

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us to discuss the Draft Parks and Trails Master Plan

Let's talk parks, trails and shorelines!

The draft was informed by Phase 1 community feedback, our Official Community Plan and past project processes, community/sports group meetings, District staff, and technical inventory and analysis.

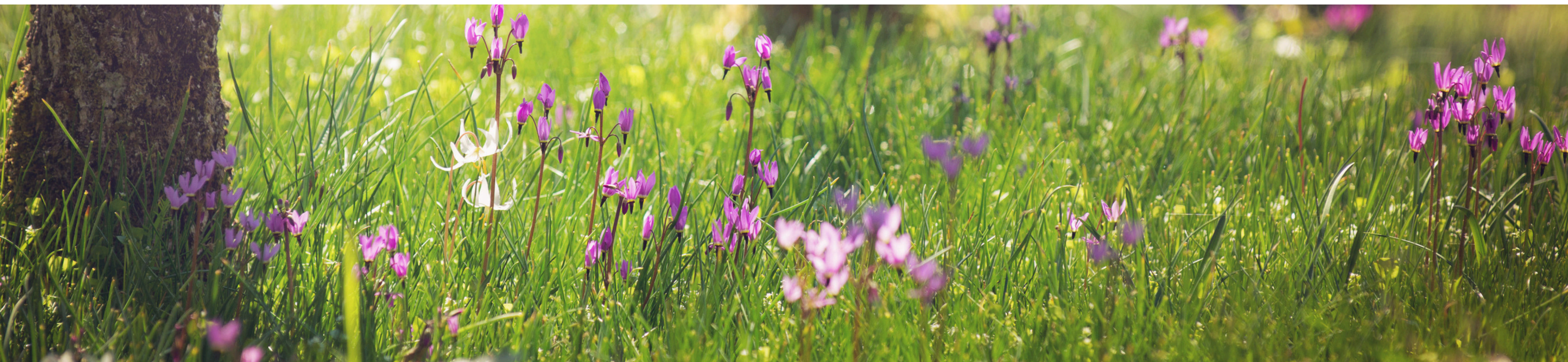


Central Saanich

Plan Principles

The following plan principles are the core considerations behind the draft plan's goals and actions. These support the objectives of our Official Community Plan.

- Ensure the parks and trails system is **welcoming, inclusive, diverse** and equitably distributed.
- Foster **connectivity** for people, places and nature.
- Celebrate, protect and enhance our **natural** character and **environment**.
- Manage and operate the parks and trails system in a way that is **collaborative, climate adaptive, future-forward** and **cost-efficient**.



The Structure of the Parks and Trails Master Plan

There are two types of recommendations we need your input on

Informed by
community input
and park/trail
guidelines

General
recommendations

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Park-specific
proposed actions

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Implementation
plan



Confirmed in this phase

Prioritized in this phase

To follow this phase

Final plan for Council and community

Suggested park types

CLASSIFICATION	DESCRIPTION	IDEAL AMENITIES
Community Park	Large, central destination parks. Appeal to the broad community as well as to visitors and include a diverse collection of features and facilities.	Mowed grass area, trails and shade trees, playground with fencing along roads and benches or picnic table, waste facility and dog bag dispenser, bike racks, signage and wayfinding
Neighbourhood Park	Respond to localized recreation needs of residents within walking distance to their homes . Provide a visual, physical and social focus for a neighbourhood area. Especially important in neighbourhoods where private open space is limited (e.g. dense development, multi-family areas).	Mowed grass area, trails and shade trees, playground with fencing along roads and benches or picnic table, waste facility and dog bag dispenser, bike racks, signage and wayfinding
Nature Park	Dedicated for community access to nature and can provide ecological conservation , wildlife habitat protection , watercourse protection. Recreational use in nature parks is typically limited to passive enjoyment and pedestrian trails.	Trails, fencing in environmentally sensitive areas, benches at rest/viewpoints, bike racks, and signage and wayfinding.
Undeveloped Park	Areas dedicated as park land but undeveloped and lacking identification, maintenance, access or amenities; or are inaccessible. Most often not suitable, known or used by the community as public park space.	To allow public access to the District's foreshore with the purpose of maximizing the recreational potential of the shoreline. May provide physical or visual access.
Shoreline Access	To allow public access to beaches with the purpose of maximizing the recreational potential of the shoreline. May provide physical or visual access.	Benches or seating areas, bike racks, signage to minimize conflicts with adjacent landowners.

