

2017 / 2018 Parks and Open Spaces Annual Progress Report

Council Committee of the Whole
July 12, 2018



Background

137

Parks and open spaces

207

Hectares of parks and open spaces

90

Hectares of natural areas

33,000

City-owned trees



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Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan

Vision, goals and guiding principles in four key areas:

1. Protecting the environment
2. Fostering engaging experiences for everyone
3. Celebrating Victoria
4. Strengthening partnerships

55

Total actions
in Plan

23

Number of actions
initiated in 2017/18



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Goal 1: Protect the Environment

Parks and open spaces protect and improve native ecosystems and help the city adapt to climate change

12

Total actions
in Plan

5

Number of actions
initiated in 2017/18



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Goal 1: Protect the Environment

Highlights:

- 7,550 staff and volunteer hours to improve natural areas
- Young Tree Care Program
- Stormwater management at Redfern Park
- New water saver system to better manage water use



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Goal 2: Foster Engaging Experiences

Parks and open spaces provide a range of different experiences, encourage active living, and are multifunctional, inclusive and accessible

28

Total Actions
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13

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Goal 2: Foster Engaging Experiences

Highlights:

- Raynor Park Playground Renewal, Pathway Upgrades
- Completed Cecilia Ravine Park Improvement Plan
- Completed Topaz Park Improvement Plan
- Sport Court Renewal
- Centennial Square Play Feature
- Public Realm Improvements Along Dallas Road/Clover Point



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Goal 3: Celebrate Victoria

Special places and amenities in the parks and open spaces system animate the city and support events for residents and visitors

8

Total Actions
in Plan

2

Number of Actions
initiated in 2017/18



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Goal 3: Celebrate Victoria

Highlights:

- New murals at Gonzales Beach, Hollywood Park, Vic West Parks and Dallas Road
- Design for new public art next to Johnson Street Bridge
- Topaz Park plan to feature support infrastructure for events



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Goal 4: Strengthen Partnerships

Community members, stewards and partners help enhance all parks and open spaces in the city

5

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2

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Goal 4: Strengthen Partnerships

Highlights:

- Development of Park Volunteer Program
- Collaboration with Partners on Sport Events and Hosting Proposals
- Renewal of the Park Furnishing Dedication Program
- Assistance with renewal of Provincial Courthouse Green Space



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Urban Forest Master Plan

In 2060, Victoria's homes and businesses lie within a stunning urban forest that is healthy, diverse and abundant in all parts of the city. Treed environments are valued as an integral part of this vibrant, livable and sustainable community.

26

Total actions
in Plan

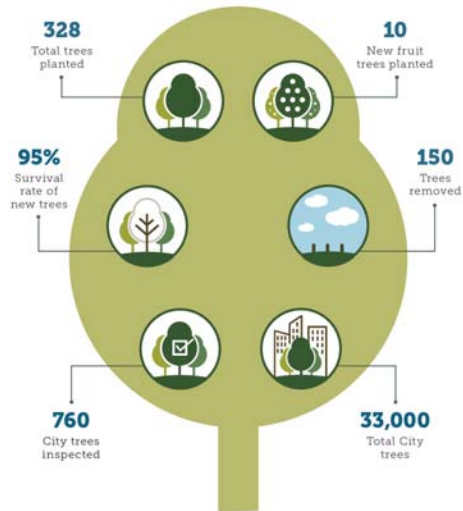
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Urban Forest Master Plan



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Growing in the City

Urban gardening and food production contribute positively to health and well-being, social interaction, connection to nature, and environmental education. They help create healthy and diverse ecosystems while building community and our food security.



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Growing in the City

Highlights:

- Four new community gardens
- 10 trees planted under the Urban Food Tree Stewardship Pilot Program
- Urban Food Production Business Licensing
- New education and resource documents for the public



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Conclusion

These guiding documents offer a focus to staff when planning and managing the parks. The short-term and long-term actions are rooted in public engagement ensuring that the City's actions align with community values



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