

## Vision Statement for the Regional Park

The vision for the Regional Park is based on visioning exercises and public input during the planning process for the Lakes District Neighbourhood Plan. The vision establishes the overall direction for planning, design and management of the park. It is expressed in the present tense since it is hoped that this is how the park will be described in the future.

*This Regional Park protects the functional integrity of regionally significant ecosystems and prominent natural features that define the landscape character of the Nanoose Bay peninsula. It is the “green heart” of the region with interconnected open spaces and corridors that provide links for wildlife and access to nature for humans. The park provides recreational opportunities that are enjoyed by local residents and visitors. It is a place where the cultural heritage and spiritual values of the land to First Nations are recognized and celebrated.*



## Purpose of the Regional Park Management Plan

The purpose of the Regional Park Management Plan is to provide direction on the following topics:

- **Education and interpretation** - What role can be played by the park?
- **Recreation** - What programming, age groups should be considered? How to balance with conservation?
- **Coordination with existing and future community parks** - How should programming and maintenance be coordinated?
- **Options to purchase lands** - When / how should these lands be acquired?
- **Dog management** - Should dogs be allowed? If so, where? How should they be controlled?
- **Trail use management** - How should trails be allocated or shared among user groups? Level of maintenance?
- **Landscape features/character** - How can the protection of significant landscape features and views be ensured?
- **Use of Enos Lake** - What recreational uses are appropriate on Enos Lake? (Enos Lake Protection & Monitoring Plan is underway)
- **Safety, security and accessibility** - What measures should be included with regard to safety and security?
- **Park name** - What name is appropriate for the Regional Park?
- **Long-term maintenance costs / regional park budget** - What is the level of funding the RDN should allocate for maintenance?

The perspectives of stakeholders and the community can provide direction on many of these topics.

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