



Recreation Guide

Winter 2024/25



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Hello Essa Residents,

We hope you had a chance to attend the great events this Fall, like Ivy Days, Thornton Corn roast, Essa Fishing Derby and the celebratory grand openings across the Township. We hope you take time to come out to watch our talented local youth play hockey this Winter. Our two Arenas are home to Thornton Minor Hockey and Essa minor Hockey. Our Essa Public Library has been busy adding new classes for all ages to enjoy. Calling on all Seniors to join our free fun walking and exercise group at the Angus Recreation Center. We do chair exercises, walking, stretching and standing exercises done to 60's music. Winter brings snow challenges, please remove your vehicles off Municipal roads at night so the roads can be plowed. Please continue to help save a life by doing the posted speed limits. Events: We give thanks to all Veterans for their sacrifices to give us our freedom of speech. November 11th Remembrance Day service at the Angus Cenotaph. Angus Santa Clause Parade Nov 16th @10 am. Utopia Hall Soupalicious Nov 16 11 am to 2 pm Dec 1st at 6 pm Thornton Tree lighting with Santa Claus across from the Fire Hall Dec 6th at 6 pm, Angus Tree lighting with Santa Clause at the Angus Arena. Council will be busy starting with budget deliberations in November. Staff continues to work on our Official Plan with residents' and consultants' input. Parks and Rec Staff have been busy working on bringing many exciting new programs for residents to enjoy. Congratulations on the new Essa Recreation Guide. Our Fire Dept continues to be active and has had an increase in calls. Essa Council wants to thank all of our volunteers who coach our children's sports teams, volunteer at our Library, at the Fishing Derby, parades, Canada Day, Corn Roast, dance and music, tree planting, and senior events. It takes everyone to make our Township great. Thank you to all our Staff who make a difference with your passion and dedication to Essa Township. Residents, your ideas, and concerns are always encouraged and welcomed. Enjoy our winter wonderland that we will be entering.

Best wishes for the holiday season from our family to yours.

Your Essa Council

**Mayor Sandie, Deputy Mayor Mike
Councillors Pieter, Henry & Liana**



What's New?

Hello Township of Essa Residents!

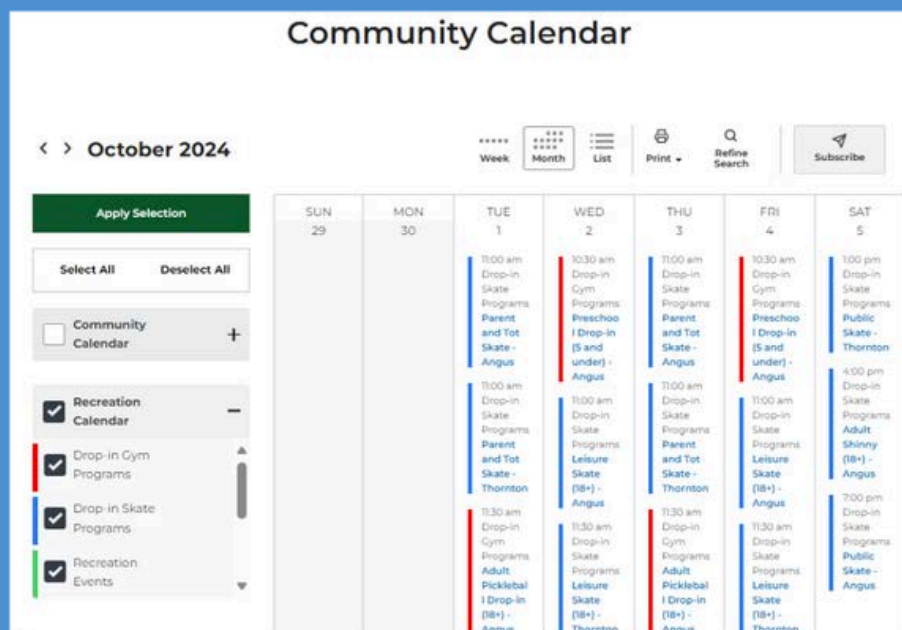
Our mission is to provide diverse, inclusive, and enriching winter programming that promotes active lifestyles, fosters community connection, and enhances the quality of life for all residents of Essa Township. Through a wide range of recreational activities and special events, we aim to create a welcoming environment that encourages participation and celebrates the unique spirit of winter in our community. With a commitment to accessibility and innovation, we strive to make winter programming a cornerstone of community engagement, well-being, and enjoyment for residents of all ages. With that in mind, we are excited to introduce new registered programs like art, zumba, senior movement, pilates classes and more for the community to get involved in! Program registration opens November 8th at 5 pm, and drop-in programs for Winter begin first week of December. Mark your calendars and we'll see you there!

Enjoy your winter,

Chris Rankin - Manager of Parks and Recreation

Recreation Calendar

Looking for an easy way to view the recreation programs available in your community day to day? Check out our new Recreation Calendar located on the Township of Essa website! To view the calendar click [HERE](#)



HIGH FIVE®



The Township of Essa is proud to announce its commitment to the delivery of quality child recreation programming by becoming a HIGH FIVE® Registered Organization! HIGH FIVE is a quality assurance standard for children's recreation and sport. To learn more about HIGH FIVE® visit the website by clicking [HERE](#)

Registered Programs

VON SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) (Ages 55+)

New
Program

The VON SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together)® program offers group exercise classes to community members 55 years and older or any adult living with a disability who wants to improve their strength, balance and mobility through low-impact exercise. The exercise classes are facilitated by fitness instructors and/or volunteers who receive specialized training and ongoing education to deliver safe exercise programs for all levels of ability. Participants are encouraged to work at their own pace, wear comfortable clothing and supportive shoes. The exercises can be completed seated or standing. Participants can sign themselves up for group classes or be referred by a healthcare provider, family or friend. The program is fully funded, so there is no cost to participate. **Pre-Registration with the VON Office is required prior to participating in the VON SMART Exercise Program. Please call 705-737-5044 ext 225 and leave a brief message with your name, number and class location you would like to register for (i.e. Thornton Community Centre). We will get back to you as soon as possible to complete the registration over the phone.**

Location	Day	Time	Dates	Excl. Dates	Classes	Price
Thornton Community Centre	Mondays	10:30 - 11:30 am	Dec 2nd, 2024 - Feb 24th , 2025 (ongoing)	Dec 30th & Feb 17th	11 in Winter Session (ongoing)	Free

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PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration for Winter programs will open to the public on November 8th at 5pm.

