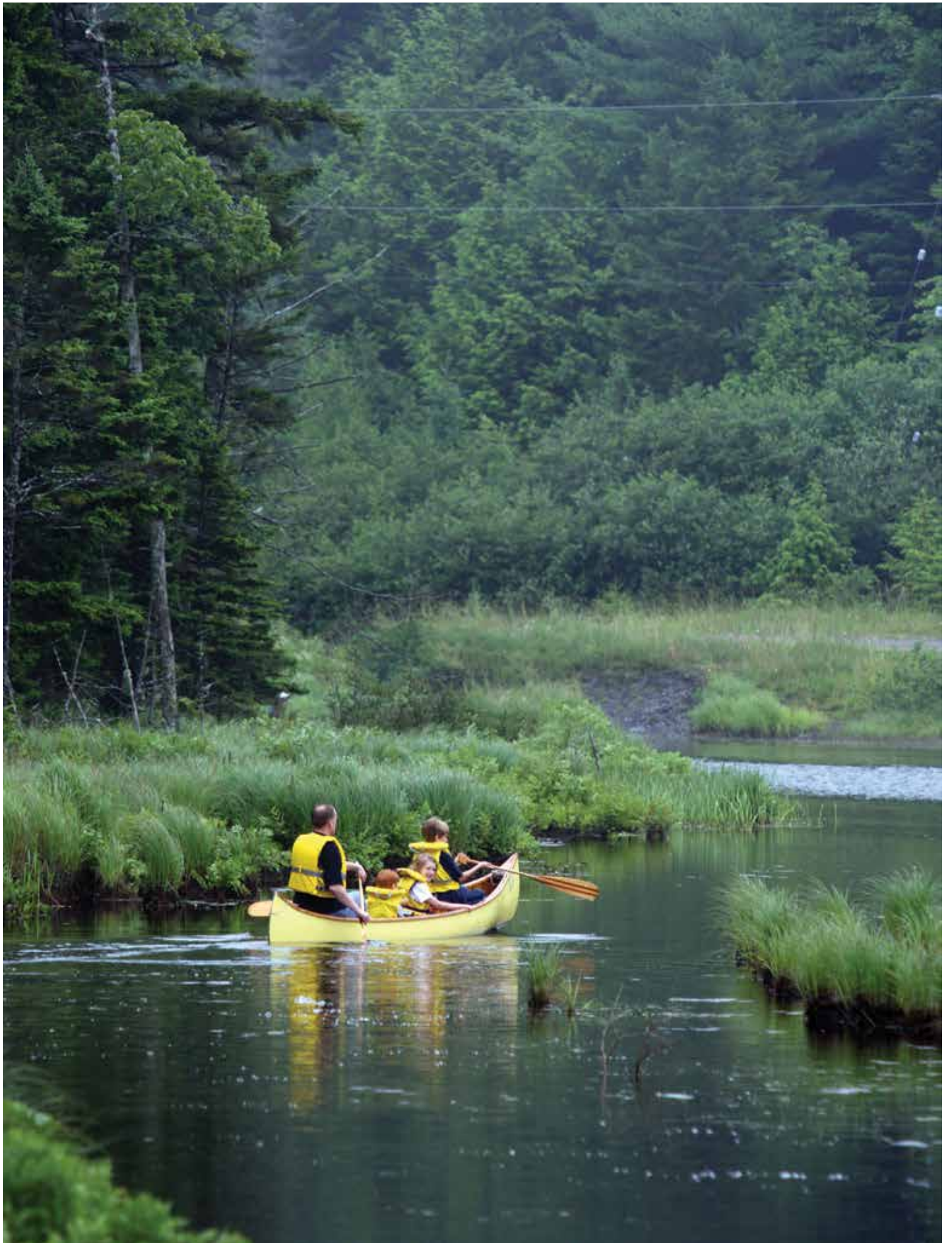




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This plan is supported by many other government and non-government conservation efforts, including the:

- Natural Resources Strategy
- Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act
- Climate Change Action Plan
- Renewable Electricity Plan
- Draft Coastal Strategy
- Heritage Strategy

Discover more

Additional information about the Parks and Protected Areas Plan, including detailed mapping is available online at <http://novascotia.ca/parksandprotectedareas/>.

