Port Wallace Master Plan

Welcome

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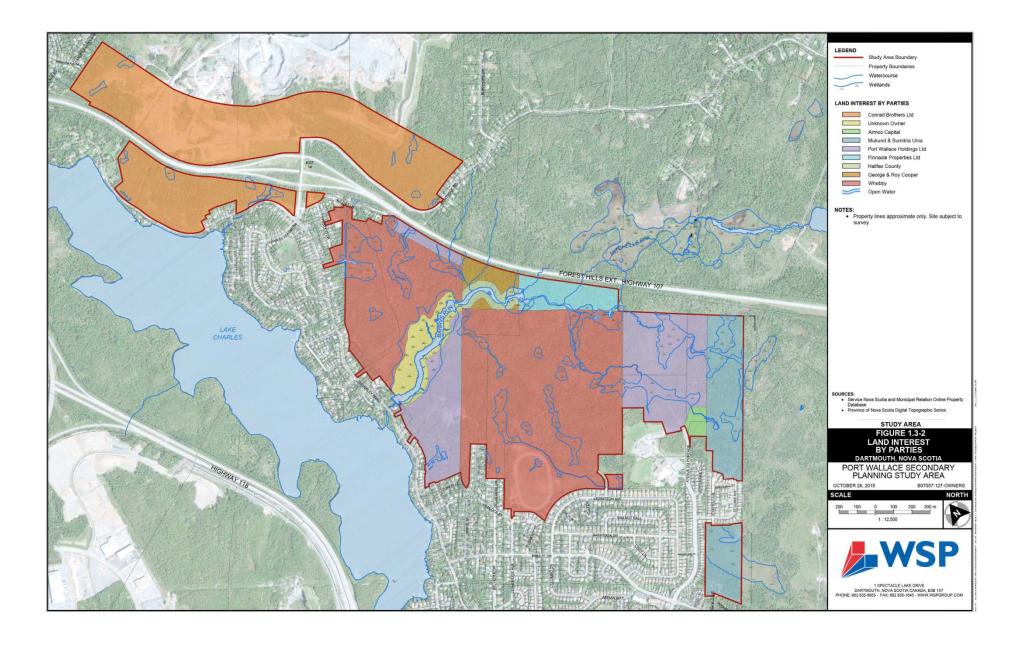
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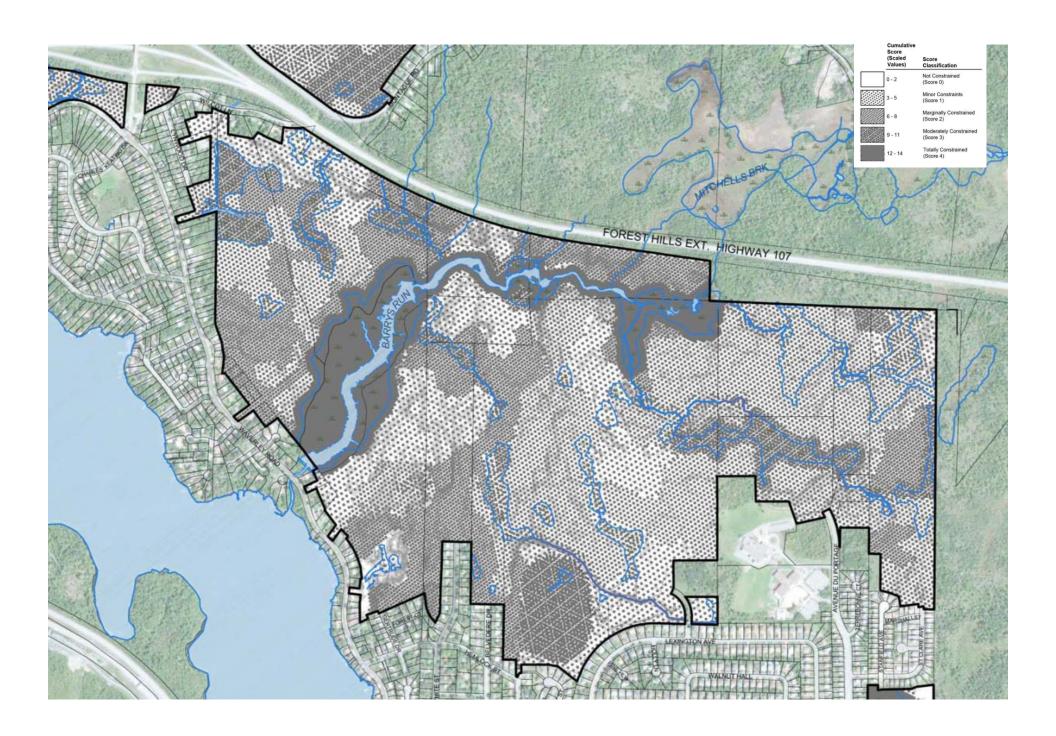
