



DUFFERIN COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY TEAM

Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

55 Zina Street, Orangeville – Sutton Room (2nd Floor)

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to ask questions of the Committee during this time (limited to 10 minutes).

DISCUSSION

1. FOREST ADVISORY TEAM – October 3, 2018 – ITEM #1
Review of Minutes – May 15, 2018

Minutes from the May 15, 2018 meeting to be received for information purposes.

2. FOREST ADVISORY TEAM – October 3, 2018 – ITEM #2
Recreational Use Policy Amendment - Guidelines for Trail Additions/Changes Decision Making

Review of the guidelines developed from the discussion at the May 15, 2018 meeting.

Recommendation:

THAT Dufferin County Forest Recreational Use Policy 4-6-1 and By-Law 2017-39 be amended to include the guidelines for trail additions.

3. FOREST ADVISORY TEAM – October 3, 2018 – ITEM #3
Presentation, Discussion and Consideration of Trail Addition Proposals

Review of the proposals received for additions to the mapped trail network at the Main Tract.

Proposals were received from the following groups/individuals:

- Ontario Trail Riders Association
- Johnny Yeaman
- Sue Downing

Comments regarding the proposals have also been attached for information.

4. FOREST ADVISORY TEAM – October 3, 2018 – ITEM #4
Resignation of John Thomson

John Thomson to announce his resignation from the Team.

5. FOREST ADVISORY TEAM – October 3, 2018 – ITEM #5
Next Committee Term

As the Team was formed late during the current Council term, staff are recommending to Council that the current members be reappointed for the next term of Council, 2018 – 2022. Recruitment will occur in January 2019 for any vacancies.

Next Meeting: To be determined
55 Zina Street, Orangeville – Sutton Room



FOREST ADVISORY TEAM MINUTES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

55 Zina Street, Orangeville – Sutton Room (2nd Floor)

The Committee met at 55 Zina Street, Orangeville at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Warden Paul Mills (Chair)
Tanya Boniakowski (Public Member)
Andy Kennedy (Public Member)
Lisa Needham (Public Member)
Heather Pady (Public Member)
John Thomson (Public Member)

Staff Present: Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer
Caroline Mach, County Forest Manager
Rebecca Whelan, Information Management Coordinator

Chair Mills called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members – None

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Johnny Yeaman, Mulmur resident, asked if the Committee would consider defining maintenance within the Terms of Reference for the Friends of the Dufferin County Forest. He also stated that before the volunteers commit to continuous maintenance, they should have safety training and the necessary certifications.

DISCUSSION

1. FOREST ADVISORY TEAM – May 15, 2018 – ITEM #1
Review of Minutes – March 26, 2018 Meeting

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the March 26, 2018 meeting.

Moved by Heather Pady, seconded by Andy Kennedy

THAT the minutes from the March 26, 2018 meeting be received for information purposes.

-Carried-

2. FOREST ADVISORY TEAM – May 15, 2018 – ITEM #2
Trail Network Changes

The Committee discussed establishing guidelines for making changes to the trail network. Staff asked the Committee for input on the factors that should be taken into account when considering additions or changes to the existing trail network. Factors discussed included:

- Impact on trail intersections, particularly where trails designated for different uses intersect
 - Possibility of rebuilding intersections to increase visibility
 - Consider the safety of each user group at the intersections
- Length of the proposed change
- Safety
- Mapping

3. FOREST ADVISORY TEAM – May 15, 2018 – ITEM #3
Friends of the Dufferin County Forest Volunteer Group

The Committee discussed the draft Terms of Reference for the Friends of the Dufferin County Forest. Staff stated that the main focus at first would be trail maintenance but the group will eventually fill other roles as well.

The Committee suggested outlining a process for disagreements and indicating who has the final authority for decision making in the Terms of Reference. The Committee also suggested including an appendix with additional definitions and information in order to ensure that volunteers have a full understanding of what it means to be a member.

There was a discussion regarding insurance for the volunteers. Staff are looking into the County's insurance coverage to see if volunteers could be covered under the County's existing insurance policy.

There was also a discussion regarding recruiting for members.

The Committee discussed the possibility of developing a mechanism for assessing the skill level of the volunteers in order to ensure their safety.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee discussed ways to monitor the impact of the Recreational Use Policy, including the collection of objective data to help make more informed decisions. Ideas for the collection of baseline data included trail counters or a self-report either at the new kiosk or through a mobile app. The Committee asked that the development of metrics be a future agenda item.

The Committee also asked for an update on the trail signage. Staff reported that signage is a priority. The Committee discussed the possibility of using the kiosk at the Main Tract to display a trail map. Signage would match the colours on the existing trail map.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The Chair opened the floor to additional questions from the public.

Craig Fleetwood, Mono resident, asked what the scope of the land that the Friends of the Dufferin County Forest would be involved with. Staff stated it would be all tracts operated as part of the Dufferin County Forest.

Stewart Dunkley, Adjala-Tosorontio resident, stated that in the United States there are plastic posts for their trail signage that bend when hit. Mr. Dunkley passed around a photo of one. He suggested that the Committee consider these posts as an option for trail signage as they can be changed easily and require little maintenance.

Yvonne Taylor, Adjala-Tosorontio resident, asked if the Friends of the Dufferin County Forest group would be made up of volunteers from anywhere or a specific user group. Staff confirmed that anyone would be welcome to join.

