



Kings Community Nature Space Engagement No. 1

November 15, 2022

6:30 – 8:30pm



Agenda

6:30



8:30

- Opening Comments
- Background and Brief Q&A
- Short Break ☕
- Design Charette
- Sharing and Visioning
- Closing

Background

1950's

- BC Hydro purchased former farmland

2018

- BC Hydro announced intention to sell the land
- The community campaigned for the property to be protected and began fundraising

2019

- The District of Saanich acquired the property
- Fundraising, private donations, and local government contributions supported the purchase

Background

WE ARE HERE!
2022



Saanich Council
directed staff to
proceed with public
consultation



Current Phase

Explore VISION
for the space

This will guide what could happen here in the future

Survey No. 1

Collect feedback on key questions about the future
of the green space

Engagement
Event No. 2

Identify the DRAFT VISION statement and the
DRAFT GOALS

Discuss various management models and collect
community input for Council's consideration

Survey No. 2

Collect feedback related to materials presented in
Engagement Event No. 2

Engagement
Summary

We will use input to guide recommendations
presented to Council

Next Phases

Year 2

Draft Concept Plan will be developed to reflect the vision and goals for the space

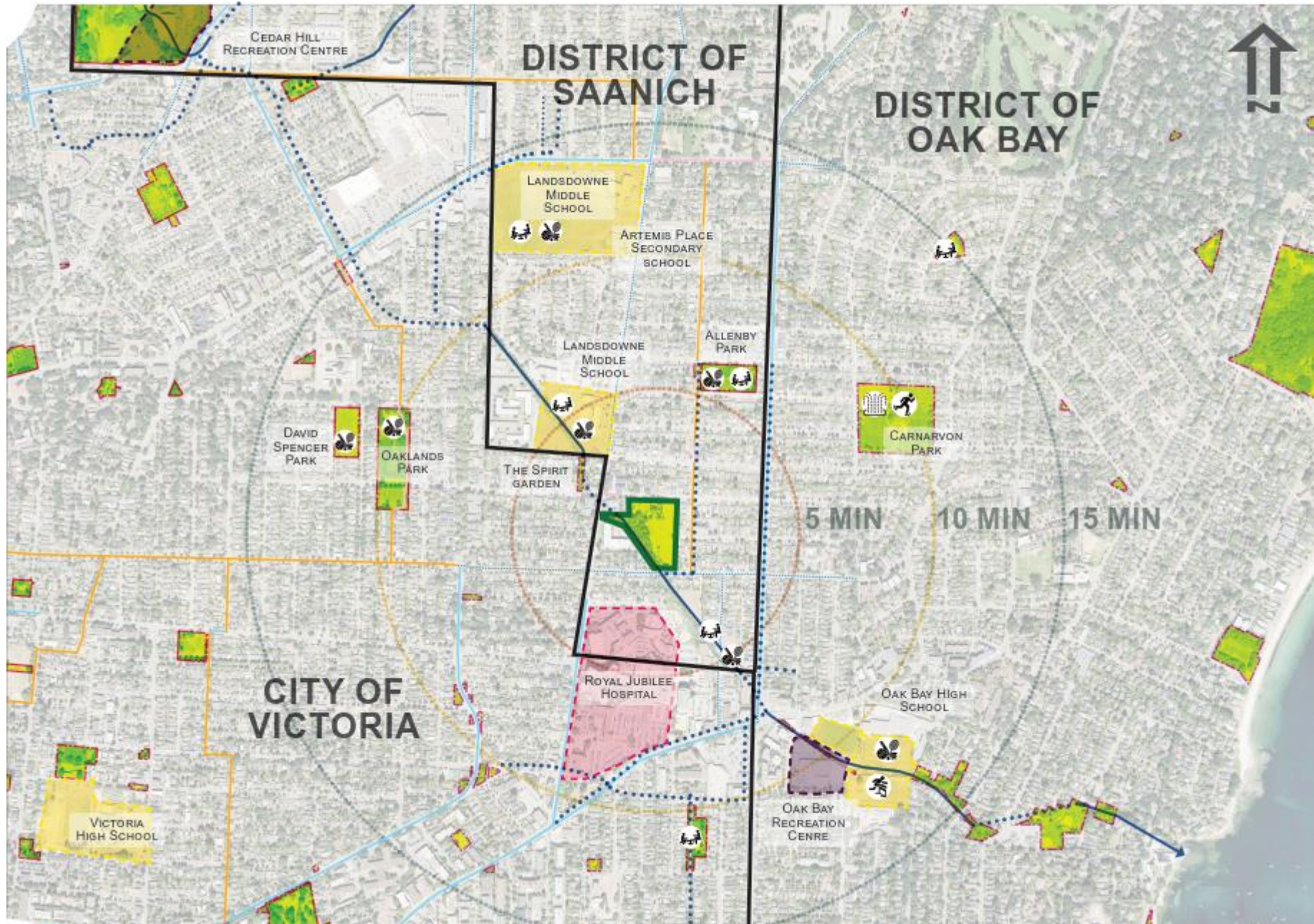
Year 3

Final Concept Plan presented to Council

Year 4 &
Onwards

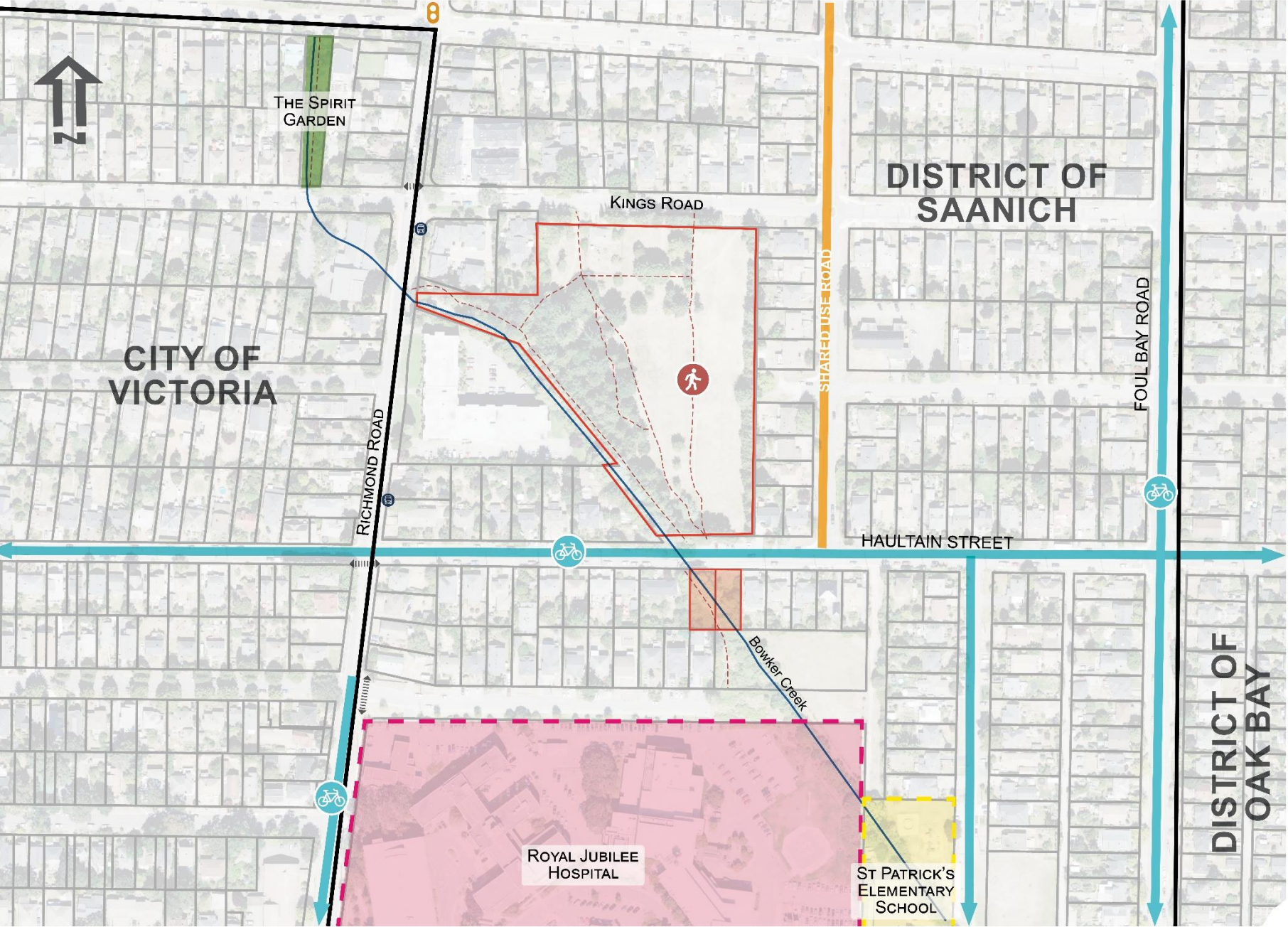
Concept Plan implementation begins

Municipal Context



- LEGEND**
- Kings Community Nature Space
 - Municipal Boundary
 - Bicycle Lane
 - Bicycle Route
 - Off-road Cycleway
 - Shared Cycleway
 - Bowker Creek Channels & Tributaries
 - Bower Creek Culverted Channels & Tributaries
 - Parks & Open Space
 - School Sports Fields
 - Recreation Centres
 - Athletic Park
 - Playground
 - Rink
 - Splash Pad
 - Sports field/Court

