

Macnamara Trail Extension Project

- In May we conducted a bio-inventory of the trail extension area.
- After lengthy discussions, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) decided not to approve our preferred solution across the wetland sections of the trail extension.
- We are now evaluating and costing an alternate approach, which involves using boardwalks.
- In April we held a fundraiser with speakers Rory MacKay and Michael Runtz: *Axes to Ashes; Singing Saws to Howling Wolves - - How Lumbering Changed the Nature of the Ottawa Valley.*

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- Vern Seligy and John McEwen spent a few days in early July wielding their chainsaws to clean up a downed tree blocking the entrance to the trail.
- In June, Karen Runtz filled five bags with invasive garlic mustard that she pulled out at the trail entrance.
- Steve Duffield retired as trail coordinator.
- Jock MacNeil, Bert de Vry, and Steve Duff stepped up to jointly help with trail maintenance, and have been clearing downed trees and repairing boardwalks this fall.
- We held a club trail maintenance day in November, clearing brush and spreading wood chips.
- We added new high visibility orange markers to the trail.