Ms. Taylor also asked how often the Committee would be meeting. Staff stated that the Committee will meet on an as needed basis, at least once a year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Next Meeting: To be determined
55 Zina Street, Orangeville – Sutton Room

Respectfully submitted,

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Warden Paul Mills, Chair
Forest Advisory Team

Guidelines for Trail Additions/Changes Decision Making

Based on discussions at the last DCFAT meeting, the following guidelines have been developed:

1. If the primary consideration is safety of users, trail changes impacting up to 1 km of trail will be at the discretion of the County Forest Manager.
2. If the primary consideration is not safety, the following guidelines will be used:
 - a) trail changes impacting less than 500 m of trail will be decided by the County Forest Manager in consultation with the Friends of the Dufferin County Forest;
 - b) trail changes impacting 500 m – 10 km of trail will be brought to a meeting of the Dufferin County Forest Advisory Team (DCFAT) for discussion and forwarded to the Director of Public Works approval;
 - c) trail changes impacting more than 10 km of trail will be brought to a meeting of the Dufferin County Forest Advisory Team (DCFAT) for discussion and forwarded to the County Infrastructure and Environment Committee (formerly Public Works) for approval.
3. These guidelines will apply to any trail changes to the map that forms Appendix C of by-law 2017-39, whether they are completely new trails, or additions of existing but unmaintained/unmapped trails.

RECREATIONAL RIDER'S TRAIL SUBMISSION

Prepared for: Dufferin County Forest Advisory Team

Date: September 15th, 2018

Content of Submission: 3 Page Submission 2 Maps



Submitted by: Ontario Trail Riders Association

Endorsed by:

Pam Coburn, Ontario Equestrian, Director of Sport

Dave Grant, President, Ganaraska Forest Riding Club

Ron Karr, President, Chesley Saddle Club

DUFFERIN FOREST HARMONY- TRAIL PROPOSAL FROM RECREATIONAL HORSEBACK RIDERS

We are pleased to present a proposal that is intended to protect the interests of all community members and groups wishing to enjoy the many trails in Dufferin Forest.

We as a group of recreational, non-competitive, equestrians using the Dufferin Forest Main Tract want to ensure the integrity and health of the forest and wish to demonstrate a collegial and collaborative approach to its use and care.

The trails and the use of these trails by various groups of motorcyclists, equestrians, hikers and cyclists over the years have evolved. The origin of the trails is less important than the maximum enjoyment opportunities they provide.

Notwithstanding any past uses, we wish to co-exist amicably with other users and are willing to work with others to achieve harmony. We can only assume that other groups have similar goals. Our common shared goal is our love for the forest and the beauty, peace and tranquility it offers to all who use it.

We request that the Dufferin County Advisory Team approve the following trail submission to the Schedule C Map with the designation of multi use.

Accordingly, we hope you will find that our proposal has the least impact on the forest itself while accommodating new and emerging needs. For example,

Our proposed trails

- are already in existence
- have been ridden by members of our groups for decades
- wind through the trees for miles and hours of engagement
- one of which borders the ridge, is the most cherished destination trail providing access to majestic views for miles
- afford Recreational horseback riders an opportunity to enjoy the single-track experience they so miss, while not adding any new development of trail to forest density
- need little signage lessening the forests' visual pollution.

Our proposed designation is multi-use

- and we suggest this model be called "Wilderness Trail"
- is shared by all, since recreational riders ask for no exclusivity
- and offers more excitement as users find their way along an un-groomed narrow trail, as wide only as the feet, hooves or wheels that travel its tread

- requires only trimming and minimal fallen tree maintenance at the discretion of the Forest Manager to remove or re-route trail
- which heightens safety, as multi-use has proven to increase awareness while slowing users
- providing the option to assess the trail difficulty and choose to ride with other users or not
- and offers equal access for all.

Forest Stewardship and "Wilderness Trail"....

- puts the integrity of the forest first as additional trails impact every aspect of the forests' health
- brings back the closeness to nature and reduces human impact on wildlife, trees and plants
- gives users a closer connection and enjoyment of nature, the primary reason to choose to go to the forest setting over a theme park
- allows the forest to reclaim itself.

Please see Schedule C map for our submission.

The current map.....

- only depicts trails as designated for users in the May 2017 Recreation Plan and By-law
- does not show many logging and service roads and trail used for 40+ years
- of the Main Tract, has not to our knowledge, had a density study to determine the viability of increasing pressure on the forest with additional trail development
- shows too many congested areas with multiple signage for trail options
- up until this time, shows trails that were all to be built to a standard of multi-use with the intent that they be shared by all
- system offers little single track experience for the enjoyment of horseback riders.

Users.....

- value single track for the same reasons, which is determined by the setting defined by topography and vegetation
- who experience the forest at a slower pace enjoy the solitude and sounds of nature
- enjoy the challenge and engagement single tracks offer as they wind, twist and climb, then descend, while under nature's canopy
- of double track, experience substantially less challenge, as the majority of trail crosses the forest floor on open, wide, often hot and buggy roads.

Maintenance

- will be shared by volunteers from OTRA, the Dufferin Forest Riding Club and various other riding group members
- can be shared by all users of multi-use trails and the Friends of the Forest, recently established for this purpose.

