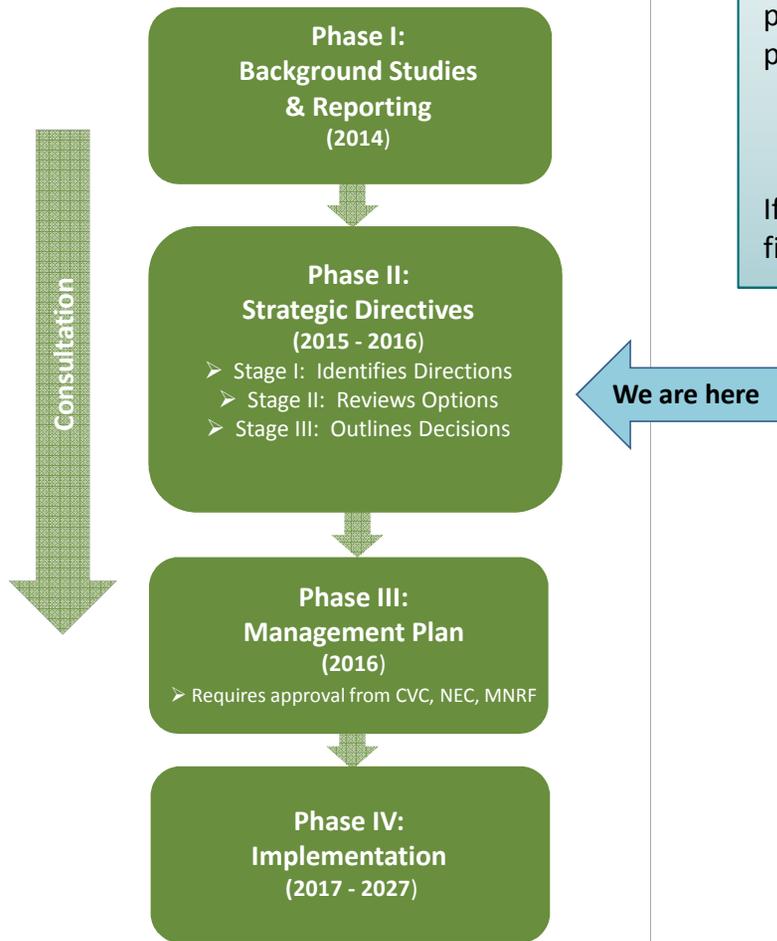


Management Planning Process

Management plans are documents prepared to guide the management and development of our conservation areas. The ultimate goal of CVC's management plans are to balance the protection of natural and cultural heritage features with development of appreciation and recreation opportunities and the values of the local community and general public.

The management planning process for the Belfountain Complex contains three (3) main phases:



Providing Comments

There have been several opportunities to provide comments throughout the management planning process, including participating at public meetings, filling in questionnaires or providing written comments.

Over 1,000 comments are being integrated into the Management Planning and Class Environmental Assessment Process

If you would like to provide comments on the content or any aspect of today's meeting, please fill in a comment card.

How do we use your comments?

All comments received during the management planning process are documented and considered. CVC records all input received in a *disposition table* to track how the comment was integrated or addressed.

UID	Comments Received	SAC	TSC	Public Open House	Other (e.g. email)	Report Section/ Area of Interest	Notes	Area Integrated (if applicable)
292	Concerns about having the pavilion be a stopping ground for too long and not helping more visitors through the facility			•		Pavilion	Noted. The concept and location of the pavilion is being reconsidered	General Design
297	Expand parking lot to 70 cars and offer reduced parking fee to cars not visiting the park (only parking to visit village). Install small walk through gate on Pinnacle St.			•		Parking Lot	Noted	
298	Tear out toilets in parking lot (uphill walk) and install a new toilet on other side of the river at your pumped water source			•		Project Area 4	Reducing the number of toilets is not feasible from a customer service perspective.	
299	Clean out [dredge] pond			•		Class EA	Noted. Will be addressed in the Class EA.	
307	(ideas for implementation): signs at child height asking them to "remind" grown-ups to take away garbage			•		Education	Noted. Good idea for all CVC CAs	Education/ Interpretation

Belfountain Complex Objectives

The objectives for the Belfountain Complex represent the results that the decisions made through the management planning process will achieve. Six (6) objectives have been identified for the Belfountain Complex Management Plan. They are as follows:

1) Protect and enhance the ecological diversity and the unique natural heritage features and functions of the Belfountain Complex

2) Conserve and enhance the unique cultural heritage attributes of the Belfountain Complex

3) Promote the unique identity of the Belfountain Complex and its connection to the Hamlet of Belfountain

4) Develop viable solutions for sustainable conservation area operations

5) Provide sustainable recreation opportunities

6) Provide site accessibility through universal and barrier free design, affordability and multi-lingual communications



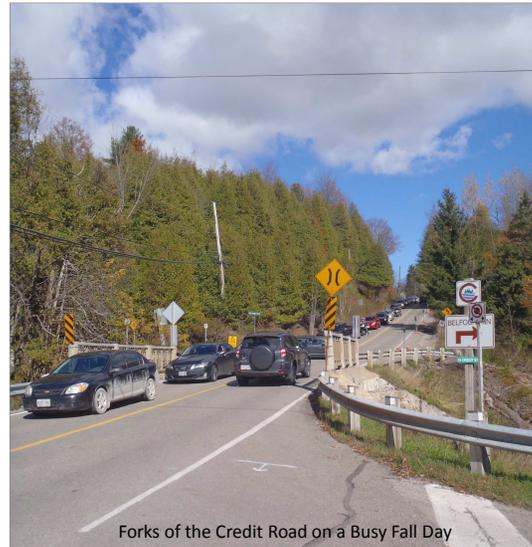
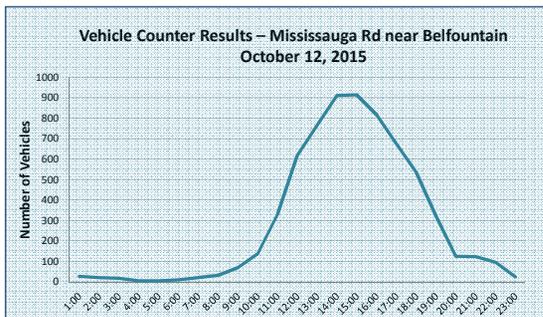
Traffic Congestion & Carrying Capacity

CVC has received several comments regarding concerns related to traffic congestion in the Hamlet of Belfountain, as well as comments related to carrying capacity within Belfountain Conservation Area. Several of the measures proposed to address one of these concerns also benefits the other. Traffic congestion and carrying capacity are particularly problematic during the fall colour season and on long weekends in the summer. To help address traffic management issues in this area a Committee, led by the Town of Caledon, was created to develop parking and traffic related solutions. CVC is committed to implementing the recommendations of this Committee. In addition, CVC is proposing the following changes to help address traffic congestion and capacity concerns:

Design	Policy	Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site design upgrades to encourage visitors to spend less time onsite Parking lot size may be marginally increased Landscaping may include treatments to prevent and repair turf degradation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large groups may not be permitted Reservations may not be accepted A new fee structure may be considered CVC will continue to work with its agency partners (Region of Peel, Town of Caledon, etc.) to support their initiatives to manage traffic through the Hamlet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital signage indicating when the parking lot is full may be employed in key locations Shuttle service from Cataract Hills Conservation Area (Pinchin Pit) could be implemented during busy weekends and holidays

Traffic Data

Traffic data collected by the Region of Peel in 2015 indicated that on a busy fall day more than 6,000 vehicles were recorded on Mississauga Rd just north of Belfountain (in both directions). On the same day, Belfountain Conservation Area experienced 1,500 visitors arriving in 230 vehicles. Belfountain Conservation Area is one of many attractions in the area and CVC is committed to supporting the Town of Caledon and Region of Peel in their traffic management initiatives for this area.



Community Engagement

Several comments received from the community, local organizations and our Stakeholder Advisory Committee related to the relationship between Belfountain Conservation Area and the Belfountain Hamlet, and how it could be improved and enhanced. The following policies and opportunities are proposed to help improve this relationship and encourage the local community to use BCA (Belfountain Conservation Area):

Design	Policy	Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Considerations for how BCA can address local service gaps (e.g. recreation opportunities that may not be readily available nearby) could be made▪ Space to hold community events may be made available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Low-key events created to engage the local community could be regularly scheduled both within BCA and outside its border▪ Community could be encouraged to use BCA to host more of their own events (e.g. Salamander Festival)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ As of 2015, residents may enter BCA free of charge▪ Local businesses could be engaged to determine if they are interested in providing services in BCA



