



Creation of the
Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail
A Collaborative Effort

Presentation to OEMC 2018
September 12, 2018



Background

Partnership Formed – 2010

LANARK
COUNTY



MEDIA RELEASE

*For immediate release
December 13, 2010*

Renfrew County and Lanark County Lobby For Long Term Railway System

Pembroke, (ON): Renfrew and Lanark counties jointly recently held a press conference on Parliament Hill to invite all stakeholders to the table in order to find a way to save the Ottawa Valley Railway and to urge the federal government to place a moratorium on rail line discontinuations. The counties announced a stakeholders meeting will be held early in the new year. They are inviting federal, provincial and municipal government representatives and hope to include private-sector participants as well.

“Part of the problem with this process is that with the municipal election in October, local councils are in transition and are not in a position yet to be able to make any decisions regarding the rail line,” said Greater Madawaska Reeve Peter Emon. Reeve Emon, and Town of Amprior Reeve Walter Stack represented the County of Renfrew at the event. Reeve Stack went on to say, “we want to bring all the players – federal, provincial, municipal and private sector – to the table so that we can come up with a plan. The legislation does not provide a adequate time for us to do so, and we’re calling on the federal government to stop the process. Once the track is gone, it’s gone forever. That is why all of us gathered on Parliament Hill to bring our concerns to the national stage. This goes beyond Renfrew and Lanark County. Our heritage and strength was built on the railways, and our economic future depends on the

Partnership

Memorandum of Understanding - 2013

3 Partners

County of Renfrew

County of Lanark

Township of Papineau-Cameron

CP Rail Corridor Memorandum of Understanding Stage 1

June 26, 2013

Purpose:

Acquire the abandoned CP Rail right-of-way when it becomes available for acquisition in one contiguous piece by the County of Renfrew, Lanark County and Township of Papineau-Cameron (hereinafter called the Partnership).

Partnerships:

- The Partnership will consist of the County of Renfrew, Lanark County and the Township of Papineau-Cameron.
- The CP Corridor will be managed by the Partnership.
- The Partnership will agree to the Terms of Reference/Memorandum of Understanding.
- The Partnership will develop a governance model.

Purchase of 296 km of Trail - 2016

Co-Owners Agreement – 2016

Purchase of 296 km of trail – 2016

- Intent to establish a Trail that will be maintained and operated as a contiguous whole for present and future generations.



Partnership Reconfirmed Moving Forward

CO-OWNERS AGREEMENT

THIS CO-OWNERS AGREEMENT dated the day of , 2016 is made
BETWEEN

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF RENFREW

("Renfrew")

-and-

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF LANARK

("Lanark")

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-
CAMERON**

("Papineau")

WHEREAS Renfrew, Lanark and Papineau, collectively referred to as the "Co-Owners", have entered into an agreement with Canadian Pacific Railway Company (the "CPR") for the acquisition of 184 miles (296 kilometres) of land formerly used as a rail line;

AND WHEREAS the Co-Owners intend to use the acquired rail line as a continuous recreational Trail; (the "Trail")

AND WHEREAS the Co-Owners have agreed that each Co-owner will acquire title to that part of the Trail that is within the boundary of their respective municipalities (with the exception of Lanark which also will own a small part of the Trail in the City of Ottawa and Renfrew which also will own a small part of the Trail in the City of Pembroke);

AND WHEREAS each Co-Owner will be fully responsible for the construction, operation, use and management of that part of the Trail that it has acquired;

AND WHEREAS the Co-Owners wish to enter into an agreement that respects their commitment to work together towards establishing a continuous recreational Trail for the use of the general public.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein and the sum of \$1.00 paid by each party to each other and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by each party, the parties hereto do hereby covenant and agree as follows.

