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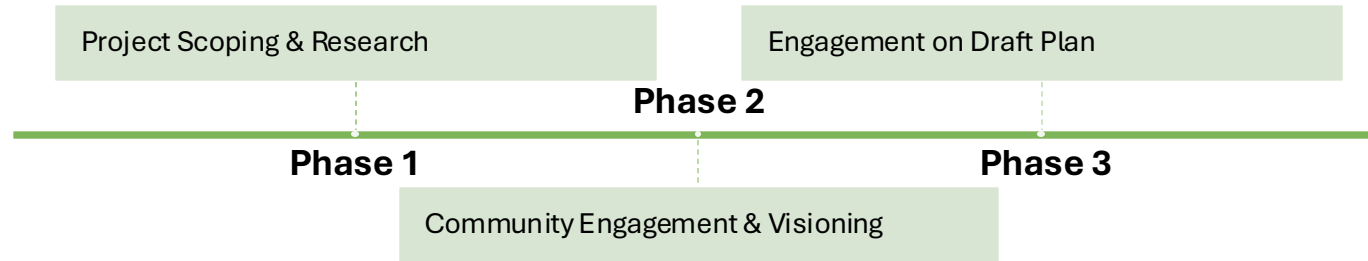
DRAFT Parks & Trails Master Plan

SPAAC – January 23rd, 2025



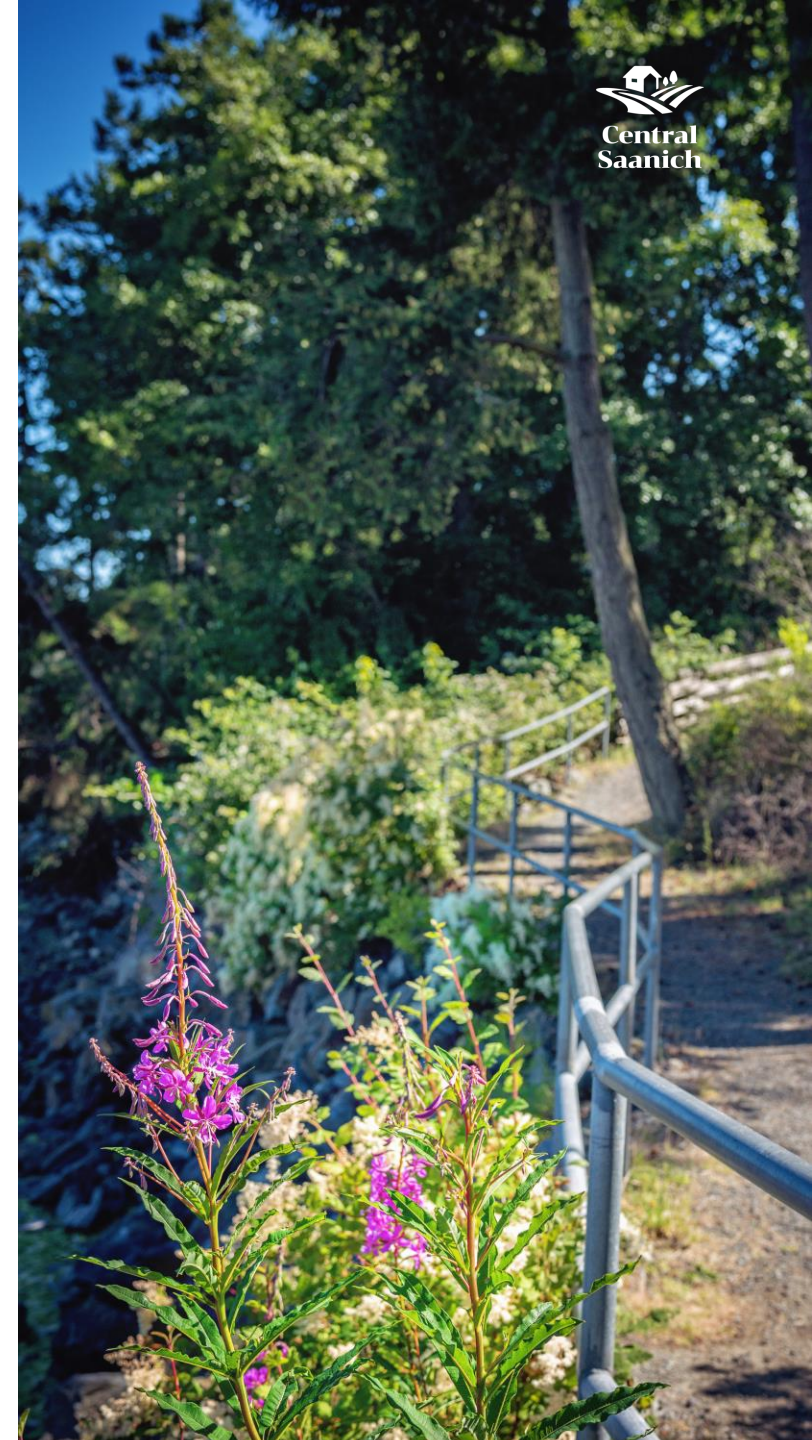
Timeline & What We Heard

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.

