



Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Rewilding Vancouver: Environmental Education and Stewardship Action Plan

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Policy Context



- Nov. 18 2013: Board approved Task Force terms of reference
- Dec. 10 2012: Board approved Leader in Greening motion
- May 18 2012: Board approved Strategic Plan



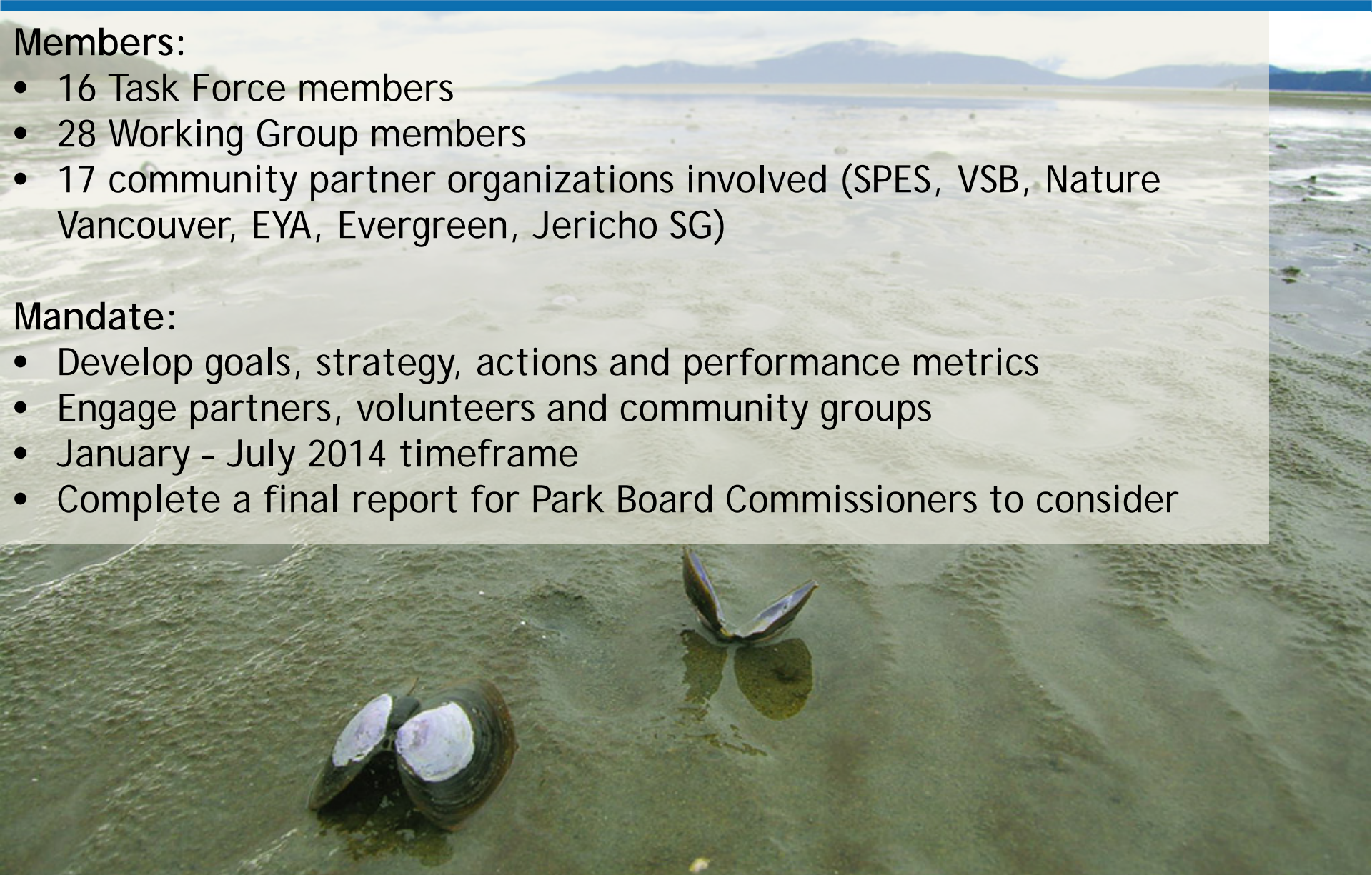
Task Force Members + Mandate

Members:

- 16 Task Force members
- 28 Working Group members
- 17 community partner organizations involved (SPES, VSB, Nature Vancouver, EYA, Evergreen, Jericho SG)

Mandate:

- Develop goals, strategy, actions and performance metrics
- Engage partners, volunteers and community groups
- January - July 2014 timeframe
- Complete a final report for Park Board Commissioners to consider



Rewilding Vancouver: Summary



Plan includes:

- Existing Greenest City and Strategic Plan goals and targets
- Summary of existing programs and initiatives and background info
- 3 priority areas, goals and objectives, 6 quick starts, and 49 actions
- Stories from partner organizations
- Implementation

Rewilding Vancouver: What Does This Mean?