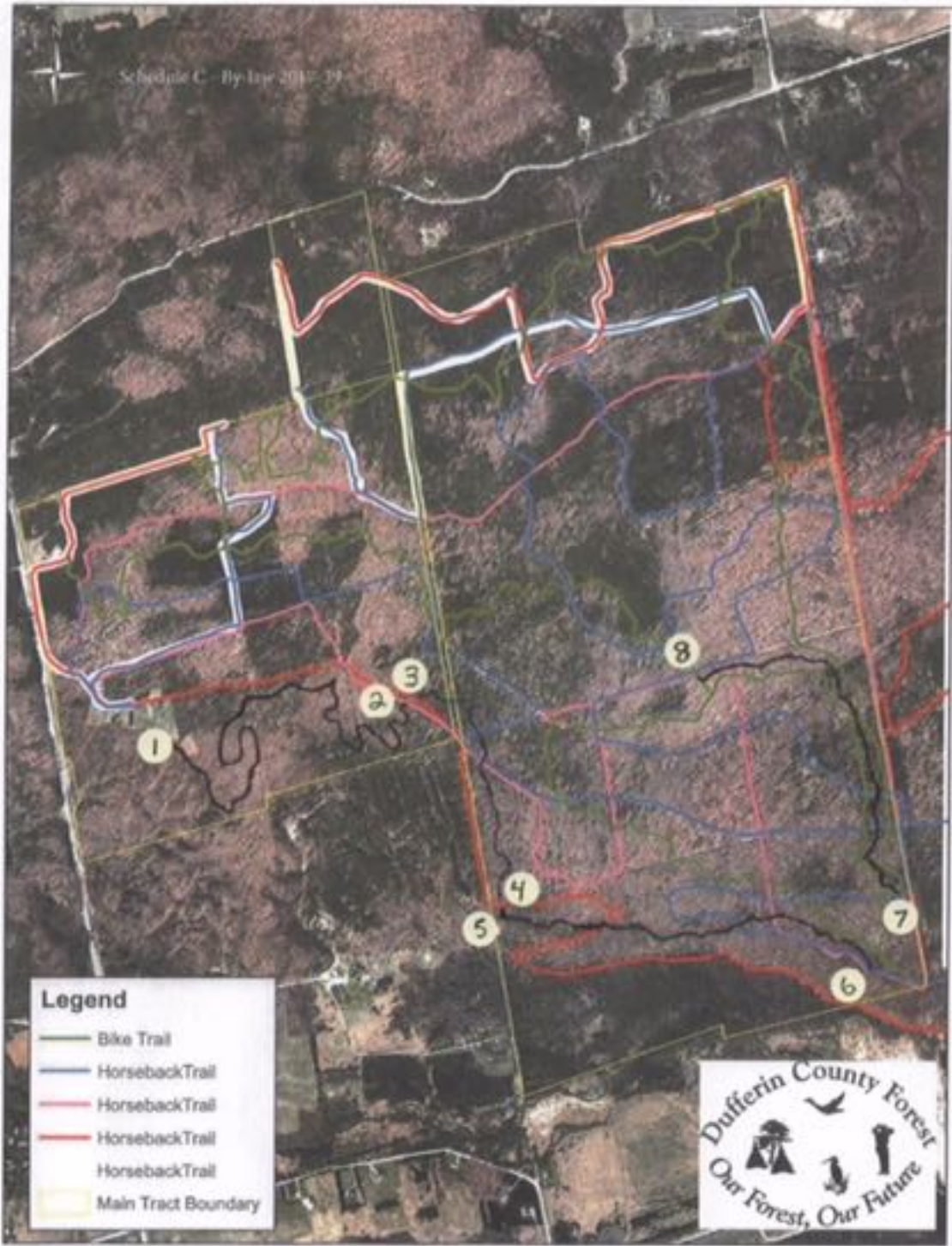
- can be lessened as the mandate would be NOT to clear leaf debris and would only require trimming or removing trees for passage.

The Health of the Forest

- is the priority, not recreational use
- should be assessed and additions of new trail be permitted only after a density study is considered
- can be protected by the allowance of only multi use trail, thereby reducing the demand on the forest as a whole.

A sense of community is important amongst all users of the forest regardless of whether they are on foot, on the seat of a bicycle, or on the back of a horse. Everyone should strive to further the goal of the Dufferin County Forest .