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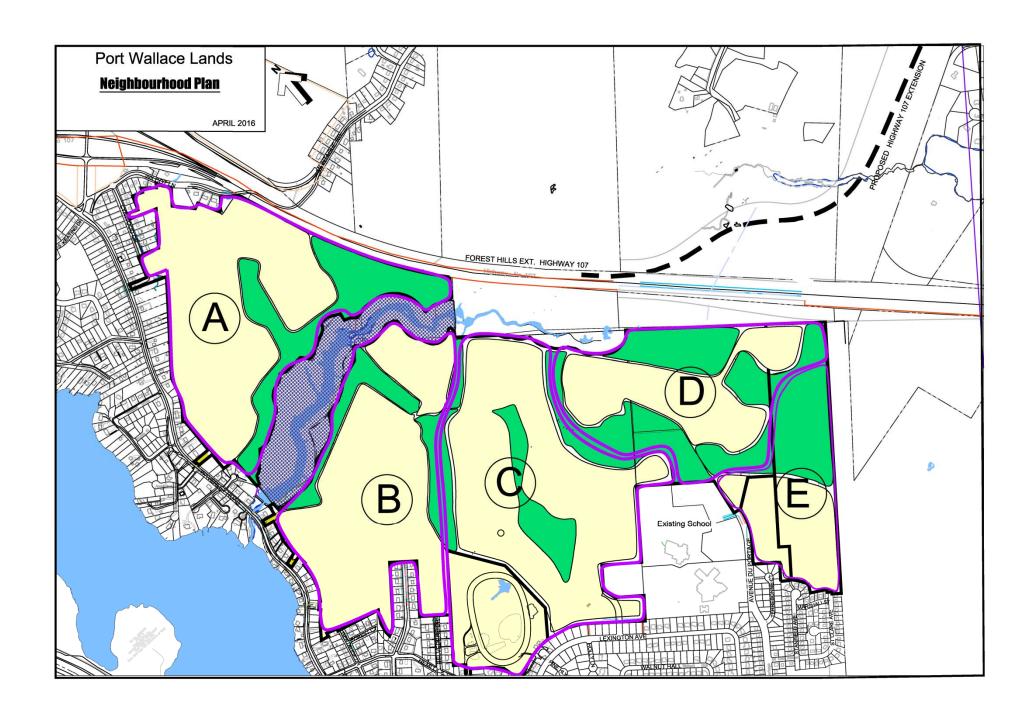
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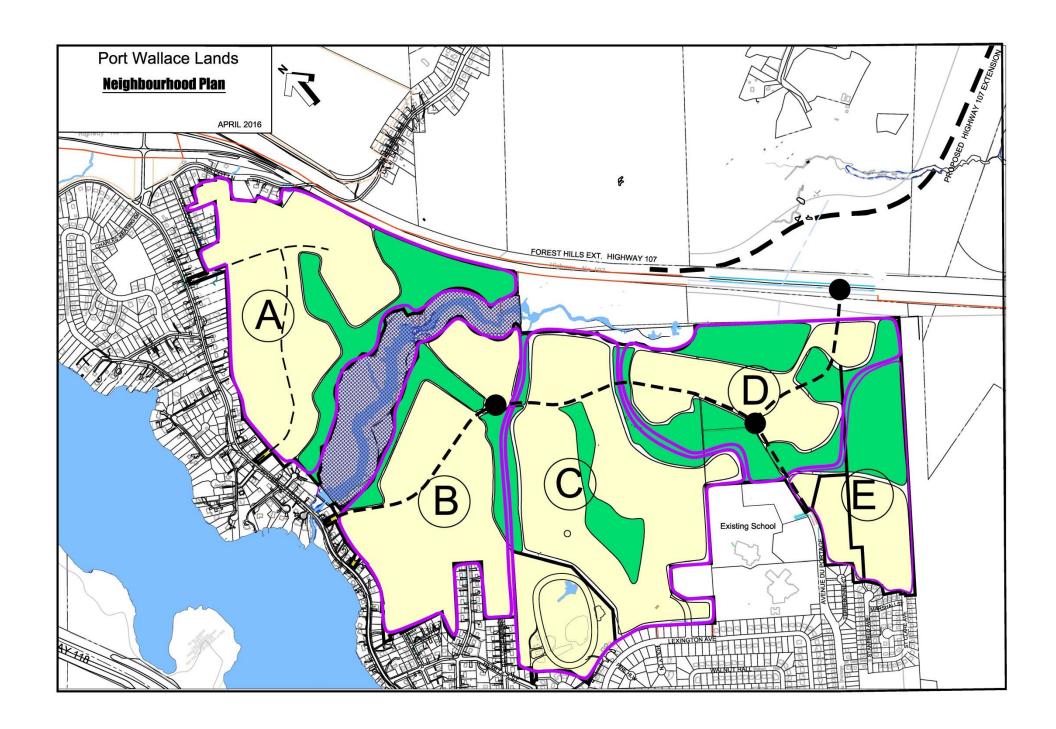
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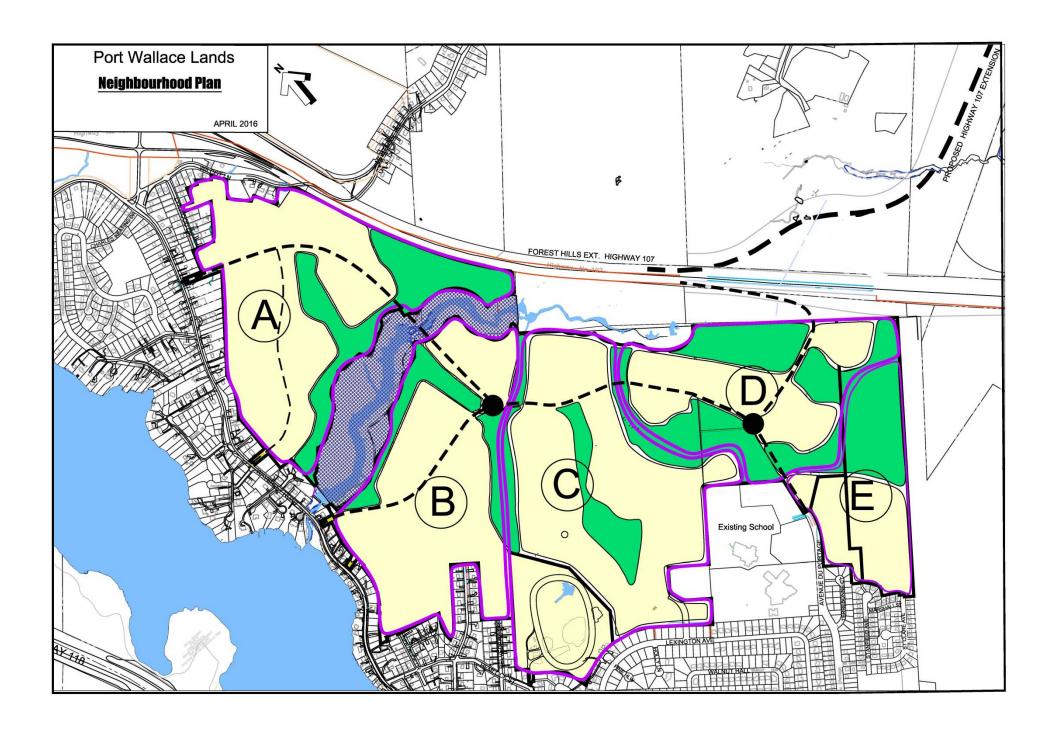