Message from Ministers

Nova Scotia has a mosaic of landscapes that are rich in biological diversity and provide a variety of exciting opportunities for outdoor recreation. We are lucky to be able to enjoy these treasures now; we also have an obligation to protect them for the future.

Our wild spaces give us clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and opportunities for both adventure and quiet reflection. They allow animals and plants to thrive in their natural habitats. They also have a direct role to play in responding to climate change by capturing and storing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen. When we protect our land in a system of parks and protected areas, we keep it natural: free from development, houses, factories, or farms. The trees are left to grow, die, and feed the forest in a natural life cycle. Protecting our landbase also ensures that many of the province's most spectacular areas will be available to Nova Scotians and visitors to our province now and in the future.

Under the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act, the province committed to protect at least 12 per cent of Nova Scotia's land by 2015. Our Parks and Protected Areas Plan more than delivers on that commitment. More than 200,000 hectares (ha) of additional lands will be protected by 2015, creating the largest system of parks and protected areas Nova Scotia has ever had. The 2011 Natural Resources Strategy for Nova Scotia also committed to deliver an integrated and sustainable parks and protected areas program. This Parks and Protected Areas Plan will achieve that goal as well.

The plan's success has been authored by you: Nova Scotians committed to protecting and conserving our beautiful province for future generations. It builds on extensive consultations over the last several years involving members of the public and Nova Scotia's Mi'kmaq community, which helped identify potential lands for protection, and the legislative and policy initiatives necessary to ensure that future generations will also enjoy them.

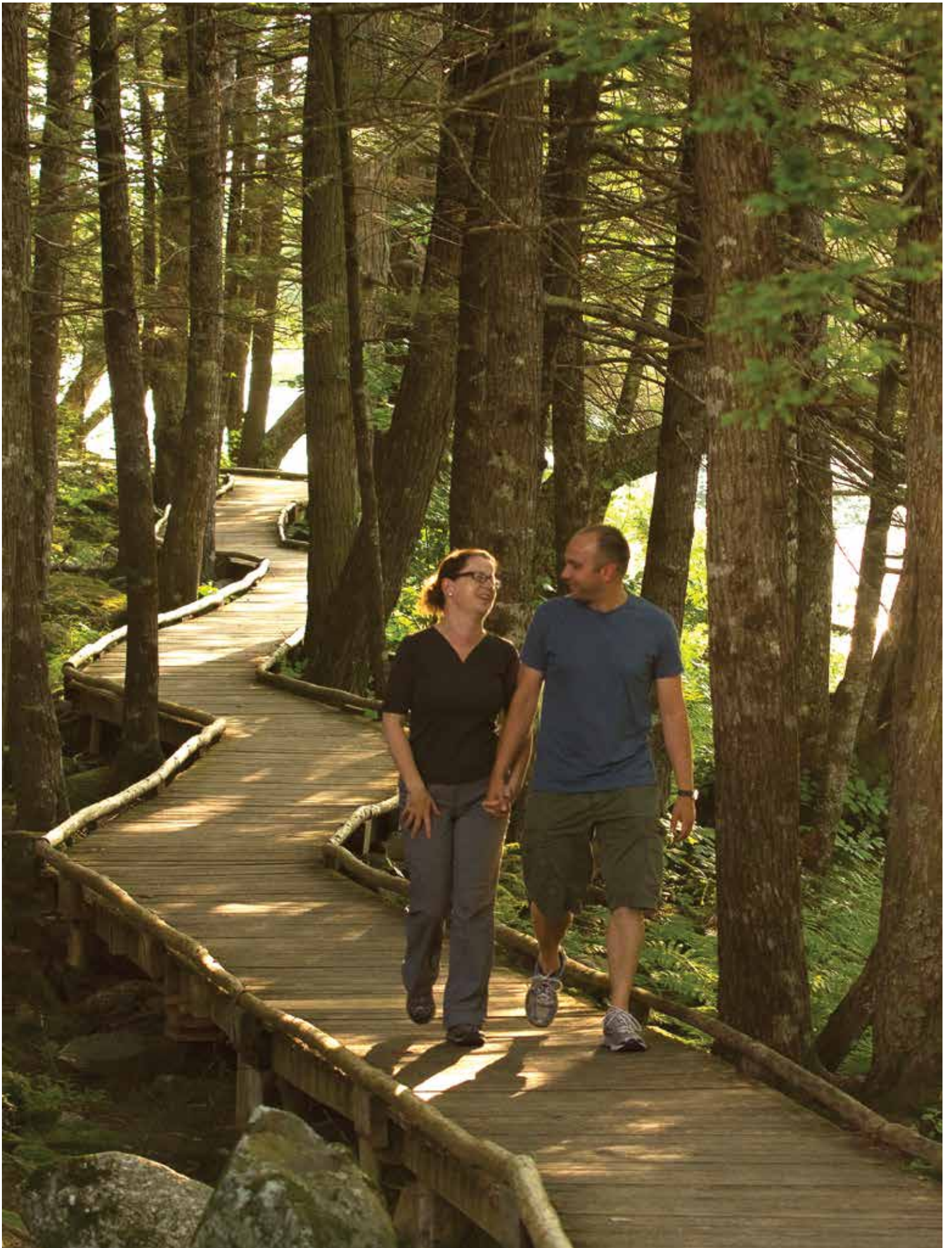
Thank you for your participation.



