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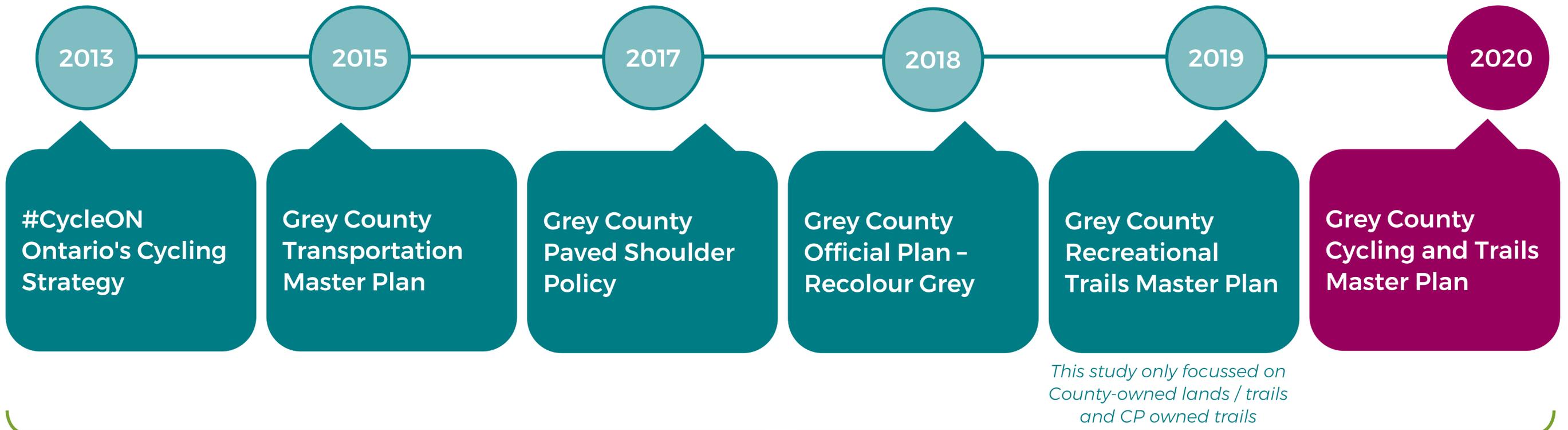
**Grey County Cycling and Trails Master Plan**

Thursday March 12, 2020 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

The Bay Room - Straight ahead

# About the Cycling and Trails Master Plan

Policy and recommended actions from past initiatives and projects undertaken at all levels of government have helped to set the foundation for the County's Cycling and Trails Master Plan.