About our parks

The BC Parks and Recreation Association reviewed all municipalities in BC and found the average parkland-to-resident ratio is 2.51 hectares/1,000 residents.

Currently, the District boasts a ratio of 4.98 ha (12.3 acres)/1,000 residents.

Furthermore, when including regional and provincial parkland and open spaces, the ratio increases to 14.52 ha/1,000 residents.



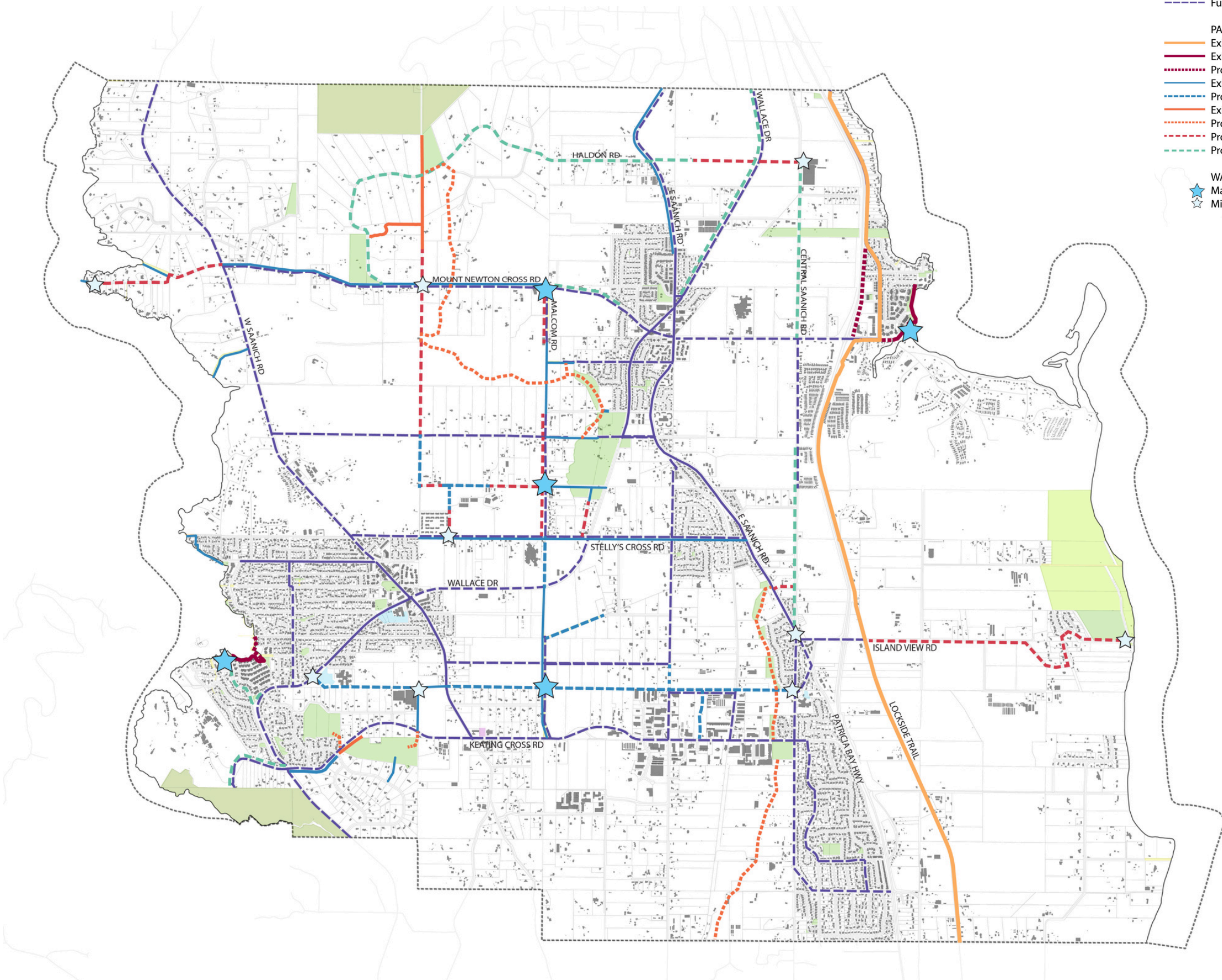
Existing Amenities

Playgrounds	11	Artificial turf fields (municipal)	0
Water/spray parks	1**	Baseball / softball diamonds (municipal)	7
Bike/Skate Parks	0	Baseball / softball diamonds (other)*	2
Grass soccer / football fields (municipal)	2	Basketball / sport courts (municipal)	2
Grass soccer / football fields (other)*	4	Basketball / sport courts (other)*	3
Tennis courts	3	Pickleball courts	0
Lacrosse box	1	Combined pickleball / tennis courts	3
* Sports fields owned and operated by other agencies other than municipal parks were not included in the review of other jurisdictions. ** Coming this fall to Centennial Park			

Proposed Primary Trail Network

Legend

- ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK**
- Existing Bike Lane
 - Future Bike Lane
- PARK NETWORK**
- Existing Regional Trail
 - Existing Community Path (asphalt)
 - Proposed Community Path
 - Existing Neighbourhood Trail (NBH) (gravel)
 - Proposed Neighbourhood Trail
 - Existing Nature Trail (natural surface)
 - Proposed Nature Trail
 - Proposed Rural Road Route
 - Proposed Roadside Trail
- WAYFINDING FEATURES**
- Major Wayfinding Feature (ex: public art)
 - Minor Wayfinding Feature (ex: colourful bench)



Plan 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.



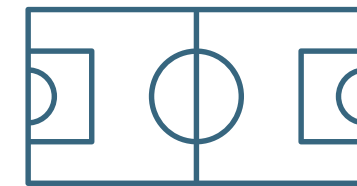
Children & Youth Amenities

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 fenced dog parks.



