

**AGENDA**  
**Natural Areas, Parks, and Trails Advisory Committee**

To be held in Committee Room 2 and via MS Teams,  
770 Vernon Avenue,  
Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

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*The District of Saanich lies within the territories of the lək'wəŋən peoples represented by the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and the W̱SÁNEĆ peoples represented by the Tsartlip, Pauquachin, Tsawout, Tseycum and Malahat Nations.*

*We are committed to celebrating the rich diversity of people in our community. We are guided by the principle that embracing diversity enriches the lives of all people. We all share the responsibility for creating an equitable and inclusive community and for addressing discrimination in all forms.*

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**1. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- March 14, 2024

**3. PROSPECT LAKE ROAD HYDRO PROJECT (MOTION)**

- Prospect Lake Road Trees Advocacy Group

**4. POCKET FARM MARKETS AND TEMPORARY FARM MARKETS**

- Cassidy Daskalchuk, Agriculture and Food Security Planner, Planning Department

**5. FOOD TRUCKS AND MARKETS IN PARKS**

- Becky Goodall, Park Planner Designer, Parks Division

**6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

- Draft Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Actions

\* Adjournment \*

Next meeting: May 9, 2024

To ensure quorum, please contact Angela Hawkshaw at 250-475-5494 ext. 3505 or [angela.hawkshaw@saanich.ca](mailto:angela.hawkshaw@saanich.ca) if you are unable to attend.

**MINUTES**  
**NATURAL AREAS, PARKS, AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room 2 and via MS Teams  
770 Vernon Avenue  
Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 4:02 p.m.

Present: Councillor Judy Brownoff (Chair), Julian Anderson, Jane Cameron (via Teams), David Little, Evan Papps, Wendy Trotter (via Teams), Darrell Wick and Kathleen Woodruff

Staff: Eva Riccius, Senior Manager, Parks; Megan Squires, Senior Transportation Planner; Paul de Greef, Manager; Park Planning and Development; Alix Link, Manager, Urban Forestry, Natural Areas, and Community Stewardship; Nikki McWalters, Park Planner; Angela Hawkshaw, Committee Clerk

Guests: Tracey Moss, Visitor Services and Community Engagement, Capital Regional District

Regrets: Catherine du Bois

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#### **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**MOVED by E. Papps and Seconded by K. Woodruff: "That the Minutes of the Natural Areas, Parks and Trails Advisory Committee meeting held February 8, 2024 be adopted as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

#### **CHAIRS REMARKS**

The Chair made the following comments:

- The Pickleball Strategy for Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay and Esquimalt is available on the Saanich website.
- On April 4<sup>th</sup> an open house is scheduled to discuss the plans for the new tower at PKOLS. More information will be available on the website

#### **STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVES IN CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT PARKS**

The Visitor Services and Community Engagement representative gave a presentation (PowerPoint) on file. The following was noted in response to questions and during committee discussion:

- In 2022-2023, the Capital Regional District (CRD) introduced 24 new positions, including the establishment of a stewardship team and a leadership team dedicated to the volunteers.
- Thanks were given to the team working in the Mt. Work Regional Park, particularly in the sustainable trail rerouting efforts.

## **DRAFT ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN**

The Senior Transportation Planner gave a presentation on the Draft Road Safety Action Plan (PowerPoint on file). The following was noted in response to questions and during committee discussion:

- The plan is excellently laid out and offers valuable insights.
- Consideration could be given to funding the work through a tax benefit aimed at non-vehicle users.
- Emphasis is placed on addressing aspects of the plan that are achievable.
- Regional trail crossings that are experiencing a high rate of accidents could be improved.
- CRD is spearheading a pilot project focused on trail widening and improved lighting. Saanich could consider participating in respect to road edge redesign.
- Crash data from 2016-2020 is accessible. Information beyond this timeframe is currently unavailable.
- Intersection safety cameras are utilized to issue tickets to drivers who disregard red and yellow lights.
- Parking and curbside regulations are not addressed in this plan.

