

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

**January 2022**

<b>X</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Not started</b>	<b>Initiated</b>	<b>Developed</b>

Strategic Priority	Strategic Action	Highlight			
<b>1. Strengthen management of existing parks and trails</b>	a. Upgrade, maintain, repair or replace major facilities.	X	I	D	Sustainable service delivery report cards; Asset management
	b. Cultivate partnerships, explore new approaches and adopt best management practices and technologies.	X	I	D	MBAC & Mtn Bike Guidelines; SIMBS & SBC agreements for trail stewardship; Dog management framework; CRISP involvement
	c. Explore opportunities for generating non-tax revenue.	X	I	D	Revenue strategy presented March 10, 2021
	d. Complete or update park and trail management plans for priority parks and trails.	X	I	D	Prioritization of park management plans presented; 19 parks have park management plans, 16 parks without, 9 parks needing review
	e. Complete ecological inventories and conservation plans for priority parks and address priority conservation issues.	X	I	D	Funding secured for Species at Risk inventories; 15 research permits issued/year supporting academic and community projects
	f. Collaborate on the development of a natural area connectivity plan.	X	I	D	Land evaluation project underway; Engagement completed
	g. Complete asset, maintenance and operation plans.	X	I	D	Initiated Management Plan implementation process; Prepare annual operating plans; Conduct criticality assessment of park assets

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	h. Develop an environmental education plan & provide leadership in review of interpretive facilities in the region.	X	I	D	Resources not currently in place
	i. Develop an outdoor recreation strategy.	X	I	D	Recreation specialist position created in 2020
<b>2. Strategically plan for and open existing land banked parks and trails as resources are approved</b>	a. Develop a park and trail opening strategy.	X	I	D	Approx. 1,600 ha park land acquired since 2010; 3 new parks (Sooke River, St. John Point, Mountain Rd) plus additions to existing parks
	b. Continue construction of the E&N Rail Trail.	X	I	D	Phase 3 complete; Phase 4 underway; Phase 5 subject to route & funding
	c. 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.	X	I	D	Gulf Islands Regional Trails Plan adopted 2018; Mayne Island Regional Trail Phase 1 construction
<b>3. Strengthen community involvement, education and partnerships</b>	a. Engage the community by providing volunteer & educational experiences for people, including youth and families, to discover, learn about, protect and restore parks and trails.	X	I	D	Cultural Programmer position established 2020; Volunteer Steward program continuing; 280 programs delivered annually; 90% programs target all ages

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	b. Foster and initiate partnerships and expand volunteer opportunities.	X	I	D	CRISP and Partners in Parks agreements to remove invasive species; SIMBS & SBC agreements for Mtn Bike trails
	c. Integrate First Nations interests into planning for, and management and stewardship of, regional parks and trails.	X	I	D	Traditional Use Agreements; Sooke Potholes campground operating agreement; MOU with WSANEC
	d. Undertake a visitor use survey.	X	I	D	Visitor use surveys conducted on rotating bases; completed in 2018, 2019, 2021 in 17 regional parks & 3 regional trails
	e. Undertake a survey of residents.	X	I	D	Resident surveys conducted on rotating basis; 2017 completed, 2022 proposed
<b>4. Prepare for future land acquisitions</b>	a. 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.	X	I	D	Land Evaluation project initiated; Public engagement completed 2019.
	b. Prepare a land acquisition strategy and examine acquisition options to achieve the future regional parks and trails system.	X	I	D	Extension of land acquisition fund to 2029 approved

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	c. 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.	X	I	D	Surplus lands identified at time of acquisition; 26 ha land not suitable for park disposed
<b>5. Promote the health benefits of regional parks and trails</b>	a. Partner with other levels of government and health agencies to promote the health benefits of regional parks and trails to the community.	X	I	D	MOU established with MOTI to co-manage Galloping Goose Regional Trail; participate annually in events (e.g., Bike to Work week)
	b. Undertake a study on the natural capital value of regional park land.	X	I	D	Not started
	c. Focus programs on engaging youth and families in park activities.			D	90% events target families and youth
	d. Provide more accessible opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to connect with nature.		I		Regional Trails Widening Study completed; Accessibility study not started
<b>6. Engage in planning for regional sustainability</b>	a. 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.	X	I	D	Regional Growth Strategy adopted 2018

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	b. Partner with CRD Regional Planning to advance Regional Parks' interests into planning for regional sustainability.	X	I	D	Regional trails identified as key active transportation priority; Regional park interests to be identified in municipal OCP regional context statements