

Mapping Culture Onto Environmental Plans: Woodhaven Case Study



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Comblan's Residence

Gravel Parking Lot

Original Woodhaven Parcel
4711 Raymer Road

North Fork Creek

969 Raymer Road Parcel

Gordon Dr

North Fork Creek

East-Cultural Centre

Homestead and Horse Farm

Note: Accidentally duplicated property

CRAWFORD ESTATES

Redridge Park

SOUTHWEST MISSION

979 Raymer Road Parcel

Paddock

Bellevue Creek Greenway

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Canon Falls Park

- cultural mapping in park planning can show existing human connections to the natural world and other species' use of place, other species' "culture"
- parks like cities should be planned to enhance connection of people to places, to nature, a connection beyond "recreation"
- develop natureculture mapping to conceptualize the fact that we are of nature, inseparable from it- cultural mapping can be influenced by a new nature-inclusive mapping process
- artists, educators, indigenous groups and heritage groups should be at the table as experts in park planning as well as environmental consultants, landscape architects, engineers, biologists.

Interpretation and Education Goals (from draft Woodhaven plan)

1. Communicate the value of the park and the services provided
2. Enhance the park's role as a place of learning, exploration and engagement for all (especially children)
3. Identify, protect, interpret and celebrate the park's history and heritage assets
4. Enhance the role of First Nations knowledge and indigenous teaching at the park
5. Enhance the park's role as a place of environmental creativity and art
6. Enhance signage to and within the park

Canadian Parks Summit April 2016

The group rallied around the idea to stop seeing parks as only physical places, and instead focus on the benefits that parks offer to all Canadians.

“The 2016 Canadian Parks Summit has highlighted a tremendous opportunity for the Canadian Parks sector. From local communities to national parks, we can seize this chance to collaborate with all Canadians, particularly Indigenous Nations, to enhance Canada’s systems of parks from coast to coast to coast,” said **Murray Kopp, co-chair of the Canadian Parks Summit.**

<http://www.back2nature.ca/news/parks-leaders-from-across-canada-make-history/>

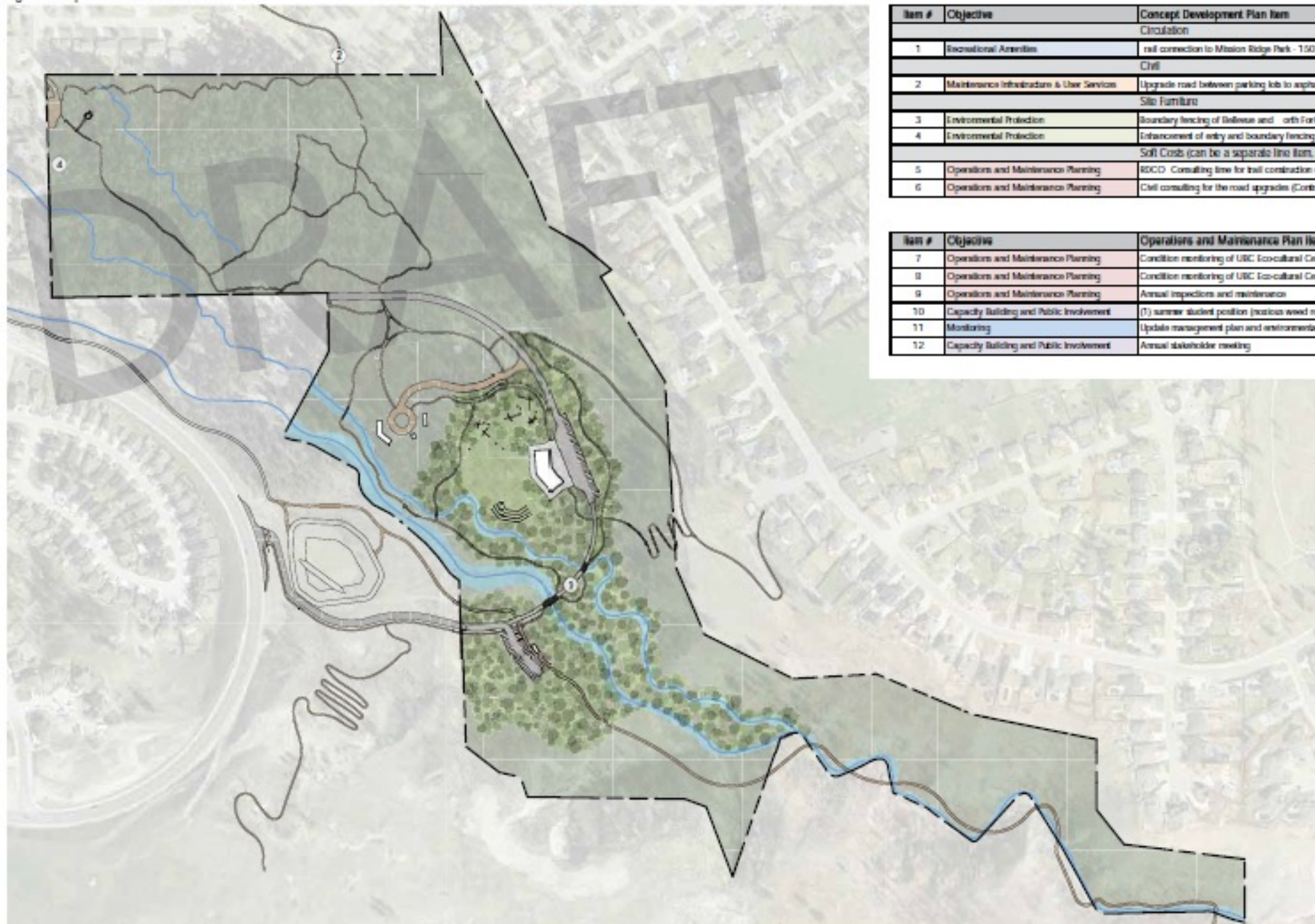
Strategic Goals of the Draft Woodhaven Management Plan

