

A photograph of four people in outdoor gear standing on a wooden fence in a park setting. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal filter. The people are wearing hats, jackets, and safety vests. One person on the left is holding a surveying instrument. A sign on the left reads "NOT TER" and "ACCESS RMITTED".

# 2025 Regional Parks & Trails Strategic Plan Progress Report

Regional Parks Committee

April 22, 2026

# Agenda

1. Regional Parks & Trails Strategic Plan 2022-2032
2. Tracking Our Progress
3. Report Card
4. Looking Ahead – 2026



# Regional Parks & Trails Strategic Plan 2022-2032

- Identifies five goal areas:
  - ✓ Reconciliation
  - ✓ Conservation
  - ✓ Visitor Experience
  - ✓ Climate Action & Resiliency
  - ✓ Access & Equity
- Guides annual service delivery and budget
- Regional Parks committed to reporting annually

Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan  
2022-2032

Approved by CRD Board  
July 12, 2023

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# Reconciliation

**Goal 1:** Strong, collaborative and mutually beneficial relationships with First Nations through working in partnership.



**Overall Goal Status**  
On Track



## Progress Snapshot

- Supported Scia'new First Nation (Beecher Bay) in hosting Tribal Journeys at East Sooke Regional Park.
- Developed a new cultural school interpretive program.
- Engaged cultural monitors to guide land-altering work.



## Conservation

**Goal 2:** Regional parks protect the region's natural assets and cultural heritage for future generations.



**Overall Goal Status**  
On Track

## Progress Snapshot

- Established a new 21.7-hectare regional park currently known as George Hill on North Pender Island.
- Completed 8.15 hectares of aquatic and terrestrial invasive species treatment.
- Completed a State of Natural Features Report and presented it to the Regional Parks Committee.





# Visitor Experience

**Goal 3:** Visitors to regional parks are involved in stewardship and have enjoyable outdoor recreation experiences.



**Overall Goal Status**  
On Track



## Progress Snapshot

- Engaged 668 volunteers, contributing over 8,220 hours, a 45% increase in volunteer hours since 2022.
- Completed a State of Recreation Report and presented it to the Regional Parks Committee.
- Delivered 264 programs and events reaching more than 9,200 participants.



# Climate Action & Resiliency

**Goal 4:** Regional parks and regional trails are resilient and take action on climate change.



**Overall Goal Status**  
On Track

## Progress Snapshot

- Renewal and paving on the Lochside Trail at North Weiler and critical below-deck repairs on the Selkirk Trestle.\*
- Installed two public EV chargers at Witty's Lagoon Regional Park.
- Compared to 2024, emissions decreased by approximately 11% due to fleet electrification and fuel switching to lower-emission energy sources.

\* Future reporting on regional trails will come from Regional Transportation





## Access & Equity

**Goal 5:** Regional parks and regional trails are inclusive and accessible.



**Overall Goal Status**

On Track

## Progress Summary

- Completed eight Google street views of regional park parking lots, main trails and facilities to improve trip planning for visitors.
- Completed annual accessibility audit of day-use areas and addressed 58% of identified issues.
- Delivered more than a dozen accessibility upgrades in regional parks, including adding a mobi-mat at Island View Beach and accessible parking stalls at 3 parks.





# Regional Parks & Trails 2025 Report Card

## Legend: Goal Status



**On Track:** 75% or greater of yearly target progress



**Opportunity for Improvement:** 50% - 75% of yearly target progress



**Attention Required:** less than 50% of yearly target progress



**Future Action**



**2025 Overall Strategic Plan Progress**  
On Track

### Goal Areas



**Reconciliation:** Strong, collaborative and mutually beneficial relationships with First Nations through working in partnership.



**Visitor Experience:** Visitors to regional parks are involved in stewardship and have enjoyable outdoor recreation experiences.



**Conservation:** Protect the region's natural assets and cultural heritage for future generations.

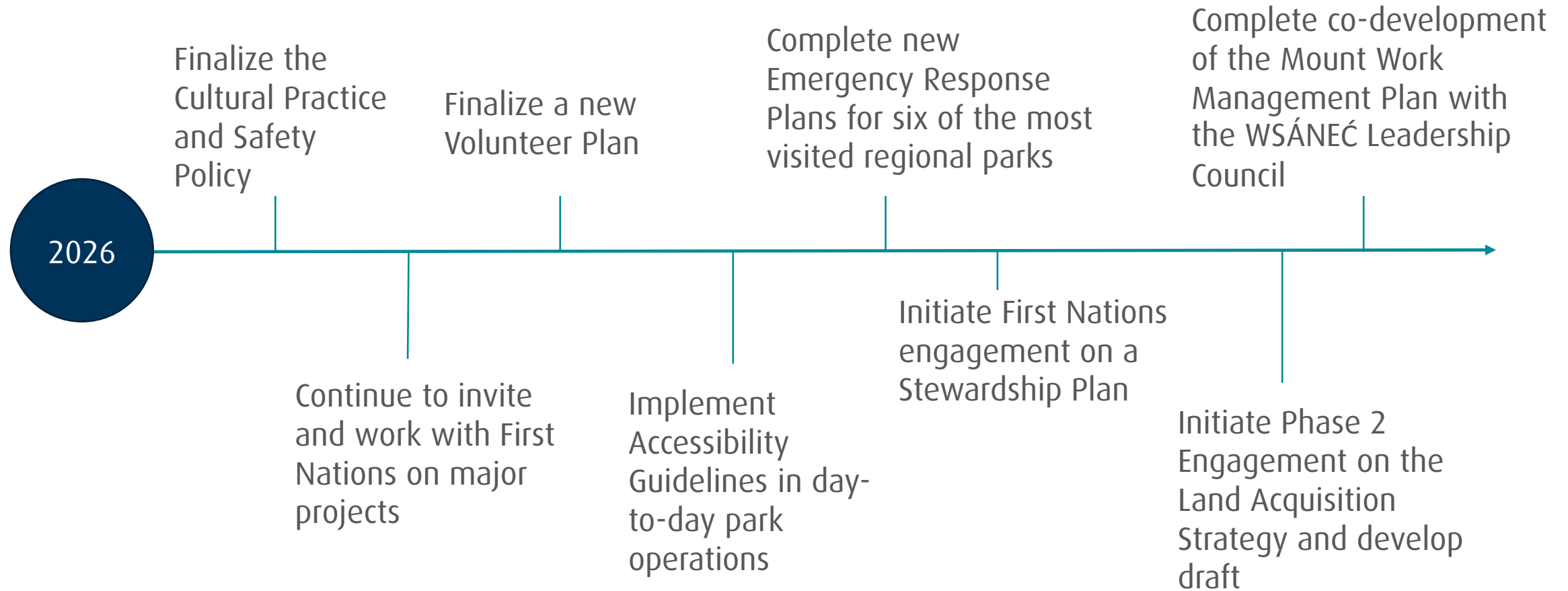


**Climate Action & Resiliency:** Regional parks and regional trails are resilient and take action on climate change.



**Access & Equity:** Regional parks and regional trails are inclusive and accessible.

# Looking Ahead – 2026 Initiatives





# Thank you

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