Guiding Future Park Acquisitions

Ensuring future parks respond effectively to community needs and priorities.



Exploring plan priorities

Accessibility

Ensure the parks and trails system is welcoming and inclusive for all



Proposed Actions

1. Ensure large, busy parks have public transit access, accessible parking, washrooms, picnic areas, and seating.
2. Continue offering accessible play opportunities.
3. Provide accessibility ratings on signage at trailheads and along trails.
4. Develop online resources and maps with accessibility features.
5. Add rest stops along trails and at viewpoints.
6. Upgrade paths and trails to meet updated standards.

Creating Accessible Opportunities

1. Viewpoints – Hagan Bight KENNES Viewpoint, Newman Farm Beach Access
2. Shoreline – Saanichton Bay Park, Island View Beach
3. Forest – Centennial Park
4. Farm – Newman Farm – Middle Parcel
5. Urban – Brentwood Waterfront Walkway

Signage & Wayfinding

Ensuring that visitors to the districts parks system can navigate effectively.



Proposed Actions

1. Sign major trail connections in parks and along active transportation routes.
2. Add interpretive signage on local biodiversity, ecosystems, W̱SÁNEĆ history, and SENĆOŦEN language.
3. Provide signs about responsible park usage to reduce user conflict and protect ecosystems.
4. Improve maps, brochures, and online resources for park and trail users.
5. Create self-guided trails connecting parks, businesses, and points of interest.
6. Add and maintain signage at water access points; consider shoreline markers for water users.
7. Continue implementing the District's Wayfinding Strategy.

Exploring plan priorities

Trail Connectivity

Acquiring and developing trail connections that foster connectivity for people, places and nature.



