

# Durham Region Cycling Coalition

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Promoting Safe Cycling Throughout Durham Region

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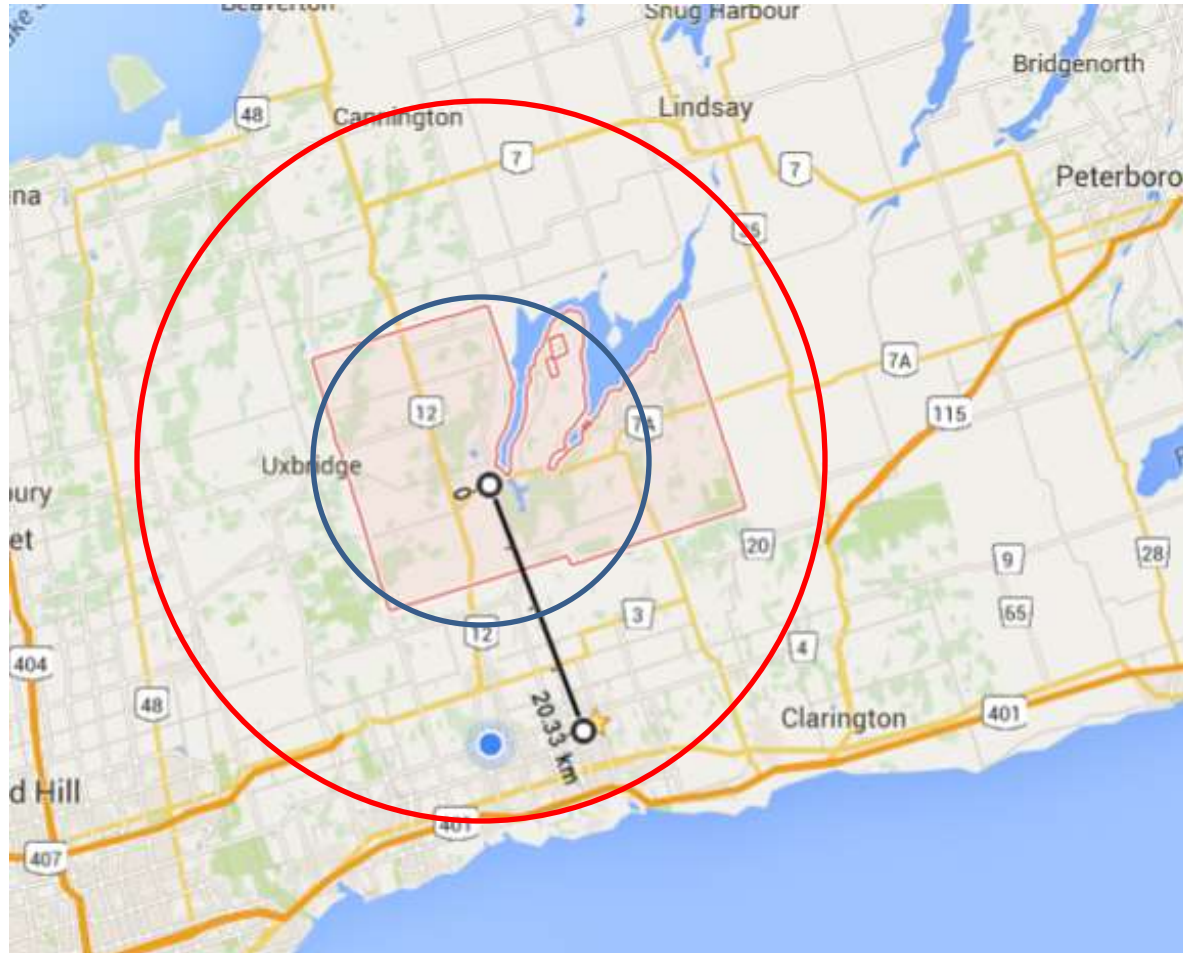
# WHO ARE WE?

- Founded in 2015, as a voice for the Region's 5 largest cycling club (1,500 + active members)
  - Oshawa Cycling Club
  - Durham Mountain Bike Association
  - Durham Cycling Club
  - Clarington Cycling Club
  - Uxbridge Cycling Club
- Endorsed by the Region's 5 bike shops
  - Impala, Northern, Bicycle Plus, Cycle Life, Bay Cycle
- We supports *all levels & types* of cyclists
- Including the *thousands* of local *non-club* cyclists

# WHY?

- We are promoting Safe Cycling throughout Durham Region, as an Active means of Transportation
- Why Cycling?
  - Healthier citizens
    - mind and body of cyclists (including children)
    - less \$'s used by health care systems
    - cyclists are more productive
    - less noise
  - Better for the Climate & Environment
    - small carbon footprint
    - most car trips are less than 10-15 km
    - less resources used to build and maintain
  - Economics
    - savings to health care system
    - less wear and tear to the infrastructure
    - less \$ per km or user, than cars for infrastructure
    - saves individuals money
    - reduces traffic
    - cyclist are more likely to stop and shop

# Map of Scugog 15- 30 km rings



Typical road rider will ride 60-120 km for a club ride – your customer base!