Sterling Belliveau
Minister of Environment



Charlie Parker
Minister of Natural Resources



Executive Summary

Nova Scotia is rich with areas of exceptional, unspoiled nature. From the steep canyon slopes of the Margaree River to the dunes of Sand Hills Beach, parks and protected areas support recreation, tourism, research, and education. Above all, they protect the fundamental elements of nature: our land, water, and biodiversity.

This document is the province's plan to ensure that these areas continue to thrive. The plan delivers on two important government commitments:

- Update Nova Scotia's park system to secure and strengthen its long-term success, and
- Increase Nova Scotia's legally protected landmass to at least 12 per cent by 2015

Land Protection

This plan provides for the protection of 13 per cent of our province's outstanding landmass by 2015, including other lands that could increase that protection once further considerations are taken into account. More specifically, if all lands included in Our Parks and Protected Areas were legally protected, it would result in:

Adding

- Four new provincial parks (960 ha)
- 44 new wilderness areas (128,760 ha)
- 118 new nature reserves (34,080 ha)

Expanding

- 12 provincial parks (3,980 ha)
- 31 wilderness areas (77,460 hectares)
- 11 nature reserves (4,620 ha)

Transferring

- 2,150 ha of provincial parkland to protected areas and 1,000 ha of parkland to Crown land that would still be available for public use.

With these changes, the new parks and protected areas system will include

- 205 provincial parks
- 84 wilderness areas
- 138 nature reserves

Goals and Actions

This plan proposes nine goals and numerous actions to ensure a strong, viable parks and protected areas system that will thrive well into the future. These goals and actions are designed to:

- ensure protection
- provide strategic direction
- challenge Nova Scotians to work together
- collaborate with the Mi'kmaq
- deepen appreciation of the natural world
- provide nature-based recreation
- market and promote our parks and protected areas
- encourage organizational excellence
- address protection gaps

Nova Scotians enjoy, respect, and use their parks and protected areas. This plan is an effort to make sure that this continues for generations to come.

Rationale and Approach

Why We Are Doing This

For many Nova Scotians, protecting wild spaces is instinctive; these spaces are special places where we can enjoy, learn about, and care for our natural heritage.

Protecting our wild spaces is also necessary. Parks and protected areas play an important role in conserving Nova Scotia's biodiversity and protecting our access to clean air and water.

Our natural landscape and cultural heritage are protected by both legislation and policy in numerous ways, but Nova Scotians wanted a more comprehensive plan to address long-term viability. Two documents in particular reflect that desire:

1. The Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act that requires a) the creation of a sustainable parks system, and b) the legal protection of at least 12 per cent of Nova Scotia's total landmass by 2015, and,
2. The Path We Share: A Natural Resources Strategy for Nova Scotia 2011–2020 that lays out five goals for provincial parks: shared stewardship, far-sighted planning, protection, education, and recreation.

This plan responds to both of these documents; it exceeds the protected lands goal of at least 12 per cent and takes specific actions to address the goals of the natural resources strategy.

This plan also commits government to deliver an integrated, coordinated parks and protected areas program.

