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Local First Nation opens new educational nature trail this weekend!

MORAVIANTOWN (October 2, 2014) – The Delaware Nation is celebrating the Grand Opening of the Weelateéxung Nature Trail, a new 1.8 km walking path which showcases the natural beauty of local flora and fauna while raising awareness about species at risk. The trail, which meanders along the Thames River through giant stands Walnut, American Sycamore, Hackberry and Cottonwood, is considered to be one of the region’s finest among local hiking enthusiasts and nature lovers. Our trail is open to the public.

“This new nature trail is a welcome addition to our community,” says Chief Greg Peters of the Delaware Nation. “It is the result of a team of hardworking and dedicated community members, naturalists and scientists who believe strongly in our role as stewards of this land, a responsibility we all share.”

The Weelateéxung Nature Trail project began nearly two years ago, with the successful application of funding from the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund to help the Delaware Nation construct the first 1.2 km of the trail. Since then, the trail has been extended to reach a total of 1.8 km with additional funding from the Canada Ontario Resource Development Agreement (CORDA).

Weelateéxung means ‘a good path’ in Lenape, the native language of the Delaware Nation. Signs posted along the trail identify a number of different species both in Lenape and English. The plants and animals identified along the trail are of special concern, have traditional uses or pose a threat to native species today.

Our Grand Opening will take place on Saturday, October 4th, 2014 at 9:00 am. You can find us at the trail head, which is next to the Delaware Nation Library, located at 22830 Centre Road, Moraviantown, Ontario. Or follow this link: <https://goo.gl/maps/WRnI9> Please wear comfortable shoes, as our Grand Opening will be followed by our first official walk along the trail!

For more information on our trail and our Grand Opening, please contact Sherry Huff, at 519-401-5166, or sherry@huffmedia.ca.

