

McLean Forest in-year plan 2025 - 29 May 2025

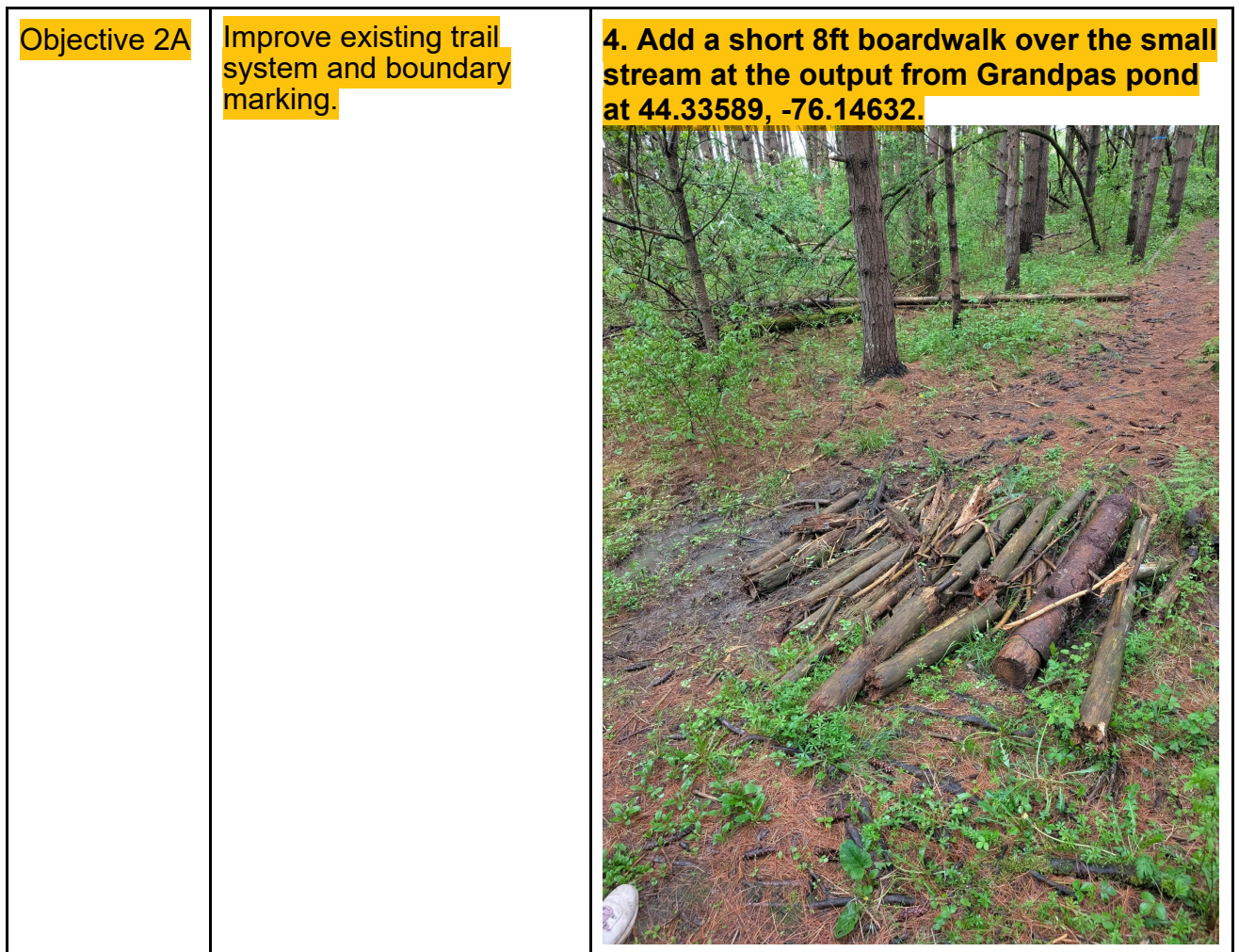
The McLean Forest strategy presentation was presented to Councillors at the Council meeting on 3 Dec 2024. This in-year plan for 2025, targets priority objectives from the strategy, focusing on actions that are achievable in-year and require minimal resources. Each action is shown against the relevant objective. Council will be requested to authorise the following actions:


Goal 1: A mature mixed native forest and native ecosystem.

Objective 1A	Protection of some coniferous blocks	
Objective 1B	Re-establishment of native forest and ecosystem.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1. Subject to receipt of confirmed funding, authorize the Frontenac Arch Biosphere Network to conduct a (fully funded) wildlife survey of the McLean Forest.
Objective 1C	Preservation of native wetland	
Objective 1D	Removal of invasive and non-native species.	<p>2. Authorise the Rotary Club (under their own insurance) to conduct an invasive plant clean-up to manage invasive plants through manual methods before they spread further. (This is already going through the staff report process).</p> <p>3. Subject to receipt of confirmed funding, authorise the installation of boot cleaning stations at the North and West entrances to the McLean Forest in order to minimise the risk of spread of further invasive plant seeds. The Frontenac Arch Biosphere Network has offered the possibility of funding for build and installation using a proven design used on the Bruce & Rideau Trail.</p>



Goal 2: A looped trail system that supports education and the enjoyment of nature.



Objective 2B	Establish a new looped trail system.	
Objective 2C	Establish a river view point.	<p>5. Add the well-established 500m side trail to Turtle Rock to the official trail network. This will require the addition of signage and some widening of the last 100m of trail. This should be conducted after the summer to minimise the impact on wildlife.</p> <p>6. Authorise a memorial bench to be placed at the view point at Turtle Rock. This would be funded using the commemorative bench bylaw.</p> 
Objective 2D	Design and implement an educational element.	
Objective 2E	Ensure sufficient parking.	

Goal 3: Enduring community involvement from initiation.

Objective 3A	Community involvement in the development of the area.	
Objective 3B	Community involvement in the ongoing maintenance and evolution of the area.	<p>7. Authorise a small group of Trail Stewards operating under guidance from the Trees and Trails Advisory Panel. They would regularly hike the trail and act as an early warning system for issues that require rectification. They would be authorized to remove minor obstacles and</p>

		invasive plants from the trail, clean the boot brush stations. Power tools would not be used.
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Vision: To establish and maintain a mixed deciduous and coniferous native forest, with a mature trail system for the enjoyment and education of residents and visitors.