



THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH
Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee
AGENDA

Thursday, January 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the W̱SÁNEĆ people which includes W̱JOLEŁP (Tsartlip) and S̱ÁUTW̱ (Tsawout) First Nations.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 Agenda of the January 13, 2025 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

Recommendation:

That the agenda of the January 13, 2025 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the November 28, 2024 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

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Recommendation:

That the minutes of the November 28, 2024 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

5. ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

6. COUNCIL REFERRALS

7. COUNCIL UPDATES (including tracking sheet)

7.1 Tracking Sheet

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THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

November 28, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

Present: David Willows (Chair), Katherine Beck (Panorama Recreation Centre), Charlene Froom, Vanessa Pettinger, Tracey Poole, Jennifer Van Es (SHOAL Centre), Lee York, Councillor Dibattista (District of North Saanich), Councillor Newton (District of Central Saanich), Councillor O’Keefe (Town of Sidney)

Absent: David Ryder

Staff Present: Emilie Gorman, Director of Corporate Officer/Corporate Officer (District of Central Saanich); Jenn Clary, Director of Engineering (Town of Sidney); Felice Mazzoni, Director of Planning & Community Services (District of North Saanich); Nareka Jacques, Corporate and Executive Services Assistant (District of Central Saanich)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair respectfully acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ people which includes WJOLELP (Tsartlip) and SXÁUTW (Tsawout) First Nations.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 Agenda of the November 28, 2024 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting
MOVED

That the agenda of the November 28, 2024 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the September 26, 2024 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting
MOVED

That the minutes of the September 26, 2024 Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as amended by correcting the spelling of a member's name.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. COUNCIL UPDATES (including tracking sheet)

7.1 Tracking Sheet

For information.

8. OTHER ITEMS

8.1 Diverse Abilities - IDEAL Staff Training Program

Vanessa Pettinger did an introduction on Diverse Abilities and the programs they offer with Gina Martin to both students and businesses that help to approach people with diverse abilities.

The Committee discussed approaching the Chamber of Commerce and the Sidney Business Improvement Area to give a presentation on what programs are available.

8.2 On-Street Accessible Parking Standard

The Town of Sidney's Director of Engineering provided a presentation on the report and answered questions from the Committee.

Victor Ngo & Kristen Machina from WATT Consulting Group provided a presentation and answered questions from the Committee.

The Committee discussed the following:

- including more side ramp parking spaces
- having various locations throughout the Town of Sidney that offer accessible parking (ie. in small lots, at businesses)
- supporting a 1.5-2 meter access aisle rather than a 2.5 meter access aisle
- ensuring that hatch spaces are visibly painted in a different colour so they are not parked over
- including signs on both ends of the on-street accessible parking space

10. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 11:44 p.m.

Chair

Emilie Gorman, Director of Corporate Services/Corporate Officer

SPAAC Recommendations to Councils Tracking Sheet

November 28, 2024 SPAAC Meeting – No recommendations

September 26, 2024 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 1: *That the Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee provide a letter of support for the District of North Saanich's application for the New Horizons for Seniors Program.* **COMPLETED**

July 25, 2024 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 1: *That the municipalities identify and put in place standards for accessible public EV charging stations.*

- **Central Saanich** – September 9, 2024 Council Meeting:
The District identify and put in place standards for accessible public EV charging stations.
- **Central Saanich** – September 9, 2024 Council Meeting:
That the motion from the Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee to have the municipalities of Central Saanich, North Saanich, and Sidney identify and put in place standards for accessible public EV charging stations, be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, to be done province-wide.
- **Sidney** – September 9, 2024 Council Meeting:
That Town staff identify and put in place standards for accessible public EV charging stations.
- **North Saanich** – September 23, 2024 Council Meeting
That Council refer the following items to the District's Community Planning Advisory Committee for input:
 1. *Councillor DiBattista's September 23, 2024, Notice of Motion in regards to standards for accessible public EV charging stations in the District of North Saanich; and*
 2. *Councillor DiBattista's September 23, 2024, Notice of Motion in regards to the development of an events checklist and guidance document, as required by the District's Accessibility Plan, that, for community events there be a dedicated area for accessible seating or viewing and dedicated accessible parking in close proximity to the event and that this information be included in all advertising for the event.*

July 25, 2024 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 2: *In the development of an events checklist and guidance document as required by the municipality's accessibility plans, that for community events there be a dedicated area for accessible seating or viewing and dedicated accessible parking in close proximity to the event and that this information be included in all advertising for the event.*

- **Central Saanich** – September 9, 2024 Council Meeting:
In the development of an events checklist and guidance document as required by the District's accessibility plans, that for community events, that are hosted by or sponsored by the District, there be a dedicated area for accessible seating or viewing and dedicated accessible parking in close proximity to the event and that this information be included in all advertising for the event.
- **Sidney** – September 9, 2024 Council Meeting:
That Town staff in the development of a community events checklist and guidance document, as required by the Town's Accessibility Plan, there be a dedicated area for accessible seating or

viewing and dedicated accessible parking in close proximity to the event and that this information be included in all advertising for the event.

- **North Saanich** – To come following their September 23, 2024 Council Meeting

May 23, 2024 SPAAC Meeting - No recommendations

March 28, 2024 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation – 1: That the municipalities support National AccessAbility Week (May 26-June 1) by using their communication channels to promote awareness of AccessAbility Week and AccessAbility Day at the SHOAL Centre on Saturday, June 1. **COMPLETED**

Central Saanich – April 22, 2024 Council Meeting - That the District support National AccessAbility Week (May 26-June 1) by using communication channels to promote awareness of AccessAbility Week and AccessAbility Day at the SHOAL Centre on Saturday, June 1.

North Saanich – April 8, 2024 Council Meeting - That District of North Saanich Council support National AccessAbility Week (May 26-June 1) by using their communication channels to promote awareness of AccessAbility Week and AccessAbility Day at the SHOAL Centre on Saturday, June 1.

Sidney – April 8, 2024 Council Meeting - That the Town support National AccessAbility Week (May 26-June 1) by using their communication channels to promote awareness of AccessAbility Week and AccessAbility Day at the SHOAL Centre on Saturday, June 1.

January 25, 2024 SPAAC Meeting - No recommendations

November 23, 2023 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 1: That Town of Sidney Council consider additional accessibility structures and design and bring a revised plan forward with items such as: 1. A play structure to accommodate a wheelchair; 2. A rubberized surface for play area; 3. Improved access to all areas including the playground, picnic area, and multisport court; 4. A covered picnic shelter; 5. An open accessible play space; and 6. A more central location for washroom facilities. **COMPLETED**

Central Saanich – December 11, 2023 Council Meeting – N/A

North Saanich – December 4, 2023 Council Meeting – N/A

Sidney – December 4, 2023 Council Meeting - 1. That staff work with Habitat Systems Inc. on a modified playground design that includes rubberized surfacing and falls within the available playground budget of \$130,000; and 2. That staff report back to Council regarding the final design for their review and consideration. 3. That when staff report back to Council regarding the final design, they bring forward information on options for a play structure to accommodate a wheelchair in Brethour Park.

September 27, 2023 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 1: That Sidney, North Saanich & Central Saanich promote parking accessibility in the month of November. **COMPLETED**

Central Saanich – October 10, 2023 Council Meeting - That the District promote parking accessibility in the month of November.

North Saanich – November 20, 23 Council Meeting – That the District promote parking accessibility in the month of November

Sidney – October 10, 2023 Council Meeting - That the Town promote parking accessibility in the month of November.

September 27, 2023 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 2: Staff be directed to review options to address enforcement around the use of accessible parking spaces.

Central Saanich – October 10, 2023 Council Meeting - Staff be directed to review options to address enforcement around the use of accessible parking spaces.

North Saanich - November 20, 23 Council Meeting – Staff be directed to review options to address enforcement around the use of accessible parking spaces.

Sidney – October 10, 2023 Council Meeting – None – Concerns were raised with respect to authority to enforce parking on private property.

July 27, 2023 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 1: Local Community Accessibility Grant Program (SPARC BC) - that the Town of Sidney make an application to the Local Community Accessibility Grant Program after the Accessibility Plan is adopted. **COMPLETED**

Central Saanich – September 11, 2023 Council Meeting – N/A

North Saanich – September 11, 2023 Council Meeting – N/A

Sidney – August 21, 2023 Council Meeting – That the Town of Sidney make an application to the Local Community Accessibility Grant Program after the Accessibility Plan is adopted.

July 27, 2023 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 2: Guidelines for Decorative Crosswalk Markings - that Central Saanich, North Saanich and Sidney give consideration to incorporating MOTI's Technical Bulletin T-02/2022 into municipal design standards for any crosswalk that does not conform to current Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Device pavement markings. **COMPLETED**

Central Saanich – September 11, 2023 Council Meeting – None - Staff advised they have already received direction from the Ministry and the work is planned to be undertaken.

North Saanich - September 11, 2023 Council Meeting – That Council give consideration to incorporating Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure’s Technical Bulletin T-02/22 into municipal design standards for any crosswalk that does not conform to current Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Device pavement markings.

Sidney – August 21, 2023 Council Meeting - That the Town give consideration to incorporating MOTI's Technical Bulletin T-02/2022 into municipal design standards for any crosswalk that does not conform to current Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Device pavement markings.

May 25, 2023 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 1: Sidney Downtown Parking Study – That Sidney Council direct staff to consult with SPAAC on the issues of residential parking permits and time limited parking.

Central Saanich – June 12, 2023 Council Meeting – N/A

North Saanich – June 19, 2023 Council Meeting – N/A

Sidney – June 12, 2023 Council Meeting – That Staff include in their existing consultation planned with SPAAC, on Downtown parking, the issues of residential parking permits and timed limited parking, and allow for feedback to staff from SPAAC.

May 25, 2023 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 2: Proposed Changes to the BC Building Code - That the Councils direct staff to review the proposed changes relating to the BC Building Code. **N/A**

Central Saanich - June 12, 2023 Council Meeting – None - Staff advised Council that they had already reviewed the summary of proposed changes and will ensure the District is up to date on requirements should the changes be adopted.

North Saanich – June 19, 2023 Council Meeting - Direct staff to review the proposed changes relating to the BC Building Code as recommended by SPAAC at their meeting held on May 25, 2023.

Sidney – June 12, 2023 Council Meeting – None – That SPAAC's recommendation regarding the proposed changes relating to the BC Building Code be referred back to SPAAC for more clarity.

May 25, 2023 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 3: Central Saanich Police Joining SPAAC - That SPAAC give their endorsement to the Central Saanich Police Service joining the Committee. **COMPLETED**

Central Saanich - June 12, 2023 and October 10, 2023 Council Meeting – None - Council will review the updated Terms of Reference once provided by staff; and That an amendment to SPAAC's Terms of Reference be approved to include the Central Saanich Police Department as a voting member.

North Saanich – June 19, 2023 Council Meeting – Direct staff to write an amendment to SPAAC's Terms of Reference to allow the Central Saanich Police Service to join the Committee as a voting member.

Sidney – June 12, 2023 Council Meeting – None – To be clarified by staff as to whether voting or non-voting member.

March 23, 2023 SPAAC Meeting - No recommendations

January 26, 2023 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 1: Accessibility Plan - that the Committee's Draft Framework and notes for discussion on the formation of an accessibility plan be referred to staff and that they be directed to work jointly on a Peninsula-wide approach to the development of each community's Accessibility Plan. **COMPLETED**

Central Saanich – February 13, 2023 and June 12, 2023 Council Meeting - That the SPAAC's Draft Framework and notes for discussion on the formation of an accessibility plan be referred to staff and that they be directed to work jointly on a Peninsula-wide approach to the development of each community's Accessibility Plan.

North Saanich – March 27, 2023 Council Meeting - That Council 1) Endorse the Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee's Draft Framework of a District of North Saanich Accessibility Plan, and 2) Approve the District's collaboration with the District of Central Saanich and the Town of Sidney to retain the services of a consultant to draft 3 Peninsula Accessibility Plans to address the needs of each municipality accordingly.

Sidney – March 13, 2023 Council Meeting - That SPAAC's Draft Framework and notes for discussion on the formation of an accessibility plan be referred to staff and that they be directed to work jointly on a Peninsula-wide approach to the development of each community's Accessibility Plan.

January 26, 2023 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 2: Taxi Services - that staff investigate options to require taxi companies in our jurisdiction to accept taxi saver vouchers. N/A

Central Saanich – February 13, 2023 Council Meeting – No action - Staff advised that the regulation of taxi companies falls within the authority of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

North Saanich – March 27, 2023 Council Meeting – No action - Staff noted that the District does not have the authority to impose requirements such as this on taxi companies.

Sidney – March 13, 2023 Council Meeting – No action - Staff noted that the Town does not have the regulatory power to require taxi companies to accept taxi saver vouchers, nor the authority to impose such a condition to their business licences.

January 26, 2023 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 3: Emergency Plan – 1) that emergency plans are reviewed to ensure that the needs of person with disabilities are incorporated; and 2) in their review, staff refer to the emergency planning resources from Disability Alliance BC.

Central Saanich – February 13, 2023 Council Meeting - That staff be directed to ensure that when emergency plans are reviewed, the needs of persons with disabilities are incorporated, including using emergency planning resources from Disability Alliance BC

North Saanich – March 27, 2023 Council Meeting – None – Council did not pass a resolution – the Committee minutes were received for information

Sidney – March 13, 2023 – 1) That staff review the Town's emergency plans, as per the 2024 legislative review, and ensure that the needs of persons with disabilities are incorporated; and 2) That, in that review, staff refer to the emergency planning resources from Disability Alliance BC.

January 26, 2023 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 4: Emergency Dispatch System - To investigate options to include locations of interest in the emergency dispatch system to identify person with disabilities. N/A

Central Saanich – February 13, 2023 Council Meeting – That no action or direction be taken on the motion requesting that the District investigate options to include locations of interest in the emergency dispatch systems to identify persons with disabilities.

North Saanich – March 27, 2023 – None – Council did not pass a resolution – the Committee minutes were received for information

Sidney – March 13, 2023 – None – Staff noted that per of the emergency dispatch service is to identify whether a person is readily able to self-evacuate, and that information is the most current and directly relayed to the first responder.

November 24, 2022 SPAAC Meeting - No recommendations

September 22, 2022 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 1: BC Transit HandiDart - That the Councils consider writing to BC Transit regarding the HandiDart program's inability to service school properties **N/A**

Central Saanich - October 3, 2022 Council Meeting – No action - It was reported at the next SPAAC meeting by Councillor O’Keeffe that BC Transit has been contacted and that they have confirmed their HandiDart program does include transportation to schools.

North Saanich - October 3, 2022 Council Meeting – No action - Staff determined that BC Transit had been contacted and that they have confirmed their HandiDart program does include transportation to schools.

Sidney - October 3, 2022 Council Meeting – No action - Councillor O’Keeffe advised that, since the last Committee meeting, BC Transit has been contacted and that they have confirmed their HandiDart program does include transportation to schools.

September 22, 2022 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 2: Intersection Safety - That Sidney Council consider referring a review of the intersection at Harbour Road and Resthaven Drive to staff. **N/A**

Sidney – October 3, 2022 Council Meeting – No action - Staff advised that improvements were made to the intersection in 2019, including reconstruction of the curb drops, and re-alignment of the stop bar and the crosswalk, in order to make it a safer pedestrian crossing.

September 22, 2022 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 3: Development Variance 10330 McDonald Park Road - That North Saanich Council not support the variances requested as outlined in the staff report to allow an exemption from using the original minimum off-street parking requirement to calculate requirements for accessible parking spaces.

North Saanich – October 3, 2022 Council Meeting - That Council authorize the issuance of DVP to vary the following sections of Zoning Bylaw No. 1255:

Section 305.2(a) – Accessible Parking Spaces Requirement from 9 spaces to 8 spaces

Section 305.2(b) – Limited Mobility Parking Spaces from 18 spaces to 15 spaces; and,

Section 305.3 – an exemption from using the original minimum off-street parking requirement to calculate required Accessible Parking Spaces as outlined in staff report.

August 25, 2022 SPAAC Meeting Recommendation 1: Feedback Mechanisms - That the Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that each municipality SPAAC (Central Saanich, Sidney and North Saanich) have a process in place to let individuals know how to direct concerns about accessibility issues in their community. **COMPLETED**

Central Saanich – June 12, 2023 Council Meeting - That staff report back to Council once the Accessibility Plan has been adopted, with recommendations for a process to let individuals know how to direct concerns about accessibility issues in the community.

North Saanich – September 20, 2023 Council Meeting - Staff advised there is already a mechanism in place for the public to direct a variety of concerns including accessibility via the website's contact/feedback form

Sidney – September 26, 2022 Council Meeting - That staff consider options for how to appropriately meet future legislative requirements (i.e. Part 3 of the Accessible BC Act) that will inform individuals how to appropriately direct their feedback about accessibility issues to the Town.

June 23, 2022 SPAAC Meeting - No recommendations



The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich

REGULAR COUNCIL REPORT

For the Regular Council meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024

Re: DRAFT Parks and Trails Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Staff be directed to initiate the public consultation process to seek community feedback on the Plan's objectives, opportunities, and proposed improvements.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to present the DRAFT Parks and Trails Master Plan to Council and seek direction to proceed with the next phase of public engagement. The Plan provides a long-term vision and actionable framework for the enhancement, development, and management of parks, trails, and shoreline accesses within the District of Central Saanich. It aims to align with the community's recreational needs, environmental stewardship goals, and the District's strategic priorities by identifying opportunities for improved accessibility, connectivity, and sustainable growth of the park system.

