

Nature Trails Shared-Use Network



A collaborative community trail project between:



NatureTrailsSociety.com/NicklausPark

Mixed-Use Trail Goals

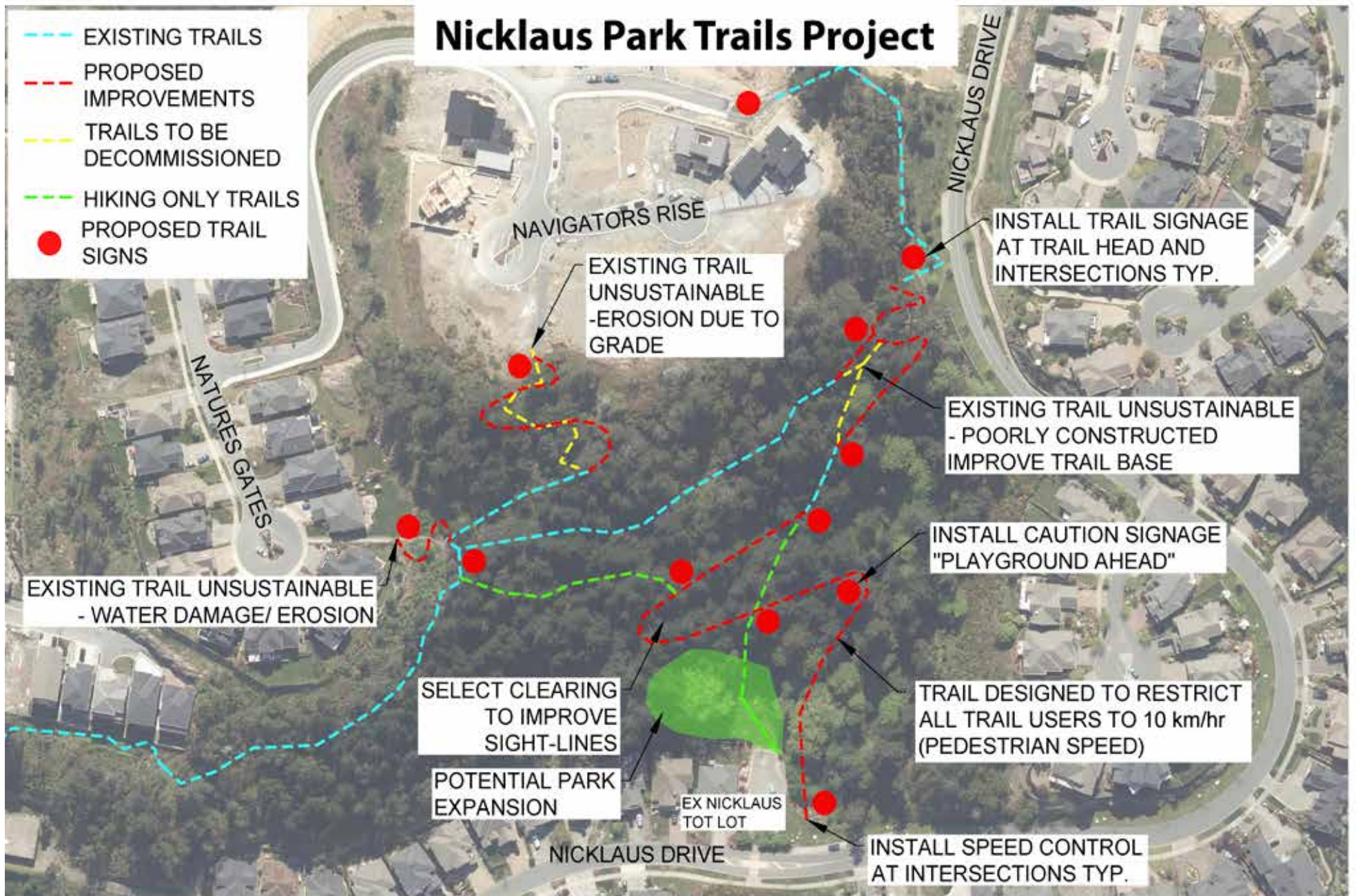
Nature Trails Society builds trails using the *Whistler Trail Standard*; a recognised standard that ensures trails are built to protect user safety and preserve ecosystems.

