

Parks and Open Space

Context

Our parks, green and open spaces, public plazas and squares, and natural areas are important to the health of people and communities. As the Downtown Eastside grows and evolves, parks and open space (which were identified by low-income residents as particularly important) will become even more valuable assets. The plan will emphasize the importance of maintaining, renewing, enhancing, and expanding these vital spaces to meet the community's needs.



Emerging Directions

- Enhance existing parks, green and open spaces, public plazas and squares, and natural areas to improve the quality and diversity of spaces.
- Explore expanding neighbourhood green and open space to ensure greater access to nature and parks space
- Explore opportunities to create public open spaces, plazas, and squares as part of new development.
- Support urban ecological systems, wildlife habitat, stormwater management, and opportunities for connections with nature.
- Support the renewal of community centre facilities based on community and city-wide priorities.
- Explore opportunities for gathering and open spaces, and increase accessibility to create a greater sense of community.

QUICK-START ACTIONS

- Renew Blood Alley Square, Trounce Alley, and Maple Tree Square.
- Convert over-paved or under-used areas into mini-parks or plazas where possible.
- Review existing street trees to replace ailing trees, and prioritize the planting of new trees in areas with few or no existing street trees.

