

Footbridge planned for Bruce Trail

An ambitious project to construct a pedestrian footbridge across a 45-metre gap in the Niagara Escarpment on the southern edge of Halton Hills has been launched by the Bruce Trail Association.

The bridge will be built to span a busy access road leading into the Dufferin Aggregates quarry and will provide a permanent route in the area for the Bruce Trail, a popular hiking trail which follows the Niagara Escarpment from Niagara to Tobermory, at the tip of the Bruce Peninsula.

For several years the trail has skirted the north edge of the quarry, but now the firm wants to expand its operations which means the trail has to be moved. A proposed new route - made possible by the new bridge - provides the best possible location for the trail, along the brow of the Niagara Escarpment.

"This bridge is the only answer to our problem," said Doug Robertson, Executive Director of the Bruce Trail Association. "Without it, thousands of hikers, families and school children who enjoy the Bruce Trail in this area will have to walk on nearby roads. That's dangerous - and not what the Bruce Trail is all about."

Cost of the bridge is estimated at \$150,000 and an intensive fundrais-

ing program is now underway, said Mr. Robertson.

It will be constructed by a professional bridge manufacturing firm and will take only a day to install. But a number of engineering and surveying studies have to be conducted and several government approvals must be obtained.

The project is the single most ambitious venture ever undertaken by the association, a volunteer organization which maintains the trail, said Mr. Robertson. The bridge is to be in place - along with some 5-km of new trail along the scenic escarpment brow by Oct. 31.

Anyone wishing more information, or wanting to make a tax-deductible donation toward the project can contact the Bruce Trail Association at P.O. Box 857, Hamilton, Ont., L8N 3N9, (416) 529-6821.

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Industry to recycle

Homebuilders willing to help reduce construction waste

The Toronto Homebuilders Association would be willing to actively work with the Region to find ways to reduce the amount of garbage produced in Halton, a THBA spokesman told Regional councillors Wednesday.

Claudio Cinapri, the chairman of the THBA government liaison committee made the commitment after addressing the Region's planning and public works committee on how the THBA planned to reduce the waste it produces by 25 per cent by 1992 and 50 per cent by the year 2000.

The lumber waste currently produced by low-rise residential construction in the Greater Toronto Area would cover the entire SkyDome field to the height of five storeys, Mr. Cinapri told councillors. And if other forms of waste such as drywall, tile and masonry, were heaped on to the pile the SkyDome roof would have to be left open, he said.

The construction industry in and around Toronto generates about 16 per cent of all landfill waste and two or three per cent of that waste comes from homebuilders, said Mr. Cinapri.

To attain its waste reduction goals, the THBA outlines its plan of attack in a study entitled "Making a Mountain out of Molehill." The group is adopting a waste management code of practices which will force members to reduce their waste, reuse more waste products and recycle more construction materials.

THBA members will be required to attend a series of seminars highlighting the latest technologies in waste reduction.

The THBA will honor those homebuilders who implement programs resulting in the greatest reduction in the waste stream.

The THBA will also investigate the possibilities of homebuilders pooling certain waste products for

reuse and recycling.

Mr. Cinapri told councillors how waste wood products could be mulched into chips and resold and how broken bricks could be resold as infill.

The THBA's study results from the association's proactive initiative and the increased cost of waste production in the form of tipping fees, he said.

Councillors supported the work of the THBA but Burlington Councillor Patrick McLaughlin suggested the group has set its sights too low and it should be aiming to reduce its garbage output by 75 to 80 per cent.

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