BACKGROUND:

Since the adoption of the last Parks and Trails Master Plan in 1996, Central Saanich has undergone significant demographic changes, urban growth, and shifts in recreational trends. Population growth, particularly among young families and older adults, has highlighted the need for more diverse park amenities to accommodate various age groups and abilities. Additionally, the community has shown increased interest in protecting natural ecosystems and improving access to green spaces. These evolving priorities called for a new Parks and Trails Master Plan that addresses both current and future needs.

In 2023, Council directed staff to develop an updated plan to reflect today's community needs and explore opportunities for the District's parks and trails. Recognizing the value of public input, the planning process was designed to be collaborative and inclusive, beginning with a series of community surveys, workshops, and stakeholder meetings to gather feedback on park use and future aspirations.

Public input highlighted several key areas of focus:

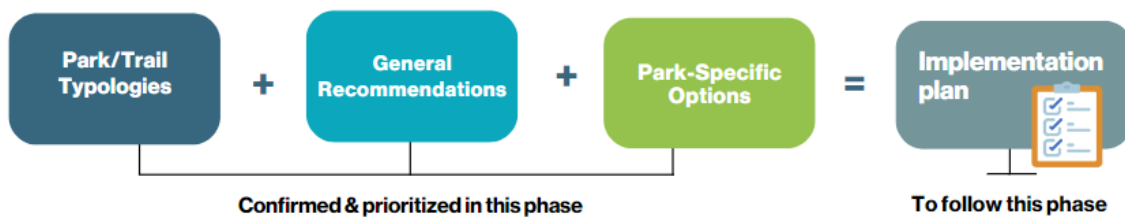
- Improving accessibility to ensure parks and trails are inclusive for all ages and abilities.
- Expanding recreational amenities, with specific calls for enhanced playgrounds, sports facilities, youth amenities, and natural areas.
- Strengthening connectivity within the District's trail network to support active transportation, linking parks to residential areas, schools, and commercial hubs.
- Enhancing the protection of natural environments, particularly through efforts to manage invasive species and protect sensitive ecosystems.

- Improving shoreline access and creating opportunities for water-based recreation.

DISCUSSION:

The DRAFT Parks and Trails Master Plan establishes a structured approach for developing and managing Central Saanich’s parkland by integrating three key components: Park and Trail Typologies, General Recommendations, and Park-Specific options. Together, these elements provide a comprehensive and flexible framework to help the District prioritize, phase, and implement improvements that enhance the parks and trails system.

These three components will work together to inform a detailed Implementation Plan with budgeting considerations and will serve as the operational guide for executing the Master Plan. The Implementation Plan will prioritize projects based on community input, financial considerations and other strategic priorities.



Park and Trail Typologies:

The DRAFT Plan categorizes parks and trails into distinct typologies based on their function, size, and use. This classification system allows the District to respond to local needs and ensure there is a range of different experiences for park users. Typologies help set ideal standards that can be realized across the parks and trails within these categories and can assist in the management of park land including future land acquisition and operational/capital improvements. They can also be used to help the public identify, at a high level, the features that they can expect to find in any park.

Park Typologies

	Community Parks	Neighbourhood Parks	Nature Parks
Description	Large destination spaces that benefit the broader community.	Respond to localized outdoor recreation needs of residents.	Dedicated for community access to nature and can include conservation and protection.
Examples	Centennial Park	Adam Kerr Park	Gore Park
Ideal Amenities	Mowed grass area, trails, playground with fencing along roads, benches or picnic table, waste facility, dog bag dispenser, bike racks, shade trees, and signage and wayfinding.	Mowed grass area, trails, playground with fencing along roads, benches or picnic table, waste facility, dog bag dispenser, bike racks, shade trees, and signage and wayfinding.	Trails, fencing in environmentally sensitive areas, benches at rest/viewpoints, bike racks, and signage and wayfinding

General Recommendations:

The DRAFT Plan also establishes a set of general recommendations that apply across the entire parks and trails system. These recommendations are broken down into five high level categories including

Parkland, Park Amenities, Trails, Shoreline Access, and Environment. These categories are then broken into high level priorities including:

- Planning & Design
- Accessibility
- Signage and Wayfinding
- Land Acquisition & Disposition
- Maintenance & Management
- Partnerships

And a few category specific priorities including:

- Playgrounds & Youth Amenities
- Sport Courts and Fields
- Community Gardens
- Boat launches
- Tree Canopy
- Invasive Species

These recommendations provide the guiding framework for park, trail, and shoreline access point development, ensuring alignment with broader District policies, best practices, and community aspirations.

Park-Specific Options:

In addition to typologies and general recommendations, the DRAFT Master Plan identifies specific options for individual parks, trails, and shoreline access points tailored to the unique needs, and opportunities identified through the first round of community engagement and staff assessments. These actions offer a clear roadmap for targeted investments, addressing both immediate improvements and longer-term projects. This section will be a key focus of community engagement to ensure alignment with community desires.

IMPLICATIONS:

Strategic

The Master Plan will ensure that park development and trail improvements contribute to the broader vision in the OCP, including enhancing green spaces, promoting active lifestyles, and supporting environmental stewardship. This project aligns with 2024-2027 Strategic Plan's priorities: "Investing in Infrastructure and Active Transportation", Foster a Community of Inclusion, Diversity and Accessibility and Champion Climate Adaptation, Mitigation and Preparedness." Projects that improve walkability, cycling routes, and overall connectivity will also support the goals of the Active Transportation Plan, ensuring the integration of parks and trails into the District's sustainable transportation network.

Financial/ Resource

Implementing the Parks and Trails Master Plan will require careful future financial planning strategies and budgeting. Currently there are no reserve funds set aside for new parks assets, and the new infrastructure financial strategy, at least in the short term, is committed to escalating active transportation works. The goal of this engagement phase is to confirm proposed actions; and identify community priorities to guide the creation of an Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan will include estimated costs and financial strategy options to advance these priorities over time.

The Long-Term Financial Strategy and Asset Management Plan (2022) (AMP) is used to help the District make informed decisions about its assets and financial strategies for service and financial resiliency. The

AMP ensures alignment between the level of service that is being provided and resilient funding levels required to sustain it for future asset replacement. Replacement and repair of existing 2022 park and trail assets are included in the AMP. Therefore, the District has been preparing for their “end of life” replacement and will be funded through a capital reserve or debt, depending on the project. Any actions within the Implementation Plan that include significant improvements, or new infrastructure will need to be referred to the update to the AMP that is scheduled for 2026. The District is also updating the Development Cost Charge (DCC) Bylaw and the Amenity Cost Charge (ACC) Bylaw (new) in 2025 and 2026. DCCs and ACCs are charges by the District to Developers to help pay for new infrastructure and amenities that are required based on the growth of the community. The Implementation Plan will help inform that process. Projected revenue from DCCs and ACCs are included in the AMP as part of the funding model. In addition, the DRAFT Masterplan identifies recommendations to help increase funding, including the revitalization of a donation and legacy program and the creation of a corporate sponsorship policy. The plan also encourages the use of partnerships, such as the Peninsula Recreation Commission, and to apply for applicable grants.

First Nations

As part of engagement, staff will work with WJOLELP (Tsartlip), and SXÁUTW (Tsawout) First Nations to incorporate their perspectives, goals, and knowledge into the Parks and Trails Master Plan. This outreach is essential to ensure that the plan reflects the cultural, historical, and environmental significance of the land to the Nations.

OPTIONS:

Option 1 (recommended):

Staff be directed to initiate the public consultation process to seek community feedback on the Plan’s objectives, opportunities, and proposed improvements.

Option 2:

That alternate direction be provided.

CONCLUSION:

The DRAFT Parks and Trails Master Plan represents a comprehensive and forward-thinking approach to enhancing Central Saanich's green spaces, supporting active transportation, and fostering environmental stewardship. Through community engagement and alignment with the Official Community Plan and Active Transportation Plan, the Master Plan will serve as a strategic guide for the District's future investments in parkland.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Initiate public engagement to gather feedback on the draft Plan.
2. Revise the Plan based on community input and finalize it for Council approval.
3. Develop an implementation strategy and budget for phased improvements to ensure the sustainable development of parks and trails.

Report written by:	Julie Bull, Community Planner
Respectfully submitted by:	Jarret Matanowitsch, Director of Planning and Building Services
Concurrence by:	Christine Culham, Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A: DRAFT Parks & Trails Master Plan

Appendix B: DRAFT Park & Trail Specific Actions

Appendix C: Parks & Trails Appendix

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DRAFT PARK SPECIFIC ACTIONS

Items within this section are contingent upon the creation of an implementation plan that considers available budget, project priorities, and engagement.

LEGEND

PARK CATEGORY

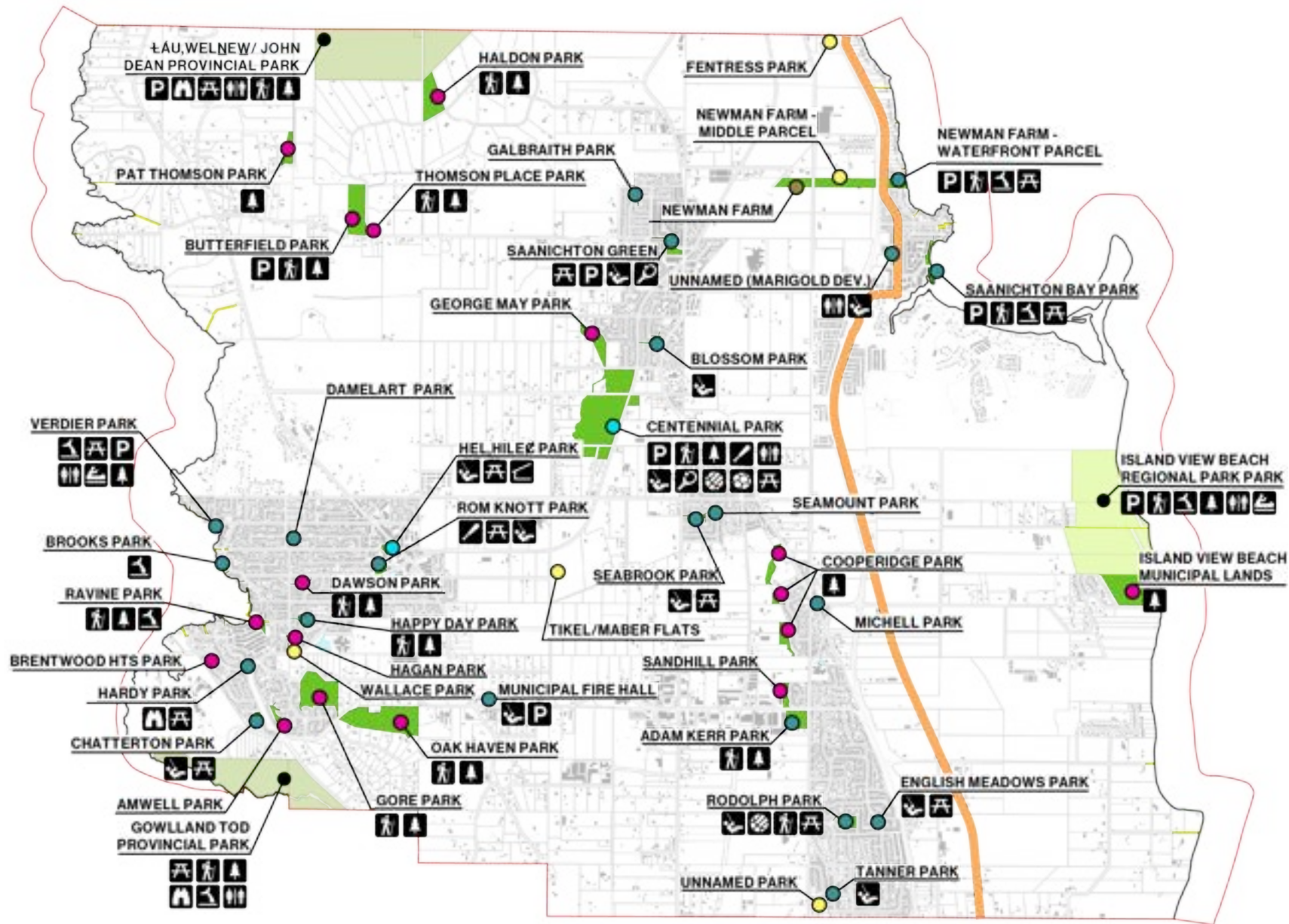
- District Park
- Shoreline Access
- Provincial Park
- Regional Park

PARK TYPE

- Community Park
- Nature Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- Undeveloped Park
- Culture and Heritage Park
- Provincial Park

AMENITIES / FEATURES

- Natural Area
- Hiking / Trails
- Parking
- Washroom
- Playground
- Picnic Tables
- Viewpoint
- Sports Field
- Sport Court
- Baseball Diamond
- Tennis / Pickleball Courts
- Shoreline Access
- Non-Motorized Boat Launch
- Stage



EXISTING PARKS AND AMENITIES

6.1

COMMUNITY PARKS

Community Parks are large destination parks that benefit the broader community. Centrally located. They appeal to the broad community as well as to visitors and include a diverse collection of features and facilities.

Park Standards and Amenities: Mowed grass area, trails, playground with fencing along roads, benches or picnic table, waste facility, dog bag dispenser, bike racks, shade trees, and signage and wayfinding.

6.1.1 CENTENNIAL PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

playgrounds (2-5 yrs)
playgrounds (5-12 yrs)
swing
sport court
picnic areas
field house
sports fields
ball diamonds
concession stands
picnic shelters
tennis courts
lawn bowling
nature trails
creek

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Make accessible improvements to furnishings, and other amenities.
- Consider developing a teen/youth amenity (bike pump track, volleyball court etc.).
- Consider a dedicated fenced off-leash dog area.
- Provide more water dispensers and additional shade;
- Sidewalk/pathway improvements from Wallace Drive onto Hovey Road towards playground and picnic shelters.
- Consider adding artificial turf to baseball diamond to extend use.
- Develop a signage plan for centennial park
- Provide Park etiquette signage and education to minimize conflict between park users.

Trails

- Develop an accessible trail loop or stacked loop trail with features to accommodate the visually impaired.
- Improve trail wayfinding
- Improve connectivity and active transportation to/from park by extending major north/south and East/west connections.

Environment

- Implement an invasive species management plan.

6.1.2 HEL, HILEC

EXISTING FEATURES

stage

mature trees

trees

community garden

boys and girls club

heritage building - West Saanich School

playground

event space

cenotaph

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Conduct accessibility and safety audits of park facilities.
- Replace park amenities as part of regular asset management.
- Update signage to reflect park name.
- Consider making a dog on-leash area due to limited open spaces and maintained plantings.

6.2

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS

Neighbourhood Parks respond to localized outdoor recreation needs of community residents within close walking distance to their homes. They provide a visual, physical and social focus for a neighbourhood area. Especially important in neighbourhoods where private open space is limited (e.g. dense development, multi-family areas).

Park Standards and Amenities: Mowed grass area, trails, playground with fencing along roads, benches or picnic table, waste facility, dog bag dispenser, bike racks, shade trees, and signage and wayfinding.

6.2.1 ADAM KERR PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

pond
creek
flat grassy area
roadside parking
pedestrian bridge

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Establish a small parking area.
- Consider a dedicated fenced off-leash dog area.
- Consider adding water fountains and washroom facilities.

Trails

- Improve access and enhance trail connections.
- Consider a perimeter trail loop.

Environment

- Implement additional tree plantings.
- Continue habitat restoration efforts.
- Designate and manage an area for invasive species control.

6.2.2 BLOSSOM PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

benches
playground (2-5 yrs)
mature trees

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Improve access and visibility to the park.

Park Amenities

- Further develop the play area as park demand increases.
- Improve wayfinding through signage.

Trails

- Develop trail loop.

6.2.3 CHATTERTON

EXISTING FEATURES

playground (2-5 yrs)
swings
basketball hoop
benches

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- Maintain and replace amenities as needed for ongoing asset management.

6.2.4 DAMELART PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

mature trees

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Maintain the area as open space with native plants.

Trails

- Consider future acquisition opportunities to create a pathway connection to the park from the south side (Clarke Road) and west.

6.2.5 ENGLISH MEADOWS PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

playground (2-5 yrs)

benches

open grassy area

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Maintain and replace amenities as needed for ongoing asset management.

6.2.6 GALBRAITH PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

commemorative plaque

tree planting

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Consider divesting parcel.

6.2.7 HAGAN BIGHT - KENNES VIEWPOINT

EXISTING FEATURES

view point
pathway
open field

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Raise title on undeveloped ROW property and dedicate it as parkland.
- Engage with the Tsartlip First Nation to explore opportunities for collaboration.

Park Amenities

- Develop a fenced off-leash dog area in the grass area alongside the pathway
- Ensure clear views and easy access to the bench closest to the shoreline

Trails

- Make trail improvements to accommodate park visitors with mobility challenges.

Shoreline Access

- Consider constructing stairs to improve shoreline access.

6.2.8 HAPPY DAY PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

conifer trees
trails

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Maintain and replace amenities as needed for ongoing asset management.

6.2.9 HARDY PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

benches
viewpoint
picnic table

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Maintain and replace amenities as needed for ongoing asset management.
- Consider a dedicated fenced off-leash dog area.

6.2.10 MICHELL PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

Lion's Clubhouse
bench

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Maintain and replace amenities as needed for ongoing asset management.

Environment

- Revitalize planting areas.

6.2.11 MUNICIPAL FIREHALL #1 OPEN SPACE

EXISTING FEATURES

play area
sport court
parking

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Maintain and replace amenities as needed for ongoing asset management.

6.2.12 NEWMAN - WATERFRONT PARCEL

EXISTING FEATURES

shoreline access
gravel parking
tree plantings
natural surface trail
heritage boathouses

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Explore developing a Park Improvement Plan that is in keeping with the Newman Farm Master Plan.
- Engage with the Tsawout First Nation to explore opportunities for collaboration.