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**federal**



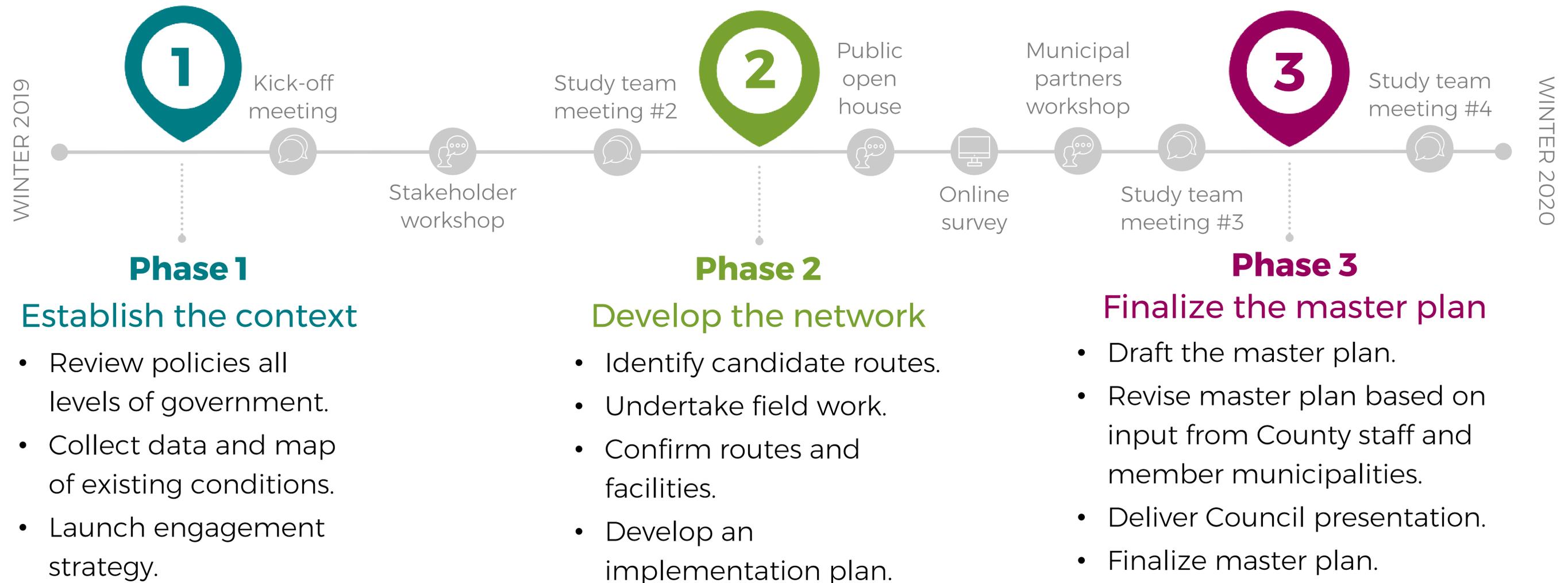
**provincial**



**county + member municipalities**

# How was plan developed?

The Cycling and Trails Master Plan was developed in three phases:



The development of the Cycling and Trails Master Plan is consistent with Master Plan **Approach #1 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment** process, which takes into account a minimum of two points of engagement / consultation during the study process.



# Map 2a Grey County

## Preferred Cycling and Trails Network

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### Legend

#### Draft Network

Existing	Proposed	Description
		Paved Shoulder <sup>1</sup>
		N/A Partially Paved Shoulder
		Signed Route
		Off-road Trail <sup>2</sup>
		Edge Line
N/A		Bike Lane
N/A		Buffered Bike Lane
N/A		Buffered Paved Shoulder
		In-boulevard Pathway
		Potential Crossing <sup>3</sup> Enhancement

#### Regional Trail Systems

- Bruce Trail
- Other Regional Route<sup>4</sup>

#### Transportation Features

- Provincial Road
- County Road
- Municipal Road (paved)
- Municipal Road (gravel)
- Connection to Surrounding Municipality  
Refer to list below for description of connections

#### Land Use Features

- Provincial Park
- Crown Land
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- Conservation Authority Land
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- School
- Hospital
- Waterbody
- Municipal Boundary