Asset Donation Agreement

Cash

On August 25, 2015 CP provided the Partners with a draft Agreement of Purchase and Sale for review and acceptance of the abandoned rail corridor. The cash portion of the purchase is **\$500,000**. Partners have agreed to the cash portion of \$500,000 plus a tax receipt of **\$77,192,039** totalling the appraised value of **\$77,692,039** (price paid via cash and tax receipt cannot be more than appraisal value).

	<u>Averaging the percentage of length, appraisal & area</u>	Purchase Price \$500,000
Papineau-Cameron	8.73%	\$43,650
Lanark	19.21%	\$96,050
Renfrew	72.06%	\$360,300

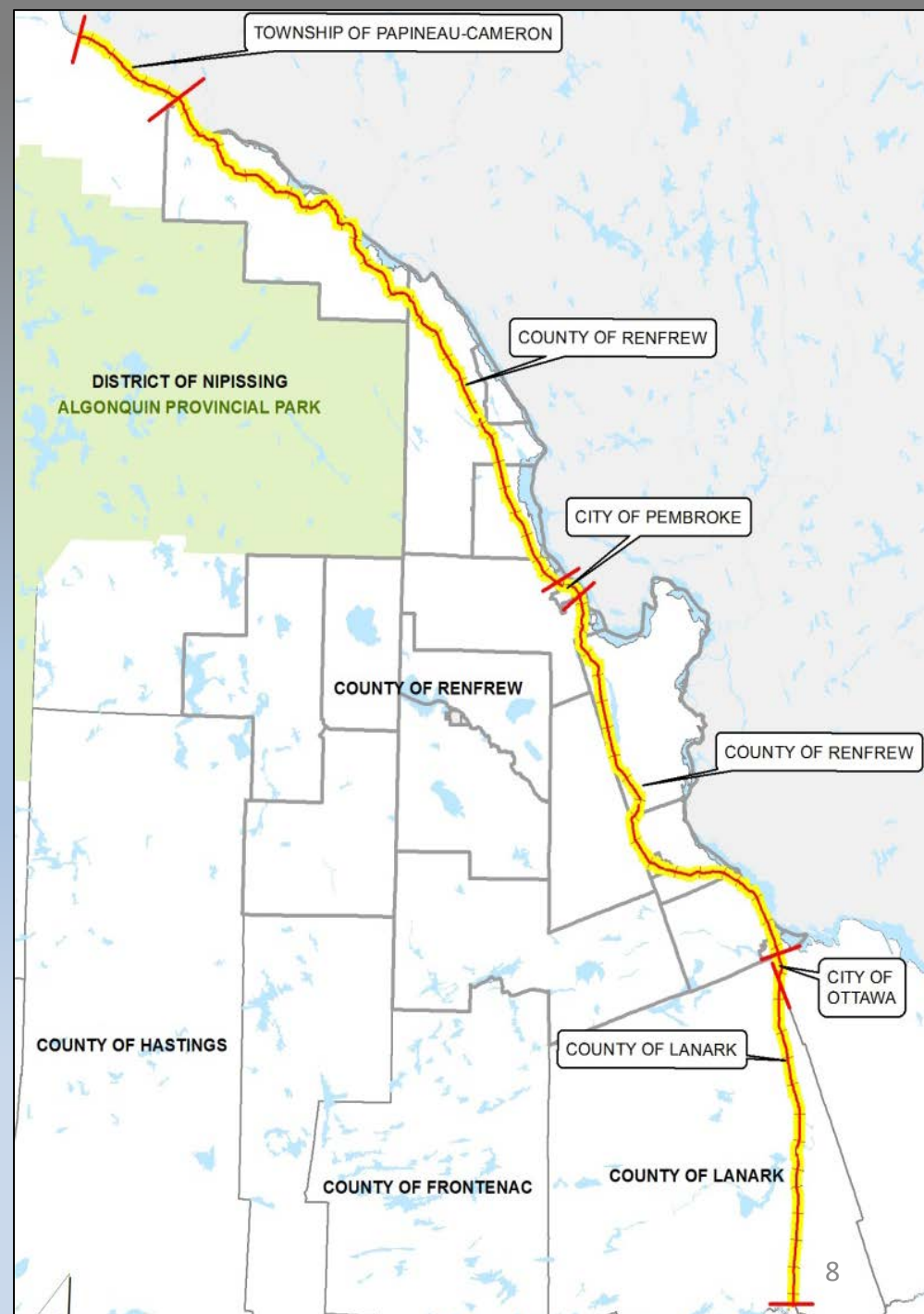
Historic Signing Between County of Renfrew and Algonquins of Pikwakanagan

