Electoral Area E Community Park and Trails Master Plan

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT:

"The residents of Electoral Area E seek to build on the existing community parks and trails to create a connected network of ecosystems, community parks and trails that provide access to nature, diverse opportunities for social connection and outdoor recreation, while enhancing the quality of life and health of all members of the community."

GLENORA TRAILS HEAD PARK

BRIGHT ANGEL PARK

E & N RAILWAY

HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMUNITY INPUT SO FAR...

ACTIVITIES that the community values included:

- passive, nature-oriented activities such as hiking, bird-watching, river kayaking and horseback riding, and

- fitness-oriented activities such as jogging.

Some new park amenities that were suggested in CURRIE PARK included:

- an outdoor fitness circuit,
- new picnic and BBQ facilities, and
- play spaces for a wider range of ages.

The community requested MORE:

- accessible nature trails,
- nature/culture interpretive signage, and
- more activities and community events in the parks.

There is a desire to:

- improve environmental protection,
- provide more opportunities for people to connect to nature, and
- ensure public access to the Cowichan River.

KEY ISSUES & CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED SO FAR...

PARK MANAGEMENT

- Undesireable/inappropriate use of parks due to remote locations and lack of on-site staff.

VOLUNTEERS

- Liability issues are preventing more volunteer involvement in community parks.

MAINTENANCE VS. DEVELOPMENT

- There is a need to balance park development with the ability to maintain and manage those amenities.

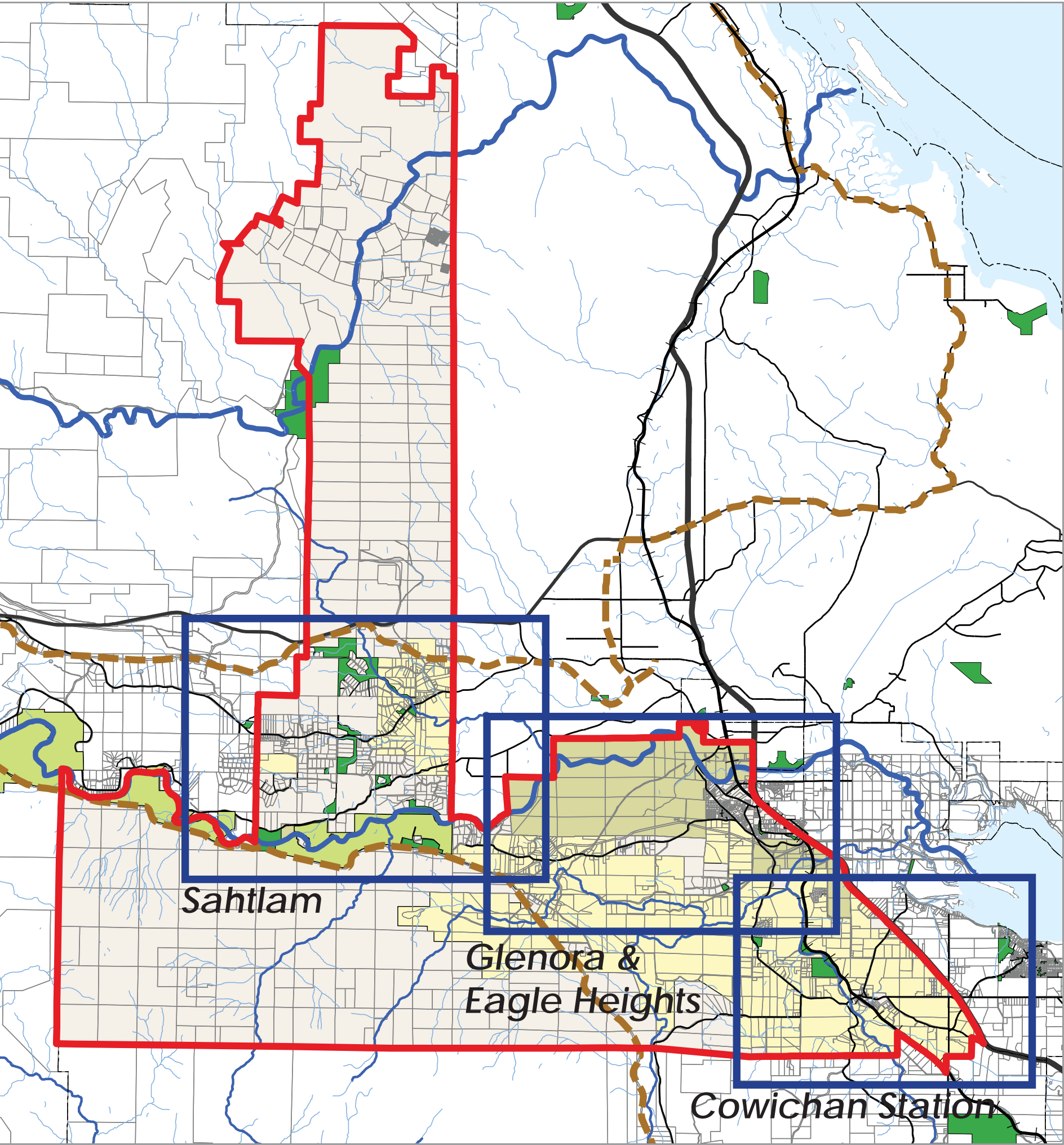IMPORTANCE OF TRAILS

- Improve existing trails,
- construct new roadside connections,
- improve signage and maps, and
- create connections between key destinations.