#### Key Destinations

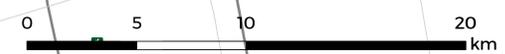
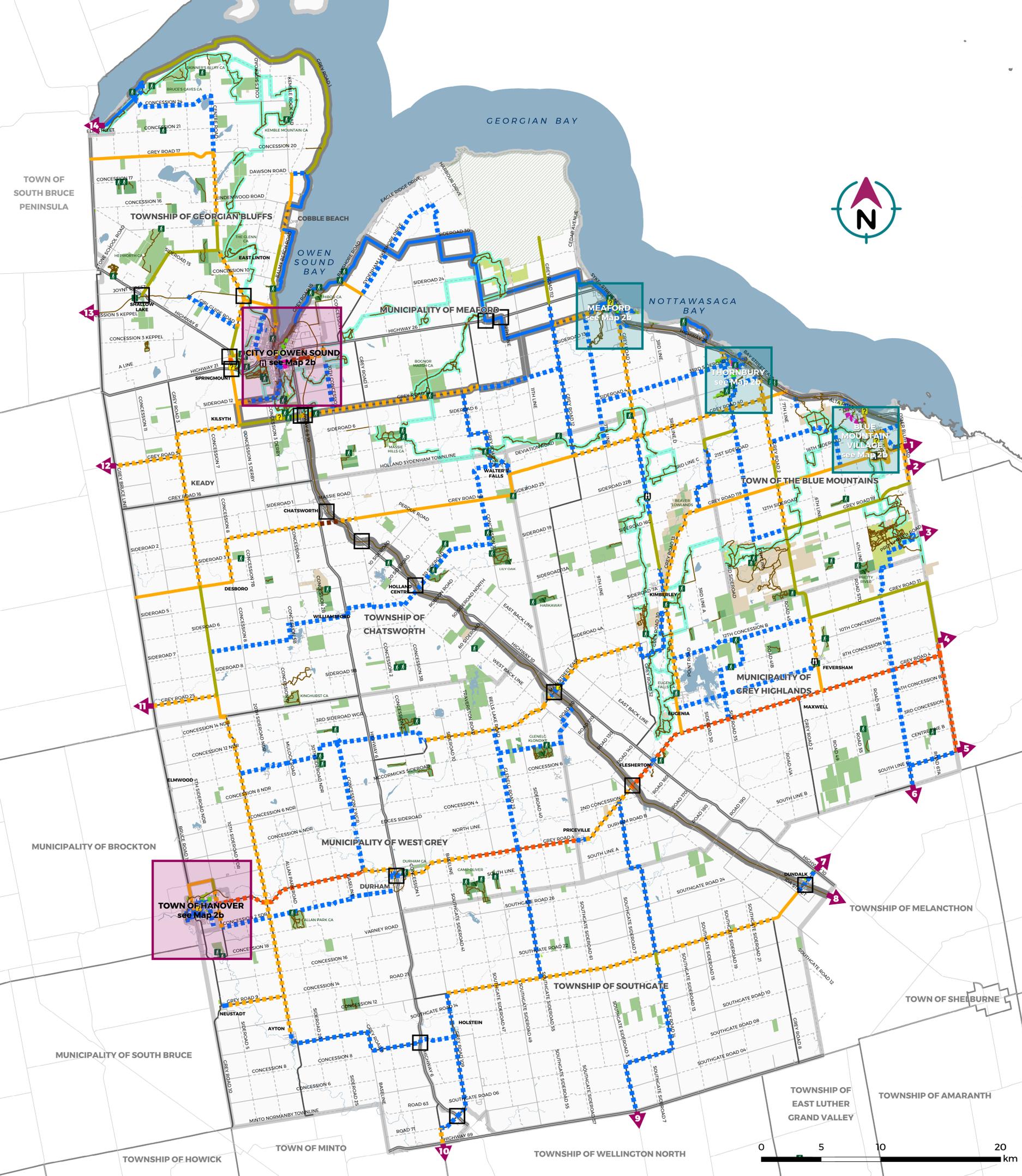
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- Scenic Lookout
- Waterfall
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