The Senior Transportation Manager exited the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

## **SENSORY GARDEN PRESENTATION**

The Park Planner gave a presentation on the Sensory Gardens (PowerPoint on file). The following was noted in response to questions and during committee discussion:

- The proposed plans could benefit a diverse range of trail users, including older adults and individuals with visual impairments.

The Manager of Park Planning and the Park Planner exited the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

## **BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY (COLQUITZ VIDEO)**

The Senior Manager of Parks provided an overview of the draft Biodiversity Strategy (report on file) The following was noted in response to questions and during committee discussion:

- Aerial photographs provide insightful data.
- Each plan that is implemented in Saanich will work in tandem.
- The draft Habitat Connectivity Network prioritizes habitats that will support biodiversity.
- Incentives could be explored to ensure the protection of homeowner's green spaces.
- Densification will be observed in tall and wide developments.
- A recommendation could be brought back to the committee before it is adopted by Council.
- Saanich follows a right tree, right place perspective when choosing native trees for boulevards and parks.
- Past examinations of permeable sources have been conducted at the Municipal Hall.
- The Environmental policy framework will guide staff in making new or reviewing environmental policies.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR PROJECTS IN PARKS**

During a roundtable discussion, the members discussed the Environmental Guidelines for Projects in Parks, and the following was noted:

- Staff within the Parks Department are tasked with completing a form outlining project details and mapping out key impacts on the environment. This highlights issues and directs actions to prevent environmental harm. This approach proves beneficial for new staff, particularly those involved in Public Works.
- Consideration of archaeological factors may be integrated into the process.
- The protection of streams is deemed crucial and holds significant value.
- Establishing measurable objectives is deemed essential for effective project management.
- Concerns were raised regarding local guided tours that could cause damage to natural areas beyond the designated trails in the parks. Examination of the current park permit application process is underway.
- There is a worry that the unlawful disposal of waste in parks may lead to the spreading of non-native seeds.
- Restoration projects within parks and the implementation of planning initiatives are underway, focusing on risk management and boundary management.

**MOVED by D. Wick and seconded by K. Woodruff: "That the Natural Areas, Parks and Trails Committee recommend that Council direct staff to monitor the unauthorized dumping in parks and natural areas due to the recent fee implementation at the garden waste facility.**

**CARRIED**

## **FINAL REMARKS**

- The Chair encouraged members to bring suggestions for the draft Biodiversity Strategy to the next meeting for a roundtable discussion.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion from K. Woodruff the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

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Councillor Brownoff, Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

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Angela Hawkshaw, Committee Clerk

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# Memo

**To:** Natural Areas, Parks and Trails Committee  
**From:** Councillor Judy Brownoff, Chair  
**Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Subject:** **Draft Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Actions**

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Hello Committee members,

During the March meeting, it was decided that we would address the Draft Actions for the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy at the next meeting.

Before the meeting, please review the tables corresponding to the 7 themes in the report (attached) and prioritize which items are the highest, in your view, representing the Saanich community.

Note that community could be defined also as our environmental/biodiversity communities (i.e. bees, birds, etc.). What are the highest priorities for sustaining, protecting and growing healthy ecosystems (i.e. financially, policies around development, etc.)? And finally, the community of our youth and education moving forward. Please come to the meeting prepared to share 1-2 priorities per theme.

I'm eager to participate in a meaningful conversation with you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Brownoff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "J" being particularly large and stylized.

Councillor Judy Brownoff















# DRAFT Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Action Tables, Objectives, and Performance Indicators


## Theme 1. Recommendations to improve knowledge and mapping of natural features and functions

### Theme 1. Objectives



Objective	Performance Measure
Increase the accuracy and details of online mapping and make it available through SaanichMap	Percent increase in detail and resolution of spatial data and maps when compared with previous versions.