HIGHLIGHT THE COMMUNITY

- The Cowichan Valley Trail could be enhanced to better highlight key features in the community.

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ELECTORAL AREA E COMMUNITY PARKS AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN

CVRD

ELECTORAL AREA E OVERVIEW MAP

Sahtlam

Glenora & Eagle Heights

Cowichan Station

COMMUNITY PARKLAND SUMMARY

Park Class	Total Area (hectares)
Community Park	14.26
Neighbourhood Park	1.96
Nature Park	89.09
River Corridor Park	0.18
Special Purpose Park	2.89
Linear Park	0.92
Sub-Regional Park	23.80
Total Community Parkland	**133.10**

CURRIE PARK

KOKSILAH RIVER BRIDGE

COWICHAN VALLEY TRAIL

BRIGHT ANGEL PARK

SUMMARY OF PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Potential Trail Connections

Cowichan Station

- Connect Cowichan Station and Glenora between Jackson Road and Cavin Road.

- Connect Cowichan Station to Wilmont / Cow Bay.

- Consider a future Rail Trail along the existing, active E & N Railway from Cowichan Station to Duncan (potentially beyond).

Glenora and Eagle Heights

- Add a safe roadside trail connecting the Cowichan Valley Trail to Glenora Hall, Glenora Store and a proposed community park.

- Connect the Cowichan Valley Trail through Glenora to the Trans-Canada Highway #1.

Sahtlam

- Consider a potential roadside trail from Sahtlam Greenway to Hawkhill Park to the west.

- Potential roadside trail from Sahtlam Greenway to Currie Park and Creighton Road Park.

- Ensure safe routes connect new developments to the Sahtlam Greenway.

- Continue to work on implementation of the Sahtlam Greenway.

- Identify a location for a new pedestrian bridge across the Cowichan River to connect the Sahtlam Greenway to the Cowichan Valley Trail.

- Consider a future pedestrian bridge across the Cowichan River in Glenora Riverside Park.

- Consider a potential future trail connection between Sahtlam and North Cowichan via Gibbins Road.

- Caromar Trail (existing): Stop maintaining this route as it does not connnect any destinations.

Existing Parks

- Maplewood Park: Create a redevelopment plan in consultation with neighbourhood residents.

- Keating Park: Maintain Keating Park as a passive, forested park. If the surrounding population increases, consider adding play spaces and a picnic shelter (or other amenities) in consultation with surrounding residents.

- Currie Park: Continue improvements to Currie Park including an accessible washroom and picnic shelter. Create a connection to Inwood Creek Park.

- Creighton Road Park: Explore potential for looping nature trails around the pond in Creighton Road Park.

- Inwood Creek Park: Explore potential for looping nature trails through Inwood Creek Park.

- Fairbridge Park: Consider disposal of this parcel in favor of acquiring other priority sites such as those along the Koksilah River.

New Parks

- A new community park could be developed across from the HUB in Cowichan Station, in partnership with the Cowichan Station Area Association.

- Identify opportunities to acquire land for a new neighbourhood park in Eagle Heights.

- Consider acquisition of a parcel between Glenora and Eagle Heights for a new community park to serve the future residential areas in Glenora and Eagle Heights.

- Dedicate the parcel in Glenora with existing ball diamonds as "Park". Identify opportunities to acquire adjacent parcels to create a multipurpose community park.

- Seek opportunities to acquire parcels along the Koksilah River between Bright Angel Park and Jack Fleetwood Park.

Legend

- **Electoral Area E**
- **Provincial Parks**
- **Regional Parks**
- **Subregional Parks**
- **Community Parks**
- **First Nations**
- **ALR**
- **Cowichan Valley Trail**
- **Existing Trail**
- **Potential Future Trail**
- **Existing Roadside Trail**
- **Potential Future Roadside Trail**

Potential Outdoor Recreation Zone
Potential for further development of whitewater kayaking on the Chemainus River and mountain biking on Mt. Prevost. Chemainus River Regional Park needs management and caretaker presence.

