

East Wellington Park Plan



April 2023

Planning Process Recap

- 2018 survey and open house
- 2019 Presentation to Council
- 2020 open house and online feedback
- Stakeholder consultation
 - Current Park Users
 - Dog Walkers
 - Nanaimo Astronomy Society
 - Nanaimo Community Gardens Society
 - Nanaimo Fly Fishers Association
 - Nanaimo Food Share
 - Nanaimo Model Airs Club
 - Park Neighbours
 - Regional District of Nanaimo
 - School District 68
 - Snuneymuxw First Nation
 - Vancouver Island University
- Environmental & Agriculture Assessments completed



2018



2020

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Environmental & Agriculture Reports

- Biophysical Assessment & User Group Land Review, (*Aquaparian Environmental Consulting Ltd. 2018*)
- Millstone River East Wellington Park Side Channel Conceptual Design, (*Northwest Hydraulic Consultants Ltd. 2021*)
- Agricultural Assessment completed, (*W.Haddow Pag And C.Haddow, 2021*)
- Submit a Non-Farm Use application to the Agricultural Land Commission (2023)






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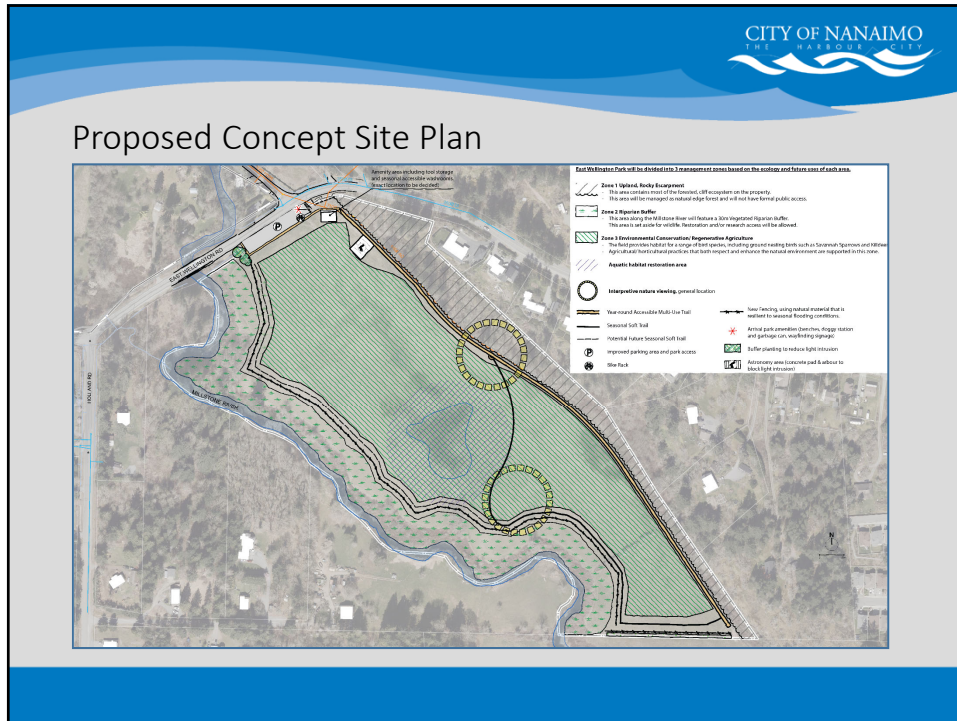
Park Vision:

East Wellington Park offers a location for a variety of users to enjoy the natural surroundings, while recognizing the environmental sensitivity and agricultural significance of the land. The protection and conservation of this natural environment will be balanced with appropriate agricultural, recreational and educational opportunities for the community.

Park Goals:

1. Supporting Reconciliation with Snuneymuxw First Nation
2. Environmental Conservation and Restoration
3. Supporting Agricultural Production
4. Integrating Education and Research
5. Accommodating other Recognized Uses
6. Improving Park Access and Amenities





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Recommendation:

That Council adopt the East Wellington Park Plan as presented in the Staff Report dated 2023-Apr-03.

If Council moves forward with adoption of the East Wellington Park Plan, implementation in 2023 may include bringing the park into agricultural production; working with community partners to co-manage agricultural activities on the property; and, partnering with Nanaimo Astronomy Society to pursue an 'Urban Star Park' (USP) designation by the Royal Astronomical Society for this location.