

# Greenways

CityPlan

Riley Park/South Cambie **RPSC**

## What Are Greenways?

Greenways are "green" paths for pedestrians and cyclists. They can be waterfront promenades, urban walks, heritage walks and nature trails. The existing Seaside route around Stanley Park and English Bay is an example of a waterfront greenway. Others will run along city streets, through parks or nature trails or some combination of these routes as they move through the City. Their purpose is to provide safe, comfortable and convenient ways of moving through the City, and greater opportunities to recreate and experience both nature and city life.

## The City Greenways Plan

City Council approved the Vancouver Greenways Plan in 1995. There are 14 city-wide greenways plan covering about 140 km linking important city destinations in a network. About 30% of this network, including the Seaside route, is already in place. Others shown on the map on the reverse will be constructed over the coming years using community resources, City funds and contributions from major developments and sponsors. Many of these routes are general corridors; their exact location and character will be determined after further public consultation and detailed study. Therefore your thoughts on routing and design ideas would be useful.

The Ridgeway Greenway that passes from Burnaby's Central Park, through Riley Park/South Cambie (RPSC), all the way to Pacific Spirit Park in the west, is virtually complete. This greenway is also a bikeway and travels west along 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue to West Boulevard, north to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and west to Blanca Street. A small section that links 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue is still under review.



The Ontario Greenway that passes through RPSC and follows the popular Ontario Bikeway links False Creek in the north to the Fraser River in the south. This Greenway, that is 6km long, was mostly finished in Spring of 2003, though areas adjacent Riley Park Community Centre and Langara College are still under development.

## Neighbourhood Greenways

In addition to these city greenways, there are many opportunities for smaller-scale locally-focussed neighbourhood greenways. Communities take the lead in creating or improving local connections in partnership with the City, with City staff providing assistance in their design, development and construction where and when support is needed.

The City has used a flexible approach in assisting the creation of these greenways, adapted to the different levels and styles of involvement and community aspirations. Any group wishing to initiate a neighbourhood greenway should contact the Greenways Team.

In RPSC there is one neighbourhood greenway, the John Street Neighbourhood Greenway. This greenway provides a walkway between John and Prince Edward Streets south of King Edward Avenue. From John Street it extends along the east/west laneway connecting John Street with the 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue cul-de-sac.

For more information on the Greenways Program, please visit the City's Engineering web site at [www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/engsvcs/streets/greenways/](http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/engsvcs/streets/greenways/) or contact the Greenways Team at 604-873-7526.

See Greenways map on the other side of this Fact Sheet.

# 1999 Greenways Map

