

Previous capital projects (some of which are in process) – **new suggestions highlighted, questions in yellow**

### **NEW ASKS**

**Development of a monitoring program to ensure that any informal trails that appear are identified and closed ASAP. This is included in the TVP EA and should be used in any ESA. What will it take to develop such a program and what will be the costs of implementation?**

**ESA signage – present signs at entrances are OK. What about explanatory signs within the ESAs to explain why the area is significant? QR codes don't seem to work.**

**Signage should be installed in ESAs to explain why an ESA is an ESA. Also helpful would be signage to encourage people to stay on trails. Example from Cape Breton Highlands National Park:**

**Roots die, plants die, animals disappear  
Respect and protect this area  
Do your park, stay on the trail**

### **Conservation Master Plans**

(note there hasn't been a CMP for Warbler Woods or an update to Killaly or Lower Dingman, despite development pressure there). **Are there any scheduled/planned in 10 yr outlook? If none, what is the plan to deal with Riverbend South development adjacent to Warbler Woods? The development adjacent to the Lower Dingman at Pack and Col Talbot?**

**Please clarify the amounts budgeted and still available to implement upcoming recommendations of Medway and Meadowlily CMPs (was told \$200K as of 2015) and available funds for Bog, WMP, and Coves.**

### **Invasive Species Management**

Buckthorn in the Bog

Buckthorn and Dog Strangling Vine in Killaly (2013, 2015)

Aquatic invasives in WMP (water lettuce and water hyacinth) – listed in 2013

Tree-azin injections continuing (done once every two years 2012 2014 2016)

Coves (buckthorn, knotweed) – 2015

**What about buckthorn in Medway – south section? Knotweed at EPW?**

Medway (north section – buckthorn and frag) – 2015

Medway (south section – SAR and goutweed and frag – 2015) also Goutweed at Longbow entrance addressed in 2016.

Private funding to UTRCA for vinca behind Precious Blood – restoration to come

Warbler – buckthorn, English ivy, Barberry (2015)

Meadowlily and Kains – monitor using Early Detection Rapid Response approach (2015) – success??

Kain's - buckthorn, knotweed, goutweed (2016)

WMP – frag, buckthorn, black locust, knotweed (2016)

Medway – frag, 3<sup>rd</sup> yr of SAR/Goutweed/Knotweed/restoration project (2016)

Meadowlily – frag (2016)

All ESAs monitor using EDRR and touch ups of all 2014/15 work under operating budget – 2016

Invasive Species Management Strategy city wide (James).

**Has there been any discussion with the landowner (Drewlo) to deal with the buckthorn forest on his land adjacent to the Bog? – raised in 2015 and at EEPAC**

#### **Trail related works**

Boardwalks, railings, bioengineering (suggestions appreciated. There should be some bioengineering on the hill where the new boardwalk and restored staircase are in Medway)

What is status of boardwalk design SE of Naomee Park? – Bog (2013)

Shrub planting and improved barrier at trail closed location (turtle nesting site) – from 2013. Not done?

Bike racks at ESA entrances (implemented from 2014 project list)

**Trail for Riverbend South to Warbler (2016) and Boardwalk repairs in southern portion (2016)**

Coves implementation of CMP (2015, 2016)

All ESAs continue un-official trail closures with Warbler as a priority (2015 – what happened? Did it work?)

**Assess all unmanaged trails in newly acquired portion of Meadowlily ESA. Manage a minimal trail system that is anticipated to follow a route already established by the Thames Valley Trail Association (2012) – what happened?**

#### **Encroachments**

**What can be done from capital for this? (2014 was supposed to have assistance with removal and restoration at Killaly and Warbler – Benson Cres?)**

**What about a by law to prevent new owners from putting gates in fences?**

Finalize the ESA Encroachment Strategy (2012) – status?

**EEPAC/NL did receive a staff response to its suggestions for 2015 ESA Capital Budget List:**

Trail closure, remove pavement and restore lands in new ESA (Pottersburg) when new pathway and rail crossing is installed.

STAFF: Agree and this work is incorporated in project scope.

When is this project scheduled?

Unmanaged trails in Killaly should be closed.

STAFF: Agree and will review as UTRCA and staff time permits. What happened?

Install additional fencing perpendicular to existing fencing at Wonderland Road entrance to Snake Creek to reduce by passes to bike gate at this location.

STAFF: Agree and will implement in 2015 (Was not done). There is also an unmanaged access to Snake Creek from the west side of Wonderland under the bridge. Jeff Bruin alerted and passed along to Linda McDougall

Trail to Saunders Cabin and South Side of Saunders Pond are heavy clay and muddy when it rains. Is this part of the Canada 150 funding?

Better trail marking/signage for Sifton Bog

STAFF: Agree and will review in light of Management Zone Map (status?)

Budget for work in converting Euston Park to Euston Meadows as part of ESA in order to protect SAR and its habitat was high priority in CMP for Coves.

STAFF: "...we will work to improve and protect the habitat, naturalization opportunities, signage and ensure trails are outside of the NZ zones. Status?

We noticed the upswing in purple loosestrife and staff noted they and UTRCA will be working with Donna Mackenzie of Ontario beetles