

NEWS

Funding announced for 110 km Credit River Valley hiking trail

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) is receiving support from the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation to develop a plan for a 110-kilometre hiking trail along the Credit River.

With a \$100,000 grant from the Foundation, CVC, partnering with the Credit Valley Heritage Society, will bring to life a 60-year-old vision of a connected pedestrian corridor. Stretching from the river's headwaters in the Greenbelt outside of Orangeville, through Halton Hills, and the urban river valleys of Peel, the trail will end at the mouth of the river in Lake Ontario, not far from Port Credit.

In collaboration with municipal partners, the Trail Master Plan will identify the preferred route for the Credit Valley Trail, highlight noteworthy natural and cultural tourism destinations along the valley, and assess land securement priorities. Once finalized in summer 2017, CVC and its partners will be ready to take the next steps in completing the trail, including the creation of a tourism and marketing strategy and bringing lands along the Credit River Valley

into public ownership.

"The Credit Valley Trail will serve as a living legacy of what we can accomplish together with a shared vision and collaborative resources," said Mississauga Councillor and CVC Chair Nando Iannicca. "When complete, the trail will protect natural spaces along the Credit River, serving as a gateway to the Greenbelt's inland lakes in the northern watershed, weaving cultural, historical and natural tourism spaces to Lake Ontario in the south."

"We have heard from many people about the importance of protecting and enhancing the region's urban river valleys, to keep our drinking water clean and fresh," said Burkhard Mausberg, CEO, Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation. "Once completed, the Credit Valley Trail will be one of the prominent features and jewels of our urban river valleys in southern Ontario."

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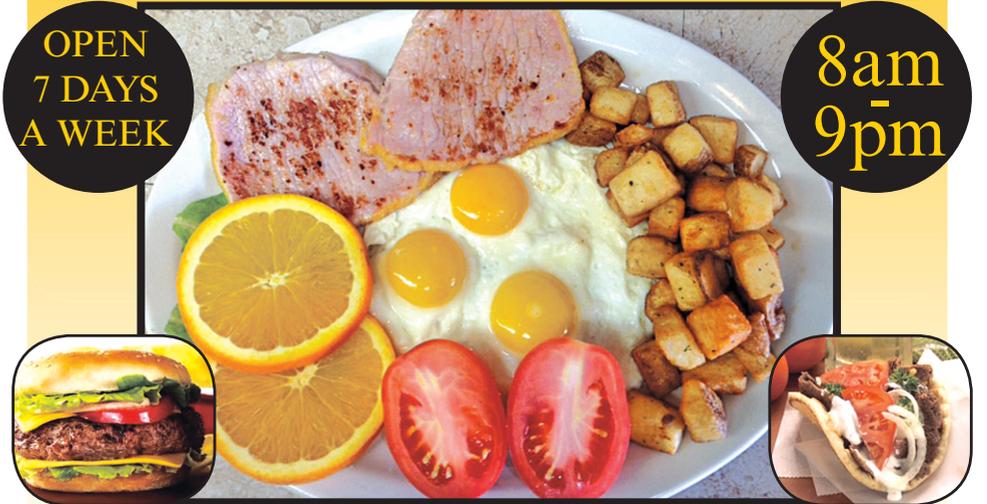
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