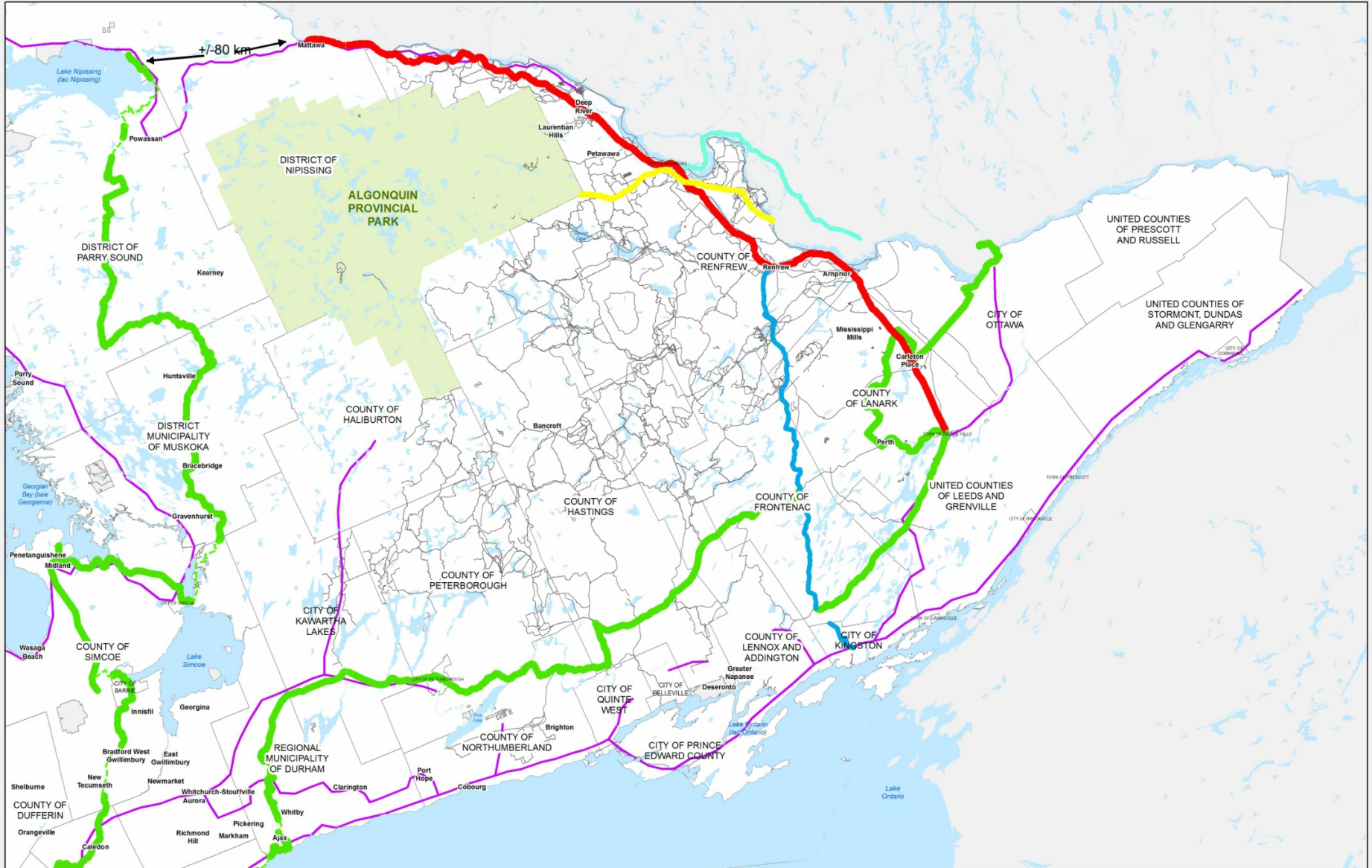


OVRT Facts