Park Amenities

- Install interpretive signage to enhance visitor experience.

Shoreline Access

- Relocate boat houses to the top of the bluff and establish an interpretive attraction or consider structural improvements in the existing location to maintain their integrity.
- Replace stairs as a high priority due to their age.
- Improve access to the waterfront and beach.

Environment

- Ensure drainage improvements are in line with environmental considerations.

6.2.13 RODOLPH PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

playground (2-12 yrs)
swings
sport court
basketball hoops
benches
water fountain

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Consider adding a washroom facility.
- Explore the possibility of a bike pump track, volleyball area, or other youth amenities.

6.2.14 ROM KNOTT PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

playground (5-12 yrs)
ball diamond

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Consider creating contiguous parkland with HEL, HILEg to enhance ecological connectivity and park space continuity.

Park Amenities

- Construct better storage facilities and a pitching warm-up area for the ball diamond.

6.2.15 SAANICHTON BAY PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

benches
asphalt pathways
concrete ramp and staircase to
shoreline

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Consider adding a washroom, more garbage bins and a picnic bench.
- Consider parking when conducting park improvements.

Trails

- Improve pathways within the park, including accessible shoreline connections.
- Create additional viewing areas along the pathway.

Shoreline Access

- Enhance accessible connections to the shoreline.
- Enhance non-motorized small craft access.

Environment

- Engage with the Tsawout First Nation to explore opportunities for collaboration, particularly regarding the small triangle of parkland south of the estuary.

6.2.16 SAANICHTON GREEN PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

museum
tennis
playground
sport court
parking
picnic tables
benches
pathways

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Consider parking when conducting park improvements.
- Expand play facilities to include natural elements and wild play components.
- Consider adding an amenity for youth.
- Explore the creation of a small dog off-leash area.

6.2.17 SEABROOK PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

playground (2-12 yrs)
small grass area

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Maintain and replace amenities as needed for ongoing asset management.

6.2.18 SEAMOUNT PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

grassy area
pathway

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Consider divesting parcel.

6.2.19 TANNER PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

playground (2-12 yrs)
accessible
newest playground
bench
picnic table

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Maintain and replace amenities as needed for ongoing asset management.

6.2.20 PLAYGROUND AT MARIGOLD

EXISTING FEATURES

play area
washrooms

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Ensure the park naming process reflects the park naming policy, incorporating feedback from Tsawout and/or W̱SÁNEĆ.

6.2.21 VERDIER PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

washrooms
picnic table
benches
parking
ramp to shoreline

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Shoreline Access

- Conduct an accessibility audit to determine if improvements to the shoreline access are feasible.

6.3

NATURE PARKS

Nature Parks are dedicated for community access to nature and can provide ecological conservation, wildlife habitat protection, watercourse protection. Recreational use in nature parks is typically limited to passive enjoyment and pedestrian trails.

Park Standards and Amenities: Trails, fencing in environmentally sensitive areas, benches at rest/viewpoints, bike racks, and signage and wayfinding.

6.3.1 AMWELL PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

Garry oak habitat / rocky outcrops
staircase from Lydia Place
no developed trails

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Trails

- Consider providing additional access through undeveloped ROWs.
- Include fencing that jogs in and out to enhance user experience while protecting sensitive ecosystems from trail users.

Environment

- Develop a park management plan for Amwell, Gore, and Oak Haven Parks, including:
 - Managing invasive species.
 - Exploring a potential partnership with Habitat Acquisition Trust for Gore Park and Amwell Park, similar to the existing covenant for Oak Haven Park.

6.3.2 BRENTWOOD HEIGHTS PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

inaccessible

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Consider divesting.

6.3.3 BUTTERFIELD PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

benches
loop trail
mature trees
connects to Browns Wood Trail via staircase
heritage buildings

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Manage jointly with Thomson Place Park and newly acquired lands; consider renaming as one park.

Park Amenities

- Improve park entry and wayfinding, including parking and signage.

Trails

- Improve trail accessibility on the main loop trail.
- Develop an equestrian trail connection.

Environment

- Develop an an invasive species management plan.

6.3.4 COOPERRIDGE PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

creek
no public access

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Trails

- Conduct feasibility studies for trail access.

Environment

- Continue to acquire land to protect additional sections of Tetayut Creek.

6.3.5 DAWSON PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

seasonal creek
path

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Conduct bank stabilization improvements.

Trails

- Consider providing additional access through undeveloped ROWs.

6.3.6 GEORGE MAY PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

creek

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Trails

- Explore additional land acquisition in the area to create linkages to Centennial Park and develop additional trail connections (CRD Parcel).

6.3.7 GORE PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

sensitive Garry oak ecosystem
exceptional wildflower meadows
natural surface trails

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Develop a multi-park master plan for Gore, Oak Haven, and Amwell Parks that includes the development of a formalized trail system.
- Include split rail fencing and signage to help protect the sensitive ecosystem.

Environment

- Consider updating the Animal Control Bylaw to allow for on-leash dogs only.
- Establish an invasive species management area.
- Explore a potential partnership with Habitat Acquisition Trust for Gore Park and Amwell Park, similar to the existing covenant for Oak Haven

6.3.8 HAGAN PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

steep
creek
mature conifer trees

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- No specific proposed actions

6.3.9 HALDON PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

mature trees
trails

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Trails

- Discuss with BC Parks or the BC Parks Foundation the potential for Haldon Park to become part of ŁÁU,WELNEW/John Dean Provincial Park.
- Consider re-routing Thunderbird Trail to improve trail sustainability and user experience.

6.3.10 ISLAND VIEW BEACH (MUNICIPAL)

EXISTING FEATURES

Municipal area at Island View Beach includes roadway and first parcel north from Island View Road
Old field sensitive ecosystem, drainage sloughs. Parking areas in road rights of way.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Continue working with CRD, Tsawout, and other groups.

Park Amenities

- Repair the existing concrete ramp to provide seasonal non-motorized small craft launch (kayaks, canoes, dinghies, etc.).
- Update the main parking lot to clarify parking spaces.

Shoreline Access

- Improve accessible access to the beach.

6.3.11 OAK HAVEN PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

sensitive Garry oak ecosystem
benches
trails

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Develop a multi-park master plan for Gore, Oak Haven, and Amwell Parks that includes split rail fencing and signage to protect the sensitive ecosystem.

Trails

- Develop a formalized trail system as part of the multi-park master plan.

Environment

- Consider updating the Animal Control Bylaw to allow for on-leash dogs only.
- Continue invasive species management.
- Continue to support the partnership with Habitat Acquisition Trust.

6.3.12 PAT THOMSON PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

mature trees

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Discuss potential landownership with BC Parks or the BC Parks Foundation for the future inclusion of Pat Thompson as part of LAU, WELNEW/John Dean Provincial Park.

6.3.13 RAVINE PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

mature trees
benches
trail

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Trails

- Create an accessible lower trail connecting Anchorage and Port Royale waterfront pathways.
- Conduct trail and bridge rehabilitation in other areas of the park.

6.3.14 SANDHILL PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

creek
no access currently

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Consider land acquisitions in the area to create connectivity with Adam Kerr Park and Cooperidge Park.

Environment

- Identify areas for invasive species management.

6.3.15 THOMSON PLACE PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

sensitive Garry oak ecosystem
benches
trails

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Manage the park jointly with Butterfield Park and newly acquired lands.
- Consider renaming the combined park as part of Butterfield Park.

6.3.16 UNNAMED ADDITION (ADJACENT BUTTERFIELD PARK)

EXISTING FEATURES

mature trees

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Manage the park jointly with Butterfield Park and newly acquired lands.
- Consider renaming the combined park as part of Butterfield Park.

6.4

CULTURE AND HERITAGE PARKS

This classification applies to the portion of Newman Farm to the west of Central Saanich Rd that consists of heritage buildings and active farmland.

6.4.1 NEWMAN FARM

EXISTING FEATURES

heritage buildings
heritage interpretation
Farmland Trust operates farm

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Renew the lease with Farmlands Trust or an organization that aligns with Newman Family values and the Newman Farm Master Plan.

6.5

UNDEVELOPED PARKS

Undeveloped Parks are areas dedicated as park land but that have not been developed to provide identification, maintenance, access or amenities; or are inaccessible. Most often not known or used by the community as public park space.

6.5.1 FENTRESS PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

farm fields

undeveloped road ROW on north side
has seasonal watercourse

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Consider divesting parcel due to limited access.

6.5.2 MABER FLATS

EXISTING FEATURES

wetland

farm fields

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Consider future designation of the land as a park.
- The development of a management plan (working with the indigenous community) is ongoing through a separate process.

6.5.3 NEWMAN - MIDDLE PARCEL

EXISTING FEATURES

farm fields
historic buildings
mature trees

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Consider partnerships for food security, food hubs, and/or food forests.
- Explore opportunities for animal husbandry and the potential for a future riding ring hosted by an equestrian society, similar to the Elk/Beaver Lake.

Trails

- Consider creating an interpretive trail as part of the park improvements.

Environment

- Ensure improvements align with the agricultural and ecological goals of the Newman Farm Master Plan.

6.5.4 UNNAMED

(BEHIND 6238 ELIZABETH GARDEN COURT)

EXISTING FEATURES

Mature trees
Isolated parcel behind 6238 Elizabeth Garden Court.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Parkland

- Consider divesting parcel.

6.5.5 WALLACE PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

mature trees

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Trails

- A future sidewalk is planned in this area.



7.0

TRAIL SPECIFIC ACTIONS

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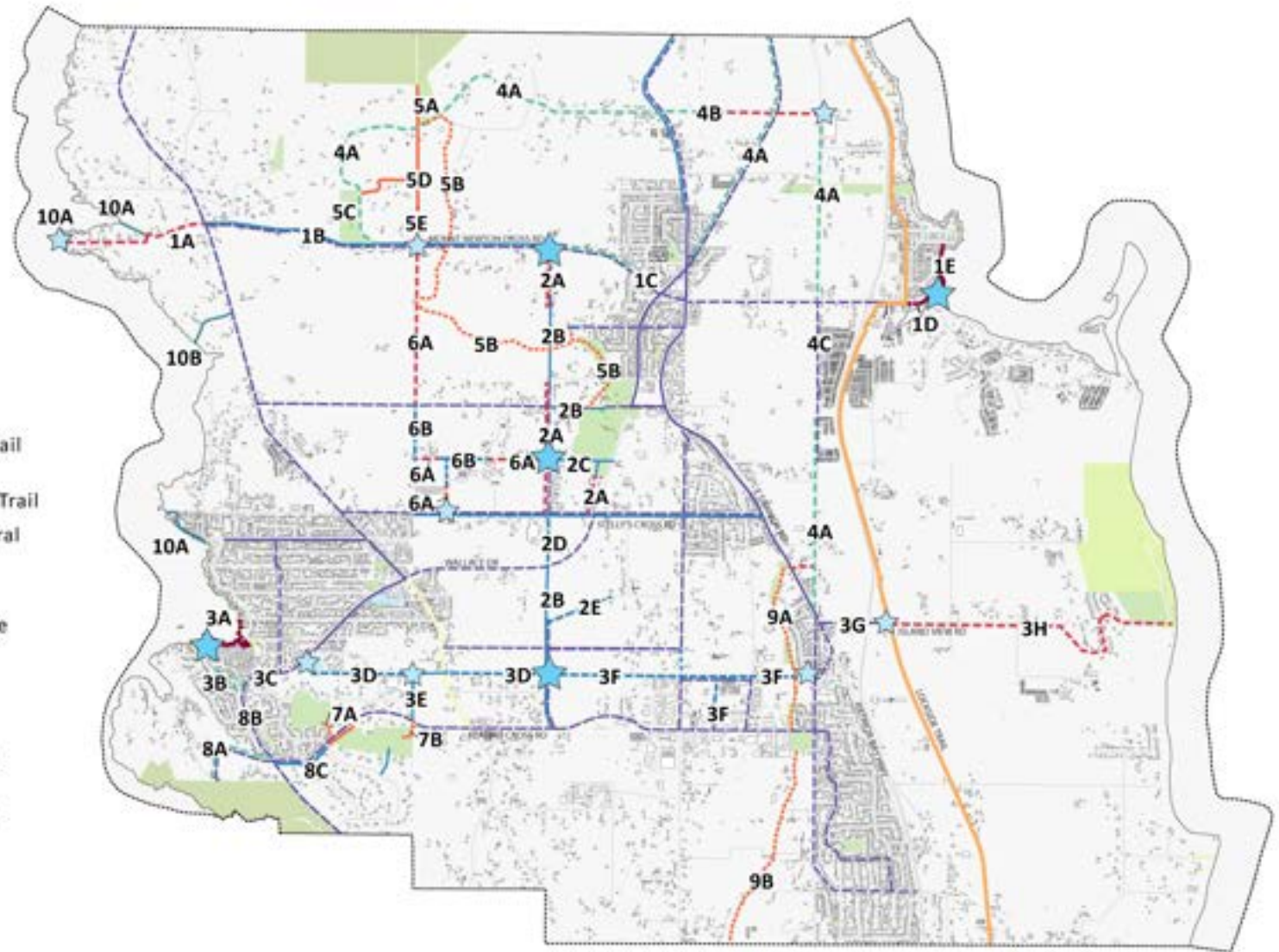
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- - - Future Bike Lane

PARK NETWORK

- Existing Regional Trail
- Existing Multi-Use Path (asphalt)
- - - Proposed Multi-Use Path
- Existing Neighbourhood Trail (NBH) (gravel)
- - - Proposed Neighbourhood Trail
- Existing Nature Trail (natural surface)
- - - Proposed Nature Trail
- - - Proposed Rural Road Route
- - - Proposed Roadside Trail

WAY FINDING FEATURES

- ★ Major Wayfinding Feature (ex: public art)
- ★ Minor Wayfinding Feature (ex: colourful bench)



PROPOSED TRAILS

7.1

PRIMARY TRAILS

Items within this section are contingent upon the creation of an implementation plan that considers available budget, project priorities, and engagement.



7.1.1 1A TO 1E

EAST-WEST CONNECTION FROM HENDERSON COVE TO SAANICHTON BAY PARK



TRAIL	LOCATION <i>(SEE MAP FOR EXACT LOCATIONS)</i>	EXISTING CONDITION	ACTIONS
1A	Senanus Dr and Mt Newton Cross Rd to W Saanich Rd	Narrow two-way road	Upgrade to Rural Road Route (shared road)
1B	Mt Newton Cross Rd from W Saanich Rd to Malcom Rd	Separated gravel trail of varying width and quality	Maintain as Neighbourhood Trail (gravel trail), upgrade as needed
1C	Mt Newton Cross Rd from Malcom to Lochside Trail	On road, see AT Plan	Prioritize AT upgrades this section for improved safety and connectivity
1D	Mt Newton Cross Rd from Lochside Dr to Saanichton Bay Park Entry	Two-way traffic with no bike lane or crossing	Improve safety and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists
1E	Saanichton Bay Park	Varies, see Park sections	Prioritize park upgrades

7.1.1 EAST-WEST CONNECTION FROM HENDERSON COVE TO SAANICHTON BAY PARK









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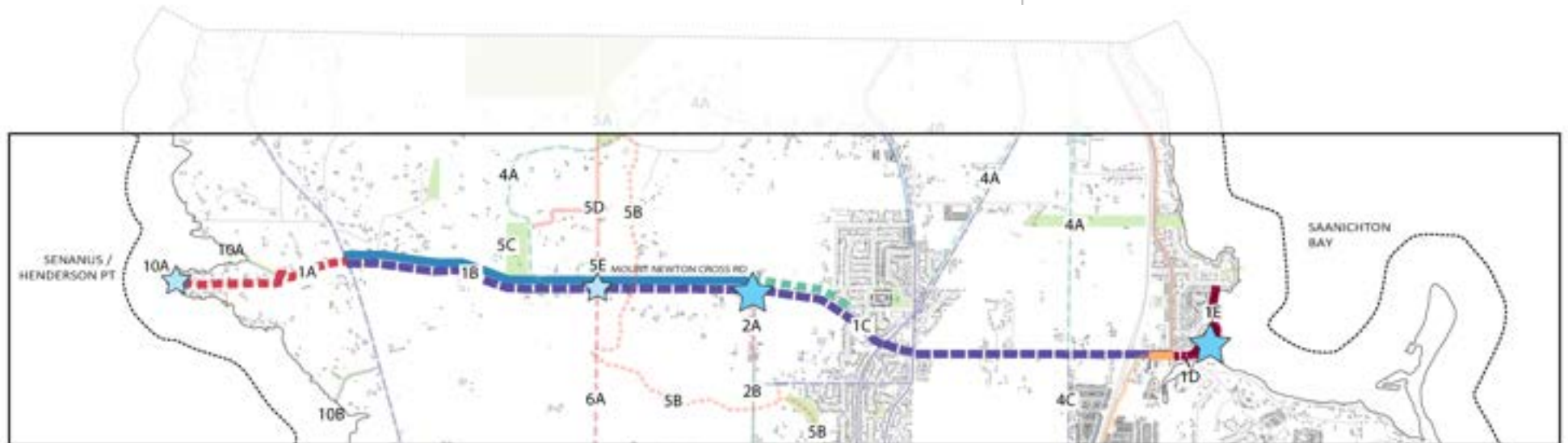
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-  Future Bike Lane

WAY FINDING FEATURES

-  Major Wayfinding Feature
(ex: public art)
-  Minor Wayfinding Feature
(ex: colourful bench)