Register online by clicking [HERE](#)

Or visit us online at essatownship.on.ca

*Registration for VON SMART program not included

Art Exploration for Kids (Ages 5-10)



Join us in an 8 week program designed to foster creativity and self-expression, while learning key art techniques. Children will explore various art mediums including acrylics, watercolour, ink, pastels, and pencil. Lessons focused on developing colour mixing skills and incorporating elements such as line, value and texture will enable children to create a diverse range of artworks. Suitable for all skill levels, from beginners to intermediate artists. This program requires no prior experience, and all materials will be provided. Just bring your creativity and love of art!

Location	Day	Time	Dates	Excl. Dates	Classes	Price
Angus Recreation Centre	Thursdays	5 - 6 pm	Dec 5th, 2024 - Jan 30th, 2025	Dec 26th	8	\$140
Thornton Community Centre	Wednesdays	5 - 6 pm	Dec 4th, 2024 - Feb 5th, 2025	Dec 25th & Jan 1st	8	\$140

Yoga for Kids (Ages 6-11)



Let your child experience community, connection and build self-confidence. Adding health and wellness tools to your child's tool belt will help them during stressful times. Join Michelle for a 10 week kids yoga series. Ages 6-11. Please bring your own yoga mat and a reusable water bottle!

Location	Day	Time	Dates	Excl. Dates	Classes	Price
Angus Recreation Centre	Tuesdays	5:30 - 6:30 pm	Dec 3rd, 2024 - Feb 18th, 2025	Dec 24th & 31st	10	\$130

Zumba (Ages 18+)



Perfect for everybody and every body! Each Zumba class is designed to bring people together to sweat it out. We take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. Once the Latin and World rhythms take over, you'll see why Zumba Fitness classes are often called exercise in disguise. Super effective? Check. Super fun? Check and check. Zumba is a total workout combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.

Location	Day	Time	Dates	Excl. Dates	Classes	Price
Angus Recreation Centre	Friday	7 - 8 pm	Dec 6th, 2024 - Feb 7th, 2025	N/A	10	\$90

Pilates (Ages 18+)



Gain strength, mobility and mind-body connection. Because of the progressive sequencing, this class is for all levels. Classes will focus on abdominal, hip and spine strengthening and increasing the overall total body range of motion.

Location	Day	Time	Dates	Excl. Dates	Classes	Price
Angus Recreation Centre	Tuesdays	7 - 8 pm	Dec 3rd, 2024 - Feb 18th, 2025	Dec 24th & 31st	10	\$130

Strength and Conditioning (Ages 18+)

This structured high intensity interval style of workout is designed to improve overall physical fitness through a combination of cardiovascular, strength and flexibility exercises. All equipment is supplied. A yoga mat is encouraged for floor work and a water bottle is highly recommended.

Location	Day	Time	Dates	Excl. Dates	Classes	Costs
Angus Recreation Centre	Wednesdays	7 - 8 pm	Dec 4th, 2024 - Feb 19th, 2025	Dec 25th & Jan 1st	10	\$130
Thornton Community Centre	Saturdays	10 - 11 am	Dec 7th, 2024 - Feb 8th, 2025	N/A	10	\$130

Hatha Yoga (Ages 18+)

This 60 minute yoga class is designed to be accessible and beneficial for all students of all levels. We focus on movement, breath awareness, stretching and relaxation. Bring your own yoga mat, water and any yoga equipment you may use (ie, blocks, straps)

Location	Day	Time	Dates	Excl. Dates	Classes	Costs
Angus Recreation Centre	Thursdays	7 - 8 pm	Dec 5th, 2024 - Feb 20th, 2025	Dec 12th, Dec 26th, Jan 9th & Feb 13th	8	\$104
Thornton Community Centre	Mondays	7 - 8 pm	Dec 2nd, 2024 - Feb 3rd, 2025	N/A	10	\$130
Thornton Community Centre	Thursdays	7 - 8 pm	Dec 5th, 2024 - Feb 13th, 2025	Dec 26th	10	\$130

Monkeynastix (Ages 1-2)

This fun 7 week fitness movement education program designed for children ages 1-2 focuses on gross and fine motor skills, balance, coordination, spatial and body awareness utilizing a variety of safe activities with specialized equipment and music.

Location	Day	Time	Dates	Excl. Dates	Classes	Price
Angus Recreation Centre	Wednesdays	5 - 5:30 pm	Jan 8th - Feb 19th, 2025	N/A	7	\$126

Monkeynastix (Ages 2-3)

This fun 7 week fitness movement education program designed for children ages 2-3 focuses on gross and fine motor skills, balance, coordination, spatial and body awareness utilizing a variety of safe activities with specialized equipment and music.

Location	Day	Time	Dates	Excl. Dates	Classes	Costs
Angus Recreation Centre	Wednesdays	5:45 - 6:15 pm	Jan 8th - Feb 19th, 2025	N/A	7	\$126

Monkeynastix (Ages 3-4)

This fun 7 week fitness movement education program designed for children ages 3-4 focuses on gross and fine motor skills, balance, coordination, spatial and body awareness utilizing a variety of safe activities with specialized equipment and music.

Location	Day	Time	Dates	Excl. Dates	Classes	Costs
Angus Recreation Centre	Wednesdays	6:30 - 7 pm	Jan 8th - Feb 19th, 2025	N/A	7	\$126

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Skating Drop-in Programs

Public Skate (All Ages)

Enjoy public skating sessions at our rink, where individuals and families can glide around the ice, have fun, and stay active together.

Angus Recreation Centre:

Times: Saturdays (3:30 - 5:30 pm) & Sundays (12-1:20 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 28th, Jan 4th, Feb 15th, 16th, Mar 8th & 9th

Thornton Community Centre:

Fridays (5-5:50 pm) & Saturdays (1-1:50 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Mar 7th & 8th

Leisure Skate (Ages 18+)

Experience leisure skating at our rink, a relaxed and enjoyable activity suitable for individuals looking to go for a leisurely skate.

Angus Recreation Centre:

Times: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays (11-12:20 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 25th, Jan 1st, Mar 7th, 10th & 12th

Thornton Community Centre:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays (11:30-12:50 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 25th, 30th, Jan 1st & Mar 7th

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DROP-IN PRICES (CASH ONLY)

Shinny:

All Ages: \$5

Goalies are free!

Skating:

5 and under: Free

Ages 5+: \$3

*All drop-in times are subject to change. Please refer to the schedule online for the most up-to-date schedule. Click [HERE](#) for the online schedule.

