

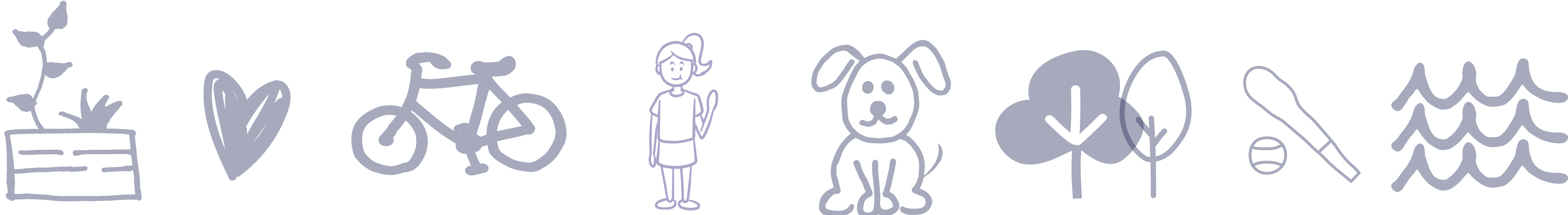
# WELCOME!

## **JOHN HENDRY PARK** MASTER PLAN

# OPEN HOUSE







# We need your input

The Vancouver Park Board is developing a new Master Plan for John Hendry Park. A Master Plan will outline a vision and a number of improvements for the park. We need your input so that we can ensure community values, interests and needs are reflected in the plan.

Initial planning process began and was paused until key Park Board-wide strategies were completed, particularly the People, Parks and Dogs: A Strategy for Sharing Vancouver's Parks.

## 2013-2015

Oct 5 –  
Open  
House

Nov 19 –  
Community  
Workshop

Nov 28 – Deep Dive  
Session #3: Don't Eat  
Dirt! (Community  
Garden and Farmers  
Market)

Dec 2019 –  
Analysis and  
Plan Drafting

Spring 2020 –  
Plan Refinement and  
Updates Based on  
Community Feedback

Fall 2020 Onwards –  
Implementation

Oct 5-28 –  
Community  
Input Survey

Nov 26 – Deep Dive  
Session #1: Digging  
in the Dirt! (Dog-off  
Leash Area)

Nov 28 – Deep Dive  
Session #2: Playing  
on Dirt! (Fields and  
Playgrounds)

Winter 2020 –  
Open House to  
Review Draft  
Plan

Summer 2020 –  
Board approval/Plan  
adoption

FALL/WINTER 2019 – PHASE 1 COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

WINTER/SPRING/SUMMER – 2020 PHASE 2 ENGAGEMENT

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## Draft Vision Statement:

John Hendry Park is an oasis encompassing Trout Lake and surrounding green space in the centre of East Vancouver. The park supports a healthy diversity of natural and urban wildlife, while also providing a space for recreation and relaxation. It is a place that connects nature and our community, bringing together people of a diversity of ages, backgrounds, and interests to pursue fun and celebrate life among friends, family, and neighbours. It is the heart of a healthy, green, and connected East Vancouver community.

## Draft Objectives:

**Protect Natural Spaces** including Trout Lake.

**Ensure Ecological Gains** by protecting, adding, and enhancing healthy ecosystems.

**Support the City's Commitment to a Green Vancouver** by incorporating current policies and guidelines.

**Provide Diverse Recreational Options** including a balance of spaces for active recreation and for quiet relaxation.

**Support Safety & Accessibility** and create a park for all residents.

**Create Coherent Park Design** that flows and connects park uses, facilities, and natural areas.

**Manage Costs** by making changes with capital, operational, and maintenance considerations in mind.

## What's a vision?

It describes a long-term picture of where the park will go. It guides decisions and reminds people about the intent for the future.

## What's an objective?

Objectives support the vision by providing specific guidance for specific projects – if a project meets these objectives, it will support the intent for the future park.





# JOHN HENDRY PARK MASTER PLAN

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## REVIEWING + UPDATING RECOMMENDATIONS

ZONE  
2

Note: Recommendations with an asterisk(\*) are not shown on the map.

### PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

#### IMPROVING THE EXPERIENCE OF PARK USERS

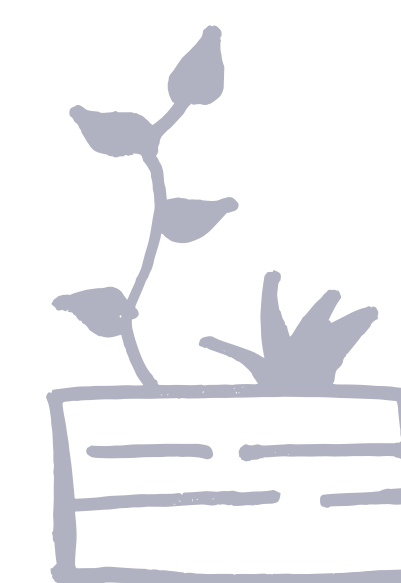
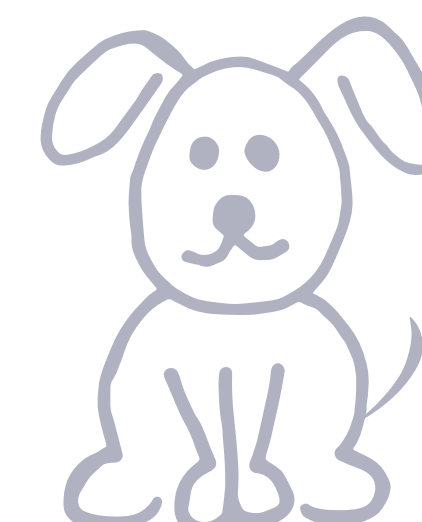
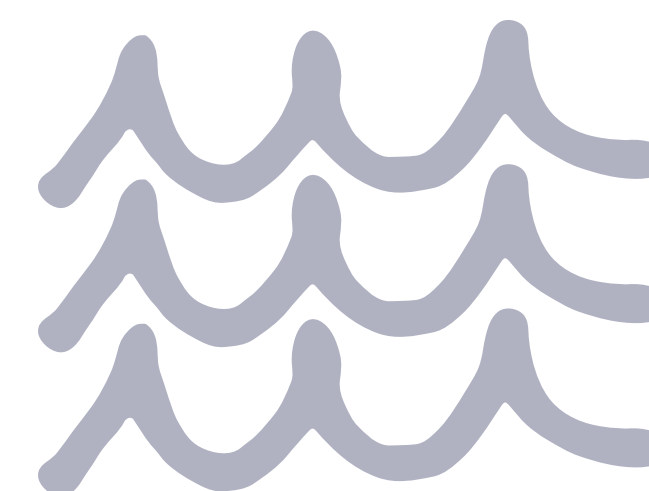
- 1 Develop Additional Picnic Shelters\***  
Keep the existing shelter and add one or two more.
- 2 Provide Public Washroom Access at the North End of the Park**  
Work with stakeholders to develop a facility that has public washrooms, with potential to integrate other functions such as change rooms for field users. Subject to 'Washroom Strategy for Parks'.
- 3 Increase Park Amenities\***  
Add benches, picnic tables, seating features and drinking fountains throughout the park.
- 4 Install Boardwalks and Lake Lookouts in Key Locations**  
Provide opportunities for people to access lake views while minimizing impacts through replacement or improvement of boardwalks and lookouts.
- 5 Improve Wayfinding, Signage & Features\***  
Add updated signage throughout the park including entry signs, maps, wayfinding, distance markers, code-of-conduct signs, and interpretive elements.
- 6 Improve Services to Accommodate Events\***  
Provide power hook-ups and drinkable water connections to support special events.