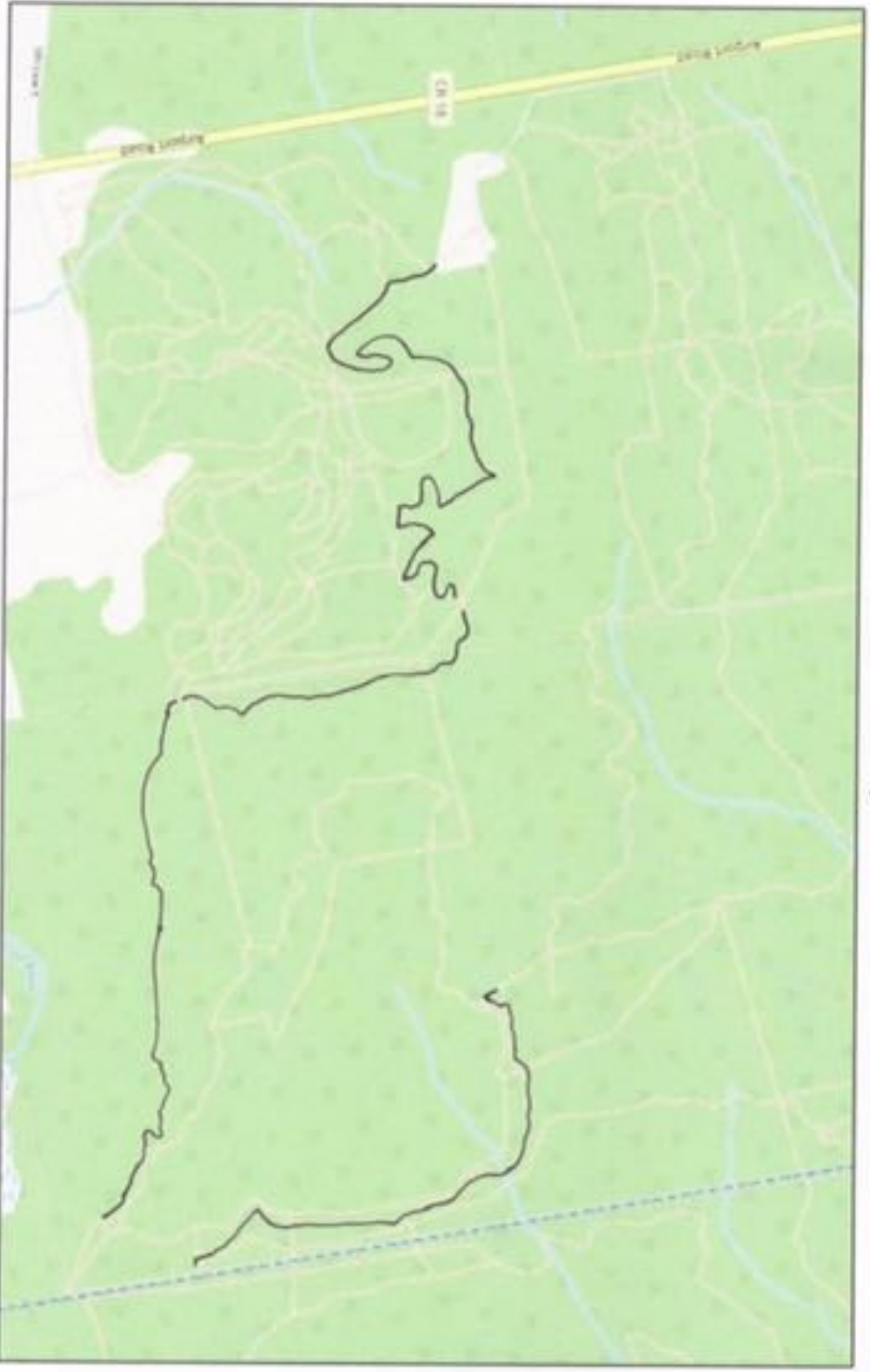
Thank you very much for taking our proposal into consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you.



Proposed Trail GPS Co-ordinates

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|-----------|--------|-----------------|------------------|
| Segment 1 | | 2.4 km | |
| #1 | Start | N 44* 12'39.0" | W 080* 02' 36.0" |
| #2 | Finish | N 44* 12' 42.6" | W 080* 01' 57.8" |
| Segment 2 | | .8 km | |
| #3 | Start | N 44* 12' 42.6" | W 080* 01' 57.8" |
| #4 | Finish | N 44* 12' 20.8" | W 080* 01' 48.4" |
| Segment 3 | | 1.58 km | |
| #5 | Start | N 44* 12' 20.8" | W 080* 01' 48.4" |
| #6 | Finish | N 44* 12' 14.0" | W 080* 00' 51.3" |
| Segment 4 | | 1.5 km | |
| #7 | Start | N 44* 12' 22.4" | W 080* 00' 46.6" |
| #8 | Finish | N 44* 12' 43.9" | W 080* 01' 14.8" |

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Override 1

Assessment Lot Parcels



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Dufferin County Forest Trail Proposal

Thank you for providing the opportunity for discussions on trail augmentation.

There are a variety of trail amendments to propose which include the addition of currently existing trails not on the current By-law map as well as new trail developments in the future.

1. Inclusion of existing trail to be amended to the By-law map as “Biking trail” (Trail indicated in black on supplied map).

Trail as indicated on provided map. A large portion of these trails have been in existence for over 20 years as cycling and running/hiking trails. They were constructed by cyclists for the sole purpose of human powered activities (from here forward referred to as HPA) and therefore were constructed to that user group’s trail standards. Within the past 4 years these trails have been linked as to avoid the potential of trespassing on private lands. Documentation regarding whom, when and for what purpose these trails were built can be provided if requested. Supporting documentation can also be provided to display that these trails have been used comprehensively as cycling and running trails from 1996 to 2018 if required.

Some sections have been built within the past two years with the intent of the trail to be a HPA trail to bypass existing equestrian trails to increase trail safety and reduce liability. This trail construction was completed by the HPA community.

The community has maintained these trails since their inception. As these trails were built to HPA standards it is not reasonable to expect them to withstand user groups other than for what they were intended for (approx 8km).

2. Modifications to existing trails on the By-law map.

There is a requirement for minor variances to be completed on the existing Cycling & HPA trail network. The requirements are based on correcting trails due to excess erosion and to increase trail safety at some identified trail crossings. These can be identified on a case-by-case basis once a protocol has been established on how to conduct minor variances.

3. Creation of new trail as indicated on map.

1. Construction of a short HPA trail (under 1km) to link “south gate” area to proposed new trail inclusion (from 1. above). Purpose for this trail request is in order to avoid passing through “Camp Dufferin” which is frequently used as a base for events (indicated as dashed black line).

2. Creation of HPA trail as a connector trail to avoid usage of trail being currently utilized by other user groups to increase safety as well as new trail development in same area as indicated (under 3 km) (indicated as dashed red line).
3. Development of trail to link two existing By-law Cycling trails. Purpose of trail proposal is to create a link trail to have cyclists and hikers avoid current usage of trail section utilized by other user groups (2-3km) (indicated by purple on map).
4. 2 short link trails to join existing Cycling Trails in order to avoid the Equestrian trail (200 metres and 400 metres) (indicated as dashed purple line).

