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North Shore Trail Section of Vicki Barron Lakeside Trail Opens Thanks to \$75,000 OTF Grant

Town of Mono – Credit Valley Conservation Foundation (CVCF) and their local affiliate, the Friends of Island Lake celebrated the opening of a new 2.3 km trail today, thanks to a \$75,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) and significant financial and staff support from the Town of Mono. Town of Mono Mayor Lorie Haddock, joined OTF representative Theresa Sauren and Kathryn Creelman from the office of Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, in congratulating CVCF and the Friends of Island Lake at the official trail opening ceremony.

Mayor Haddock is thrilled to see the progress of this co-operative trail initiative. "Mono supports active healthy lifestyles and the completion of this phase of the Vicki Barron Lakeside Trail will provide our residents with further opportunities to be in *motion*. We are eagerly anticipating the opening of each additional section."

"It's my pleasure to acknowledge and thank the many volunteers who have worked so hard to make their vision for the Island Lake Trail a reality," said MPP Jones. "I would like to encourage the residents of Dufferin and Caledon to hike this beautiful trail during this fall's colour season".

"The support from OTF and the Town of Mono is an incredible step forward in realizing our vision of a wheelchair accessible, walking and cycling trail around the perimeter of Island Lake at Island Lake Conservation Area," said Friends of Island Lake Chair Bob Shirley.

Additional financial contributions from the TD Friends of the Environment and Mountain Equipment Coop were instrumental to the completion of the North Shore Trail section.

Established in 1964, the Credit Valley Conservation Foundation is a registered environmental charity working to help protect and conserve the lands and waters of the Credit River Watershed. For more information, please visit www.landscapesforlife.ca

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For over 25 years, the Foundation has supported the growth and vitality of communities across the province. It continues to strengthen the capacity of the volunteer sector through investments in community-based initiatives. For more information, please visit www.trilliumfoundation.org.

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