Parent and Tot Skate (5 and under)

Parent and tot skate sessions provide a fun and supportive environment for young children and their caregivers to enjoy skating together.

Angus Recreation Centre:

Times: Tuesdays & Thursdays (11-12:20 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 24th, 26th, 31st, Mar 11th & 13th

Thornton Community Centre:

Times: Tuesdays & Thursdays (11-12:20 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 24th, 26th & 31st

Youth Shinny (Ages 11-17)

Youth shinny hockey for ages 11-17 provides a dynamic and inclusive environment for players to hone their skills and enjoy friendly competition. Full equipment is required.

Angus Recreation Centre:

Times: Mondays (5-5:50 pm)

Thornton Community Centre:

Times: Tuesdays (4-4:50 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 24th & 31st

Children Shinny (Ages 5-10)

Shinny hockey for children ages 5-10 offers a friendly and active introduction to the sport. Full equipment is required. Parents/Guardians are welcome to support and receive free entry.

Angus Recreation Centre:

Times: Fridays (5-5:50 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Mar 7th

Thornton Community Centre:

Times: Mondays (4-4:50 pm)

Adult Shinny (Ages 18+)

Adult shinny hockey for ages 18 and up offers a recreational and competitive opportunity for players to enjoy the sport in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. Full equipment is required.

Angus Recreation Centre:

Times: Saturdays (7-8:20 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 28th, Jan 4th, Feb 15th & Mar 8th

Thornton Community Centre:

Times: Mondays (5-5:50 pm)

EQUIPMENT RULES

Helmets are mandatory for all Public skate participants ages 10 and under and are highly recommended for all users.

Full equipment is mandatory for all Shinny programs.



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Gym Drop-in Programs



Adult Pickleball (Ages 18+)

A dynamic paddle sport blending elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, played on a compact court with a unique perforated ball, offering fast-paced fun for all adults. Paddles and balls are available.

Location: Angus Recreation Centre

Times:

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays (11:30-1:30 pm)

Wednesdays (7:30-9:30 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 24th, 25th, 26th, Jan 1st & 30th

After School Gym (Ages 11+)

Join us for our after-school sports drop-in, a place where you can unwind, connect with friends, and enjoy playing a variety of sports.

Location: Angus Recreation Centre

Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays (2:30-4:30 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 12th, 24th, 26th & Jan 30th

All Ages Pickleball (Ages 5+)

Do you enjoy pickleball? Bring out your family and friends of all ages! Pickleball is a dynamic paddle sport blending elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, played on a compact court with a unique perforated ball, offering fast-paced fun for all adults. Paddles and balls are available.

Location: Angus Recreation Centre

Times: Saturdays (8-10 am) & Sundays (10-12 am)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 7th, 14th, Jan 25th, Feb 1st & 15th

Adult Inclusive Recreation Drop-in (18+)

Join our drop-in sport sessions, where residents of all abilities can connect, build community, and enjoy playing various sports together. Sports equipment is provided. Free entry for support workers.

Location: Angus Recreation Centre

Times: Fridays (1-3 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 13th, Jan 24th & 31st

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Senior Walking & Exercise Group (55+)

Do you want to have fun and get a workout? The Angus & Area Seniors walking and exercise group meets every Monday and Thursday. This is a fun group that exercises to 60s music with lots of stretching, balancing, dance moves, tapping, and wall exercises, finishing up with an inside walk with fellow members. It is a great way to start your day. Sandie Macdonald has facilitated the exercise group for 23 years. We encourage everyone to join us to keep healthy and moving. This is a free program, just bring your water and indoor shoes!

Location: Angus Recreation Centre

Times: Mondays & Thursdays (8:45-9:45 am)

Exclusion Dates: No classes if school busses are cancelled

Preschool Drop-in (5 and under)

Explore our preschool drop-in program, where little ones can engage in fun activities, socialize, and learn through play in a supportive environment.

Location: Angus Recreation Centre

Times: Wednesdays & Fridays (10:30 am-12:30 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 13th, 25th, Jan 1st, 24th & 31st



DROP-IN PRICES (CASH ONLY)

Ages 0-4: \$2
Ages 5-17: \$3

Ages 18-64: \$5
Ages 65+: \$4



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A photograph of the Thornton Community Centre, a large, dark-colored building with several windows. The name "THORNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE" is visible on the right side of the building. The foreground shows a paved area, possibly a parking lot or sports field.

THORNTON
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Facility Rentals

Facilities

The Township of Essa offers a diverse array of facility rental options within Angus, Thornton, Baxter and Utopia. Whether you are planning a private event, family gathering, birthday party or tournament, we have the perfect venue to make your occasion unforgettable!

Rental opportunities include:

Gymnasium
Ice & Floor Pads
Halls & Meeting Rooms
Pavilions & Park Spaces
Sports Fields & Diamonds
Outdoor Pads

Hall Rentals

All rentals with alcohol are subject to the Municipal Alcohol Risk Management Policy and Agreement.

Please click [**HERE**](#) to complete and submit a rental request form.

Visit the Facility Rentals webpage by clicking [**HERE**](#) to view the Fees Schedule and to find out more information about facility rentals.

For Rental Inquiries Contact :



(705) 424-9917 ext. 108



parksandrec@essatownship.on.ca



Angus Recreation Centre

8529 County Road 10

This multi-purpose facility features a full-sized rink, gymnasium, fully equipped hall and skatepark. From hockey, indoor soccer and fitness classes, to dances and birthday parties, the Centre can accommodate a wide variety of functions all year round.



Thornton Community Centre

246 Barrie Street

This multi-purpose facility features a full-sized rink, fully equipped hall, outdoor splash pad, ball diamond and park. This facility is perfect for all your event needs.



Outdoor Pads

Various Locations

The Township of Essa is equipped with 3 Outdoor Pads for Community use and rentals. Perfect for a game of ball hockey!



Baseball Diamonds

Various Locations

The Township of Essa has many baseball diamonds in its inventory. Diamonds are located in Angus, Baxter, Thornton, Ivy and Elmgrove. Available for Community use and rentals.

Parks

The Township of Essa offers a diverse array of parks and open spaces for residents and visitors to utilize. With all our offerings, there's something for everyone in our parks and facilities to enjoy!

