

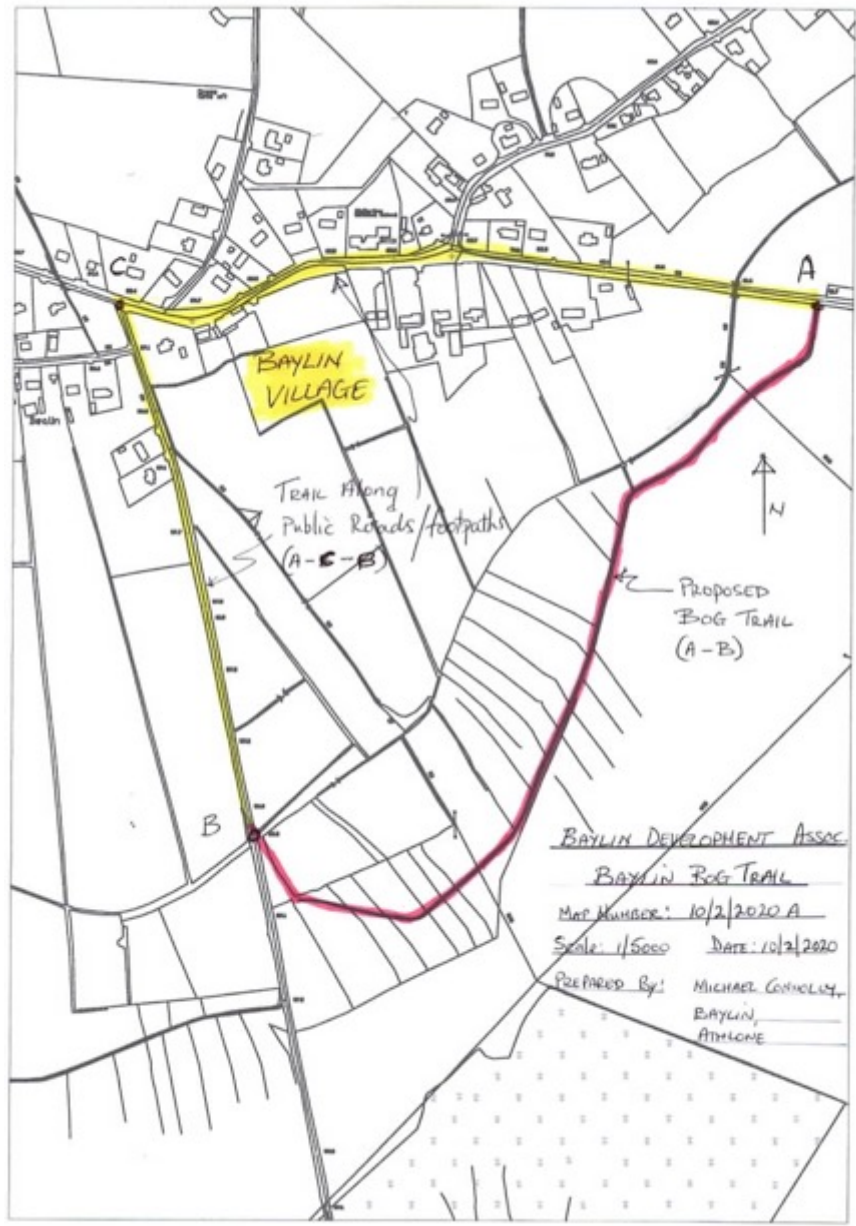


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Baylin Bog Trail

- The Project: Create a 2.6km looped trail linking Baylin Village and the adjoining bog, which is part of Carn Park Bog SAC.
- Total estimated cost = €117,000
- Works Required:
 - surface restoration to the existing gravel bog road which is 1.13km long.
 - construction of 285m of footpath linking the north end of the bog road to the existing footpaths in Baylin Village.
 - Ancillary works - removal of dumped domestic and farm waste to licenced waste facilities, erection of access styles at each end of bog road, and provision of information signs and seats.





BAYLIN VILLAGE

TRAIL Along Public Roads/footpaths (A-C-B)

PROPOSED BOG TRAIL (A-B)