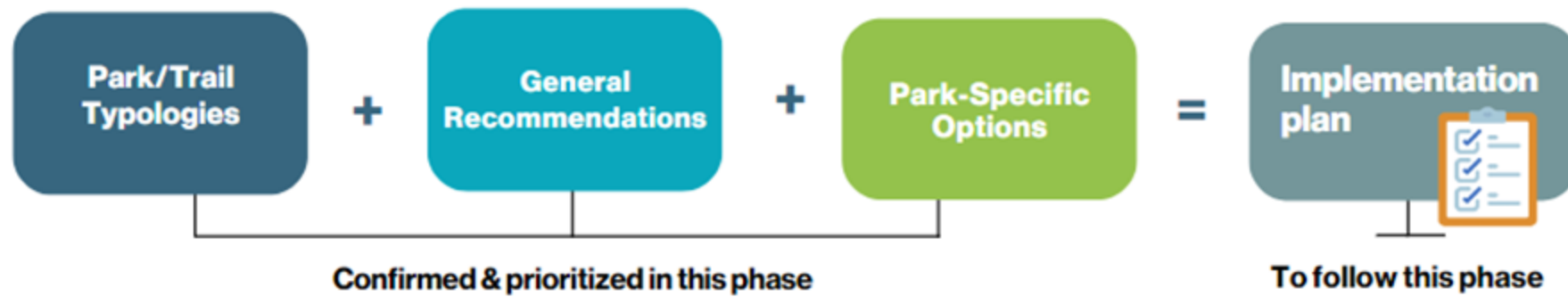


SPAAC Recommendations – January 2024

- 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

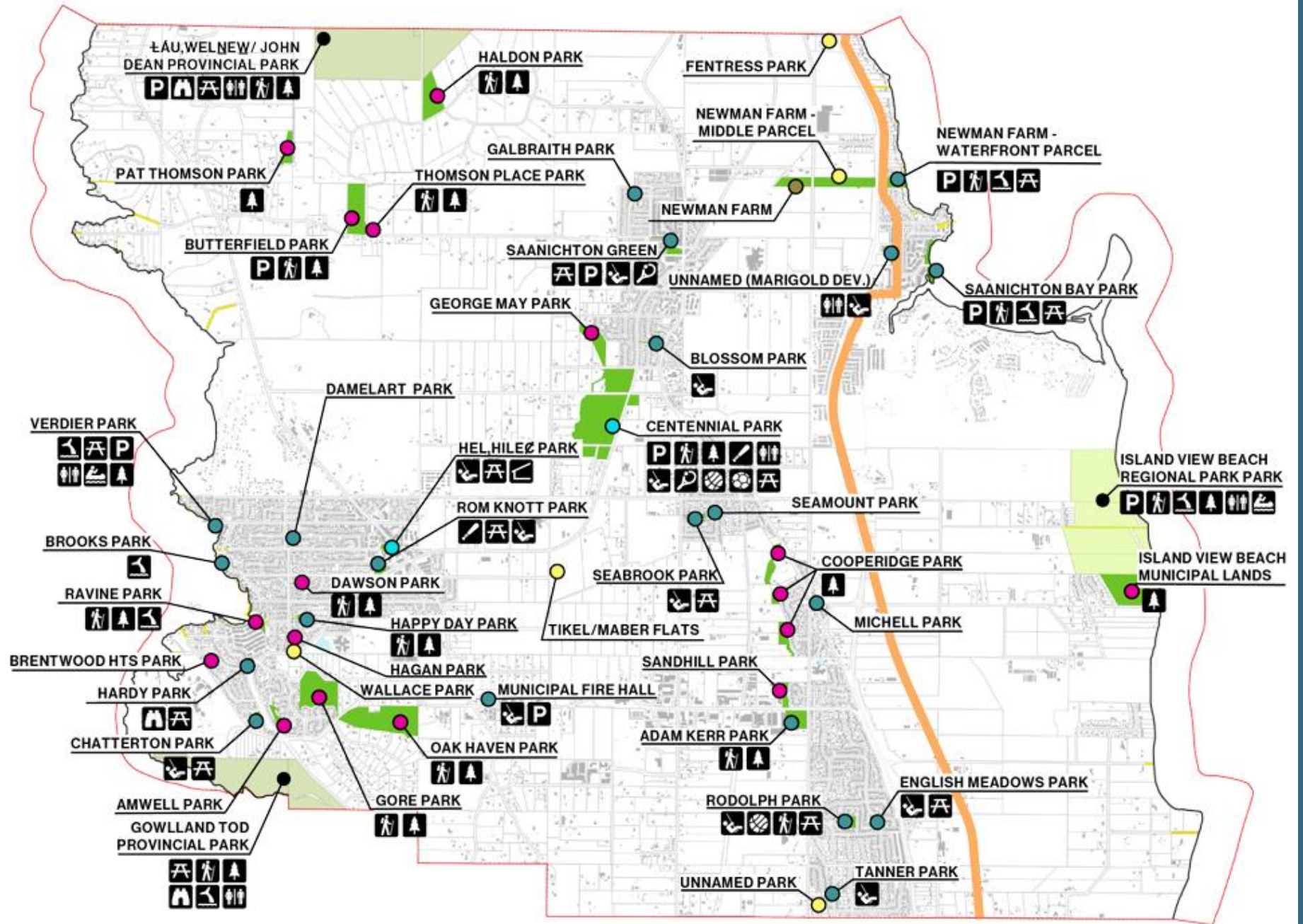
- District Park
- Shoreline Access
- Provincial Park
- Regional Park