Consultation

A key recommendation of the Natural Resources Strategy (2011) is to engage Nova Scotians in "a focused dialogue about provincial parks." The strategy outlines the need to inform people about the park system, ask what they value most, and involve them in setting priorities.

In 2012, the province held public meetings in 20 communities and conducted nearly 1,500 interviews with park users and non-users to examine their perceptions and preferences. This plan reflects the extensive input received through that process.

Specific properties in the plan are also based on comprehensive consultation with the public and Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq around land selection and use. This consultation was informed by the 2009 Colin Stewart Forest Forum report and the 12 per cent lands review process (2011), which included numerous stakeholder meetings and more than 700 written submissions. The final plan also reflects what we heard following release of the proposed plan early in 2013. This included more than 2,000 written submissions, and input from more than 1,300 people at 17 public open house sessions held across the province.

Nova Scotia's Legacy: Increasing Protection

1959	<i>Provincial Parks Act</i>
1960s	<i>Many beach parks created (e.g., Martinique, Rissers)</i>
1970s	<i>First larger provincial parks created (e.g., Blomidon)</i>
1980	<i>Special Places Protection Act (enables nature reserves)</i>
1988	<i>New provincial parks policy adopted</i>
1989	<i>Provincial Parks Act updated</i>
1992	<i>Conservation Easements Act (enables private land protection)</i>
1992	<i>Nova Scotia and others commit to comprehensive systems of parks and protected areas</i>
1994-1995	<i>Province consults on a proposed system plan for parks and protected areas</i>
1998	<i>Wilderness Areas Protection Act (31 areas designated)</i>
2007	<i>Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act contains goal of protecting 12 per cent of Nova Scotia's landmass by 2015</i>
2011	<i>Natural Resources Strategy: (sets goal for sustainable parks system)</i>
2012	<i>Provincial park province-wide consultation on park values</i>
2012	<i>12 per cent lands review: (public reviews lands under consideration)</i>
2013	<i>Proposed Parks and Protected Areas Plan outlines 224 properties</i>

New Parks and Protected Areas

"Miamuj maliaptemu'kw msit Mi'kma'kik, mita wetapeksi'kw aq weji mimajultikw. Klo'tmuanej ujit elmi'knikewak." Mi'kmaq

"We must take care of all of Mi'kma'kik because we grew out of it and survive from it. Let us keep it for those of the future." English

Our Parks and Protected Areas Plan enables Nova Scotia to exceed the 12 per cent target – a significant milestone.

This target has its origins internationally with the World Commission on Environment and Development, nationally with the World Wildlife Fund's Endangered Spaces Campaign, as well as with a 1992 commitment by federal and provincial ministers to complete Canada's network of protected areas.

With the legal protection of the properties in this Parks and Protected Areas Plan, 13 per cent of Nova Scotia will be protected by 2015.

Designations

Protected Area

A protected area is a clearly defined geographical space, recognized, dedicated and managed to achieve the long-term conservation of nature. (International Union for Conservation of Nature, 2008)

Provincial protected areas that count toward our legal protection goal fall under three different designations:

- **Wilderness areas** protect nature and support wilderness recreation, hunting, sport fishing, trapping, and other uses.
- **Nature reserves** offer the highest level of protection for unique or rare species or features; the reserves are mostly used for education and research.
- **Provincial parks and reserves** protect nature and support a wide range of heritage values and opportunities for outdoor recreation, nature-based education, and tourism.

Parks represent a special case; only those whose main intent is to protect nature count toward our legal protection goal; other parks protect cultural and recreational features.

Other lands that count as legally protected are those primarily dedicated to the protection of nature, including national parks and wildlife areas, lands owned by landtrust organizations, and conservation easement lands that are primarily dedicated to the protection of nature.

Lands to be protected by 2015

This plan identifies about 206,000 ha of land that will be added to the existing parks and protected areas system. These lands are expected to be legally protected by 2015 as wilderness areas, nature reserves, or provincial parks. While many of these lands will be new protected areas, some of these lands are being added to existing protected areas.

Lands with delayed protection

In addition to the lands expected to be protected by 2015, the plan identifies several areas for delayed designation, allowing time for additional planning, and restoration or transition from past use. It is expected that delayed designation lands will be legally protected by 2020. The protection of these lands will increase the total of lands protected by an additional 10,600 hectares, or 0.19 per cent of the province.

