



# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Flourishing Parks &  
Communities

Regular Park Board Meeting  
March 11, 2019



Nature Kids in Jericho Park

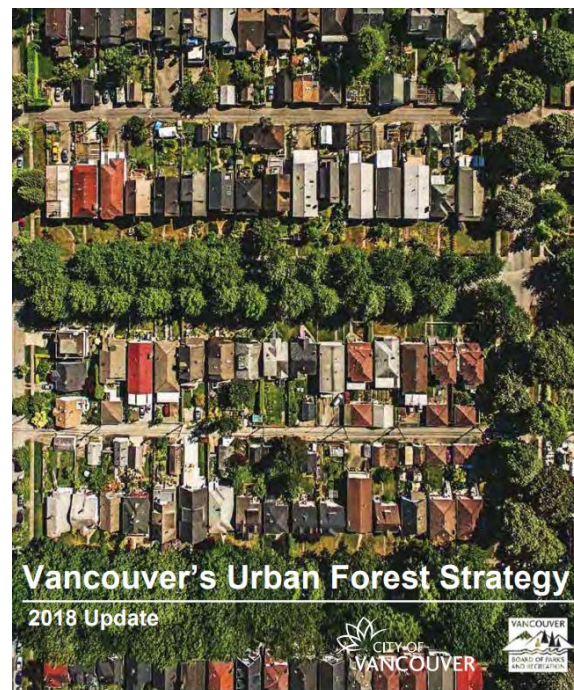
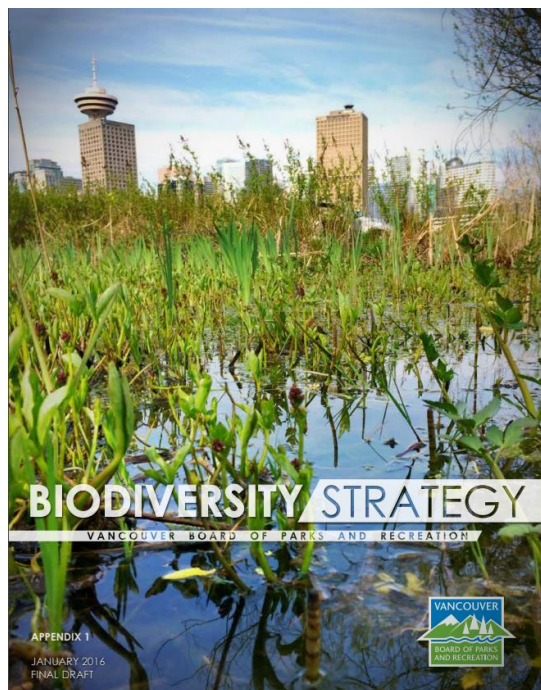
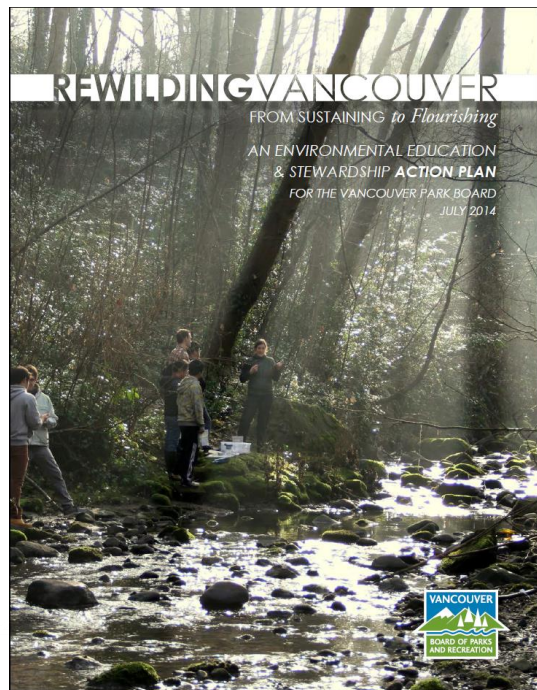
- Purpose: Provide an Overview of Environmental Stewardship in Parks
  - Policy Background
  - Stewardship Framework
  - 2018 Highlights
  - 2019 Priorities
  - Questions



