

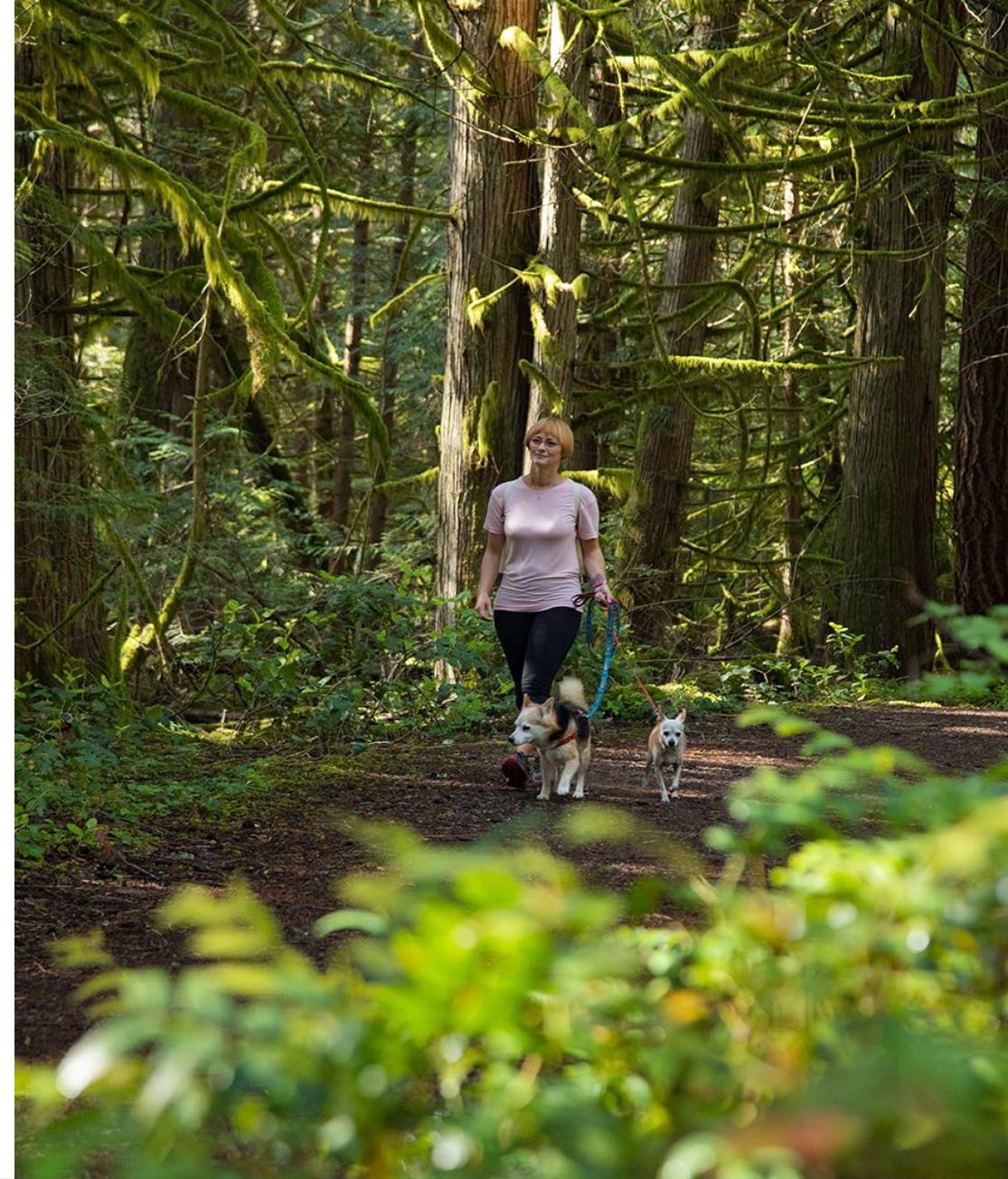
A person with long dark hair, wearing a dark jacket and blue pants, is sitting in a wheelchair on a dirt path in a forest. They are looking off to the side with a slight smile. The background is filled with tall, thin trees and green foliage. The entire image has a teal-colored overlay.

2024 Regional Parks & Trails Strategic Plan | Progress Report

April 23, 2025

Agenda

1. Regional Parks & Trails Strategic Plan 2022-2032
2. Tracking Our Progress
3. Report Card
4. Looking Ahead – 2025



A close-up photograph of a cluster of purple flowers, likely bluebells, with green foliage in the background. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing their yellow centers.

Regional Parks & Trails Strategic Plan 2022-2032

Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan
2022-2032

The CRD Board adopted the finalized plan that includes feedback from 19 First Nations on July 12, 2023.

The 2022-2032 plan updates the former strategy with a lens on:

- First Nations reconciliation
- Conservation and protection of biodiversity to reflect current challenges and opportunities affecting the region
- Current CRD initiatives and priorities

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 Action Status

On Track

Progress Summary

- Cultural monitors supervised projects at several regional parks.
- First Nations were involved with several restoration projects.
- T'Sou-ke Campground staff supported CRD efforts during the Old Man Lake Wildfire.
- Offered cultural programming to a growing number of park visitors.
- Continued engagement on a traditional use agreement and reconciliation workplan for Mount Work Regional Park.





