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Lake Banook Master Plan

Community Planning and Economic Development
Standing Committee - Presentation

Presentation Overview

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Origin

January 28, 2020 Regional Council motion

THAT Halifax Regional Council assess the need for a new Master Plan for Lake Banook, that would include all stakeholders, after Canoe '22.

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Background

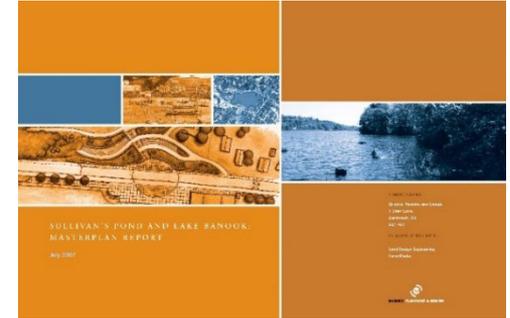
- Located in downtown Dartmouth
- Recreational hub for the downtown Dartmouth community
- One of the few freshwater racing venues in the world; hosted four previous ICF events



Background - Previous Master Plans

Sullivan's Pond and Lake Banook Masterplan Report

Ekistics Planning and Design, July 2007



Lake Banook Water Sport Park

Fathom Studio, July 2019



Stakeholder Engagement

Internal Consultation

- HRM staff involved with the organization of Canoe '22

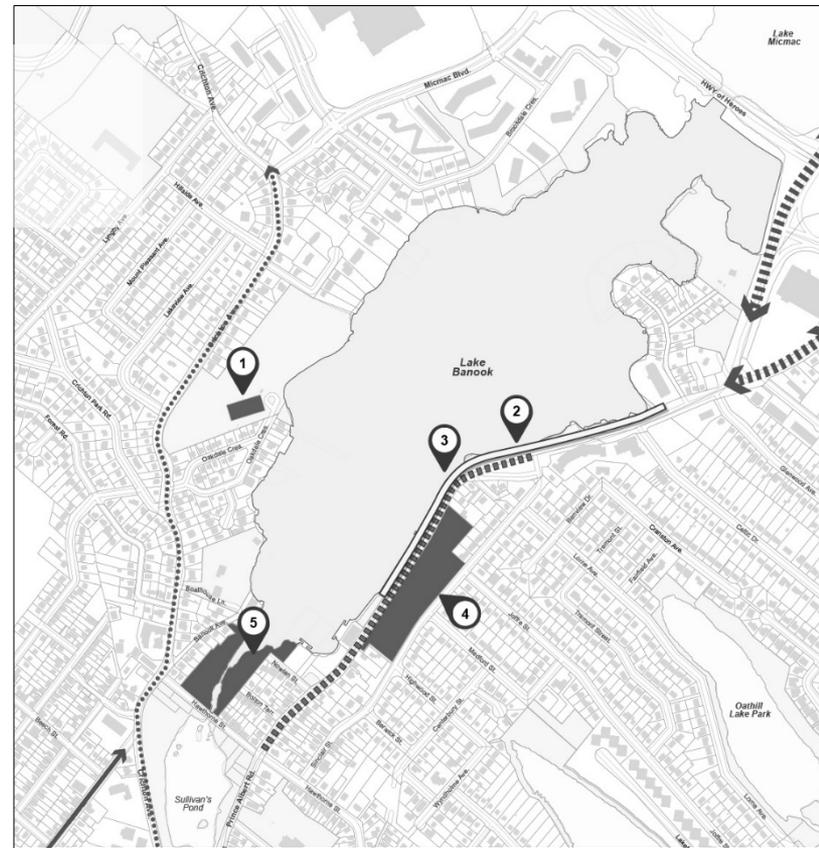
External Consultation

- Canoe '22 organizers, ADCKC

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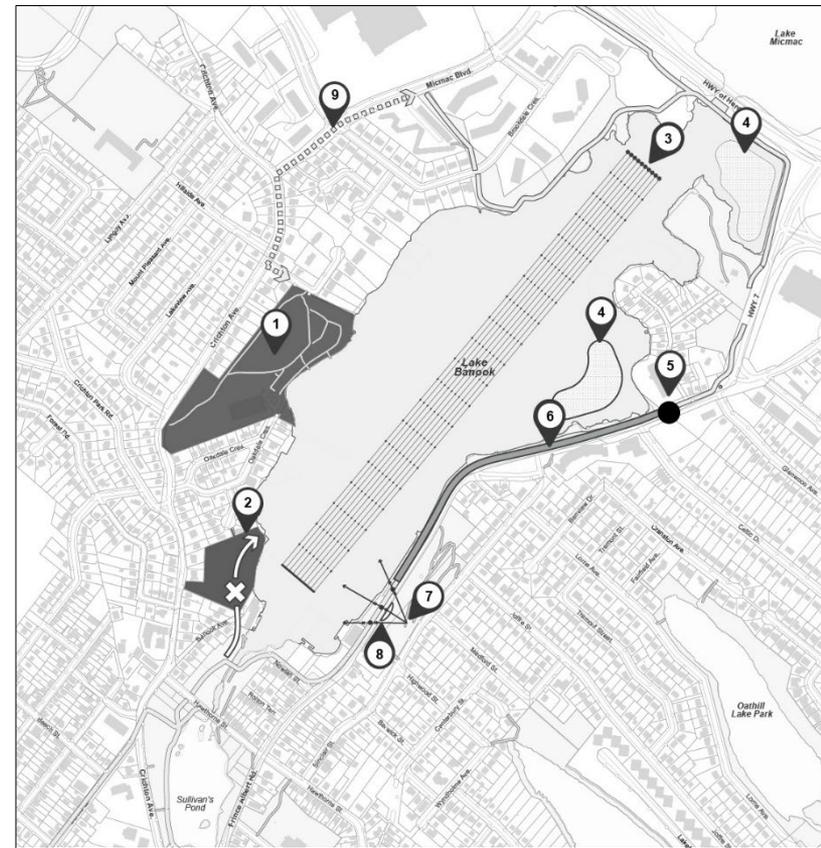
Findings - Opportunities