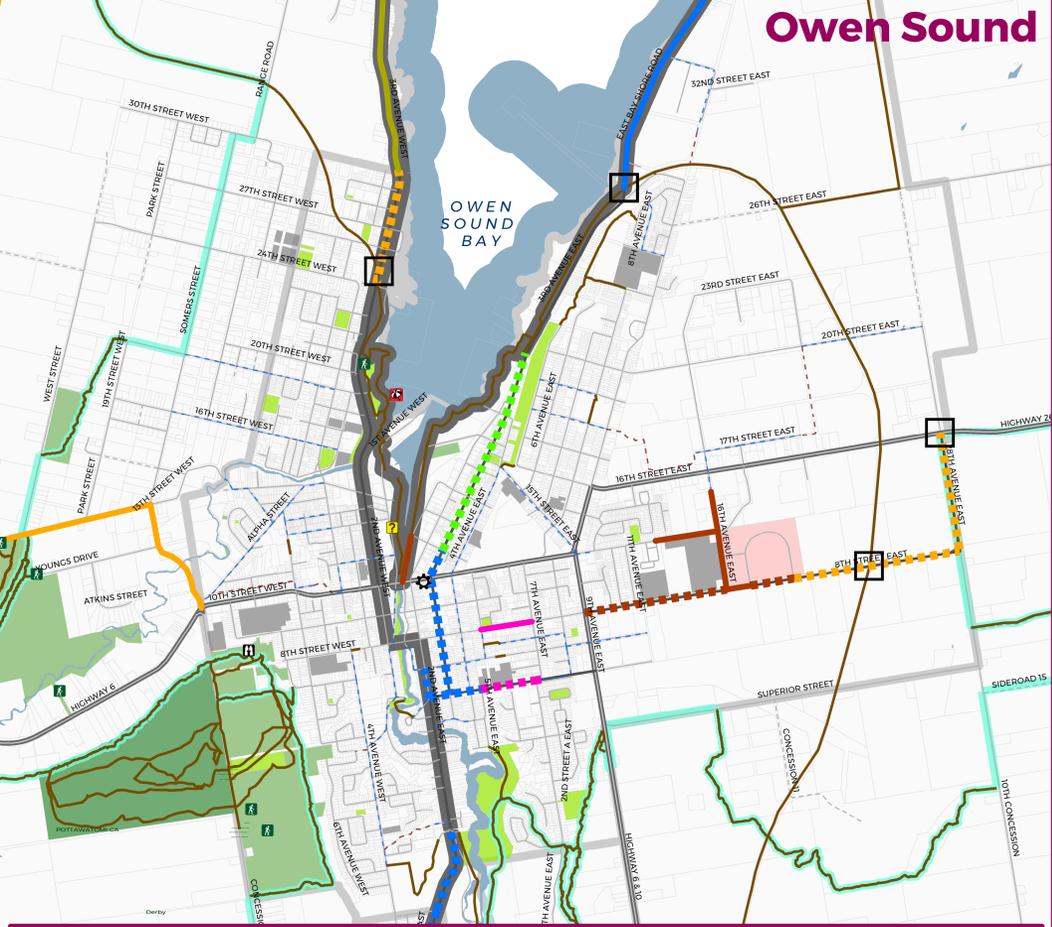
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- Includes locations where a paved shoulder is proposed along roads with an existing partial paved shoulder (e.g. partial