

Uxbridge Watershed Advisory Committee (UWAC)

The Uxbridge Watershed Advisory Committee serves as an advisory body to Council. The Committee's focus is the implementation of watershed plans within the Township, and it provides a community perspective on watershed management and work supporting environmental sustainability. Membership comprises of community volunteers, representatives of the Lake Simcoe and Region Conservation Authority, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, staff and Council members.

Uxbridge Town Trails Committee

This Committee plans and implements, as well as advises Council, on matters related to Town Trails. The Committee also works with the many trail partners and volunteers who make Uxbridge Township the Trail Capital of Canada.

1. Quaker Pond and Stream-Side Planting

Originally built to store storm water, the pond was modified by adding forebays at each end to improve its ability to remove sediments and phosphorous. Phosphorous is a nutrient that impairs the water quality of our streams, rivers and lakes, which in turn harms fish and other aquatic life all the way to and including Lake Simcoe. Trees and bushes planted beside streams provide shade, and reduce the amount of phosphorus that makes its way to the stream. This helps to keep the water cool and clean which preserves the cold-water fishery of Uxbridge Brook

Quaker Trail ... Over 2.5 km of trails wind through the area where one of Uxbridge's pioneers, Joseph Gould, once built his home. Enjoy the view of the Oak Ridges Moraine from the trail near the Uxbridge Historical Centre.

2. Yellow Fish Road

The goal of Yellow Fish Road is to help people understand that storm drains flow into our streams, and almost anything other than clean rainwater is harmful to fish and aquatic life. This includes soap used to wash your family car, excess fertilizer on the lawn and dirt and oil from your driveway. Preventing pollutants from entering our storm

drains is critical to protecting and improving water quality and aquatic habitat in our creeks and in Lake Simcoe.

3. Lincoln Pond

The first storm water management pond to be built in Uxbridge, it has not performed properly and decaying vegetation has caused odour issue for neighbours. The Township is hoping to replace the pond with an engineered wetland, in which the water will flow through gravels below ground before discharge to the adjacent stream. Grasses will be planted on the surface to absorb phosphorus.

4. Downtown Flood Alleviation



Most of downtown Uxbridge east of Toronto St is exposed to a severe flood risk should a Hurricane Hazel storm event reoccur. This is due to a flow restriction caused by the old culverts under Brock St. There would be more than five feet of flood water above Brock St, possibly risk to life and certainly very extensive property damage. That part of our downtown would be devastated and as insurance coverage for flood risks is not available, restoration would probably take many years. Social and business activities could be disrupted for a very long time and historic buildings most probably lost forever.

Historic Trail ... This 2.4 km. trail is in the oldest part of Uxbridge. Enjoy the historical information plaques along the way. Sponsored by the Rotary Club, this trail also includes the Ruth Cooper Bird Sanctuary and Trans Canada Trail pavilion in Centennial Park.




5. South Balsam Storm Water Pond

Built to control erosion in the nearby stream, this facility will also remove sediments and phosphorous. Native trees and bushes have been planted around the pond to improve the overall habitat for terrestrial species

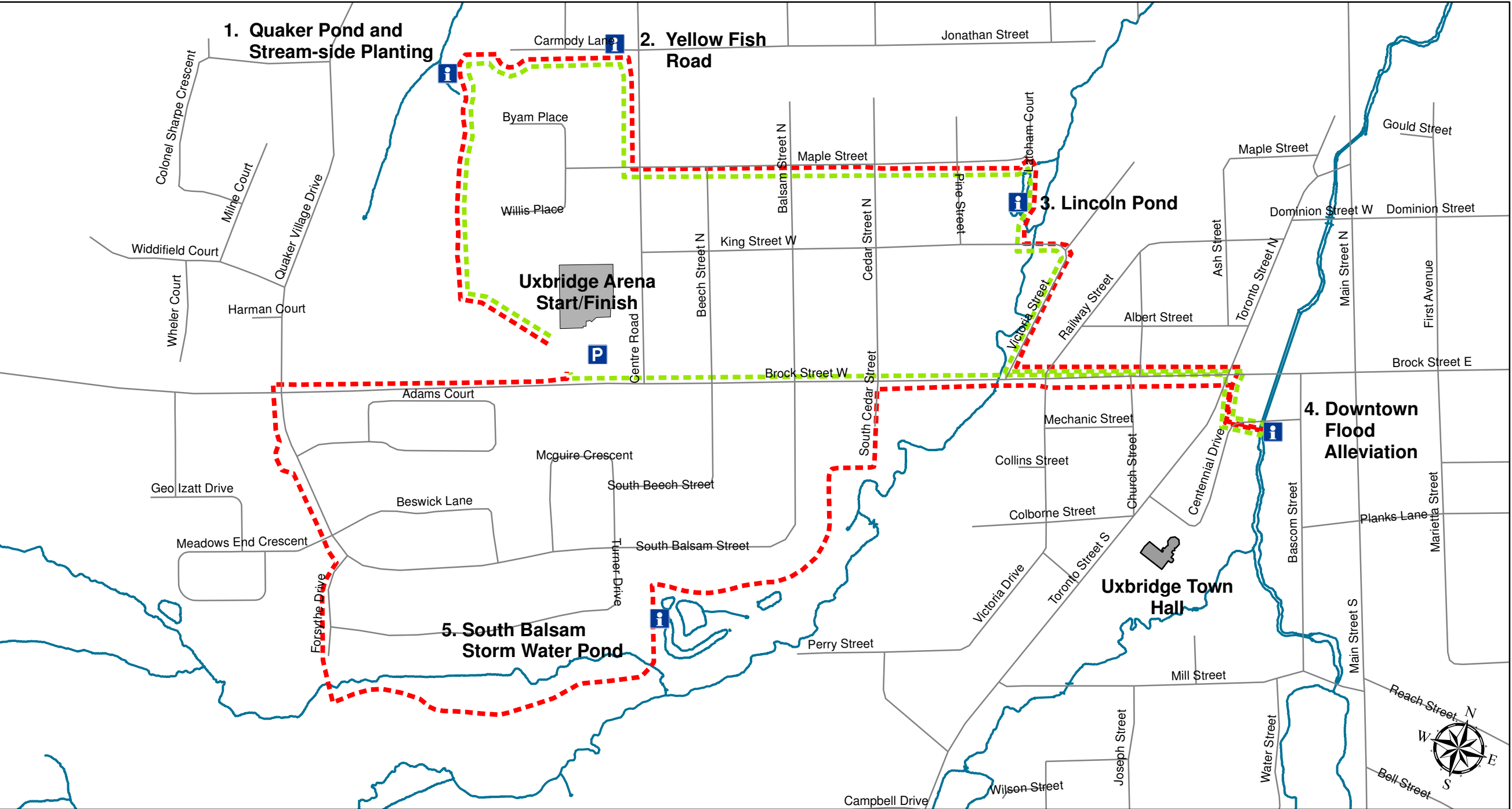
South Balsam Trail ... Enjoy an old-growth forest, pond, wetland and meadows on this 2.5 km. loop trail. On land once owned by Dr. C. Beswick and farmed by the Forsythe family, see if you can spot a great blue heron, relax on one of the park benches or visit the children's playground.



Watershed Walk on Uxbridge Trails



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Uxbridge Watershed Advisory Committee Walk

Legend

- Point of Interest
- Walking Route
- Shortened Walking Route
- Parking



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