1. Shared programming
2. Boardwalk Use
3. Prince Albert Road
4. Silvers Hill
5. Henry Findlay Park



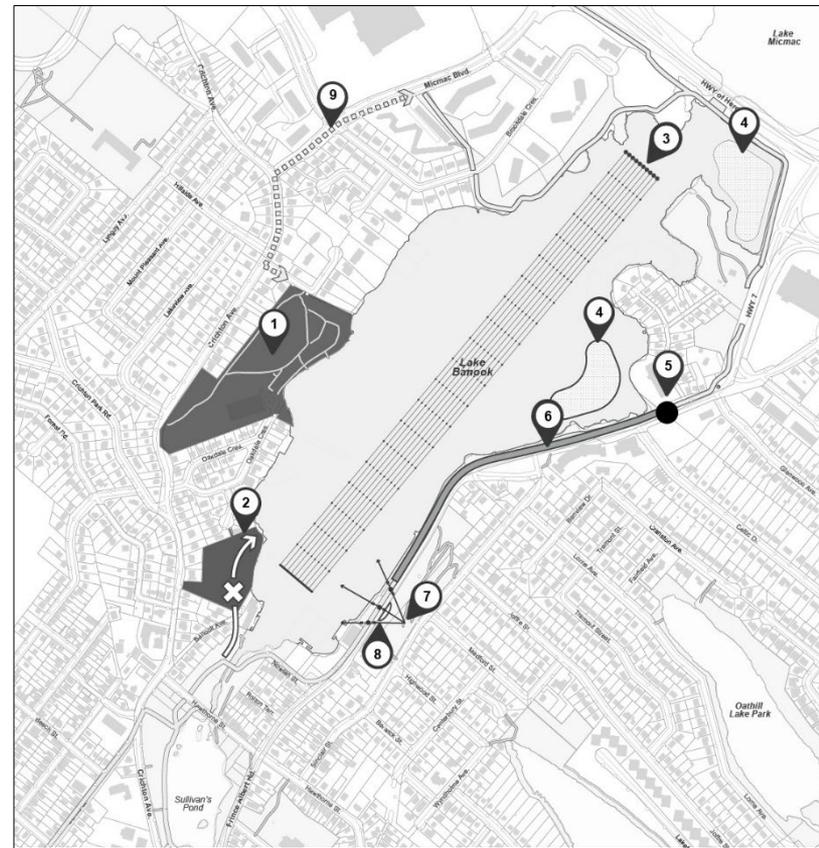
Findings - Constraints

1. Athletes' village relocation
2. Accessibility
3. Infrastructure
4. Stagnant water
5. Active transportation – user capacity



Findings - Constraints

6. Boardwalk condition
7. Interrupted view planes
8. Boosenech Plaza
9. Trail connectivity



Coordination Plan

- Cohesive approach to implementing recommendations and guidelines from previous master plans
- Builds on existing park improvements and coordinates overall facility and parkland initiatives around Lake Banook

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Coordination Plan – Focus Areas

- Ⓜ Wayfinding and interpretive signage
- Naturalization
- Living shorelines



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- Existing playgrounds
- Fish passage project
- Erosion
- Infrastructure required



Recommendation

It is recommended that CPED recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare the Coordination Plan as outlined in this report and return to Regional Council with a staff report.

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