#### SUPPORTING AND ENHANCING NATURAL HABITAT

- 7 Improve Existing Natural Habitat Areas**  
Increase biodiversity and access to natural habitat by improving and expanding natural areas.
- 8 Create New Natural Areas**  
Add natural areas such as pollinator gardens, demonstration gardens that provide education, woodlands, and other natural areas.
- 9 Support Restoration of Trout Lake Bog**  
Support efforts to restore and expand the existing bog, a rare habitat in Vancouver.
- 10 Increase Trees and Include Interpretive Elements\***  
Continue to add trees in strategic locations and consider tree identification signs so people know what each tree is.

#### IMPROVING WATER RESOURCES

- 11 Direct Internal Park Run-Off to Trout Lake**  
Reduce rainwater flowing to the City's storm sewers by cleaning and directing park run-off into Trout Lake.
- 12 Integrate Neighbourhood Stormwater Daylighting and Management**  
Reconnect John Hendry Park to the water system by diverting and cleaning a portion of neighbourhood stormwater in the park.
- 13 Trout Lake Water Quality Treatment and Monitoring**  
Take steps to improve water quality in Trout Lake to support recreational swimming and reduce closures.







We think it's likely that these recommendations from the 2015 Draft Master Plan still matter to you and will play an important role in the updated Master Plan. We'd like to confirm and hear if you have suggestions for improving them.

1. Look at the adjacent board for a description of each recommendation.
2. Consider if you have a comment on one of the recommendations shown.
3. Use the number to locate the corresponding Zone 2 comment poster and write your feedback.

### RECOMMENDATION CATEGORIES:

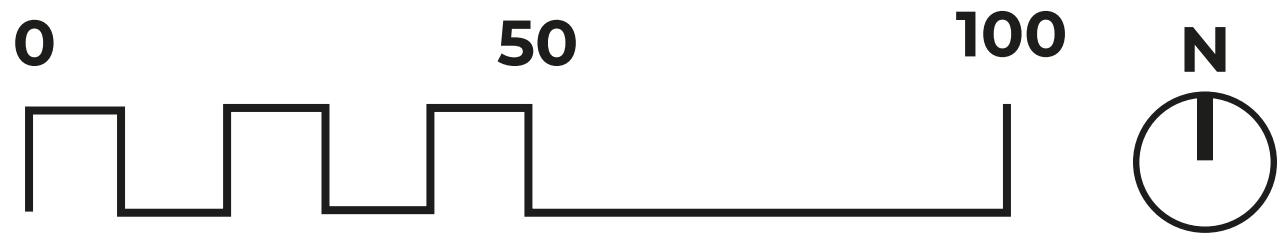
 **IMPROVING THE EXPERIENCE OF  
PARK USERS**

 **SUPPORTING AND ENHANCING  
NATURAL HABITAT**

 **IMPROVING WATER RESOURCES**



Improving how users move through the park was a priority in the previous plan. As part of the master plan update, we are reviewing the circulation network to understand what needs to be improved and how these improvements will fit within the overall park plan. **Take a moment to review the existing circulation map and provide your feedback (look at the adjacent board to find out how to participate).**





Review the list of potential circulation issues below and place a push-pin of the corresponding colour on the map where you think improvements are needed.

**Talk to our team about why you think this.**

## Active Transportation Routes:

(cycling, in-line skating, etc.)



## IMPROVED CONNECTIONS

## Locations where new cycling connections are needed



## CYCLING AMENITIES

Areas where more bicycle amenities are needed (e.g. bike racks, covered bike parking, bike service stands)



## CONFLICT AREAS (CYCLISTS)

## Spots where safety concerns exist for cyclists

## Pedestrian Trails:

(walking, running etc.)



## IMPROVED CONNECTIONS

## Locations where new pedestrian connections are needed



## PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES

Areas where more pedestrian amenities are needed (e.g. benches, water fountains, etc.)