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

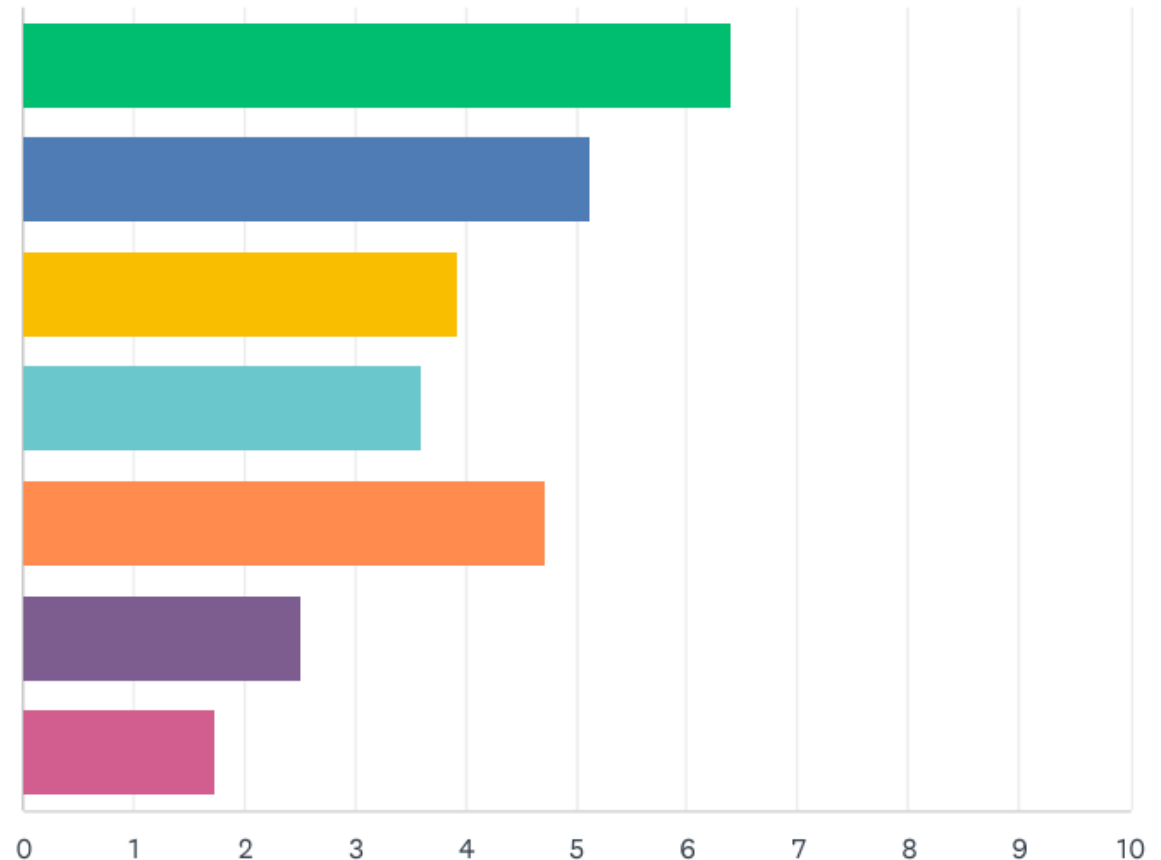
Hagan Bight/Kennes – Ocean Viewpoint

Verdier Park – Shoreline

Island View Beach – Shoreline