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BAYLIN BOG TRAIL

MAP NUMBER: 10/2/2020 A

SCALE: 1/5000 DATE: 10/2/2020

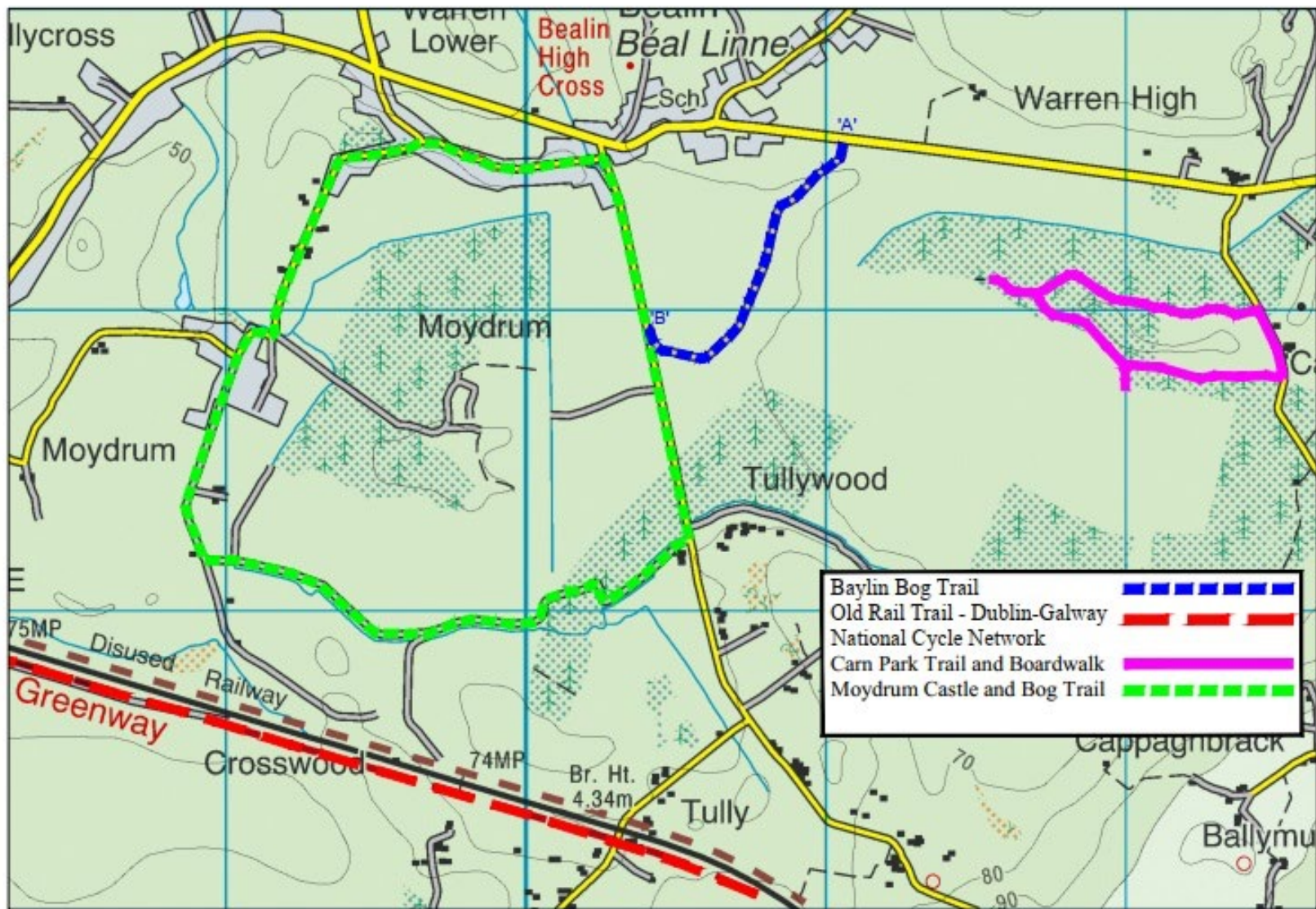
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Objectives of project

- Contribute to the positive transition of the bog from turf cutting to leisure and educational use by enhancing the experience for visitors
- Enhance Health and well-being - opportunities for social interaction and exercise in a convenient natural environment
- Protect and enhance environment and biodiversity
- Retain and raise awareness of the heritage of the area
- Contribute to economic activity in local and midlands region – direct investments during development works and consequent attraction of visitors by creation of an additional facility close to existing trails





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Project Partners

- Local Community and other voluntary groups
- Landowners + People with Turbary Rights
- Westmeath County Council
- National Parks and Wildlife Service
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Project Stages

- Phase 1:
 - Upgrading of existing gravel bog road, 1.13km in length
- Phase 2:
 - Construction of new footpath along public road to link to existing footpaths in Baylin Village, 285m in length



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Current Stage

PHASE 1 – Bog road upgrade, Under construction

- Contractor procured and works commenced on 10th November 2020.
- Works to clean and resurface bog road progressed to approximately 75% completion
- Fencing, drainage and removal of dumped materials 50%
- Preparation of a signage scheme is ongoing



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Current Stage (contd.)

PHASE 2 – Footpath link

- Design and Contract Documents Completed
- Requests for Tenders sent to 7 contractors
- Bulk fill material imported along edge of public road - bog rampart



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Expected Outcomes

- Positive transition from peat harvesting and enhancement of residential amenity of the area
- Contribution to economic activity at local level, and as part of regional attractions
- Protection and awareness raising in relation to environment, Biodiversity and Heritage
- Positive impact on public health and well-being
- Maintain community support, and add momentum driven by positive local enhancement projects



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Lessons Learned during project delivery

- High level of support from state and local agencies – follow proper procedures
- High level of local support
- Have well developed objectives and plans
- Share management responsibilities across the group, e.g. sub-groups
- Maintain good community communication
- Maintain links to other local groups



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Next Steps

- Complete design and implementation of signage plan and development of seating/social areas
- Clean off and reconstruct stone culvert spandrel wall – potential signature feature
- Development of signage and local enhancement along local road section
- Design and bring forward proposal for a link across bog to Carn Park trail and boardwalk
- Design and develop access to 9th century Baylin Cross
- Promotion in conjunction with other attractions in the region



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Photographs

Before works commenced – July 2020





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Photographs contd.

Clearing and initial treatment of subsided areas - Nov & Dec 2020





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Photographs contd.

Clause 804 material placed – December 2020





Photographs contd
Fill along site of proposed footpath



Photographs contd.
Removal of waste May 2021

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