## CONFLICT AREAS (PEDESTRIANS)

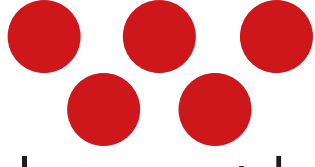
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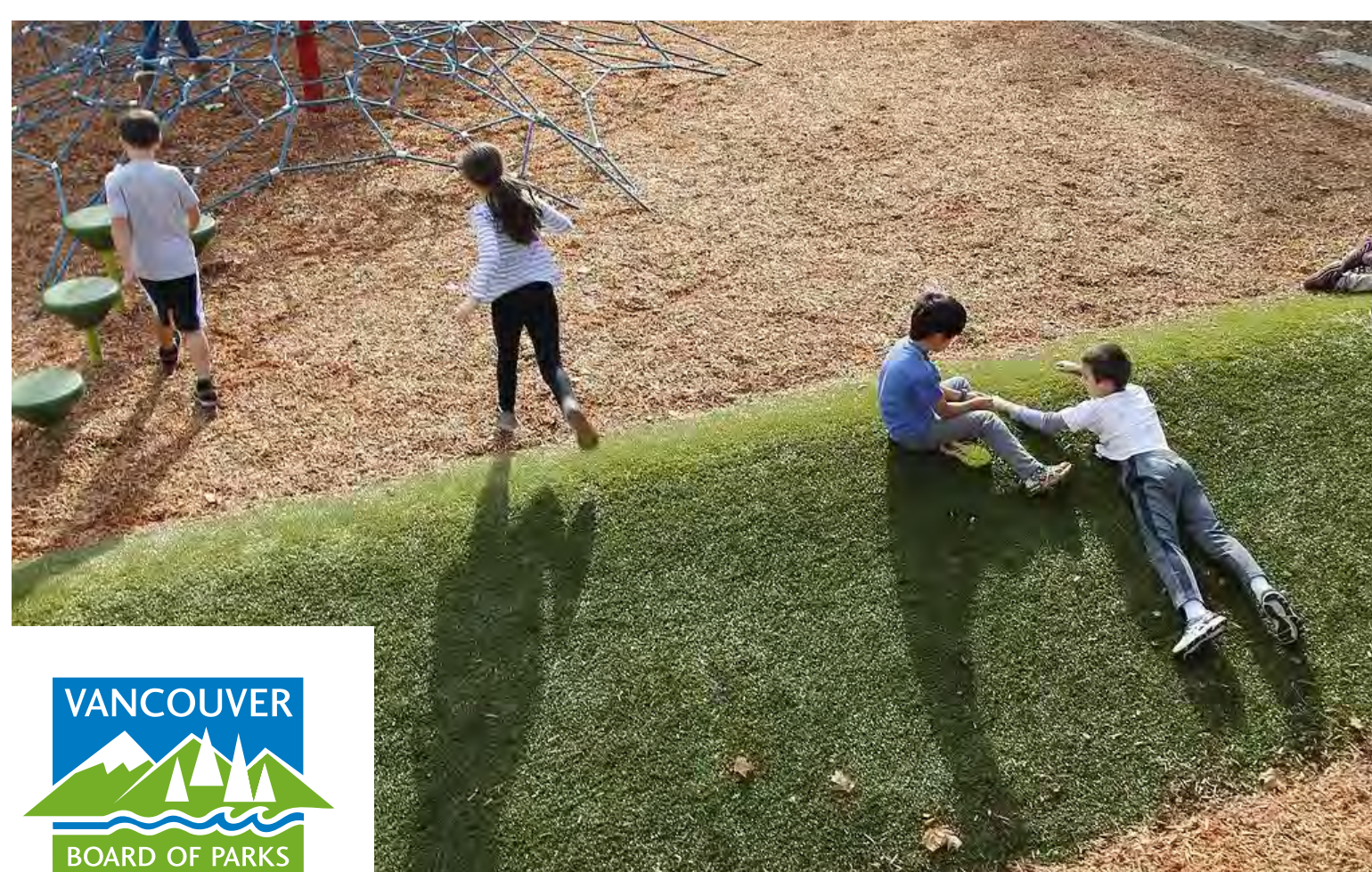
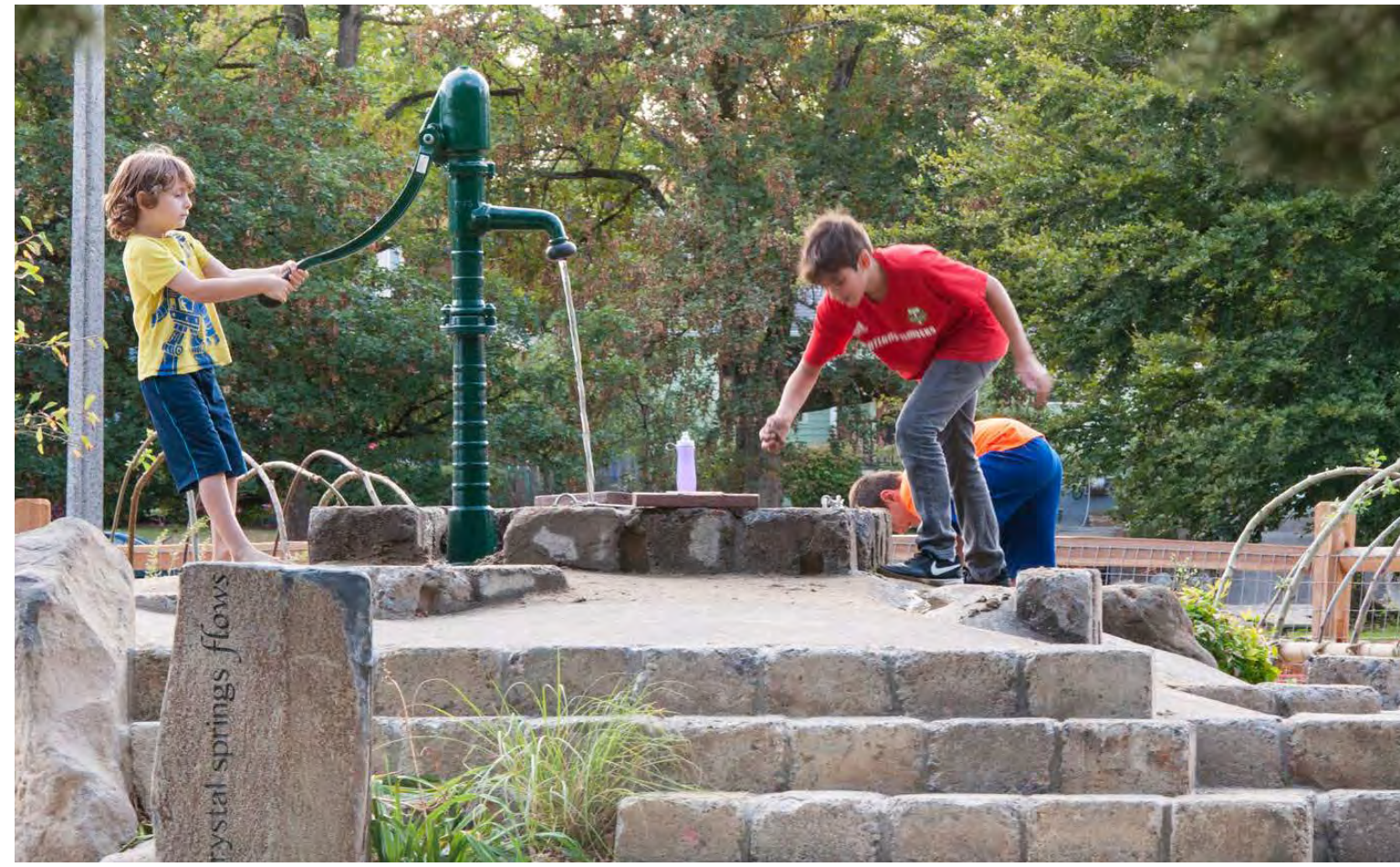


