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Ex-Toronto mayors taking weekend hike for moraine

BY MIKE ADLER
Staff Writer

Seneca College's King Campus, an appealing place when the fall leaves start to turn, will be busy with activities this weekend, all well-suited for people who appreciate its natural beauty.

On Sunday, the former Eaton estate on Dufferin Street north of King Road is home of Walk for the Moraine, annual fundraiser for the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

On Friday and Saturday, the college is host of an environmental fair, a free family event with a heavy emphasis on education.

Between 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. tomorrow and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, nature walks, a corn field maze, demonstrations with

live falcons, games and other activities are planned by the Federation of Ontario Naturalists and other groups.

The 700-acre campus in the upper reaches of the Humber River contains "old growth" stands of maple and beech — rare in a region where almost every forest was cut during settlement by Europeans.

In 10 years, anything can happen.

Participants in Sunday's walkathon can choose from 3, 5 or 10-kilometre trails on the property.

They may stumble across celebrity hikers, such as Mag Ruffman — a tool expert who

hosts a how-to show, Anything I Can Do, on WTN — and former Toronto mayors David Crombie and Barbara Hall.

The land trust hopes to raise money that can cover legal costs as it secures moraine land through donations. Most of the moraine, source of the Humber and other rivers, was protected by provincial law last year, but Walk for the Moraine co-chairperson Gloria Marsh said that law will be reviewed in 10 years, so securing land is like having insurance. "We're the back-up," she said.

"In 10 years, anything can happen."

The Aurora-based trust expects to have nearly 2,000 acres on the moraine secured by the end of 2002. It can be reached at 1-905-841-3271 or by e-mail at landtrust@bellnet.ca.

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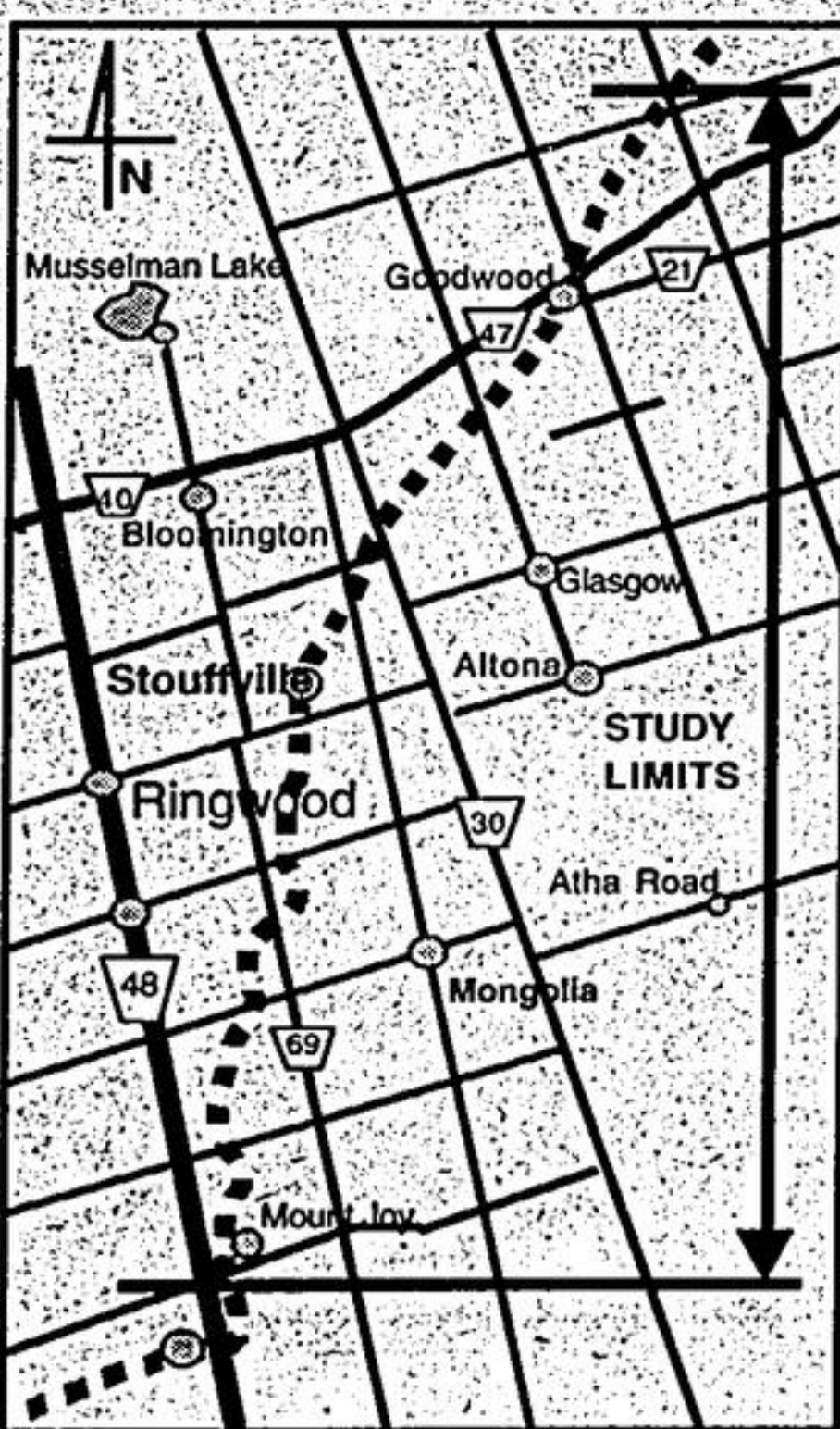


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Public Information Centre New GO Train Layover Facility Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and Uxbridge Township

THE STUDY

Morrison Hershfield Limited has been retained by GO Transit to undertake a preliminary design study for a new train layover facility. GO is proposing to expand the existing Stouffville train service in response to rapid regional growth in the area. GO needs to begin offering increased service and to operate longer trains on the Stouffville line and as a result, a new layover facility will be required. The proposed layover facility will need to accommodate the storage of up to six trains.



THE PROCESS

The project will follow the planning process for a Group B project as contained in the GO Transit - Class Environmental Assessment (1995) with the opportunity for public involvement throughout. The project is currently in the Preliminary Design Stage, which involves the development of alternative designs for the facility.

A Public Information Centre is being held in order to seek public comment and input to the design alternatives.

Date: Thursday, October 3, 2002
Location: Lebovic Leisure Centre
30 Burkholder Street
Stouffville, Ontario L4A 4K1
905-642-7529

Time: Between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Representatives from GO Transit and the Consultant team will be available to answer questions and receive your comments.

COMMENTS

You are invited to comment on this undertaking before any final design decisions are made. Any groups or individuals wishing to comment on or be involved in the Environmental Study must indicate their interest, preferably in writing to:

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GO Transit is the Province of Ontario's interregional public transit service for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton areas.

Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act.

This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in study documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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