



Proposed Parks Strategy

Foothills Community Association Parks and Trails

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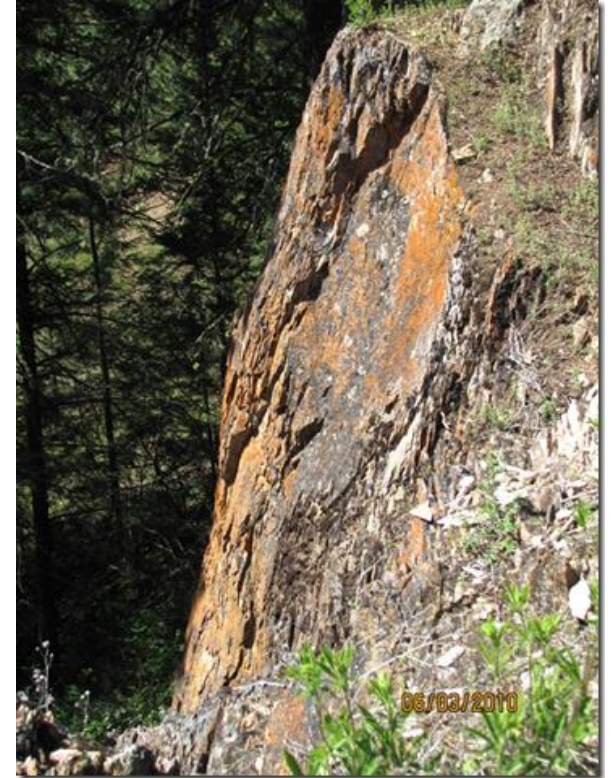
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Park Plan Objectives

- Enhance ecological integrity and recreational opportunities
- Establish natural park in forested area above present Foothills development
- Connect trail corridors to ROGTS network, e.g. Grey Canal
- Sub-regional park to benefit Greater Vernon





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Greater Vernon Advisory Committee
Proposed Sub-Regional Park Program

