

# Community Connections



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# The Westminster Working Group

Dedicated to helping children, youth and families live a healthier life.

Neighbourhood Action Plan in 2010 to target 5 priority areas:

- Urban Planning
- Public Safety
- Active Transportation and Accessibility
- Availability of Food
- Physical Activity Opportunities



# Meetings and Discussion with CN Ongoing

## MASTER PLAN UPDATE 2005

Westminster Ponds / Pond Mills Environmentally Significant Area

### ***Recommendation 62***

Develop a partnership with all stakeholders to provide safe passage across the CNR tracks that meets CNR and City of London safety standards.

Some possible suggestions include:

- an overpass
- a crosswalk with alarms and gates that signal when a train is near.

Unsafe CNR crossing occurs at two locations:

- at one of the main trails that connect the two subdivisions located on either side of the CNR tracks (Map 16, trail 43). Several students use this trail daily, yet it is hazardous because of steep slopes, protruding metal stakes, a concrete drain pipe, as well as frequent train activity (at least seven trains pass per day).
- another uncontrolled CNR crossing is located off Pond Mills Road (Map 16, trail 44).

# Map 16 in 2005 Conservation Master Plan

Commissioners Road East

Glen Cairn P.S.



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# Trail Standards Adopted by Council June 27, 2012

**City of London**  
Parks Planning and Design Manual of Design Specifications

**PLANNING AND DESIGN STANDARDS  
FOR TRAILS IN  
ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT AREAS**



Granular pedestrian trail through an old field / savannah habitat in Killaly Meadows ESA

**June 4, 2012**

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# ESA Management Zones with Managed Trails



Trail over CN tracks identified in 2005 Conservation Master Plan



# Conceptual Linkages



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# Process – Next Steps