Lands for potential protection

Our Parks and Protected Areas plan also identifies lands that have special circumstances that would need to be addressed for the lands to proceed with legal protection. These potential protection lands may or may not be protected depending on the outcome of certain considerations; including: addressing mineral and petroleum rights, completing wood supply and economic development analysis, or acquiring the lands from private land owners. (Note: All private lands shown in the plan are included with the permission of the land owners). These lands comprise 37,800 ha, representing a potential addition of up to 0.68% to the protected areas system.

Interim Management

All provincially owned lands included in this plan will be managed under interim guidelines until they are legally protected, or in the case of lands for potential protection, until final decisions are made respecting their protection.

These interim guidelines will be consistently applied by the Department of Natural Resources and Nova Scotia Environment to ensure that the areas included in the plan are managed in a manner consistent with their intended protection.

Additional Planning

To address site-specific issues or opportunities, some areas included in the plan will require additional planning and consultation before they are legally protected. The areas where this applies are noted in the table at the back of this document. Future work will refine final protection considerations within the context of this broader plan, and in some cases will include additional public or stakeholder consultation.

Final Legal Protection

This plan shows government decisions for this new system of protected areas. Additional time is needed to complete the planning, legal, and survey work that will result in the final legal designation of the lands under protection legislation.

This work may result in minor adjustments to individual properties. As lands become legally designated under respective legislation, information will be updated on the Parks and Protected Areas website at <http://novascotia.ca/parksandprotectedareas/>.

Achieving the Goal

All properties that count toward Nova Scotia's 12 per cent protected land goal are detailed in the following table:

12 PERCENT LANDS		
Type of Land	Area (ha)	Portion of NS Land Base (%)
Administered by Government of Nova Scotia		
Wilderness Area	354,540	6.41%
Nature Reserve	5,000	0.09%
Provincial Park	6,380	0.12%
Other contributing properties		
National Park	137,740	2.49%
National Wildlife Area	2,400	0.04%
Land trust lands	7,260	0.13%
Protected by conservation easements	2,130	0.04%
Adjustment: nature reserves also in wilderness/land trust	-470	-0.01%
TOTAL (2012)	514,980	9.32%
Intended for designation by 2015	206,020	3.73%
TOTAL (existing and intended by 2015)	721,000	13.04%
Intended for designation after 2015	10,610	0.19%
Potential for designation if certain conditions are met	36,800	0.67%
Potential TOTAL	768,410	13.90%

Protected Area Selection

Developed through public input and extensive internal review, this plan represents a system of parks and protected area that will achieve a variety of goals, including the protection of biodiversity. This conservation-oriented approach relies on the six Rs' criteria:

- **Remote:** large areas in a mostly natural state with few human impacts
- **Representative:** examples of the full spectrum of Nova Scotia's natural landscapes
- **Rich:** productive and diverse – where plant, lichen and animal life flourish
- **Rare:** unique or rare landscapes, plants, or animals
- **Restoration:** areas that fill important land gaps but need time to restore from past use
- **Re-connection:** areas that provide important natural connections for plants and animals

Land selection also reflects social values — how people will use, connect, and enjoy these lands — and potential conflicts such as settlement, agriculture, roads, forestry, mining, and energy development. Some of the actions the province took to reduce conflict included:

- investing more than \$100 million to acquire private land for protection
- exchanging land with private land owners
- entering into agreements to maintain certain off-highway vehicle routes through wilderness areas
- saving highly valued public access roads and related access points

Parks Designation

Our Parks and Protected Areas plan implements a number of changes to provincial park properties. These changes include expanding, creating, and transferring a number of parks. Overall, these changes improve protection and better serve core park mandates – protection, recreation, education, and tourism by supporting access to coastal and freshwater resources, and a variety of natural and cultural heritage experiences.

Changes to the park properties were based on several criteria:

- their contribution to the core mandates of protection, recreation, education, and tourism
- the level of government or non-governmental organization that is best-suited to managing a particular property
- how the management of an existing property could be improved by boundary revisions
- how new park opportunities or experiences could be established

Nova Scotia's parks face continued demand for enhancement. However, staffing and maintaining parks costs roughly \$8 million a year. As well, different users want different things. For example, some place a high priority on protecting piping plovers, while others want more access to beaches where the plovers live.

