

# French Village Conservation Woodland

A Conservation Site in French Village  
With Seniors' Fitness and More!

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- Offers broader Halifax community an opportunity to experience nature by giving free, open access to a beautiful, forested area, which includes lakeshore and gorgeous ocean views, and offers a wide range of recreational, educational and contemplative activities
- Physical activity opportunities for seniors, families and children, as well as a meditation garden, nature experiences
- Goal of hosting the first suburban public green burial conservation site in Canada

From the CBC  
“White Coat Black  
Art” podcast

# Why tapping into your 5 senses with a walk in the woods can counter climate anxiety



Counsellors and nature offer ways to cope with eco-anxiety

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A group in the Halifax area is seeking to make this site on the shores of Brine Lake a future conservation area.  
(Submitted by Louisa Horne)

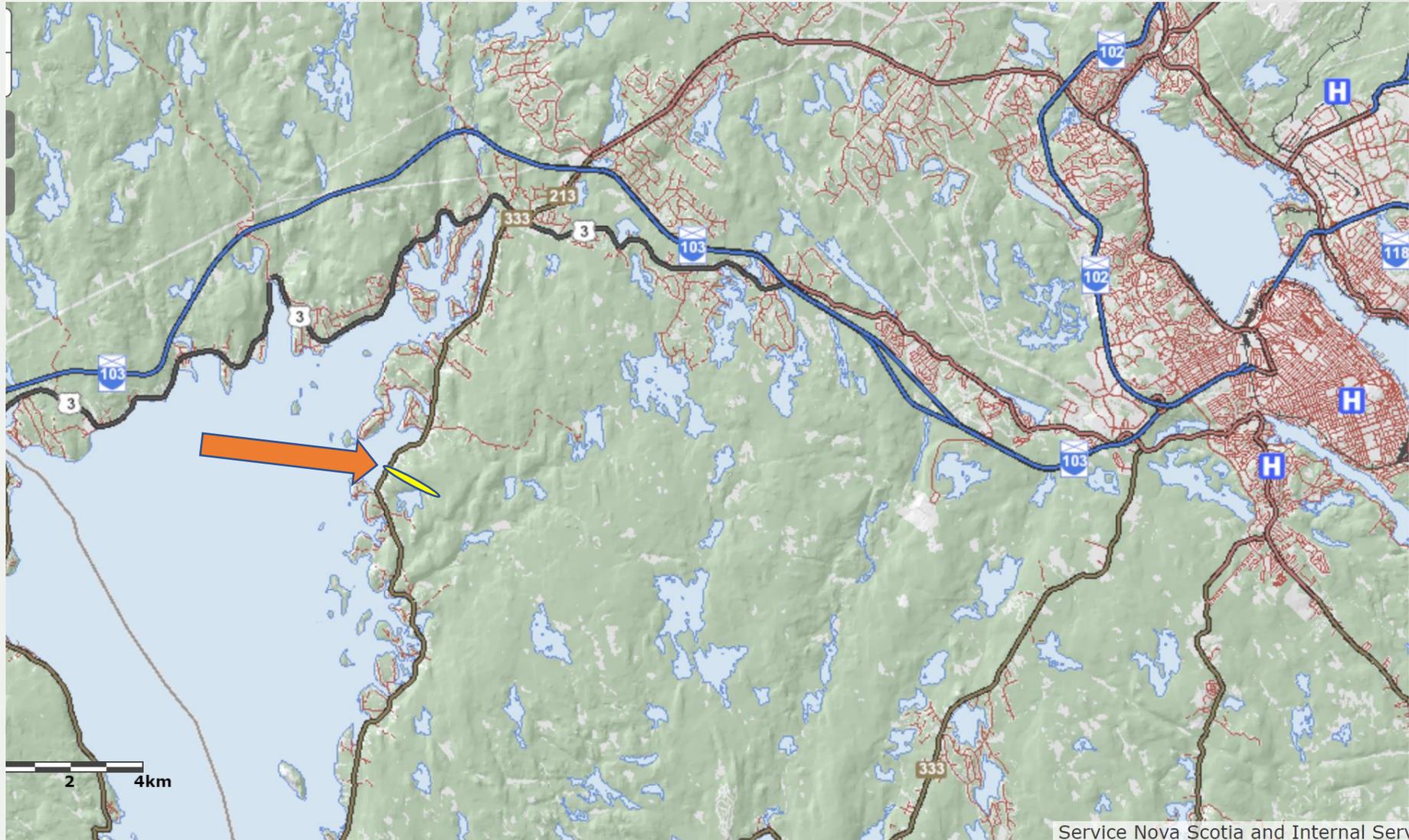
# Our Ask of CPED

1. Explore support – of various types – for the conservation designation and fitness area (e.g., federal New Horizons for Seniors Program funding)
  2. Be aware and supportive of the first green burial conservation site in Canada
  3. Explore, with us, establishment of green burial designation for all municipal cemeteries – be first in Canada to do so!
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# Aligns with Halifax Environmental Goals and Committee Responsibilities

