

The Backlands: a cornerstone for our city's green network



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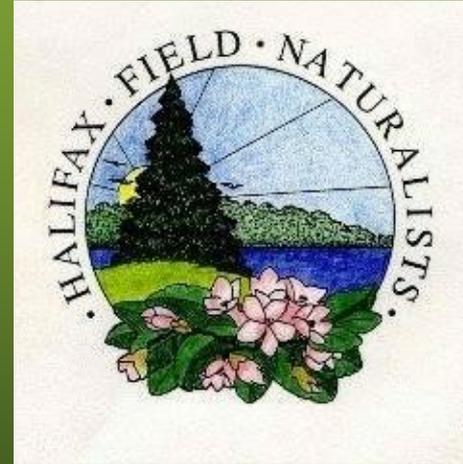
The Backlands Coalition

- A coalition of local citizens and non-governmental organisations.
- Mission: to preserve the Backlands for their natural, historical, cultural, conservation, educational, and recreational value.



Members of the Backlands Coalition

- Fergusons Cove Neighbourhood Association
- Halifax Field Naturalists
- McIntosh Run Watershed Association
- Nova Scotia Wild Flora Association
- Oceanview Drive Residents
- Purcells Cove Neighbourhood Committee
- Ravenscraig Neighbours
- Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield
- Williams Lake Conservation Company
- Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization



The Backlands Coalition is a member of Our HRM Alliance



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Backlands Background

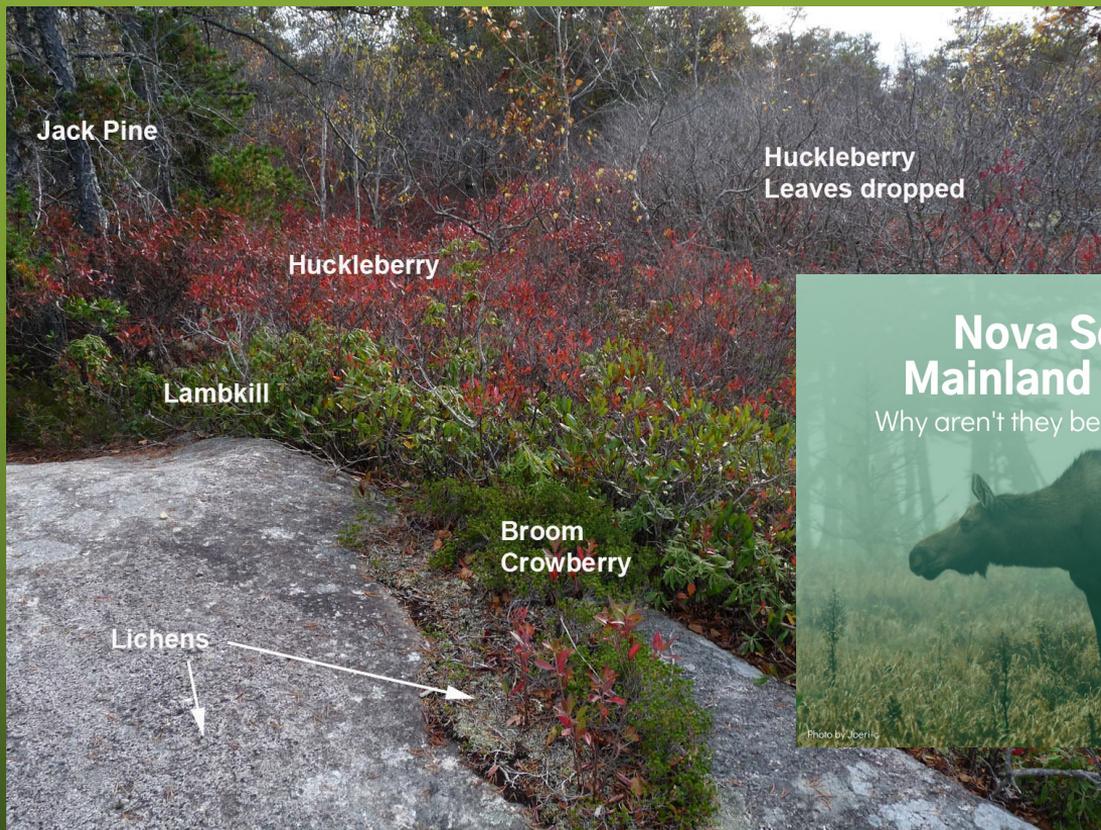




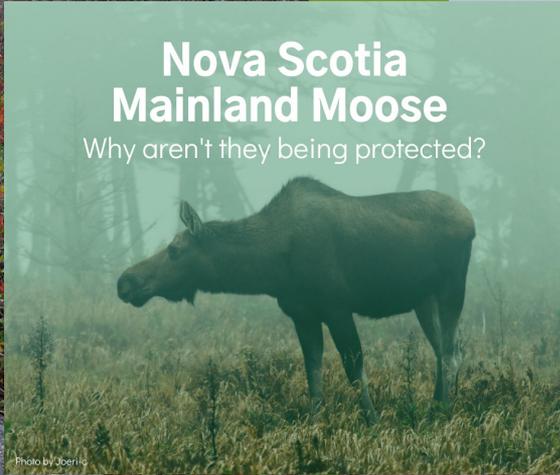
- Chebucto Peninsula
- District 11
- Bordering communities:
 - Spryfield
 - Williams Lake
 - Purcells Cove
 - Fergusons Cove
 - Herring Cove
 - Green Acres
- Shaw Wilderness Park
- McIntosh Run watercourse
- Jack Pine / Broom-crowberry Barrens



- HRM Parkland
 - Partnership with Nature Conservancy of Canada (Shaw Wilderness Park)
- HRM Protected
- NS Nature Trust
- Crown Land
- Private Landowners
- Developers



Huckleberry
Leaves dropped



Rare at-risk species and habitats

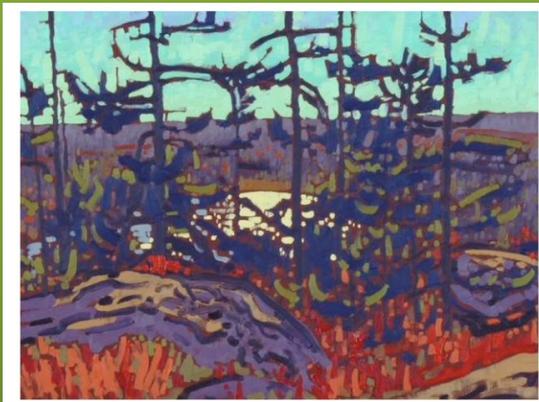


12,500 Volunteer hours
110,000 visitors in 2021

Accessible 'backyard' wilderness for Haligonians



Not a place for housing development



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A cornerstone for the Halifax Green Network Plan

Our Request



- Recognize the Backlands as a foundational piece of the Halifax Green Network.
- Rapid development on both sides of Herring Cove Road may soon eliminate wildlife corridors out of the Backlands and other suitable wildlife habitats.
- HRM needs an appropriate zone in Municipal By Laws to reflect the need for protection of the Backlands.

Thank you!
Merci!
Wela'lin!



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