Municipality of Thames Centre Trails and Cycling Master Plan Update

Public Open House
May 2025

Welcome

- Please sign in
- Staff are here for your questions, comments or concerns
- Complete a comment sheet
- Public input is an important part of the Master Plan

What is a Trails and Cycling Master Plan?

A plan that identifies:

- What trails and cycling facilities need to be maintained or improved.

- What new pedestrian and cycling infrastructure is needed.

- What key destinations should be connected.

- Design guidelines to visualize how trails and cycling facilities should be constructed.

- How all ages and abilities can be accommodated.

- How projects should be prioritized.

- How much funding is required.
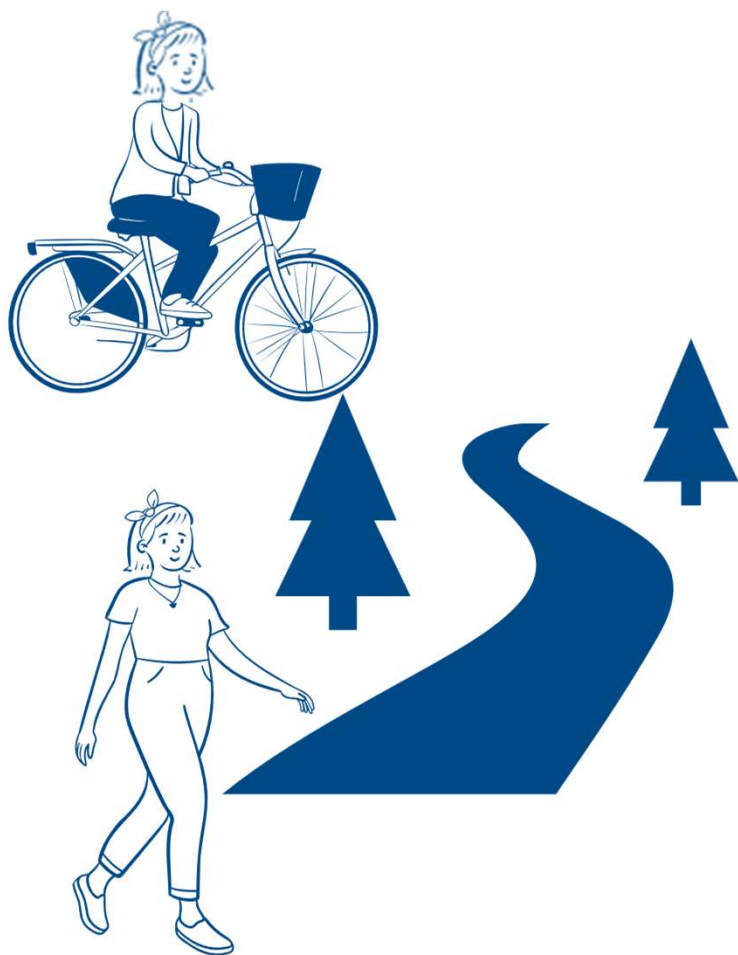
This plan will focus on trails and sidewalks in <u>Dorchester and Thorndale</u>. Cycling routes through countryside areas and along County Roads are addressed through the County's Cycling Master Plan.

Vision

The Municipality of Thames Centre's active transportation network will provide a healthy and sustainable outlet for recreation and connecting residents with key destinations and adjacent municipalities.