The Nicklaus Park Trails Project aims to:

- provide a pilot project where trail use is shared between pedestrians and mountain bikers
- enhance walkability and promote community connectivity within Bear Mountain
- create links to larger trail loops throughout the West Shore
- improve the safety and sustainability of existing trails
- design trails that are accessible to both hikers and mountain bikers
- use best practices to prevent erosion and ecosystem damage
- create a safe and well managed trail system for the City of Langford



Nicklaus Park Trails Project



Nicklaus Park Trails plan



Nature Trails Society volunteer trail builders

Reducing Trail User Conflicts

Vancouver Island is renowned as an area offering exceptional opportunities for outdoor recreation. The partnership between the City of Langford, Nature Trails Society and Ecoasis Developments LLP aims to make the most of our unique landscape by creating a trail network that encourages users to get out and experience it. Whether running, hiking, walking the dog, or riding a bike, Nature Trails Society will construct trails that include the following features:

- **Signage** – signs advise users of trail type, length, terrain, and reminders of trail etiquette. Signs will also caution users of areas close to playgrounds and road intersections.
- **Expert trail design** – follow the strict guidelines of the *Whistler Trail Standard*. Trails will be constructed by Nature Trails Society, a well established leader in trail construction in the Capital Region.
- **Monitoring and patrols** – while users are encouraged to monitor the trails and report any deficiencies or concerns using phone, email or the TrailForks App, Nature Trails Society will be patrolling and maintaining the network to ensure its upkeep.
- **Dog protocol** – as many visitors will be using trails with their dogs, to ensure enjoyment and safety for all trail users, dogs must be kept on-leash and under control. Dog waste must be collected and disposed of in the garbage. Dog owners must be respectful of the trails, wildlife and other trail users.

Moving Forward

Nicklaus Park is the first community trail project on Bear Mountain. The creation of this section of trails will be used as a pilot project to help structure the creation of more trails in the area.



Typical trail surfacing



Typical trail signage

“City staff are supportive of opening the trail in Nicklaus Park as a pilot project. During this time staff would work with NTS and Ecoasis to develop and finalize the Bear Mountain Master Trails Plan.”

-City of Langford, March 2017

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VISION & ADVOCACY



World class local outdoor recreational opportunities for Everyone



About Our Vision

Victoria has an abundance of natural surface trails; however, these trails are currently not coordinated or even connected to each other, thereby missing out on the huge opportunity to create a comprehensive world class network of trails that could ultimately become as famous as the West Coast Trail, the Grouse Grind, or the Kettle Valley Railway.

The Nature Trails Society is working with land owners, municipalities, BC Parks, the CRD, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Resource Operations and other industry partners to secure access and authorization to specific cross regional trail corridors and connections ensuring the most effective trail system is created to accommodate all users: hikers, trail runners, mountain bikers, dog walkers, horseback riders, commuting cyclists and families.

Connecting these trails has been likened to building an "arena" for sporting events such as Canada Cup Mountain Bike Races, XC trail running races, the multi stage BC Bike Race, and Cross on the Rock Cyclocross. These events bring in hundreds of participants as well as their spectating families for multi day stays and the larger more international events bring international exposure to our destination.

Benefits of this connected trail network are vast: increased visitation to our parks, healthier communities, increased variety of trails to enjoy for all, more connected communities, environmental stewardship, international recognition as an outdoor adventure destination and economic development opportunities for business close to the network.

Vision

To create an epic network of accessible multi discipline trails that animates locals and inspires tourists to revel in our nature.

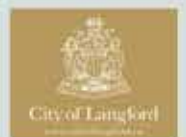
Mission

The Nature Trails Society will connect communities by formalizing the managed access of a world class outdoor recreation network of shared use trails for all ages, abilities, and experiences.