Proposed Actions

1. Upgrade trails to meet classification standards.
2. Ensure popular trails are wide enough for all users and large groups, with passing zones.
3. Connect or reroute trail networks across parks to create destination trails of varying lengths and difficulty.
4. Develop a district-wide trail network to close gaps and improve major east/west and north/south connections.
5. Explore trail development in underserved areas like the Keating Business District and Tanner Ridge.
6. Collaborate with Central Saanich and CRD to plan major trail networks for regional transportation, recreation, and tourism.

Children & Youth Amenities

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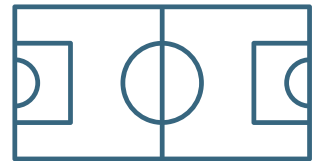
Proposed Actions

1. Ensure a playground within a 10-minute walk of all residences in the Urban Containment Boundary.
2. Replace playgrounds as part of asset management, considering:
 - a. Adding natural play elements.
 - b. Offering inclusive and accessible play.
 - c. Including options for preschool and school-age children.
3. Encourage partnerships or sponsorship for playground replacement.
4. Develop new youth/teen amenities like a bike skills park, pump track, or sport courts near schools, transit, or areas with more youth and families.

Exploring plan priorities

Facilities & Sports Courts

Creating multi-court sport facilities and improvements to existing sport facilities.



Proposed Actions

1. Collaborate with Peninsula Recreation Commission on peninsula-wide amenity planning and explore space for underserved sports.
2. Improve sports fields and ball diamonds to enhance use, extend seasons, and improve accessibility.
3. Prioritize multi-use courts in parks to maximize space, encourage diverse activities, and create inclusive experiences.
4. Integrate multi-court facilities with seating and additional activities.
5. Add washrooms in high-use parks, considering portable toilets where servicing is unavailable.

Shoreline Accesses

Improve access to beaches and shorelines



Proposed Actions

1. Upgrade beach access stairs with safety features like railings.
2. Enhance non-motorized craft access at Island View and Saanichton Bay Park.
3. Work towards completing waterfront walkways in Brentwood and Saanichton Bay, identifying priority properties for acquisition.
4. Improve viewing areas with better seating.
5. Install portable washrooms at popular shoreline access points.
6. Add educational signage.

Exploring plan priorities

Supporting Park Users

Develop signage and amenities to help mitigate conflicts between park users including developing designated fenced off leash dog areas.



Proposed Actions

1. Actively consider the needs and preferences of various user groups in park design.
2. Explore designating multi-use trails within parks where e-bikes and light electric vehicles (e-scooters, electric skateboards, etc.) are permitted and prohibiting use on pedestrian-only trails or areas with sensitive ecosystems to minimize conflicts.
3. Develop a Dogs in Parks program that has a primary focus on education and etiquette through signage and other programming.
4. Develop fenced off-leash dog parks within the District, including small dog parks near village centres. New proposed dog parks are in addition to the current off leash, under control regulations in most Central Saanich parks.
5. Update the Animal Control Bylaw to allow on-leash dogs only in Nature Parks with the secondary classification of Habitat/Conservation (Oak Haven, Gore and if developed in future, Amwell and Cooperidge Parks) to help protect the sensitive ecosystems.
6. Update the Animal Control Bylaw to allow on-leash dogs only in HEL, HILEC due to the significant plantings and the number of community events hosted in the Park.
7. Ensure equestrian friendly trails connect to existing trail networks to create a more extensive and accessible riding experience and work with the equestrian community on service delivery.
8. Provide amenities for equestrians in key locations. Including:
 - Horse-friendly parking and staging areas
 - Mounting blocks
 - Water troughs
 - Tie-up stations

Exploring plan priorities

Environmental Protection

Celebrate, protect and enhance our natural character and environment.



