

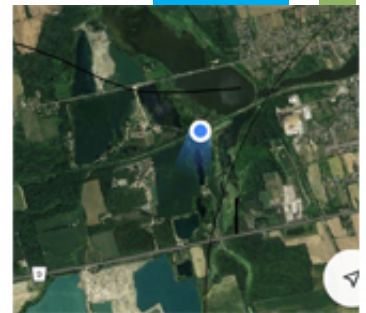
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2020 was a novel year for all of us. In December of 2019 who thought of receiving a surgical mask for Christmas or having our trail closed due to a pandemic? Thankfully, some trail building was accomplished. A defective culvert was replaced near Bloomsburg and Old Highway 24. It was a big job as the culvert was buried deep under the trail. We took the opportunity to address a chronic drainage issue at the Bloomsburg gate with the addition of a culvert and gravel to raise the grade. This disruption caused us to lose a pollinator garden that we hope to replace in the spring. South of Bloomsburg the trail was closed while the County tested wells in the area to potentially provide water to Simcoe. The land is leased from the Province but the County has their own arrangement with the Province to develop the water source. To date the County has shared no information concerning the next phase. We were prepared to blaze a trail North of Waterford to the 7th Concession when the Province notified us that someone had raised issues about our future plans. As a result the Province asked us to postpone trail work to the north until the matter was settled. As the lease extends to Jenkins Road we are looking to a resolution by spring. On the south side of the Black Bridge a red memorial bike donated by the Keam Family was installed along with a plaque honouring Michele Crowley who was a major supporter of trails and active transportation in the County. Our proposed Fitness Trail hit a snag as we prepared to bridge the stream from Rainbow Lake to Indian Pond. This would give us access to the leased land from an extension of the fishing road along the former E-W railroad bed. The LPRCA was informed of our intentions and we await their feedback. In Spring the WHT and all trails in Norfolk were closed by the Norfolk County Board of Health with concerns of COVID-19 being spread by trail users. Since trails were open in our adjoining Counties and the obvious benefits to physical, mental and emotional health, a letter was sent to that effect to the Board of Health. Whether our letter was instrumental or not the trails were reopened and should remain open. What will 2021 hold for us? We expect it to be a good year, it just may be a slow start. Thanks to your continuing support we are all in this together. Cheers.



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