Communities within the Township of Essa have access to many enjoyable spaces and parks, including ball diamonds, soccer fields, dog parks, playgrounds, splash pads, skate parks, fishing parks, multi-sport courts used for basketball and pickleball, as well as outdoor pads. Baseball diamonds, soccer fields, playgrounds, splash pads, skate parks, and multi-sport facilities will be closed during the winter season. The park spaces, trails, and dog parks remain open, and we encourage residents to take advantage of the spaces for winter recreation activities such as playing in the snow, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, etc.

Dog Parks

The Township of Essa is home to two dog parks located in Thornton and Angus. When visiting a dog park, please remember...



1. Owners will be held liable for all actions of their dog
2. Owners must be present at all times
3. No other animals allowed
4. All owners are responsible to **“Stoop and Scoop”** and to dispose of excrement in the appropriate waste receptacles

Fishing

Fishing Parks

The Township of Essa is home to four designated fishing parks, which are scattered throughout the Township. These designated fishing parks are enjoyed by many fishing enthusiasts year-round. The designated fishing parks are located at the following locations:



**Essa Centennial Park
Angus Community Park
Nottawasaga Fishing Park
Don Ross Drive Park**



Did you know you need a Fishing Access Pass to fish on Essa Township property?

The money collected from the fishing access passes goes back into maintaining our parks for all anglers to enjoy. Seasonal or Day Fish Passes can be purchased at the township office or online [HERE](#).

Trails

**Essa Township is home to a variety of trails within its boundaries
Get out for a winter walk, snowshoe or cross-country ski this season!**

Township of Essa

The following trails are maintained by the Township of Essa:

Pine River Trail

The Pine River Trail is a 1.5 km trail that meanders through the Nottawasaga Fishing Park and LeClair Park. Enjoy the picturesque Nottawasaga River while hiking this trail.

Rippon Trail

The Rippon Trail is a 1 km trail that connects Peacekeepers Park at the north end of Mill Street to the Nottawasaga Fishing Park, and the Pine River Trail.

Thornton Cookstown Trail

The Thornton Cookstown Trans-Canada Trail is a 15.6 km shared use trail between the villages of Thornton and Cookstown. This trail is a part of nearly 24,000 km of trail that goes through 13 provinces and territories. It travels through green pasture land and forest, and crosses the Cookstown Creek.

County of Simcoe

The following trails are located in the Township of Essa but maintained by the County of Simcoe:

Baxter Tract of Simcoe County Forest

Foster Tract of Simcoe County Forest

The County of Simcoe provides nature and hiking enthusiasts with a plethora of trails scattered throughout Simcoe County forests.

For information on these tracts, please contact the County of Simcoe at 705-726-9300.



Conservation Area Trails

The following trails are located in Essa but are maintained by local conservation authorities:

Utopia Conservation Area Trails

The Utopia Conservation trails encompass an area of 100 acres which is used as passive green space. The conservation area is open to the public for passive recreation and features the historic Utopia Grist Mill.

Tiffin Conservation Area (Tiffin Centre Loop Trail)

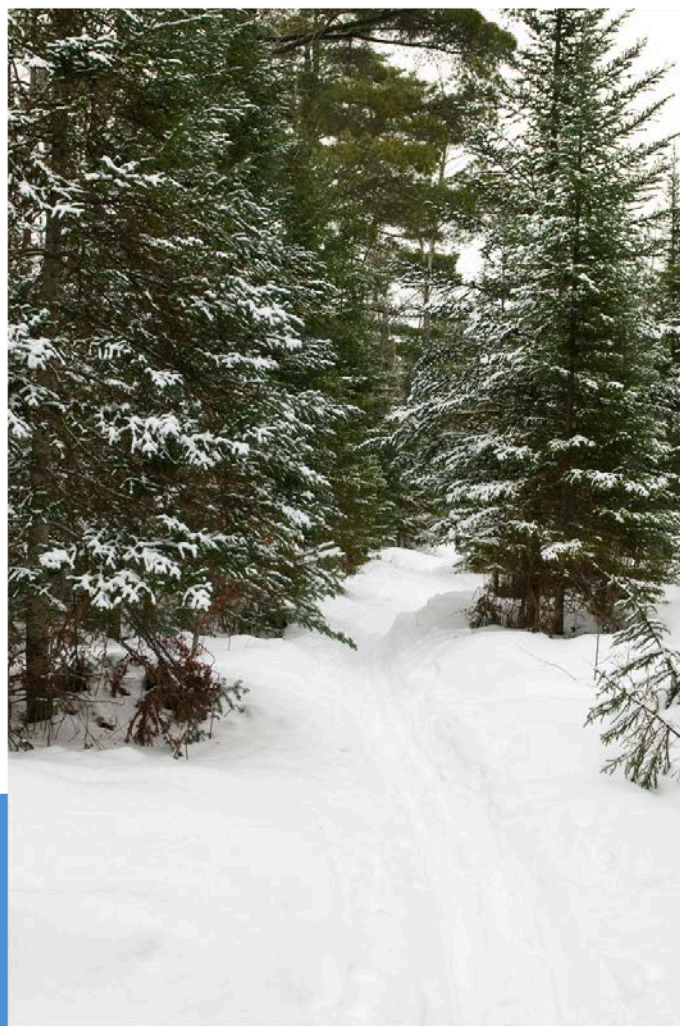
The Tiffin Centre is a spectacular place for a walk or to bring your gear and bike, cross-country ski or snowshoe on 5 km of looped trails that meander through a mixture of wetlands, forests, open meadows and ancient lake beds. It is home to the Tiffin Centre Loop Trail which is situated in the Township of Essa.

Ganaraska Hiking Trail

The Mad River section of the Ganaraska Hiking Trail encompasses a 50.5 km section of trail that runs through Angus and Glencairn. The trail follows the Mad River in the direction of Creemore and Glen Huron, where the Ganaraska Trail meets the Bruce Trail.

This trail is maintained by the Ganaraska Hiking Trail Association. For more information about this trail, please contact the [Ganaraska Hiking Trail Association Inc.](#)

Click [HERE](#) for more information on trails in the Township of Essa.



Motorized Snow Vehicles



The Township of Essa is fortunate to have many beautiful natural spaces, please respect the natural environment while enjoying the recreation it offers. Under By-Law 2005-23, motorized snow vehicles are permitted to operate on designated trails and spaces.

To find local trails and keep up to date with trail conditions, visit the OFSC website by clicking [HERE](#).

For more information on By-Law 2005-23 visit the Township of Essa website by clicking [HERE](#) or see the next page.

