

# Cross Island Trail Report

## from Anne Page - May 2015

### General Comments:

- The CIT was walked May 3 (with Margie), 10, 17 & 24. Picking up garbage, clipping small branches and cutting back larger branches was done each week.
- Overall it seems the CIT is in good shape appearing to be very compact in both sections (from the Arts Centre to the Big Hill and from the Bill Hill to Swan Road).
- There are some weeds growing in the center of the CIT in some sections and brambles which are growing quickly along the sides with the recent warm weather.
- There is some garbage spread along the entire trail amounting to about half a grocery-bag full each week including cigarette butts which are mainly from the bottom of the Big Hill to the Arts Centre.
- There are some sections, notably near the United Church and the Graffiti Fence where the CIT is close to a drop off with some sloughing of rocks and dirt. The native plants are trying to establish which will reduce the problem in time.
- When the CIT was constructed all the branches and small trees were thrown off to the side which looks



unsightly and could be a fire hazard.

- There is a lot of broom notably between the Fire Hall and the Coho Landing driveway which could be removed. This was not part of the recent Broom-pulling Project. There are also thistles growing in the



trail along this section.

### **Specific Comments: (could be addressed by Trails Committee)**

There are some larger branches which should be cut back to the tree trunk at various locations also some low dead branches near Neidermoser Farm which should be cut. These appear hazardous to equestrians in



particular.

- The old split rail fence near Swan Road has been broken likely due to large branches and small trees being dumped on it during construction. This could be re-assembled to a degree.
- The ditch north of Swan Road is overgrown with vegetation and should be cleared to allow water to run.

### **Specific Comments: (substantial beyond maintenance)**

- There is a dead tree leaning towards the road near the new Green Cemetery which should be removed.



- The culvert near the mailbox is blocked by rocks on both sides. The culvert may not be long enough



and the fallen rocks have resulted in standing water.

### **Recommendations - that the Trails Committee:**

- walk the trail on our next work party to decide how much debris should be removed, to clip branches, weed and fix the split rail fence and if a member volunteers a pickup truck or trailer that the Trails Committee pay the ferry fare and dumping fees in Cumberland from the CVRD maintenance budget. Debris removal could be from none to extensive.
- advise the CVRD of the dead tree and blocked culvert for their attention without delay.