# Interconnection of cycling routes ...

...to the rest of Durham Region and beyond...

Advantages of these connections:

- A) Safer cycling for all!!!
- B) Cyclists as *commuters*
- C) Other Durham/York/Lindsay cyclists visiting Scugog (\$\$)
- D) Your local cyclists can ride safely to other areas in Durham region.
- E) Scugog should be better connected to cycle tourism (\$\$)
  - A) GreenBelt route (tourism)
  - B) Cyclists from Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa, Clarington (\$\$)
  - C) Trans Canada trail (tourism)
  - D) Oak Ridges trail (tourism)
  - E) Lake to lake to lake cycling trails/route idea in Brock Township...

# Cycling plan and Cycling committee?

the starting points of improvements - DRCC advice – you need both

## Scugog needs a Cycling Plan

- A cycling plan lets you 1<sup>st</sup> *develop* and then focus on a *longer term view* of what is important to Scugog
- They are *unique* to each municipality
- They help you *budget* and for town staff *planning*
- *Local cyclists* do want to help you (DRCC, UCC, DMBA, etc)

## We suggest Scugog creates a Cycling committee

(or Active Transportation Committee) – made up of local residents

- Helps *locals* provide input to the Cycling plan
- Helps further develop your cycling needs
- Advisory committee to Scugog council regarding AT
- Currently Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa have them...

# Cycling infrastructure – a team sport

**useable** cycling roads or routes...

- We understand that many of the roads cyclists use are not within any one municipalities control
- We all need to work together!
- We need to work on a regional funding strategy for common cycling infrastructure
- These photos are one of the main cycle tourists routes from the south...
  - ❖ Ashburn Road – in Scugog ... this is Durham's GreenBelt route



