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### **Successful “pilot testing” of the Secord Pond section of the Oak Ridges Trail took place June 22 and June 25.**

MPP Christine Elliott, Abilities Centre Board Members Jennifer Ayotte and Leo Plue, Ontario Trillium Foundation Project Manager Kevin Humphrey, Dave Craig (Toronto and Region Conservation) Harold Sellers and Tim Lawley (Oak Ridges Trail Association) and Frank Prospero (Get Active Now – Active Living Resource Centre for Ontarians with a Disability) joined people with and without disabilities on June 22, 2006 for a successful pilot test of the new Secord Pond section of the Oak Ridges Trail.

Over forty people were present over the two days to walk, wheel and hike on the trail and give their comments to representatives of the Trails for All Ontarians Collaborative.

The results demonstrate that people with and without disabilities can enjoy this trail, which was built using the “Best Practices for Ontario’s Trails: Design, Construction and Maintenance Guidelines”. These guidelines are being developed by the Trails for All Ontarians Collaborative, a partnership of 16 trail and disability organizations, to ensure that Ontario’s trails are sustainable and available to people of all abilities.

A second trail segment has been built on the Thornton-Cookstown section of the Trans Canada Trail in Cookstown. Pilot testing on the Cookstown test trail will occur on July 9 and 13, 2006.

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