Operation of Motorized Snow Vehicles

No operator or owner of a motorized snow vehicle shall operate or permit to be operated in any of the following locations within the Township of Essa:

- on any sidewalk or pedestrian walkway
- in any park, parkland or other property owned, operated or leased by the Township for recreational purposes in the urban areas of the Township known as Angus, Thornton and Baxter;
- on any other property owned by the Township including an unopened road allowance, except with the written permission of the Township.

Motorized snow vehicles may operate on a trail that has been established under a lease or Agreement with the Township and/or other property owner, and which agreement permits the use of the trail for motorized snow vehicles; or in a municipal parking lot for the purposes of parking.

- Regard shall be given to By-law 2003-84, and the subsequent Agreement between the Township of Essa and the Bonsecour Track & Trail Snowmobile Club for the use of the former CN Rail line between Cookstown and Thornton.

No operator or owner of a motorized snow vehicle shall operate or permit to be operated any such vehicle unless such activity is specifically sanctioned by a Resolution of the Council of the Township, and in any such motion, Council shall establish conditions for such use including but not limited to the establishment of speed limits and provision of specific liability insurance.

The Public Works department may erect signs to advise the public of locations where motorized snow vehicles are prohibited under this Section.

To view the full By-Law 2005-23 visit the Township of Essa website or click [HERE](#).

Arts, Culture & Heritage

Community Landmarks: A Historical Overview

Thornton Arena

The Thornton Arena was built on land donated by the Stewart Family and the first artificial ice was installed in 1969. A fire in September 1973 led to a rebuild and reopening of a new arena in the same spot in the fall of 1975.

Thornton Library

For many years, the Thornton Library operated out of the back of a local store. The current location of the Thornton Library opened in November 1997.

Angus Arena

In 1972 Angus residents came together to fundraise for an arena. With the clearing of trees and debris, hard work, holding dances, raffles and soliciting for funds, the doors to the arena finally opened in September 1977.

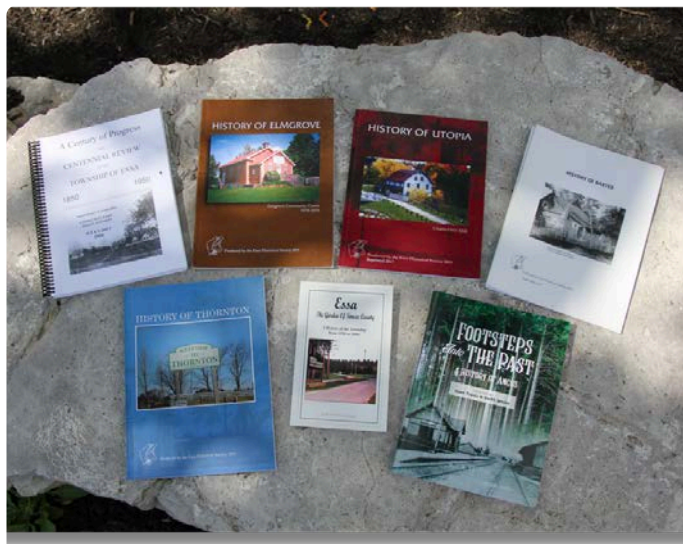
Angus Library

The current Angus branch building opened in 2011. The previous space was in use from 1967 to 2011.

Are you interested in the history surrounding the Township of Essa?

The following books are available for purchase at the Essa Public Library or the Township of Essa Administration Centre:

- "Footsteps Into the Past: A History of Angus"
- "Essa: The Garden of Simcoe County"
- "History of Utopia: Utopia Grist Mill"
- "History of Thornton"
- "History of Ivy"
- "History of Egbert"
- "History of Elmgrove"



Community Arts and Cultural Organizations

- Maclaren Art Centre: Hub for contemporary art and cultural programming.
- South Simcoe Arts Council: Promotes arts in the South Simcoe region.

Cultural Enterprises and Museums

- Borden Museum: Showcases military history and the heritage of CFB Borden.
- Museum on the Boyne: Preserves the history of the Alliston area.
- Simcoe County Museum: Features exhibits on Simcoe County's history and culture.

Cultural Heritage

- Utopia Grist Mill: Preserves milling heritage.

Cultural Spaces and Facilities

- Essa and District Agriplex: Hosts various agricultural and community events.

Festivals and Events

- Barrie Fair: Held at the Essa and District Agriplex.
- Essa Salmon Derby: Fishing competition held in Angus