Proposed Actions

1. Formalize trail networks in conservation parks, adding fencing and signage to protect ecosystems.
2. Use native plants to support biodiversity and reduce irrigation.
3. Expand tree canopy in areas with limited coverage, including Keating Business District, and ensure shade trees near playgrounds and park amenities.
4. Add shrubs and pollinator plantings for species diversity.
5. Develop an invasive species management plan for key parks like Butterfield Park.
6. Consider wildfire risk and FireSmart principles in parks and shoreline areas.
7. Promote Green Shores solutions for shoreline protection and enhance natural buffers against sea level rise.

Guiding Future Park Land Acquisition

Ensuring future parks respond effectively to community needs and priorities.



Proposed Priorities

1. Target active parkland within a five-minute walk of residences in the Urban Containment Boundary.
2. Expand existing parks
3. Create linear parks that prioritize trail connections between different amenities, schools, and village centres.
4. Protect Natural areas and special features including sensitive ecosystems, archaeological sites, and heritage features.
5. Provide space for needed recreational amenities and sporting facilities

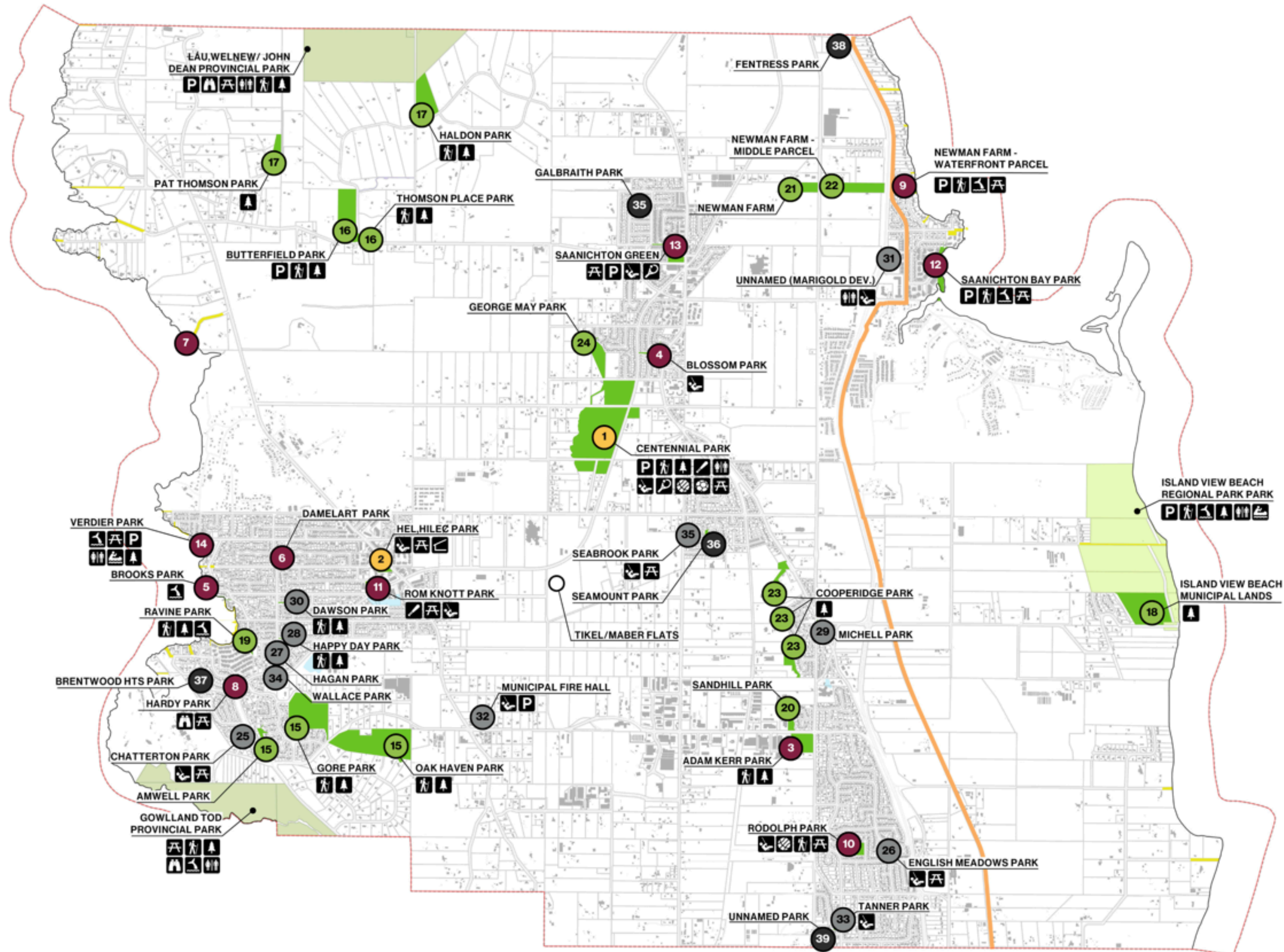
District of Central Saanich Parks

Legend

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

- Community Parks
- Nature Parks
- Neighbourhood Parks
- Parks to Maintain
- Parks to Consider Divesting
- Provincial Park

- 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



DRAFT PARK SPECIFIC ACTIONS

Community Parks

1

CENTENNIAL PARK

- Improve connectivity and active transportation.
- Accessibility Improvements to trails & amenities
- Consider artificial turf to extend baseball diamond use.
- Consider developing a youth amenity
- Consider a fenced off leash dog-area
- Provide more water dispensers
- Signage plan with park etiquette
- Develop and accessible trail loop.

2

HEL, HILE

- Conduct accessibility and safety audits of park facilities
- Update signage to reflect to new
- Consider making the park and on leash area due to plantings and events.



What General Amenities Should Be in Community & Neighbourhood Parks?

Mowed grass area, trails and shade trees, playground with fencing along roads and benches or picnic table, waste facility and dog bag dispenser, bike racks, signage and wayfinding

DRAFT PARK SPECIFIC ACTIONS

Neighbourhood Parks

