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Subject: Access from Hwy. 26 (Near 209689) to Georgian Trail

Hello, Shawn:

Further to Robert Turner's e-mail to you today.....

The need for at least 3 bridge/culverts between Lakeshore Rd. E. and Grey Rd. 19 is apparent in order for residents on the water-side of Hwy. 26 to safely access the Georgian Trail.

The fact that the existing 5 home-made bridges have been independently placed across the ditch since inception of the trail confirms the need. I have approached most of the effected water-side residents, 100% of those approached have signed an acknowledgement that some form of safe access from Hwy. 26 to the Georgian Trail is necessary.

(The ditch running along the entire length of the "subject" area is never filled with water so there is no need to build engineered elaborate/large structures. Basic gravel/soil-covered culvert systems would solve the problem).

As you probably know, there was a fatal incident just east of Lakeshore Rd. E. on Sept.24, 2010 when an out-of-control vehicle ran off Hwy. 26. It is this type of incident which confirms that pedestrians should never walk along any highway unless there is no alternative. I believe the existing home-made bridges provide a reasonable risk-minimizing solution and I have decided to leave "my" bridge in place near #209689 until the Town of The Blue Mountains &/or the Ontario Ministry of Transportation arranges a sanctioned replacement.

Please do whatever you can to have the existing frequently-used home-made bridges left as is, or if the Ontario Ministry of Transportation insists on their removal, that some form of sanctioned risk-minimizing ditch crossings are constructed.

Thank you,

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