In 2015, there were a number of suggestions for improving the Trout Lake South Beach Area. A range of ideas were identified about elements that could be improved, including:

- ▶ A new **South Beach Concession and Washroom Building**;
- ▶ A new **Playground** with adjacent seating areas for small community gatherings; and
- ▶ **Improvements to the Beach.**

**We'd like to get inspired about ideas for what might fit this area!**

Review the inspiration images below and use up to **FIVE** dots  to mark the images that **inspire you most** for the South Beach Area. Is there another place that inspires you as a good example? Tell our team about it!





ABOUT

There are a few key topics that we think are going to need deeper exploration in the Master Plan. These include complex topics or places where we have seen divided opinions, as well as some new ideas that have come forward since 2015. We’re starting from the top for these topics and want to work with those who use and love this park to come up with new recommendations that fit current community interests.

There are four topics where we want to dig in a bit deeper.

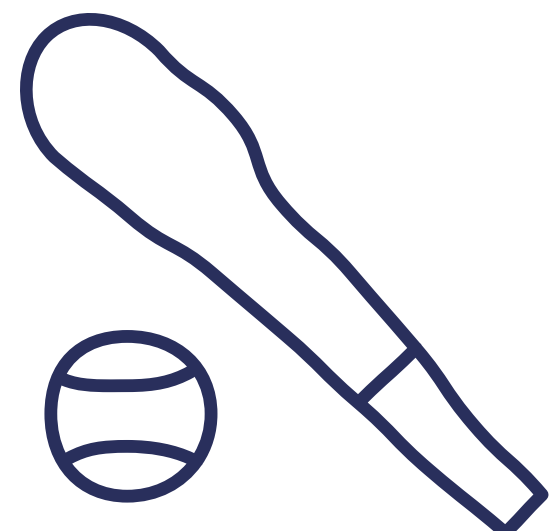
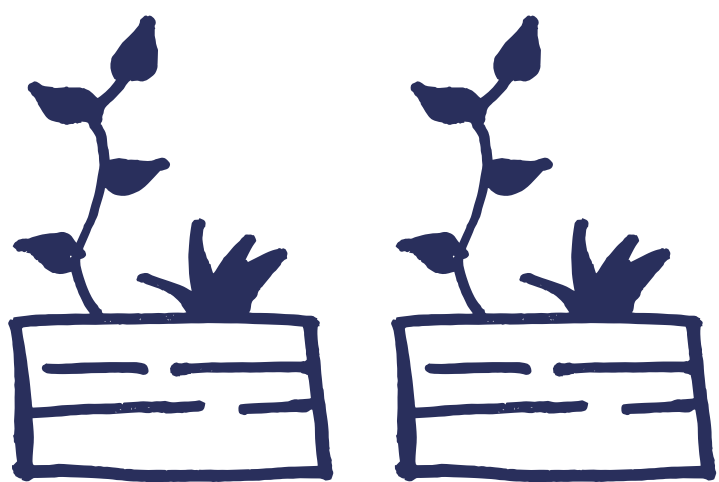
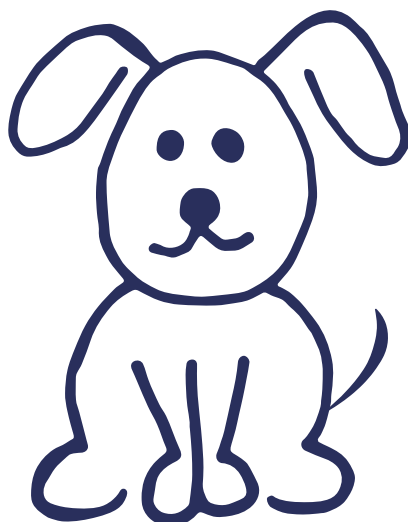
- Dog Off-leash Area
- Trout Lake Farmers Market
- Community Gardens
- Playing Fields

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

We’d like to hear your thoughts on these topics. Write your comment on a sticky note and post it up for others to see!

Join the conversation!

In the coming months, we will be holding a community workshop and several deep dive sessions on these topics in order to dig in and work through the tough questions with participants. Please visit [vancouver.ca/johnhendry](http://vancouver.ca/johnhendry) to learn more and sign up!

