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Saanich

DRAFT Parks & Trails Master Plan

October 21st, 2024



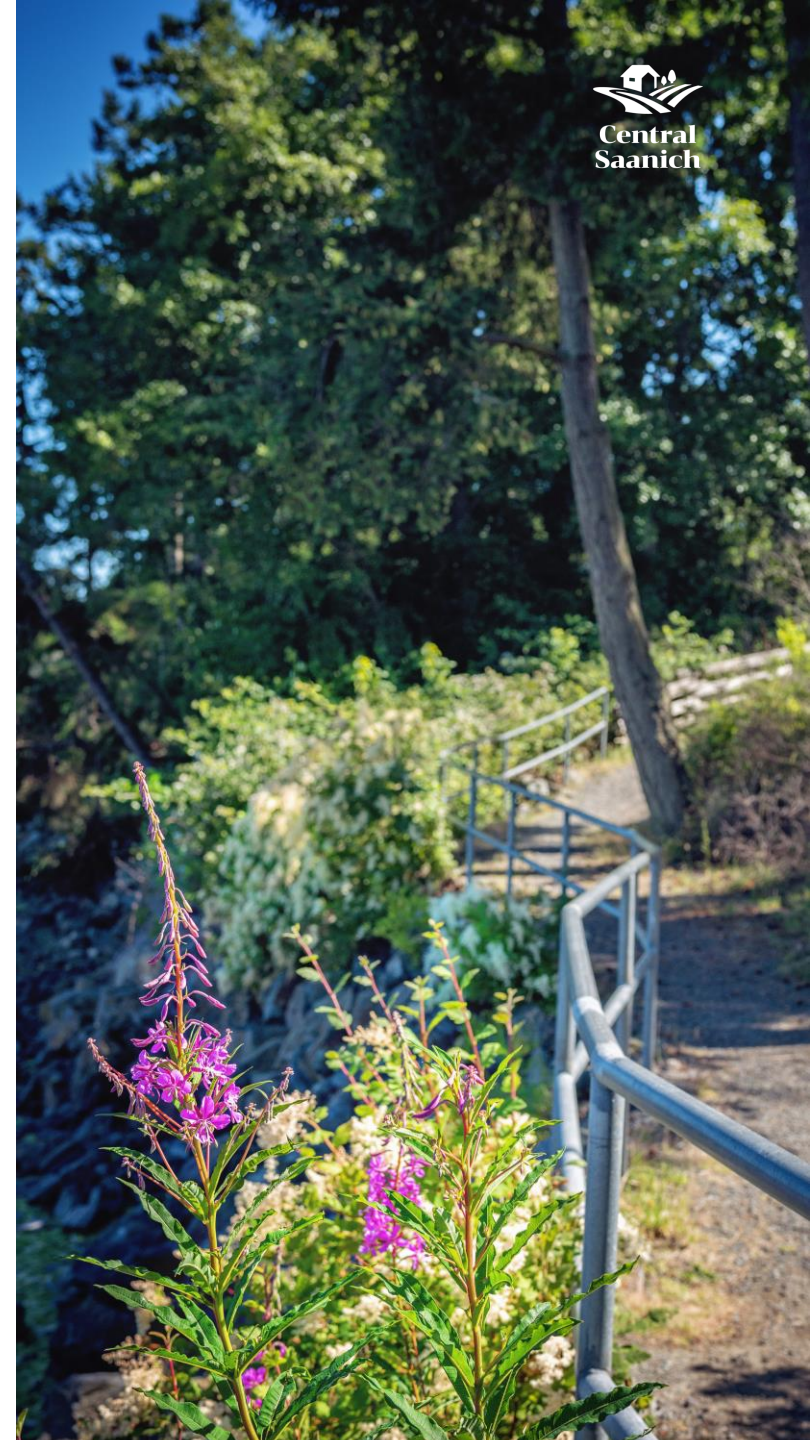
How We Got Here

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 over the next decade and beyond.