Guiding Principles

Put your comments here

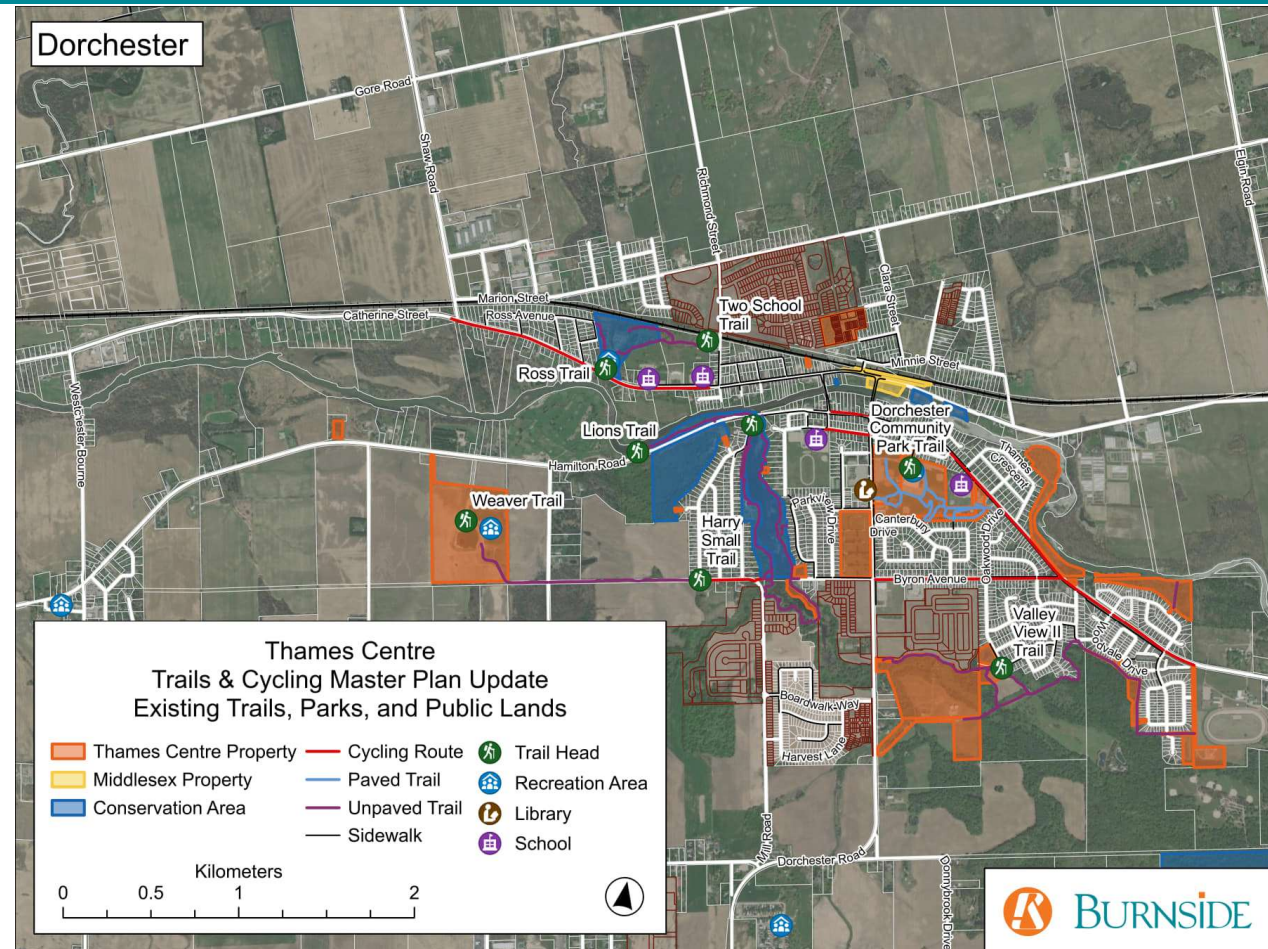| Guiding Principle	Comments
Connectivity / Linkages to Destinations and Regional Systems	
Safety	
Visibility and Awareness, ensuring trails are broadly promoted	
Multi-Modal, serving pedestrians and cyclists	
Accessibility, serving all ages and abilities	
Cost-Effectiveness	
Have Supporting Amenities, such as benches, signage, lighting, where appropriate.	
Partnership Possibilities, that support private easements, fundraising and maintenance etc.	

Let us Know What is Important to You

- Please write your thoughts on the sticky notes provided.

- Attach your sticky notes to the following boards, as shown to the right.

- Note that boards refer to specific geographic locations:

  – Dorchester

  – Thorndale

  – Other Rural / Village Areas

Dorchester

What we've heard to date:

- The Mill Pond trail is heavily utilized by both residents and visitors

- Trails should be connected at key areas (e.g., Mill Pond Trail to Hawthorne subdivision, new developments, etc.)

- Accessibility for trails is a key focus (e.g., widening trail entrances, paving)

- On-going maintenance and improvements of trails is necessary (i.e., clearing brush, lighting, parking, signage, etc.)


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Existing Trails, Parks, and Public Lands

Thames Centre Property	Cycling Route		Trail Head
Middlesex Property	Paved Trail		Recreation Area
Conservation Area	Unpaved Trail		Library
	Sidewalk		School

What do you think? Provide comments on the map and space below.

