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Rotary Parks and Trails and Bridges

Charles A. Ansell Gateway

A Celebration of St. Catharines/Niagara's Shipping and Transportation Heritage

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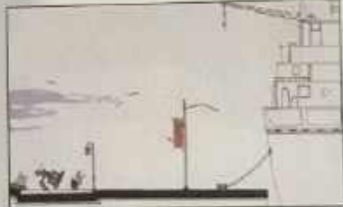




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The Outdoor Multi-use plaza and arbour area will allow for picnics or just a moment of quiet reflection as the massive ships of the Seaway pass by.

Overall park rendering.



A community service project by the Rotary Club of St. Catharines - Lakeshore.

100TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

100TH ANNIVERSARY LEGACY PROJECT



After a public request for proposals for a Rotary Club of Welland Legacy Project in 2018, the Club has partnered with the City of Welland to develop a Rotary Club of Welland Park. A MOU between the two parties was executed in March 2019.

The Club has committed to provide a \$100,000 contribution to the City, over a period of up to 5 years commencing in 2020. This contribution will be used by the City for the development of what is to be referred to as The Rotary Club of Welland Park, located on the west side of the Recreational Waterway, south of Lincoln Street. The City can use these funds to leverage additional funding opportunities.

The Club will have major signage at the entrance to the park as well as two (2) street-side signs at Lincoln Street. As well, there will be a Rotary area of reflection constructed along the waterway just south of what is now referred to as the dock area. The remainder of the money can be used by the City for other related improvements such as relocating the boat rental facility to this area, to

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Man in blue jacket and cap standing on the grassy bank next to the bridge.



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Leg Legend

This legend sheet defines the symbols used in the park plans. It includes various geometric shapes and colors such as blue squares, yellow circles, red circles, and green circles, as well as different line styles (solid, dashed, dotted) and hatching patterns. Each symbol corresponds to a specific park feature as indicated by the legend.



A man in a dark shirt and glasses stands next to the plans, gesturing towards them during a presentation. He is holding a small document in his left hand.

A vertical white sign or poster is visible on the right side of the image, partially obscured. The letters "IMC" are visible at the bottom of the sign.



A small electrical outlet is visible on the wall.

A digital clock in the bottom right corner shows the time as 9:11.