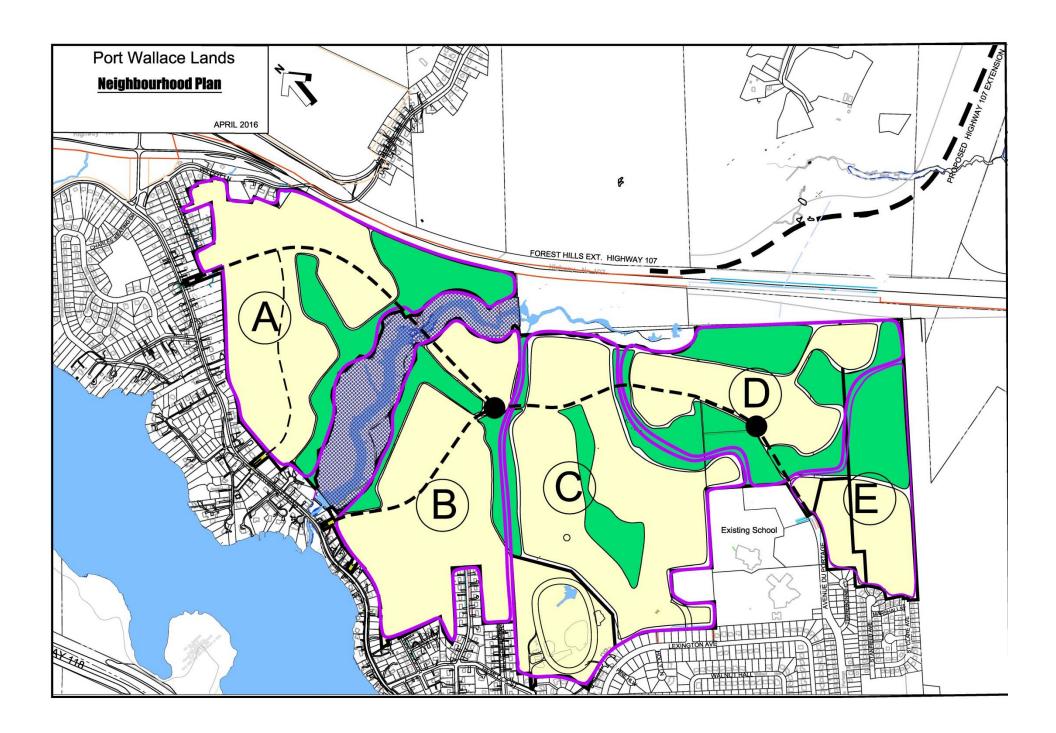


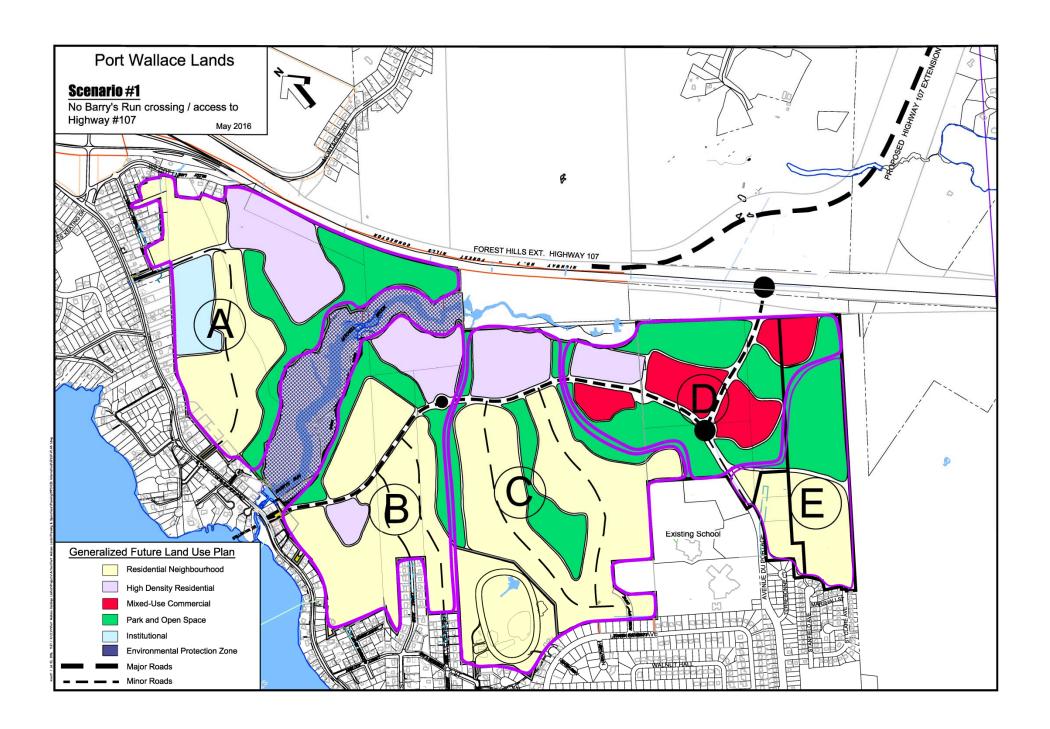


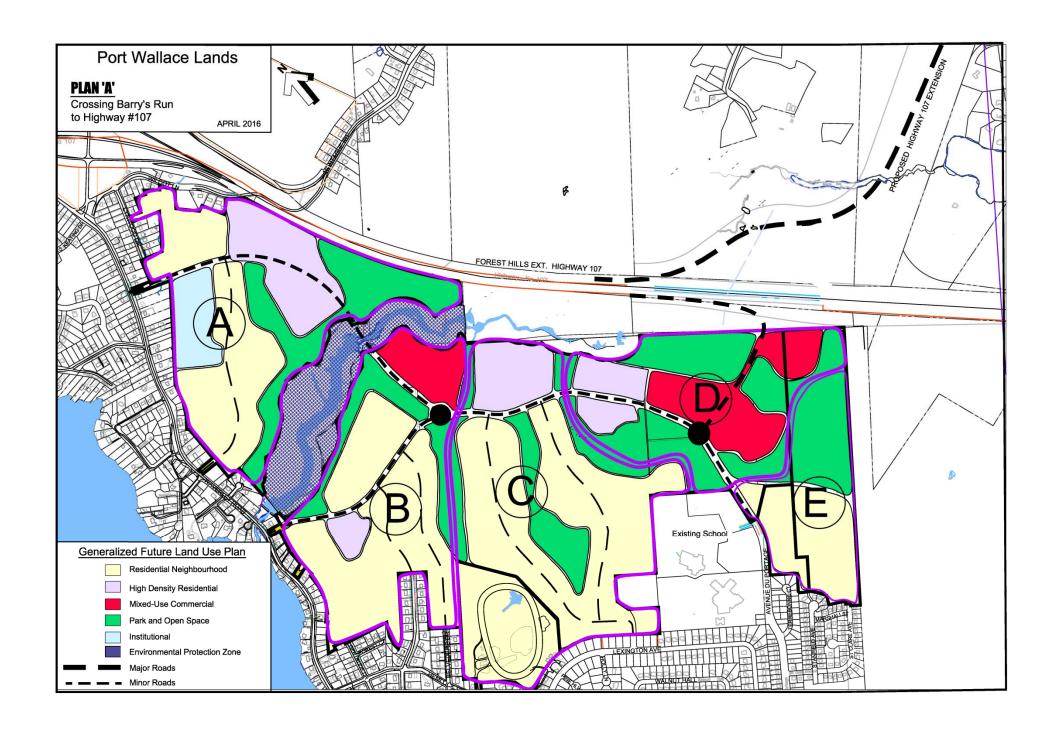








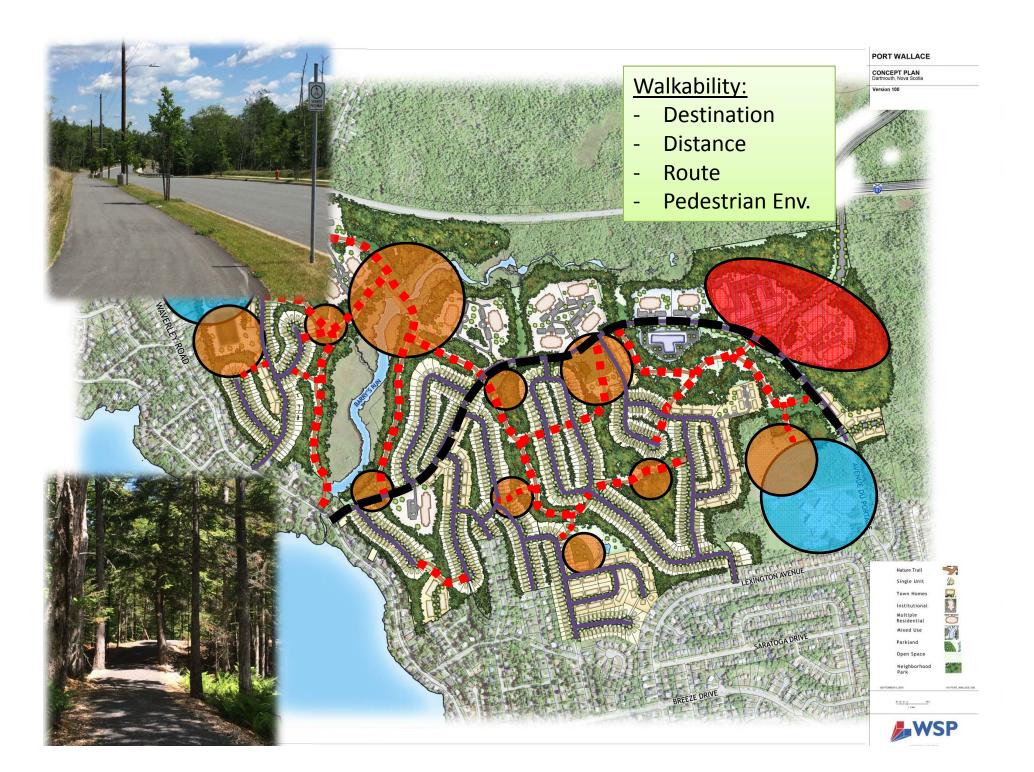






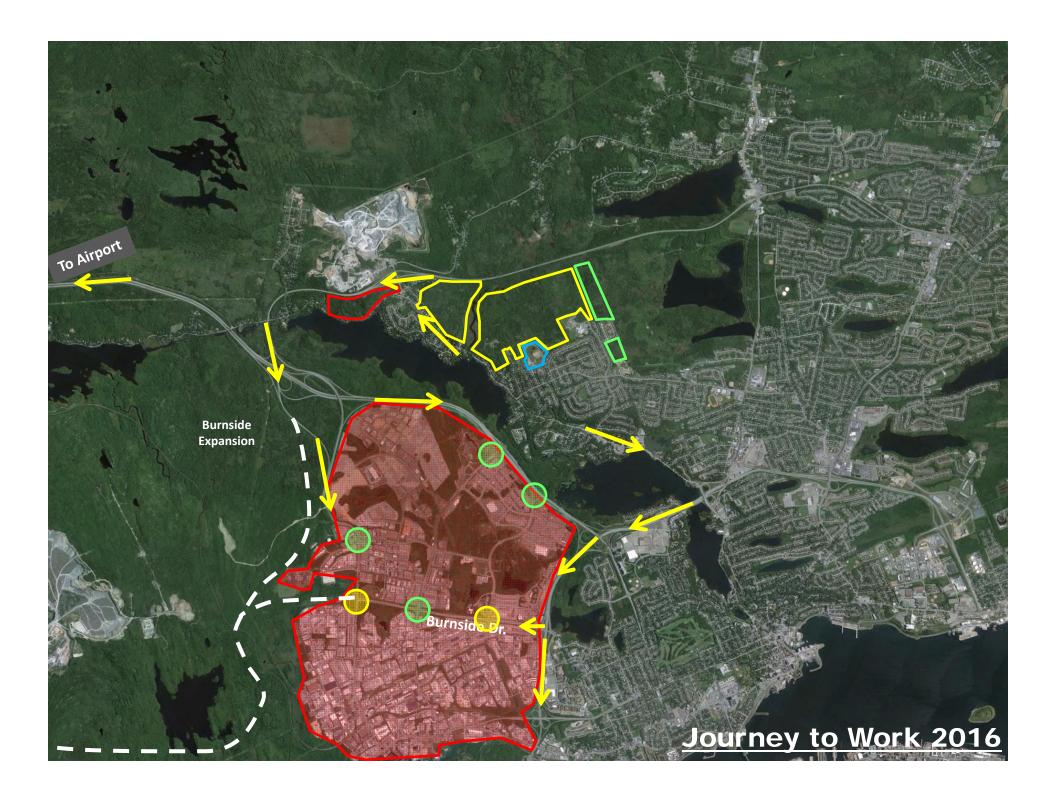


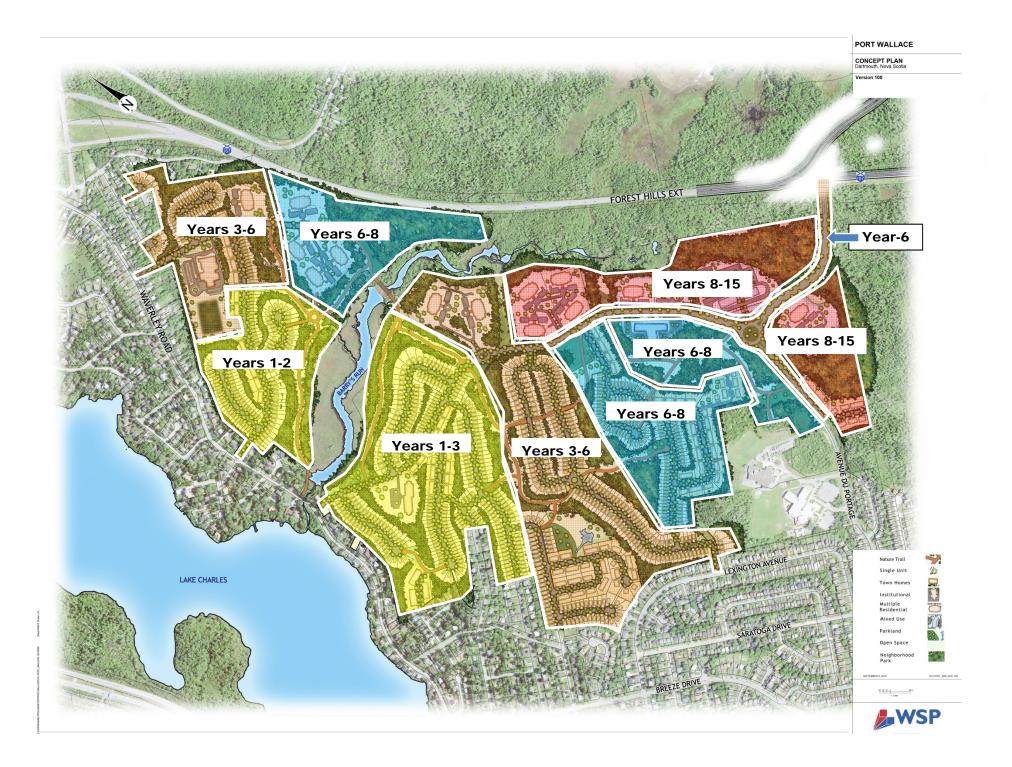




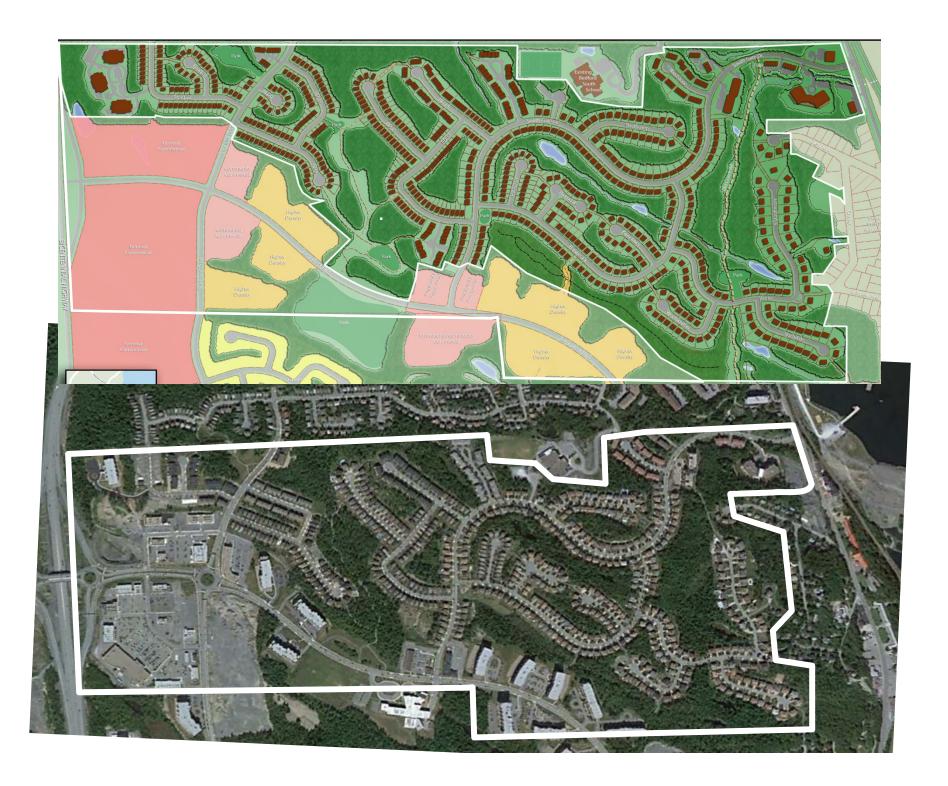








