



Douglas Fir Trail

**Project:** There is a need to address slope failures in Edworthy Park on the Douglas Fir escarpment. Sections of the Douglas Fir Trail have been closed due to safety concerns. Primary causes are steep grades, high groundwater levels and numerous springs and overland drainage areas. The trail system (including bridges, boardwalks and stairs) must be re-evaluated for safety and stability and a significant piece requires re-routing. One existing section of the trail is currently being removed to address public safety from a previous slump.

**Budget:** \$2.26M estimated feasibility, redesign and construction budget.

**Timeline:** Majority of planning and construction to start in 2016.

**Status:** Geotechnical report and feasibility studies will inform design work and next steps. To be undertaken in 2015, pending funding.

**Benefits:** Area has unsafe sections currently but is a well used and popular area for walkers and runners. It is a significant natural area and is the most easterly douglas fir stand in Alberta.

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