Acknowledging that parks cannot be all things to all people, this plan identifies which properties are most important to maintain as parks, and which should be managed as part of the general Crown land program or more appropriately managed as wilderness areas or nature reserves. In all cases, the land remains in public ownership.

Core parks protect a range of provincially significant heritage values and provide opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation, nature-based education, and tourism (e.g., T.H. Raddall, Cape Chignecto, Mira River). Supporting parks are locally significant but may not offer the range or quality of values and opportunities as core parks (e.g., Blomidon Look-off, Gulf Shore, Dominion Beach).

Benefits

What We Are Achieving

Parks and protected areas play an important role in conserving and protecting biodiversity in our part of the world. This includes wildlife, along with natural features and processes. Our protected lands lessen the effects of climate change by capturing and storing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen. They maintain clean air and water, including drinking water.

Through research and education, our parks and protected areas help us understand how to work with nature's processes. Because resource extraction is not permitted, they allow us to compare natural areas with areas we use and develop intensively. They help us determine how we are doing.

Our Parks and Protected Areas plan helps to build healthy communities by:

- improving physical health through enjoyment of nature and outdoor recreation
- protecting drinking water
- enhancing mental health and well-being
- supporting science and learning
- invigorating human spirits
- giving hope for the future
- providing settings of breathtaking beauty
- enhancing our quality of life

Our Parks and Protected Areas plan contributes to our economy by:

- anchoring our nature tourism industry
- supporting the outdoor recreation industry
- helping us brand Nova Scotia as a clean, green place in which to live, work, and do business
- contributing to local and regional economies
- employing people, directly and indirectly, especially in rural areas

Our Parks and Protected Areas plan reflects our culture by:

- conserving our shared heritage
- encouraging cultural awareness
- conserving important Mi'kmaq sites
- inspiring our hearts and souls

Identifying and protecting the best and most suitable lands now will help to ensure that Nova Scotia's parks and protected areas become even more relevant in coming years. The benefits they provide will help Nova Scotia meet current needs and face evolving regional, national and global challenges.

Updating our Parks and Protected Areas is about leaving a legacy.

Mi'kmaq Interests

Our Parks and Protected Areas plan helps to protect lands that are important to the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia. These lands may be used for hunting, fishing, and other traditional activities and some have special cultural and spiritual significance. The province will continue working with the Mi'kmaq to explore options relating to the Mi'kmaq use of, and involvement in, the management of parks and protected areas in a manner consistent with legislative protection requirements, and in keeping with the Mi'kmaq concept of Netukulimk.

Netukulimk, as defined by the Mi'kmaq, is the use of the natural bounty provided by the Creator for the self-support and well-being of the individual and the community by achieving adequate standards of community nutrition and economic well-being without jeopardizing the integrity, diversity, or productivity of our environment.

Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act, 2012

In support of this effort, in 2011, the Mi'kmaq–Nova Scotia Protected Areas Selection and Management Technical Advisory Group was established. The group was formed to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the province and the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs respecting the scoping, selection, acquisition, designation, management, and use of certain provincial Crown lands established as parks and protected areas contributing to the 12 per cent goal.

Land Use

Special rules, defined in the legislation and regulations for provincial parks, wilderness areas, or nature reserves, help to protect nature in our parks and protected areas. These rules cover a broad range of uses and are summarized below.

Commercial Resource Use and Development

To protect nature in our provincial parks and protected areas, resource use and development is not permitted. Resource use includes, but is not limited to, commercial forest harvesting, road and utility corridor development, and hydro power or wind energy development.

New mineral or petroleum rights or other legal interests cannot be granted. Existing legal interests, such as mineral or petroleum rights, will be dealt with under applicable legislation (see details below).

Mi'kmaq Use

The Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia have treaty and aboriginal rights over lands and natural resources that may be affected by provincial decisions respecting protected area selection, acquisition, designation, and management.

The new parks and protected areas might affect Mi'kmaq access to lands used for hunting, fishing, gathering, and other activities. The Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs and the province have a shared interest in both conserving nature and ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources. The Mi'kmaq–Nova Scotia Protected Areas Selection and Management Technical Advisory Group will continue to address issues related to Mi'kmaq access and use of parks and protected areas.