Local Area Context



- LEGEND**
- Kings Road Community Nature Green Space Boundary
 - Municipal Boundary
 - Bicycle Route
 - Trail
 - Bus Stop
 - Crosswalk
 - Solar Crosswalk Beacon
 - District Owned Lot

Kings Community Nature Space





Kings Community Nature Space

- 2.23 ha (5.5 acres)
- Bowker creek
- Formal planting on conifers near creek

Advantages

- Open space that is flat
- Unique mature size trees
- Central and well-connected



Parkland Protection

The property will be zoned P-4 (Recreation & Open Space) with residential-zone around the current dwelling

The rezoning to P-4 will proceed to public hearing, then added to Park Reserve Bylaw, if passed.



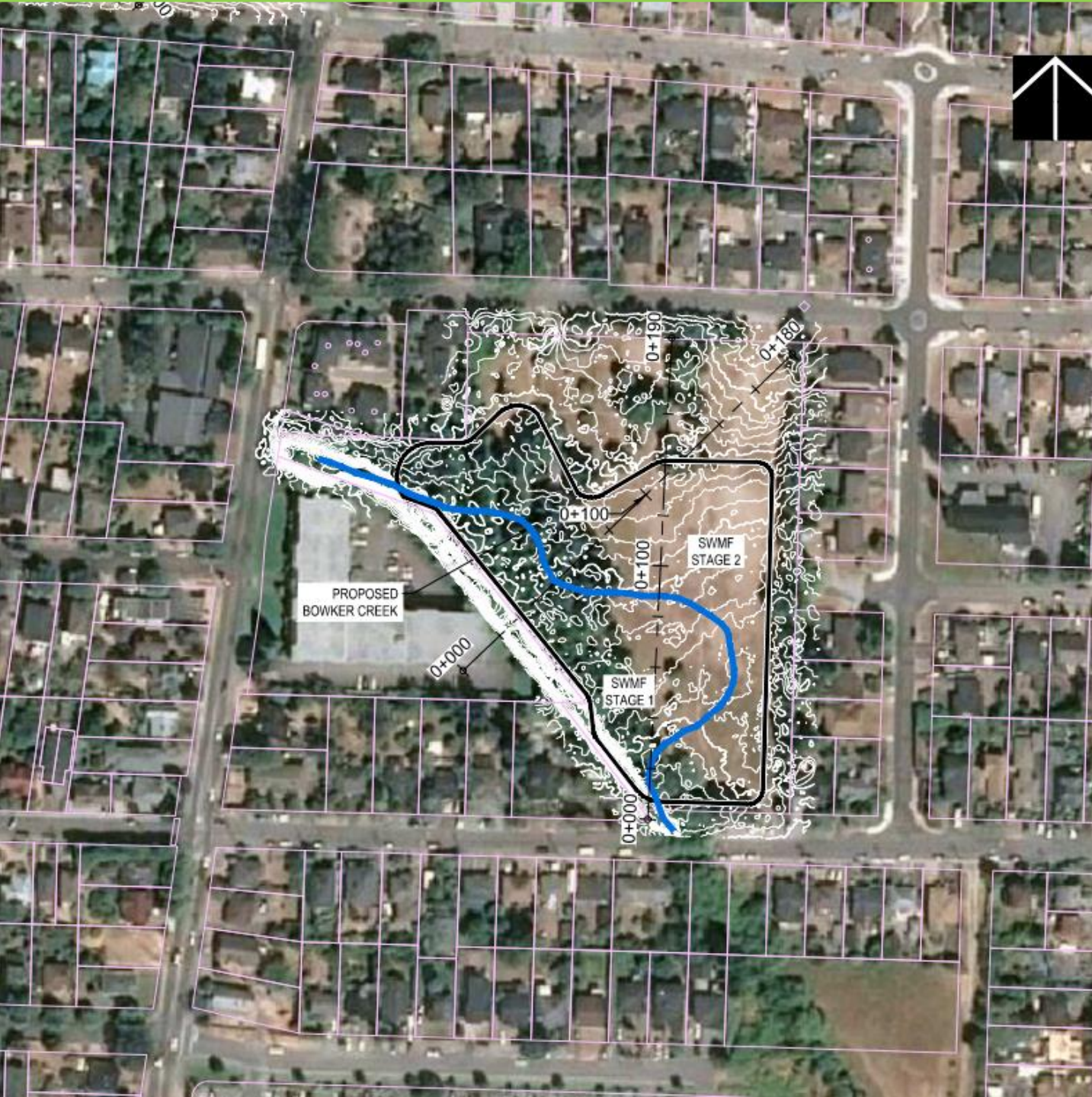
What could happen here?