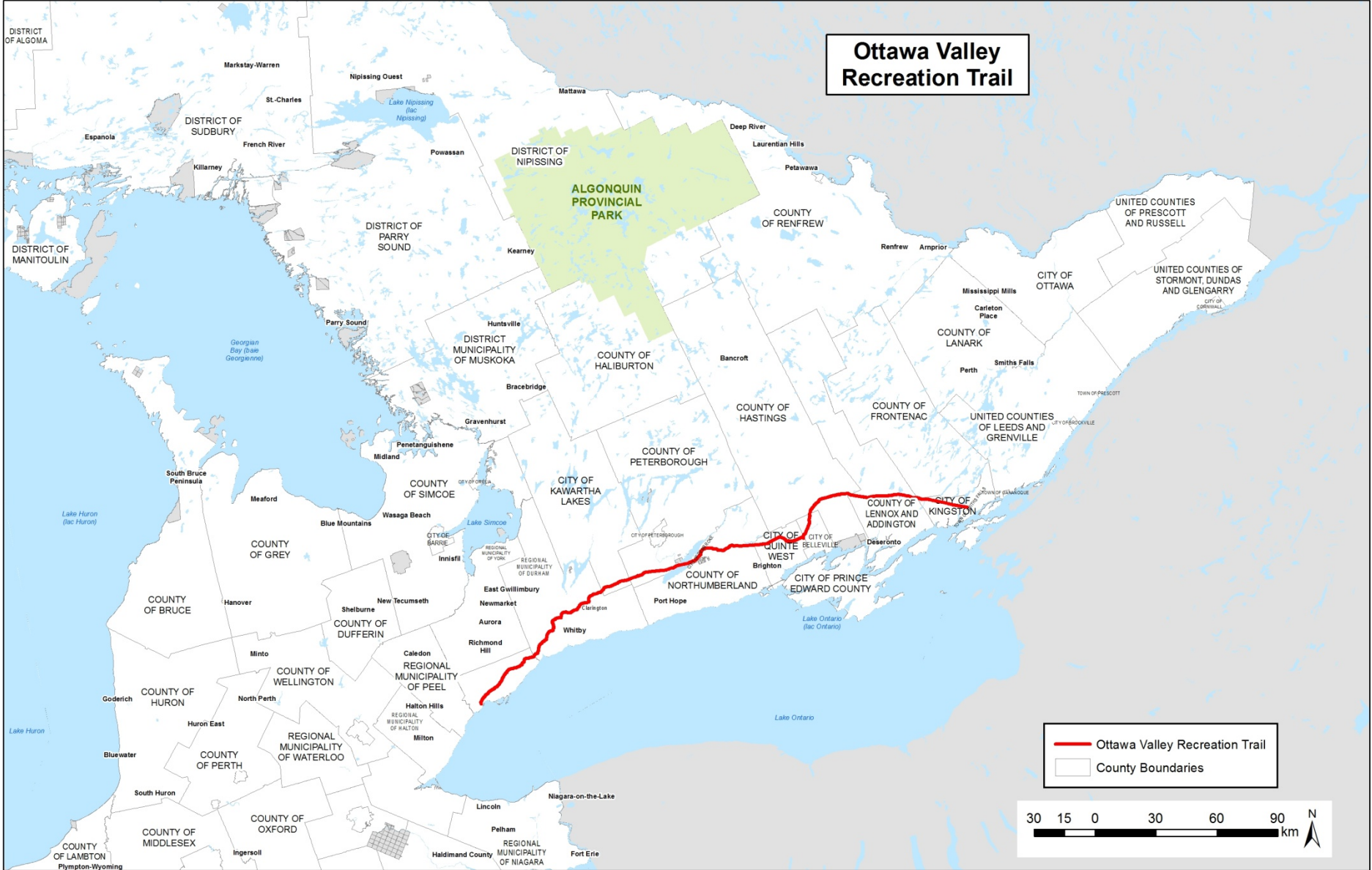
OVRT corridor runs from Smiths Falls to Mattawa