Belfountain Salamander Festival (2014)



Boardwalk Construction on the Crowsnest Side Trail (2011)



Belfountain Garlic Mustard Pull (2012)

Vandalism & Security

CVC has received several comments regarding concerns related to vandalism at Belfountain Conservation Area and the use of the site after-hours. Vandalism may involve defacing features, removing or destroying structures, or harming the natural environment. After-hours use, or trespassing, may be associated with vandalism. Unfortunately these are a common occurrence at many parks and conservation areas. CVC is proposing the following design, policy and operational measures to address vandalism and after-hours use at Belfountain Conservation Area:

Design	Policy	Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles may be incorporated into site design▪ Site features could be secured (e.g. seating areas) and include vandal-proof design▪ Security features (e.g. cameras) may be installed▪ The front gate may be moved closer to the road to deter off-street parking after-hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The development of a Strategic Enforcement and Risk Management Plan may be directions coming out of the Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ CVC and security partners, including the OPP, will continue to work together on daily enforcement issues



After-hours use caught on motion camera (2011)



Graffiti on the new Terrace (2016)



Unsanctioned fire pit impacting cedar trees (2015)

Special Events

Throughout the management plan process, CVC received input regarding community events and private events. Several comments indicated that clarification about what these events may entail was required. While private functions will likely continue to be offered at Belfountain Conservation Area, their size and scale need to meet CVC's requirements. The policies and opportunities below are proposed for the management plan:

Design	Policy	Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Capacity for facility rentals could be limited to 80 – 100 (outdoor space; indoor space may be available)▪ Event capacity would not exceed parking capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Events would align with CVC operating hours (9am – 9pm)▪ Offsite parking may be encouraged or mandatory depending on event size	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ CVC staff will be onsite during all facility rentals



Art in the Park Event at Belfountain Conservation Area (2015)

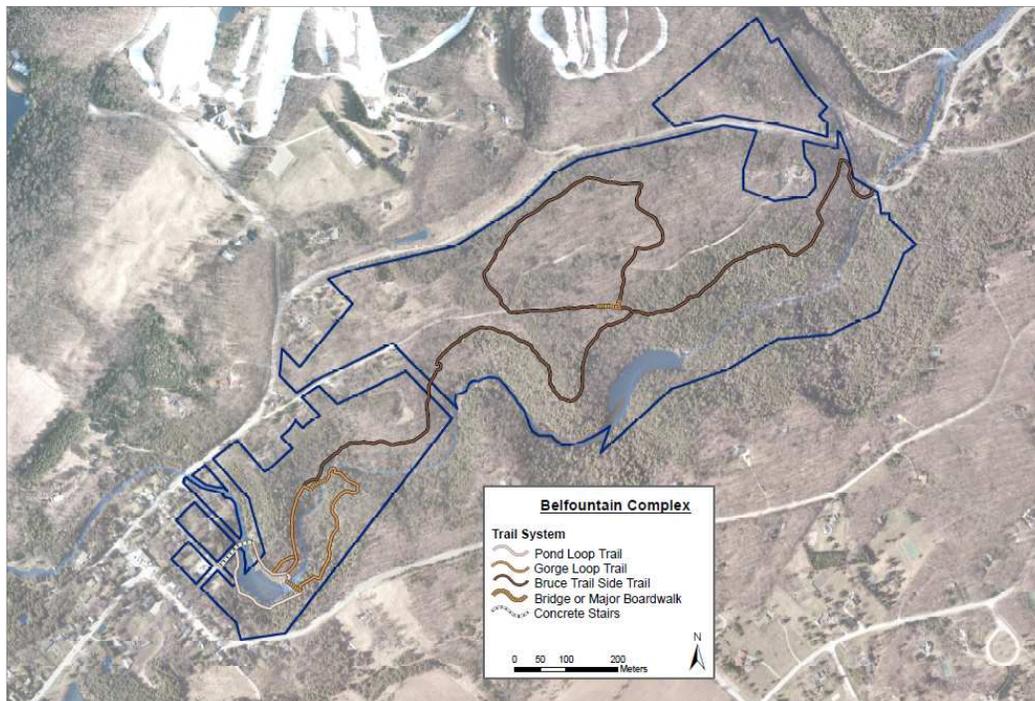


Wedding at Belfountain Conservation Area (Photo Credit: Bogdan Radu, Studio Solaris)

Trail System

The steep, uneven terrain of the Niagara Escarpment has resulted in a trail system that is rugged and can be difficult to navigate. Nevertheless, the hiking experience is an integral component of most visits. Subtle enhancements, like minor trail re-routes and surface material improvements, will provide a safer, more accessible trail system and thus improve the overall experience for visitors. Signage that denotes trail difficulty, as well as interpretive signage that identifies points of interest and significant features may also be included as recommendations in the management plan.