Summer 2014



Summer 2015



Fall 2015

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Summer 2016

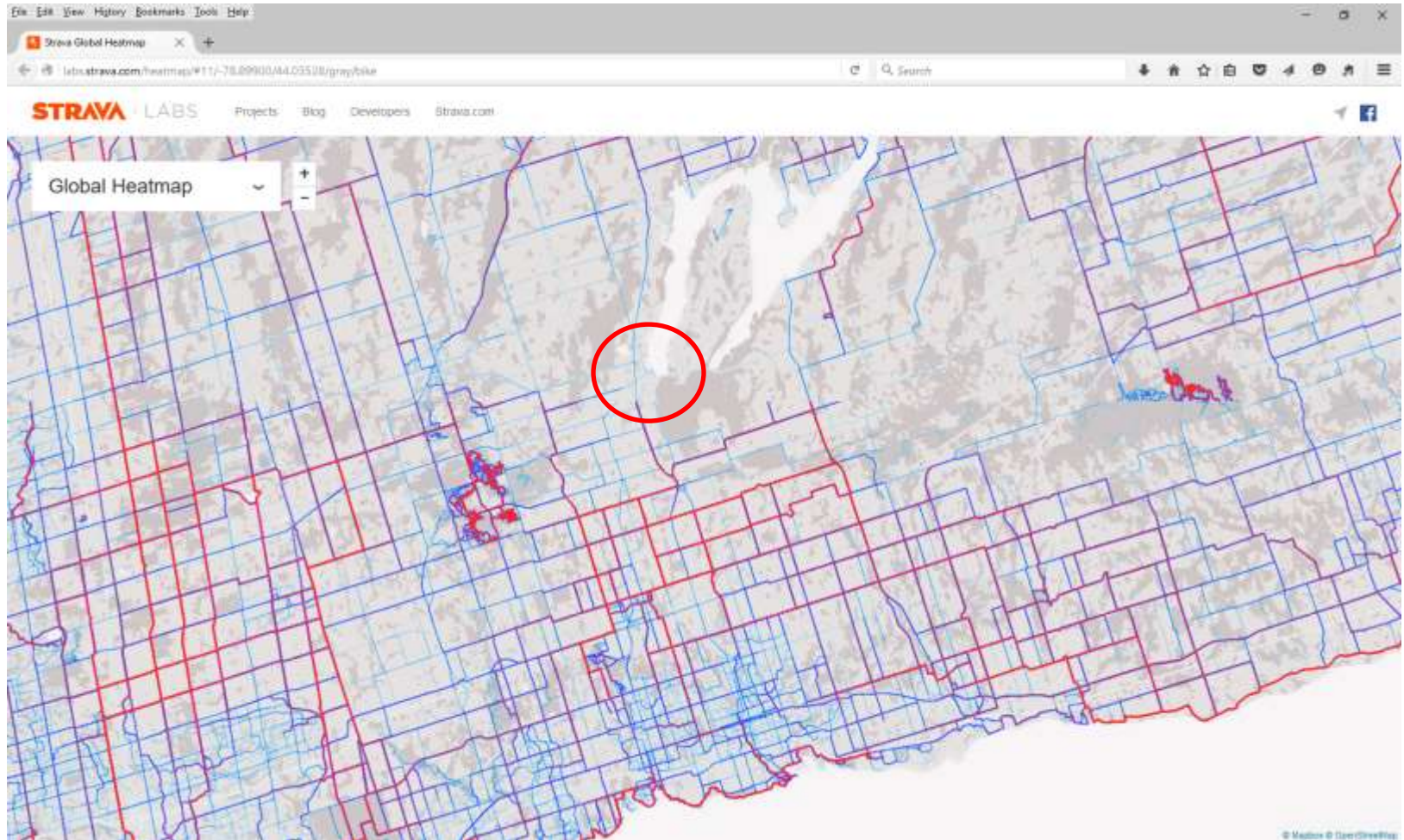
# Well known Cycling routes in Scugog

- **Ashburn Road** (Marsh Hill Road) Hoping for better in 2016?
  - GreenBelt route – major N/S for Regional Cyclists and tourism
- Durham RR#8 or **Reach Street** (E-W) Uxbridge/Port Perry
  - **Scugog Line 6** (E-W) Marsh Rd to Old Simcoe
- Scugog Line 4 (E-W) to Old Simcoe
- **Old Simcoe Street** (N-S) Purple Woods to Port Perry
- **Shirley Road** (E-W) to Old Scugog Road
- Edgerton Rd (E-W) McLaughlin Rd (N-S) to Nestleton Station
- **Nestleton Rd/McLaughlin Rd** (N-S) Edgerton Rd to RR#57
- **Old Scugog Road** (N-S)
  - Clarington, Burketon Station, Blackstock...)
- Durham RR#57 North of Blackstock to Caesarea to Viewlake
- **TransCanada Trail** Uxbridge to Blackwater to Lindsay



# Strava Heat Map

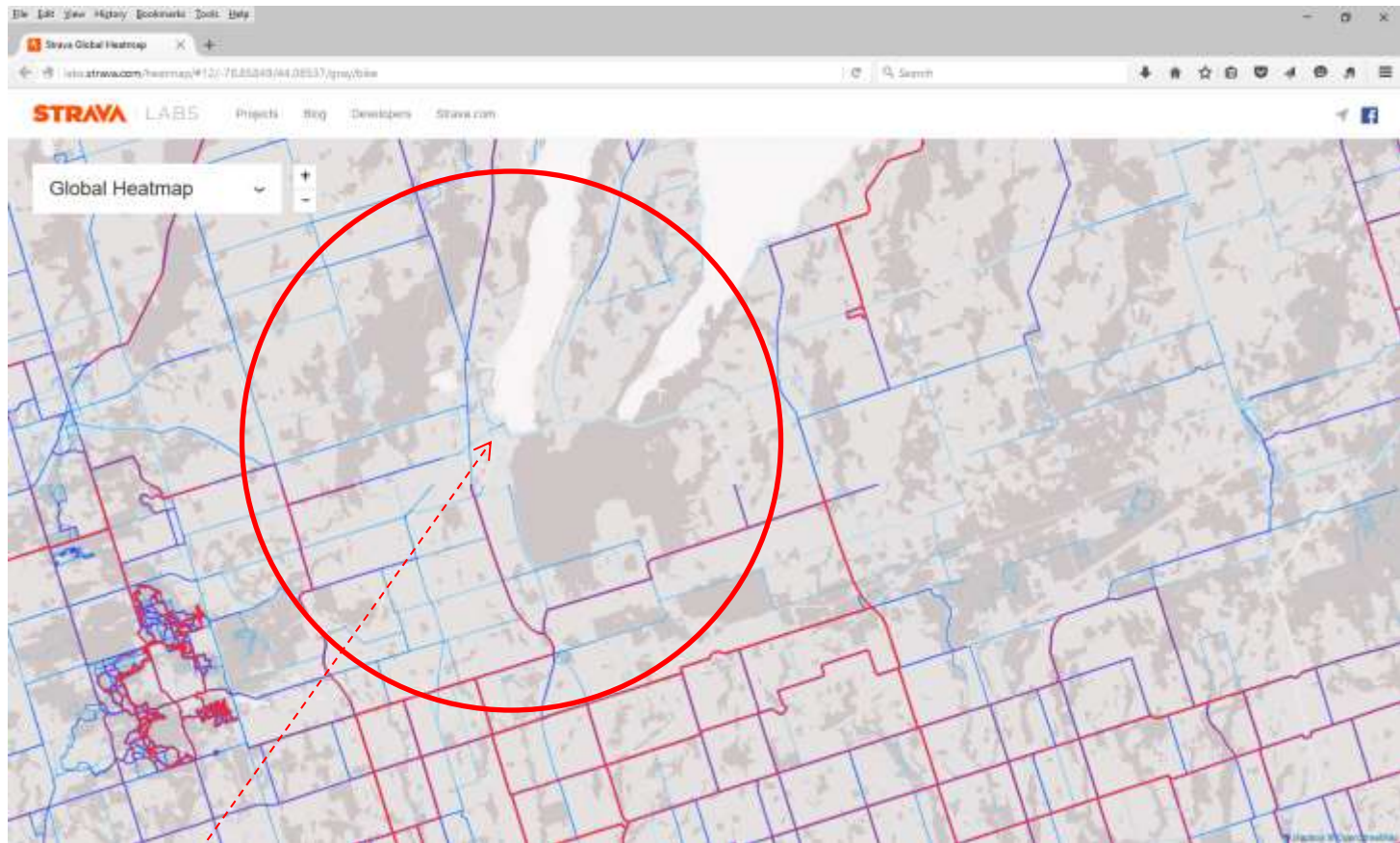
Created by 6M Runners & Cyclists world wide