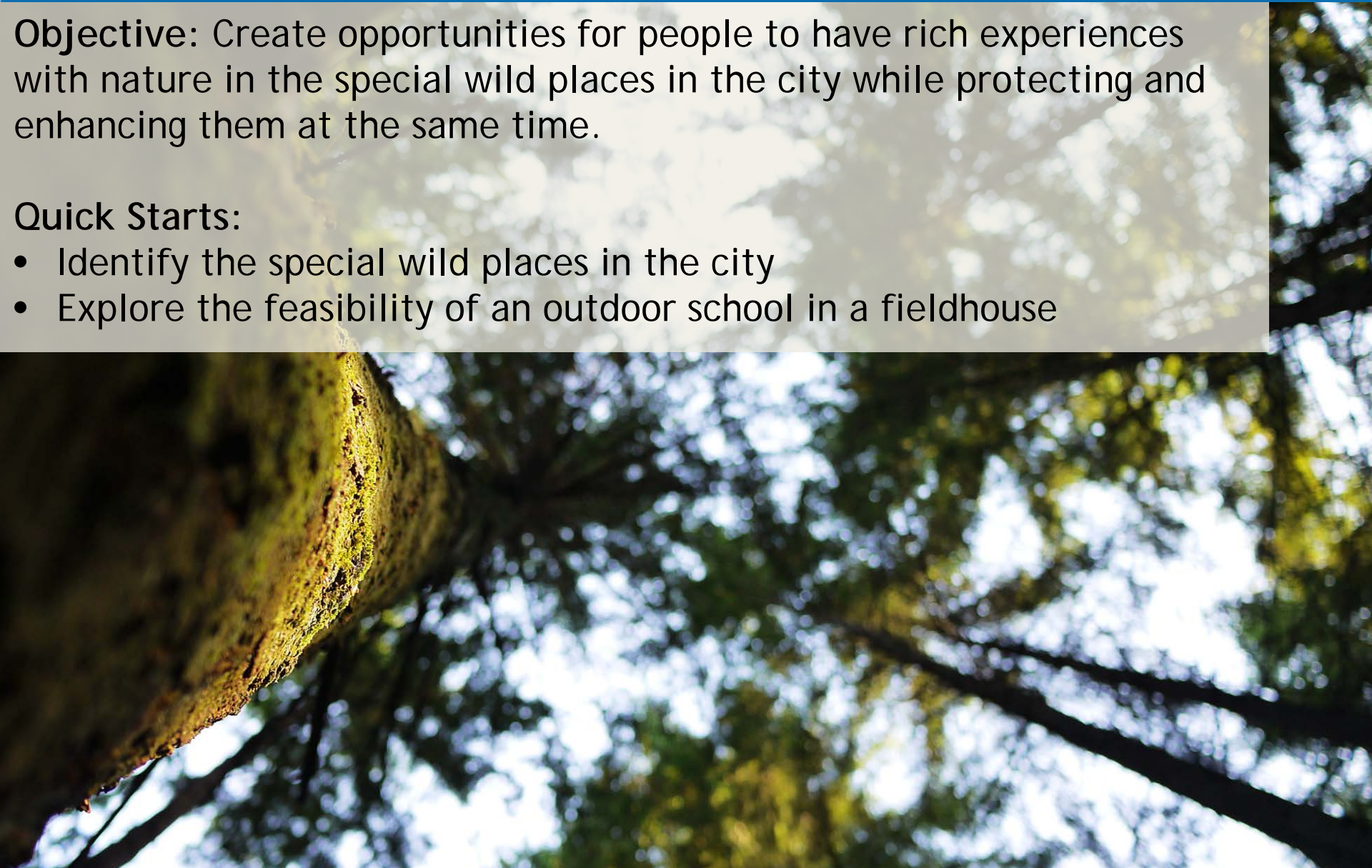


Priority 1: Special Wild Places

Objective: Create opportunities for people to have rich experiences with nature in the special wild places in the city while protecting and enhancing them at the same time.