3

ADAM KERR PARK

- Establish a small parking area.
- Consider fenced off-leash dog area.
- Consider adding water fountains and washroom facilities.
- Improve access and connectivity
- Enhance trail connections
- Implement additional tree plantings.
- Continue habitat restoration efforts.
- Designate and manage an area for invasive species control.

4

BLOSSOM PARK

- Improve access and visibility to the park.
- Further develop the play area as park demand increases.
- Improve wayfinding through signage.
- Consider pathway lighting that uses dark sky principles and is sensitive to neighbours
- Develop a small trail loop

5

BROOKS PARK

- Replace stairs
- Establish a long-term goal for a connected waterfront walkway through Brentwood Bay
- Consider working with private landowners to extend the pathway.
- Seek additional land acquisitions to extend the waterfront walkway.

6

DAMELART PARK

- Consider future acquisition opportunities to create a pathway connection to the park from the south side (Clarke Road) and west.
- Maintain as an open area with native plantings

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HAGAN BIGHT - KENNES VIEWPOINT

- Develop a fenced dog off-leash area in the grass area alongside the pathway.
- Maintain views and easy access to the bench closest to the shoreline.
- Make trail improvements to accommodate park visitors with mobility challenges.
- Consider constructing stairs to improve shoreline access.
- Engage with the Tsartlip First Nation to explore opportunities for collaboration

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HARDY PARK

- Consider a dedicated fenced off-leash dog area.

DRAFT PARK SPECIFIC ACTIONS

Neighbourhood Parks

9

NEWMAN FARM - WATERFRONT PARCEL

- Consider a Park Improvement Plan that is in keeping with the Newman Farm Master Plan.
- Engage with the Tsawout First Nation to explore opportunities for collaboration
- Install interpretive signage to enhance visitor experience.
- Relocate boat houses to the top of the bluff and establish an interpretive attraction or consider structural improvements in the existing location to maintain their integrity.
- Replace stairs as a high priority due to their age.
- Improve access to the waterfront and beach.

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RODOLPH PARK

- Consider adding a washroom facility.
- Explore the possibility of a bike pump track, volleyball area, or other youth amenities.