October 5th, 2017



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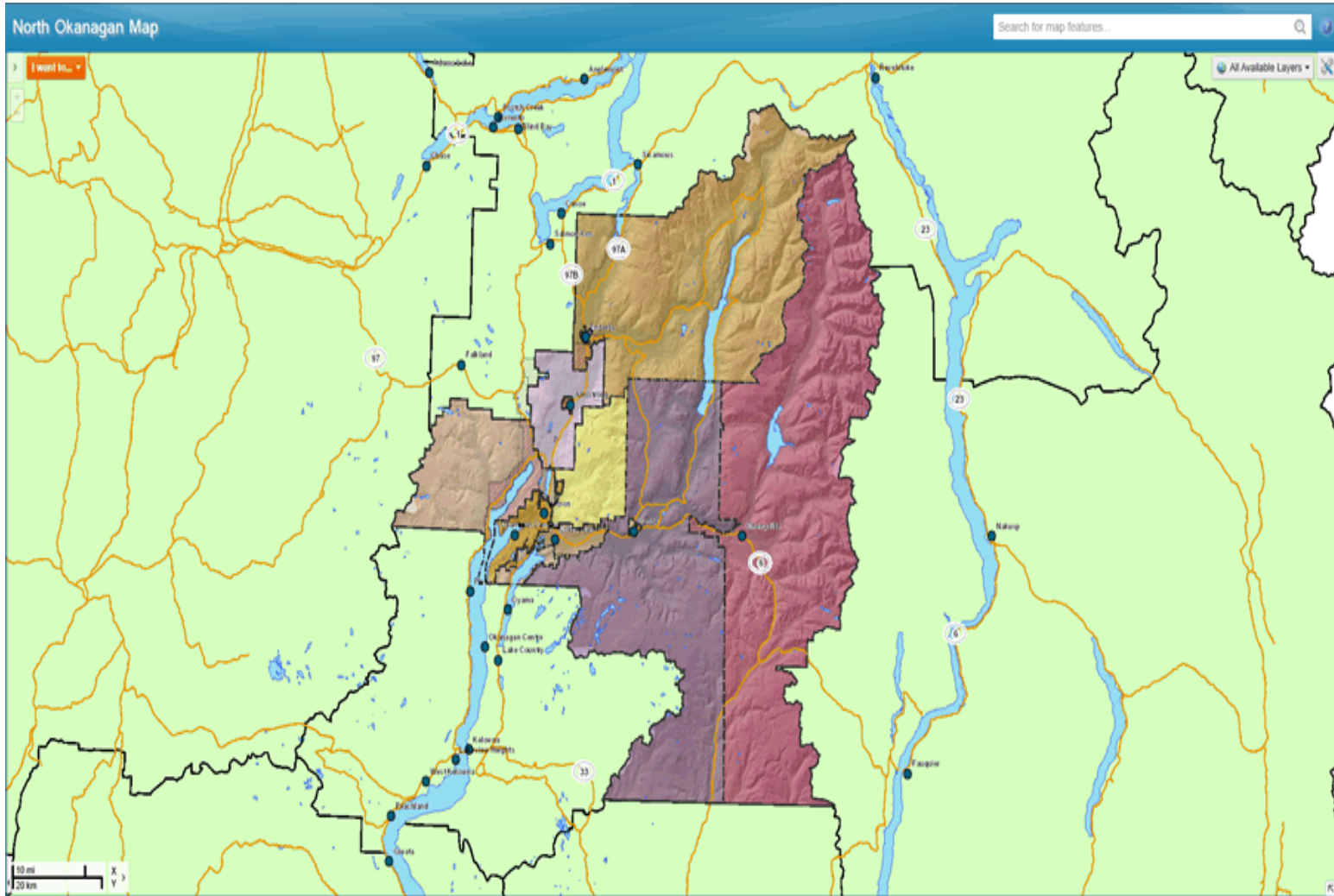
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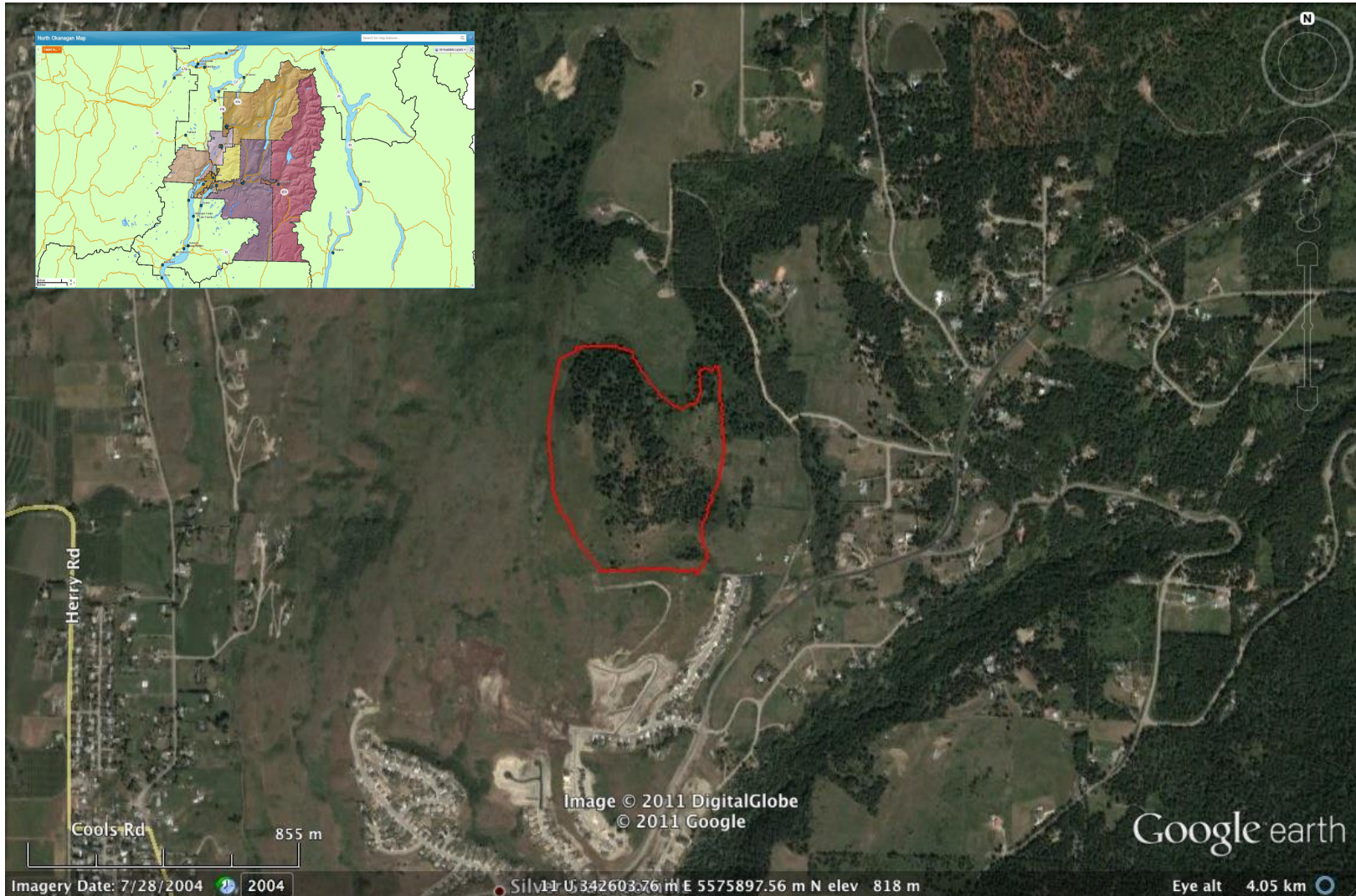
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Greater Vernon Support for Park