Design	Policy	Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCA trails would follow sustainable trail building principles and best practices The trail system may include options for visitors of all ages and abilities, including both barrier free and challenging trails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development of new trails would likely be kept to a minimum Trail re-routes and enhancements would likely focus on reducing environmental impacts and improving visitor experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trails will continue to be regularly maintained and monitored by CVC staff



Trail re-routes or other mitigation tactics, such as boardwalks, are necessary to improve degraded trails in some areas.



Existing boardwalks may require updating in some areas. New boardwalks may also be constructed on the Pond Loop Trail to promote an accessible visitor experience.

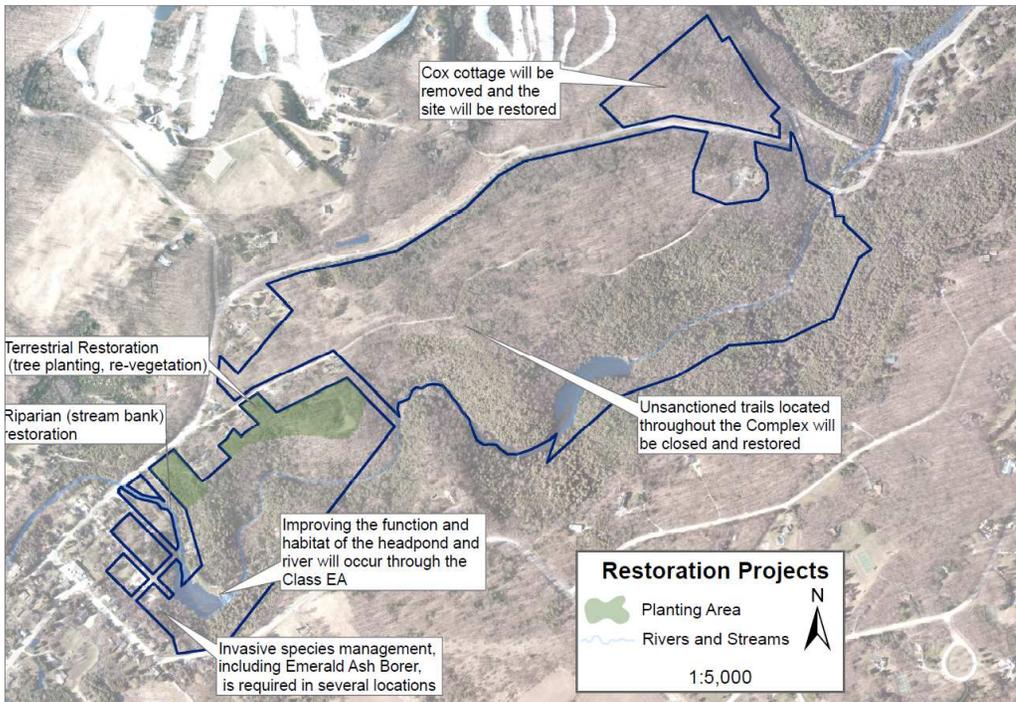


A few trails, such as the one that goes through the old cottage site, may be formalized and included on trail maps.

Site Restoration

The Restoration Plan for the Belfountain Complex will focus on addressing areas of environmental degradation and improving connectivity. Specific focus areas include: managing non-native, invasive species; river bank (riparian) planting; tree planting; and restoration works associated with the Preferred Alternative for the Belfountain Dam and Headpond Class Environmental Assessment.

Design	Policy	Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscaping should support the use of beneficial native species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Invasive Species Strategy may be developed for the site Only native species will be used for restoration works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The management of non-native invasive species will continue Hazard tree removal, including trees affected by Emerald Ash Borer, will continue



Tree planting is required to ensure a consistent and connected forest canopy.