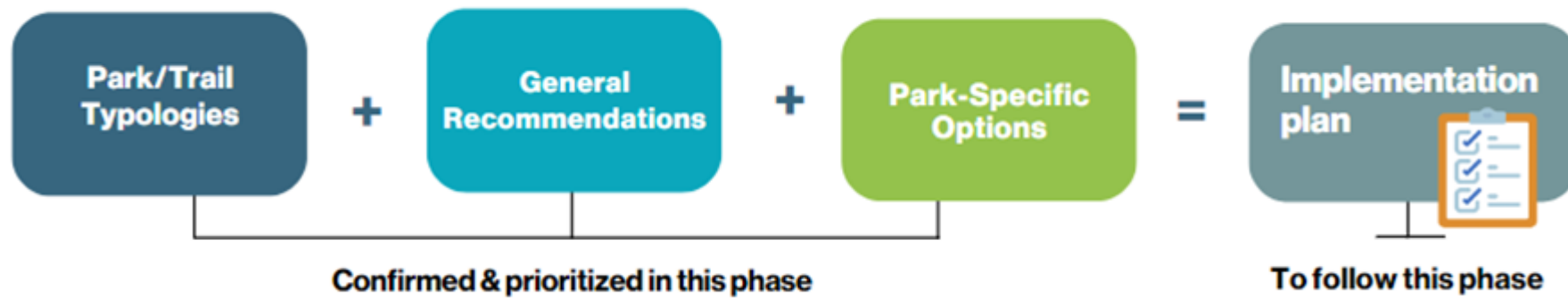
Phase 1 - Fall 2023 - Pre-planning work, background reviews, mapping and site reviews, and needs assessment.

Phase 2 - Fall-Winter 2023 - Engagement with the public, park users, other interest holders and First Nations to identify opportunities, issues, proposed vision and goals.

Phase 3 - Fall 2024 - Draft Master Plan; community engagement on the Draft.



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

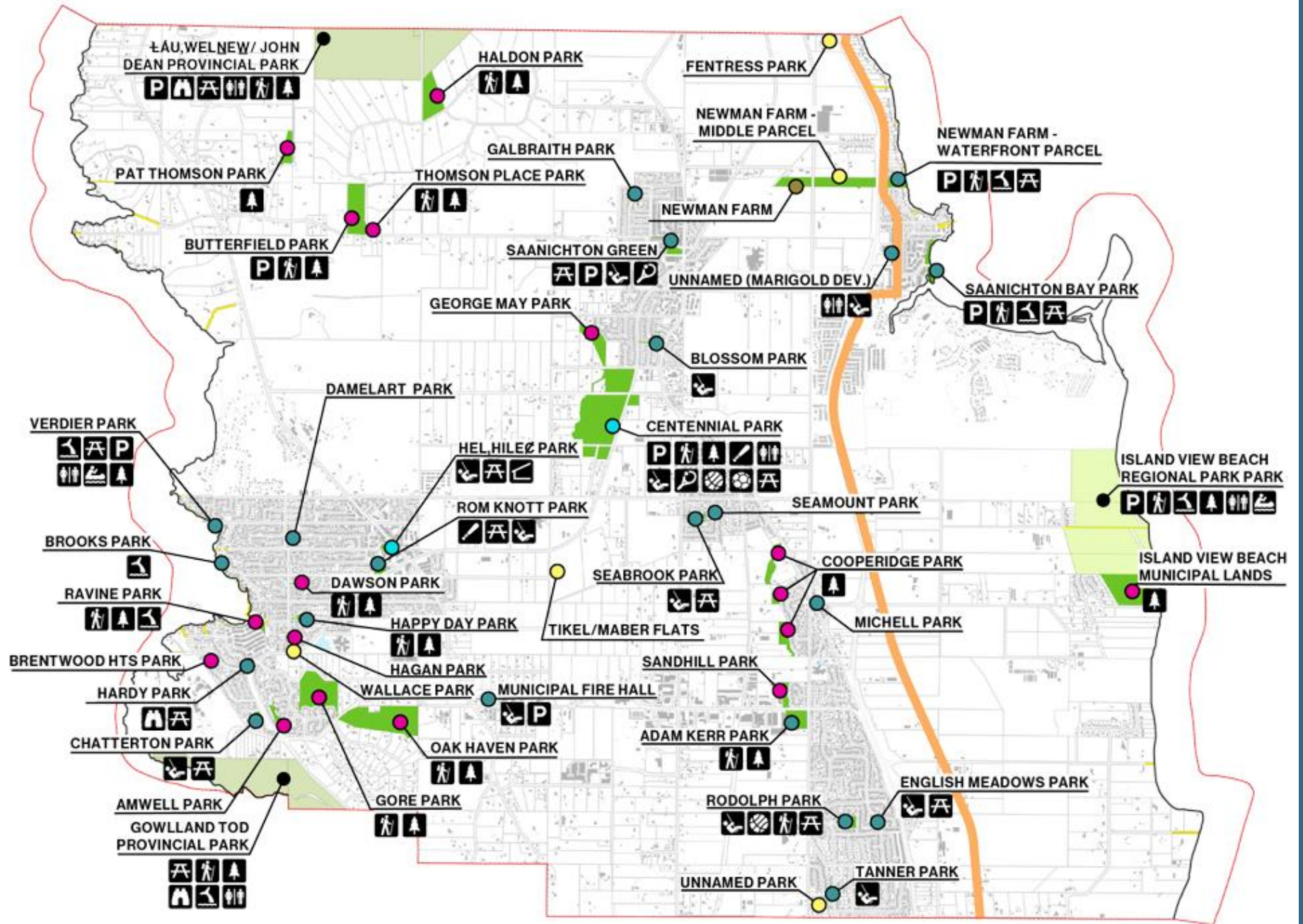
- District Park
- Shoreline Access
- Provincial Park
- Regional Park