PARK NETWORK

-  Existing Regional Trail
-  Existing Multi-Use Path (asphalt)
-  Proposed Multi-Use Path
-  Existing Neighbourhood Trail (NBH) (gravel)
-  Proposed Neighbourhood Trail
-  Existing Nature Trail (natural surface)
-  Proposed Nature Trail
-  Proposed Rural Road Route
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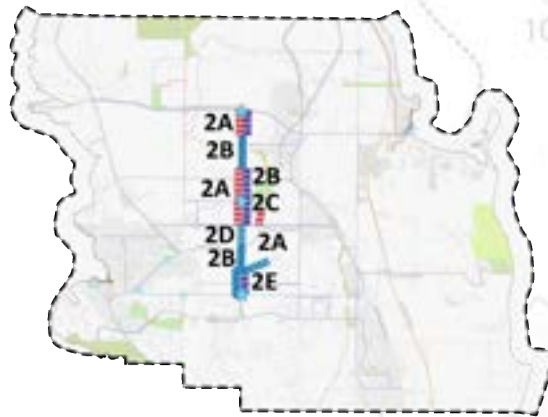


7.1.2 2A TO 2E

NORTH-SOUTH CONNECTION FROM KEATING CROSS RD TO MT NEWTON CROSS RD AND CONNECTIONS TO CENTENNIAL PARK

TRAIL	LOCATION (SEE MAP FOR EXACT LOCATIONS)	EXISTING CONDITION	ACTIONS
2A	Malcom Rd and Tomlinson Rd from Mt Newton Cross Rd to Stelly's Cross Road and Holm Rd	Narrow two-way road road	Upgrade to Rural Road Route (shared road)
2B	Trail connections from Malcom Rd to Tomlinson Rd and east to Cultra Ave; from Wallace Dr to Keating Cross Rd; from Tomlinson Rd, east into Centennial Park.	Existing gravel trails	Maintain as Neighbourhood Trail (gravel trail), upgrade as needed
2C	Trail connection from Tomlinson Rd to Wallace Dr	Existing gravel trail	Upgrade to high-use Neighbourhood Trail. Includes expanded width, lighting, and signage upgrades.
2D	New trail connection from Stelly's Cross Rd to Wallace Dr	Undeveloped ROW	Develop Neighbourhood Trail
2E	New trail connection from Willow Way Trail through TIKEL (Maber Flats) to Highfield Rd	Undeveloped	Consider connection for TIKEL Management Plan

7.1.2 NORTH-SOUTH CONNECTION FROM KEATING CROSS RD TO MT NEWTON CROSS RD AND CONNECTIONS TO CENTENNIAL PARK



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

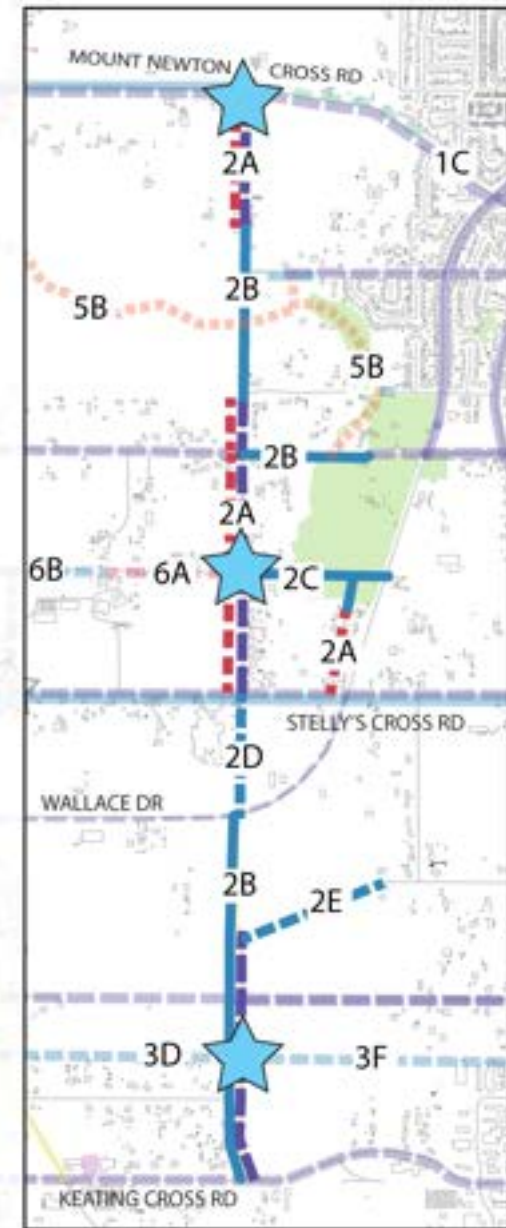
- Existing Bike Lane
- Future Bike Lane

WAY FINDING FEATURES

- Major Wayfinding Feature (ex: public art)
- Minor Wayfinding Feature (ex: colourful bench)

PARK NETWORK

- Existing Regional Trail
- Existing Multi-Use Path (asphalt)
- Proposed Multi-Use Path
- Existing Neighbourhood Trail (NBH) (gravel)
- Proposed Neighbourhood Trail
- Existing Nature Trail (natural surface)
- Proposed Nature Trail
- Proposed Rural Road Route
- Proposed Roadside Trail



7.1.3 3A TO 3H

EAST-WEST CONNECTION FROM BRENTWOOD BAY TO ISLAND VIEW BEACH REGIONAL PARK WITH CONNECTIONS TO KEATING CROSS RD

TRAIL	LOCATION (SEE MAP FOR EXACT LOCATIONS)	EXISTING CONDITION	ACTIONS
3A	Brentwood Waterfront Walkway	Varies, see Park sections	Prioritize walkway upgrades
3B	Woodland Dr from Sea Dr to Moody St and Moody St	Two-way road with informal trail along roadside	Upgrade to Roadside Trail (gravel shoulder with signage)
3C	Wallace Dr from Moody/Greig Ave to new trail connection at Bayside Middle School	On road, see AT Plan	Prioritize AT upgrades this section for improved safety and connectivity
3D	New trail connection from Wallace Dr, east along Bayside Middle School to Macklin Ave/Carraige Ln and from W Saanich Rd to TIKEL (Maber Flats).	Undeveloped, needs ROW	Acquire ROWs and develop Neighbourhood Trail (gravel trail)
3E	Existing trail connection from Benvenuto Ave to new trail connection to the north	Existing gravel trail	Maintain as Neighbourhood Trail, upgrade as needed

7.1.3

EAST-WEST CONNECTION FROM BRENTWOOD BAY TO ISLAND VIEW BEACH REGIONAL PARK WITH CONNECTIONS TO KEATING CROSS RD (CONT'D)

TRAIL	LOCATION <i>(SEE MAP FOR EXACT LOCATIONS)</i>	EXISTING CONDITION	ACTIONS
3F	New trail connections from the west side of TIKEL to Central Saanich Rd and a connection south to Keating Cross Road	Undeveloped, needs ROW	Acquire ROWs and develop Neighbourhood Trails
3G	Saanich Cross Rd to Island View Road connecting to the Lochside Trail	On road, see AT Plan	Prioritize AT upgrades this section for improved safety and connectivity
3G	Saanich Cross Rd to Island View Road connecting to the Lochside Trail	On road, see AT Plan	Prioritize AT upgrades this section for improved safety and connectivity
3H	Island View Rd from Lochside Trail to Island View Beach Regional Park	Narrow two-way road road	Upgrade to Rural Road Route (shared road)



7.1.3 EAST-WEST CONNECTION FROM BRENTWOOD BAY TO ISLAND VIEW BEACH REGIONAL PARK WITH CONNECTIONS TO KEATING CROSS RD

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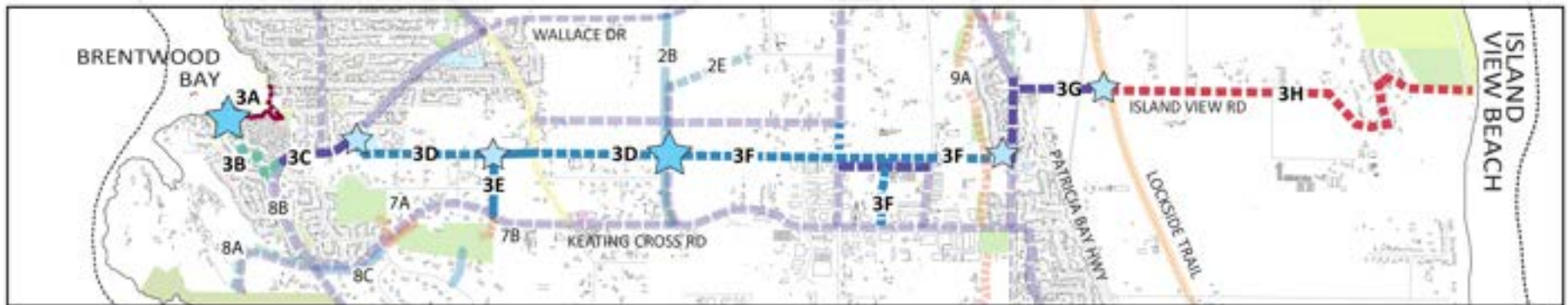
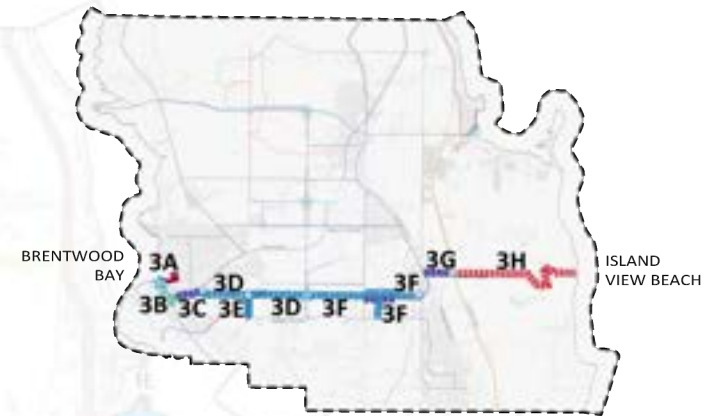
- Existing Bike Lane
- Future Bike Lane

WAY FINDING FEATURES

- Major Wayfinding Feature (ex: public art)
- Minor Wayfinding Feature (ex: colourful bench)

PARK NETWORK

- Existing Regional Trail
- Existing Multi-Use Path (asphalt)
- Proposed Multi-Use Path
- Existing Neighbourhood Trail (NBH) (gravel)
- Proposed Neighbourhood Trail
- Existing Nature Trail (natural surface)
- Proposed Nature Trail
- Proposed Rural Road Route
- Proposed Roadside Trail



7.2

SECONDARY TRAILS

7.2.1 4A TO 4C

CONNECTIONS FROM MT NEWTON CROSS RD TO E SAANICH RD

TRAIL	LOCATION (SEE MAP FOR EXACT LOCATIONS)	EXISTING CONDITION	ACTIONS
4A	Thomson Pl/Haldon Rd; Central Saanich Rd from new trail, south to E Saanich rd (excluding AT section)	Narrow two-way road with informal trail along roadside	Upgrade to Roadside Trail (gravel shoulder with signage)
4B	New trail from Haldon Rd and E Saanich Rd to Central Saanich Rd	Partially undeveloped, partial existing private road. Needs ROW	Acquire ROW and develop Neighbourhood Trail (gravel trail)
4C	Central Saanich Rd from Mt Newton Cross Rd, south along housing community	Narrow two-way road with informal trail along roadside	Prioritize AT upgrades. Upgrade to Roadside Trail where proposed AT sidewalk upgrades end.

7.2.1 CONNECTIONS FROM MT NEWTON CROSS RD TO E SAANICH RD



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

- Existing Bike Lane
- Future Bike Lane

WAY FINDING FEATURES

- Major Wayfinding Feature (ex: public art)
- Minor Wayfinding Feature (ex: colourful bench)

PARK NETWORK

- Existing Regional Trail
- Existing Multi-Use Path (asphalt)
- Proposed Multi-Use Path
- Existing Neighbourhood Trail (NBH) (gravel)
- Proposed Neighbourhood Trail
- Existing Nature Trail (natural surface)
- Proposed Nature Trail
- Proposed Rural Road Route
- Proposed Roadside Trail



7.2.2 5A TO 5E

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN BUTTERFIELD PARK, JOHN DEAN PROVINCIAL PARK, AND CENTENNIAL PARK



TRAIL	LOCATION <i>(SEE MAP FOR EXACT LOCATIONS)</i>	EXISTING CONDITION	ACTIONS
5A	Haldon Park	Natural area with steep, fall line trail up west side, see Parks section	See Parks section
5B	Hagan Creek North	Undeveloped, needs ROW and restoration	Future opportunities to promote the restoration of the creek with trail connections
5C	Butterfield Park	Natural area with existing Nature Trails. See Parks section	See Parks section
5D	Natural trails connecting Butterfield Park with Thomson Rd and Haldron Park	Nature trails connecting Butterfield Park with Thomson Rd and Haldron Park	Maintain as Nature Trails (natural surface trail), upgrade as needed
5E	Thomson Rd south of Mt Newton Cross Rd	Narrow two-way road road	Upgrade to Rural Road Route (shared road)

7.2.2 CONNECTIONS BETWEEN BUTTERFIELD PARK, JOHN DEAN PROVINCIAL PARK, AND CENTENNIAL PARK



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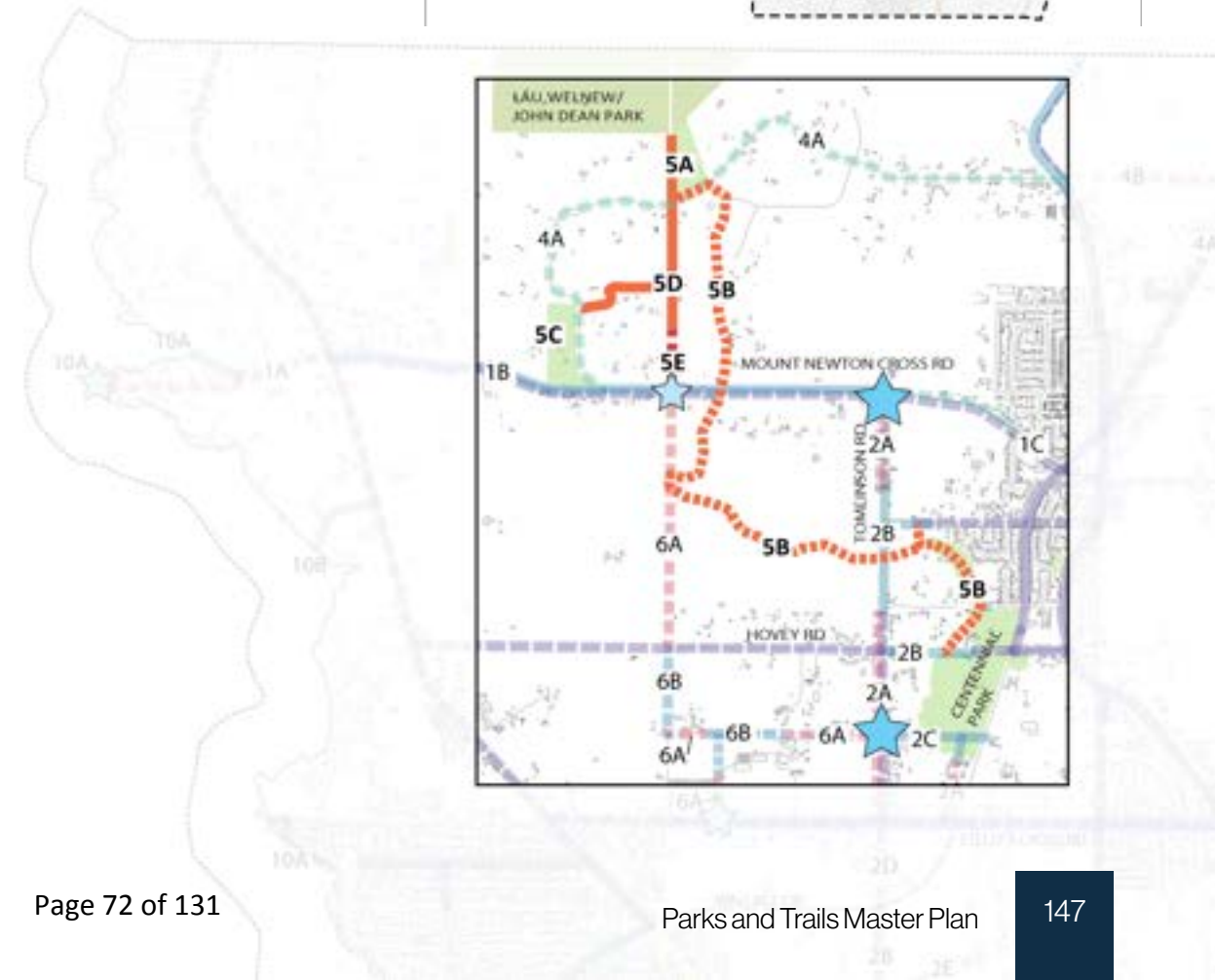
-  Existing Bike Lane
-  Future Bike Lane

WAY FINDING FEATURES

-  Major Wayfinding Feature
(*ex: public art*)
-  Minor Wayfinding Feature
(*ex: colourful bench*)

PARK NETWORK

-  Existing Regional Trail
-  Existing Multi-Use Path (asphalt)
-  Proposed Multi-Use Path
-  Existing Neighbourhood Trail (NBH) (gravel)
-  Proposed Neighbourhood Trail
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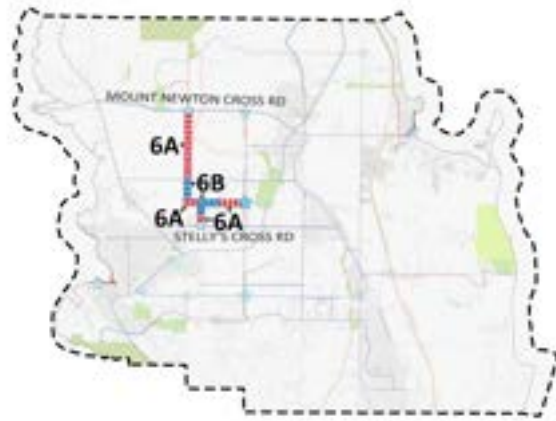