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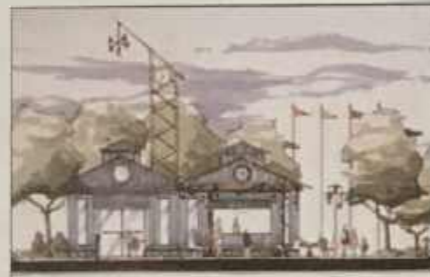
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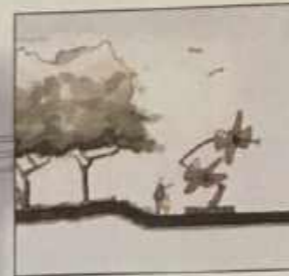
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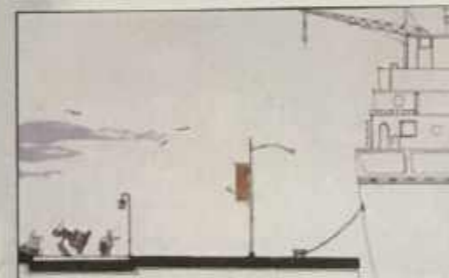
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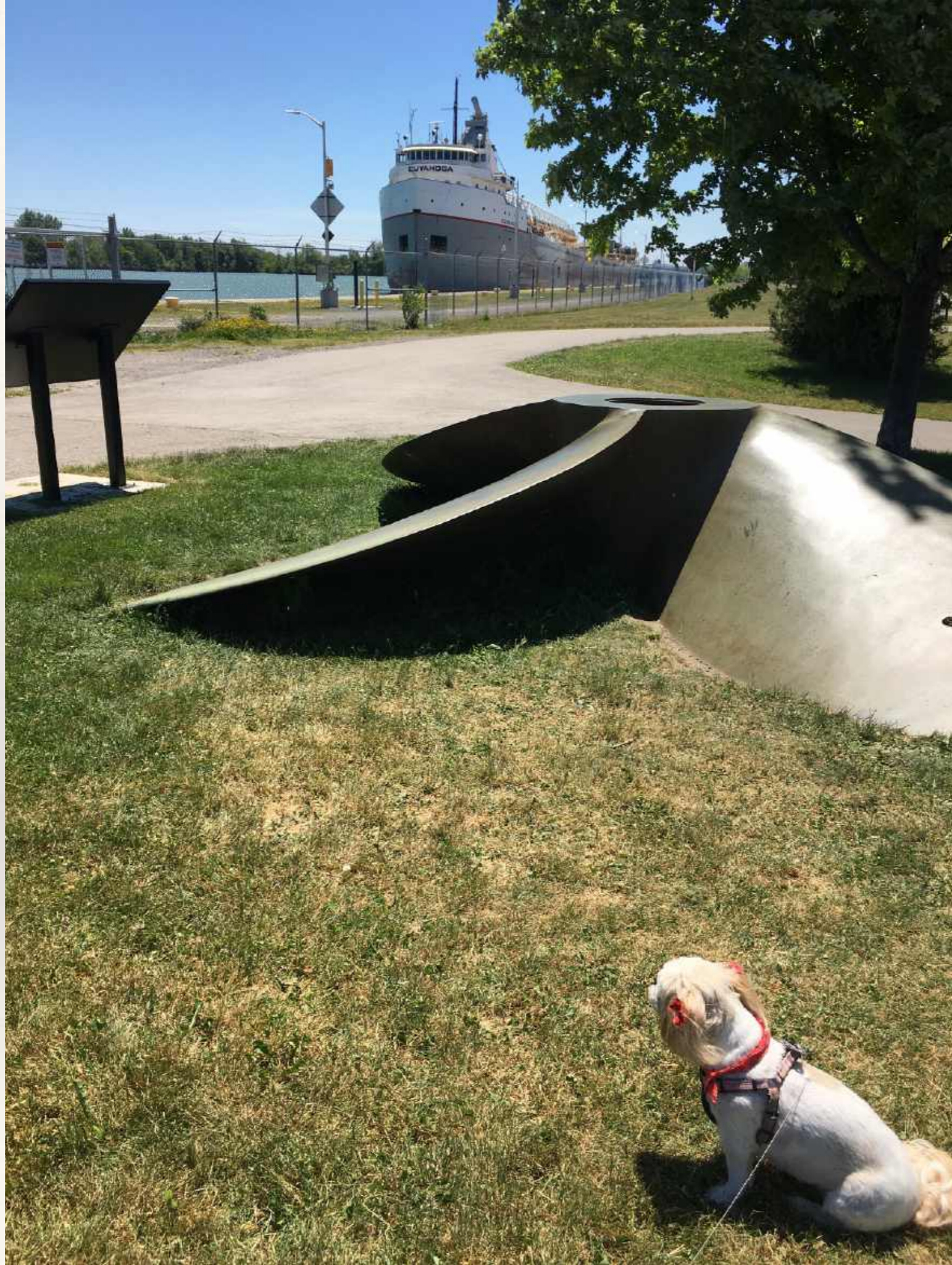
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Although still in its embryonic stages the possibilities of the plan of beautification may even now be seen. The many trees planted along the banks are starting to grow and within 10 or 12 years will be transformed into miles of shade trees. Around the various bridges, sub stations, administration buildings and other properties and approaches, shrubs, flower beds and evergreen beds have been planted, with plans calling for still more.

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als — the worst buildup Meunier has seen on the job.

The punishment is high for St. Catharines, which prefers to mediate fire code disputes rather than slap on fines, said the city solicitor's office.

The factory, Bermuda Islands, Inc., had stacked around its Read Road location piles of combustible wood pieces shaved from long planks of wood, Meunier said.

The stacks stretched along the front,

business will clean up its mess.

Bermuda Island Inc. management was not available for comment.

Meunier said most businesses are considerate and take care to avoid such fire hazards.

But for the few out there that still keep combustible zones, he had a message.

"Be considerate of your neighbors. (A) cost of business is cleaning up your mess."

WELLAND CANAL

Council jumps on Parkway bandwagon

By COLLEEN TURNER
Standard Staff

A \$360,000 gateway to the Welland Canals Parkway now has the support of St. Catharines city hall.

Councillors last night agreed to join Port Weller Dry Docks and the St. Catharines Rotary club in efforts to build a welcome area and small park at the north end of the parkway.

In April, members of the Lakeshore Rotary Club agreed to chip in \$7,500 for the design of the area at Lakeshore and Bunting roads, across the canal from the dry docks. The dry docks is matching the donation for design of the landscaped area identified as a "gateway" in the parkway master plan.

The Rotary club will also lead efforts to attract community support, dona-

tions and volunteer time for the project.

Councillors last night didn't earmark any specific funds, but agreed to provide direction and guidance in the centre's development. They also agreed to provide ongoing maintenance of the site, at a cost which has not yet been determined.

The city will also negotiate with the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, which owns the land where the centre will be built.