Preservation of the Natural Environment

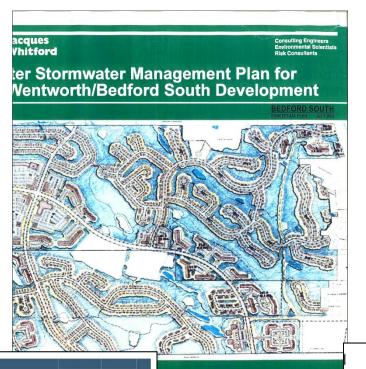


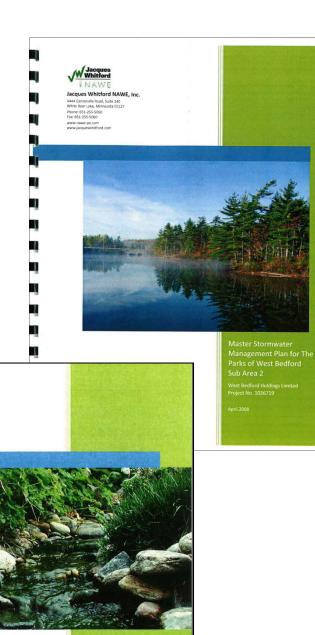






Infrastructure / Storm Water





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Master Stormwater Management Plan Area 7 & 8