- 2,447 ac
- 296 kms in length
- +/- 90 feet width
- 37 bridges and underpasses
- Lanark County
(4 local municipalities)
City of Ottawa
- Renfrew County
(10 local municipalities)
City of Pembroke
- Papineau-Cameron





Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail



Public Input

Renfrew County

- 6 Open Houses
- 450+ attendees
- 140+ comments

Lanark County

- 4 Open Houses
- 500+ attendees
- 70+ comments

Papineau-Cameron

- Number of inquiries

Agencies

- OPP
- Emergency Services
- Bell 911/Civic Addressing

Grant Partnerships

Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization
Community Future Development Corporation
Province of Ontario (OMCC, RED)
TransCanada Pipeline
Snowmobile & ATV Clubs



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Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry – Youth Rangers



OVRT Management Plan

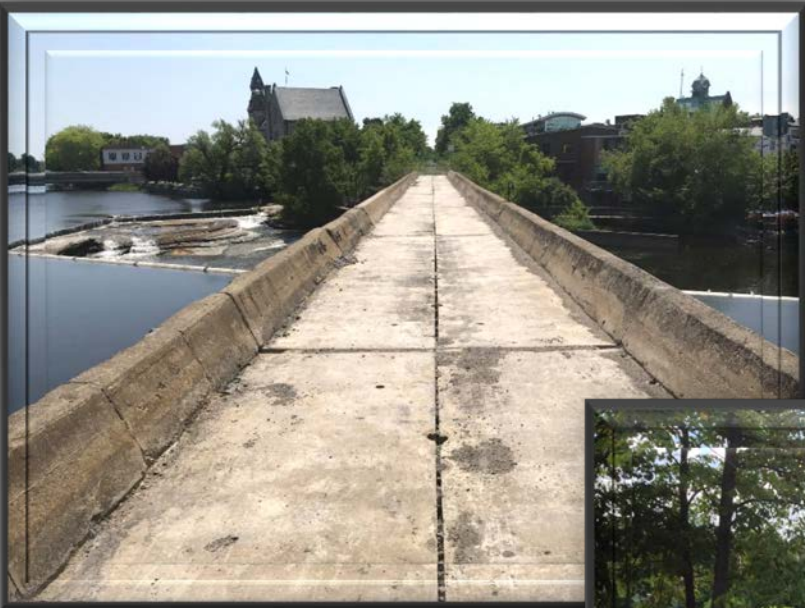
The Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail Management Plan

