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Please take notice that, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington intends to designate the property listed below as a property of cultural heritage landscape value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 (Ch.O.18, Sec. 29).

**209 Menzies Lane  
Fergus, Ontario**

Attached is a copy of the notice regarding the intent to designate. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Mariana Iglesias, MCIP, RPP, CAHP

Encl.

*Ontario Heritage Trust, 10 Adelaide St. E., Toronto ON M5C 1J3*

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE  
PROPERTY UNDER SECTION 29 (PART IV) OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE  
ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18**

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington intends to designate the property municipally known as 209 Menzies Lane, Part Lot U, Plan 239, Described as Part 1, Plan 61R-11476 (Templin Gardens) (see key map below) as a property of cultural heritage landscape value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Landscape Value:**

The cultural heritage landscape value of 209 Menzies Lane lies in its design value, its historical value, and its contextual value.

Templin Gardens is unique and representative, not only in the municipality but in the greater landscape, of a designed cultural heritage landscape walled garden, clearly defined, designed intentionally, and constructed for aesthetic reasons and to give pleasure. It displays a high degree of design/aesthetic appeal, with landscaped garden beds, meandering pathways, and limestone walls that are integrated with the limestone gorge of the Grand River in downtown Fergus. The Gardens demonstrate a high degree of technical achievement displaying the craftsmanship of the builder and reflecting the historical Scottish stone trades prevalent in this area.

The property's history is significant because of its association with John Charles Templin (1869-1939), owner of the *Fergus News Record* from 1902, Town Councillor, President of the Wellington District Press Association, and a Secretary of the Fergus Horticultural Society. Templin built the Gardens between 1920 and 1934 for his wife, Annie (nee Black 1871-1930), an avid gardener. The stonework was constructed by Roger Bricker, a Scottish master mason, and maintained by gardener John Johnson who lived on Colquhoun Street.

John's son, Hugh C. Templin (1896-1970), considered one of the best writers on a Canadian Weekly Press, inherited the newspaper after his father's death and retained Mr. Johnson to continue maintaining the gardens for several years after his father's death. When he retired from publishing he sold the Templin block on St. Andrew Street West. In the early 1980s, a garden restoration project made possible by the local Chamber of Commerce and Town Council was initiated and in 1985 the Gardens were restored and a long-term lease agreement between the Town and the owner was in place. In 2010, the Township of Centre Wellington purchased the Templin Gardens.

Templin Gardens is a significant public space within Fergus and the Township of Centre Wellington and strongly linked to the Grand River. The Gardens are a landmark within the Township of Centre Wellington and within the broader Grand River Watershed.

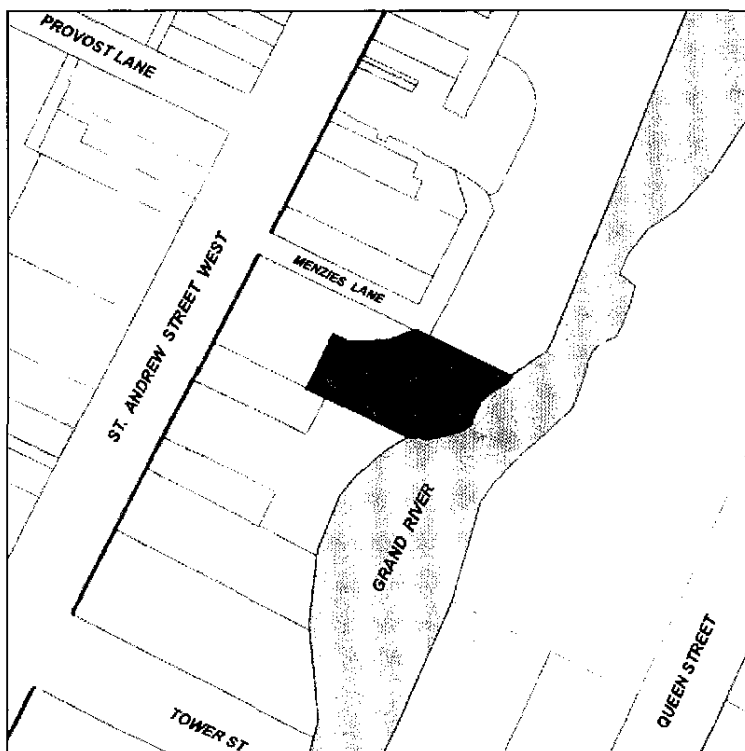
### **Description of Heritage Attributes:**

- The property as a coherent whole, with its landscaped beds, ornamental vegetation, paved pathways, all of which is still legible as a walled garden
- The stone walls in their entirety, with copings and cope stones
- The engraved plaque at the entry gate
- The cut stone stairs with access to the Grand River
- The stone archway and tiered stone garden beds
- The milestone marker located in the upper portion of the garden

Note: Excluded from the designation are the modern features installed as part of the refurbishment project in the early 1980s, including the curvilinear pathways of interlocking pavers and limestone trails, and the plant materials.

For further information with respect to the proposed designation please contact Mariana Iglesias, Senior Planner, at (519) 846-9691, Ext. 289.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Township of Centre Wellington on or before the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.



Dated at the Township of Centre Wellington this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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