paved shoulder is 1.2 metres or less).
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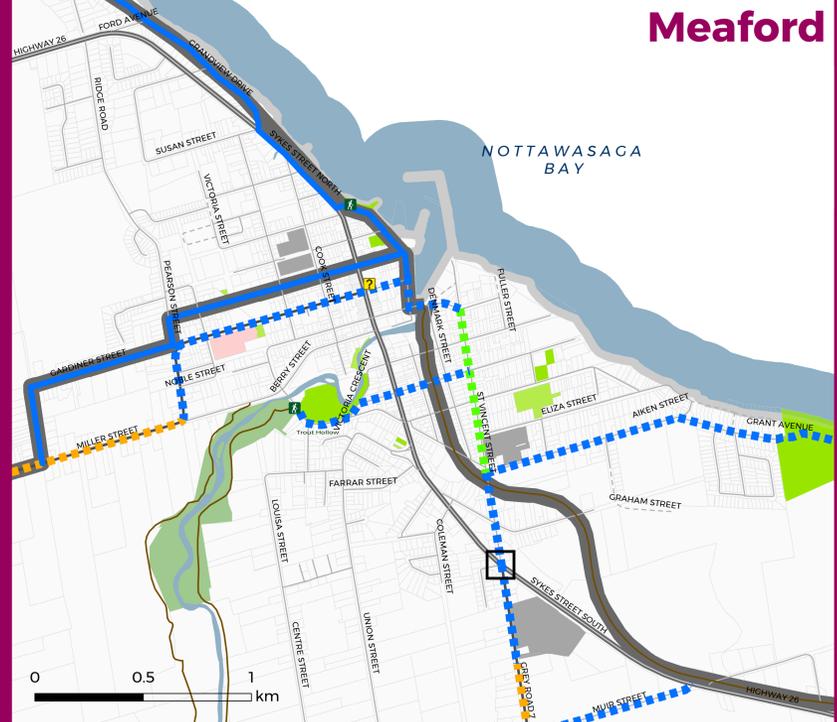
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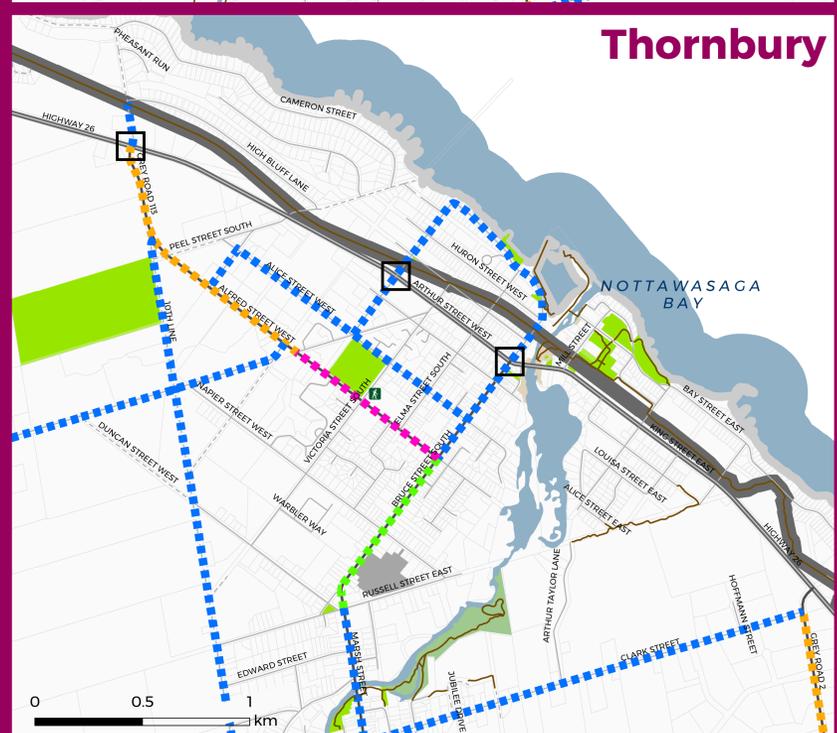




