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**NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Meewasin's Next Trail & Site Enhancement – Downtown**

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**Meewasin wants to share information and invites the Saskatoon and area community to provide feedback about an upcoming project we're all very excited about – Meewasin Trail & site enhancements through the downtown, from the Traffic Bridge to Kinsmen Park.**

The project involves trail and site enhancements from the Traffic Bridge to the south end of Kinsmen Park riverfront, through the City's downtown. The work includes enhancements to 1.5 km of existing primary Meewasin Trail and adjacent areas through Friendship Park, Kiwanis Memorial Park and the trail connection under the University Bridge.

Our goal is to enhance the trail network to improve user experience and access, accommodate user volumes, and mitigate safety risks while enhancing natural features as much as possible, which includes trail widening. Given the significant visibility, usage and programming through this area, including the planned festival site improvements, many new feature nodes and amenities will be incorporated to provide a high level of programming potential and unique user experiences. Our goal is to have the designs ready to take advantage of potential funding to support construction.

Meewasin's Manager of Design and Development, Alan, notes the importance of community engagement, "Meewasin continues to plan for improvements and we are excited to showcase this upcoming project through our busiest section of Meewasin Trail. Engagement with stakeholders and the community is an important part of what we do, as we strive to undertake improvements to the public spaces we all share. Your ongoing support and donations give us the means to improve access for everyone."

**Please review the material in this order:**

Step 1: Watch the video showcasing the project and proposed design [HERE](#)

Step 2: Review the information document, containing drawings and maps [HERE](#)

Step 3: Fill the survey to provide feedback [HERE](#) – takes about 5 minutes

Thanks for participating in our engagement for these projects. Please share with any other contacts you find relevant. Survey closes March 19, 2021. Meewasin is a charitable organization that relies on fundraising to support trail enhancements. Construction timelines are often dictated by our ability to raise funds.

For more information, contact Alan Otterbein or Andrea Lafond at 665-6887 or [meewasin@meewasin.com](mailto:meewasin@meewasin.com)

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### About Meewasin Valley Authority

The Meewasin Valley Authority exists to ensure a healthy and vibrant river valley, with a balance between human use and conservation by:

- Providing leadership in the management of its resources;
- Promoting understanding, conservation and beneficial use of the Valley; and
- Undertaking programs and projects in river valley development and conservation,

for the benefit of present and future generations.

There are 67 square kilometers of land and over 90km of established trail, which has seen up to 1.65 million trail visits per year, in the Meewasin Valley. The area also features sites that help people to connect to nature through experiences such as Beaver Creek Conservation Area, the Northeast Swale, Saskatoon Natural Grasslands, the River Landing Spray Area, and the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @Nutrien Plaza. Meewasin is a non-profit organization that relies on donations and volunteers for sustainability. To get involved or learn more visit [www.meewasin.com](http://www.meewasin.com)



**DOWNTOWN TRAIL ENHANCEMENTS: Overall Concept Plan**

LEGEND	LEGEND	LEGEND	NOTE
BENCH	BIKEWAY	BIKEWAY	TRAIL PROJECT: NEW CONSTRUCTION
BIKEWAY	BIKEWAY	BIKEWAY	TRAIL PROJECT: RESTORE
BIKEWAY	BIKEWAY	BIKEWAY	TRAIL PROJECT: IMPROVE
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