Swallows at Jericho Park



# Policy Background



## Rewilding: Environmental Stewardship

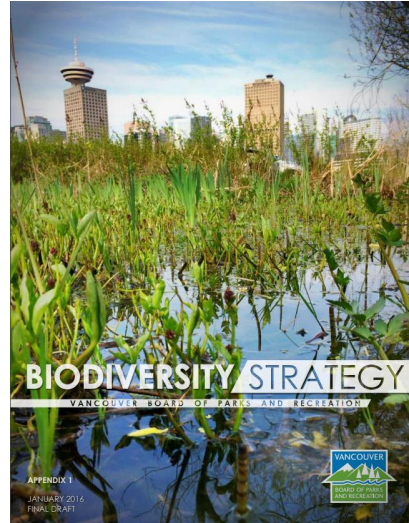
- Special Wild Spaces
  - Enhance, protect, maintain & monitor
- Nature in Everyday Life
  - Create strong partnerships with community centres and organizations
- Meaningful Park Board Leadership
  - Support communication, coordination, and learning opportunities amongst communities





## Biodiversity Metrics:

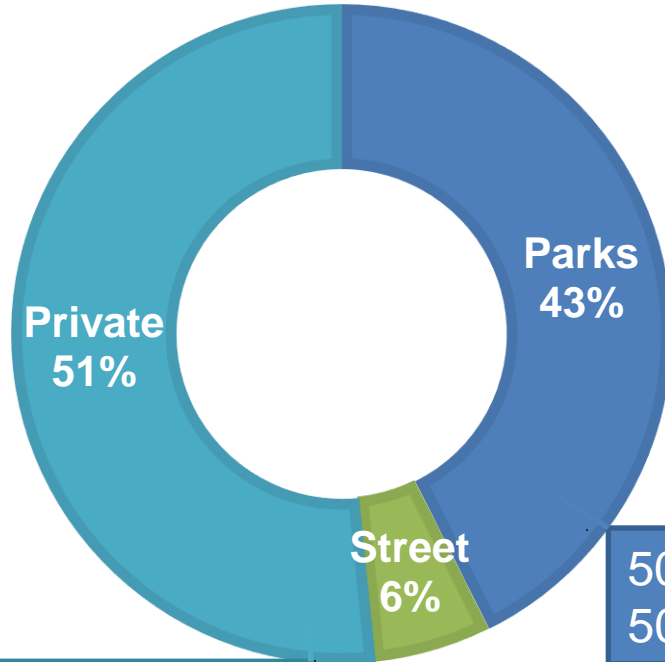
- Amount of restored hectares
- Ecosystem health of aquatic ecosystems
- Distribution of natural areas
- Volunteer involvement in restoration projects



Killdeer at Jericho Park

## 2018 TREE PLANTING

■ Parks ■ Street ■ Private



50% Stewardship  
50% Operation

50% Tree Sale  
50% Developments



# Stewardship Framework



Pacific Tree Frog at Jericho Park



- Bird & Wildlife Habitat
- Streams & Wetlands
- Pollination Corridors
- Indigenous Plant Sites
- Marine Areas
- Dog Parks
- Eco Arts



Nature Kids at Jericho Park





# Three Park Stewardship Roles

- Park Advocates
  - Informed and involved community members
- Park Stewards
  - Individuals volunteering with Vancouver Park Board
- Park Partners
  - Organizations running volunteer programs in Parks



Jericho Stewardship Group at Jericho Park



# Park Board Supports for Stewardship

- Resources
  - Newsletters
  - Workshops, safety & trainings
- In-Kind
  - Staff time & expertise
  - Plants & supplies
- Funding
  - Neighbourhood Matching Fund
  - Contributing Funds



Earth Day Planting at Everett Crowley Park

# 2018 Stewardship Highlights



Red Flowering Currant at Jericho Park



## Public Environmental Education Programs Supported by Park Board:

- EcoRangers
- Co-existing with Coyotes
- Nature House



## Stream Habitat Restoration & Protection

- Trail re-alignment
- Fencing off sensitive habitat
- Invasive plant removal
- Planting native trees and shrubs
- Collaborative interpretive signs



Chum Salmon in Still Creek



## EcoArt Programs

- Moon Festival
- Birds on Parade
- Birds in Residence
- Crow Roost Twilight Bike Ride
- Indigenous Plant Collaboration
- Invasive Plant Weaving Workshops
- Renfrew Ravine Stream Keepers
- Mycelial Connections



EcoArt at Renfrew Ravine Park

## Native Plant Education

- Wildlife Habitat Stewardship
- Plants for Birds
- Youth Garden
- School Workshops
- Pollinator Citizen Science
- Native Plant Garden
- Means of Production Garden



Native Plant Gardening at Strathcona Park

## Community Connection

- Sharing stories and food
- Building connection between neighbours
- Increasing access to nature
- Learning about pollinator plants and insects
- Skill development opportunities
- Planting and site stewardship