Google “Strava heat map” ... it’s totally free and it shows where many of us ride

# Road cycling Improve safety

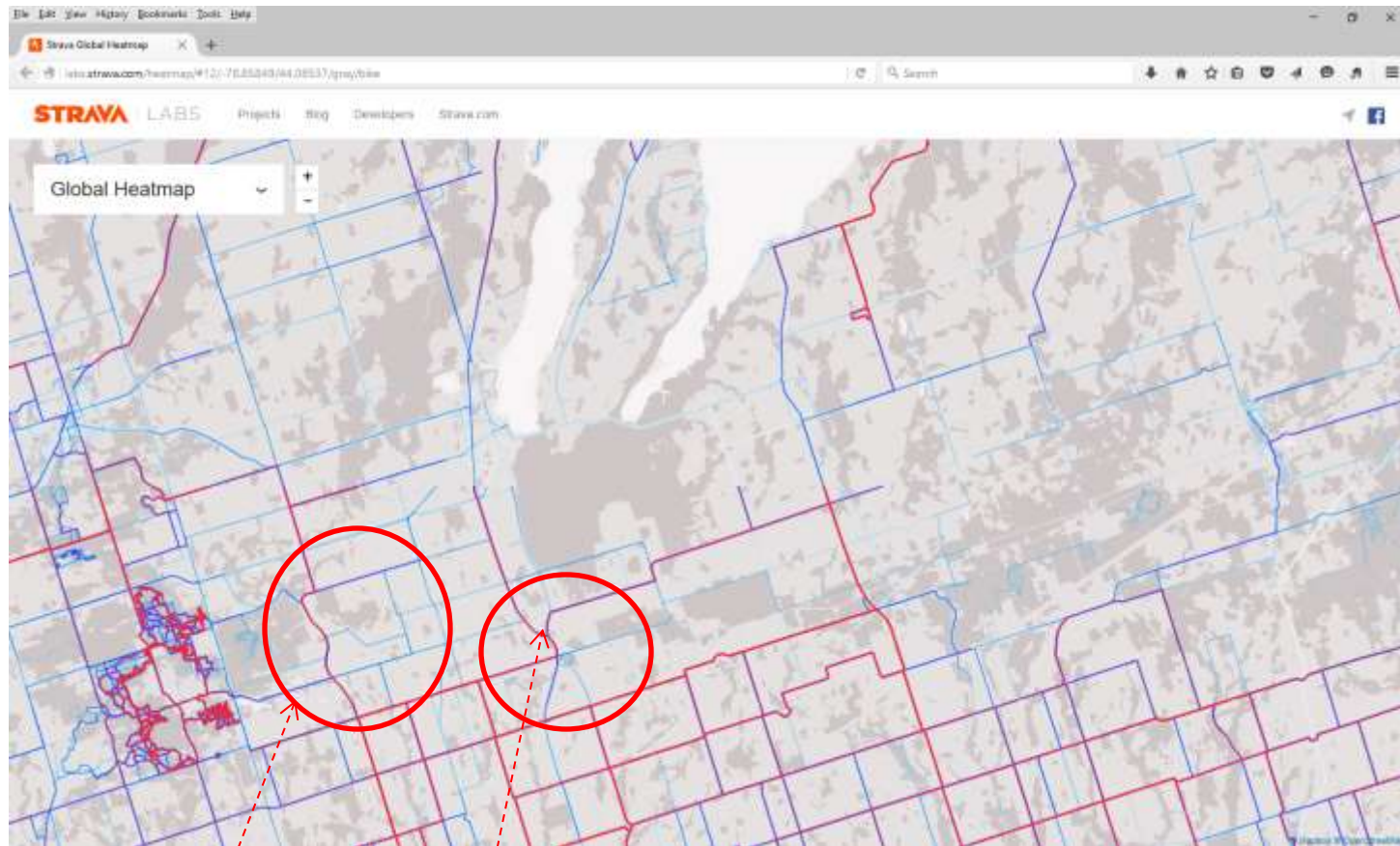
*where we ride...*



Port Perry is a bit of a dead zone for cycling... Ask yourselves why?  
Compared to Uxbridge... [www.durhamsafecycling.ca](http://www.durhamsafecycling.ca)