Examples of permitted uses:

- Informal recreation
- Playground
- Plaza space
- Multi-modal pathways
- Habitat restoration
- Dog features
- Community gardens

Examples of non-permitted uses:

- Housing
- Recreation Centre
- Pickleball



Bowker Creek Blueprint

- Creek realignment feasibility considerations

Resource Considerations

Realizing the VISION of this space could require significant investment.

Common Shared Space Features / Treatments	Complexity	Cost Variation
Community Gardens	★ ★	\$
Plaza with Parking	★ ★	\$\$
Playground	★ ★	\$ - \$\$\$
Ecological Restoration	★ ★ ★	\$\$\$
Nature Centre	★ ★ ★ ★	\$\$\$\$
Creek Realignment	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	\$\$\$\$\$

A photograph of a stone retaining wall. The wall is constructed from large, grey, rectangular stones stacked in a regular pattern. Below the wall, the ground is covered with a dense layer of smaller, grey rocks. To the left of the wall, there is a dense thicket of green trees and bushes. To the right, there are tall, thin grasses and other green plants. The overall scene is a natural, somewhat overgrown area. The text "Questions?" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Questions?



BREAK

Please return by **7:15pm**





What is a charette?

- Scale
- Context
- Use



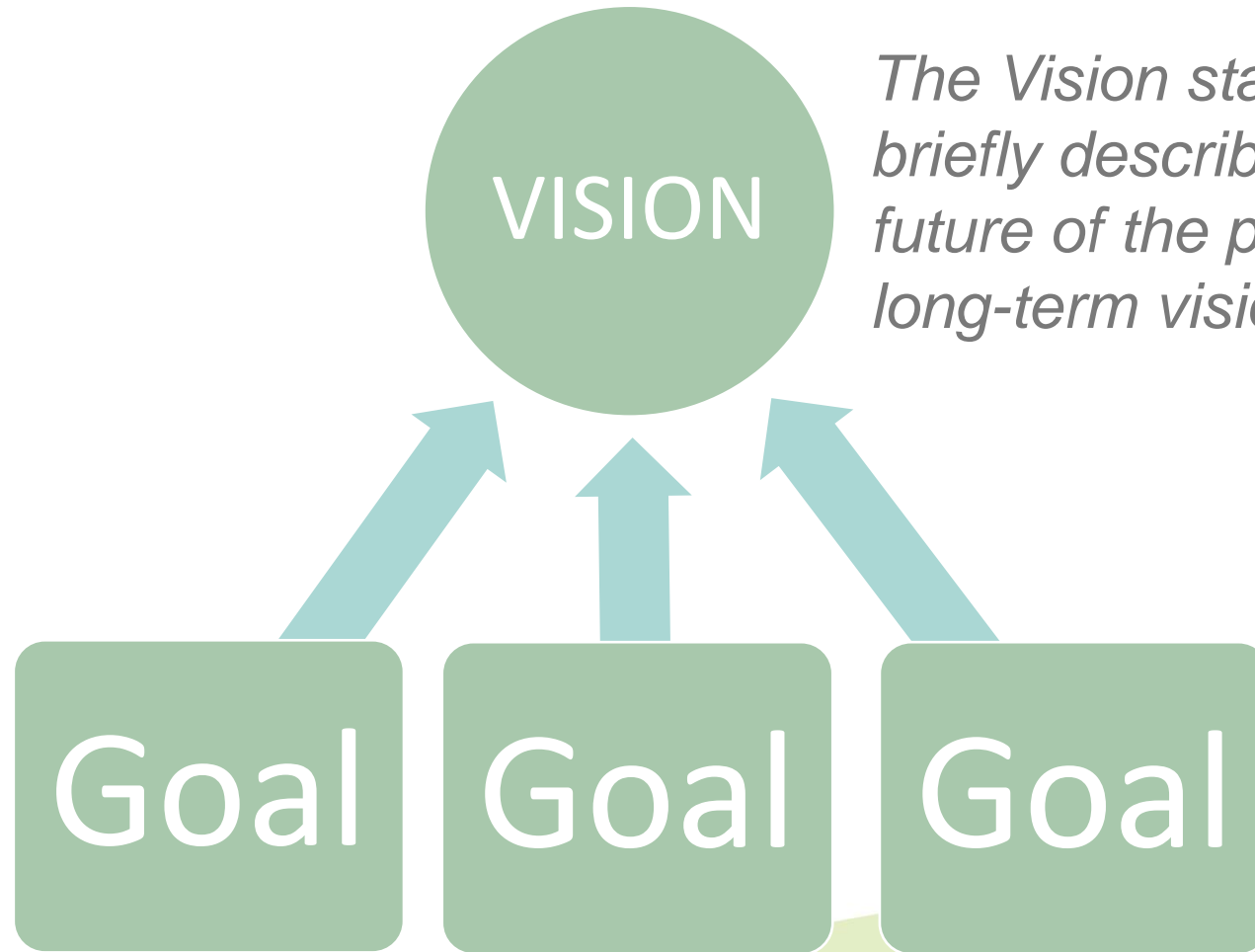
To think about...