4. County Adoption of the "Orange Equestrian Loop".

The Equestrian Community has a temporarily marked "Orange Trail" accessing currently unutilized areas of trail (10km). We would encourage and support the proposal of County adoption of this trail as a permanently marked County Equestrian Trail.

Trail Maintenance and Construction

The HPA community has the ability and experience to conduct safe and sustainable trail construction and on-going maintenance of all the above-proposed HPA projects. We wish to work as volunteer members of the "Friends of Dufferin County Forests" and agree to the terms of the (FDCF) as proposed by the County and desire to cooperate with the County and other user groups within the FDCF.

We have displayed our ability and dedication to keeping trails open and safe during numerous logging operations and various wind and ice storms. We currently hold Land Use Agreements with both Dufferin and Simcoe Counties. There exists a large group of volunteers that includes 5 certified chainsaw operators. We have access to all equipment required for trail development and maintenance and vehicles to provide transportation to trail areas in the Forest that we will operate at our own expense. This includes WSIB approved safety equipment required for the certifiable use of a chainsaw and other equipment which we believe should be a mandatory requirement for anyone conducting trail maintenance operations. We will also be available to assist in the maintenance and development of the County Equestrian Trail network through cooperative efforts within the FDCF.

Members of our community will also be available to be "on call" to attend to any trail maintenance requirements that arise. An effective system could include the ability to have users report any trail issues to the County and have the County inform members of the FDCF regarding the concerns to be rectified.

New trail development projects can be conducted as follows.

1. Provision to the County of a general area description for trail proposal and site visit if required.
2. Flagging and GPS mapping of proposed trail.
3. Final site visit with County for approval.
4. Trail construction.

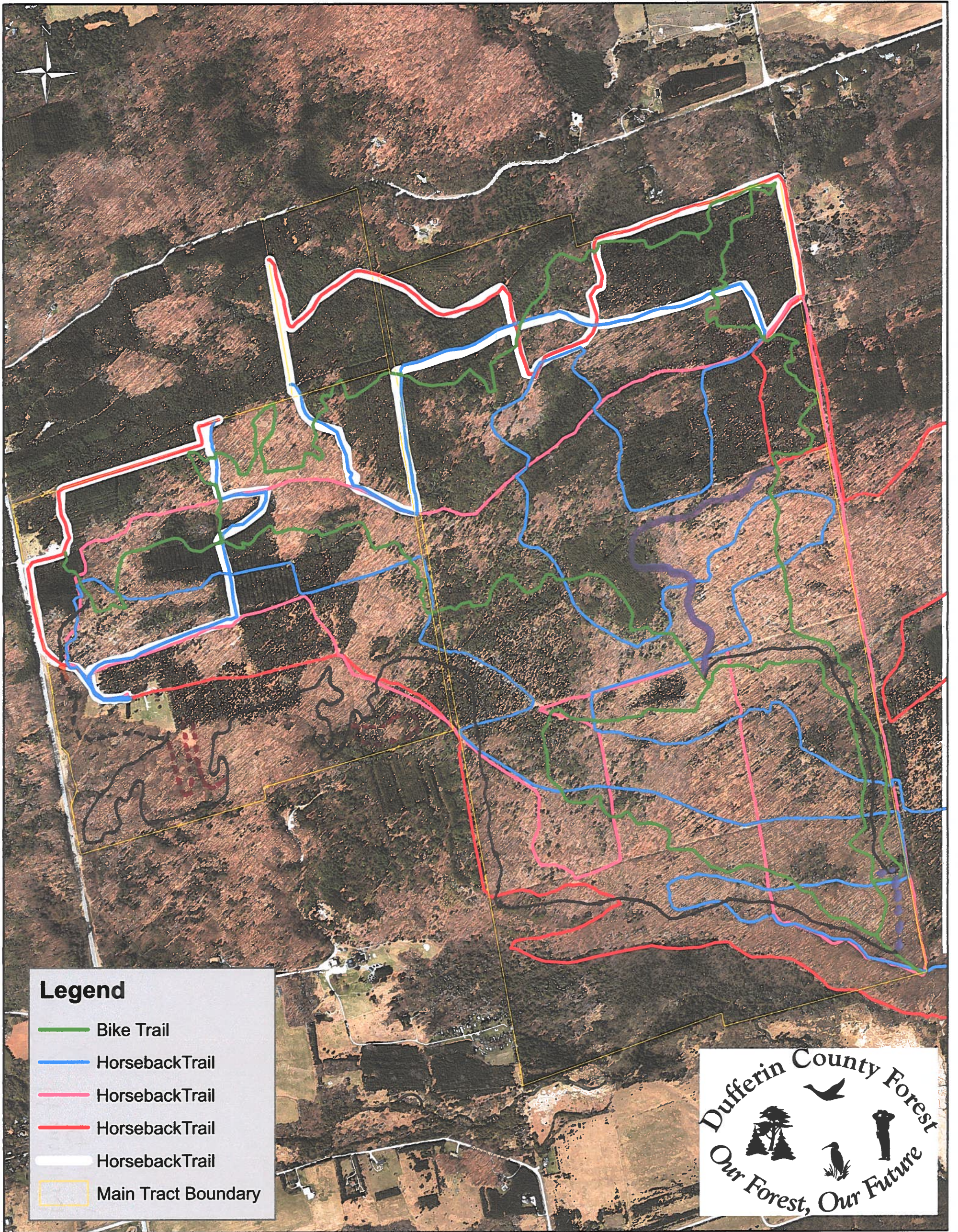
Trail Building Methods

After County approval of designated route, small saplings (based on County's approval) and large forest floor debris will require removal. Past trail building methods would then require the "loamy, leafy matter" being removed from the trail tread area. As Dufferin Forest has primarily sandy soil, a better method developed to construct sustainable trails is to mix the leaves and loam matter with the sand thus forming a mix of sand and organic matter which then forms a soil type surface during use. This mixing is accomplished through the use of a small piece of hand-operated tilling equipment that tills the sand and loam together. The mixture is then packed during use and forms a more sustainable and natural soil trail surface. This method has been utilized with success in the past and a demonstration to the County can be provided. Follow up maintenance consists of removal of heavy annual leaf fall leaving a layer of leaves to further enhance the tread composition of the trail.