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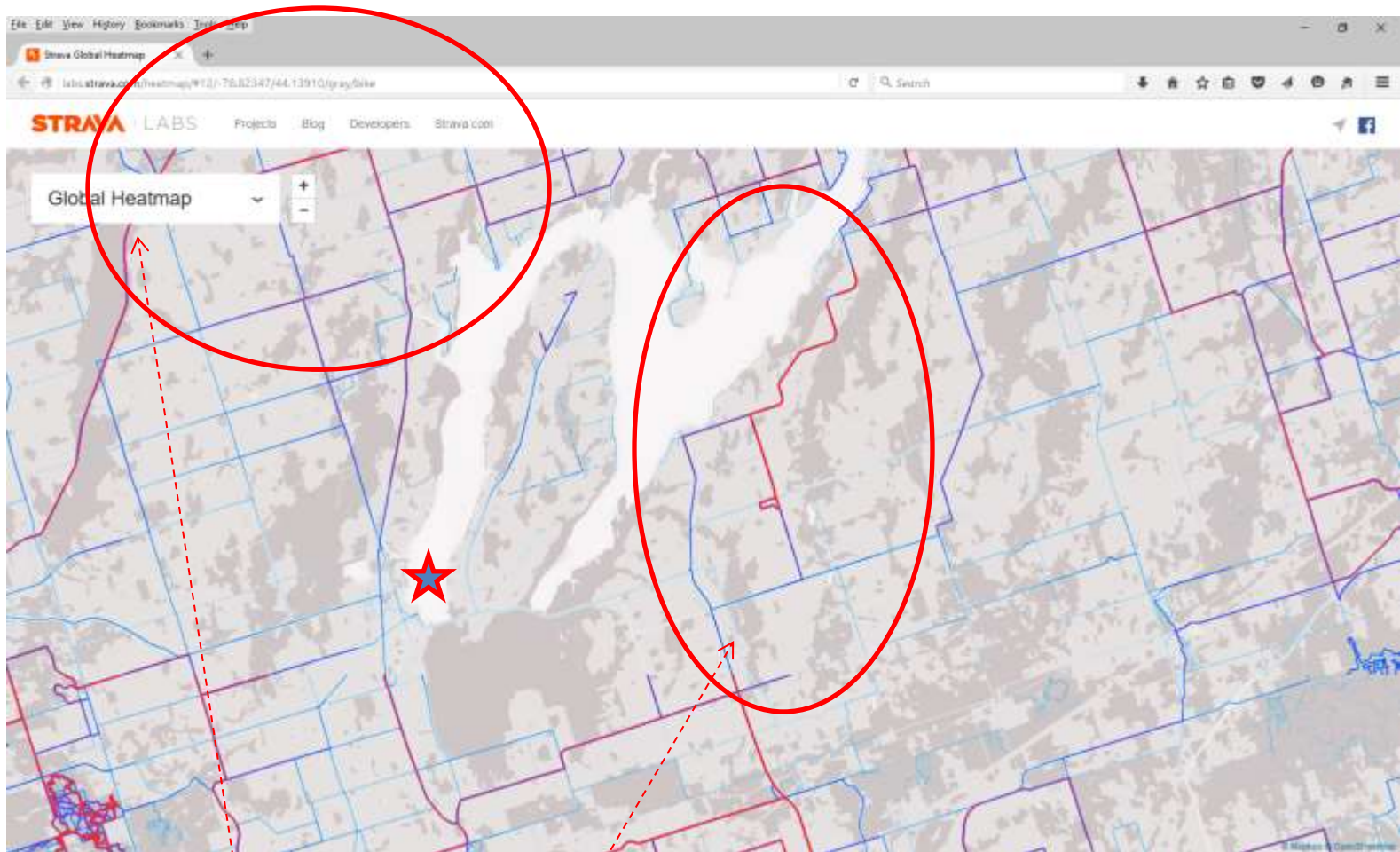
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Ashburn Road and Old Simcoe are key routes to the south

# Road cycling Improve safety

*where we ride...*



TransCanada Trail, Seagrave and Shirley/Old Scugog (RR#57) – Burketon Station, Blackstock, Caesarea, Viewlake... [www.durhamsafecycling.ca](http://www.durhamsafecycling.ca)

# Our advice... to start

- Create a **Active Transportation Committee** of council
- Develop a Scugog Cycling Plan (with your **ATC**)
- Upgrade and repair a few know cycling routes
- Support active transportation and healthy citizens



