

Long Term Goals – Parks and Trails Master Plan	
1	Natural Area Park at Richards Creek/Somenos Marsh area. Continue to partner with the Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society. The purpose of the park will be to provide wildlife viewing infrastructure (viewing blinds, viewing tower, etc.), accessible pathways, interpretive program and signage, and biodiversity protection.
2	Connect Genoa Bay Road to Nevilane Drive.
3	<p>Redevelop Fuller Lake Park into a Destination Park. Undertake a more detailed park planning and design process to determine a community supported design. Consideration should be given to incorporating the following program elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Playground & water play elements • Enhanced water access—swimming and boat launch • Amphitheatre/Event space • Picnic area • Enhanced comfort amenities such as washrooms and servicing • Concession(s) • Interpretive programming—e.g., lake ecology, fish habitat • Enhanced vehicle circulation and parking
4	In alignment with the park classification, continue to design, develop and manage parks to provide and enhance universal access to the extent practicable.
5	Upgrade the Dike trail to a paved, fully accessible multi-use pathway.
6	Improve the Crofton to Chemainus connection to at least the Class 3 standard described in Trail Classification & Difficulty.
7	Work with Municipal partners and adjacent jurisdictions to develop a connected and themed coastal marine trail that features unique parks, sites and visitor experiences along the coast. Undertake the development of a Marine Trail Strategy to identify the network of visitor experiences, amenities and overnight accommodations for paddlers such as campgrounds at Maple Bay and Osborne Bay.
8	Integrate the future trail plans into the Forest Development Plan. Ensure forest harvest sequences, trails and trails features are integrated during harvesting operations. Where avoidance isn't reasonably possible, work to minimize the disturbance to the trails from harvesting operations and maintain trail connectivity.
9	In response to ever growing popularity of motorized recreation and the potential tourism benefits that can come from motorized recreation, the Municipality of North Cowichan will encourage the Cowichan Valley Regional District to lead the planning, design, development and management of a regional motorized recreation park. The park should be sited, designed and managed to mitigate impacts related to noise, user conflicts and environmental impacts. Efforts should be taken to coordinate and integrate motorized recreation trail planning with the decommissioning of forestry roads. Motorized vehicles are prohibited in the MFR.
10	In accordance with the BC Visual Resource Management procedures, update the Visual Landscape Inventory and establish visual quality objectives to maintain the visual quality of each Municipal Forest Reserve.
11	Protect the Green Network of Ecological Infrastructure.
12	Encourage the design and construction of new park buildings and facilities that achieve energy efficiency. Work towards a program standard such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.
13	Continue to support and formalize stewardship agreements with the Cowichan Valley Trail Stewardship Society, Cowichan Land Trust, Residents Associations, Naturalists and other organizations who are committed to implementation of this plan.