### Information/spatial management




Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Provide public access to the most recent terrestrial ecosystem mapping via the GIS portal, SaanichMap.	
Review and update existing ESA polygons based on updated criteria and ground-truthing.	
Continue to refine the precision of terrestrial ecosystem polygon boundaries through ground-truthing and air photo analysis.	
Support First Nations in establishing and/or maintaining a spatially organized database of their environmental values and knowledge.	
Develop a spatial inventory of invasive plant species growing on public lands.	
Establish a priority list of species and locations to be mapped as part of this inventory.	
Review and update the provincial Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory (SEI).	
Update and map the known locations of species and ecological communities at risk and provide this information to the BC CDC.	
Show the current and modelled 50-year highest high tide lines from the CRD on the GIS portal, SaanichMap	
Update the mapping of marine-influenced ecosystems and make this available via the GIS portal, SaanichMap.	
Accurately map the locations of connected and disconnected wetland systems and make this information available via the GIS portal, SaanichMap.	
Identify barriers to fish migration, confirm stream presence, and stream classification.	
Update the mapping used to identify the Streamside Development Permit Areas (SDPA).	
Evaluate and confirm the presence and classification of watercourses identified by the LiDAR flow accumulation model.	

Update stream location and classification. This should include both connected and disconnected water features. Make this information available via the GIS portal, SaanichMap.	
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### Programmatic

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Establish a program to regularly update terrestrial ecosystem data.	
Develop a long-term monitoring program building on the field plot locations completed during the State of Biodiversity Report.	
Regularly assess these field plots to identify changes in biodiversity.	

### Corporate/Regulatory/Policy






Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Develop standards and guidelines for the delineation and classification of Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs).	
Review and update existing guidelines and develop a structured procedure for evaluating and submitting data to be included as part of terrestrial ecosystem mapping.	
Review and update the biodiversity ranking once disturbance levels have been determined for all natural areas in Saanich.	

## Theme 2. Recommendations to acquire and protect a network of habitat areas.

### Theme 2. Objectives



Objective	Performance Measure
Increase the area within the District that is designated as protected for nature	Total area designated as protected
Enhance the Biodiversity Habitat Network within the UCB	The percent area of the Habitat Network inside the urban containment boundary that is enhanced through restoration efforts

### Planning



Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Prioritize the Biodiversity Habitat Network as high-value areas for protection and enhancement.	
Create different tools (eg policy, incentives, regulatory) for inside and outside the UCB to protect and enhance biodiversity in the Biodiversity Habitat Network.	
Identify missing components adjacent to Biodiversity Habitat Network that should be restored to improve the network.	
Consider the Biodiversity Habitat Network within the Park Acquisition Guide to ensure its prioritization.	
Assess unused rights-of-way within the Urban Containment Boundary for natural area protection and restoration potential.	





## Operational

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Protect land in the Biodiversity Habitat Network through naturalizing rights of way and boulevards.	
Protect land in the Biodiversity Habitat Network through removing priority invasive species on public land.	

## Relationships/ Partnerships

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Establish communication with Crown Corporations, provincial ministries and institutional land owners to ensure encourage? the Biodiversity Habitat Network is considered when implementing and planning regional infrastructure projects.	
Protect land in the Biodiversity Habitat Network through working with private landowners using a variety of tools such as covenants, etc.	

## Fiscal






Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Investigate financial mechanisms to acquire unprotected areas in the Biodiversity Habitat Network.	
Protect land in the Biodiversity Habitat Network through land acquisition.	











## Theme 3. Recommendations to enhance biodiversity during land use planning and development.

### Theme 3. Objectives



Objective	Performance Measure
Increase the cover of pervious surfaces within the UCB	The area of pervious surfaces using LiDAR and orthophoto analysis
Canopy cover objective- refer to UFS	Tree canopy measured for the entire District, for each land use zone and for all areas within the UCB

## Planning




Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Develop an inventory of Saanich's natural assets and develop a Natural Asset Management Plan.	
Remove development permit mapping from the OCP and instead refer to the GIS portal, SaanichMap, for up-to-date linework and DP areas.	
Revise the Streamside Development Permit Area (SDPA) and its associated guidelines.	
Revise the Floodplain Development Permit Area and its associated guidelines.	
Implement a development permit area or zone for the protection of the natural environment.	

