

PROTECTING BLUE MOUNTAIN BIRCH COVE LAKES

Item 10.3.1

Presentation to HRM
Environmental and Sustainability Standing Committee

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"The natural environment is one of the defining features of HRM, with its extensive coastline, lakes, rivers and vast forested areas."

- 2014 Regional Municipal Planning Strategy

Photo Credit: Irwin Barrett

*Protecting Nova Scotia's outstanding natural
legacy through private land conservation*



NOVA SCOTIA
Nature
Trust



Celebrating 25 Years



Working with landowners to protect the places they love

*117 Conservation Sites
Over 15,000 acres
Protected, Forever.*



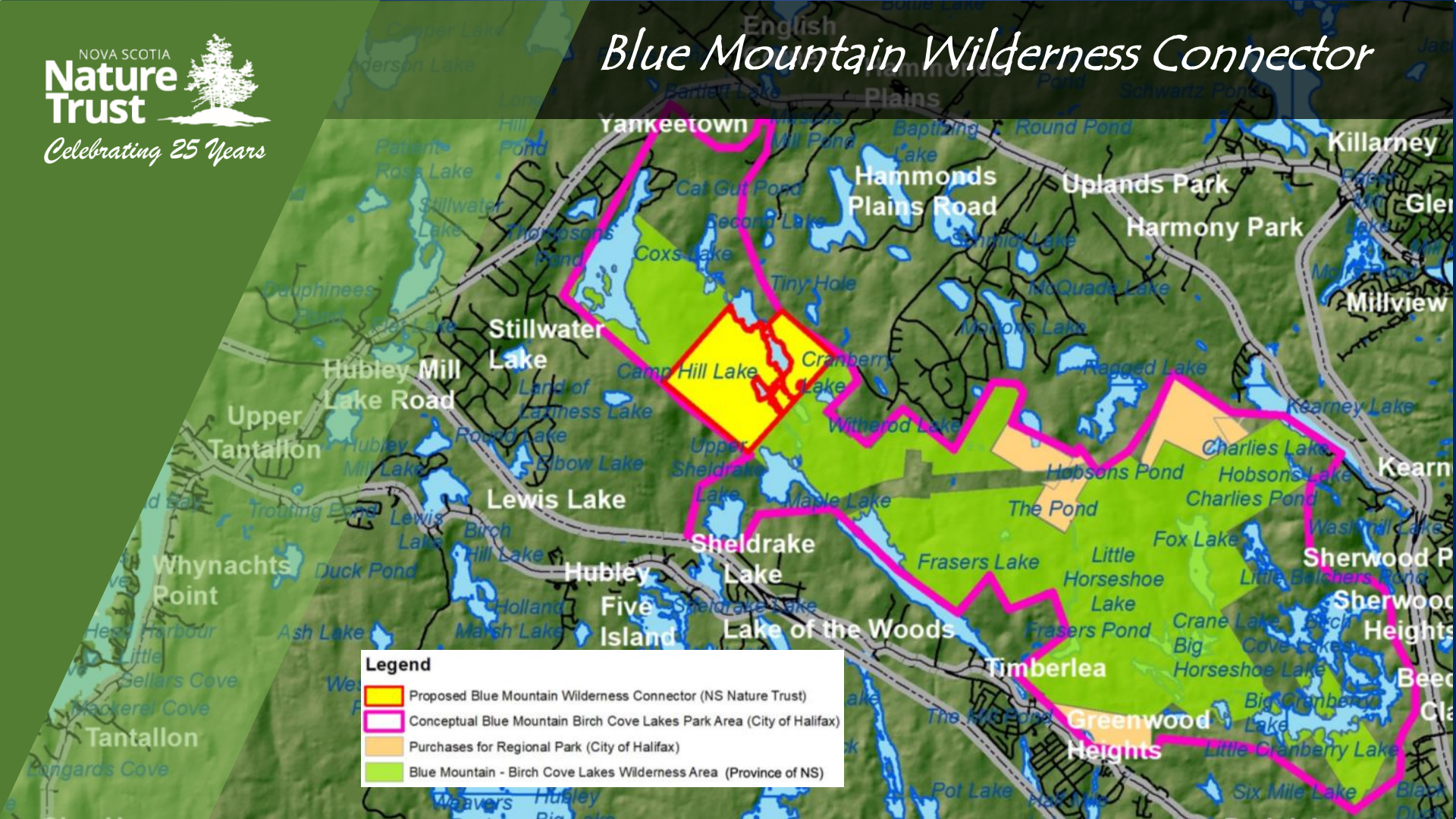
Nova Scotia Nature Trust in the Halifax Regional Municipality



Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes



Blue Mountain Wilderness Connector



Legend

- Proposed Blue Mountain Wilderness Connector (NS Nature Trust)
- Conceptual Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Park Area (City of Halifax)
- Purchases for Regional Park (City of Halifax)
- Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area (Province of NS)

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Halifax Green Network Plan



Ecology
Habitat, Biodiversity, Connectivity,
Climate Change Adaptation



Working Landscapes
Eco-tourism, Scenic Landscapes



Community Shaping
Natural connections,
environmental impact mitigation



Recreation
Park Networks, Regional Parks,
Outdoor Access

HRM Plans and Priorities



**HALIFAX ECONOMIC GROWTH PLAN
2016-21**

**Make Halifax a
Better Place to
Live and Work**

**ACTIONS
CATALOGUE**

**Blue and Green
Infrastructure**

HALIFAX

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PLAN
2009/11 REPORT

**Healthy, Livable
Communities**

**HALIFAX
GREEN NETWORK PLAN**

**Ecology, Recreation,
Community Shaping,
Working Landscapes**

Blue Mountain Wilderness Connector

Budget and Timeline

Expenses

Land Purchase
Includes non-refundable
portion of HST

**Securement and Up-front
Stewardship Costs**
Legal, survey, appraisal,
management planning

Stewardship Endowment
Fund for the ongoing care of
the property

\$ Amount

\$ 2,225,250
Assessed FMV: \$2,070,000
HST: \$155,250

\$ 100,000

\$ 200,000

Total: \$2,525,250

Timeline

Closing Date: July 2020


**Baseline Documentation:
Fall 2020**
**Stewardship Plan:
Fall 2021**

**Funds raised before closing
date**

Blue Mountain Wilderness Connector Proposed Funding

Proposed Funding	\$ Amount
City of Halifax	\$750,000
Canada Nature Fund	\$500,000
Province of Nova Scotia	\$200,000
Nova Scotia Crown Share Land Legacy Trust	\$500,000
Landowner Donation	\$414,000
Public Fundraising Campaign	\$161,250
Total:	\$2,525,250

...a lasting Land Legacy for Halifax

A group of people are canoeing on a calm lake. In the foreground, a green canoe with "KAYAK CRAFT CANOE" written on its side carries three people wearing orange and yellow life jackets. Behind them, a red canoe carries two more people in orange life jackets. The shoreline is lined with tall evergreen trees and bushes with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of red, orange, and yellow. The sky is clear and blue.

Thank you!