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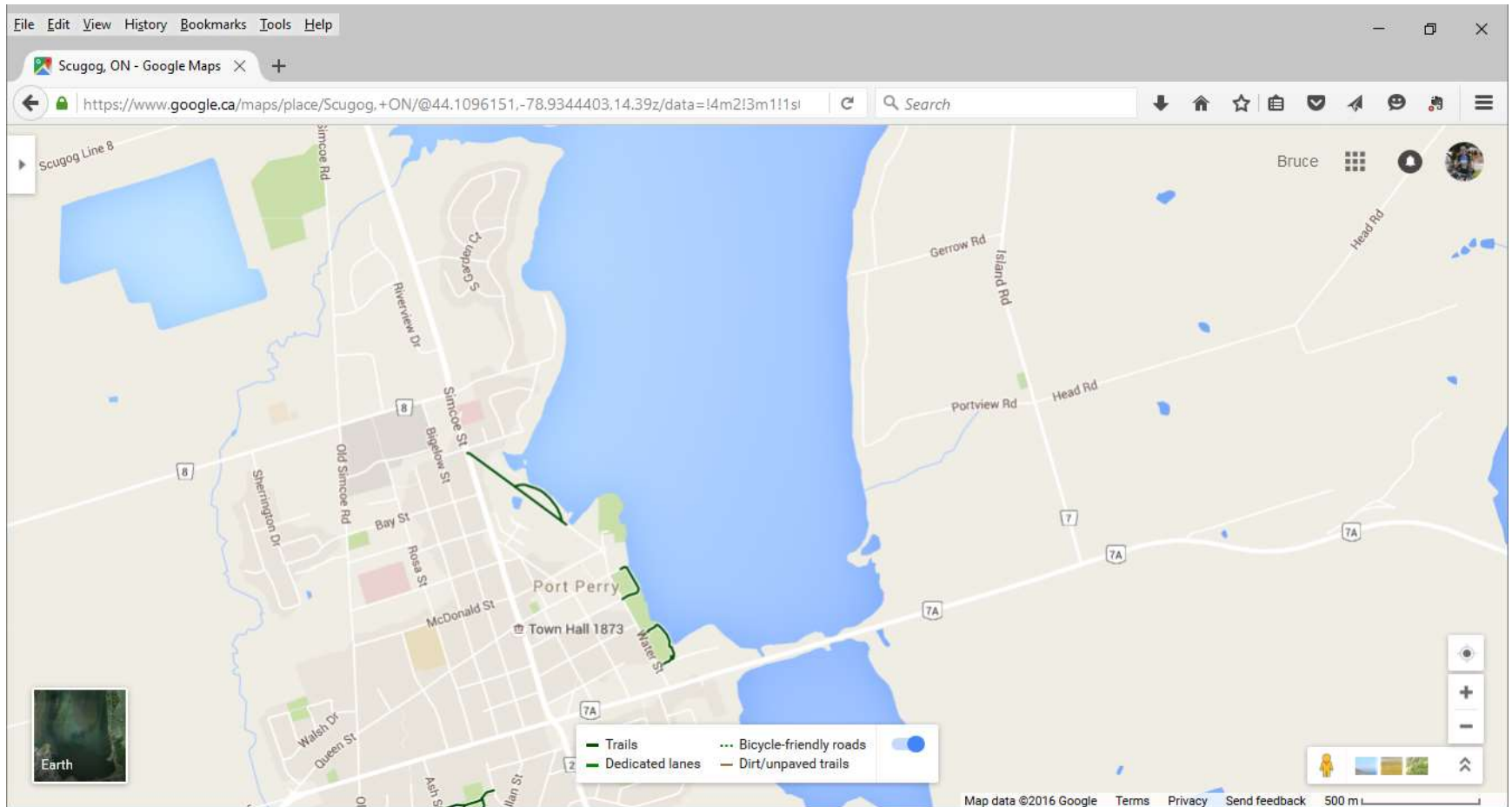
# We are all in this together...

- We do understand it can NOT all be done in 2016/17
- But we need to start, for the health, safety and enjoyment of your citizens
- Thank you for the *invitation for the DRCC* to come speak to you
- Do you have any questions?