5<sup>th</sup> & Pine Pop-Up Pollination Park



# 2019 Priorities



Youth at Oak Meadows Park

## Acknowledging

- Unceded traditional territories
- First stewards of these lands and waters
- Impacts of colonialism

## Sharing

- Space for Indigenous voices, cultural practice, and stewardship



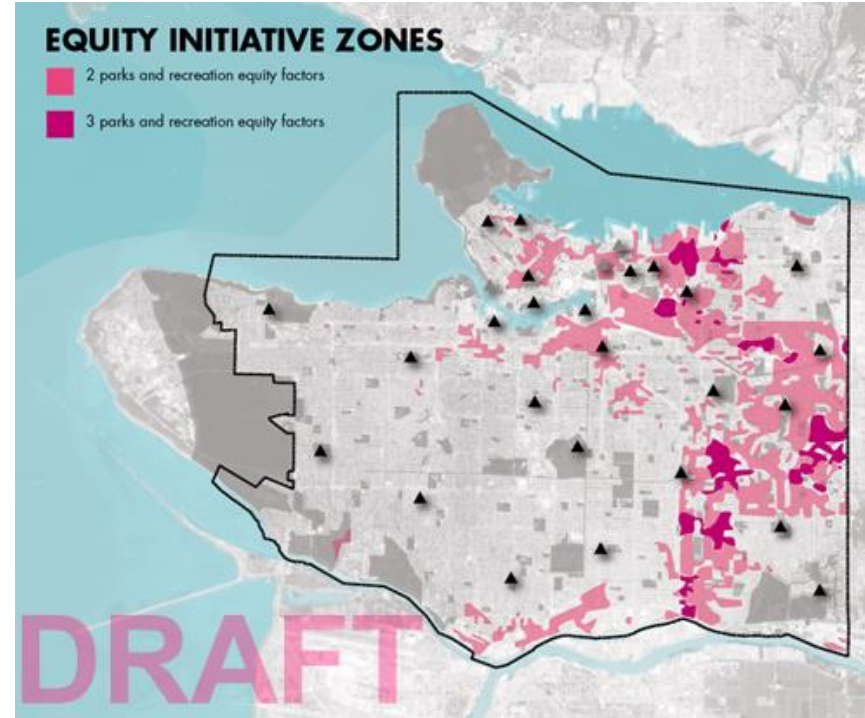
The Vancouver Park Board acknowledges that we are on the unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and selilwitulh (Tseilwut) Nations.



Resurfacing at Renfrew Ravine Park

## Building strong stewardship communities and natural areas across the park system

- Who is included in planning processes?
- Which voices are missing? Why?
- Who is benefits from the project?
- Who is impacted by the project?
- What barriers restrict participation?
- How can barriers be lowered?





## Maintaining Projects

- Roles and responsibilities
- Frequency of monitoring and maintenance
- Time, volunteers, resources and supplies for maintenance
- Capacity building and resource sharing
- Decommissioning plan



Apiary at Memorial West Park

## Communication

- Launch website updates
- Share monthly newsletter
- Develop signage improvements
- Track volunteer work

## Supports

- Host public workshops
- Publish resource guides
- Diversify funding options



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### People and programs

▸ Building community

▸ Grants and awards

▸ Arts and culture grants

Activation of Underutilized Vancouver Civic Theatres Spaces Grant

▸ Advertising for arts and culture non-profit groups

▸ Artists in Communities program

▸ Artist Studio Award Program

Community Arts Grant Program

Creative City Strategic Grant Program

Public Art Community Grants

▸ Cultural Grants Program

▸ Cultural Infrastructure Grant Program



### Neighbourhood Matching Fund

The Neighbourhood Matching Fund supports neighbourhood-based groups that want to make creative improvements to local public lands. Eligible projects must actively involve the community and build neighbourhood connections.

The Neighbourhood Matching Fund is not a grant; community groups are provided funds based on demonstrated, equivalent contributions from volunteer labour, in-kind donations and other funding sources.

Funding requests can receive up to \$10,000 and are based on need.

**Application deadlines:** April 15 and October 15

# Upcoming Events



- Still Creek Stream Restoration & Monitoring:
  - Native Planting Saturday, March 23 11:00-1:00
  - Fish and Invertebrate Sampling Saturday, March 30 10:00-12:00
- Earth Month Stewardship Events: Various dates across the park system
- Earth Day Stewardship Celebrations:
  - Stanley Park Saturday, April 27
  - Everett Crowley Park Saturday, April 27 10:00-4:00
- Tree Sale: Saturday, May 11 & Sunday, May 12
- Bird Week: Saturday, May 11- Saturday, May 18

Heron at Jericho Park



# Questions



Jericho Park

