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# Park to become regional attraction

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creation of a BMX bike course, as well as a rope-climbing system.

"These are just ideas that have been tossed around," Ms Wepler said. "But we are looking for something more active. ... We're not looking at hard-surface activities, but something different that will appeal to people on a regional level."

If either of these courses come to Bruce's Mill, they will do so via a partnership.

"We don't have the capacity to run something like that, so we would look to a partner for the construction and operation of it," she said.

In terms of the aquatic area under consideration, the plan calls for something more than "a concrete bowl kids can wade in, but something more interactive," Ms Wepler said.

Also part of the draft master plan is a proposal for an RV or tent campground.

"Both are possibilities. Again, these are just concepts," Ms Wepler said. "We're in the early days of any of those decisions."

What the TRCA does know for sure is the driving range will be replaced with a low-impact recreational use, such as a trail.

"It's definitely been under utilized in the time it was there," she said.

The driving range opened in 1999 and this past season it was only available to school groups and operated by park staff.

The baseball diamond, which is also under-

utilized according to Ms Wepler, will stay, for now. A summer baseball camp, featuring Toronto Blue Jays players as guest instructors, operated at the park during the 1990s.

"It would go if we have better utilization of the space like the BMX bike course or campground," Ms Wepler said.

The park has also been popular for school cross-country meets, day camps and cross-country skiing.

It's probably best known for its spring maple syrup festival.

The biggest project proposed by the TRCA is a multi-purpose building, which would replace the chalet/pancake house.

"It's a lovely small building, but given all the uses of it, it's just too small," Ms Wepler said.

The new building would be constructed to LEED standards and if the pancake house has to be removed, its materials will be utilized in the new building.

All of these upgrades to Bruce's Mill Conservation Area will not come cheap. The proposed budget is \$10,219,860 with \$6- to \$7 million being taken up by the multi-use building.

Funding will have to come from various sources, including municipal and regional levels of government.

The Bruce's Mill Conservation Area public meeting will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Lebovic Leisure Centre, 30 Burkholder St., Stouffville. For more information, contact April Wepler at 416-661-6600 ext. 5320, [awepler@trca.on.ca](mailto:awepler@trca.on.ca)



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### Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund Seeking Letters of Intent for Fifth Round of Funding

Environment Canada's Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund is seeking Letters of Intent for its fifth round of funding for projects to clean up Lake Simcoe.

The Fund will consider projects that reduce phosphorus inputs, restore habitat or add to the scientific understanding of the lake for decision making. Projects will be considered in a two-stage process. Those successful in the Letter of Intent stage will then be required to submit a detailed project proposal.

Successful applicants may receive one-third of total project costs from the Fund, and in some cases up to two-thirds of the costs may be considered. The \$30M Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund is part of Canada's Action Plan for Clean Water.

**Letters of Intent describing proposed projects and partners must be received no later than 4 p.m. on November 9, 2009.**

To find out how to apply or for more information, please contact:

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### Demande de lettres d'intention par le Fonds d'assainissement du lac Simcoe pour la cinquième ronde de financement

Des lettres d'intention pour des projets d'assainissement du lac Simcoe sont requises dans le cadre de la cinquième ronde de financement du Fonds d'assainissement du lac Simcoe d'Environnement Canada.

Les projets étudiés porteront sur la réduction de l'apport en phosphore, la restauration de l'habitat ou l'approfondissement des connaissances scientifiques sur le lac. Un processus en deux étapes permettra d'évaluer les projets. Les candidats dont la lettre d'intention sera retenue devront ensuite soumettre une proposition détaillée.

Les candidats choisis pourraient recevoir une subvention couvrant le tiers du coût total de leur projet. Dans certains cas, cette somme pourrait même atteindre les deux tiers. Les 30 millions du Fonds d'assainissement du lac Simcoe font partie du Plan d'action pour l'assainissement de l'eau du gouvernement du Canada.

**Les lettres d'intention décrivant le projet et les partenaires envisagés doivent être reçues au plus tard le 9 novembre 2009 à 16 h.**

Pour savoir comment participer ou pour obtenir plus d'information, veuillez communiquer avec :

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