It is our desire to work cooperatively with all user groups included in the FDCF and we wish to continue to work towards the enhancement of all Forest user's experiences.

Thank you for the consideration of items in this proposal. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Johnny Yeaman



From: Sue Downing [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 22, 2018 3:38 PM
To: Caroline Mach
Subject: Trail Proposal for DCFAT, October 3, 2018

Hi Caroline,

I wish to submit a formal proposal for acceptance and permanent status to a temporary equine trail marked in orange flagging tape. Permission was sought and granted for this temporary trail to be explored and developed with the assistance of the Simcoe County Forest Manager, members of Team Van Go and members of the Ontario Competitive Trail Riding Association. This temporarily marked equine trail was first trialed during the OCTRA Summer Solstice Distance Rides, June 17th as part of the fifty mile endurance ride, with outstanding feedback and appreciation by competitors and will be utilized again for the OCTRA Oktoberfest Endurance, September 30th.

This equine trail is a looped trail, as are all others, and like the red and blue trails crosses into the Simcoe County Tosorontio Forest Tract. When first marked there was a realization that the trail in the south/east corner may have been on private property. Since our requests for access were not replied to, the trail in this part of Simcoe County has been re-routed back to forest property. On Monday, September 24th this trail will once again be mapped with GPS in preparation for Oktoberfest Endurance.

This equine trail would be a valuable addition to the exciting trail network accessed by equestrians in both Simcoe and Dufferin Counties, as it provides a variety of width including the much sought after single track. It is a technical trail engaging both the mind of the rider and their equine partner. As with all equine trails in these two county forest tracts, members of the Ontario Competitive Trail Riding Association will be responsible for trail maintenance hopefully with assistance from the newly formed Friends of Dufferin County Forest. Our maintenance group also includes chainsaw certification.

As an aside please note all the Dufferin County equine trail signage in the main forest tract has been completed this week on the white, pink, red and blue trails.

Thank you for time and consideration of this request for the DCFAT regarding permanent status of the orange trail for equine use. As before, (June 14th), I'll send you a separate email with the GPS trail, and an additional email on Tuesday, September 25th with new GPS reflecting the re-route.

Many thanks,
Sue

Sue Downing
[REDACTED]

Walk where your heart leads you.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Sue Downing [REDACTED]
To: Caroline Mach <forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com>; Cass Sinclair <cass.sinclair@simcoe.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 9:35:36 a.m. EDT
Subject: Trail

Good morning Caroline and Cass,

Just wanted to update you on the overwhelming response we received from equestrians accessing new trail this past weekend for Summer Solstice Distance Rides; awesome challenging technical trail! Thank you both for the opportunity to provide competitors, (especially our International Endurance competitors conditioning for the World Equestrian Games in September), with variety of trail as I hosted two OCTRA/AERC events back-to-back at the same location. Your ongoing support of distance riding is greatly appreciated.

I would like to seek permission from both of you to leave the flagging and corner markers in place as I quickly put together a proposal for the Dufferin Forest Advisory Team's approval.

The trail flagged in orange now provides not only variety of trail and a change of scenery but allows some rest for the other permanently marked county equine trails. It could also be considered as a possible "replacement" of single tract trail in Dufferin County Forest, assumed to be lost by a few equestrians still opposing a multi-use forest enhanced by trail separation. Perhaps a bargaining tool for full compliance with the Bylaw ending the continued use and destruction of groomed hiking/running/cycling trails by these same few individuals. Their disrespect of a fellow user group's trail maintenance and sport is appalling especially given the fact that both cyclists and equestrians fully cooperated and toiled to find 16.9km of new trail, in a relatively short period of time by exploring, developing, flagging and marking trail together strengthening partnerships and an overall understanding of specific sport trail requirements.

