

# HALIFAX GREEN NETWORK PLAN

Regional Council  
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# RESEARCH, ANALYSIS & ENGAGEMENT

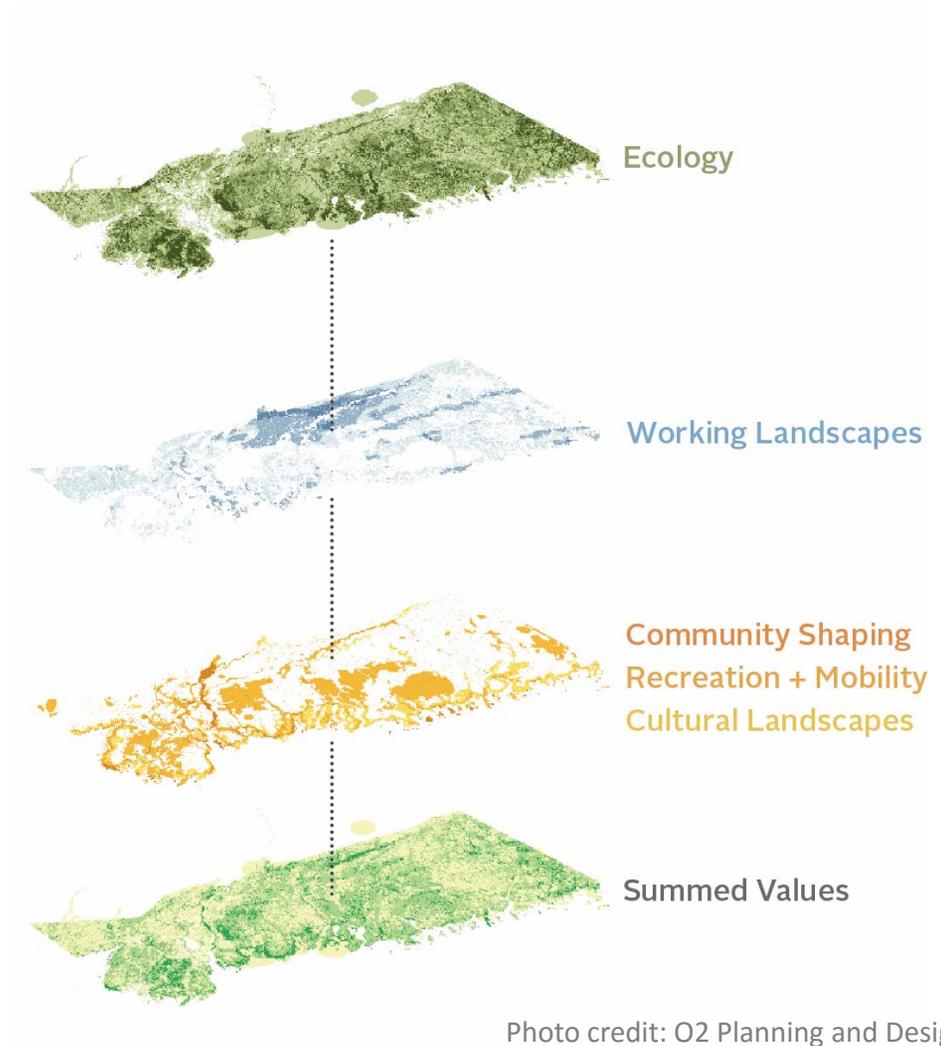
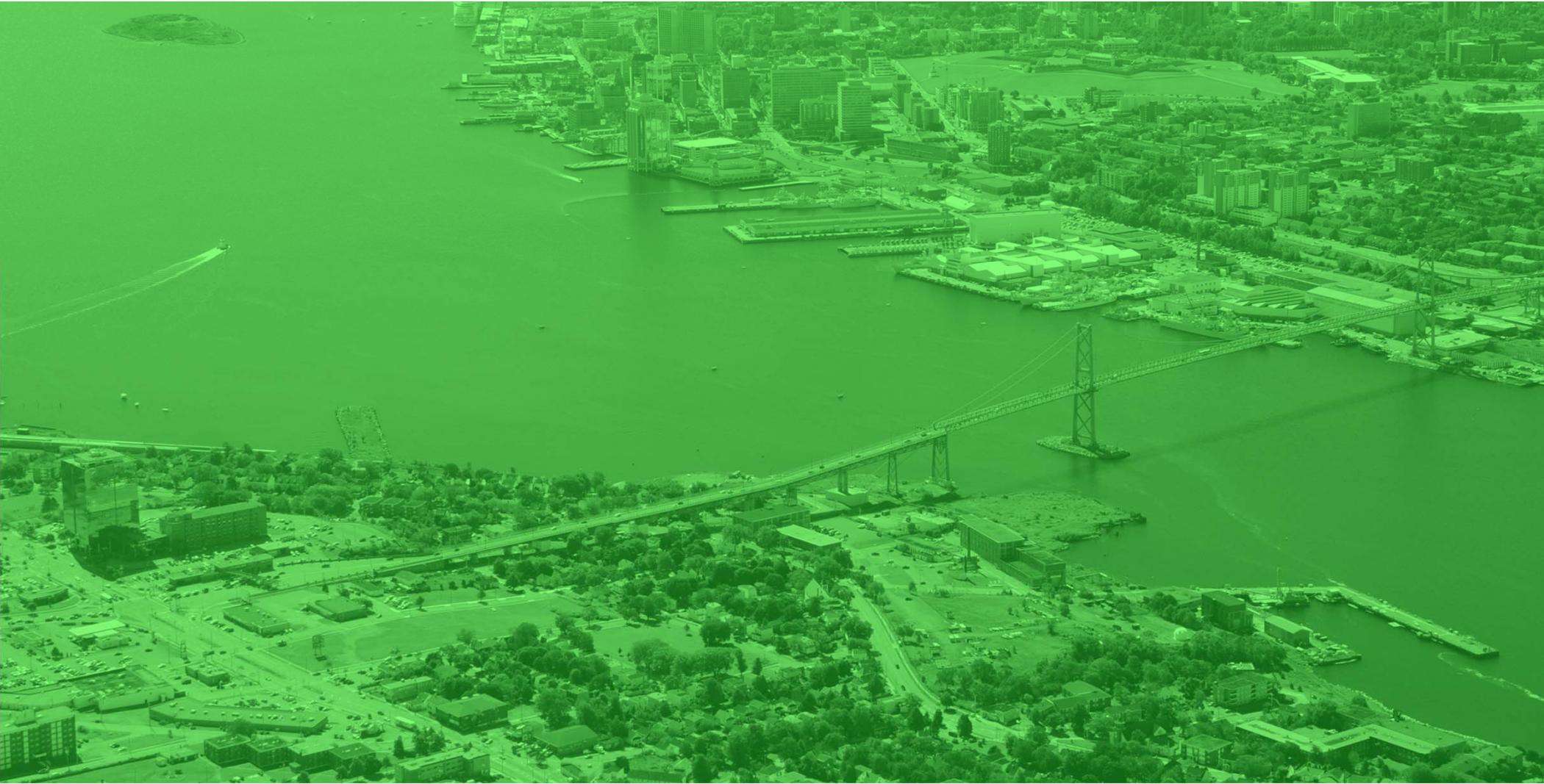