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ROM KNOTT PARK

- Consider creating contiguous parkland with HEL, HILE ϵ to enhance ecological connectivity and park space continuity.
- Construct better storage facilities and a pitching warm-up area for the ball diamond.

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SAANICHTON BAY PARK

- Consider adding a washroom, add more garbage bins and a picnic bench.
- Consider parking when conducting park improvements
- Improve pathways within the park, including accessible shoreline connections.
- Create additional viewing areas along the pathway.
- Enhance non-motorized small craft access
- Engage with the Tsawout First Nation to explore opportunities for collaboration, particularly regarding the small triangle of parkland south of the estuary.

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SAANICHTON GREEN PARK

- Consider parking when conducting park improvements.
- Expand play facilities to include natural elements and wild play components.
- Consider adding an amenity for youth.
- Explore the creation of a small dog off-leash area.

14

VERDIER PARK

- Conduct an accessibility audit to determine if improvements to the shoreline access are feasible.

DRAFT PARK SPECIFIC ACTIONS

Nature Parks

15

AMWELL, GORE, & OAK HAVEN PARK

- Consider providing additional access through undeveloped ROWs.
- Include fencing that jogs in and out to enhance user experience while protecting sensitive ecosystems from trail users.
- Consider updating the Animal Control Bylaw to allow for on-leash dogs only.
- Develop a park management plan for Amwell, Gore, and Oak Haven Parks, including:
- Manage for invasive species.
- Exploring a potential partnership with Habitat Acquisition Trust for Gore Park and Amwell Park, similar to the existing covenant for Oak Haven Park.

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BUTTERFIELD, THOMSON & NEW PARKLAND

- Manage parkland jointly and consider renaming as one park.
- Improve Park entry and wayfinding, including parking and signage.
- Improve trail accessibility
- Develop equestrian trail connections

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HALDON & PAT THOMSON PARK

- Discuss potential landownership with BC Parks or the BC Parks Foundation for the future inclusion as part of LAU, WELNEW/John Dean Provincial Park.
- Consider re-routing Thunderbird Trail to improve trail sustainability and user experience.

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ISLAND VIEW BEACH MUNICIPAL LANDS

- Repair the existing concrete ramp to provide seasonal non-motorized small craft launch (kayaks, canoes, dinghies, etc.).
- Consider working with CRD Tsawout and other groups.
- Update the main parking lot to clarify parking spaces.
- Improve accessible access to the beach.

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RAVINE PARK

- Create an accessible lower trail connecting Anchorage and Port Royale waterfront pathways.
- Conduct trail and bridge rehabilitation in other areas of the park.

DRAFT PARK SPECIFIC ACTIONS

Nature Parks

20

SANDHILL PARK

- Consider land acquisitions in the area to create connectivity with Adam Kerr Park and Cooperidge Park.
- Identify areas for invasive species management.

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NEWMAN FARM PARK

- Renew the lease with Farmlands Trust or an organization that aligns with Newman Family values and the Newman Farm Master Plan.

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NEWMAN FARM PARK - MIDDLE PARCEL

- Consider partnerships for food security, food hubs, and/or food forests.
- Explore opportunities for animal husbandry and the potential for a future riding ring hosted by an equestrian society, similar to the Elk/Beaver Lake facility.
- Consider creating an interpretive trail as part of the park improvements.
- Ensure improvements align with the agricultural and ecological goals of the Newman Farm Master Plan.

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COOPERRIDGE PARK

- Conduct feasibility studies for trail access.
- Continue to acquire land to protect additional sections of Tetayut Creek.

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GEORGE MAY

- Explore additional land acquisition in the area to create linkages to Centennial Park and develop additional trail connections (CRD Parcel).