# Owen Sound

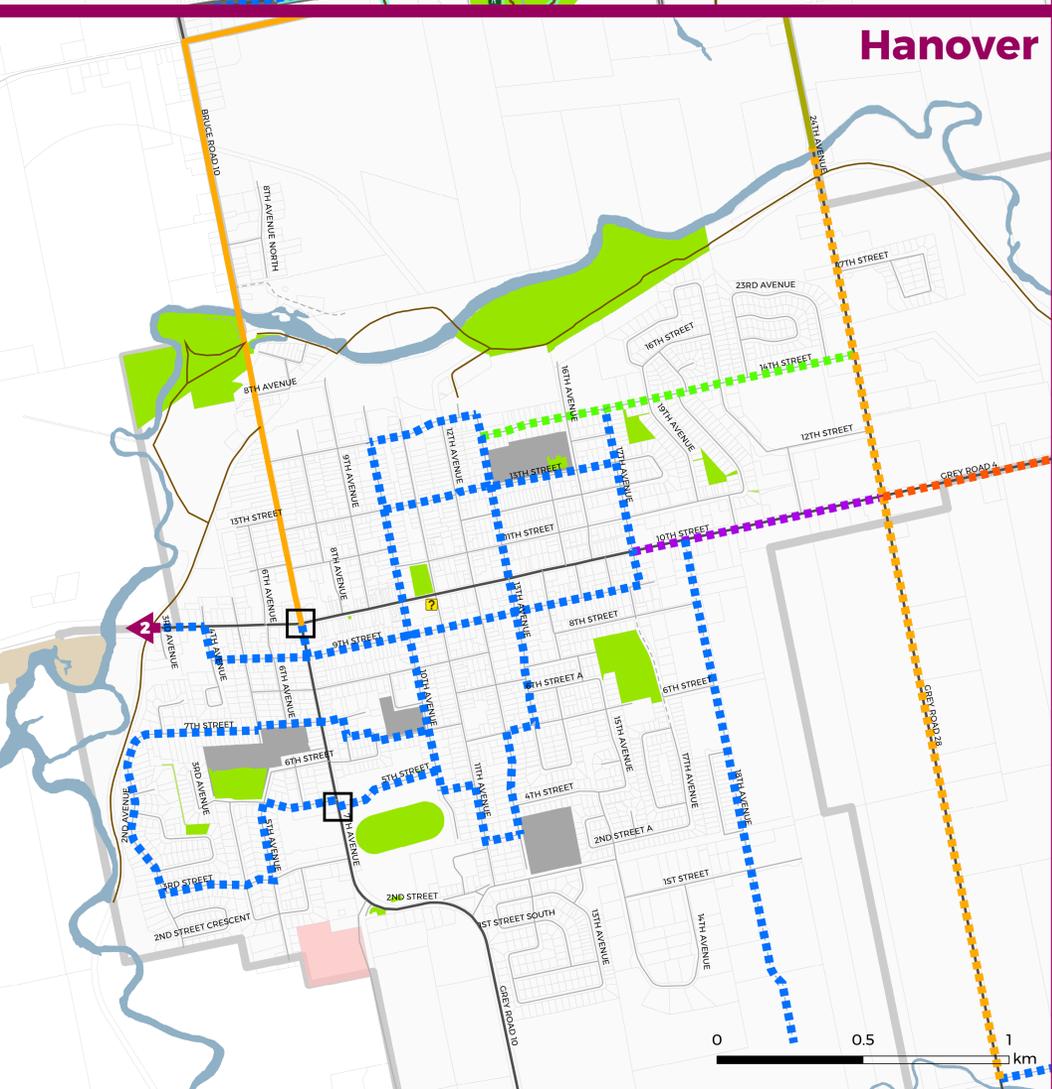


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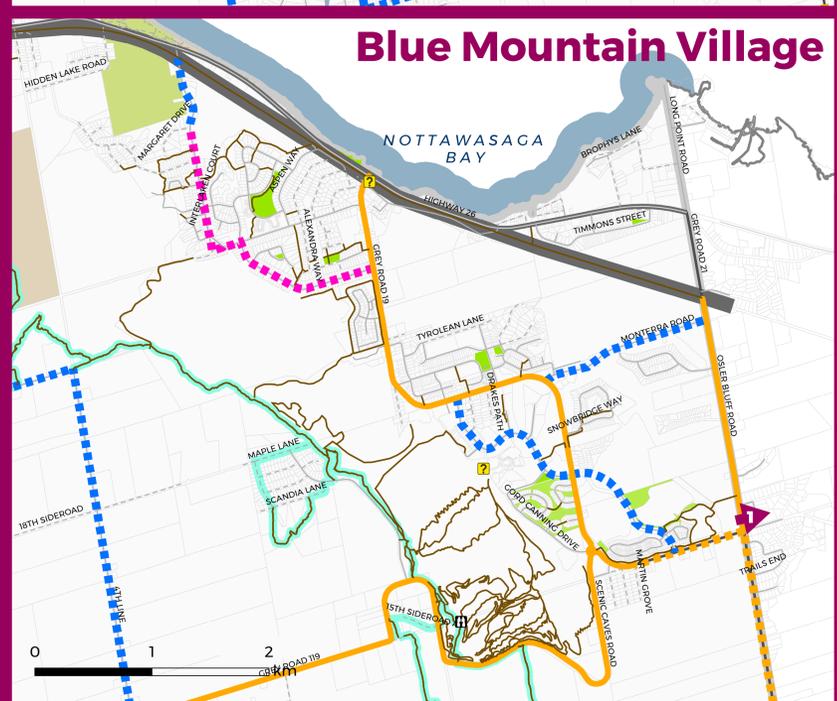


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# Hanover



# Blue Mountain Village

# Map 2b Built-up Areas

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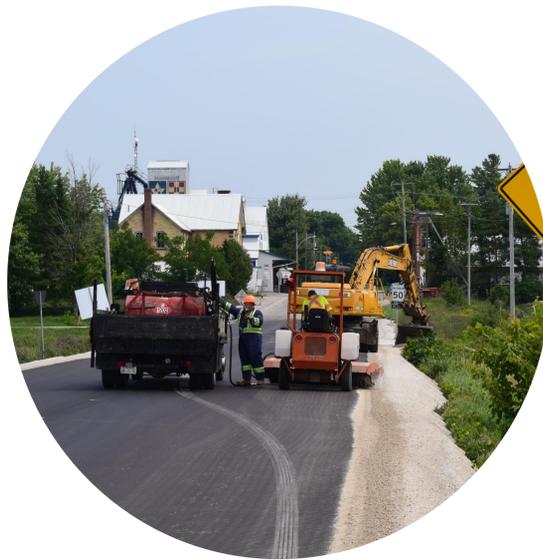
- 1** proposed on-road route (Simcoe County TMP 2014)
- 2** to Walkerton, Bruce County



# Network Approach

The preferred cycling and trails network is **not intended to be prescriptive**. It is meant to **inform future decision-making** that can help **improve opportunities** for cycling and trail projects in the County.

The focus of the cycling and trails network within the **next 10 years** is to align with the County's capital plan and achieve efficiencies where possible.



