

# Station Park

What is **Station Park**? The central staging area for the Lower Trent Trail! (11/15/11)  
The original Frankford railway station on the former Canadian National Railway line was located at the corner of Wellington and Mill Streets.

After the Station building was sold and relocated, this plot of land languished abandoned for many years, neither developed nor maintained by the various



Government of Ontario ministries which controlled it.

The property is now part of the lease granted to FOTT Inc. to develop and manage the rail bed as a four season, non-motorized recreational trail.

During the past year, detailed site plans were developed to turn the old station property into a fully accessible park.

Now called Station Park in memory of the original station's location, work is progressing quickly.

Considerable brushing and dead tree removal has been completed.

A parking lot has been built with an entrance off Wellington Street. The park has been assigned #15 as a 911 address number by Quinte West.

Path ways meandering through the property have been laid out, connecting the parking lot to the trail and the old shed base at the north end.

The shed is long gone, but it was originally the loading/storage facility at track side. The base of the shed has been cleared and gravel laid down, and this will become a children's play area in the future.

Before the end of this year, bicycle racks will be installed at four locations.

In 2012, the final overall grading will be done, top soil etc. laid and grass planted where needed.

Gardens of native plants will be planted and benches and picnic tables installed.

As part of the Lower Trent Trail, the park is a great location for people to start their walks or cycle rides north and south.

Downtown Frankford provides numerous amenities for lunch and shopping close by the park.

Batawa is an easy stroll south, while northwards a 10 km walk takes you to Glen Ross and Lock 7 of the Trent Severn canal system.

The future of Station Park is exciting. If you would like to be part of developing this new community park, please contact us at [www.friendsofthetrail@yahoo.com](http://www.friendsofthetrail@yahoo.com)

Look to this site for information on the official opening and dedication of Station Park in 2012.

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