Broad support:

- professional societies,
- commercial entities,
- tourism consortia,
- naturalist groups,
- recreational groups,
- educational bodies
- Foothills Development Corp.
- City of Vernon Foothills Neighbourhood Plan





Greater Vernon Support for Park

- Ribbons of Green Trails Society
- Vernon Outdoors Club
- North Okanagan Naturalist's Club
- Allan Brooks Nature Centre
- Penticton Outdoors Club
- Little Miracles Pre-School
- Stussi Sport
- Bannister Honda
- Prestige Inn
- Holiday Inn Express
- Village Green Hotel
- Planet Bee
- Simply Delicious
- Retired Teachers of Ontario
- Rancho Vignola
- Foothills Community Association
- Sky Ride
- Creekside Chiropractic
- Mountain Acupuncture
- Inner Light Wellness Yoga Studio
- White House Wellness Studio
- Clarica Investments
- C. Collard Financial Investments
- Vernon Retired Teachers Association



History of FCA Initiatives

- RDNO/Vernon staff briefed: June, 2010
- Ramble: 6 November, 2010
- Ribbons of Green: 25 Nov 2010
- FCA letter to City/GVAC: 8 Feb 2012
- FCA Ramble: 28 June, 2012
- FCA presentation to GVAC: 6 Sep, 2012
- Neighbourhood Plan: September, 2013
- FCA correspondence with City: 12 Feb, 2013
- FCA Presentation to GVAC: 5 May 2016





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Proposed Ramble 14 Oct 2017

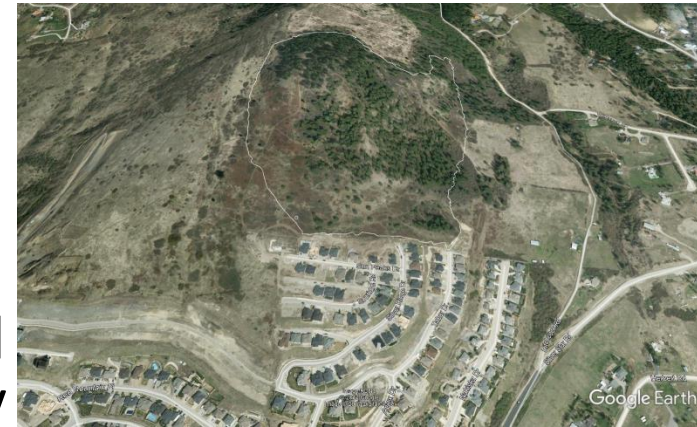
Invitation will be sent to all GVAC members as well as selected representatives of supporting organisations and the news media





Environmental Sensitivity

- Consider environmental resources and values in:
 - Park acquisition;
 - Planning; and
 - Design
- High Conservation Value: Environmental Management Areas Strategy adopted by Vernon Council 28 May, 2008
- Unique intact climax Douglas fir forest with early successional transition zones in an urban setting