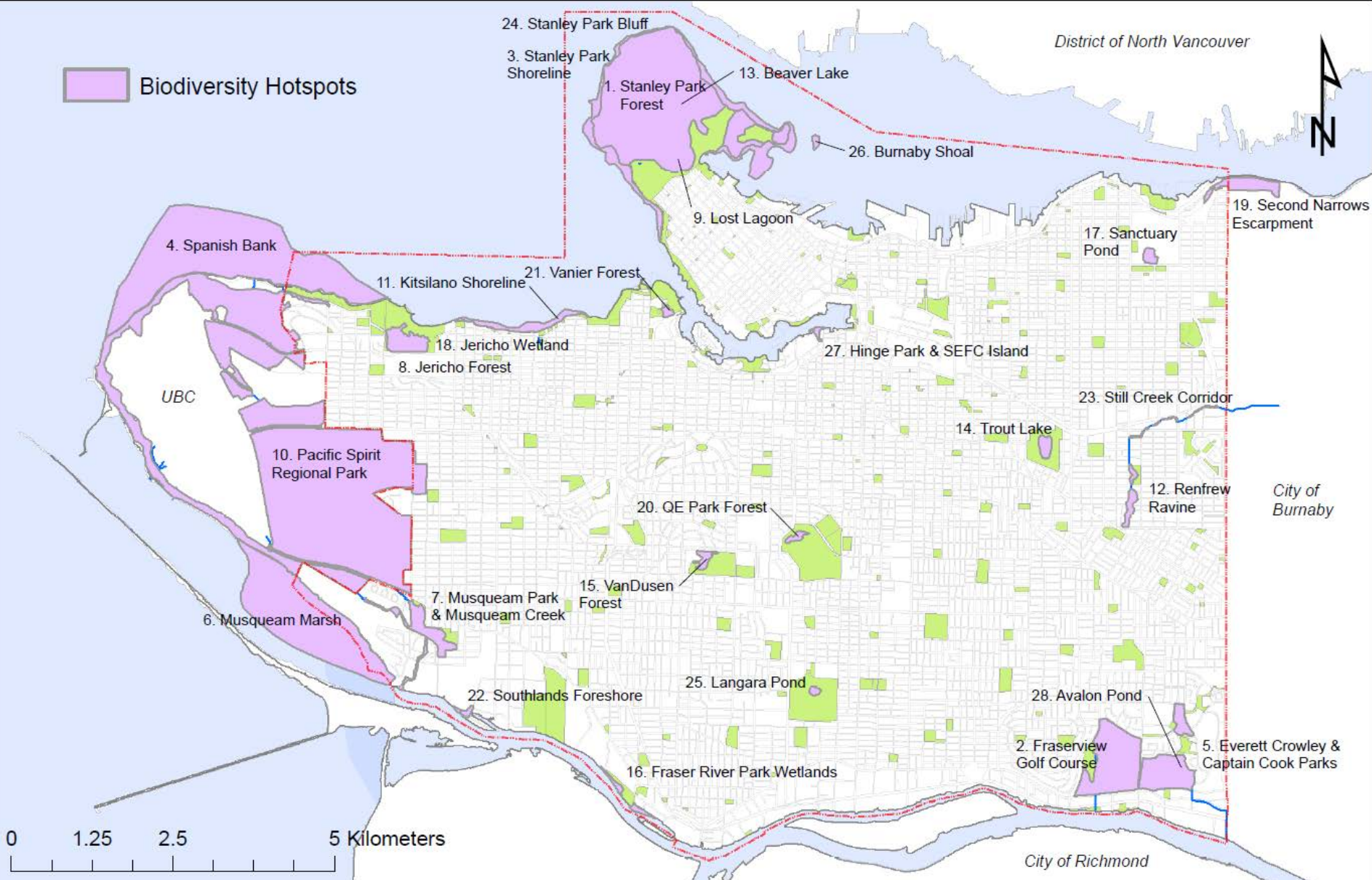
Quick Starts:

- Identify the special wild places in the city
- Explore the feasibility of an outdoor school in a fieldhouse



Priority 1: Special Wild Places

 Biodiversity Hotspots



Priority 2: Nature in Everyday Life



Objective: Integrate nature into the daily experiences of Vancouverites by allowing it back into public spaces and places

Quick Starts

- Initiate projects focused on supporting pollinators
- Pilot an environment-focused fieldhouse residency

Priority 2: Nature in Everyday Life



Priority 3: Meaningful Park Board Leadership



Objective: Make the most of the unique assets, relationships and role of the Park Board in service of thriving natural spaces and of people engaged with nature.

Quick Starts:

- Bird Week
- Reflect Effect environmental education pilot program



Priority 3: Meaningful Park Board Leadership



Implementation



1. Engaged leadership and staff team
2. Partnerships
3. Accountability, monitoring and reporting
4. Appropriate planning and allocation of capital and operating budgets

Recommendations

THAT the Board approve *Rewilding Vancouver: From Sustaining to Flourishing. An Environmental Education and Stewardship Action Plan for the Vancouver Park Board*;

THAT the Board direct staff to provide a status update on the progress made toward EESAP implementation and key outcomes, and reconvene the Environmental Education and Stewardship Task Force at least once, within the next year.