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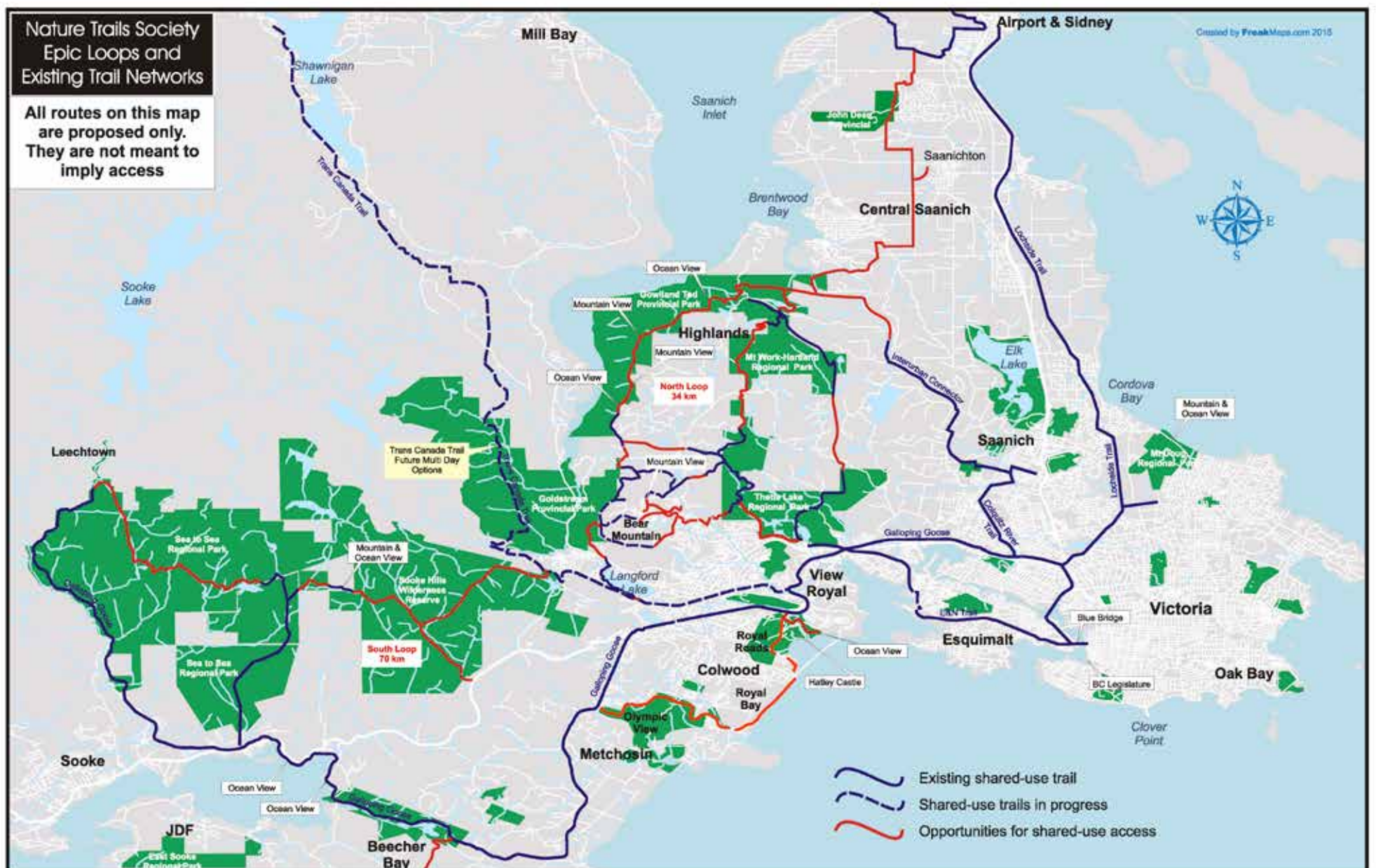
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Epic Loop

Future Trail Network

In the future, the City of Langford and Nature Trails Society aim to construct a network of trails that provide connectivity throughout Langford. This network will tie into a wider system of trails that will connect the municipalities of the CRD and is sure to earn its name - The Epic Loop.



Proposed Epic Loop network

Nicklaus Park

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