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The Great Trail – the national legacy project that fosters unity and collaboration – needs your help. This 24,000-kilometre network, on land and on water, that connects millions of Canadians in every province and territory requires support in order to be protected and enhanced.

Together, we need to ensure that the Trail will thrive today, tomorrow and for generations to come. Together, we need to breathe life into the word “connection” and reaffirm our commitment to what is a gift from Canadians to Canadians. Together, we need to protect the iconic project that we have created.

By financially supporting Trans Canada Trail (TCT), you will empower us to:

- Protect the Trail’s legacy by supporting the critical work of volunteers as they convert interim roadways to greenways and repair damage to the Trail caused by natural disasters.
- Connect people by making the Trail more accessible for seniors and people with disabilities, by working with Indigenous communities to share their stories, and by installing adapted signage for Trail enthusiasts of varying abilities.
- Connect places by linking more communities and developing new Trail sections that encourage Canadians and visitors to experience everything that our majestic country has to offer.

We depend on you to ensure the Trail remains a Canadian legacy that we can all take pride in – now and forever.



Three bridges of Highland Creek - a safe and accessible transportation corridor

Funds required: up to \$1,000,000

Created to celebrate the 2015 Pan Am and ParaPan Am Games in Toronto, the 40-kilometre Pan Am Path provides a space where Trail users can embrace an active lifestyle while enjoying the area's natural and cultural heritage.

Most of this popular Trail section runs along picturesque river valleys and hydro corridors. However, parts of this section near Centenary Hospital follow Ellesmere Road – a busy roadway. This means pedestrians and cyclists must continue along a route that is shared with motorized vehicles. **This section is not only difficult to access for people with limited mobility, but is also dangerous to all users.** With your help, TCT will support a project moving the Trail off Ellesmere Road and into the scenic ravine of Highland Creek, creating a new and accessible greenway, as well as building three pedestrian bridges over Highland Creek through to Morningside Park.

Despite being highly urbanized, the watershed boasts dozens of kilometres of trail, and offers a great escape to nature with its remnant forests, wetlands and meadows, making this a perfect detour off the roadway.



Photos (left to right): View of the existing site / Rendering of the new bridge

These crucial developments, which are expected to be completed in the fall of 2019, will allow Trail users of all ages and abilities to continue exploring the Pan Am Path without encountering busy traffic. Due care will be taken to ensure minimal impacts on this significant watershed, while creating a safe, green and accessible active transportation corridor for the community. This important roadway conversion is a collaborative project between the City of Toronto and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. Once this project is completed, TCT and its partners plan to create a continuous active transportation route for pedestrians and cyclists from one end of the city to the other.

TCT is working to encourage businesses and individuals in the Toronto area to support this meaningful project. **However, time is running out. We need to commit funds now** in order for construction of the greenway to begin in spring 2019. **We can only do this with your help.**

In addition, all gifts of \$1,000 or more will be recognized in the Toronto area once the project is completed.

Thanks to the generosity of thousands of donors across Canada, The Great Trail in Ontario shines a spotlight on the province's dense forests, vast lakes and diverse communities. Nevertheless, we need to ensure The Great Trail remains a testament to all that Canadians can accomplish when we work together. **For that, we rely on your support – now more than ever.**

To learn more about how you can contribute to Canada's national Trail, **contact Simone Hicken** at shicken@tctrail.ca.