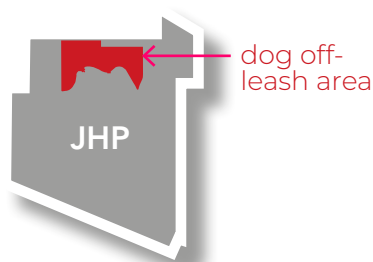




## Existing Conditions

John Hendry Park's existing dog off-leash area is a well-used 7-acre (2.8 ha) site at the north end of Trout Lake. There are some signs, but the extents of the area are currently not well-defined. The existing off-leash area includes:

- » Lake access for dogs
- » Open lawn areas
- » Mature trees
- » Park pathways
- » Benches
- » Dog waste bins



During the 2015 master plan process, the most frequent concerns identified about the dog off-leash area included:

- » Lack of clear boundaries between the dog off-leash area and the rest of the park.
- » The lake loop trail leads people through the dog off-leash area and some non-dog owners are uncomfortable with potential dog interactions.
- » Off-leash dogs in other parts of John Hendry Park.

## Background

The Vancouver Park Board adopted its *People, Parks, and Dogs Strategy* in 2017, which provides a framework to deliver well-planned and designed parks that accommodate park users both with and without dogs. In the strategy, John Hendry Park is classified as a Destination Dog Off-leash Area, which means it serves people and pups living within a 35-minute walk or short drive of the park.

Several design guidelines from the *People, Parks, and Dogs Strategy* will need to be followed when preparing a recommendation for John Hendry Park's off-leash area, including:

- » Increase park safety and comfort for all (dogs, dog-owners, non dog-owners)
- » Improve universal access to and in the off-leash area
- » Clearly mark off-leash area boundaries and setbacks
- » Keep a space large enough for a destination off-leash area (minimum of 1.2 ha / 3.0 acres)
- » Provide adequate setbacks or secure boundaries between the off-leash area and less compatible uses (e.g., ecologically-sensitive areas, sports fields, multi-use trails, playgrounds)
- » Install new signs to clarify rules and educate users

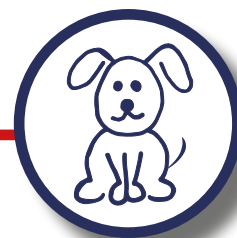


## Share your feedback!

Do you have ideas for John Hendry Park's off-leash area? In subsequent stages, we will be developing recommendations to update the off-leash area in John Hendry Park!

Complete an online survey and sign up for an upcoming workshop or deep dive session on this topic at:

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DOG OFF-  
LEASH AREA

ZONE  
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## About

The Trout Lake Farmers Market was conceived of and developed by community members in 1995. It was the first open-air farmers market to operate in Vancouver!

The farmers market occurs every Saturday between May and October, from 9am - 2pm. With 60+ farms and vendors, and several food and coffee trucks, the market attracts many to John Hendry Park. The market is currently held in the north parking lot and during the 2015 master plan process, there were many discussions and ideas about where the market's future.

## Where Should it Go?

In 2015, several locations were identified as having potential for the future farmers market. At this stage we'd like to revisit these and identify other options as we work towards identifying a preferred farmers market location for the future.

See map on back for locations.

1

### **NORTH PARKING LOT**

The market remains in its current location at the north end of the park.

2

### **SOUTH PARKING LOT**

The market utilizes the existing parking lot and driveway at the south end of the park.

3

### **NORTH OF TROUT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The area with the existing all-weather field becomes an event space to host the farmers market and other celebrations.

4

### **WEST OF TROUT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The market utilizes the open space between the community centre and Victoria Drive.

## What is Important?

We are updating a list of criteria that will be used when evaluating potential locations for the future market.

Preliminary criteria include:

- » Access to drinking water and power hooks-ups
- » Close to public washrooms
- » Maintains the same amount (or more) space
- » Minimizes impacts to other park uses including community centre parking
- » Minimizes impacts to neighbourhood residents to the extent possible
- » Provides easy access and circulation for vendors
- » Provides easy access to market visitors
- » Others to be determined

## Share your feedback!

Where do you think the future farmers market should be? In the coming months we will be evaluating and selecting a preferred location.