Implement a Marine Shoreline Development Permit Area (DPA) or zone to mitigate waterfront development impacts and restore degraded foreshore zones.	
Increase the minimum riparian setback enforced in the Zoning Bylaw to 10 m for watercourses and 2 m for ditches to better align with minimum RAPR SPEA sizes. This should apply to both fish-bearing and non-fish-bearing streams.	
Increase bonding securities for restoring natural ecosystems that are a condition of environmental DP permits.	
Adopt delegated minor variance permits to support the retention of natural features during the development process.	
Adopt pervious surface site coverage Objectives.	
Encourage and provide incentives to land developers for incorporating green infrastructure to capture and clean stormwater (i.e., green roofs, bioswales, green walls and planters).	
Create an inter-departmental review checklist for municipal projects to be used by the Development Review Committee.	
Enhance inter-departmental communication for coordinated land development and restoration.	
Create report guidelines for QEP development permit reports and provide a table of contents with required topics. This may include compiling a resource guide of best practices with links and references for developers and QEPs.	
Require lighting reduction design to reduce lighting impacts on biodiversity.	


**Fiscal**




Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Incentivize landowners to create pervious surfaces through a stormwater tax.	
Develop an incentive program to support protection of natural features through development inside the UCB.	

**Operational**


Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Develop a list of restoration sites where plants from development sites can be transplanted to.	
Update native plant lists to include a list of climate-adaptable species to be included in restoration projects on development sites for different types of ecosystems	
Provide guidelines for restoration and enhancement of natural areas to be protected and/or restored on development sites based on Society of Ecological Restoration principles and standards.	

**Compliance/Enforcement**



Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Make site inspections within 5 years of restoration a condition of future environmental DP permits. Collect bonding to enforce this inspection period. This may include requiring QEPs to monitor the success of restoration projects.	

Require that QEPs assess and confirm the compliance of restoration sites.	
Increase the penalties for encroachment into environmental setback areas, covenant areas, and parks.	
Allocate resources to identify and deal with encroachments into District owned natural lands, including naturalized right of ways and mandate their restoration.	







### Education/Outreach

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Increase public education to promote plant salvaging of native species.	

### Programmatic

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Continue to support plant salvage programs to relocate native plants from approved development sites.	 

### Corporate/Regulatory/Policy





Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Implement an Environmental Review process for variances to environmental policies.	
Amend the Pesticide Bylaw to include rodenticide and ban the use of pesticides on private property.	
Update the Zoning Bylaw to be consistent with the Streamside Development Permit Area (SDPA) to better protect streams and the marine shoreline.	  
Adopt and implement the Urban Forest Strategy Update.	





## Theme 4. Recommendations for enhancing biodiversity on public lands

### Theme 4. Objectives















Objective	Performance Measure
Reduce the area of invasive plant infestations within Saanich parks	The mapped extent of invasives within natural parks
Restore ecosystems that have been degraded in Saanich parks	Area of restoration projects that have been successful
Improve ecological health in natural area parks	Monitor for the presence of keystone wildlife species in District owned parks

### Relationships/ Partnerships




Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Collaborate with First Nations to incorporate their values and caring for lands and waters into Saanich's biodiversity management.	 
Cooperate with the Provincial and Federal governments to monitor the health of and protect marine intertidal shellfish harvesting areas.	 

Allocate funding to support First Nations role and partnerships with the District.	
As per ÁTOL,NEUEL ("Respecting One Another") Memorandum of Understanding <sup>1</sup> , implement the articles related to park management and cultural resource protection. <sup>1</sup>	
Identify and remove barriers to fish migration in coordination with non-profit organizations and stewardship groups.	
Explore opportunities to increase the local nursery stock of Garry Oaks and other native tree, shrub, and herbaceous species through supporting organizations such as the Garry Oak Meadow Preservation Society.	