What General Amenities Should Be in Nature Parks

Mowed grass area, trails and shade trees, playground with fencing along roads and benches or picnic table, waste facility and dog bag dispenser, bike racks, signage and wayfinding



PARKS TO MAINTAIN AS NEEDED

- 25

CHATTERTON PARK
- 27

HAGAN PARK
- 29

MICHELL PARK
- 31

MARIGOLD DEV (UNNAMED)
- 33

TANNER PARK
- 35

SEABROOK PARK

- 26

ENGLISH MEADOWS PARK
- 28

HAPPY DAY PARK
- 30

DAWSON PARK
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MUNICIPAL FIRE HALL
- 34

WALLACE PARK

PARKS TO CONSIDER DIVESTING

- 36

GALBRAITH PARK
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SEAMOUNT PARK
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BRENTWOOD HTS PARK
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FENTRESS PARK
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UNNAMED PARK - ELIZABETH GARDEN CRT

DRAFT PARK SPECIFIC ACTIONS

Community Parks

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CENNTENIAL PARK

What do you like about these actions?
Are we on the right track?

What do you not like about these actions?
Are we missing anything?

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DRAFT PARK SPECIFIC ACTIONS

Neighbourhood Parks

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ADAM KERR PARK

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DAMELART PARK

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BLOSSOM PARK

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HAGAN BIGHT - KENNES VIEWPOINT

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BROOKS PARK

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Nature Parks

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AMWELL, GORE,
& OAK HAVEN PARK
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BUTTERFIELD, THOMSON
& NEW PARKLAND
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HALDON & PAT THOMSON PARK

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ISLAND VIEW BEACH
MUNICIPAL LANDS
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Amenity-specific upgrades

Help us prioritize parks targeted for upgrades

Amenities will be developed in only some/one of the locations being considered.



Washrooms

- **Location considerations:** Adam Kerr Park; Rodolph Park; Saanichton Bay; Senanus Drive North (Portable washroom)

Accessibility upgrades

- **Location considerations:** Centennial Park (accessible walk); HEL, HILEÇ (accessible walk); Hagan Bight (accessible viewpoint); Verdier Park (accessible beach); Island View Beach (accessible beach); Ravine Park (accessible waterfront walk); Newman Farm Beach (accessible viewpoint)

Signage & Wayfinding

- **Location considerations:** Centennial Park; HEL, HILEÇ; Newman Farm Beach; Butterfield Park, Gore/Amwell/Oak Haven Nature Parks

Youth/Teen Amenities

- **Location considerations (volleyball, bike track, etc):** Centennial Park; Rodolph Park; Saanichton Green
- **Sports court:** Centennial Park, Rom Knott

Dog Parks

- **Location considerations:** Centennial Park; Adam Kerr Park; Hagan Bight; Hardy Park; Saanichton Green

Equestrian improvements

- **Location considerations:** Centennial Park; Newman Farm Middle Parcel; Butterfield Park

Shoreline access improvements

- **Location considerations:** Hagan Bight; Newman Farm Beach; Saanichton Bay; Verdier Park; Brooks Park

Making the plan a reality

There are several ways to bring these proposed park improvements to life. Currently, funding comes from a combination of taxes and community amenity contributions.



Corporate sponsorship agreements

A revenue strategy to help pay for amenities in exchange for corporate recognition and/or naming rights.

Grants

Many organizations and other levels of government provide partial or complete funding for park amenities, such as accessible washrooms.

Donations & Legacy

Individuals can leave land (such as Newman Farm Park) or money to the District.

Property sale

The District can sell unusable or surplus parkland to fund other parkland purchases.

Amenity Cost Charges

A new tool local governments can use to collect fees from new developments to help finance amenities such as parks that need additional support from the population growth of the new development.

Land negotiations as part of development

Partnerships

Working with other governments and organizations to fund new amenities, or share facilities and costs.

Next Steps

Engagement will confirm actions and identify priorities that will be used to develop the implementation framework and budgeting.

Fall/Winter 2024

Draft final Master Plan and Implementation Plan for Council approval

Winter 2025

Integrate actions into budgeting, Asset Management Plan, and Development and Amenity Cost Charges



Thank you for providing your feedback
and stay tuned at letstalkcentralsaanich.ca
for updates