2018

Lanark County

Smith Falls - Arnprior

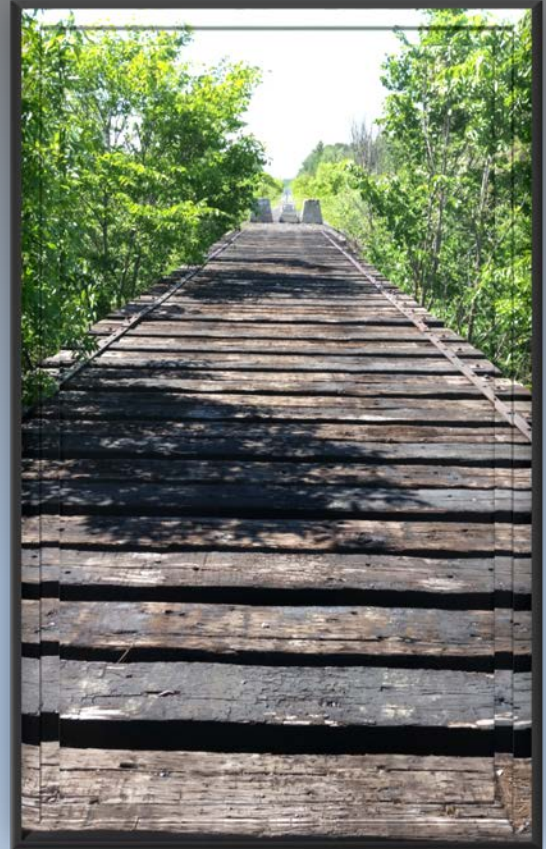
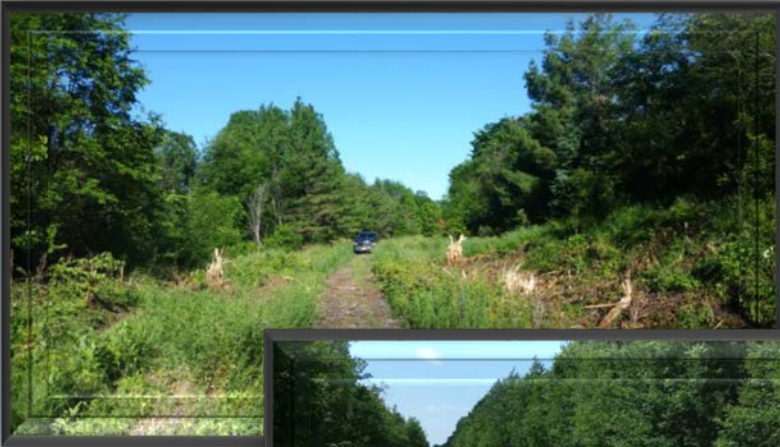




County of Renfrew

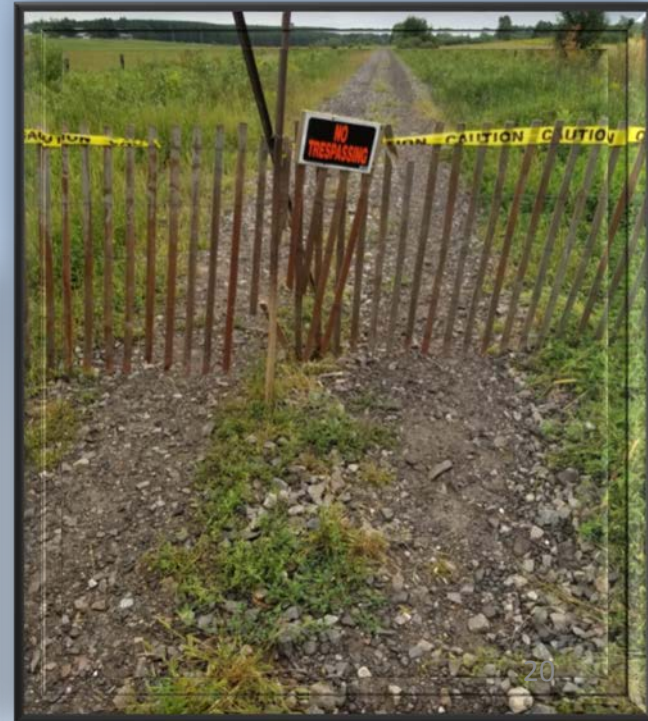
Arnprior – Township of Papineau-Cameron





Challenges

- Managing expectations
 - Public (Rural vs. Urban)
 - Municipal
- Multi-use trail
 - By-pass
- Abutting landowners
 - Encroachments
 - Fencing



Challenges

- Funding
- Name
 - Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail/Algonquin Trail
- Trail Pass System
- Social Media

www.ottawavalleytrail.com

www.facebook.com/ottawavalleytrail

www.instagram.com/ottawavalleytrail

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Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail / Algonquin Trail shared a post.
Published by Craig Kelley [?] · September 2 at 5:40 PM · 🌐

This is unfortunate. ALL users are reminded to respect the trail and any closures. Check the map for information. www.ottawavalleytrail.com

Lib Mendonca ▸ **Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail / Algonquin Trail**
September 2 at 3:03 PM

Riding through Amprior on Sunday, and the ATVs are already damaging the trail. Lots of donuts too....
Disappointed to say the least.