7.2.3 6A TO 6B

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN MT NEWTON CROSS RD, TSARTLIP FIRST NATION, CENTENNIAL PARK, AND STELLY'S CROSS RD

TRAIL	LOCATION <i>(SEE MAP FOR EXACT LOCATIONS)</i>	EXISTING CONDITION	ACTIONS
6A	New trail from Mt Newton Cross Rd and Thomson Rd, south to White Rd and along the Saanich Fair Grounds.	Undeveloped, needs ROW	Acquire ROWs and develop Neighbourhood Trails (gravel trail)
6B	White Rd and private road north of Stelly's Cross Rd on east side of Tsartlip FN	Narrow two-way road road	Upgrade to Rural Road Route (shared road)

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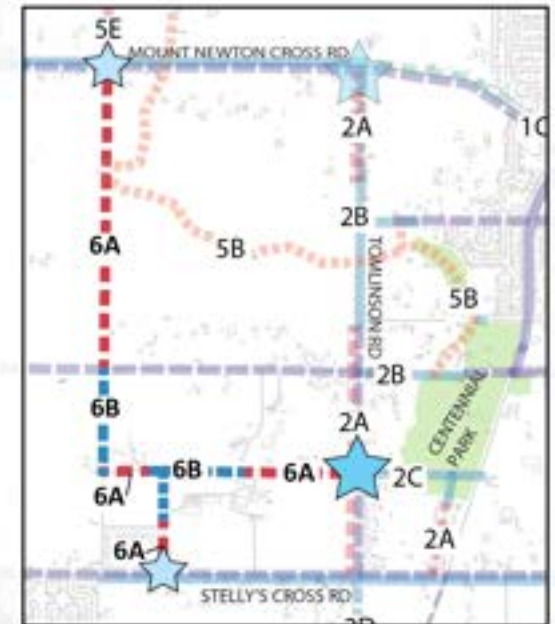
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- Future Bike Lane

WAY FINDING FEATURES

- ★ Major Wayfinding Feature (ex: public art)
- ★ Minor Wayfinding Feature (ex: colourful bench)

PARK NETWORK

- Existing Regional Trail
- Existing Multi-Use Path (asphalt)
- Proposed Multi-Use Path
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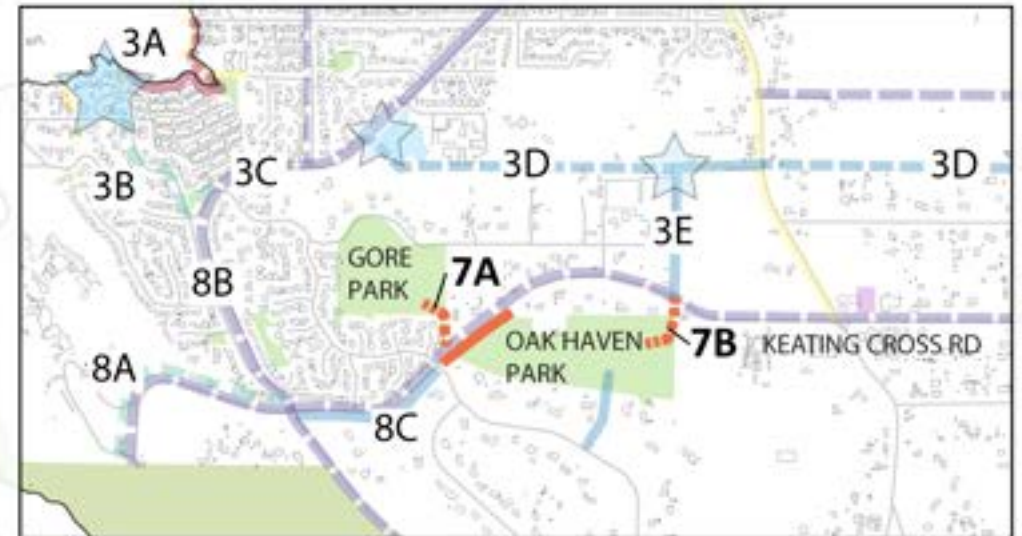


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CONNECTIONS BETWEEN GORE PARK AND OAK HAVEN PARK

TRAIL	LOCATION <i>(SEE MAP FOR EXACT LOCATIONS)</i>	EXISTING CONDITION	ACTIONS
7A	New trail from Gore Park to Benvenuto Ave	Undeveloped ROW and natural area	Create new Nature Trail (natural surface trail)
7B	New trail from Oak Haven Park to Benvenuto Ave	Natural area and carriage lane	Create new Nature Trail and upgrade carriage lane to Rural Road Route (shared road)

7.2.4 CONNECTIONS BETWEEN GORE PARK AND OAK HAVEN PARK



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

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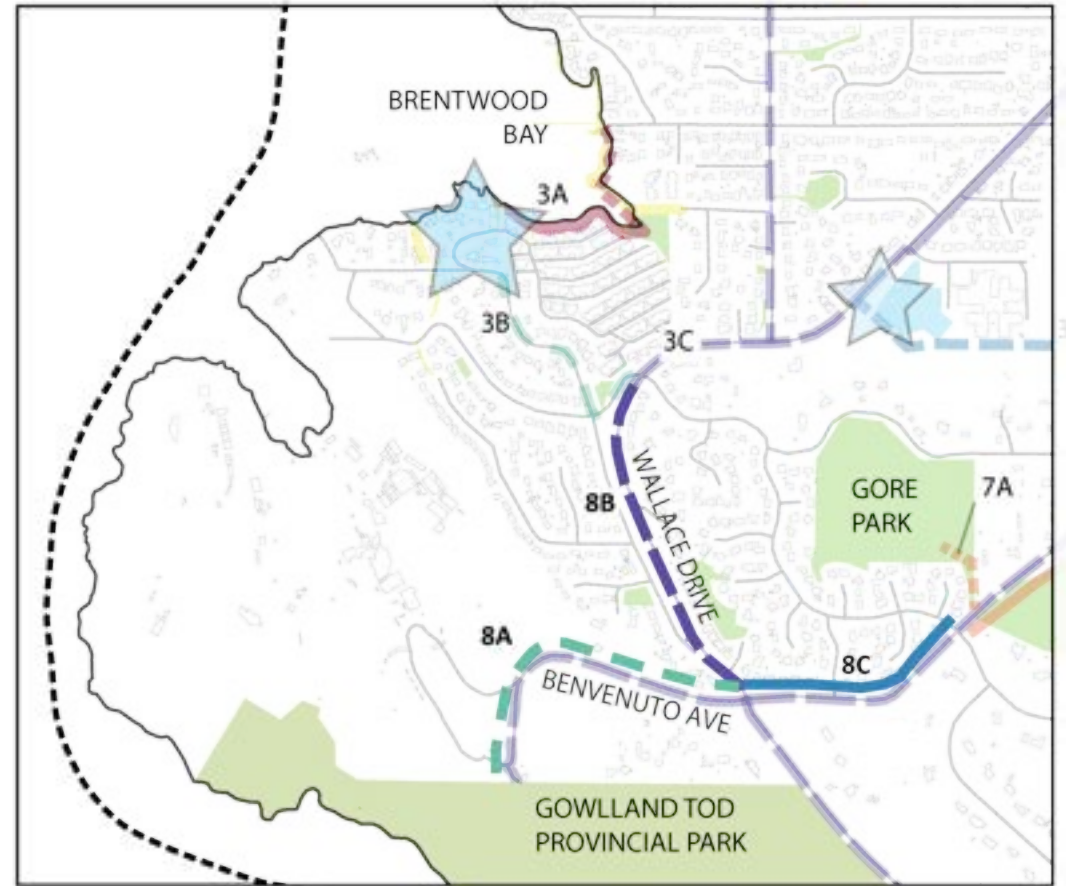
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- Proposed Nature Trail
- Proposed Rural Road Route
- Proposed Roadside Trail

7.2.5 8A TO 8C

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN GORE/OAK HAVEN PARKS, GOWLLAND TOD PROVINCIAL PARK, AND BRENTWOOD BAY

TRAIL	LOCATION <i>(SEE MAP FOR EXACT LOCATIONS)</i>	EXISTING CONDITION	ACTIONS
8A	Benvenuto Ave from Wallace Dr, west to Tod Inlet Trail connection	Narrow two-way road with informal trail along roadside	Upgrade to Roadside Trail (gravel shoulder with signage)
8B	Wallace Dr from Moody st, south to Benvenuto Ave	AT - Two-way road with extended shoulder one side	Prioritize AT upgrades this section for improved safety and connectivity
8C	Nature trail from Oak Haven Park connection along Benvenuto to Wallace Dr	Nature trail	Maintain as Nature Trail (natural surface trail), upgrade as needed

7.2.5 CONNECTIONS BETWEEN GORE /OAK HAVEN PARKS, GOWLLAND TOD PROVINCIAL PARK, AND BRENTWOOD BAY



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

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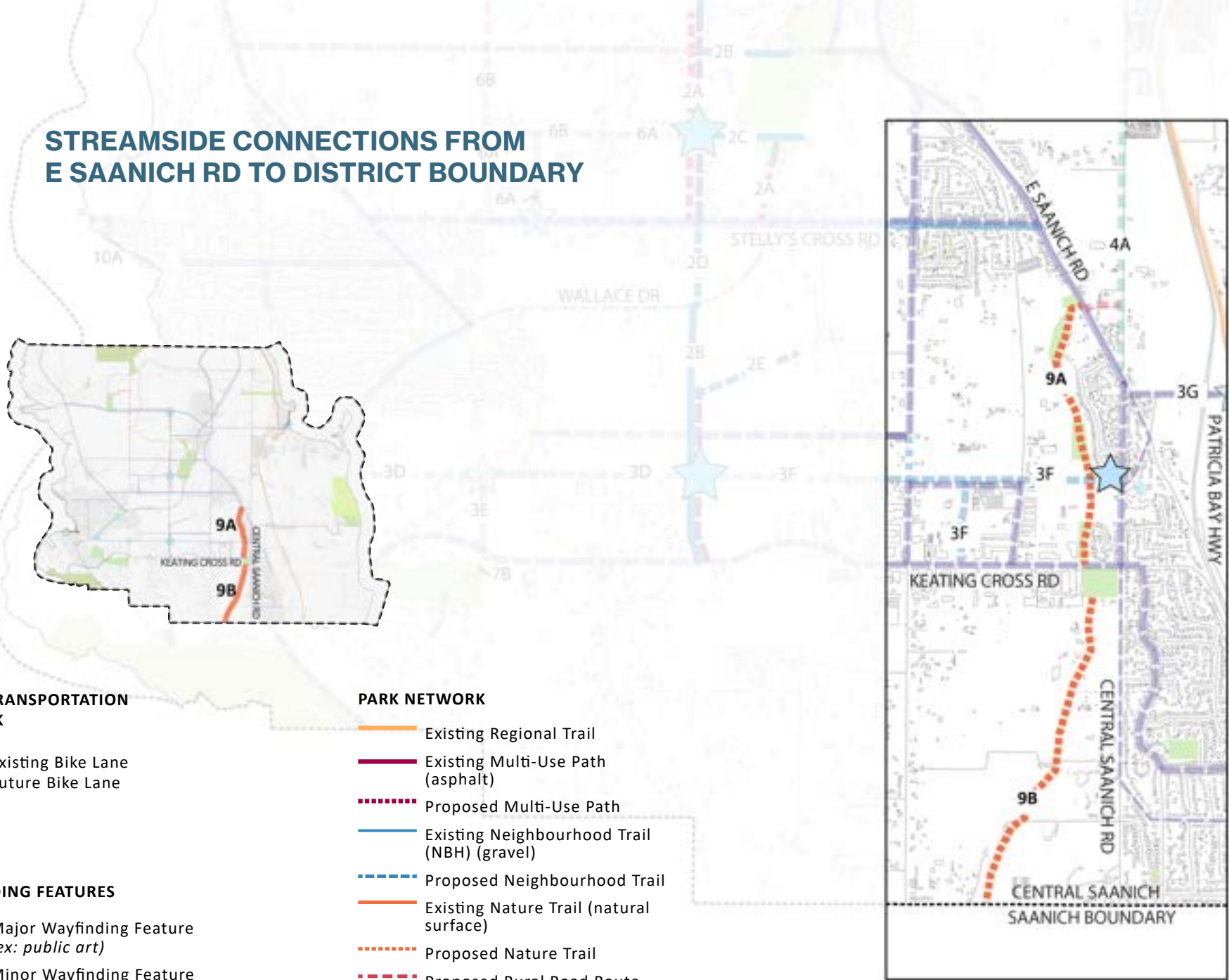
7.2.6 9A TO 9B

STREAMSIDE CONNECTIONS FROM E SAANICH RD TO DISTRICT BOUNDARY

TRAIL	LOCATION <i>(SEE MAP FOR EXACT LOCATIONS)</i>	EXISTING CONDITION	ACTIONS
9A	Cooperridge Park and Sandhill Park	Undeveloped, see Parks section	See Parks section
9B	Hagan Creek South	Undeveloped, needs ROW and restoration	Future opportunities to promote the restoration of the creek with trail connections

7.2.6

STREAMSIDE CONNECTIONS FROM E SAANICH RD TO DISTRICT BOUNDARY



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

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PARK NETWORK

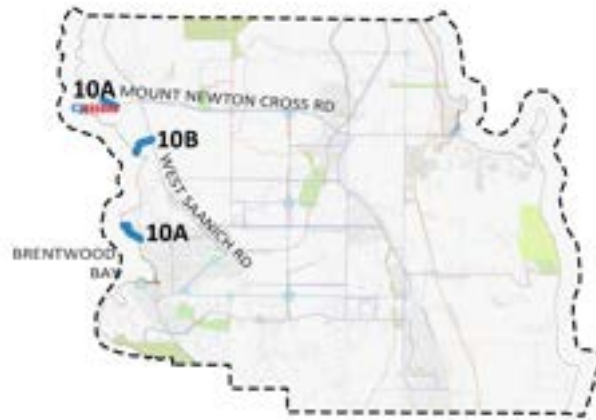
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7.2.7



SHORELINE ACCESS TRAILS

TRAIL	LOCATION <i>(SEE MAP FOR EXACT LOCATIONS)</i>	EXISTING CONDITION	ACTIONS
10A	Connections to various shoreline access points	Existing gravel trails, see shoreline section	Maintain as Neighbourhood Trail, upgrade as needed
10B	Hagan Bight/KENNES Viewpoint	Existing gravel trails, see shoreline section	Prioritize as accessible trail to viewpoint



7.2.7 SHORELINE ACCESS TRAILS











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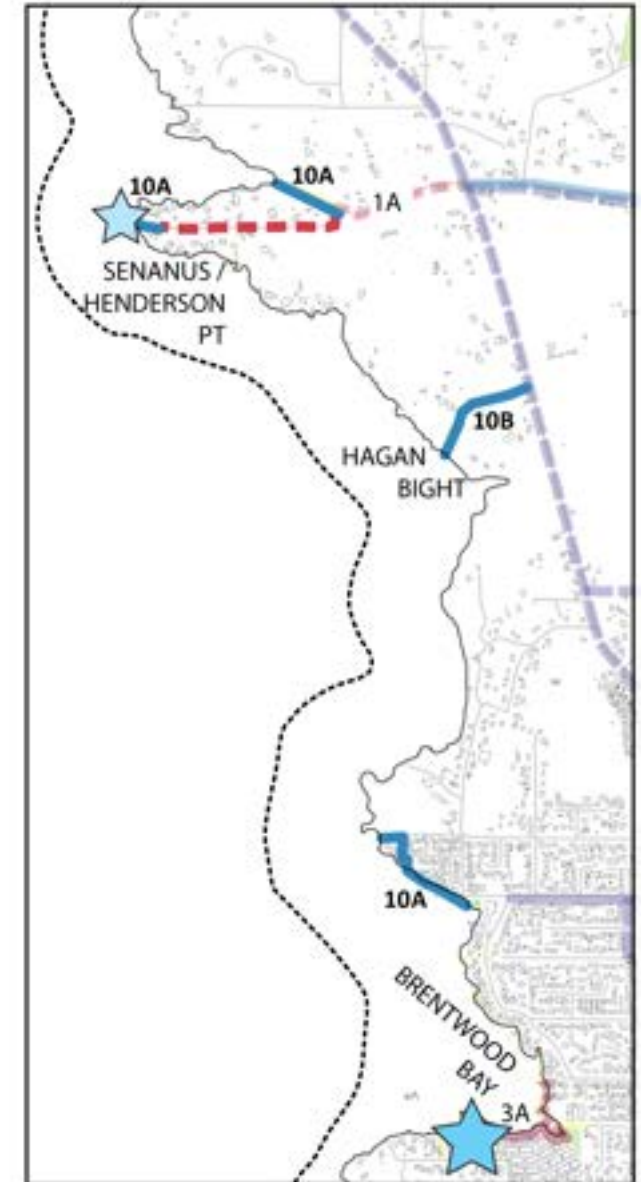
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SHORELINE SPECIFIC ACTIONS

Items within this section are contingent upon the creation of an implementation plan that considers available budget, project priorities, and engagement.