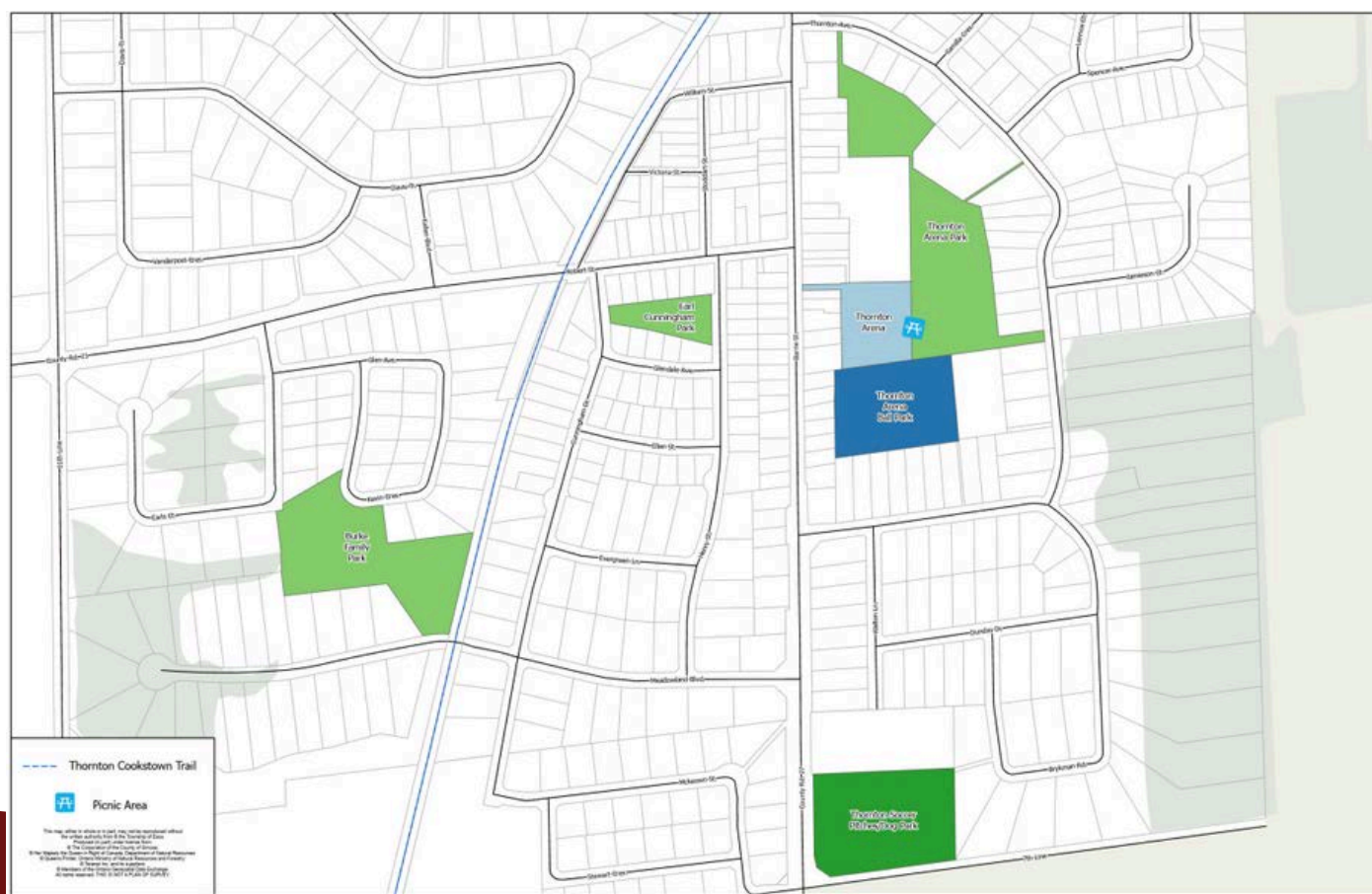
Natural Heritage

- Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority: Conserves natural resources of the Nottawasaga Valley.
- Peacekeepers Park: Honors peacekeepers.
- Pine River Trail & Thornton Cookstown Trail: Scenic trails for outdoor activities.

Maps

Essa Township is home to a variety of trails, parks, facilities, and conservation areas. Explore where they are located below!

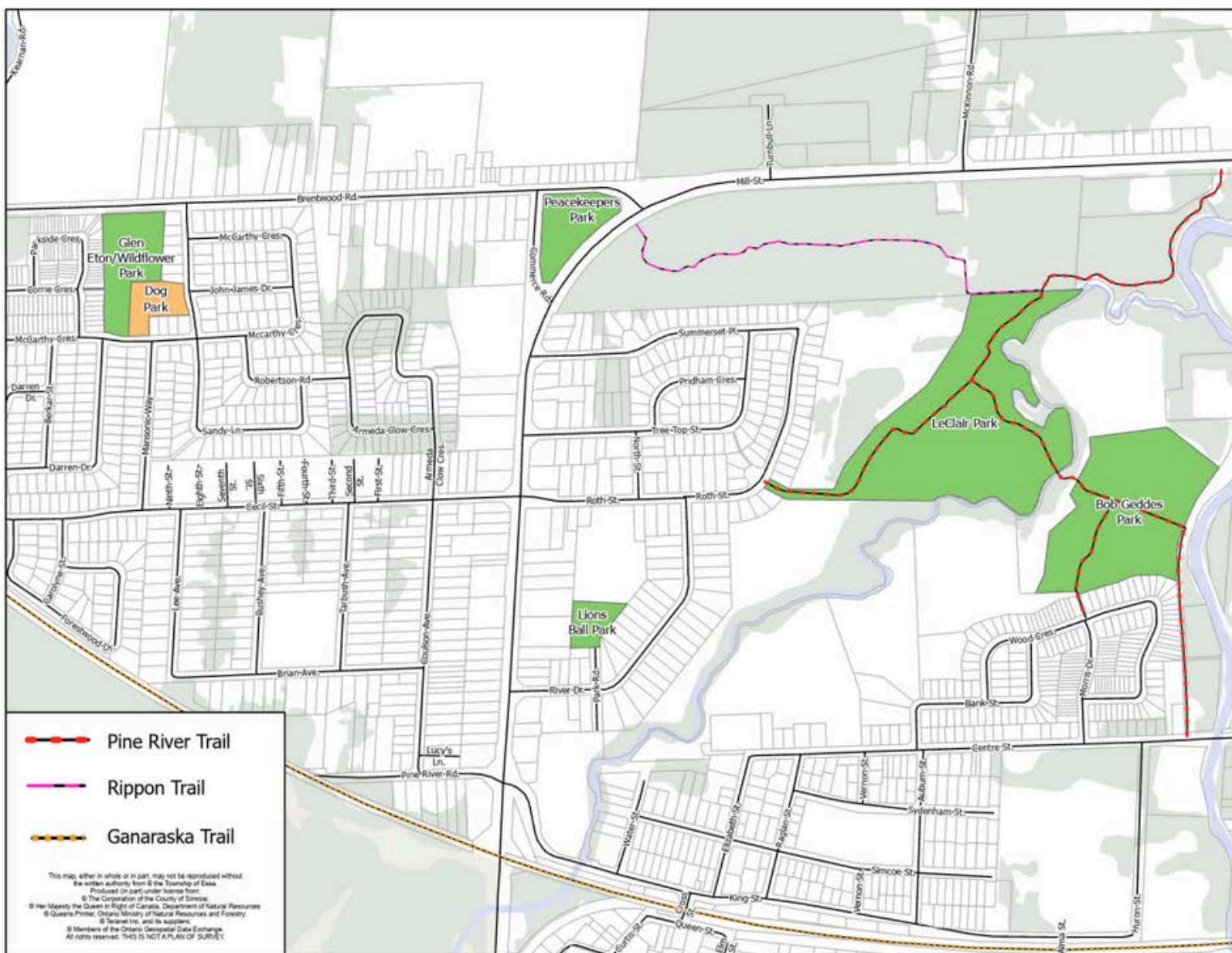
Thornton



Burke Family Park: 35 Kevin Crescent
Earl Cunningham Park: 3 Henry Street
Thornton Arena Park: 246 Barrie Street

Thornton Arena: 246 Barrie Street
Thornton Arena Ball Park: 246 Barrie Street
Thornton Soccer Pitches/Dog Park: 4256 7th Line