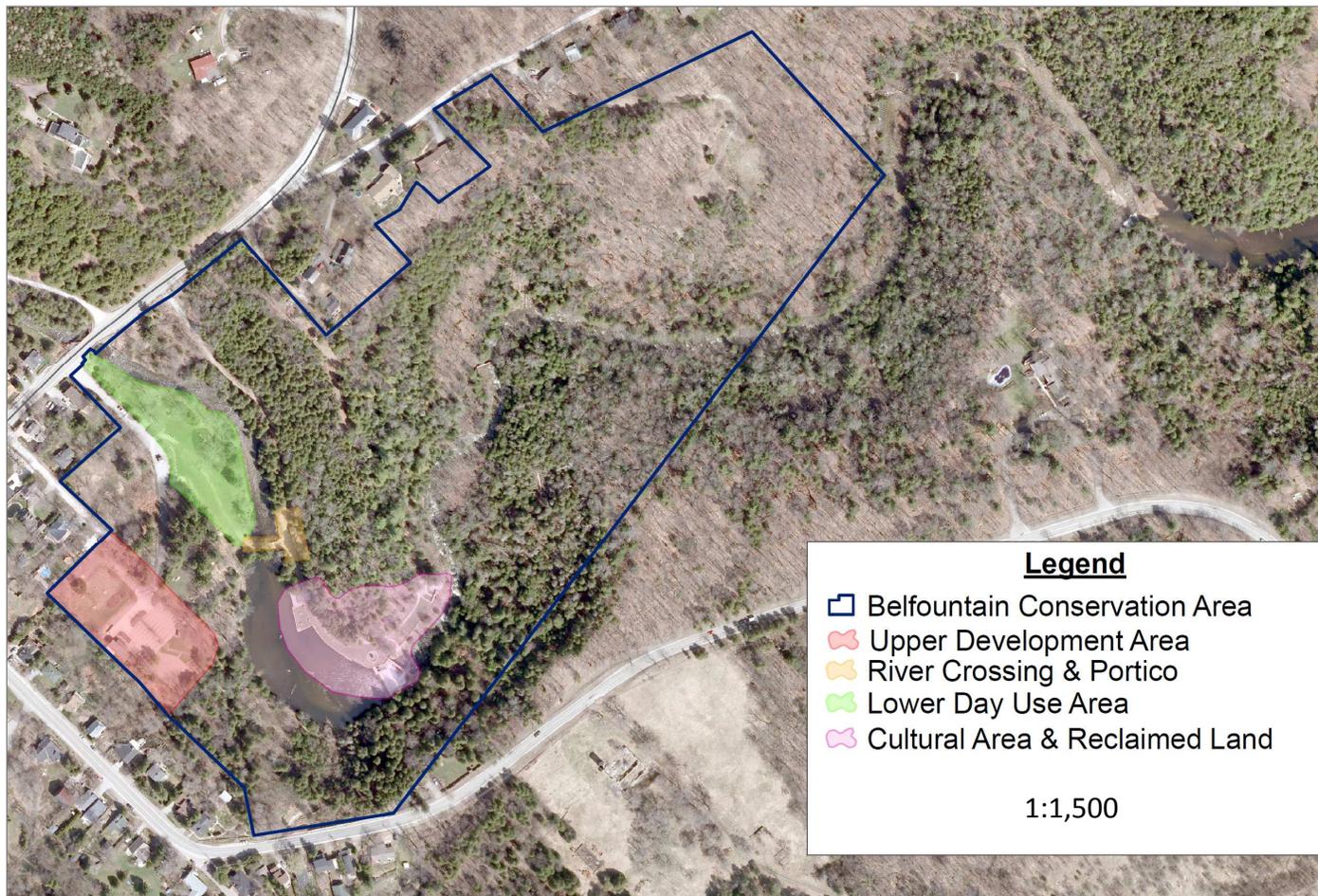
Non-native invasive species, such as Japanese Knotweed, will continue to be managed on a regular basis.



Trampling along the bank of the West Credit River contributes to erosion. Planting along the river bank will improve local habitat and water quality in the West Credit River.

Focus Areas

The community workshop portion of today's consultation session is focusing on the four areas highlighted below: the Upper Development Area; the River Crossing and Portico; the Lower Day Use Area; and the Cultural Heritage Area and Reclaimed Land. We are seeking feedback about what activities, design or opportunities you feel would be a good fit for these areas. Please fill in a comment card to let us know your thoughts!



Community Workshop Questions

- What interests you about the focus areas?
- What design elements do you think should be considered?
- What year round opportunities exist for these areas?
- What opportunities exist for these areas?