Park Plan & Ecological Function



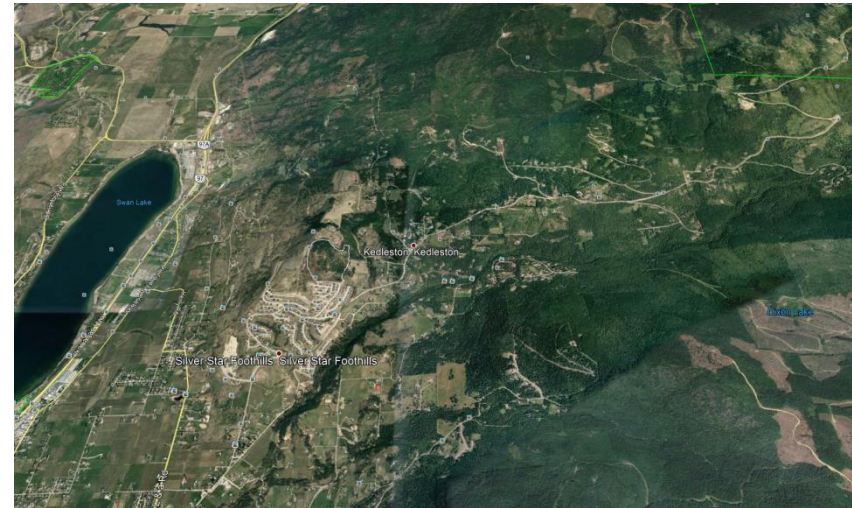
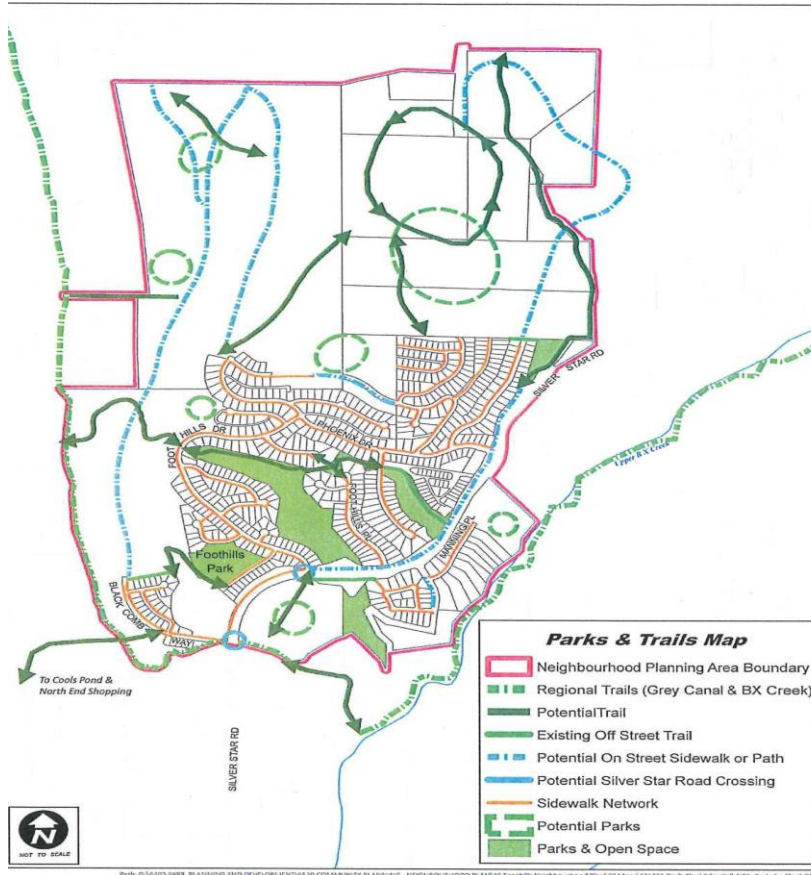
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- Increased Edge Effects
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- Disturbed Ecological Function
- Reduced Species Abundance
- Impacted Biodiversity
- Constrained Wildlife Corridors
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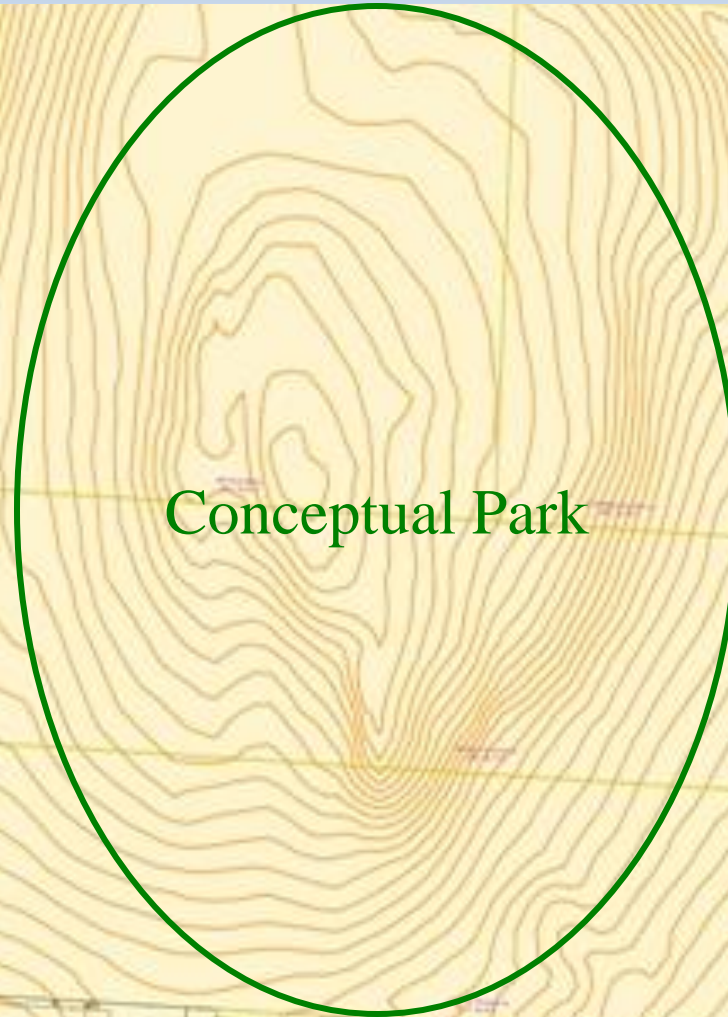