Conservation

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



Overall Action Status
On Track

Progress Summary

- Restored 20 hectares of regional park land.
- Staff implemented actions that mitigate threats to plants at risk in 11 regional parks.
- Invasives management, fencing and signage installed to better protect ecosystems and species.
- Issued 17 permits for academic, government or eNGO research.
- Completed a State of Natural Features Report.





Visitor Experience

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



Overall Action Status
On Track



Progress Summary

- 79% of visitors were satisfied with their experience in regional parks and on regional trails.
- Completed a State of Outdoor Recreation Report.
- The CRD Regional Parks Volunteer Program continued to support diverse participation.
- Ongoing work with Outdoor Recreation License Agreement holder groups.
- Enhancement of existing outdoor recreation opportunities through trail restoration, trail re-routing and infrastructure maintenance.



Climate Action & Resiliency

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



Overall Action Status
On Track

Progress Summary

- 4.1 million regional trail visits, up from 3.9 million in 2023.
- Installed EV chargers for public use.
- Completed a Regional Trail Use Study.
- Completed Mayne Island Regional Trail.
- Secured grant funding to support the Regional Trestle Renewal, Trail Widening and Lighting project.
- Began the Salt Spring Island Regional Trail project feasibility study.





Access & Equity

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



Overall Action Status
On Track



Progress Summary

- Staff implemented an Annual Accessibility Maintenance Audit to identify maintenance defects.
- Accessible Facility Guidelines for regional parks were developed.
- Enhanced accessibility information was made available on the CRD website for five parks.
- Interpretive staff offered dozens of accessible public programs and events.
- Line painting was completed at four regional parks to meet new accessible parking standards.



Regional Parks & Trails 2024 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



2024 Overall Strategic Plan Progress
On Track

Goal Areas



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



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

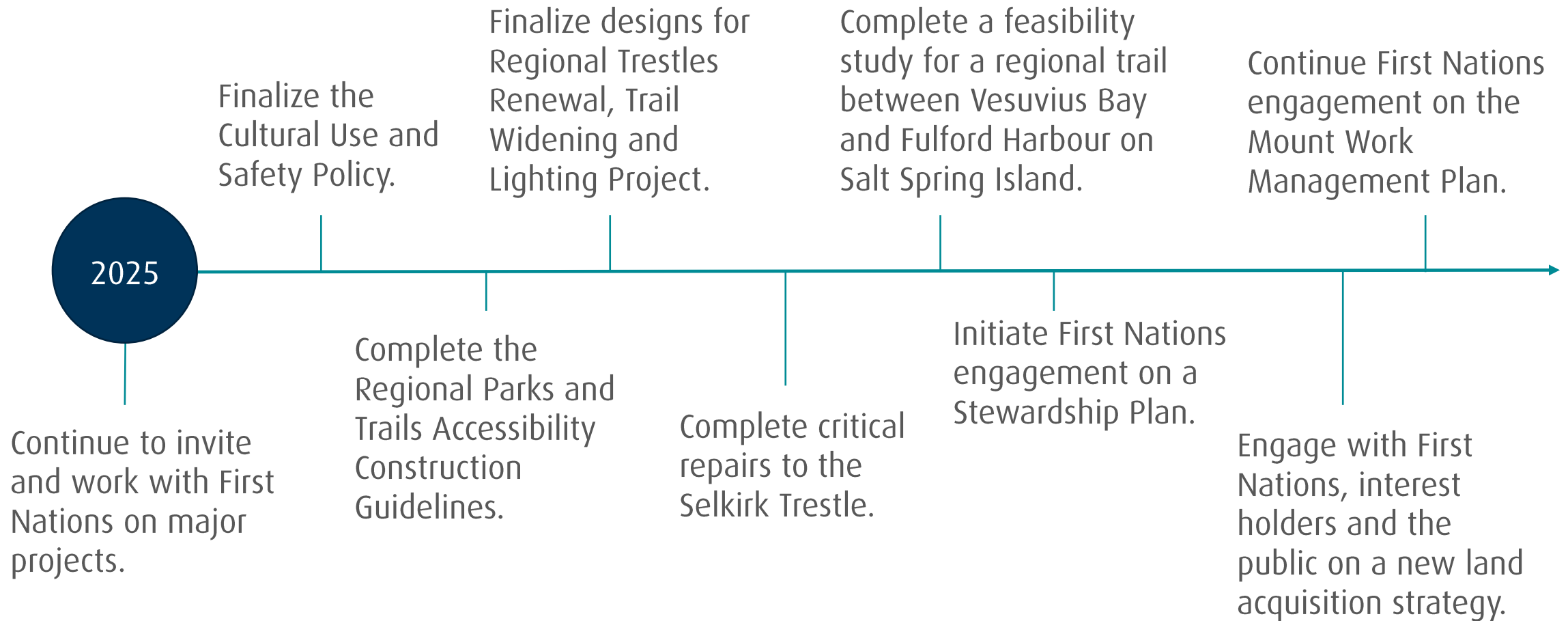


Climate Action & Resiliency: Regional parks and regional trails are resilient and take action on climate change.



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

Looking Ahead – 2025 Initiatives





Thank you

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