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## Objective

**2.1 Allow for citizens residing within the Municipal territory of the Township of Wentworth access to recreational spaces for rejuvenation and a chance to connect with nature within a protected natural environment at a reasonable cost.**

## Proposed Actions

2.1.1. To assist our residents to rejuvenate with nature, it will be essential that a network of nature trails be established.  
The nature trails will allow for nature walks & non-motorized bike riding during the summer months, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing in the winter.

2.1.2 Effort will be made to limit trails for motorized recreational vehicles in order to streamline the use of current trails to reduce the negative effect on conservation.

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<b>2.2 Property access through easement agreements</b>	2.2.1 The key to establishing a long network of interconnected trails will be acquired through the signature of long-term easement agreements with certain property owners. Financial compensation agreements will benefit landowners as it will alleviate their financial burden through reduced taxation with the municipality. All landowners willing to sign such an agreement for at least five (5) years will receive a tax reduction based on that property’s allowable kms used for the trail.

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<b>2.3 Showcase the sustainable usage of agriculture and forest ecosystems as well as agriculture, wildlife, forestry, and floristics resources.</b>	-2.3.1 Develop and set up lookouts along the nature trails to highlight the various landscapes or land uses. It could consist of a wildlife feeding area, an observation tower or other elevated point. 2.3.2 Develop communication and events (example: workshops and information sessions) related to nature interpretation, study of flora and fauna, new and innovative agriculture and forestry practices as well as support programs for youth entrepreneurship.