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In Spring ALUS planted Prairie Grass seed on Conc 11 north for half a concession and returned in June to overplant with wildflower seeds. We are considering other areas to be planted. We renewed the gravel in this area with a Grant from the Trans Canada Trail.

Each year turtle nests are raided by predators. We are hoping in Spring to provide nest covers to protect some of the eggs. Any help from yourselves will be appreciated.

In May the Norfolk Foundation granted us \$4000 to complete our Fitness Trail around the Water Pumping Station. Work will begin in Spring. You are welcome to join us.

Part of our trail South of Waterford was temporarily closed near Bloomsburg after a neighbor sprayed ginseng. With concern for our trail users the County asked us to close the nearby trail. South of Bloomsburg at Old Hwy 24 the County partially closed the trail to evaluate test wells. If the wells do not interfere with Bloomsburg's water supply a pipeline will bring water to Simcoe. The promise is to restore the trail when work is completed. The time frame is 2020 and we will inform you when the disruption occurs.

We are looking for funding to repair a culvert deep under the trail just north of the Bloomsburg entry. This will require excavation and replacement of 20 – 30 ft of culvert. Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

In July we hosted Dragon Boat Races in support of Cancer research. Anticipating future community use of this space, water and electrical supply outlets were installed in conjunction with the County. Nearby, vents from the former Dominion Telephone Building are displayed commemorating our manufacturing heritage.

Maria da Silva, local environmental sculptress, completed several structures which have been enjoyed by our trail users. Natural forces will transform these sculptures into a Nature habitat. A perfect fit for our trail.

The Pollinator Gardens at Bloomsburg burst into bloom this spring. Thanks to Sandi Senneker her inspiration and labour have given pollinators this Native Plants Garden.

In August after many patient years we extended our Provincial lease to include former LE&N RR lands from Waterford to the Oakland Ponds. We have explored this 10 km trail and will start developing along the lines of the Bruce Trail with a hiking/biking tract heading North one km at a time. If you would like to be a part of this endeavour please get in touch.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in April 2020.

Name Phone E-mail

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Single\$15

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Donation

100% of monies are used for your trail.

Please make cheques payable to the Waterford Heritage Trail Association and send membership to Terry Bonnett - 300 Old Hwy 24, Waterford ON, N0E 1Y0

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