## Operational

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Compile a catalog of culturally significant plants for potential inclusion in restoration areas.	
Increase the amount of natural habitat in parks by restoring infrequently used areas dominated by turf grass.	
Install habitat elements such as nesting areas, wildlife trees and woody debris into young forests.	
Protect active bird nests in parks. Enforce the Wildlife Act and Migratory Birds Act with signage and conduct nesting surveys prior to vegetation clearing and removal.	
Create freshwater habitats in natural parks such as wetlands and ponds.	
Implement deer control measures to minimize their impact to restoration sites and sensitive ecosystems. Review and consider the recommendations within the CRD Deer Management Plan	
Identify and remove barriers to fish migration. Coordinate with non-profit organizations and stewardship groups.	
Reduce the environmental impacts associated with recreational trail use by relocating trails that are close to watercourses	
Reduce the environmental impacts associated with recreational trail use by installing boardwalks with fencing.	
Reduce the environmental impacts associated with recreational trail use by installing fencing and/or planting thorny native shrubs along trails and stream crossings within 10 m of all wetlands, streams, and lakes.	
Establish access points such as wildlife viewing platforms, lookout points and towers in strategic locations to provide the public with opportunities to enjoy nature while reducing environmental impacts.	
Close and rehabilitate unsanctioned trails.	
Continue to remove illegal encampments and restore areas impacted by encroachment on District-owned natural areas.	
Install and maintain pollinator gardens and meadow habitat in low-pedestrian and low-traffic areas.	



<sup>1</sup> [ÁTOL,NEUEL \("Respecting One Another"\) Memorandum of Understanding.](#)

Continue to protect and restore Garry Oak ecosystems on public lands.	
Create demonstration native plant or naturescape gardens in publicly visible locations on District land to showcase native biodiversity.	
Identify and rehabilitate degraded natural areas on District-owned lands. Prioritize areas that are within or adjacent to the Biodiversity Habitat Network.	




## Planning

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Develop park plans to help manage natural area parks in Saanich. Prioritize larger natural areas parks that are within or adjacent to the Biodiversity Habitat Network.	
Identify opportunities to daylight and restore natural stream reaches that are culverted.	
Explore opportunities to increase the local nursery stock of Garry Oaks and other native tree, shrub, and herbaceous species through considering establishing a District-run and operated nursery.	

## Corporate/Regulatory/Policy

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Adopt a policy to maintain a no net loss of natural areas from public lands with no net loss applying to both ecological value and habitat area.	
Review and revise the Invasive Species Management Strategy.	

## Design


Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Design wetland and stream bridges with clear span, dog-friendly features, and low boards to prevent watercourse encroachment.	
Consider implementing traffic calming measures where the Biodiversity Habitat Network crosses roads to reduce vehicle-animal collisions.	
Incorporate green infrastructure features like bioswales and rain gardens along roads and parking for stormwater management.	

## Theme 5. Recommendations for Public Stewardship to encourage biodiversity initiatives on private lands outside of the development process





### Theme 5. Objectives

Objective	Performance Measure
Increased public participation in biodiversity conservation and enhancement on private land.	Number of public participants in stewardship programs on private land
Maintain or increase native bird and pollinator presence.	Community science: bird and pollinator counts



## Relationships/ Partnerships

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Partner with Environmental Non-Government Organizations to promote naturescaping on private lands.	


## Education/Outreach

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Encourage the replacement of turf grass with low-maintenance herbs and pollinator-friendly vegetation through education.	
Promote the Naturescaping program and guidelines for residential properties.	
Develop hands on Naturescaping learning opportunities through Recreation Centres and other partner organizations.	
Promote the use of products that help prevent bird collisions with windows.	


## Fiscal

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Explore incentives for larger landowners such as eco-gifting and develop a 'Leave a legacy' package for property owners to consider in estate planning.	
Develop incentives for installing green infrastructure on residential properties.	



## Planning

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Complete a review of existing environmental and natural state covenants and their condition. Notify landowners of their obligations.	


## Corporate/Regulatory/Policy

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Develop guidelines for the use of natural state covenants to safeguard ecologically valuable areas.	

## Programmatic

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Develop a program to support landowners that have natural state covenants on their property.	
Develop a program to support and promote the planting of Garry Oaks and other native tree species on private property.	

## Design





Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Encourage light reduction techniques to direct light away from natural areas.	

