

Item 11.1

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**Halifax Green
Network Plan Annual
Progress Report**

February 18, 2021

HGNP Background

The Halifax Green Network Plan identifies and provides recommendations for the protection of open spaces and connections across the Municipality.



Actions

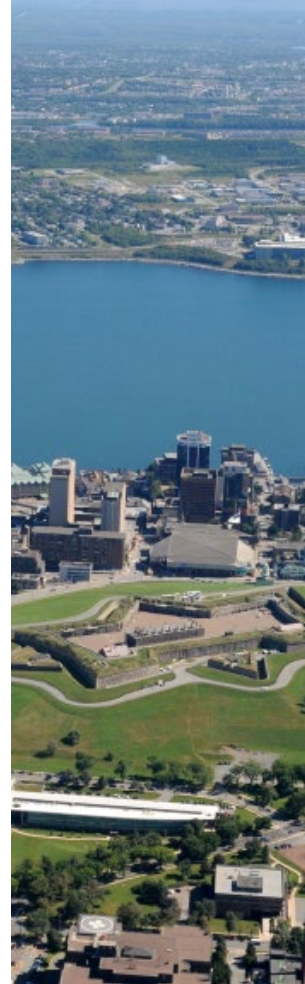
The HGNP includes direction to carry out a total of 79 actions (guidance and specific tasks). The actions generally use one of the four implementation tools:

- Land Use Planning
- Park Management
- Project Work
- Partnerships



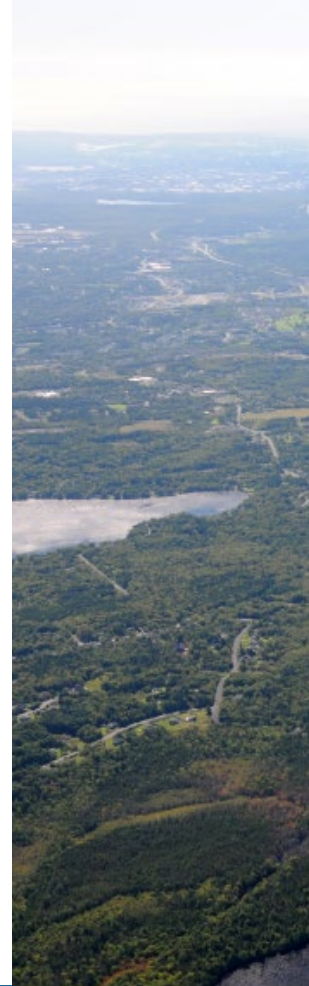
Land Use Planning

- Regional Plan Review initiated in February 2020.
- Plan & By-law Simplification Program ongoing.
- HalifACT adopted in June 2020.
- Sharing Our Stories ongoing.



Park Network Management

- Park Master Plans developed for Gorsebrook Park, Eastern Passage Common, Lake Echo District Park and Viscount Run Park.
- Active Transportation Wayfinding System developed (to be piloted in 2021).
- 24 community gardens on municipal lands supported by HRM.
- Community interest and conversations regarding the role and importance of parks and open spaces significantly increased as a result of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Project Work

- The HGNP Database is available on HRM's Open Data Portal for public use.
- An Integrated Pest Management best practices/policy guide is being developed to assist with the management of invasive species and other pests.
- Naturalization projects are being undertaken as part of a pilot program.
- Several active transportation initiatives have been completed or are underway.
- Work is ongoing regarding floodplain studies for the Sackville Rivers Floodplain and the Shubenacadie Watershed.



Partnerships

- Working with Halifax Water and Nova Scotia Environment to support the use of green infrastructure in a number of projects.
- Contributed \$750,000 to assist the NS Nature Trust in its purchase of lands associated with the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes area.
- Participating in the NS Connectivity Network.
- Working to support AT initiatives on Provincial lands.



An aerial photograph of a river winding through a dense forest. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a golden glow and casting long shadows. Mist or low clouds are rising from the river, partially obscuring the forest. The river flows from the upper right towards the lower left, with a large loop in the middle. The forest is a mix of green and some autumnal colors. In the distance, there are rolling hills and a small clearing with a few buildings.

Thank You