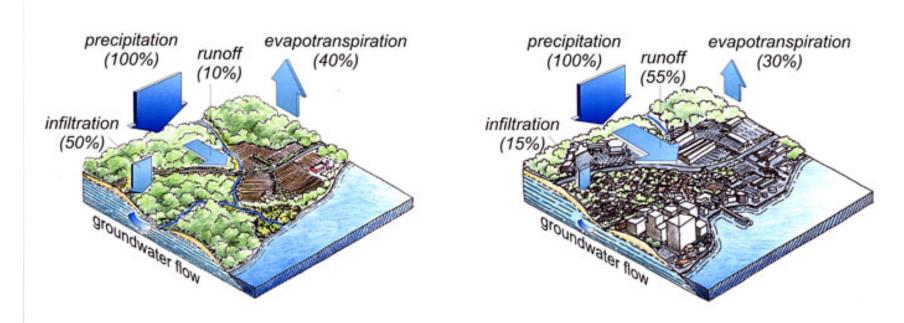
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LVM MARITIME TESTING



LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID)



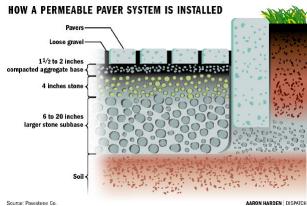
- LID combines conservation practices with distributed storm water source controls, and pollution prevention, to maintain or restore watershed functions.
- The objective is to disperse LID devices uniformly across a site to minimize the generation of runoff.
- LID reintroduces the hydrologic and environmental functions that are altered with conventional storm water management.