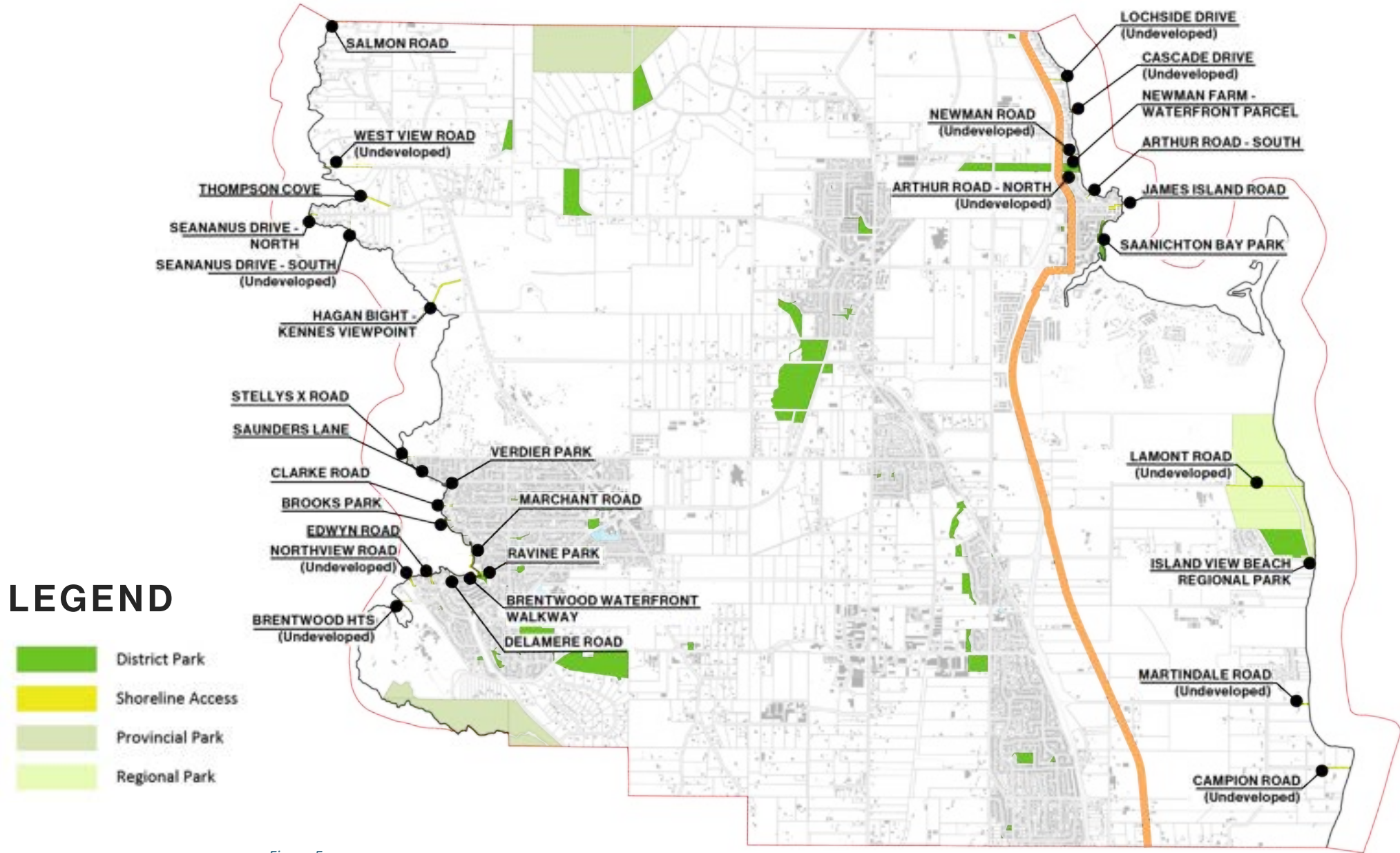


Figure 5

EXISTING SHORELINE ACCESS POINTS

8.1.1 CAMPION STREET

EXISTING FEATURES - UNDEVELOPED

High, steep and unstable cliff.

May be developable as a view point.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- No proposed changes.

8.1.2 MARTINDALE ROAD

EXISTING FEATURES

Unstable, eroding cliff.

Unsuitable for stair construction.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- No proposed changes.

8.1.3 LAMONT ROAD

EXISTING FEATURES - UNDEVELOPED

Undeveloped municipal ROW through Regional Park.

Could offer potential alternative access to the park with a switchback trail.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- No proposed changes.

8.1.4 JAMES ISLAND ROAD

EXISTING FEATURES

Leads to James Island Wharf.

No access to steep, rocky foreshore.

Limited parking in ROW.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- No proposed changes.

8.1.5 ARTHUR DRIVE - SOUTH

EXISTING FEATURES - UNDEVELOPED

Accesses Ferguson Cove.

Gravel trail with concrete stairs to foreshore.

Rocky with limited foreshore access at high tides.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- No proposed changes.

8.1.6 ARTHUR ROAD - NORTH

EXISTING FEATURES - UNDEVELOPED

It is developable but ROW directly abuts south edge of Newman Farm waterfront parcel, where improvements should be prioritized.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- No proposed changes.

8.1.7 NEWMAN ROAD

EXISTING FEATURES - UNDEVELOPED

Stair development is possible in this location, however there is no space for parking and neighbouring properties have buildings nearby. Given its proximity to the Newman Farm waterfront parcel (approx. 3 minute walk), it is not a priority of investment.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- No proposed changes.

8.1.8 CASCADE AVE.

EXISTING FEATURES - UNDEVELOPED

Is developable, but would require stairs.

Limited parking in the ROW.

Consider for development in the future as it would create potential for a continuous walk south to Arthur Drive – South (E-07) at lower tides.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Shoreline Access

- Consider future development (low priority) to provide a continuous low tide beach walk to Arthur Drive (South).

8.1.9 LOCHSIDE DRIVE

EXISTING FEATURES - UNDEVELOPED

ROW between two existing residences.

Stairs would be required.

Would form a northerly public access point, extending the shoreline walk.

No parking available in ROW.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- No proposed changes.

8.1.10 BRENTWOOD HEIGHTS

EXISTING FEATURES

Narrow ROW immediately to north of Butchart Gardens.

Steep bluff above rocky beach.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- No proposed changes.

8.1.11 NORTHVIEW ROAD

EXISTING FEATURES - UNDEVELOPED

ROW comprised of deep gully leading to steep rocks above small rocky beach.

Low potential and likely not suitable for development.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- No proposed changes.

8.1.12 EDWYN ROAD

EXISTING FEATURES

Natural surface trail to steep staircase.

Leads to very small shoreline area along Brentwood Bay.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Replace stairs as needed as part of overall asset management.
- Consider adding park amenities

8.1.13 MARCHANT ROAD / GRISLE LANE / ANGLERS LANE

EXISTING FEATURES

Part of number of ROWS within Brentwood Bay Village with several docks and marinas (public and private) nearby.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Trails

- Pathway improvements for wheelchairs and mobility devices at Marina to lower pathways of Ravine Park.
- Update surfacing in Grisle Lane to emphasize pedestrian use.

8.1.14 BROOKS PARK

EXISTING FEATURES

Linear waterfront park between 7050 Brentwood Drive and Keene Way. Two lower access points to Brentwood Drive are undeveloped. Access to southern extents of park are limited due to private dock encumbrances. North end near Keene Way has benches at top of bank and stairs to shoreline.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Replace stairs.

Trails

- Establish a long-term goal for a connected waterfront walkway through Brentwood Bay.
- Consider working with private landowners to extend the pathway.

Shoreline Access

- Seek additional land acquisitions to extend the waterfront walkway.

8.1.15 CLARKE ROAD

EXISTING FEATURES

Gravel path with stairs to shoreline.

Entry to path has steep cross slope to adjacent driveway.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Replace stairs.

8.1.16 SAUNDERS LANE

EXISTING FEATURES

Waterfront walkway from Verdier Ave to Babbington Lane.

Popular venue for dog walking, ocean viewing and beach activities.

Stairs to foreshore.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Consider adding dark sky compliant pedestrian lighting.

8.1.17 STELLY'S CROSS ROAD

EXISTING FEATURES

Steep stairs to foreshore.

Adjacent to Tsartlip First Nation.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Develop signage to minimize trespassing on to Tsartlip lands.

8.1.18 SENANUS DRIVE SOUTH

EXISTING FEATURES

Undeveloped narrow ROW.

Leads to small gravel cove.

Limited opportunities for parking.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- No proposed changes.

8.1.19 SENANUS DRIVE NORTH (HENDERSON COVE)

EXISTING FEATURES

Popular beach access.

Used by divers.

Small parking area.

2001 Beach Access Report recommended installing a portable toilet facility.

Rough stairs to small gravel area.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Park Amenities

- Replace stairs.
- Consider adding a portable toilet at the parking area during diving season.

8.1.20 THOMPSON COVE

EXISTING FEATURES

Gravel trail with stairs to foreshore within undeveloped ROW.

Used locally for swimming.

Parking area installed at corner of Mt Newton Cross Road and Seananus Drive.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- No proposed changes.

8.1.21 WEST VIEW ROAD

EXISTING FEATURES - UNDEVELOPED

Narrow ROW leading to small rocky beach with limited recreational potential.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- No proposed changes.

8.1.22 **SALMON ROAD**

EXISTING FEATURES

Gravel trail to foreshore within undeveloped road ROW that straddles Central and North Saanich district boundaries.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- No proposed changes.



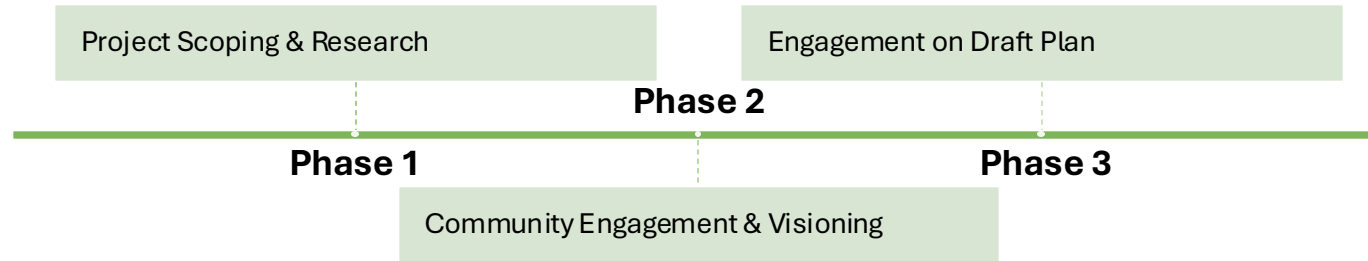
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DRAFT Parks & Trails Master Plan

SPAAC – January 23rd, 2025

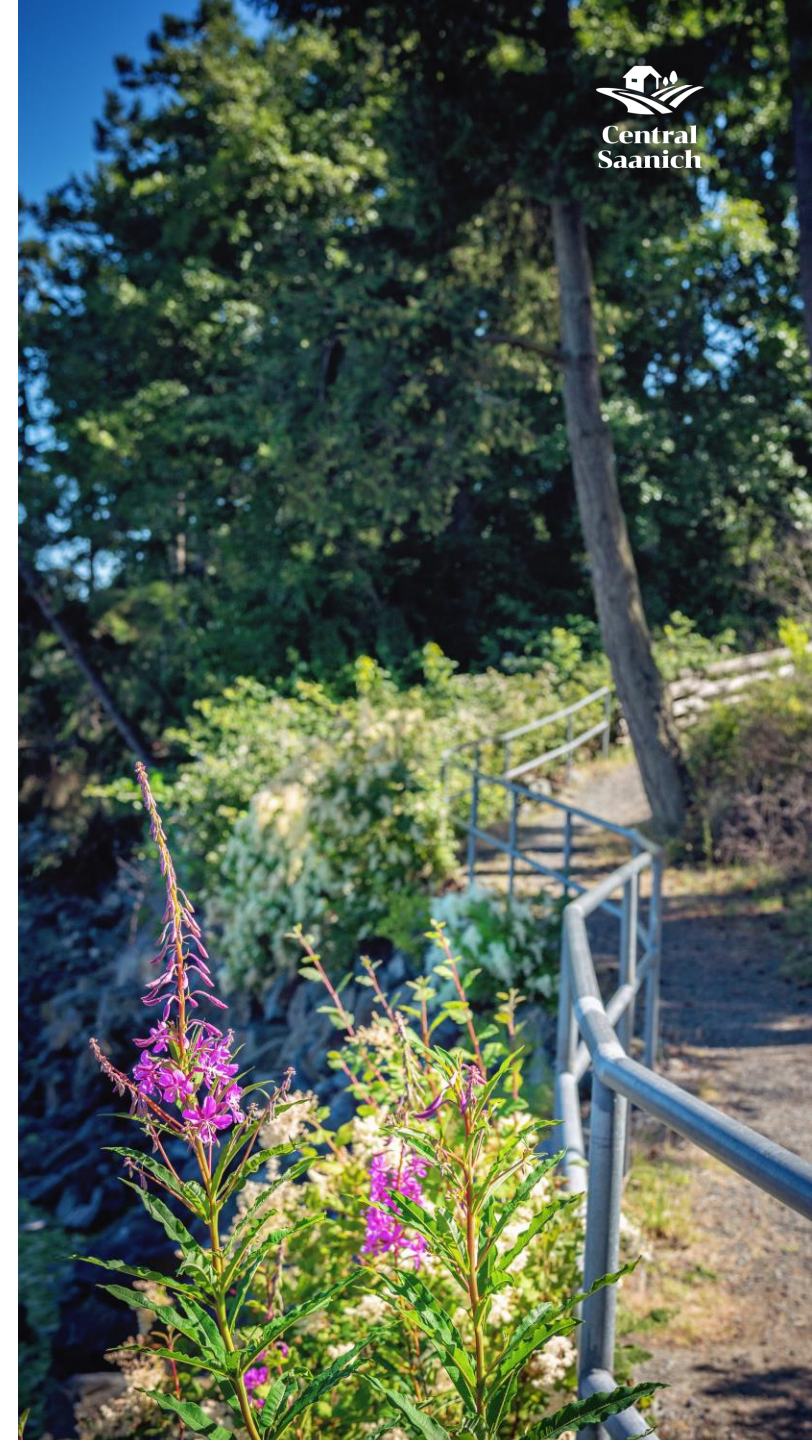
Timeline & What We Heard

With the community's help, the District of Central Saanich has drafted a Parks and Trails Master Plan to guide how we improve our parks and trails.

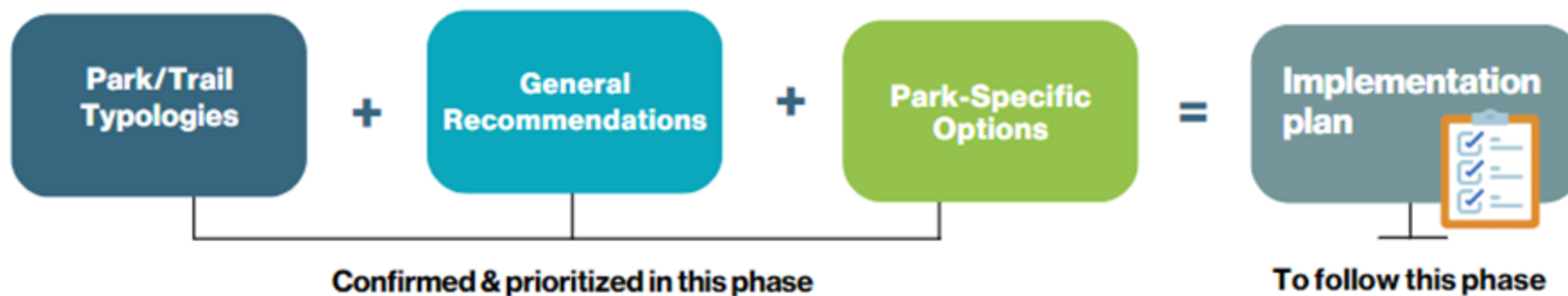


SPAAC Recommendations – January 2024

- Accessible picnic tables
- Accessible surfaces between parking lots and parks and on trails
- Trail ratings, safety indicators, and informational signage
- Video and audio descriptions for accessibility
- Landscaping with lower allergen plants
- Creation of unique and multisensory experiences
- Shaded areas for rest and comfort



Plan Structure



Engagement will confirm actions and identify priorities that will be used to develop the implementation framework and budgeting.