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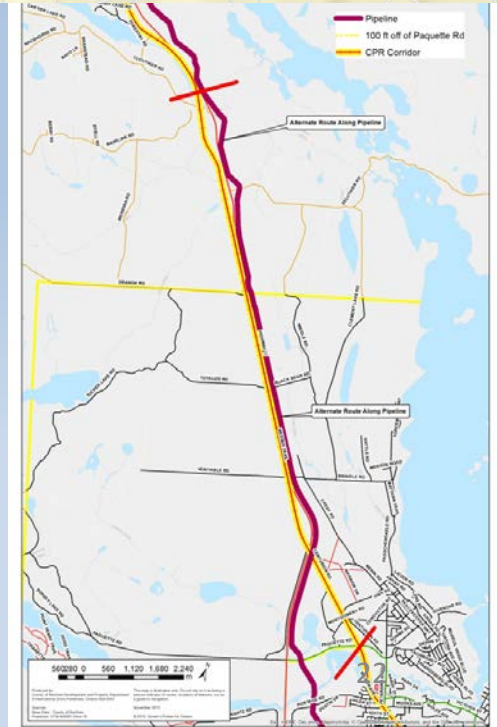
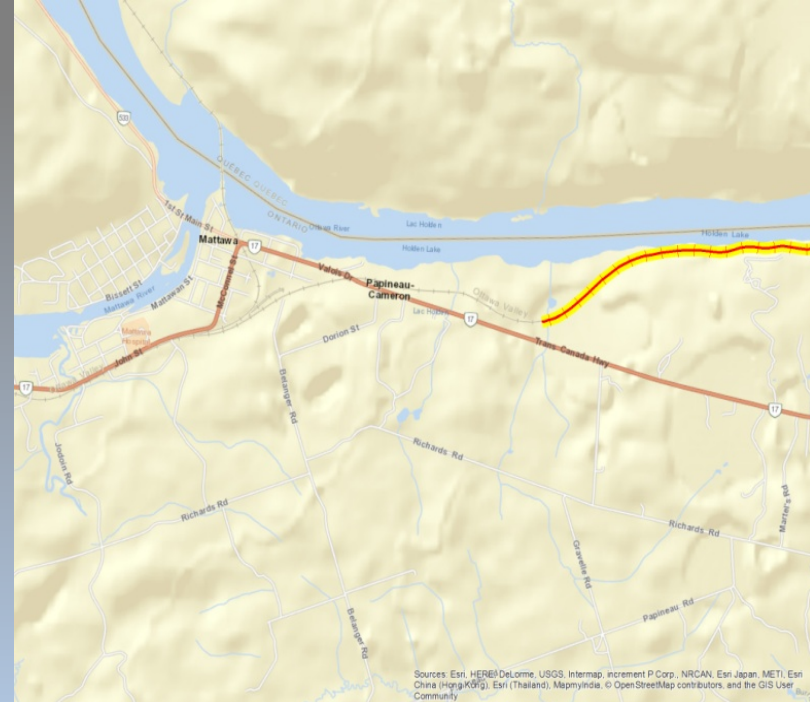
9 International Drive
Pembroke, Ontario K8A6W5
Get Directions

(613) 735-7288

Typically replies within a few hours

Challenges

- Trail connectivity
- Costs
- Garrison Petawawa



Next Steps

- Marketing
- Signage
- Prioritizing
- Funding
- Volunteers
- Maintenance
- Ongoing Review of Multi-use

Bought for Everyone Built for Everyone



Thank You