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# Lietrum Boardwalk construction underway

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EMC News - Construction of the Leitrum Wetlands Boardwalk is underway which will provide a great source of recreational and educational activities for the community.

South Nation Conservation Authority along with Tartan and Tamarack Homes manage the land where the 460-metre trail will be constructed.

Together they have enabled the community with a great way to appreciate the surrounding landscape.

"We want the path to have a minimal effect on the area but also provide a way to showcase three distinct habitats," said Katherine Watson, water resources specialist with the South Nation Conservation Authority.

"South Nation Conservation staff, with the help of consulting scientists, has carefully plotted the location of the trail

with two things in mind: minimal effect on the natural habitat, and leading the hikers through a variety of habitat areas."

The path was made available through the a fund by Tartan and Tamarack Homes who donated \$200 per house sale within the Findlay Creek Community to the Findlay Creek Stewardship Fund.

South Nation Conservation manages the fund in partnership with the Leitrum Wetland Advisory Committee including Tartan and Tamarack Homes, Tartan Land Corporation, City of Ottawa, Findlay Creek Community Association, Ministry of Natural Resources, Canadian Wildlife Service.

The boardwalk will provide a great way for local community groups to provide interesting activities as Watson said, "We're really hoping to work with Findlay creek Community Association to set up educational walks and activities on the boardwalk.

There are so many young families in the area, in the past kids love anything to do with the wetlands."

The design of the path will compliment the marshland, mature cedar swamp and calcareous fen habitats as hikers can enjoy viewing sites especially at the fen site.

"Calcareous fen is rare to the Ottawa area.

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Above is an example of the path the boardwalk will follow, leading into three distinct habitats: marshland, mature cedar swamp and calcareous fen. The boardwalk will provide a venue to host educational and recreational activities.