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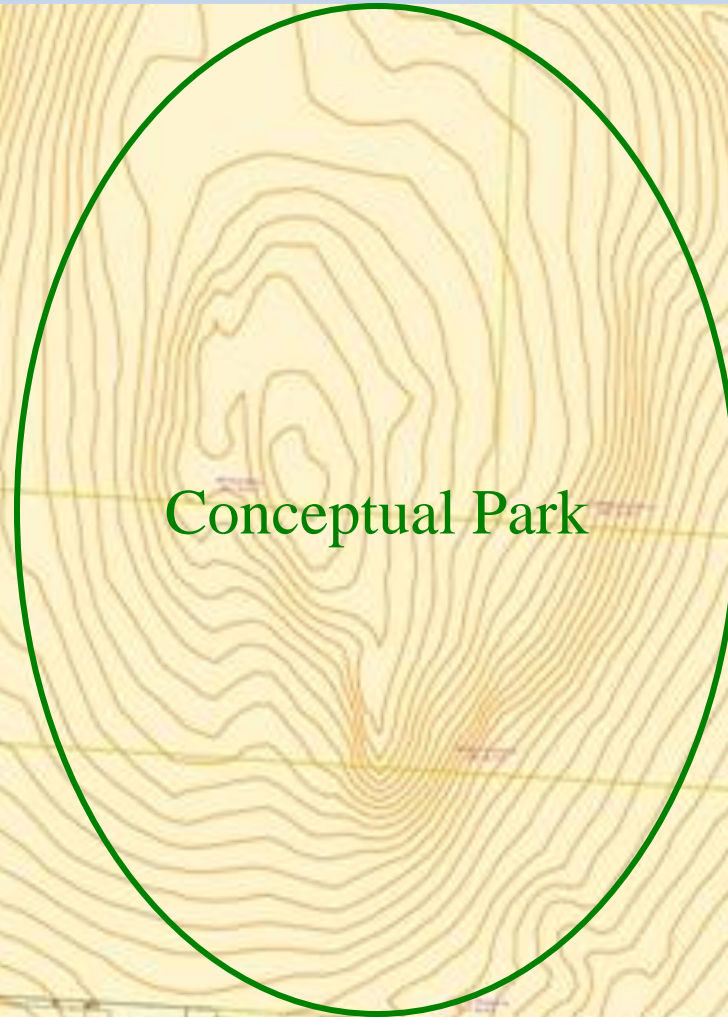
- Fulfills goals of Hillside Guidelines
- Protects 30%+ slope
- Minimizes expensive ravine development
- Best & most easily accessible view of North Okanagan
- Provides recreational opportunities
- Provides naturalist opportunities
- Protects environmental sensitivities
- Retains critical habitat & ecological function