- Promoting, enabling access to recreation and heritage facilities and opportunities in the municipality
- Passion for health, recreation and conservation
- Conservation Standards, Blue Mountain, HalifACT
- Halifax has an opportunity to take a leadership role in the area of nature-based climate solutions –
  - ***"It is said that 30 per cent of our climate obligation can be met through nature alone. Planting of trees and protection of green space" Mayor Savage***

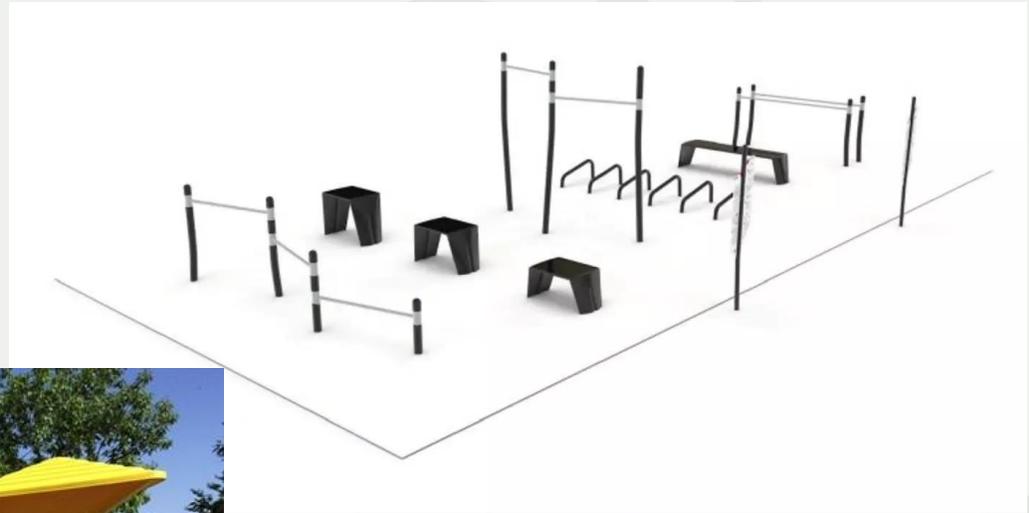
# Where is the Woodland?





# It's Happening Elsewhere

- Toronto – ParkFitTO, Outdoor Fitness Pods
- North York
- Saskatoon River Landing
- Let's have the first in NS here in Halifax! A model!





# Fitness Station Inspiration



# We are proposing for Halifax to have...

- The **First Conservation Green Burial Site in Canada**
  - No embalming, biodegradable shroud/casket, environmental restoration, communal memorialization, optimized land use



# And... Halifax could become first Canadian municipality to have ALL municipally owned cemeteries certified as green hybrids

- Fairview Lawn Cemetery, Mount Hermon Cemetery, Camp Hill Cemetery
- Niagara Falls, Waterloo and Hamilton (in development)
- City/Town Councils in Owen Sound and Algonquin Highlands have approved future development of green burials in Municipally owned/managed cemeteries
- Calgary recently developed a green burial section in Prairie Sky Cemetery
- Mountainview Cemetery in Vancouver does not offer a designated “Green Burial” section -- they have implemented numerous “green” practices into their operations and are considered Green

Thank you