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# THEMES

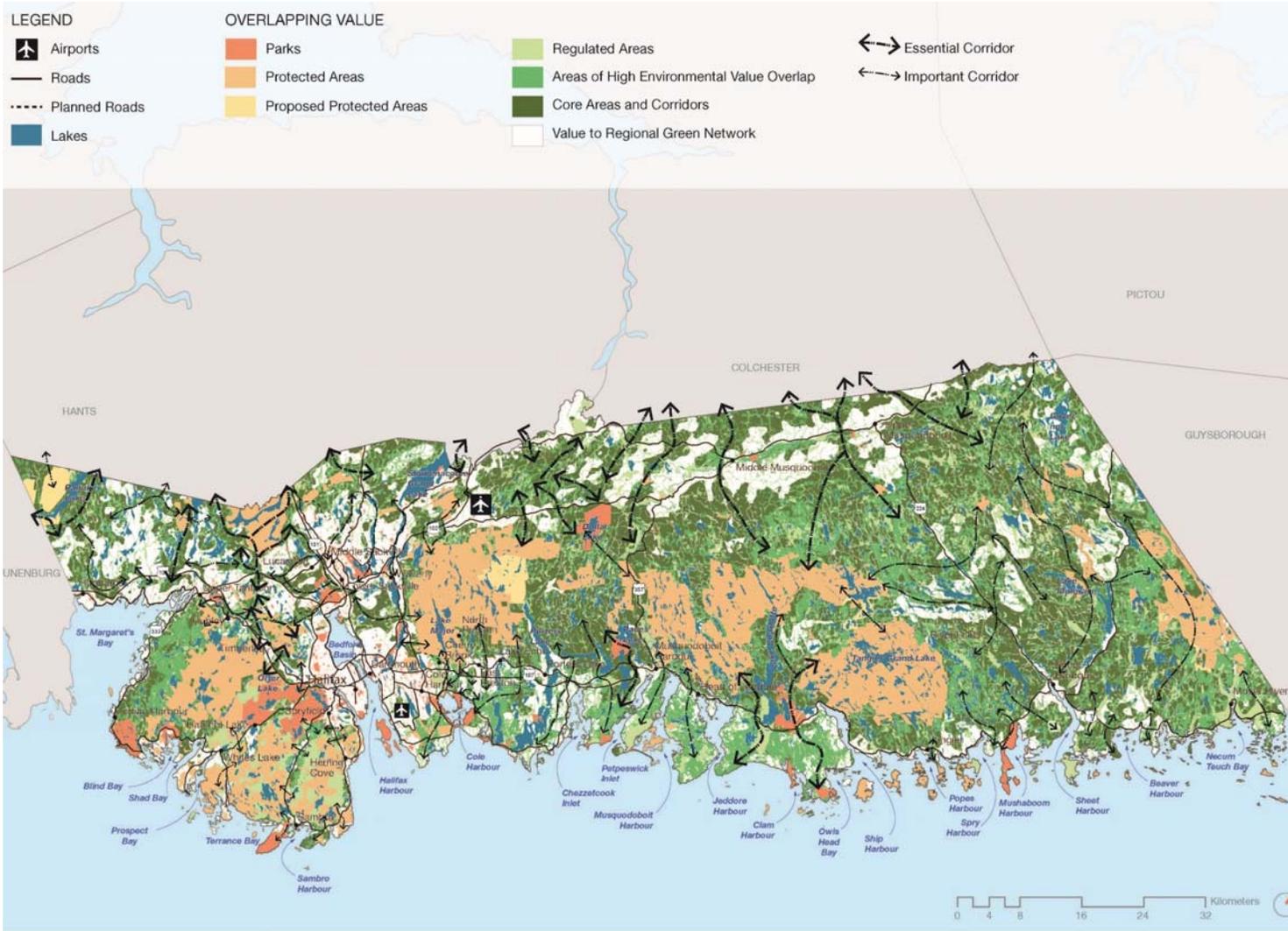




# ECOLOGY

**Goal: Support a healthy and sustainable natural ecosystem.**

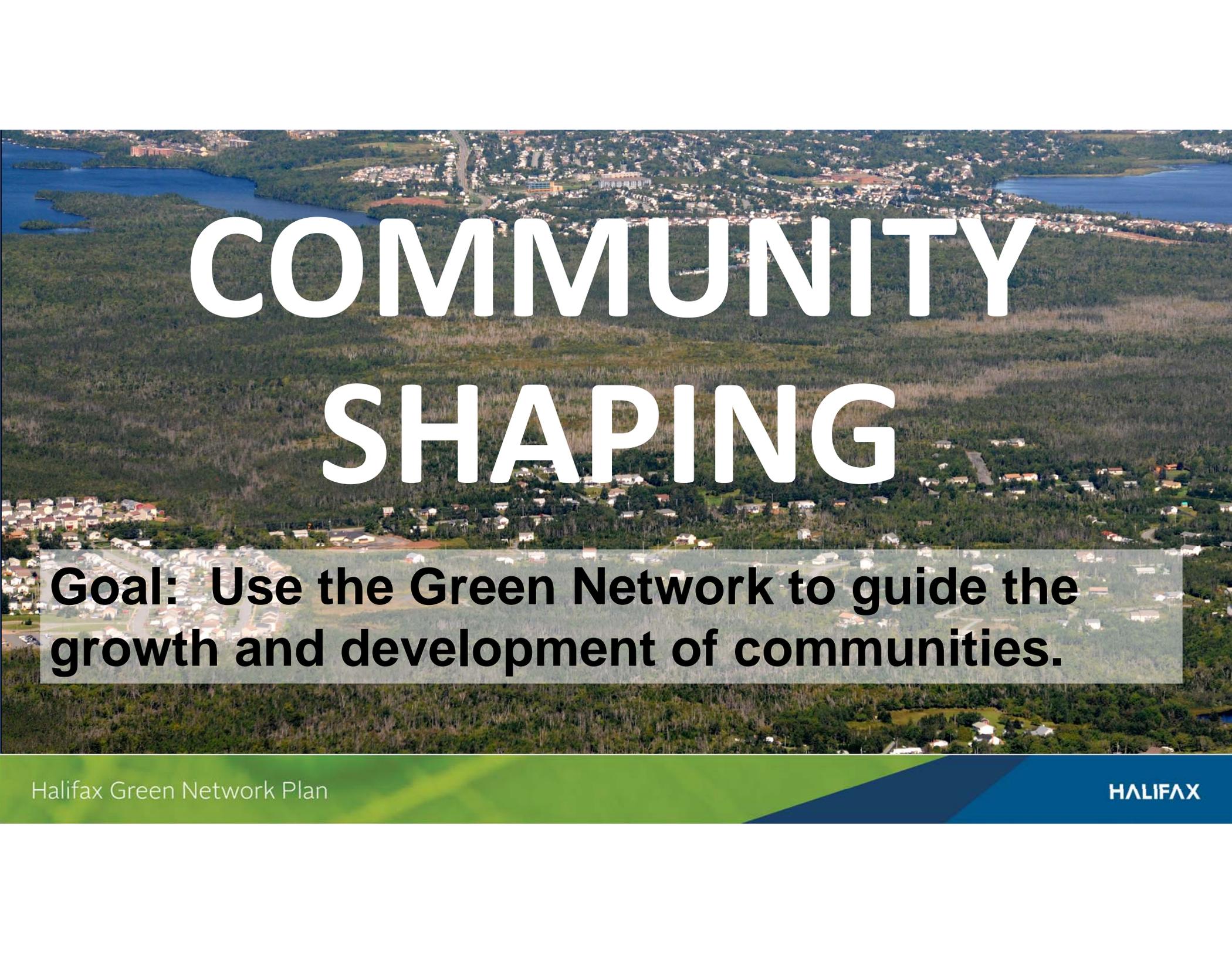
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# WORKING LANDSCAPES

**Goal: Support the sustainable use and management of the Region's natural resources.**

An aerial photograph of a residential area with green spaces and water bodies. The image shows a mix of houses, trees, and a large body of water on the left. The text 'COMMUNITY SHAPING' is overlaid in large white letters.

# COMMUNITY SHAPING

**Goal: Use the Green Network to guide the growth and development of communities.**



# OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Goal: Manage a municipal park network that meets the outdoor recreation needs of residents and visitors, supports ecological and cultural conservation, and shapes community form and identity.**



# CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

**Goal: Identify, preserve and celebrate cultural landscapes and their value in connecting people to the land and telling their stories.**

# IMPLEMENTATION

- 79 actions
- Four types of implementation tools
  - Land Use Planning
  - Park Network Management
  - Current and Future Project Work
  - Partnerships
- Immediate and on-going guidance to activities and decisions
- Short (1-2 year), medium (2-4 year) or long (4-7 year) timeframes

# Recommendation

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Authorize the direction contained in the Halifax Green Network Plan, as contained in Attachment A, as a framework for amending the existing Regional Plan and Secondary Planning Strategies, and developing new planning documents as may be necessary to implement the Halifax Green Network Plan direction;
2. Direct staff to carry out the actions contained in the Halifax Green Network Plan as part of the multi-year budgeting and business planning process.
3. Request that the Province amend the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, as set out in Actions 18 and 61 of the Halifax Green Network Plan, to:
  - (a) enable the Municipality to acquire sensitive environmental lands (e.g. riparian areas, wetlands, steep slopes, etc.) as an environmental reserve through the land development and subdivision process, in addition to existing parkland dedication provisions; and
  - (b) enable a greater range of legislative abilities, such as the ability to enact parkland dedication requirements based on density to address development that does not include the subdivision of lots.
4. Initiate the process to consider amendments to the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (RMPS) to support the Halifax Green Network Plan (HGNP) by referencing the HGNP within the conservation design development agreement policy criteria concerning the connectivity of open space; and
5. Adopt, by policy, the Public Participation Program outlined in the Community Engagement section of this report.