Permeable Pavers in Driveways





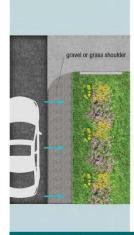


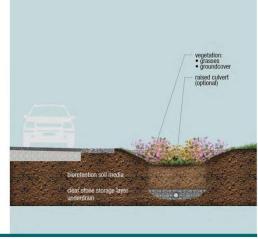
Bio-swales in Road Right-Of-Way











Regenerative Storm Water Swales

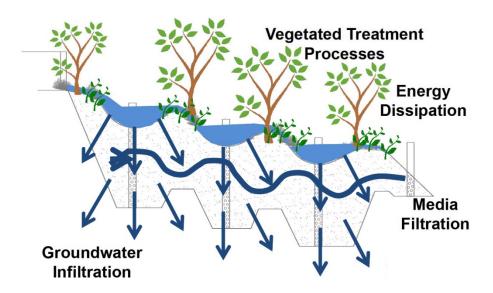
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CONCEPT PLAN



Regenerative Storm Water Swales

RSCs are... a series of pools and riffles designed to <u>convey</u>, <u>manage</u>, and <u>treat</u> stormwater runoff









Infiltration Basins



Education & Community Engagement

The Parks of West Bedford Lawn Care Best Management Practices



Home Owners' Guide



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Stop Runoff

Use a Rain Barrel -

Rain barrel usage can be important to the overall success of the stormwater management system. The benefits of using a rain barrel include:

- ► Stormwater that washes off rooftops and into downspouts is caught and retained.
- ► Homeowners use the water in the rain barrel as needed during the growing season.
- ► Water can be reused as needed in the garden or lawn landscape.
- ► Reduces stormwater runoff and pollution by providing treatment to the "first flush" of contaminants.
- ► Easy Installation suitable for all property types.
- ► Reduces water bills by not using potable water for irrigation.
- ➤ Water generated is very soft (low in minerals), which is good for plant growth.

The proper design, siting and maintenance practices are necessary to ensure that the rain barrel is functioning appropriately and not becoming a nuisance or mosquito breeding ground in the development. The following guidance is intended to provide the proper siting, mosquito control and maintenance practices for your rain barrel.

Finding the best location for your rain barrel -

To find the best location for your rain barrel, the following techniques are recommended:

- ► Place rain barrel on a hard, level, and pervious surface. Concrete blocks, bricks, decorative blocks, or flagstones work well as a base.
- ► Locate rain barrel at downspout nearest to the garden you want to irrigate.
- ➤ Rain barrels work using gravity to drain The garden to be irrigated should be lower in elevation that the rain barrel.
- ► Ensure that the rain barrel overflow location directs water towards your yard and not your neighbors.



What about those pesky mosquitoes?

Many homeowners worry that rain barrels will create a breeding ground for mosquitoes. The following is a list of tried and trusted techniques that can be employed to control mosquitoes:

- Ensure that the mosquito proof screen on the rain barrel is installed and functioning correctly.
- ► Ensure that the base is pervious, so overflow does not collect and leave standing water for mosquito breeding.
- ► Inspect rain barrel weekly ensure that the lid is securely closed and the water is free of organic material.
- ➤ Mosquito larvae require 6-9 days to hatch. Completely drain the barrel once per week and clean if necessary to prevent the formation of stagnant water.



When properly encased with a mosquito proof screen, rainbarrels will keep out any mosquitoes from breeding

How do I take care of my rain barrel?

To properly care for your rain barrel, the following techniques are recommended:

- ► Keep spigot closed when not using water.
- ➤ Routinely inspect gutters, downspouts, rain barrel intake and mosquito screens for debris.
- ► Keep lid secured and screens clear of debris. Make sure the overflow tube and hose are functioning correctly.
- ► If odours develop, drain the rain barrel and spray with a hose until clean.
- ► Completely drain rain barrel before winter leave spigot open during the cold months so water does not accumulate and freeze.
- ► Ensure that the overflow is draining properly and not causing erosion of the rain barrel base. An example overflow valve is shown in the above figure.
- ► Rain barrel water is not potable *do not drink the water*.

Go-Toxic Free

Lawn Fertilizer

There are many natural ways to fertilize a lawn before reaching for a store-bought fertilizer. Compost and grass clippings are a cost-effective and environmentally friendly way to provide your lawn with nutrients. If you feel the need to purchase a fertilizer to care for your lawn, use organic fertilizers or slow release fertilizers.

- ► Clean Nova Scotia indicates that generally a 4:1:2 (the ratio of nitrogen to phosphorous to potassium) fertilizer applied at rate of 1 kilogram nitrogen per 100 square metres (2 pounds per 1000 square feet) provides the proper balance of nutrients.
- ► Combine the fertilizer with organic material (a mixture of good-quality soil, sand and a source of humus) and add this to your lawn's surface.
- ► Use a slow release or organic fertilizer before a rain (follow labels). If rain is not expected, water the lawn prior to fertilizing.
- ► Know your nutrient needs by understanding your soil and lawn conditions (most people apply too much fertilizer and this impacts water quality as well as lawn health).
- ► Go natural! Forget chemical fertilizers and replace your lawn with native plantings. There are over 1,500 to choose from for our region!



Organic fertilizers are often overlooked as an effective method for lawn care and maintenance

Pet Clean-Up

Pet waste is a health hazard and a pollutant as it contains excess phosphorus and harmful bacteria which can harm lake water quality. The following guidelines will provide for the proper cleanup of pet waste and the elimination of any health concerns due to contact concerns.

- ► Clean up all animal waste whether on your lot or on trails or other places in the community.
- ► During walks, bring a bag and dispose of the waste in the toilet, garbage, or a designated pet compost area.
- ►In your yard, encourage pets to use one location. This will make clean-up easier and this area can be isolated from the rest of yard, which can prevent accidental contact with the pet waste.
- ► Do not feed geese It encourages them to frequent your yard and generate waste in your yard, driveway, or sidewalks.
- ► Pick up after pets before cleaning patios, sidewalks or driveways. Do not spray waste onto streets or into gutters.