1. Conservation
2. Interpretation and Education
3. Outdoor Experience
4. Stewardship and Partnership

Conservation Goal

1. Balance **recreational** uses and conservation of natural Assets

Figure 29: Implementation Plan - Year 20

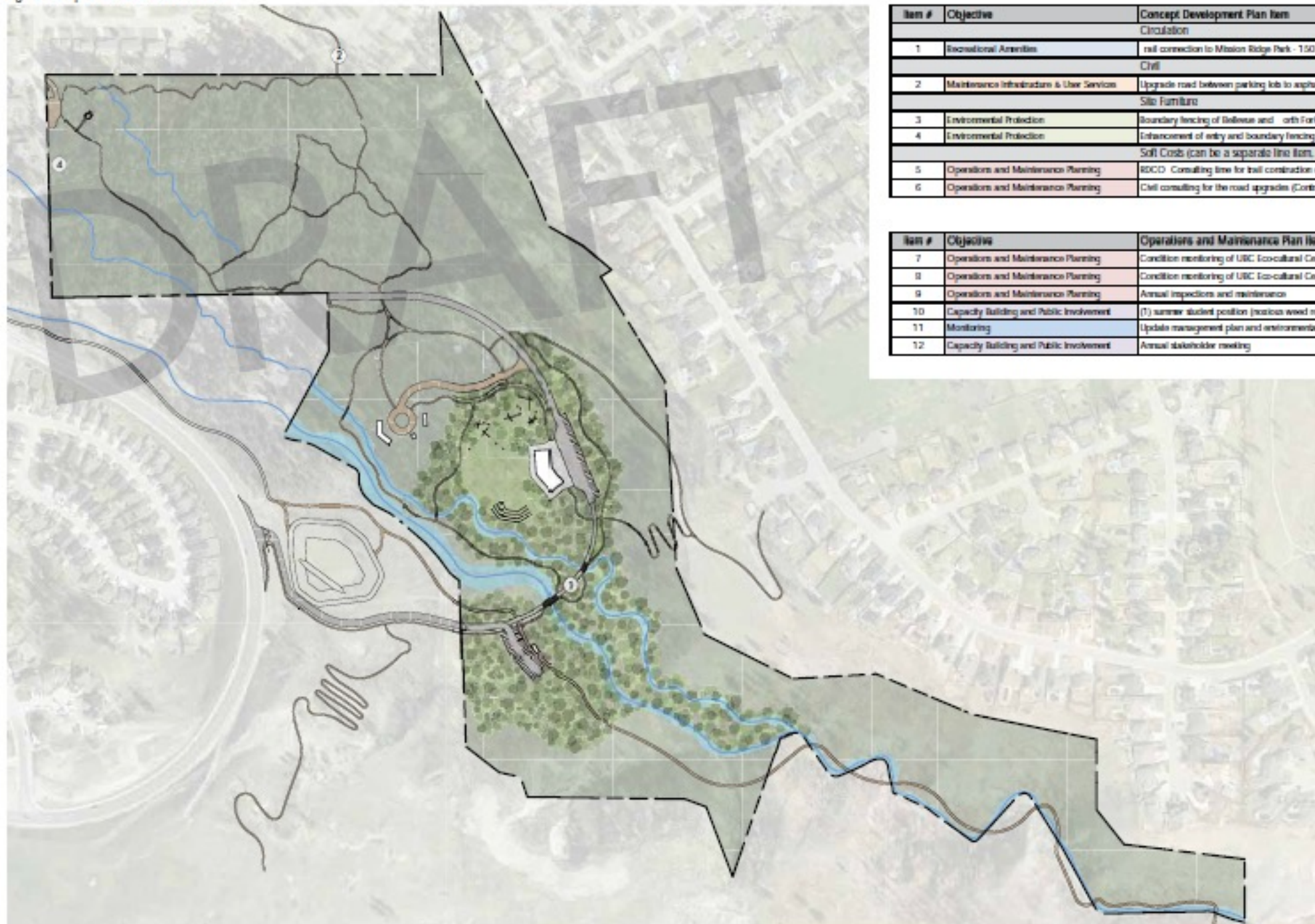


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Park Zoning Concept-The Zoning Concept delineates five management zones. Each zone has a different objective and a series of associated policies:

- Special Preservation Zone (SP Zone)
- Ecosystem Zone (E Zone)
- Natural Environment Zone (NE Zone)
- Outdoor Recreation Zone (OR Zone)
- Park Services Zone (PS Zone)

In the Nsyilxcen language, *tmx^wulax^w*, the word that is usually translated as *land*, is an amalgam of "time/ living beings/ here (this exact place)" with the concept of "braided" or "spiralling" or "one thing that can be seen as many things (like a braid)." The word for *land*, therefore, might be translated as "this very place in its braided spiral of time and living beings."

notes from a talk by Jeannette Armstrong