North Angus



Bob Geddes Park: 147 Centre Street

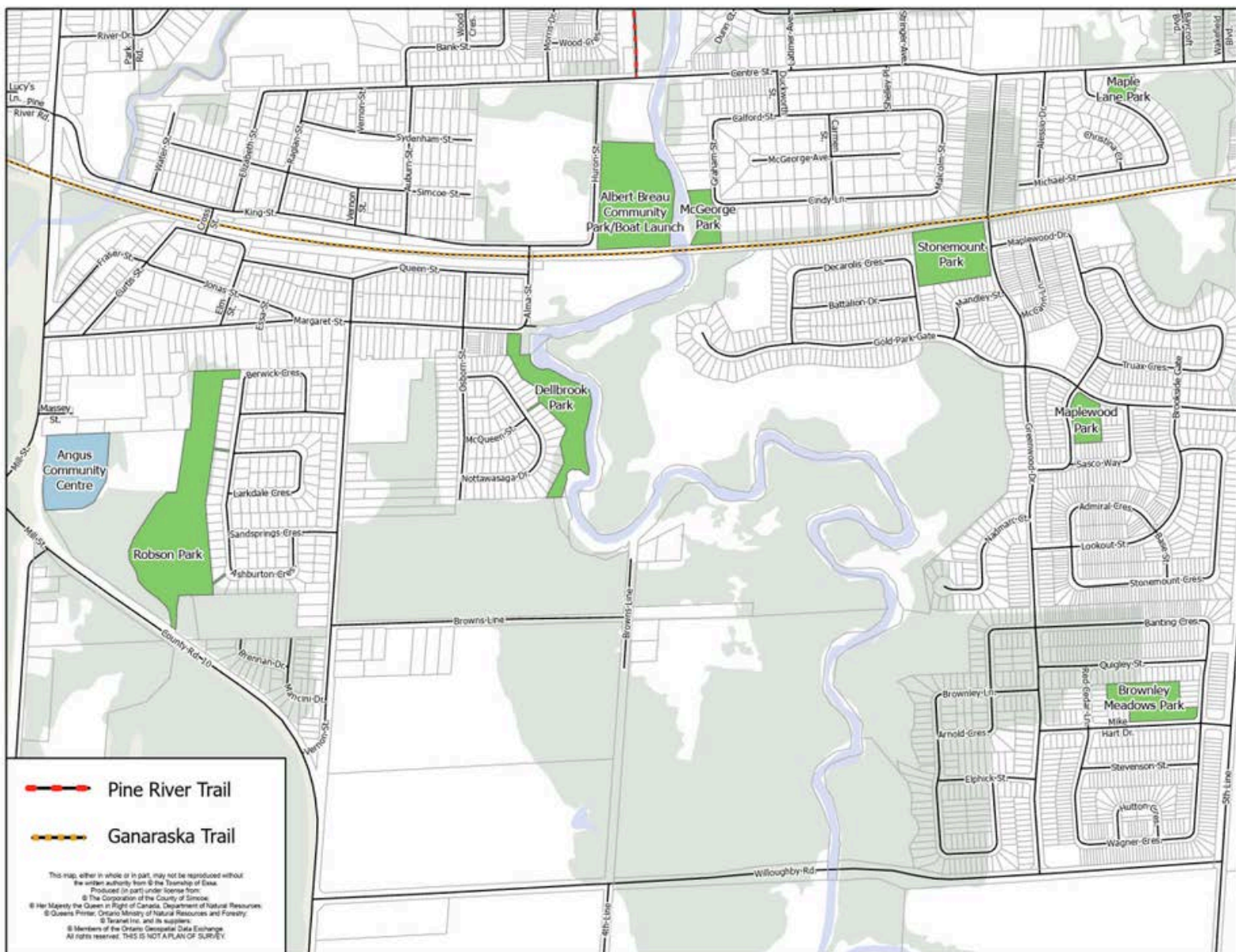
Glen Eton/Wildflower Park/Dog Park: 42 McCarthy Crescent