Park Typologies

	Community Parks	Neighbourhood Parks	Nature Parks
Description	Large destination spaces that benefit the broader community.	Respond to localized outdoor recreation needs of residents.	Dedicated for community access to nature and can include conservation and protection.
Examples	Centennial Park	Adam Kerr Park	Gore Park
Ideal Amenities	Mowed grass area, trails, playground with fencing along roads, benches or picnic table, waste facility, dog bag dispenser, bike racks, shade trees, and signage and wayfinding.	Mowed grass area, trails, playground with fencing along roads, benches or picnic table, waste facility, dog bag dispenser, bike racks, shade trees, and signage and wayfinding.	Trails, fencing in environmentally sensitive areas, benches at rest/viewpoints, bike racks, and signage and wayfinding

LEGEND

PARK CATEGORY

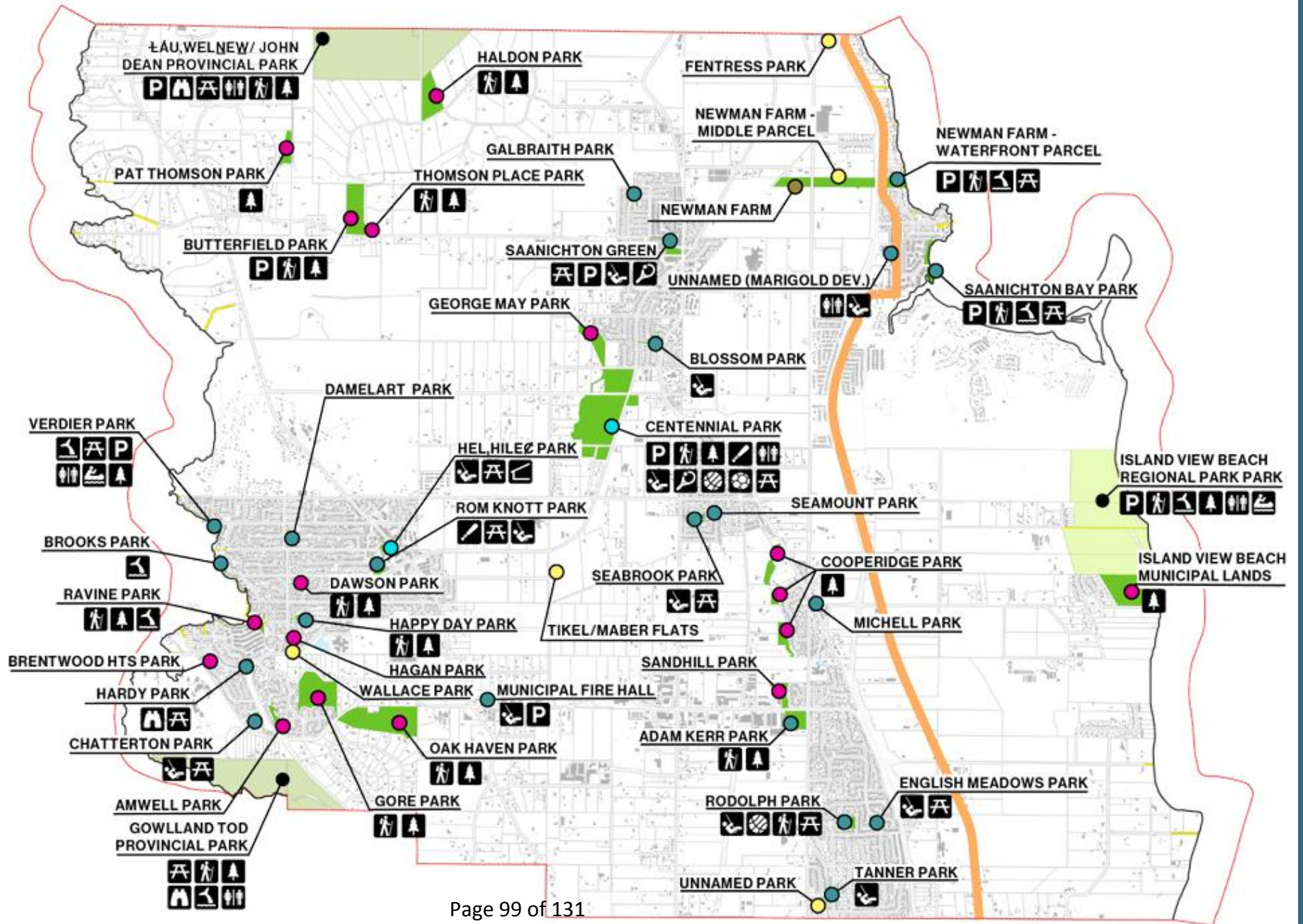
- District Park
- Shoreline Access
- Provincial Park
- Regional Park

PARK TYPE

- Community Park
- Nature Park
- Neighbourhood Park
- Undeveloped Park
- Culture and Heritage Park
- Provincial Park

AMENITIES / FEATURES

-  Natural Area
-  Hiking / Trails
-  Parking
-  Washroom
-  Playground
-  Picnic Tables
-  Viewpoint
-  Sports Field
-  Sport Court
-  Baseball Diamond
-  Tennis / Pickleball Courts
-  Shoreline Access
-  Non-Motorized Boat Launch
-  Stage



Recommendations & Priorities

Accessibility

Ensure the parks and trails system is welcoming and inclusive for all



Signage & Wayfinding

Ensuring that visitors to the districts parks system can navigate effectively.



Trail Connectivity

Acquiring and developing trail connections that foster connectivity for people, places and nature.



Children & Youth Amenities

Ensuring there are playgrounds within a 10 minute walking distance and developing new youth focused amenities.



Sports Courts & Facilities

Creating multi-court sport facilities and improvements to existing sport facilities.



Shoreline Accesses

Improve public access and recreational opportunities at beaches and shorelines



Environmental Protection

Celebrate, protect and enhance our natural character and environment.



Maintenance & Management

Manage and operate the parks and trails system in a way that is collaborative, climate adaptive, future-forward and cost-efficient.



Supporting Park Users

Develop signage and amenities to help mitigate conflicts between park users including developing designated fenced off leash dog areas.



Guiding Future Park Acquisitions

Ensuring future parks respond effectively to community needs and priorities.



Accessibility Priorities

- Ensure large, high-traffic parks have public transit access, accessible parking, washrooms, picnic areas, and seating
- Provide accessibility ratings on trailhead signage and along trails.
 - Identify accessible amenities through signage in parks and trails.
- Develop online maps and resources highlighting accessibility features.
- Add rest stops along trails and at key viewpoints.
- Upgrade paths and trails to meet modern accessibility standards.
- Continue to offer inclusive and accessible play opportunities for children of all ages

Park Specific Accessibility Actions

Hagan Bight – Accessible trail to viewpoint

Centennial Park - Make accessible improvements to furnishings, and other amenities, Develop an accessible trail loop or stacked loop trail with features to accommodate the visually impaired.

Saanichton Bay Park - Improve pathways within the park, including accessible shoreline connections. Enhance accessible connections to the shoreline.

Island View Beach - Improve accessible access to the beach.

Ravine Park - Create an accessible lower trail connecting Anchorage and Port Royale waterfront pathways.

What We Heard - Accessible Experiences

Centennial Park – Forest Walk

HEL, HILEÇ - Urban Walk

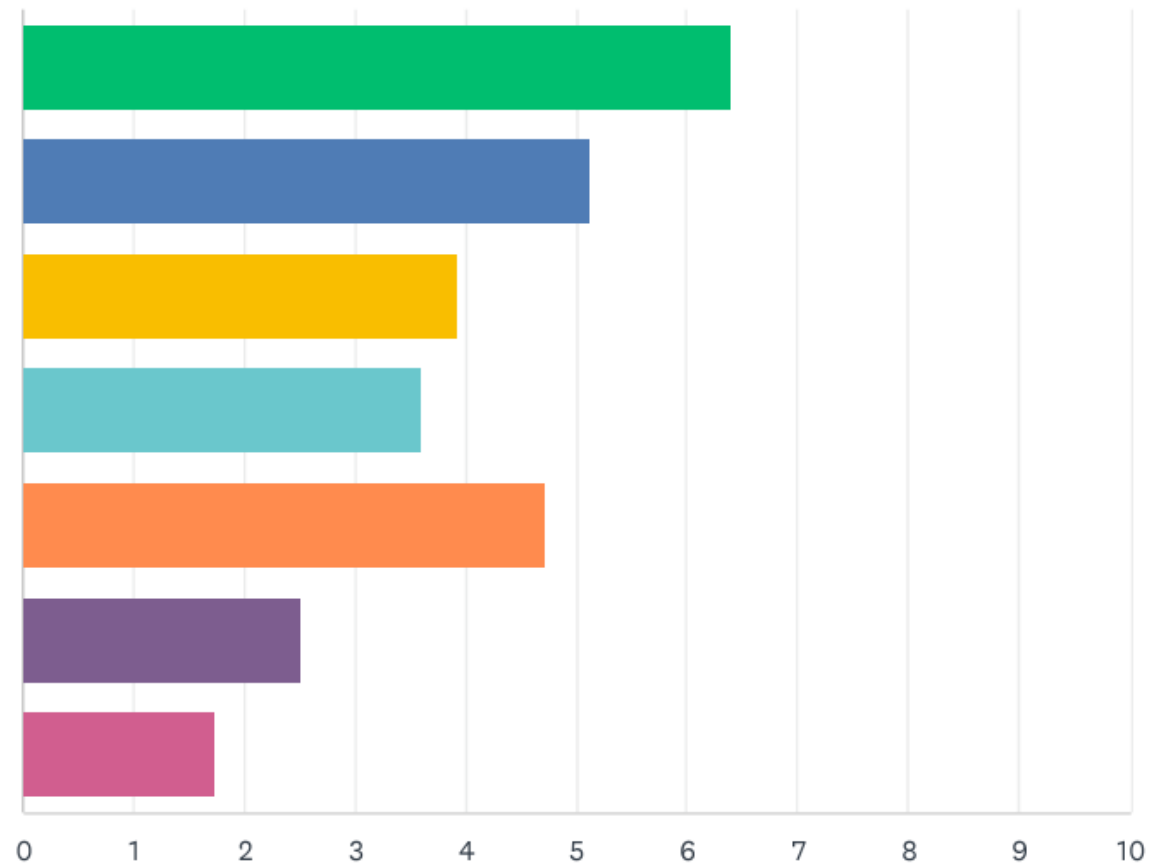
Hagan Bight/Kennes – Ocean Viewpoint

Verdier Park – Shoreline

Island View Beach – Shoreline

Ravine Park – Urban/Waterfront Walk

Newman Farm Beach - Accessible Viewpoint



Next Steps

Phase 5 - Winter 2025

Priorities will be used to develop an implementation framework and cost items for consideration.

Ways to Fund Actions

Community Amenity
Contributions
Corporate Sponsorship
Donations & Legacy Programs
Grants

Land Negotiations as
Part of Development
Partnerships
Property Sale
Taxation





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Questions?

Planning for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation District of Central Saanich

Presentation to the Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Committee
January 23, 2025



Agenda

- Project Overview
- Questions
- Discussion



Project Overview

“It is important for the municipality to use an ‘Accessibility Lens’ on all decisions being made. How any decision whether it be housing, climate change or recreation needs to be looked at through that lens as a matter routine and planning. Not as afterthoughts.” – Community member with a physical and cognitive disability

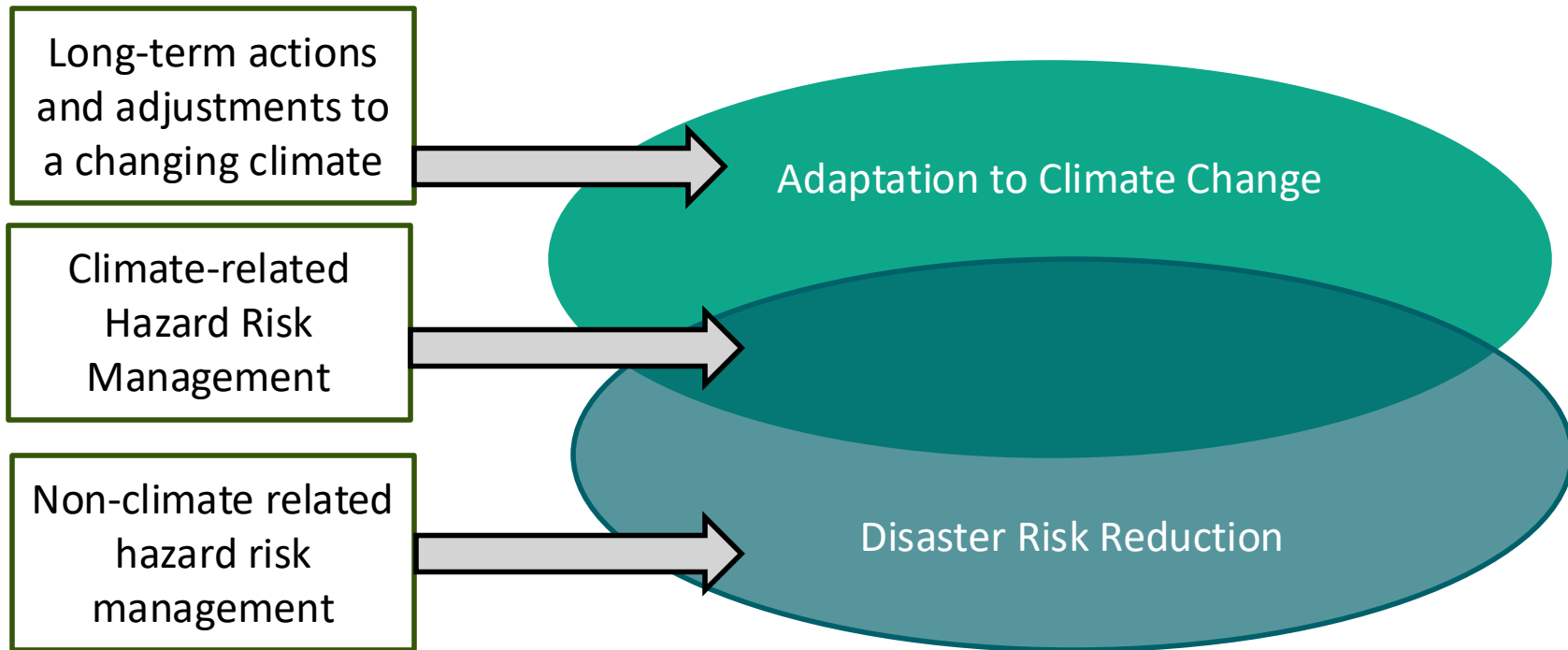


Project Overview

- Develop a Disaster Climate Risk Reduction and Adaptation Plan
- Develop a Mental Health Resiliency Strategy
- Build knowledge and capacity
 - Distinct vulnerabilities and needs
 - Focus on resilience gaps and opportunities
 - Engage with partners and staff



Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation



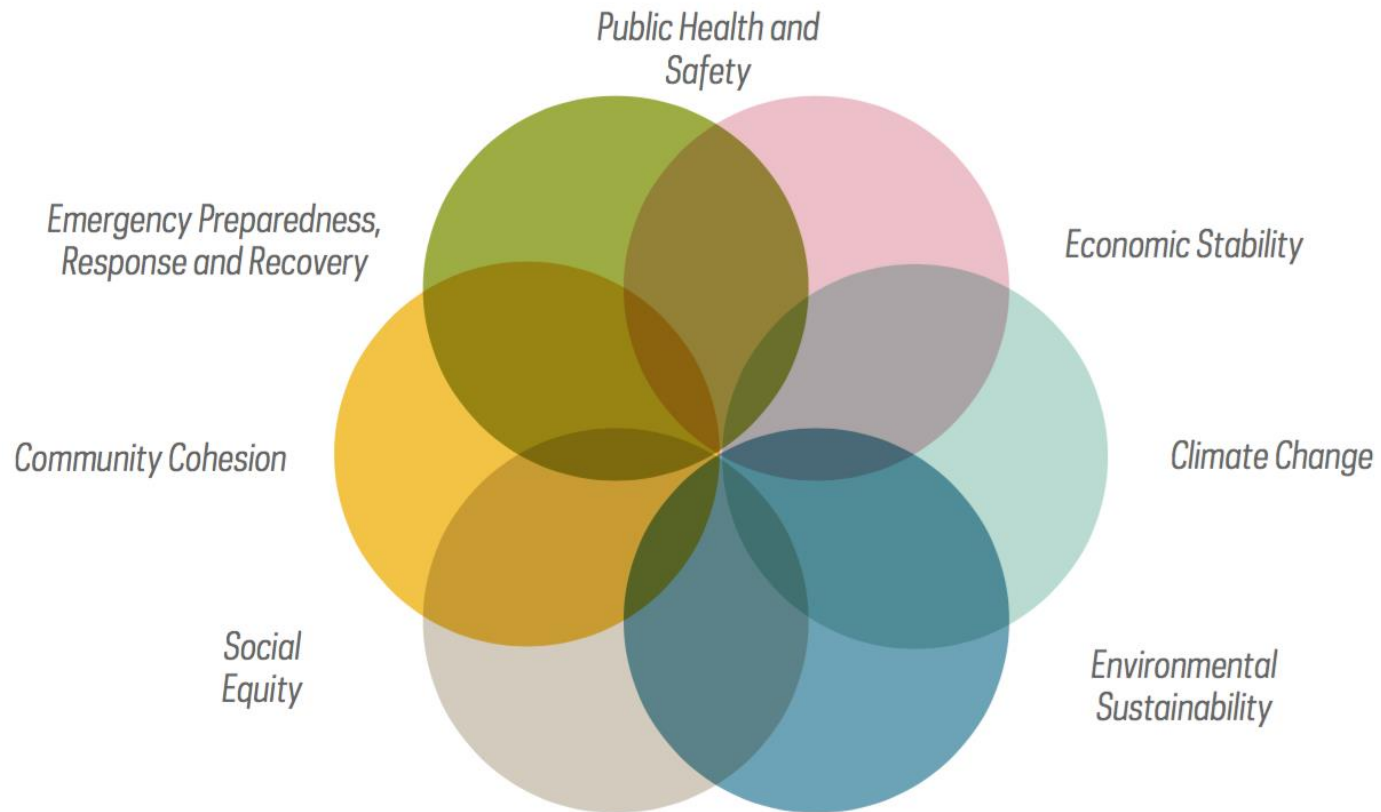
Prevent Creation of
New Risk

Reduce
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Increase
Resilience



It's All Connected



General Process Steps



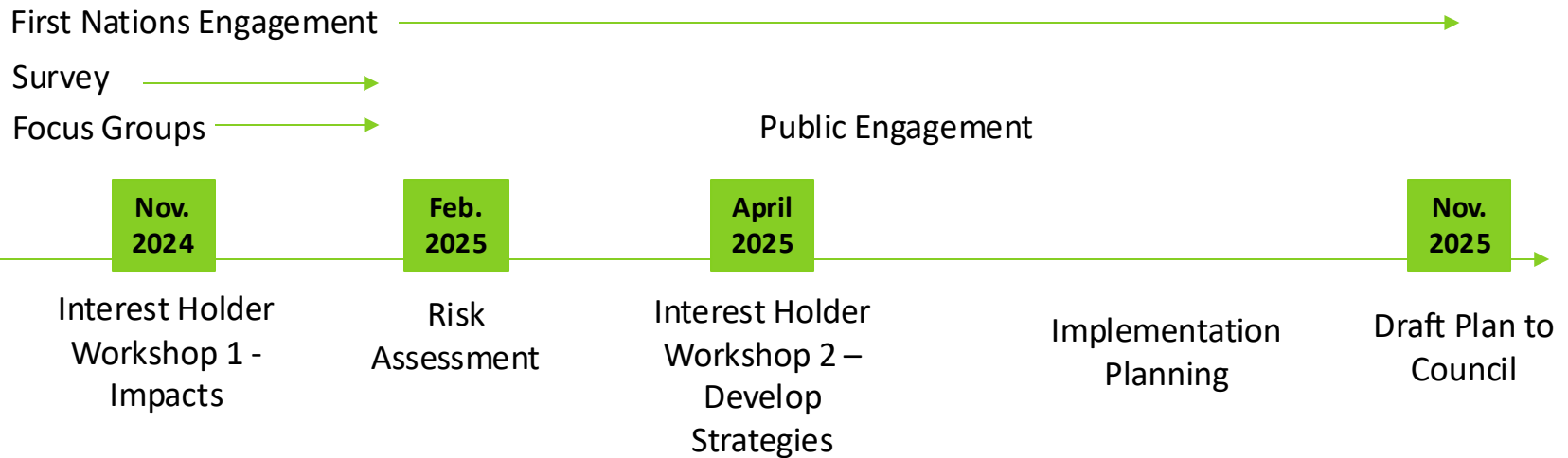
European Union Example



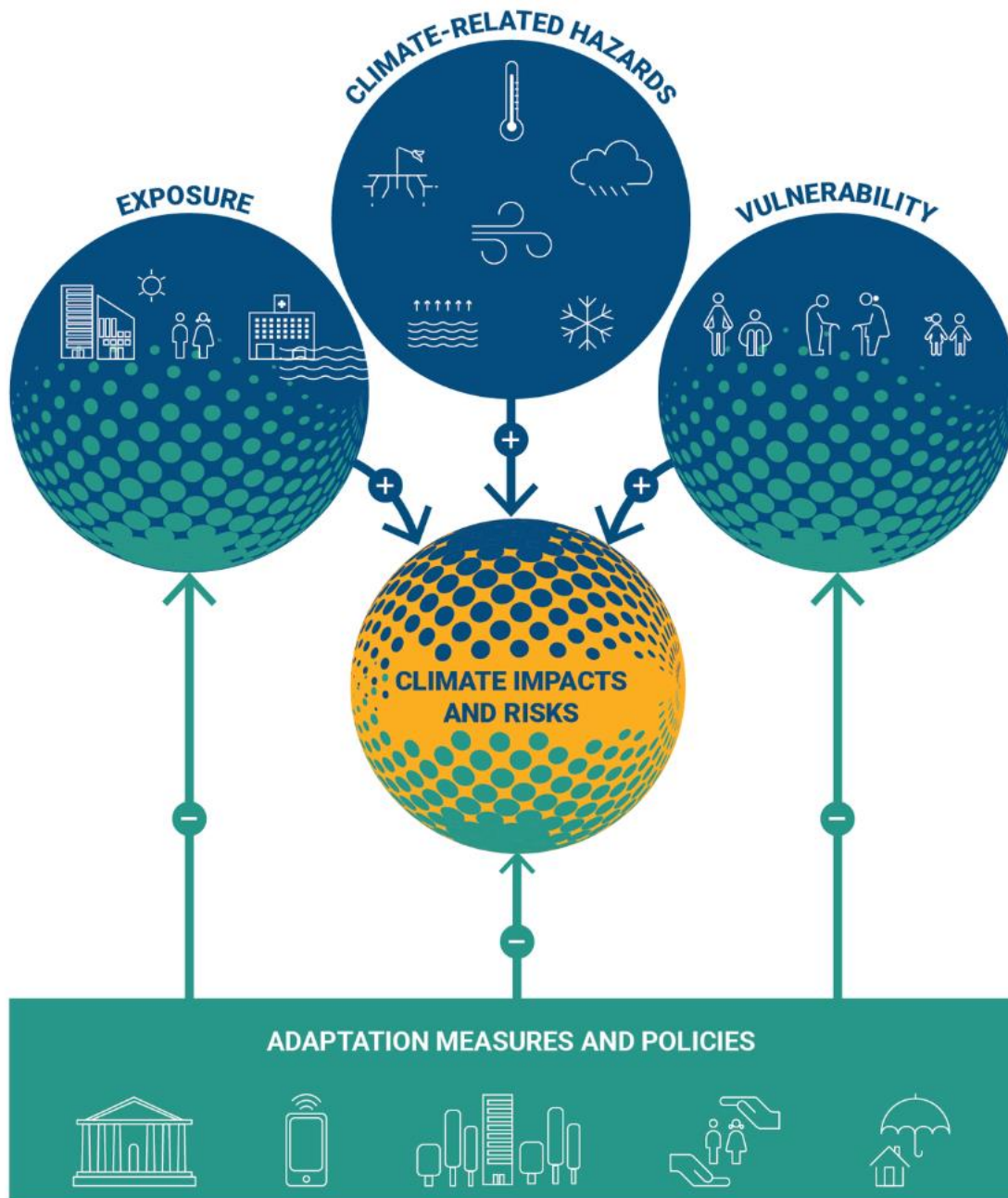
Canadian National Adaptation Strategy



Timeline



Climate Hazards and Projections



The impacts of climate events and disasters are not evenly experienced within or between population groups.

Incorporating equity considerations into disaster and climate risk management is essential for building resilient communities and reducing overall vulnerability.



Climate-Related Hazards



Extreme Heat



Flooding: Coastal,
Riverine



Flooding: Rain



Wildfire



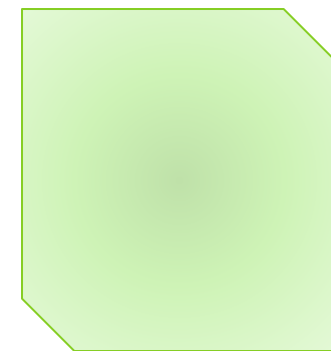
Smoke



Storms



Drought



Landslide



CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

SHIFTING ECOSYSTEMS

invasive species in new places
 change in temperature-driven events
 changing ecosystems
 permafrost thaw
 berries, trees, plants & animals under stress
 warmer lakes/ rivers
 changes in vegetation

berries & plants under stress
 dry land
 poor drinking water quality
 low water
 dusty conditions
 more evaporation from plants, land & water

INFRASTRUCTURE

more heavy rains
 severe storms
 heavy wet snow loads
 wastewater lagoon leakage
 building damage
 road flooding & damage
 damage to energy infrastructure causing power outages
 contaminated drinking water source

WILDFIRE

poor air quality
 higher risk of accidental ignition
 evacuations & stress
 more lightning (fire ignition)
 drier land (fire fuel)
 longer fire season
 damage to the community
 more dead/fallen trees (fire fuel)

warmer temperatures
 changing rain & snow

HEALTH

evacuations
 mental stress
 flooding & fires
 mold in homes & smoke in air
 respiratory issues
 hot days
 heat illness
 more pollen
 allergies
 ticks & mosquitoes in new places
 Lyme disease
 West Nile virus

TRANSPORTATION

delay in winter road opening
 change in ice quality
 higher cost to fly in goods
 social isolation
 shorter winter road season
 ice conditions less predictable
 water routes obstructed
 food & energy insecurity
 severe storms make travel less safe

FOOD SECURITY

more storms / more severe storms
 change in fish spawning
 shifting ranges for plants & animals
 changing migration patterns
 plants & animals moving north
 cold-water fish under stress

FLOODING

changes in river ice
 more heavy rain events
 spring melt flooding
 more mid-winter thaws
 lakes/ rivers overflow banks
 changes in ice jams
 faster spring melt
 flooding from heavy rain
 winter flooding from thaw or rain

Hotter, drier Summers



Hottest Summer Days

29°C	32°C	35°C
1990s	2050s	2080s

Heatwaves

1 day		22 days
1990s	2050s	2080s

Tropical Nights

0		52 days
1990s	2050s	2080s

Summer Rainfall

	15% decrease	19% decrease
1990s	2050s	2080s



Impacts

- Water shortages
- Heat illness
- Increased wildfire and grass fire risk
- Social isolation
- Absenteeism and reduced productivity
- Sensitive infrastructure may overheat
- Marine die off, impacts on sensitive aquatic species
- Stress on species such as the Western Red Cedar
- Business disruption



Warmer, Wetter Winters



Coldest Nighttime Low

-15°C	+5°C	+8.5°C
1990s	2050s	2080s

Frost and Ice Days Decreasing

	Half as many as today	Rare
1990s	2050s	2080s

Longer Growing Season

	+47 days	+68 days
1990s	2050s	2080s

- Snow rare by the 2080s
- Heating load decreasing for buildings – down 22% by the 2050s
- Winter rainfall increasing by 25% by the 2050s



Increased Intensity and Frequency of Precipitation



1:20 Year Wettest Day

100mm	+15%	+25% or 125mm
1990s	2050s	2080s

1:20 5-day Rainfall

230mm		+20% or 280mm
1990s	2050s	2080s

- The wettest days which capture the volume of rainfall on the 95th percentile wettest days annually increase by 47% by the 2080s.
- Increases risk of flooding, landslide/debris flood/flow
- Compound hazard with wildfire



Impacts

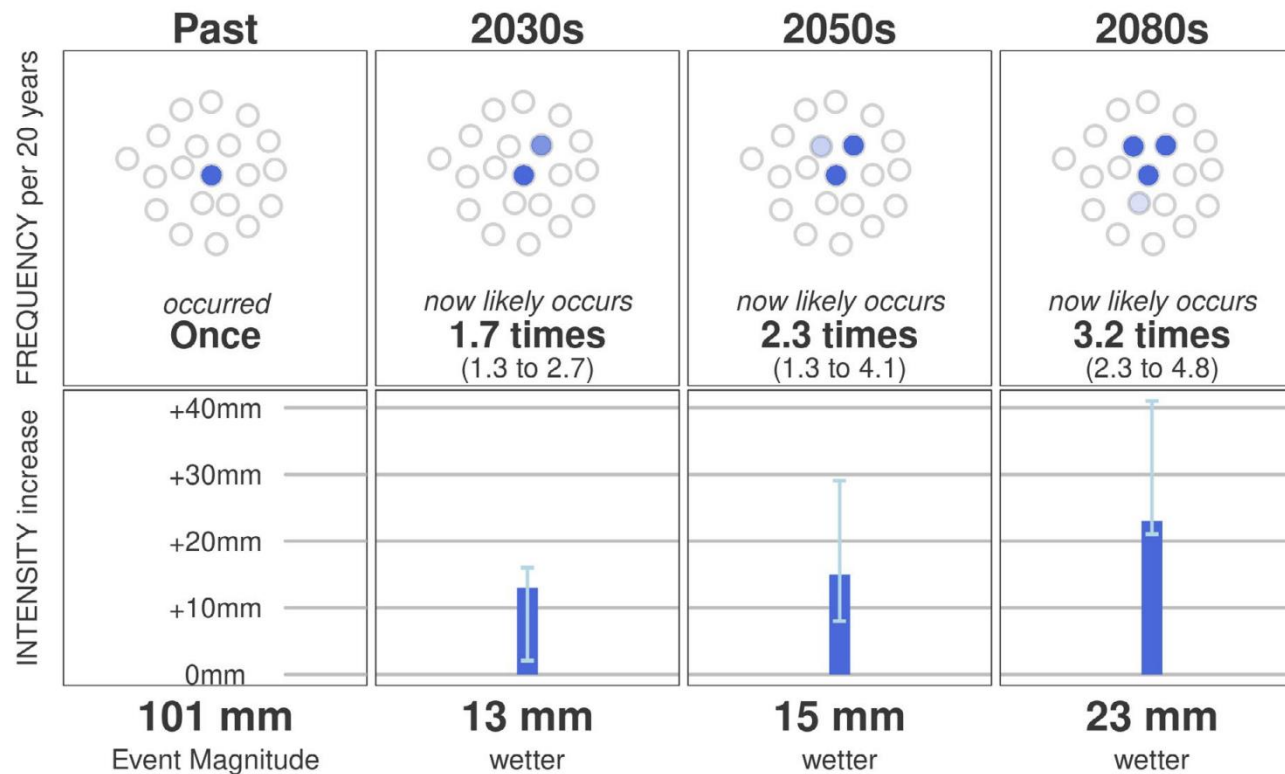
- Flooding from heavy rainfall – damage, disruption, supply chain
- Stormwater / ditching not designed for flow levels
- Anxiety every time it rains
- Pests may survive the winter better
- Increased invasive species
- More wear and tear on infrastructure
- Increasing insurance premiums
- Increasing risk of landslide, debris flood, erosion
- Damage to crops, livestock evacuation



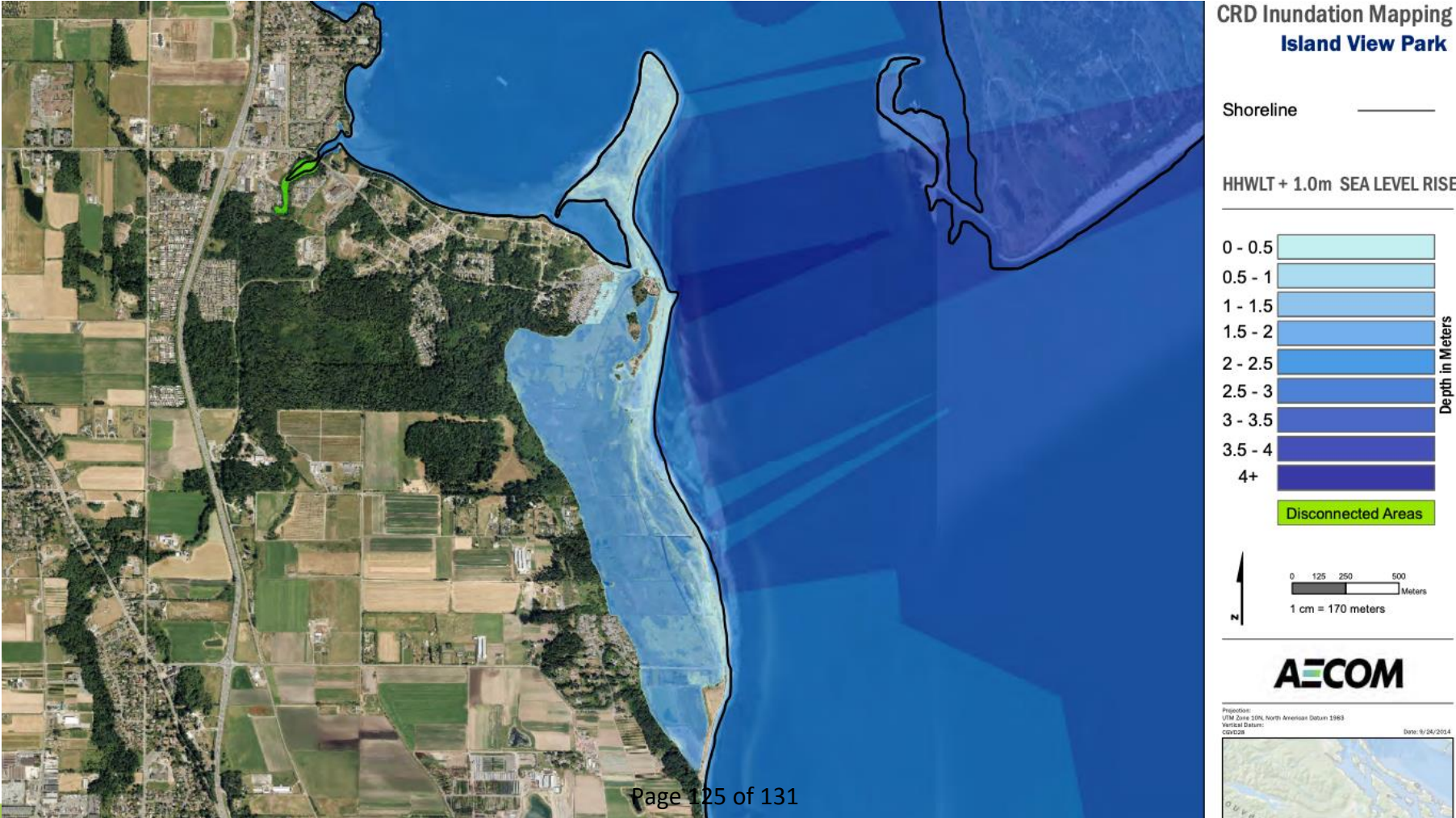
Increasing frequency and Intensity of Extremes

20-Year Event

Frequency and increase in intensity of an extreme rainfall event that occurred once in 20 years on average in the past (1981-2010)



Sea Level Rise



Overlap with the 2023 Accessibility Plan

- Improve plain language, accessible information and communication
 - Including the PEMO alert system (review accessibility)
- Review current mental health support mechanisms and consider possible improvements.
- Establish a service desk / method to support residents to access and navigate services
- Event checklist, dispatch training and emergency plan review for municipal buildings
- Increase infrastructure for electric mobility devices
- Improved transportation options and sidewalks.



Questions?



Discussion

Discussion Questions

- What is your experience and/or observations of impacts from climate-related hazards and extreme weather?
- Are there gaps you see for climate resilience in the existing accessibility plan?
- When is an appropriate time to circle back with this committee? With draft actions?



Next Steps

- Focus Groups – Deeper Dive:
 - older adults, youth, agriculture sector, service providers
- Public Survey Findings
- Meet with staff project team to review risk assessment
- Workshop 2 in the spring - Actions to build resilience and reduce risk



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