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## FARMERS MARKET

## ZONE 4



Potential farmers market locations to be studied.  
**Are there others? Tell us your ideas.**



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## About

Today there isn't a community garden in John Hendry Park. The Master Plan process is an opportunity to think about if there should be!

The existing Cedar Cottage Community Garden is currently located at the corner of Victoria Drive and Hull Street. Part of the garden is on City land that is designated for future affordable housing. This means the garden will need to be relocated. The Cedar Cottage Community Garden has submitted a proposal to the Vancouver Park Board to consider the southeast corner of John Hendry Park as a potential new home.

As part of the John Hendry Park Master Plan, we'd like to discuss if a new community garden is an appropriate use in John Hendry Park, and if so, how it can best fit within the park.

## Goals of the Cedar Cottage Community Garden:

- » To promote food security
- » To provide space for growing in the city where green space is at a premium
- » To create a sense of community and connections within the neighbourhood
- » To create a safe, welcoming space for neighbours to gather and spend time
- » To share knowledge about growing

Image: Cedar Cottage Community Garden Facebook Page



## Share your feedback!

Do you want to talk about community gardens in John Hendry Park? In the coming months we will be considering the suitability for this use and, if it is to proceed, how a garden should be designed and integrated within the park.

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## COMMUNITY GARDEN

## ZONE 4



Potential location to be considered for a community garden.  
What do you think about a community garden here? Tell us your thoughts.



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## About

Playing fields in John Hendry Park are well used by a variety of community organizations. Participants in the 2015 master plan process noted that they value the central location and community atmosphere they experience when playing at the park. However, John Hendry Park's fields can be difficult to maintain due to boggy sub-surface conditions, which contribute to instability and issues with drainage.

Throughout the process we will be studying the current fields, what's working well and what's not, and steps to updating the field system for the future.



## The Existing Fields

See map on back for locations of each field.

1A

### NORTHWEST SOFTBALL FIELD

**Typical Users:** recreational softball

**Frequency of Use:** Moderate (spring - summer)

**Previously Identified Issues:**

- » Uneven field surface
- » Size is limited by adjacent trees and roads

1B

### NORTHWEST MINI SOCCER FIELD

**Typical Users:** soccer, ultimate frisbee, yoga, quiddich, kids camps, events, casual sports

**Frequency of Use:** High (fall - spring)

**Previously Identified Issues:**

- » Wet conditions at certain times
- » Uneven field surface
- » Trees limit the field size and level of play
- » Damage from dogs (e.g., holes)

2

### ALL WEATHER FIELD

**Typical Users:** soccer, rugby, softball, events

**Frequency of Use:** High (year-round)

**Previously Identified Issues:**

- » Conflict with balls entering the parking lot
- » Conflict with proximity to walking path
- » Dusty in summer
- » Lack of shade
- » Uneven and sloping surface

3

### SOUTHWEST SOFTBALL FIELD

**Typical Users:** recreational softball

**Frequency of Use:** Low (spring - summer)

**Previously Identified Issues:**

- » Overall poor condition
- » Uneven field surface
- » Insufficient size (field is too short, small backstop)

4

### LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL FIELDS (3)

**Typical Users:** baseball (Trout Lake Little League)

**Frequency of Use:** High (spring - summer)

**Previously Identified Issues:**

- » Some uneven field surfaces
- » South field in lesser condition than others
- » Some deteriorating fencing / backstops

5

### NORTHEAST FIELD

**Typical Users:** rugby, ultimate frisbee, grass volleyball, gaelic football

**Frequency of Use:** Moderate (year-round)

**Previously Identified Issues:**

- » Poor drainage make the field unusable during certain times
- » Uneven field surface



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## PLAYING FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

ZONE  
4



## Share your feedback!

Do you want to talk about John Hendry Park's fields? As we continue the process we will be reviewing field use in the park and considering strategies for improving, relocating, or removing fields to align with overall park objectives.

Complete an online survey and sign up for an upcoming workshop or deep dive session on this topic at:

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Existing fields in John Hendry Park.  
Do you use the fields? Tell us your experiences.



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