## Theme 6. Recommendations to improve public understanding of biodiversity and promote stewardship




### Theme 6. Objectives

Objective	Performance Measure
Increase public awareness and understanding of local natural features and functions.	Evaluate the success of educational programs through surveys, community feedback, and participation rates.





### Education/Outreach

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Continue to expand and implement the Natural Intelligence Program.	
Continue to promote and support environmental stewardship events such as Earth Day, Stream Cleanup Day, and Beach Cleanup Day.	
Create educational signage to raise public awareness about endangered species in parks. (or develop an educational signage strategy?)	
Distribute education materials on the presence and treatment options for invasive plants and animals.	

### Programmatic

Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Expand Pulling Together Program.	
Expand Park Ambassadors Program.	
Promote and expand programs to encourage biodiversity stewardship on private lands.	

### Relationships/ Partnerships


Action	Biodiversity Attribute
Collaborate with non-profits to run biodiversity programs in Saanich.	
Partner with institutions and non-governmental organizations to further study biodiversity in Saanich, and to carry out restoration projects.	
Promote and expand programs to encourage biodiversity stewardship on private lands including education from non-profit organizations such as the Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary.	
Expand school programs to educate youth regarding biodiversity and the importance of natural areas.	

## **Theme 7. Recommendations to enhance biodiversity on agricultural lands.**






### **Theme 7. Objectives**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
increase the cover of trees and shrub communities on farmlands	Cover area of tree and shrubs on ALR lands and lands zoned for agriculture
Naturalize streams and wetlands on farmlands	The length of streams and area of wetlands with natural riparian buffers


### **Education/Outreach**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Biodiversity Attribute</b>
Encourage environmentally friendly farm practices including participation in the provincial Environmental Farm Plan Program.	

### **Relationships/ Partnerships**













<b>Action</b>	<b>Biodiversity Attribute</b>
Engage in and endorse provincial initiatives for riparian area naturalization on agricultural lands.	
Support partners' raptor enhancement programs on agricultural lands.	
Support the installation of owl and bat boxes in agricultural areas.	
Develop an agriculture biodiversity program in partnership with the Province and local environmental non-governmental organizations to enhance biodiversity on farmlands (e.g. hedgerows, agroforestry, no-till practices).	
Discourage the use of herbicides, pesticides, and rodenticides through supporting partners' education and outreach efforts.	

### **Fiscal**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Biodiversity Attribute</b>
Explore incentivizing the use of overwintering crops through partnership, a tax refund or grant initiative.	



## Appendix 1. Biodiversity Attributes

Biodiversity Attribute	Icon	Description
General ecosystem		Overall native ecosystem.
Urban forest (general)		Includes all trees and their ecosystems within Saanich: In parks and private lands. On commercial and institutional lands. Along highways, roads and trails. Throughout open spaces in the community.
Culturally significant areas, plant and/or animal communities		(Note: Indigenous advisor to review wording and icon.)
Urban Biodiversity		Backyards, streetscapes, public rights of way, manicured parks. Naturalization focus, important for engagement and Natural Intelligence. Monitoring could occur via community science. Tie in with Naturescaping program.
Agricultural Land (ALR, A1)		Lands outside the Urban Containment Boundary zoned in the Agricultural Land Reserve and/or as A1 lands.
Wetlands, Lakes, and Hydroriparian Systems		Water quality and habitat to support aquatic species.
Marine Shorelines		Intertidal areas that are influenced by the ocean from eelgrass communities and mud flats up to brackish wetlands.
Coastal Sand Ecosystems		Foreshore beaches and sand dunes.
Garry Oak Ecosystems		Plant communities supporting Garry Oak trees and native herbaceous understory communities.
Wildlife		Native wildlife including bats, mammals, rodents, reptiles and amphibians.
Pollinators		Native pollinators.
Focal species		Species at Risk and Species of Conservation Concern.
Birds		Native birds and migratory birds that occur locally.

<sup>i</sup> "ÁTOL,NEUEL MOU.Pdf," accessed December 14, 2023, <https://www.saanich.ca/assets/News~and~Events/Documents/%C3%81TOL,NEUEL%20MOU.pdf>.