Councillors also voted to establish a local canal parkway task force which will be responsible for the St. Catharines-based parkway project. The task force will also promote involvement and funding from local civic clubs and the private sector.







THE WELLAND SHIP CANAL CONSTRUCTION RAILWAY The Busiest Railway in Canada

The Welland Ship Canal Construction Railway was built expressly for the construction of the Welland Ship Canal, known locally as the Fourth Canal, and was operated by the federal Department of Railways and Canals on behalf of various contractors building the canal between 1912 and 1934. Its Main Line ran between Port Weller in the north at Lake Ontario, southwards 12 km (7.5 miles) to the stone crushing plant near the bottom of the Flight locks, at the base of the Niagara Escarpment in Merrittton. Other short sections of the railroad were built in Welland and Port Colborne independent of the main line. Spurs were also built from the Main Line south into Thorold. The railway connected to the Canadian National Railway in Thorold and Merrittton and the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway, an electric interurban railway, in Port Weller.

A true railway in every sense of the word, it sported a double-track, standard gauge mainline, innumerable temporary sidings, several locomotives of various types, its own rolling stock, a block signaling system, telephone train dispatching system, an official Rule Book and operated on train orders, all of this like Class 1 railroads of the time.

Over its 21-year lifespan, the railway hauled over 47 million cubic yards of earth and rock, weighing over 100 million tons, averaged over 200 trains per day and at its peak in 1925, handled 384 trains in a day. It was not without its problems, with 37 workers killed in construction accidents related to the Railway. The Railway began to be dismantled shortly after substantial completion of the Canal in 1934 but still operated in a reduced function until 1934. Only a few remnants of the right-of-way and other vestiges remain.



Photo: St. Catharines Historical Association

Excavated rock not suitable for concrete aggregate, and sold all excavated from the canal prism between Lake Ontario and Thorold was hauled in Port Weller to excavate the canal prism out into Lake Ontario. Two modes, one for the east pier and one for the west, were built almost a mile out into the lake, with a rail line placed on top to facilitate trucking around the trestles to cross the piers. Shown here in 1915, a 10-car train is dumping its load of excavated earth on the trestle as part of the pier construction. Once unloaded, the train will go back to be refilled at an excavation site somewhere along the canal's route between here and Thorold. The scenario would be played out dozens of times per day.

This interpretive board has been made possible by donations from the Niagara Division of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association, Art Ellis, Kenneth Garsed and Andrew Panko.



Photo from Dr. M. Anne Galloway, St. Catharines Historical Museum

The construction railway, because busy, averaging 200 trains per day, was required to be operated like a major railway. When crossing another railway, protection, called interlock (eg. was needed so that two trains, one from each railway, didn't enter the crossing at the same time. The interlocking plant where the Construction Railway's Main Line crossed the Niagara Railway's line of the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway in Port Weller was controlled by a tower. This photo, taken in May of 1916, faces east towards McNab's along the N.S.&T line occupying what would later become Lakeshore Road. The double track Main Line of the Construction Railway is shown crossing the N.S.&T in front of the tower. The rail line in many places is now the Welland Canals Parkway. Note just behind and left of the tower is where the Lock 1 bridge would be built and just to the right of the tower, mounds of earth are visible as part of the excavation of the canal prism in that section of the works.



Photo from The Ontario Collection, St. Catharines Historical Museum

The Construction Railway's Main Line had a number of spurs, mostly temporary, that were built as required as construction progressed. Here in August of 1925 at the bottom of what would become the Twin Flight Locks No. 4, several spurs are visible. Some are used to haul excavated shale to the Port Weller pier or sandstone and dolomite to the stone crusher near the current location of the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation office building, for use as concrete aggregate and others to bring in steel and concrete supplies to construct the locks. Several side dump cars are visible parked on two of the spurs and a box car with supplies on another.



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Welland Canals Parkway



Welland Canals Trail

St. Catharines Section Trails Map



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- Stay single file if the trail is crowded
- Move from the trail when stopped to allow trail users to pass
- Respect others' rights to use the trail and not to pass at excessive speeds
- Respect private property and stay on the trail
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- Supervise children and prohibit or limit strollers
- Use the trail with a friend or family