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.



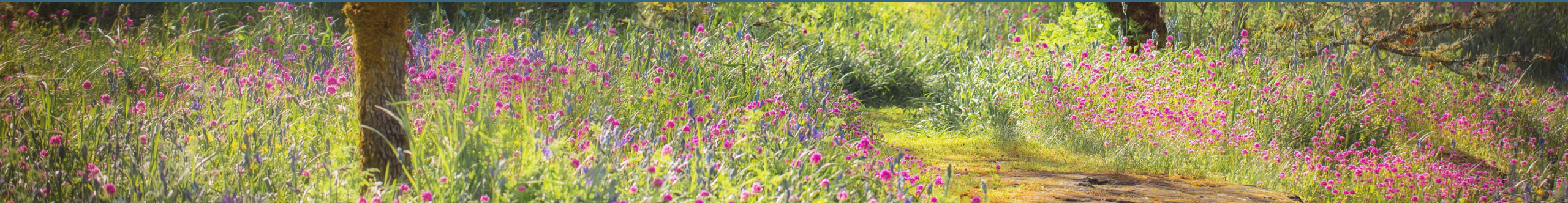
Guiding Future Park Acquisitions

Ensuring future parks respond effectively to community needs and priorities.



Draft Park, Trail & Shoreline Specific Actions.

- Opportunities identified through the first round of community engagement and staff assessments.
- Actions will be a key focus of community engagement
- Projects range from creating new youth amenities, developing dedicated fenced off leash dog areas, habitat restoration efforts, safety improvements to shoreline access and much more.



Thinking Ahead: Implementation Plan & Budgeting

Ways to Fund Actions

Community Amenity
Contributions
Corporate Sponsorship
Donations & Legacy Programs
Grants

Land Negotiations as
Part of Development
Partnerships
Property Sale
Taxation

Some actions will be funded as part of the
District's asset management plan.

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



Engagement

Survey – October 21st – November 29th

Interest Holder Engagement – Ongoing

First Nations Engagement - Ongoing

Next Steps

Phase 4 - Winter 2024 - Draft Master Plan 2 and Draft Implementation Plan; community engagement; Final Master Plan.

Phase 5 - Winter 2024 - Draft Implementation Plan and integration into 5-year Capital Plan, Asset Management Plan, Development Cost Charges and Amenity Cost Charges



Join us at an Open House as we enter Phase 2 the Parks and Trails Master Plan update to review the draft and share your feedback.

OPEN HOUSES

Thursday, October 24, 2-7 pm

Central Saanich Municipal Hall
1903 Mt Newton Cross Rd

Tuesday, October 29, 4-7 pm

Central Saanich Fire Hall #1
1512 Keating Cross Rd

Saturday, November 2, 2-4pm

Centre for Active Living 50+
1229 Clarke Rd

Tuesday, November 5, 6-7 pm

Virtual - register on the project page



Read the draft plan and share your feedback!

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Questions?