Pesticide Use

Pesticides should be applied only as a last resort, or not at all. The major source of pesticides in urban streams is home applications to kill insects and weeds in the lawn and garden. If you need pesticides, certain pesticides may be permitted. Call Clean Nova Scotia (902) 420-6593 or visit the HRM website http://www.halifax.ca/pesticides/rules.html for more information.



Naturalize

Use Native Species

Many native species are suited to growing in a wide range of ecological conditions and they are usually best suited to the Nova Scotia climate. Because of this, once they are established they usually require less care and are a key element in creating a low maintenance and sustainable landscape. The species listed below are considered to be the types of species that would most usually be found in the Parks of West Bedford area, however, use of other native species may also be appropriate. Final planting decisions should be made based on specific site conditions, species availability, and advice from landscape specialists.

Native Trees best suited for certain site conditions -

- ► Dry/Poor Sites: Black Spruce, Balsam Fir, White Pine, Red Pine, White Birch, Grey Birch, Red Oak, Trembling Aspen, and Largetooth Aspen.
- ► Moist/Poor Sites: Black Spruce, Red Maple, Eastern Larch, and Balsam Fir.
- ► Average Sites: Red Spruce, White Spruce, Eastern Hemlock, White Pine, White Birch, Yellow Birch, Red Oak, Red Maple, and Sugar Maple.
- ► Moist/Rich Sites: Red Spruce, White Spruce, Eastern Hemlock, Yellow Birch, Red Maple, Sugar Maple, White Ash, and Ironwood.
- ► Native Shrubs: Wild Raisin, Serviceberry, False Holly, Canada Holly, Velvet-Leaf Blueberry, Lowbush Blueberry, Lambkill, Bush Honey Suckle, Huckleberry, Witch Hazel, Speckled Alder, Labrador Tea, Rhodora, Mountain Ash, Teaberry, Spirea, Striped Maple, Mountain Maple, and Beaked Hazelnut.



Create Rain Gardens

A rain garden is a landscaping feature you can build to manage runoff. A rain garden will collect rain water and slowly filter water into the ground. They are usually a constructed depression (10-20 cm deep) that are designed to look like a natural area, but it will accept, infiltrate and clean stormwater. The rain garden will typically fill up with a few inches of water after a storm and within 1-2 days, the water will slowly filter into the ground. It is planted with wet and dry tolerant plants to absorb rain water. This technique encourages the recharge of the groundwater aquifer and uses the soil to filter out any pollutants before the infiltrating water reaches the local groundwater table. When combined with a disconnected roof leader (downspout), the stormwater can be conveyed into the rain garden via a vegetated swale creating a high value natural landscape.



Rain gardens serve both a practical and aesthetic purpose; to clean and manage water run off, while creating a more beautiful landscape

Keep it Green

Lawn Irrigation

One of the key ways you can help to keep lawn care more sustainable is by thinking about how you keep your lawn irrigated. Turf grasses and other plants in a native landscape need water for growth and development. By implementing proper irrigation practices, lawn quality and aesthetics will be improved, while at the same time, lowering water bills. By watering infrequently and deeply you can help improve the health of your lawn. The following techniques will put you on the path to proper lawn irrigation practices and prevent over watering:

- ► A typical turfgrass requires 2.5 cm of water per week (through rainfall or irrigation), which will soak the upper 10 cm of soil.
- ► Monitor your irrigation by placing a can in path of sprinkler flow and stop irrigation once 2.5 cm of water has accumulated in the can.
- ► Ideal irrigation times are when temperatures are cooler in the early morning or early evening and when wind speeds are low.
- ► Let lawn completely dry out between irrigation intervals. The soil should be difficult to penetrate before irrigation.
- Lawns require water when the grass turns light-green to brown in colour and the stalks remain bent over after being walked on.
- ► Stop irrigation when puddling or runoff occurs. Excessive moisture can potentially cause fungal disease in grasses and also prevents grasses from extending deep roots.
- ► Where possible, reuse collected stormwater from rain barrels for irrigation of gardens or smaller areas.
- ► Use sprinklers with uniform water application patterns. Do not aim sprinklers in a pattern that will water sidewalks, driveways, or the sides of homes.
- ►Without watering, most lawn grasses will go dormant over the hot summer months. This should not be a concern and the grasses will begin growing again during the cool season months.



Lawn Mowing

The frequency, height, pattern and condition of a lawn mower can impact the quality and sustainability of a lawn landscape. The following items provide a recommendation for maintaining your lawn through proper lawn mowing practices:

- ► Always use a sharp blade A dull blade will damage the remaining grass blades, potentially stunting future growth.
- ► Always mow when the grass is dry
- ► Mow at regular intervals (every 5-7 days).
- ➤ Cut grasses to a height of 6-8 cm. Higher cut grass will shade out weeds and encourages deep root growth.
- ► Never mow more than 1/3 of the grass blade This puts additional stress on the grass, potentially stunting growth.
- ➤ Use a mulching lawn mower and leave grass clippings on yard. The cut grass will contribute nitrogen to the soil and reduce fertilizer use on the yard.
- ► Avoid mowing when turf is under heat and drought stress.
- ► Alter the pattern with each mowing event to reduce wear on the grass surface.
- ► Wear appropriate safety gear, which includes long pants and shirt and eve/ear protection.
- ► Use a low emission lawn mower. According to Canada's Clean Air Foundation, a standard gas mower will emit the same amount of air pollutants in one hour as driving a new car for over 550 kilometers.





Thank You

Questions?