

SATA Trails Society Strategic Plan January 7, 2025

Introduction

SATA Trails Society (SATA) holds the Letter of Authority (LOA) from the Province of Nova Scotia for the Gaetz Brook Greenway (Greenway). People are on the Greenway to walk, ride, socialize, and SATA wants to provide a better trail experience. We advocate for Active Transportation (AT) to connect our communities along the Eastern Shore to meet the needs of all users for their outdoor recreation, transportation, and healthy living (eg: walking, running and cycling). Bicycles are defined in the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act Section 2 (c). The Greenway is non-motorized as per the Letter of Restriction (LOR) from the Province of Nova Scotia.

Land Acknowledgement

The Gaetz Brook Greenway is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people. As a land-based organization, SATA Trails Society acknowledges the Peace and Friendship Treaties signed in this Territory and recognizes that we are all Treaty People.

Active Transportation (AT) Definition

SATA Trails Society has adopted the current HRM definition: "Active transportation (AT) includes any form of "human-powered" mobility, such as walking, bicycling, skateboarding, using a wheelchair and rollerblading." [Halifax Integrated Mobility Plan \(p. 85\)](#)

SATA Vision

Active Transportation connecting our communities.

SATA Mission

To support, enhance, promote, and advocate for the benefits, opportunities, and experiences of Active Transportation.

SATA Values

Collaboration & Connection

We foster and develop connections with the community, partners, organizations, and individuals to collaboratively promote, build, and manage a sustainable AT infrastructure to connect our communities for AT users.

Ecological Preservation

We actively preserve and promote stewardship of natural flora and fauna around the Greenway to enhance sustainability, mitigate climate change, and protect natural ecosystems.

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Education

We support activities and opportunities for learning about the natural environment and local history.

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility (IDEA)

We recognize inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA) by welcoming community members of all ages, cultures, and abilities to the Greenway and its events and activities.

Safety

We routinely monitor the Greenway corridor, surface, and amenities for hazards and risks and quickly resolve these to ensure the safety of our users and volunteers.

SATA Strategic Priorities

1. Maintain and improve the Greenway.
2. Refine Board governance, roles, and responsibilities.
3. Support and explore SATA membership guidelines.
4. Promote the Greenway and community connections.
5. Advocate for and support physical connections to the Greenway.