

2026

East End Trail Project



Active Transportation

The community trail system supports healthy living and increases opportunities for active transportation.

Environmental

The community trail provides positive environmental opportunities for users to appreciate the natural environment.

Stay & Play

The community trail system promotes the Town's tourism strategy.

Future Ready

The east end trail extension will advance the main trail to form a continuous loop to 24th Avenue connecting residential areas and business community.

Project Timeline

The east end trail project will extend the main trail to create a loop using trails, roads and sidewalks allowing trail users to continue their journey to 24th Ave. and beyond.

01 Sept. - Dec. 2025

Approvals received from Council and SVCA to proceed with the project.

02 Feb. 2026

Completion of engineering site mapping.

03 Mar. 2026

Site preparation, including necessary tree removal.

04 Jun. - Sept. 2026

Commencement of trail construction, pedestrian ramp installation, and parking lot development.

Note: The timeline is subject to favourable soil and weather conditions. Prolonged wet or rainy periods during the summer months may result in construction delays.

05 Oct. 2026

Project completion and anticipated grand opening.

FAQs

East End Trail Construction Project Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the purpose of this project? The objective of this project is to enhance the existing trail by completing a long planned extension of the east end trail loop as identified in our Community Trails System Design Plan and our Official Plan (Schedule D Trail Network). The primary trail was impacted just past the soccer field and the development of Saugeen Cedar Heights West and Saugeen Cedar Heights East subdivisions have provided the opportunity to complete the east end trail loop to increase trail connectivity. This project will establish a continuous active transportation loop, connecting a minimum of four neighbourhoods. The trail will facilitate safe pedestrian and cycling access to key destinations, including Raillands Leisure Park, Rotary Dog Park, Hanover Park, 7th Avenue trail access, the south line section and commercial areas.

Is tree removal required to accommodate the new trail section? Yes, some trees will require removal to facilitate the trail construction. Every effort will be made to limit tree removal and to retain existing vegetation where it does not interfere with the project.

Will new trees be planted along the trail? Opportunities for tree planting will be evaluated in a future phase, based on the development of the site.

Will the Town provide a fence along the trail? No, the Town will not provide fencing for individual properties. Property owners may construct fences by submitting a site plan to the Building Department for review and approval. All fences must comply with applicable property line setbacks, height restrictions, and other requirements established in Fence By-law 3298-24

What environmental considerations have been incorporated into this project? An Environmental Impact Study has been completed, and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) has been consulted and approved the project. Construction will adhere to established parameters to protect natural habitats, vegetation, and wildlife. Best management practices for erosion control, sediment management, and conservation area preservation will be implemented throughout the project.

How long will construction take and will there be disruptions? Construction is scheduled to begin with tree removal in March 2026, followed by trail

development in the summer. Completion is anticipated by October, 2026. Residents may experience temporary noise, dust, and restricted access near the construction zone. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption.

- September 2025** – Approval received from SVCA to proceed.
- February 2026** – Completion of engineering site mapping.
- March 2026** – Site preparation, including necessary tree removal.
- June 2026** – Construction of associated parking facilities.
- July 2026** – Commencement of pedestrian ramps and trail construction.
- October 2026** – Project completion and anticipated grand opening of the trail.

Note: The timeline is subject to favorable soil and weather conditions. Prolonged wet or rainy periods during the summer months may result in construction delays.

What materials will be used for trail construction? The trail base will consist of 200 mm of Granular A material. The surface layer will comprise 75 mm of compacted limestone screenings to ensure stability and durability. A 4-foot elevation change occurs on the section approaching 22nd Avenue A. To accommodate this grade change, pedestrian ramps will be constructed on either side of the roadway. The ramps will utilize hot-dipped galvanized steel decking and include safety railings for user fall protection.

How wide is the trail? The trail is 2 meters wide, which is the allowable clearance within the site. This width provides safe and accessible passage for all users while accommodating site constraints.

When will the sidewalks in Saugeen Cedar Heights West Subdivision be complete? Sidewalk installation is typically one of the final components completed within a subdivision. Based on the current construction sequencing, sidewalks are being installed as blocks are completed. All sidewalks need to be installed prior to the assumption of the subdivision thus timing may be adjusted depending on construction progress and site conditions. Sidewalks could be fully completed within the subdivision in 2027-2028.

How is the project being funded? The project will be funded through a combination of property taxes, contributions from the subdivision developer, provincial grant funding and municipal reserve funds.

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