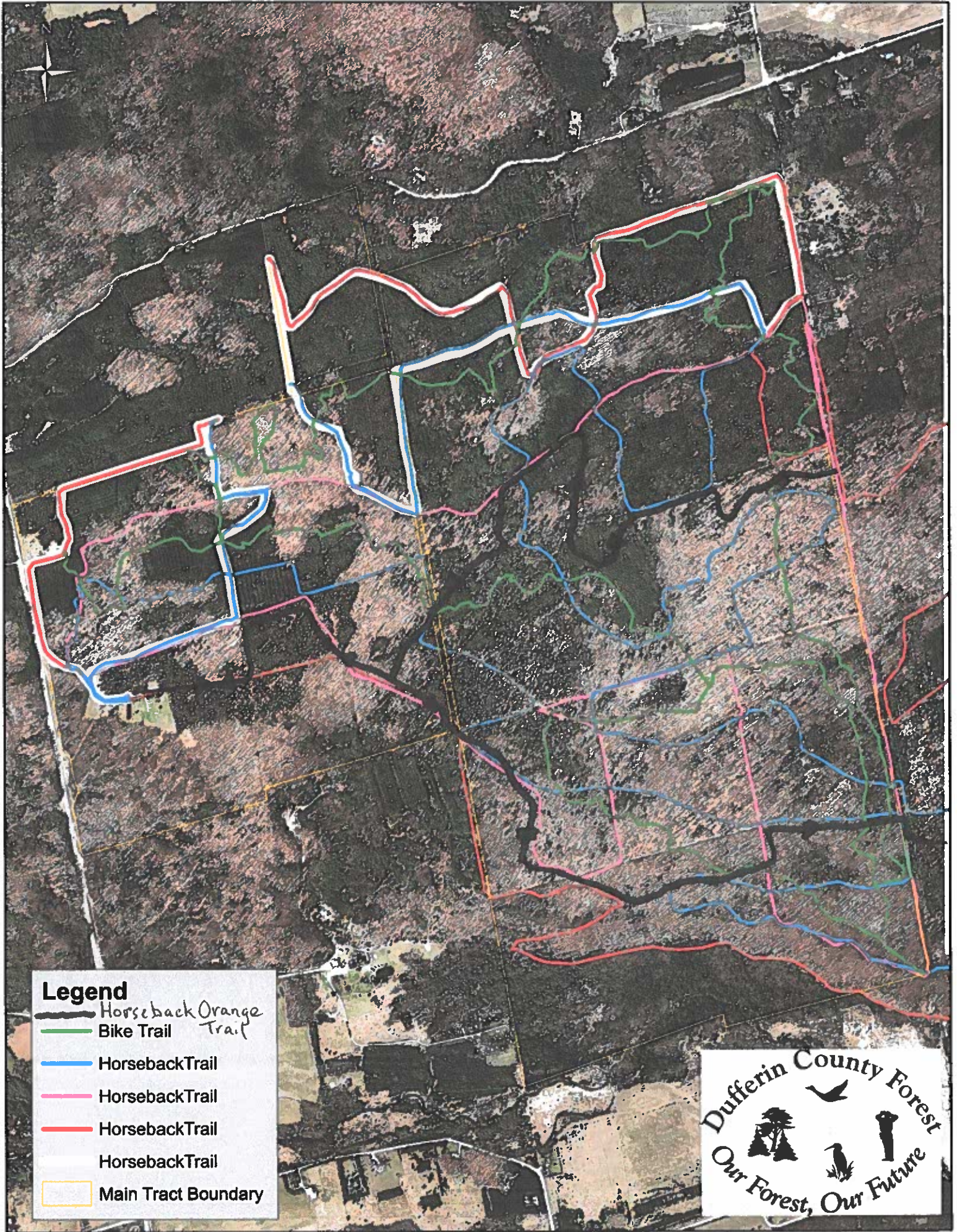
Please let me know your thoughts on leaving the orange trail as is for the time being. We will of course continue to seek out trail avoiding private properties during the summer months.

Many thanks,
Sue








Sue Downing



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Legend

-  Horseback Orange Trail
-  Bike Trail
-  Horseback Trail
-  Horseback Trail
-  Horseback Trail
-  Horseback Trail
-  Main Tract Boundary



From: TNYH Office <info@tnyh.horse>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 8:10 AM
To: Caroline Mach
Subject: DCFAT Meeting October 3

Dear Caroline,

Further to my email below endorsing the adoption of the 10km temporarily marked "Orange Trail" into the official Dufferin County Equestrian Trail network. TNYH also encourages further trail development from the Equestrian Community to expand trails available to that user group.

Additionally, TNYH fully supports the 8km of "unmarked single track" being adopted into the County Cycling Trail network in the Main Tract.

Both these trails have been successfully developed by their respective user groups and meet the requirements of those users. Inclusion of both trails would mutually enhance the experiences of all users of the County Forest.

I would ask that all members of the DCFAT Team have this email and our email below, forwarded to them previous to the Oct 3 meeting.

Thank you,
Carolyn Lane

----- Forwarded message -----

From: TNYH Office <info@tnyh.horse>
Date: Tue, Sep 18, 2018 at 9:32 PM
Subject: Support of the Orange Equestrian Trail Proposal
To: Caroline Mach <forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com>

Dear Caroline,

The Toronto & North York Hunt would like to put its full support behind the proposal to give the Orange equestrian trail permanent status. This new looped trail in both the Tosorontio and Main Forest Tracts will greatly add to the trail network of established permanently flagged and marked loop trails for equestrian use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or wish to discuss.

All the very best.

From: Caroline Mach <forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 1:45 PM
To: Caroline Mach <forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com>
Subject: DCFAT Meeting October 3

The next meeting of the Dufferin County Forest Advisory Team (DCFAT), on October 3, 2018, 6:00 pm, will review proposals for additions to the mapped (Appendix C, by-law 2017-39) trail network in the Main Tract of the Dufferin County Forest. The DCFAT will not, at this time, be looking at changes to designations of currently mapped trails.

Proposals can include designation of existing unmapped trails as well as the creation of completely new trails. Keep in mind that any additional trails will require maintenance (and building if they are completely new). Proposals should include a realistic plan for how that is going to happen.

Proposals must be submitted on the attached map for the sake of consistency and comparability and include approximate length of trail that is included in the proposal.

All proposals should be submitted to County Forest Manager Caroline Mach, R.P.F. prior to Friday, September 21 at 5:00 pm by email to forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com or dropped off at the Museum of Dufferin, 936029 Airport Road, Wednesday-Sunday, 10-5.

