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Girl guides and 4-H members join forces for Earth Day spring clean along town's trail

Event on April 22 is one of first funded
spring clean-ups along The Great Trail of Canada

Oxford, Nova Scotia, April 17, 2019 – This Earth Day, Girl Guides in Oxford will join forces with 4-H group members and the local municipality to spruce of their section of The Great Trail of Canada.

On Monday, April 22 at 6:00 pm, volunteers will don their gloves and get to work on ridding the Trail in the town of litter and getting it ready for another trail season. But the clean-up event the Trail won't be a chore! Anyone who joins in will be provided with rubber gloves, garbage picks and bags, before being treated to a BBQ and entertainment.

The clean-up along The Great Trail (formerly known as the Trans Canada Trail) will begin at the parking lot on the corner of Water Street and Foundry Street.

“Our local Trail Association has worked tirelessly over the past few years to fundraise for and complete major projects necessary to complete our section of The Great Trail. This included the installation of two bridges, an underground tunnel, and extensive work,” said **Corey Skinner, Recreation and Physical Activity Coordinator for the Town of Oxford**.

“Because of this great work and the funding available from the Spring Clean-Up Grant program, we thought this would be a great opportunity to help clean up our trails just in time for the hiking and biking seasons. It's a great opportunity to celebrate Earth Day too,” he added.

The volunteer event in Oxford is one of the many spring clean-ups supported by Trans Canada Trail (TCT), the non-profit organization that raises money for the further development of The Great Trail across Canada.

Under its new Spring Clean-Up Grant Program, TCT has granted funding to **171 Trail groups** who wish to spruce up their sections of The Great Trail in 2019, **disbursing \$165,000 in total to Trail groups across Canada**. Various other clean-ups will take place throughout the spring and summer months.

In Nova Scotia, 28 Trail groups have received TCT funding specifically for spring clean-ups this year.

“We are delighted that so many Trail groups across Canada have embraced the Spring Clean-Up Grant Program in its first year,” said **Mathieu Roy, Vice President, Trail Development and Management at TCT**.

“These funds will be used to support a wide range of meaningful projects – from clearing the Trail of litter and debris to essential maintenance work after winter storms,” he added.



Media are invited to attend on Monday, April 22 from 6:00 pm.

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The Great Trail by Trans Canada Trail

Stretching for more than 24,000 kilometres and profiling Canada’s diverse landscapes and cultures, The Great Trail is the world’s longest network of recreational multi-use trails. With the valued support of our partners, donors, volunteers and all levels of government, The Great Trail links over 15,000 communities from coast to coast to coast.

Moving forward, our mission will be to continue to enhance and improve the Trail. This involves creating more adventures by developing new Trail sections, converting more roadways to greenways, making the Trail more accessible, funding emergency repairs and strengthening our relationship with Indigenous communities. We will promote and assist in the development and use of The Great Trail by garnering support and continuing to nurture valuable relationships with Trail enthusiasts and partners across the country.