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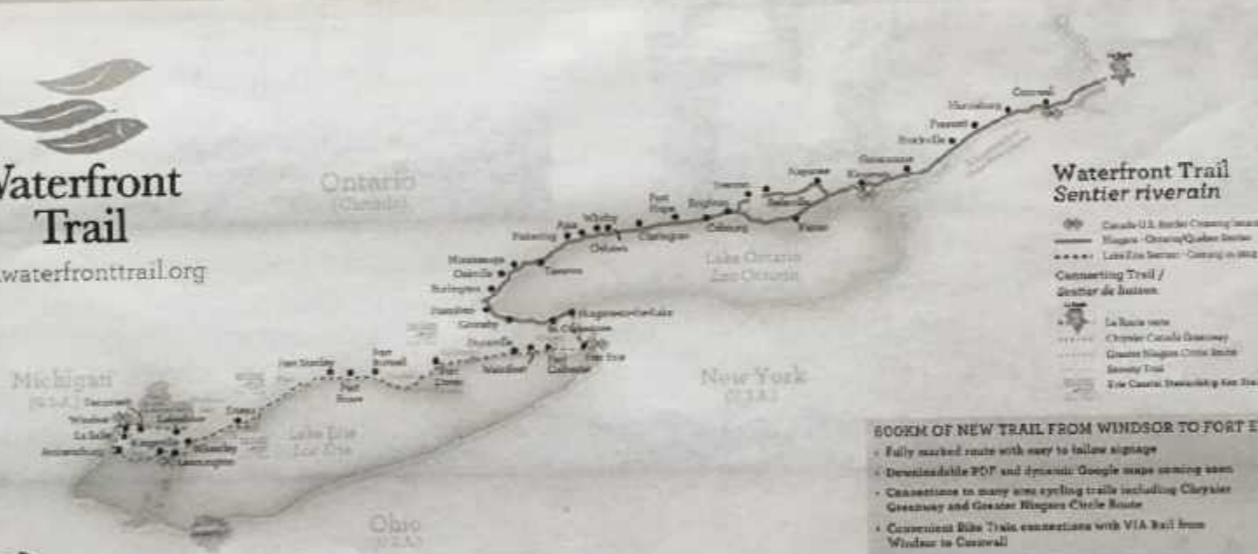


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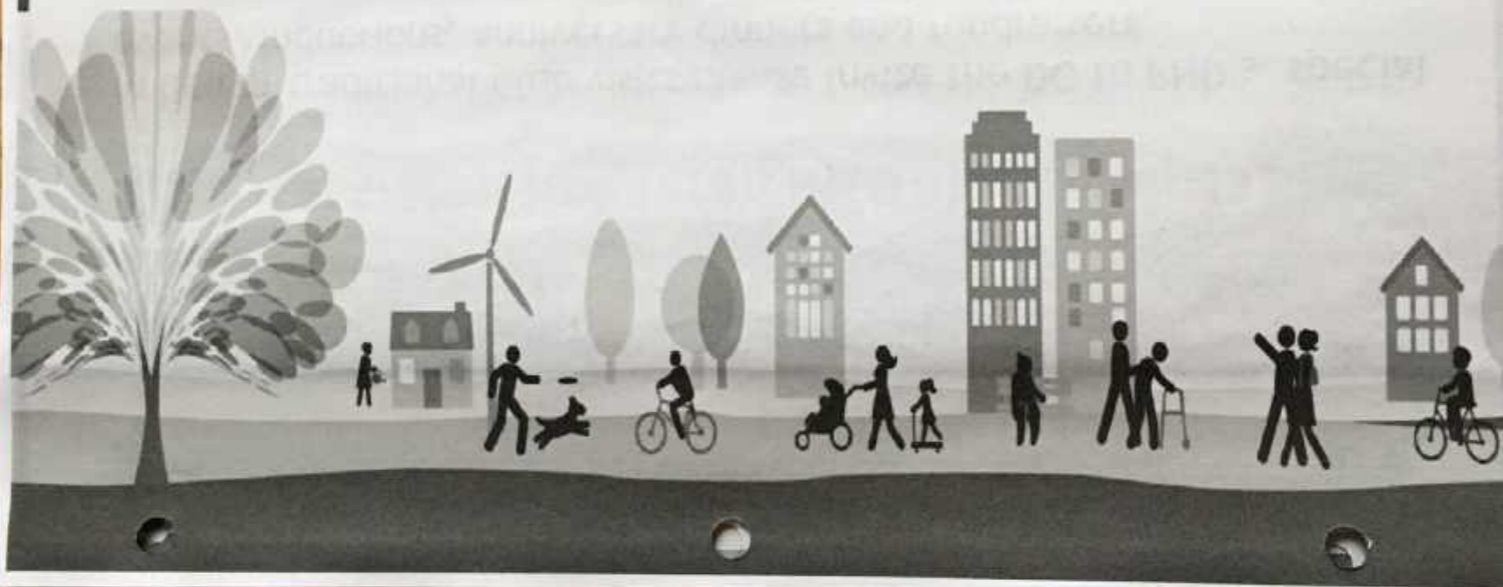




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