Thank you
Caroline

Caroline Mach, R.P.F. |County Forest Manager|Public Works Department
County of Dufferin|519-941-1114 ext. 4011| forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com |936029
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From: dan marshall [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 5:05 PM
To: Caroline Mach
Subject: Re: Dufferin Trails

Hi Caroline, they are, but I would ask that my comments are circulated to the members of the Advisory Team as an additional request for adoption. Johnny is 100% on board with incorporating these trails into the plan.

Thanks
Dan

From: Caroline Mach <forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com>
Sent: September 25, 2018 12:34 PM
To: dan marshall
Subject: RE: Dufferin Trails

Hi Dan,

If your comments are in reference to Johnny's proposal then that is fine, all I need.

Thanks
Caroline

From: dan marshall [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 11:20 AM
To: Caroline Mach <forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com>
Subject: Re: Dufferin Trails

Hi Caroline, yes they are not on the map. Johnny does have them listed. Sorry for all the delays, we have a race this weekend and going crazy with the october events (I think you have heard from Mono about one of them... not use to this committee stuff!)

Do you still need a map from me or did the meeting happen already?

THanks
Dan

From: Caroline Mach <forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com>
Sent: September 19, 2018 8:13 AM
To: dan marshall
Subject: RE: Dufferin Trails

Hello Dan,

Could you please clarify which map you are referring to? Is that the map that is part of the by-law 2017-39? If so, is this by way of asking that those trails be added (i.e. a proposal for the next Dufferin County Forest Advisory Team meeting)? If it is, I need for you to provide an outline of the trails on the attached map so that requests can be compared at the meeting.

Thanks
Caroline

From: dan marshall [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 11:01 PM
To: Caroline Mach <forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com>

Subject: Dufferin Trails

Hi Caroline,

sorry this is so late. I have 3 events coming up so spinning around.

I noticed on the map that the trail which I built which I call H2i and H2i2 are not listed. They were built (with permission, I made sure I asked!) along the southern most possible area of the forest. The rationale was two fold.

1: make a trail which I know all the history off and is on the first bit of dry ground in a forest with mountain biking each spring. That way we can always have a trail to use for our early spring race which will not negatively impact other forest users for the rest of the year. As such I clean it and repair it each spring and while someone did take out a few really cool features and short cut a corner near the start it has been a big hit with riders year long now.

2: the double track along the south end of the forest (from the southeast edge of MOC to the south west corner of the Simcoe forest) has heavy horse traffic and is often highly unpleasant to ride some sections. When Hill Billy Hack was using MOC this was a heavily used trail. To avoid any conflict I built a separate trail which connected the same points so that mountain bike/trail running community could ride that area without any concern and the horse traffic wouldn't have to worry about a bunch of middle aged guys in spandex!

Also with regards to maintenance, each spring before our first race I clear the dead fall and generally do a spring clean up on the single track for our spring event, but I also do a bunch of the double track for the race course, for our first aid access (we wont start a race if we don't have clear access plans for the forest in the event of a serious injury) and also to help Sue and the rest of the OCTRA crew who run a horse race on some of the same trails (and on the trails which we would use for an emergency) a few weeks later. I usually contact Sue and let them know and occasionally they have come out to help a little earlier than planned if it has been a tough winter for downed trees in order to help me out to.

I will be away from a computer until early next week but wanted to get this to you before I left. (I will have limited access to email)

Thanks again for all the hard work on the forest and working with us to create a recreational area inside a county crop. And the last few logging crews have been fantastic by the way!.

Dan Marshall

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From: Margaret Law [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 8:53 PM
To: Caroline Mach
Cc: 'johnny yeaman'
Subject: DCF trail developments

Dear Caroline,

The Caledon Cycling Club, supports the adoption the 10 km of temporarily marked “Orange Trail” into the Dufferin County Equestrian Trail network, as well as further trail development by the Equestrian Community to expand and enhance the trail system for that user group. In addition, we support the proposed 8 km of “unmarked single track” into the County Cycling Trail network in the Main Tract.

These trails have been developed by their respective user groups and meet their requirements. The inclusion of both these trails would mutually enhance the experiences of all users, cycling, equestrian and hiking, of the County Forest.

Please forward this email to all members of the DCFAT Team prior to the October 3rd meeting.

Best regards,
Margaret Law
VP, Caledon Cycling Club

From: Ontario Trails <execdir@ontariotrails.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 7:38 AM
To: Caroline Mach
Cc: Johnny Yeaman; Sue Downing; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Subject: Commentary on Team Vango and OCTRA and future forest developments

Hi Caroline -

Over the past week, OTC has received news of the successful efforts of managing the trail provided to horses in the forest and the positive working relationship established between OCTRA and TeamVango.

We would encourage the provision of any additional planning or management support the Dufferin County Forest could provide to these groups, and other potential users and groups, in opening more trail for responsible riders and the public.

We also applaud the work the forest management team is doing to encourage these groups to work together to make the County Forest Recreational Plan work for and be respected by, all forest users.

On November 4th, OTC is hosting the Ontario Mountain Bike Summit in Brantford. We have asked both Ms. Downing and Mr. Yeaman to speak to other MTB clubs about their progress, their relationship and the future.

At OTC we work to bring users together with managers and we hope that there will be a big crowd of horse and bike people at the MTB event to make this Dufferin experience a story for the entire province.

<http://trailheadontario.com>

Congratulations on this positive effort and we welcome more and better trails in the forest in the future.

Sincerely,

Patrick

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