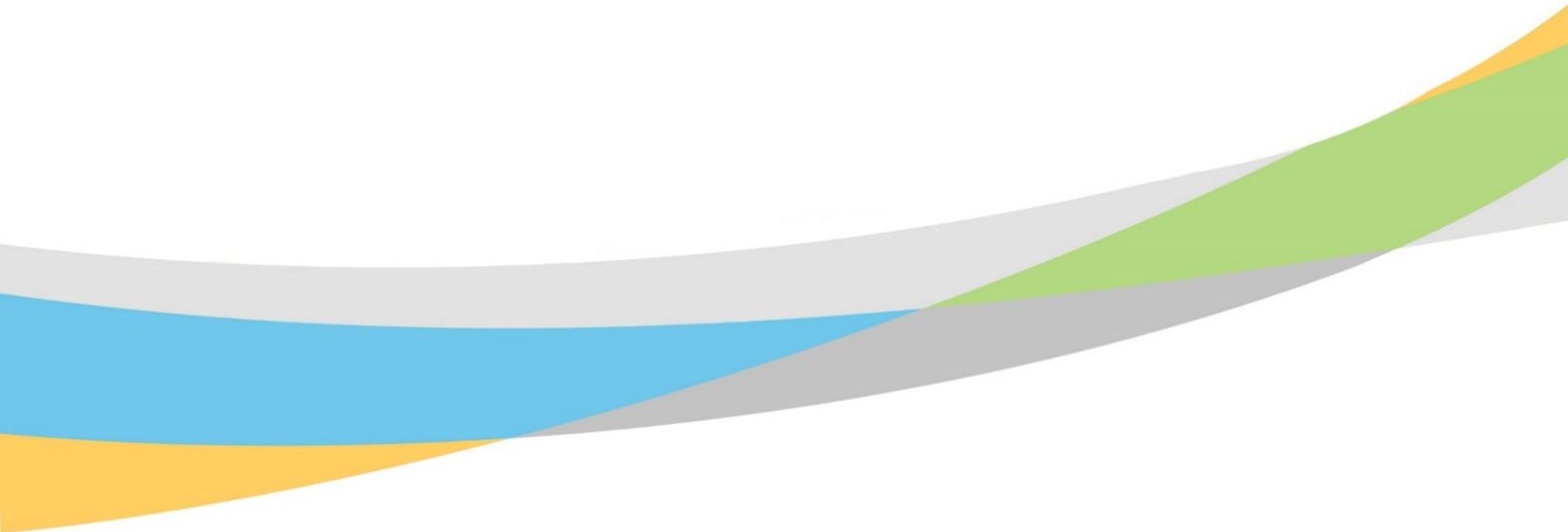
A: The City of Brampton will be responsible for all trail monitoring and maintenance activities once the trail is opened.

Q: Will there be navigational signage on the trail?

A: Yes. TRCA will be installing maps at trailheads and parking areas and installing post markers along the trail.

Q: Will the new parking lot be paved?

A: TRCA is considering paving the Goreway Drive parking lot; staff are currently evaluating construction and maintenance requirements for different surface types.



www.trca.ca