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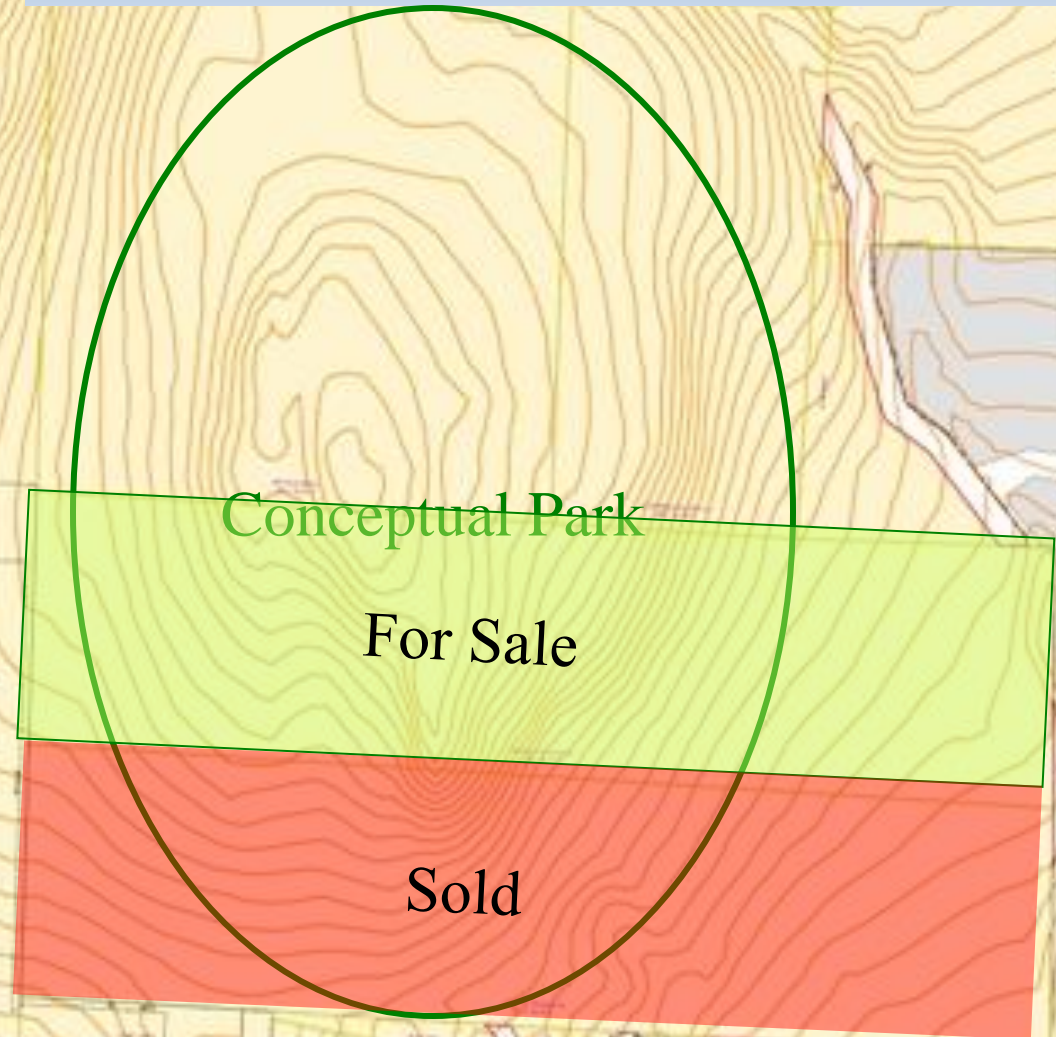
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Park Plan Action Items

- Affirmation of the proposed park as Sub-Regional
- Direction from GVAC to RDNO staff to better define scope of park
- Proactive management strategy in support of park initiative
- Open communications and consultations amongst park planning stakeholders