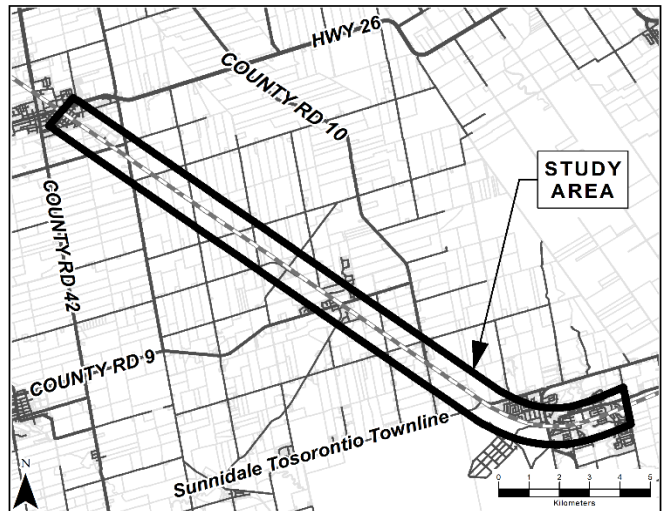


**Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
Barrie Collingwood Railway Active Transportation Trail**

The Study

The County of Simcoe has identified an opportunity to provide inter-community active transportation with the development of the Barrie Collingwood Railway (BCRY) Active Transportation Trail, between Stayer (Township of Clearview) and Angus (Township of Essa) for a distance of 23 km. The County is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to consider options for the development of the BCRY Trail. The site location and approximate extent of the Study Area are shown on the map.



The Process

The Study will follow Schedule B of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (Municipal Engineers Association, October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, & 2015), which is an approved process under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The MCEA process includes: consultation with agencies, stakeholders, Indigenous communities and public; alternative design concepts for the preferred solution; an assessment of potential environmental impacts; and, identification of reasonable measures to mitigate any potential adverse impacts. At the conclusion of the Study, a Project File Report (PFR) will be prepared for public review.

Input Invited or Comments Invited

Consultation is important to this Study. The County of Simcoe would like to ensure that anyone interested has the opportunity to provide input into the planning and design of the project. At this time, County of Simcoe is inviting public input on the alternatives being considered. Information about this Study can be found at <https://www.simcoe.ca/BCRYTrail>. For this first stage of the process, you are encouraged to provide comments by February 18, 2022.

A **virtual Public Information Centre (PIC)** will be available on the County’s website to describe the Study, the proposed design alternatives, identify next steps in the process and gather public comments concerns and interests that should be considered in the project planning. PIC materials pertaining to the Study are available online at <https://www.simcoe.ca/BCRYTrail> on January 24th, 2022. Your comments on the project and information materials are encouraged by February 18, 2022.

To provide comment, request additional information concerning this Study or to be added to the Project Contact List to receive future notices, please contact either of the following Project Team members:

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Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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