

**2012-2021 REGIONAL PARKS STRATEGIC PLAN
STATUS OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

November 2021

Strategic Priority	Strategic Action	2021 Status
Strengthen management of existing parks and trails	Upgrade, maintain, repair or replace major facilities.	ongoing
	Cultivate partnerships, explore new approaches and adopt best management practices and technologies.	ongoing
	Explore opportunities for generating non-tax revenue.	ongoing
	Complete or update park and trail management plans for priority parks and trails.	ongoing
	Complete ecological inventories and conservation plans for priority parks and address priority conservation issues.	ongoing
	Collaborate on the development of a natural area connectivity plan.	underway
	Complete asset, maintenance and operation plans.	ongoing
	Develop an environmental education plan and provide leadership in a review of interpretive facilities in the region.	ongoing
	Develop an outdoor recreation strategy.	not started
Strategically plan for and open existing land banked parks and trails as resources are approved	Develop a park and trail opening strategy.	ongoing
	Continue construction of the E&N Rail Trail.	ongoing
	In partnership with other public agencies, local government and private landowners, initiate planning for the regional trails system on Salt Spring Island and the Southern Gulf Islands.	ongoing
Strengthen community involvement, education and partnerships	Engage the community by providing volunteer and educational experiences for people, including youth and families, to discover, learn about, protect and restore parks and trails.	ongoing
	Foster and initiate partnerships and expand volunteer opportunities.	ongoing
	Integrate First Nations interests into planning for, and management and stewardship of, regional parks and trails.	ongoing
	Undertake a visitor use survey.	underway
	Undertake a survey of residents.	complete

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Prepare for future land acquisitions	In partnership with other CRD departments, First Nations and the federal and provincial governments, prepare a sensitive ecosystem inventory for land west of the Sooke River.	ongoing
	Prepare a land acquisition strategy and examine acquisition options to achieve the future regional parks and trails system.	complete
	Prepare a boundary rationalization plan for recent acquisitions prior to park dedication and declare land that does not have regional park or trail value as surplus and sell these lands. Proceeds from the sale of the surplus lands would be used for further park or trail acquisitions.	ongoing
Promote the health benefits of regional parks and trails	Partner with other levels of government and health agencies to promote the health benefits of regional parks and trails to the community.	ongoing
	Undertake a study on the natural capital value of regional park land.	ongoing
	Focus programs on engaging youth and families in park activities.	ongoing
	Provide more accessible opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to connect with nature.	ongoing
Engage in planning for regional sustainability	Bring forward, as part of the process to prepare the Regional Sustainability Strategy, the discussion of the concept that at least half of the region's land base should be managed for nature conservation.	complete
	Partner with CRD Regional Planning to advance Regional Parks' interests into planning for regional sustainability.	ongoing