Lions Ball Park: 4 Park Road

LeClair Park: 54 Roth Street

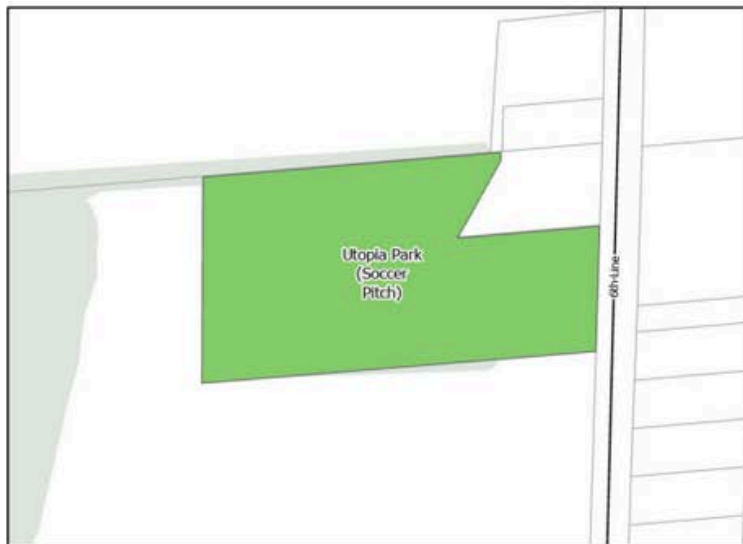
Peacekeepers Park: 12 Commerce Drive

South Angus



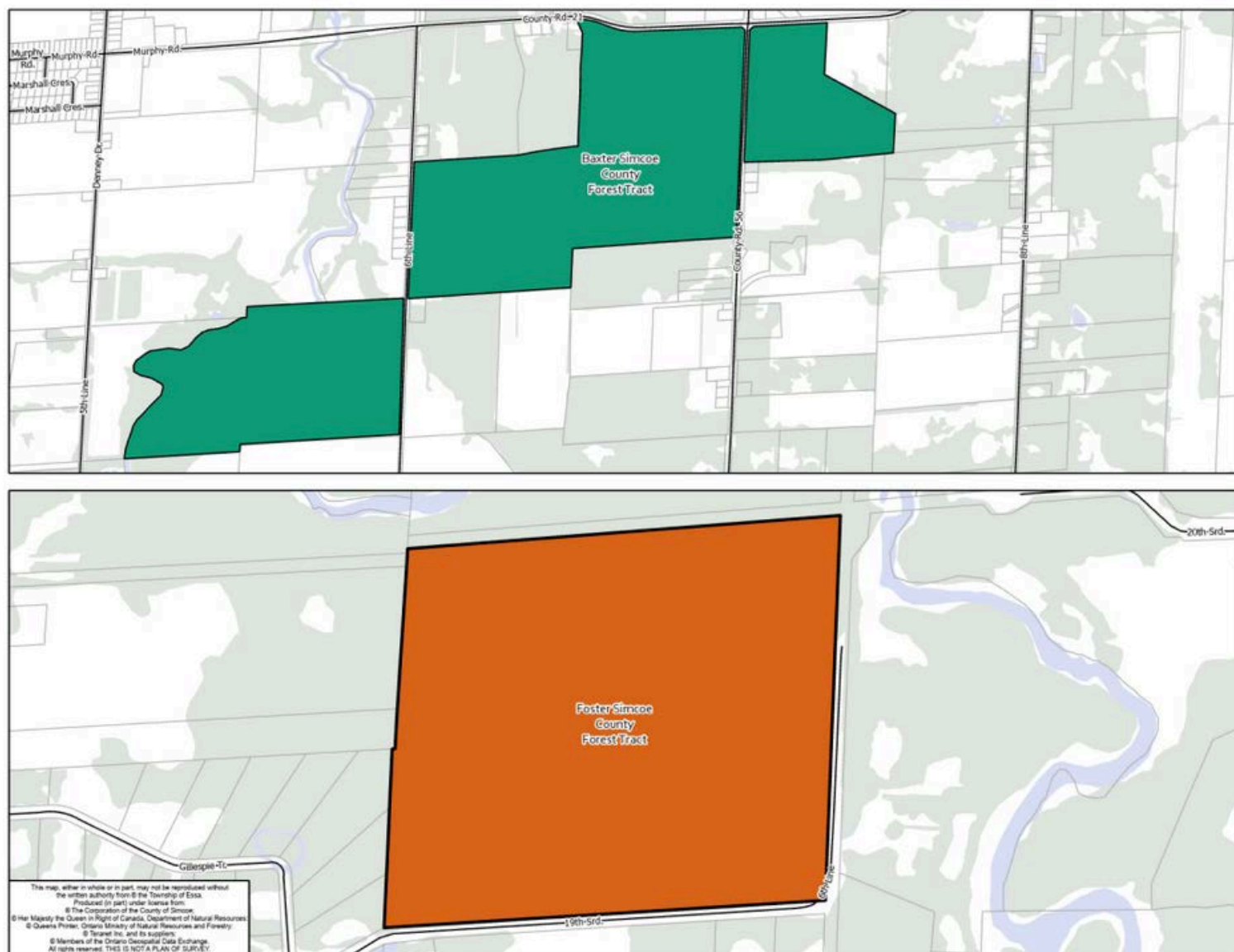
Albert Breau Community Park/Boat Launch: 6 Huron Street
Angus Community Centre: 8529 CR 10
Brownley Meadows Park: 60 Mike Hart Drive
Dellbrook Park: 240 Margaret Street
McGeorge Park: 107 Graham Street
Maplewood Park: 191 Maplewood Drive
Maple Lane Park: 8 Michael Street
Robson Park: 23 Berwick Crescent

Rural Parks



Egbert Park: 5200 10th Sideroad
Elmgrove Ball Park: 6580 5th Sideroad
Utopia Park (Soccer Pitch): 8378 6th Line
Victoria Ball Park: 5079 20th Sideroad

County Tracts



Baxter Simcoe County Forest Tract: Located across from the Township of Essa Administration Building (5786 CR 21)

Foster Simcoe County Forest Tract: Located off of the 19th Sideroad and 6th Line



Community Events

Discover what's happening in our community! Join us in creating memorable experiences and strengthening our community bonds.

Want to promote your event in the Spring Recreation Guide?

Reach out to the Recreation Programmer to find out more.



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Annual Thornton Christmas in the Village

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2024

6-7 PM

**AT THE THORNTON GAZEBO
(ACROSS FROM THE LIBRARY)**

- **Visit with Santa**
- **Tree Lighting**
- **Free hot chocolate,
Pizza & Treats**
- **Christmas music!**

**Brought to you by the
Thornton Area Action
Committee**



Community Organizations

Explore the programs and services being offered by community organizations in the Township of Essa.

Essa Public Library



Early ON Child and
Family Care



Borden Family
Resource Centre



A library card is only good for

kitchen gadgets & appliances

family game night

podcast kits

movie marathons

magazines from around the world

learning a new language

binoculars

coding robots

literacy support

a place to hang

yoga mats

light therapy lamps

memory care kits

ukuleles

projectors

seed library

hobby kits



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BELONGING, WELL-BEING, EXPRESSION AND ENGAGEMENT.



Early ON

Child and Family Centre

ANGUS

SATELLITE LOCATION

PROGRAMS

STAY, PLAY & LEARN

Ages 0-6 years old

Parents, caregivers and their children utilize our open space to engage with each other through play, exploration and imagination.



BABY & ME

Ages 0-12 months old

Come with your little one to enjoy sing-a-longs, storytime and baby play while connecting with other parents and caregivers.



PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE (infant)

Ages 0-18 months old

Enjoy this 5 or 10 week program with no toys, or materials as we focus on the intimate connection with you and your baby and building attachment through rhymes, stories and songs.



Do you have questions or concerns about your **child's development**? Ask us how we can support you through our developmental screenings and to connect you with our community partners.

VISIT WWW.E3.CA TO REGISTER FOR OUR PROGRAMS AND TO SEE OUR SCHEDULE



8527 County Rd 10, Angus, ON L0M 1B0
(Behind the Angus Recreation Center Arena)



www.e3.ca



(705) 435-4308

Borden Family Resource Centre

The Borden Family Resource Centre provides community based family services which support and enhance the quality of life of the CFB Borden community.



The Centre provides support to...

- CAF Members, Veterans, DND civilian employees and their immediate families
- Families and other individuals of significance to CAF members who have died while serving
- Others who provide direct support to the CAF

Le Centre de ressources à la famille de Borden

Le Centre de ressources à la famille de Borden offre des services communautaires axés sur les familles qui soutiennent et qui améliorent la qualité de vie de la communauté de la BFC Borden.



Le Centre offre du soutien aux suivants...

- Membres des FAC, les vétérans, employés civils du MDN ainsi que les membres de leur famille immédiate
- Familles et autres personnes importantes pour les membres des FAC qui sont morts en service
- Autres personnes qui appuient les FAC



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