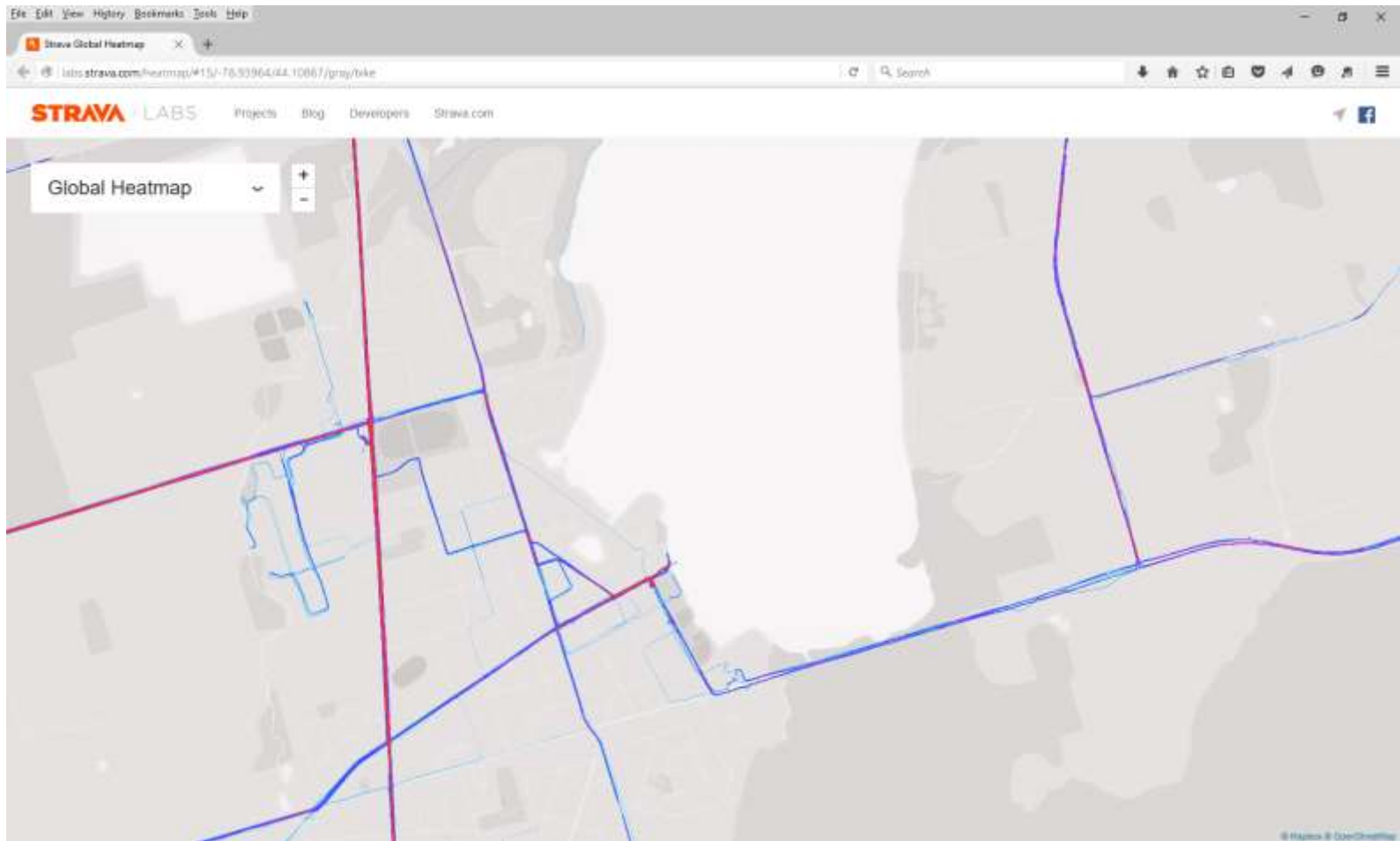


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# Cycling in Port Perry - Google

