

Lanark County receives donation of land for community forest

Lanark County has received a donation of 89.75 acres of land to be added to its community forest properties, thanks to the generosity of Janet Conboy.

The property is wooded with an existing loop trail that abuts the county-owned section of the Tay-Havelock Trail in Tay Valley Township. Mrs. Conboy indicated she wished to donate the recreational land to be used as a public trail.

“This is a legacy donation that will enhance our community forest and trails network for generations to come,” said County CAO Kurt Greaves. “Mrs. Conboy and her late husband Donald F. Conboy enjoyed the property for many years and would like to see it enjoyed by their community in perpetuity.”

Lanark County owns and operates 91 kilometres of trails and 11,500 acres of community forests. There are five community forest properties in Tay Valley, but this is the first in the geographical Township of Bathurst.

The county’s forest manager, Brian Anderson, investigated the property and determined it is well suited for recreation, with its diverse Canadian Shield topography, range of tree species and series of trails. There are access points to the trails and a small creek with water crossings runs through the property. County staff will be working on enhancing existing trails and entrances and giving consideration to potential parking areas and other details in the coming months. The property borders the Tay-Havelock Trail about 700 m west of Cameron Side Road.

“On behalf of Lanark County Council and the people of Lanark County, I would like to thank the Conboy family for the generous donation of this land,” Warden Brian Campbell (Tay Valley Township Reeve) said. “It is a valuable addition to our community forest network and our growing trail network. Thank you, Mrs. Conboy, for this wonderful gift.”

For more information about the county’s community forests and trails, visit <http://lanarkcounty.com/Page2318.aspx>

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