- What is great about Kings Road Nature Green Space?
- What is not great?
- What characteristics of the space should be protected?

DREAM BIG! BE BOLD.

- Imagine this space in 15 years. What does it include? What does it look like and feel like?
- What community needs could this space fulfill?
- What features should be included?

When goals are achieved the Vision will be realized.



The Vision statement should briefly describe the ideal future of the place. It will be a long-term vision.

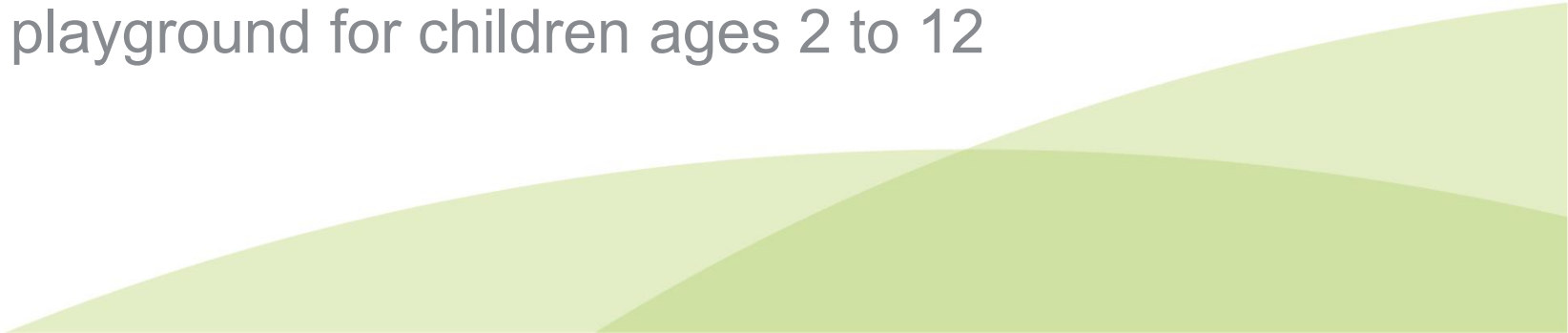


Example Vision, Cedar Hill Park

Cedar Hill Park balances nature, community, and recreation in a harmonious way. People, place and the environment share an intimate connection that fosters mutual health and well-being. We are all stewards of the park, committed to its long-term preservation and enhancement.

Example Goals

Goals are needed to support the long-term vision.

- **Goal:** Move the Bowker Creek Blueprint forward
 - **Goal:** Provide a clear plan for the protection and enhancement for the natural areas in the park
 - **Goal:** Redesign the multi-use trail so that it is safe and reduces user conflict
 - **Goal:** Provide opportunities in the park for those with limited mobility
 - **Goal:** Provide additional picnic and seating opportunities in the park
 - **Goal:** Develop a 'Model 1' playground for children ages 2 to 12
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Closing and Next Steps

- All information will be summarized and shared on the project page at **[Saanich.ca/kingspark](https://saanich.ca/kingspark)**
- Engagement No. 2, December 6, 2022
(Virtual, register by December 2)
- Survey details to be shared in the coming days!



Thank you



Contact us at parks@saanich.ca or 250-475-5522 with any other feedback or questions.



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