**Coordination with large-scale infrastructure projects** identified in the County's current capital plan (2020-2029).



**Quick wins** (such as signed routes) to enhance connectivity and complete a gap between two existing routes.



**Enhancing the County's cycling loops** by investing in one or more of the promoted cycling loops.



# Map 3a Grey County

**Proposed Phasing**  
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		— Municipal Road (gravel)
Proposed Phasing		Land Use Features
	Phase 1 (Capital Projects 2020 - 2029)	
	Phase 1 (Additional Projects 2020 - 2029)	Waterbody
	Phase 2 (Long-term Future Projects)	
		Municipal Boundary

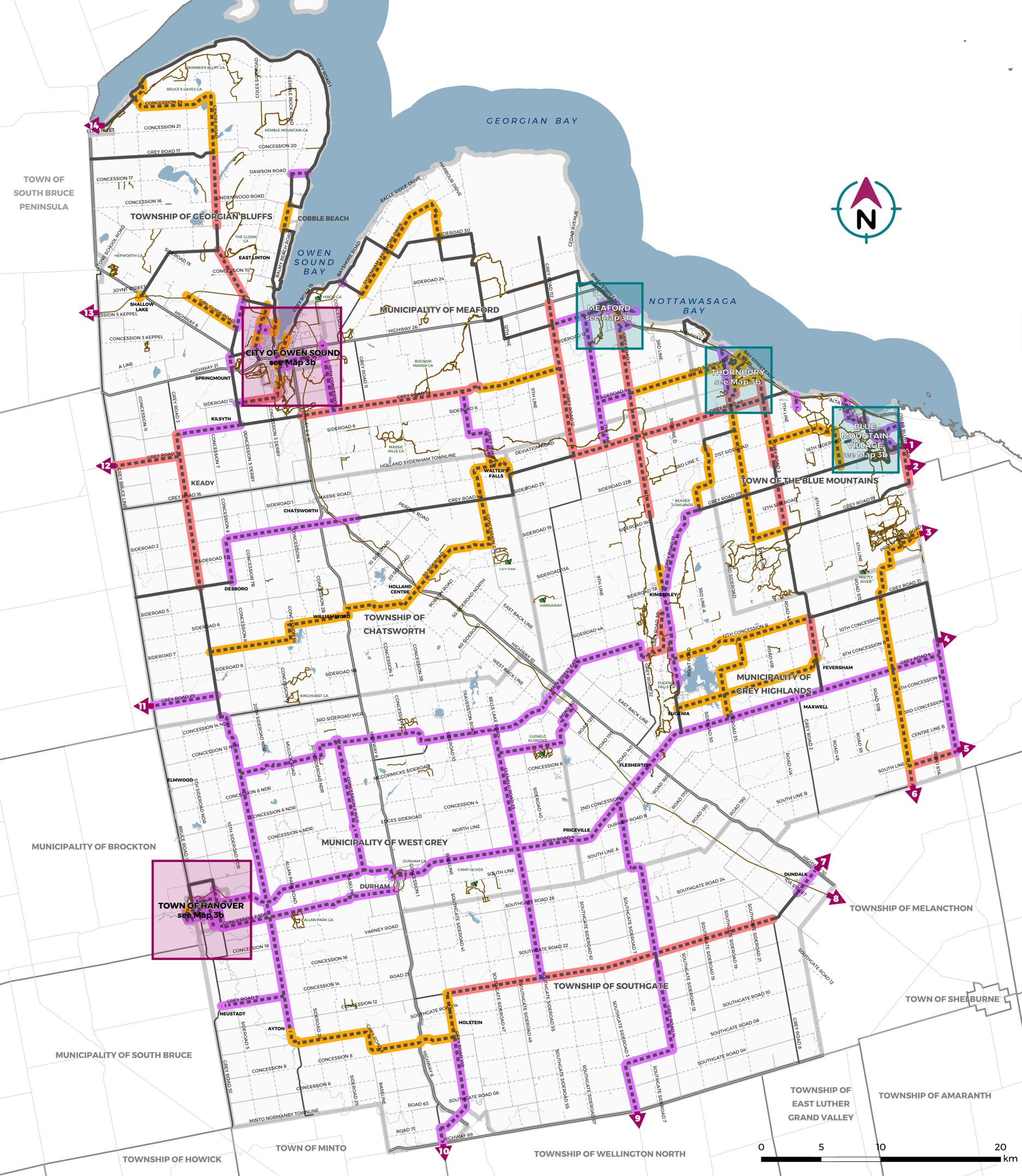
 We want your input on what you consider the top priorities for Phase 1.