Thorndale

What we've heard to date:

- Trails should be connected at key areas (e.g., new subdivisions, community centre, dog park)

- Consider connecting trails to the Fanshawe Conservation Area

- Accessibility for trails is a key focus (e.g., widening trail entrances, paving)

- On-going maintenance and improvements of trails is necessary (i.e., lighting, signage, etc.)
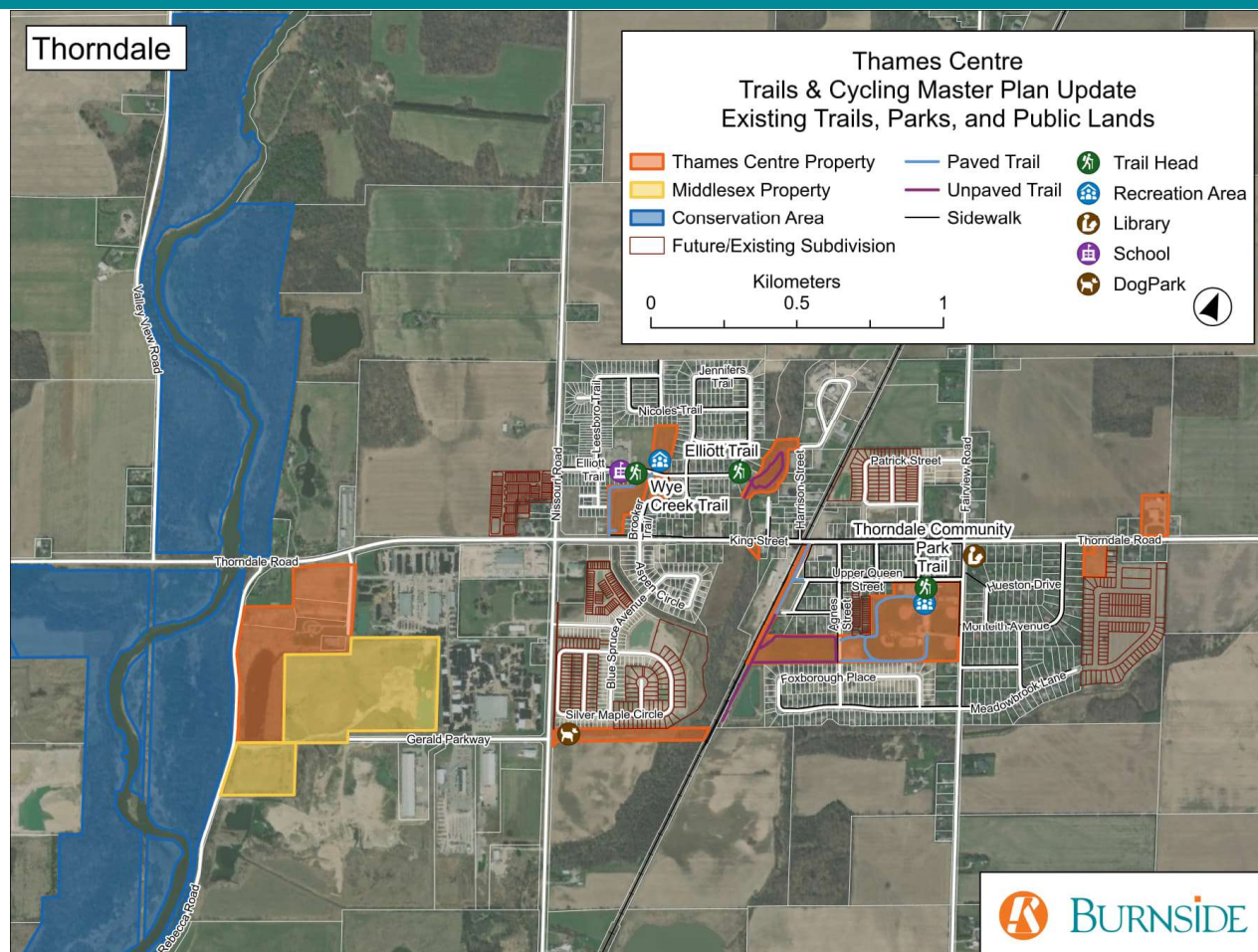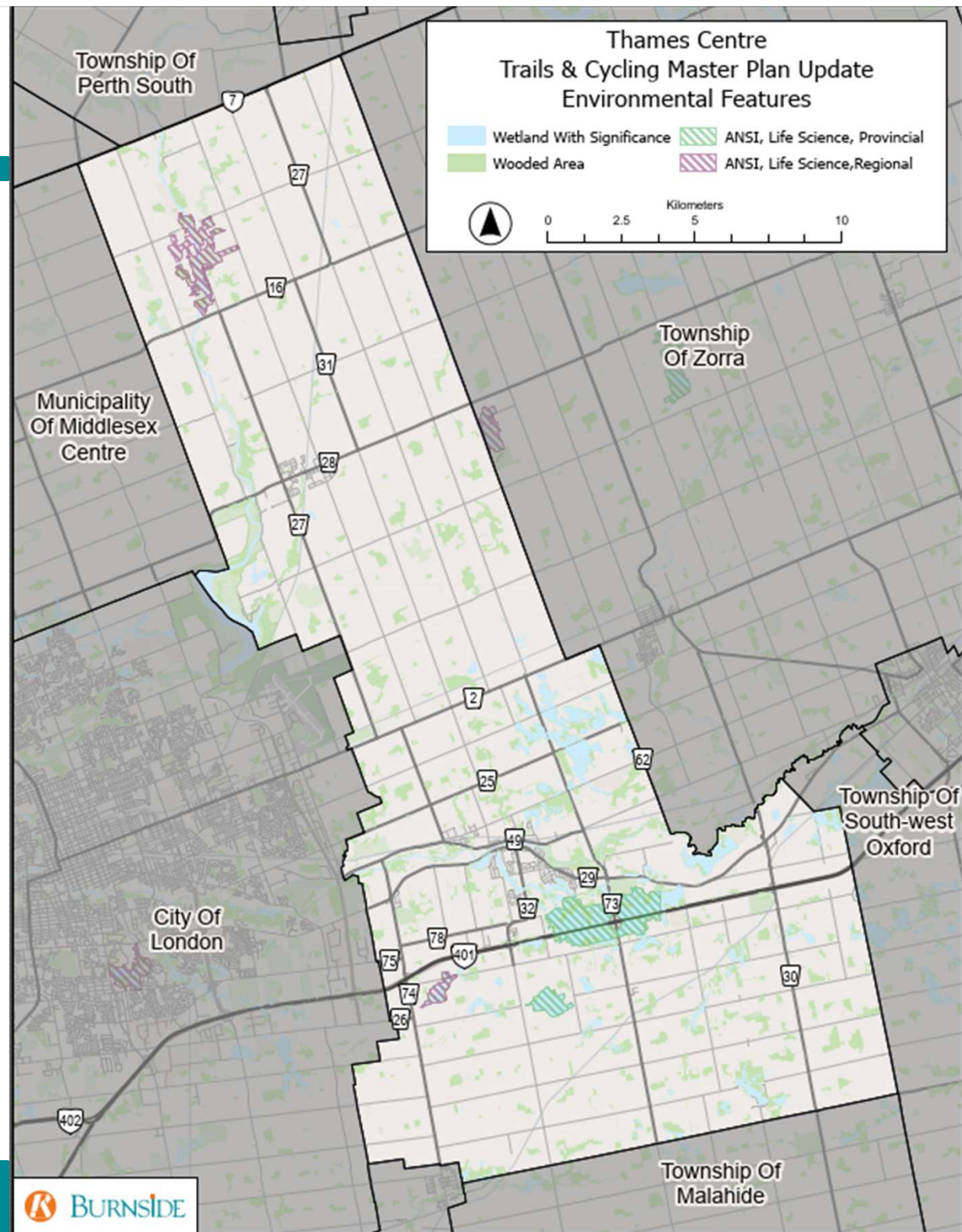

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Rural Areas

Where else are trail or cycling connections needed?

Please show us on the map.

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Environmental Features

What Is Most Important for the Municipality to Do First?

Where are key trail expansions or new trail connections?

Where are new sidewalks or pedestrian crossings needed?

What amenities are important (e.g., seating, lighting)?

Other?

What is most important to you? Paste your sticky notes here:

Timeline and Next Steps

Review Comments & Feedback Spring 2025	Develop Recommendations, Guidelines, Priorities & Cost Estimates Spring/Summer 2025	Prepare Master Plan Early Fall 2025

**Thank you for participating in this Open House!
Your input will help shape the Master Plan.**

Should you have any additional questions, please contact one of the project team members below:

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