Ravine Park – Urban/Waterfront Walk

Newman Farm Beach - Accessible Viewpoint



Next Steps

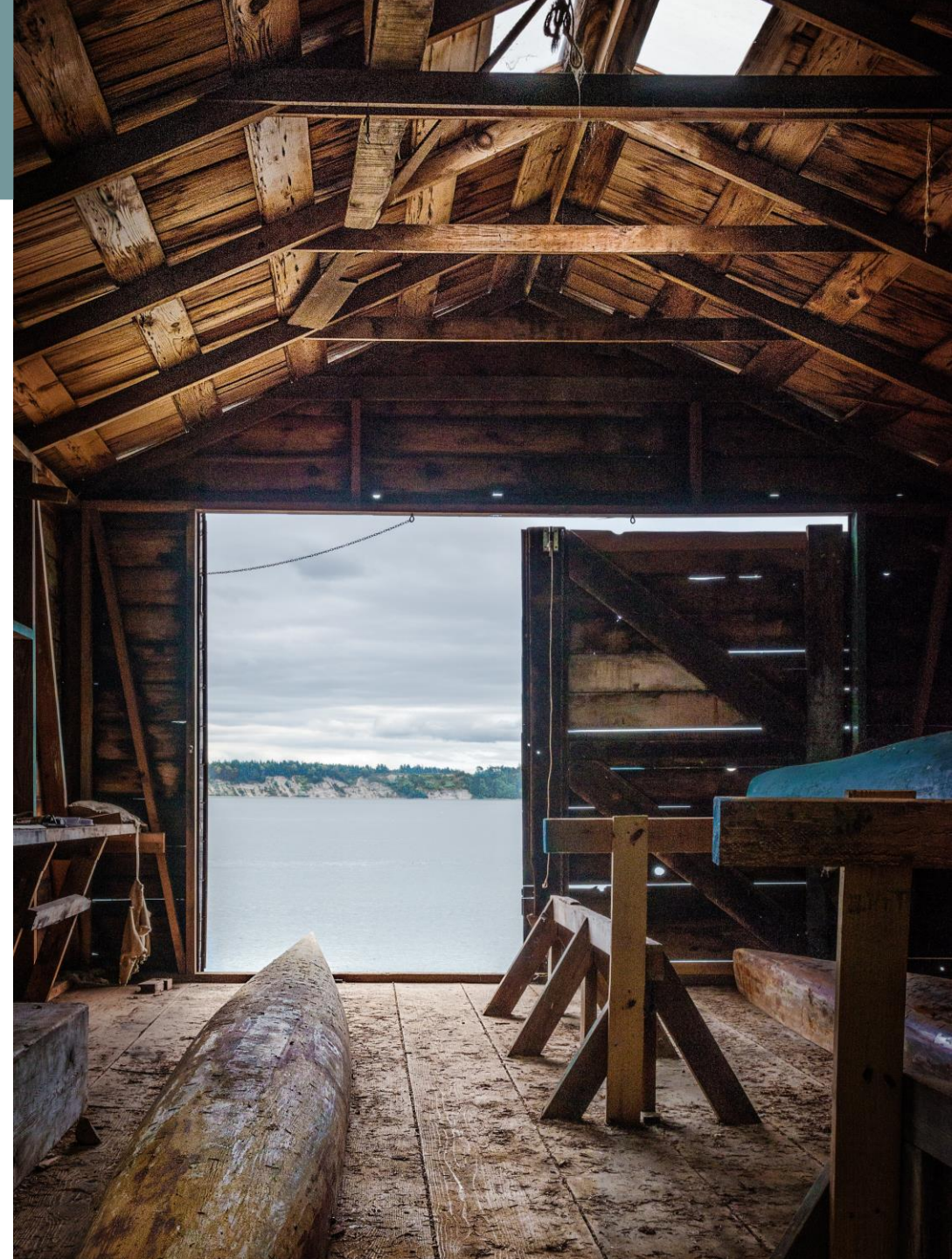
Phase 5 - Winter 2025

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?