Use the sharpies provided to mark-up the map with your feedback.

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# Programming and Outreach Initiatives

Use the coloured stickers to rank which initiatives you think are most important to help support on-going implementation of cycling and trails infrastructure and programs in Grey County.



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## Create a Grey County Cycling and Trails Committee

The committee can include representatives from all member municipalities and key stakeholder groups to help facilitate on-going implementation of the plan, inform future investments and to develop shared messaging / promotional materials .



## Create a dedicated “Cycling in Grey County” website

Develop a user-friendly website that provides detailed information for cyclists to establish a route itinerary, including level of difficulty for routes, and type of terrain. Information can also include the location of amenities like washrooms, accommodations, restaurants and wineries / breweries.



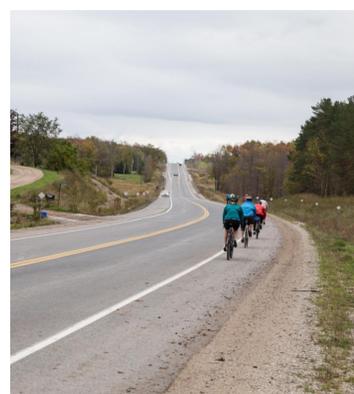
## Host an annual Cycling and Trails meeting

An annual meeting to update stakeholders including tourism operators, community advocates, cycling clubs, trail groups as well as members of the public on the status of implementation and community successes related to cycling and trails.



## Clarify user groups for trails

Develop consistent information and communications for trail types and permitted trail uses. Create clear delineations such as trails that are only for hiking, trails that are available for all active use (hiking and cycling) and trails that are available for ATV use.



## Establish a Trails and Cycling Municipal Partnership Fund

Provide funding to member municipalities to help construct elements of the cycling and trails network that are located on roads and lands under their respective jurisdiction.



## Leverage existing tourism resources to create a series of experience-oriented route maps

Route maps should have clear information about length, difficulty, topography and available amenities. Maps should be made available in as many formats as possible to ensure it is widely accessible to all people.

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## Create Active School Travel Programs

Begin a process for School Travel Planning with local schools to identify opportunities for active travel and potential barriers. These programs can identify mechanisms to encourage active travel for those students who live close enough to school.



## Promote Bike Month

To further promote active transportation, create a dedicated website containing information for all events taking place during Bike Month (May / June). Work with member municipalities to populate a calendar of events designed to get more people riding their bikes in Grey County.



## Create Walking School Buses

Establish an organized system of walking with school children from home to school and back to promote active school travel. Work with local residents, advocates and champions that can be a leader for each walking route (similar to school crossing guards).



## Active Transportation Coordinator

Establish a contract position during summer months to help provide on-going support and planning for implementation of Cycling and Trails Master Plan, and to facilitate resource sharing between the County, member municipalities and stakeholder groups.



## Undertake Bike Rodeos

Help plan for and coordinate bike rodeos – an educational and hands-on event for kids to learn safe and proper cycling techniques, rules of the road and to build self-confidence for young riders.



## Develop a Communication Strategy

Work with member municipalities and key stakeholders to develop “Made in Grey” campaigns to promote active transportation, cycling and trails in the County and to provide updates on the Cycling and Trails Master Plan.

# Key Actions and Next Steps

- 1** Formally adopt the Cycling and Trails Master Plan as a policy document.
- 2** Identify projects as part of the County's annual budget review process for implementation of infrastructure and programming.
- 3** Continue to engage in consultation and engagement with member municipalities, stakeholders and residents to confirm short-term infrastructure and programming priorities.
- 4** Reach out to key stakeholders to formalize partnerships and to facilitate implementation.

# Stay involved!

Visit the study webpage and complete the online survey to give your feedback on the draft Cycling and Trails Master Plan:

<https://www.grey.ca/programs-initiatives/grey-county-cycling-and-trails-master-plan>

Contact the study team with your feedback:

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