

Bragg Creek Trails Environmental Stewardship Policy

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1. Introduction:

Trails provide an opportunity for people to interact and experience the environment in an immersive way. As stewards of the trails, BCT is a leader that invests in both the trails and the environment while providing pertinent environmental education to the public. Efforts undertaken should always have in the forefront the need to minimize the impact on the natural environment and the desire to protect it for future generations.

2. Goals and Objectives:

BCT will strive to minimize its' impact on the local environment including the watershed, wildlife, vegetation and airshed to ensure a healthy ecosystem.

BCT will be a leader in environmental stewardship for trails system management by using documented and proven best practices and procedures for trail planning, trail building and construction.

BCT will have an Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC) that is accountable to advise and conduct activities on environmental matters, including pertinent policy, education and outreach related to the following:

- a. Watershed protection, restoration and enhancement, riparian health and beaver management,
- b. Wildlife monitoring, protection and study and wildlife habitat and human/wildlife conflict management,
- c. Wild Smart and Bear Smart Programs,
- d. Climate change adaptation, impacts and resiliency,
- e. Weed and vegetation control,
- f. Emissions management.