Chemainus River Regional Park

See detailed maps for each of the three main communities/areas

Cowichan River Provincial Park

Sahtlam

Glenora & Eagle Heights

Cowichan Station

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ELECTORAL AREA E COMMUNITY PARKS AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN
KEY MAP

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Legend

- **Electoral Area E** (red outline)
- **Provincial Parks** (light green)
- **Regional Parks** (green)
- **Subregional Parks** (teal)
- **Community Parks** (dark green)
- **First Nations** (beige)
- **ALR** (pale yellow)
- **Cowichan Valley Trail** (brown dashed)
- **Existing Trail** (pink dotted)
- **Potential Future Trail** (magenta)
- **Existing Roadside Trail** (orange dotted)
- **Potential Future Roadside Trail** (orange/black dotted)

Explore potential for looping nature trails through Inwood Creek Park

Ensure safe routes connecting to the Sahtlam Greenway from new developments

Continue improvements to Currie Park including an accessible washroom and picnic shelter. Create a connection to Inwood Creek Park.

Explore potential for looping nature trails around the pond in Creighton Road Park

Future Sahtlam Greenway

Sahtlam Greenway Park

Potential future trail connection from the Sahtlam Greenway to Currie Park and Creighton Park

Potential future trail connection from the Sahtlam Greenway to Hawkhill Park

Caromar Trail (existing) Stop maintaining this route as it doesn't connect any destinations.

Potential future trail connection from Sahtlam to North Cowichan via Gibbins Road

Belvedere Roadside Trail (existing)

Proposed pedestrian bridge crossing near Sandy Pools Regional Park to connect Sahtlam Greenway to the Cowichan Valley Trail

Consider potential future pedestrian bridge

Map labels

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Cowichan Valley Highway #18

Municipality of North Cowichan

Trans-Canada Trail

(old) Cowichan Lake Road

(old) Cowichan Lake Road

Inwood Creek Park

Electoral Area F

Currie Park

Creighton Road Park

Sahtlam

Gibbins Road

Hanks Road Park

Dons Park

Wake Lake

Cowichan Tribes

Caromar Park 1

Caromar Park

Glenora Riverside Park

Granite Road Park

Cowichan River Provincial Park

Riverbottom Road

Cowichan Tribes

Glenora Trails Head Park

Cowichan River

Cowichan River Provincial Park

Sandy Pools Regional Park

Cowichan Valley Trail

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- ALR
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Municipality of North Cowichan

Cowichan River

City of Duncan

Seek input from Cowichan Tribes regarding trail connections that would be beneficial for their members

Allenby Road

Existing Underpass

McAdam Park (City of Duncan)

Boys Road Park: Site for a

Identify opportunities to acquire land for a new neighbourhood park in Eagle Heights.

Cowichan Tribes

Existing Overpass

Miller Road

Consider acquisition of a parcel for a new community park to serve the future residential areas in Glenora and Eagle Heights.

Eagle Heights Park

Electoral Area D

Potential Future Underpass

Proposed Park: Dedicate the parcel with existing ball diamonds as "Park". Identify opportunities to acquire adjacent parcels to create a multipurpose, community park.

Glenora

Indian Road

Eagle Heights

Maplewood Park: Create a redevelopment plan in consultation with neighbourhood residents.

Busy Place Creek Park

Glenora Store & Gas Station

Glenora Community Hall

Glenora Road

Trans-Canada Highway #1

Add safe roadside trails connecting the CVT, Glenora Hall, Glenora Store, and the proposed neighbourhood park.

Glenora Creek

Seek input from Cowichan Tribes regarding trail connections that would be beneficial for their members

Potential future trail alignment identified in the community stakeholders workshop, connecting the CVT and Glenora to the Trans-Canada Highway.

Keating Park

Potential for Rails with Trails along the E&N Railway

Maintain Keating Park as a passive, forested park. If the surrounding population increases due to residential development, consider adding play spaces and picnic shelter (or other amenities) in consultation with surrounding residents.

Kelvin Creek

Koksilah River

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To Cowichan Station

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DRAFT OPPORTUNITIES MAP: GLENORA & EAGLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY

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Glenora

Cowichan Tribes

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Keating Park

Glenora Creek

Trans-Canada Highway #1

Kelvin Creek

Potential connection between Cowichan Station and Glenora identified by the community at the stakeholders workshop. Connect to Cavin Road.

Fairbridge Park

Electoral Area D Cowichan Bay

If no additional residential development is anticipated in the vicinity of Fairbridge Park, consider disposal of this property in favor of acquiring other priority sites such as those along the Koksilah River.

Koksilah Road

Bright Angel Park

Cowichan Station

The HUB at Cowichan Station (former school), now operated by the Cowichan Station Area Association.

Jackson Road

Seek opportunities to acquire parcels along the Koksilah River between Bright Angel Park and Jack Fleetwood Park.

Bench Road

Potential future roadside trail from Cowichan Station to Wilmont / Cow Bay

Jack Fleetwood Park

Mountain Road

Koksilah River

Potential for a partnership with the Cowichan Station Area Association for development of a future community park, in consultation with Cowichan Station residents.

Cowichan Valley Trail

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E&N Railway (active)

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Electoral Area B