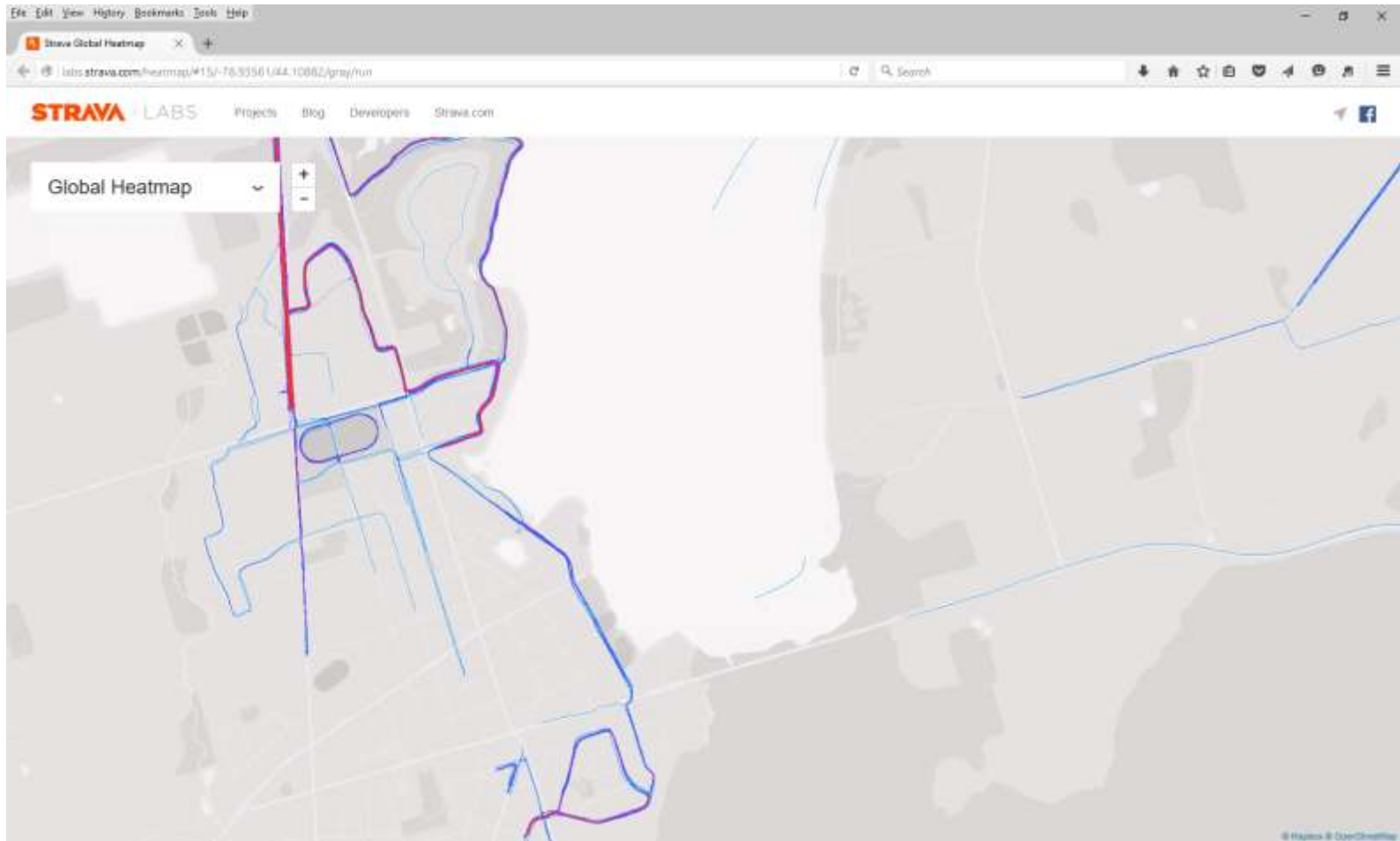


# Cycling in Port Perry – Strava Heat Map





# Run in Port Perry – Strava Heat Map



# Close gaps to Improve safety

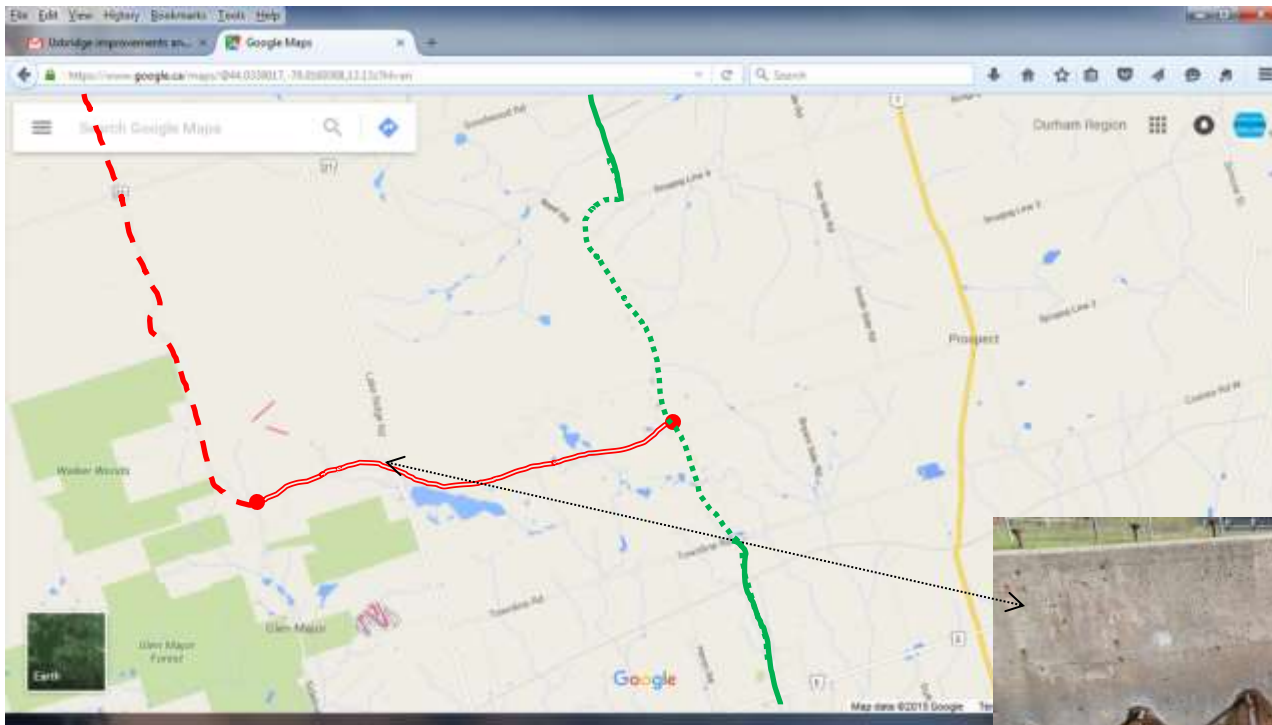
*from DRCC members perspective... Oshawa/Scugog*



Simcoe Street (Oshawa/Scugog)– link to Coates/Shirley Rd. - **Pave shoulder 1.5 km**

# Seek input from your local cyclists...

Support GreenBelt route alternative in our area ...  
...spring water break at Lake Ridge/Chalk Lake Rd



Stop for water break at Lake Ridge/Chalk Lake Road