Research and Education

Parks and protected areas can provide ideal benchmarks for long-term reference studies or for comparison with areas more affected by human activity. They also offer educational opportunities at all levels and ages.

Recreation

When done in a manner consistent with overall protection objectives, parks and protected areas can offer exceptional opportunities for low-impact recreation and nature-based tourism in a natural setting, connecting individuals and families with nature.

With their scenic beauty, wildlife, and natural settings, these areas – especially the wilderness areas and provincial parks – are suited to activities such as hiking, camping, canoeing, sea kayaking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, birding, and more. Nature appreciation, education, and research activities are permitted in most nature reserves and low-impact camping is permitted at designated sites in some nature reserves.

Hunting

Hunting and trapping, with the exception of bear-baiting, are permitted in wilderness areas, provided it is done in compliance with any applicable rules or regulations. Hunting and trapping are not permitted within nature reserves or provincial parks because of the sensitivity and intent of these areas.

Sport Fishing

Sport fishing is permitted in provincial parks and wilderness areas, but not in nature reserves. As well, vehicle access to many popular fishing lakes is maintained through the design of wilderness area boundaries. Many lakes and waterways that are near new nature reserves are not included within the legal boundary, and would still be available for fishing.

Vehicle Use

To minimize the impact on nature, vehicles are generally prohibited in parks and protected areas, with some exceptions:

- automobiles are permitted on park roads, but off-highway vehicles are not permitted
- in certain situations, some vehicle use can be authorized in wilderness areas under the *Wilderness Areas Protection Act*
- vehicles are not permitted in nature reserves

Connecting Routes: In new wilderness areas, if a vehicle-use route is an important link within a regional trail network, it may be designated for continued vehicle use through an agreement with a group or an organization. Nova Scotia Environment holds agreements governing specific routes with the All Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia (ATVANS) and the Snowmobilers Association of Nova Scotia (SANS).

During the past several years, Nova Scotia Environment has worked with ATVANS and SANS and other vehicle users to discuss and identify priority connecting routes within potential new wilderness areas or wilderness area additions. Some new wilderness areas in this plan include key routes that will be considered for trail-use agreements. Other, secondary routes in wilderness areas will be closed to recreational off-highway vehicle use.

Other Vehicle Use: Some roads or routes have been left outside the boundary of the new protected areas, and will continue to be managed as Crown land. These “excluded routes” are highlighted in the online map, and will be shown on final boundary maps for each area. In due course, signs will also be erected at main access points indicating routes that are open or closed to vehicle use.

In wilderness areas, licences allowing limited vehicle access can be issued for specific uses (such as research, or reaching private land or an existing campsite lease). Motorboats may also be used for fishing in most wilderness areas if the operators hold a valid fishing licence.

Legal Interests

Existing legal interests can be honoured, subject to conditions, in wilderness areas but generally cannot be exercised following designation of nature reserves or provincial parks.

These interests include mineral and petroleum rights, underground storage leases, power lines and pipelines, drinking water supply areas, and campsite leases.

In limited cases, the province may grant an easement within a provincial park.

Details on major existing legal interests are outlined on the following pages:

Mineral and Petroleum Rights

Some existing mineral and petroleum rights are overlapped by new provincial parks, wilderness areas, and nature reserves identified in this plan. Throughout the planning process, protected area boundaries were designed to minimize the overlap with such rights where possible.

The province will treat these overlapping rights in a variety of ways, depending on individual circumstances.

All lands with existing mineral exploration rights that overlap areas intended in the plan for nature reserve designation are identified for potential protection, subject to addressing overlapping rights. This approach is also taken with certain lands that overlap areas intended for wilderness area designation. These overlapping lands would be legally protected only if the mineral rights are no longer present.

Certain lands with existing petroleum or underground storage rights that overlap areas in the plan intended for nature reserve or wilderness area designation are also identified for potential protection, subject to addressing overlapping rights. These overlapping lands would only be legally protected if the petroleum or underground storage rights are no longer present.

For potential protected areas where the designation is dependent on addressing existing mineral or petroleum rights, government will work with individual rights holders to a) seek or negotiate voluntary consent of the rights holders to surrender the rights on the overlapping lands, or b) establish an approach that allows rights holders to continue to exercise their rights. The goal of this would be to determine the presence of an economically viable resource such that a protection decision could be made.

There are some areas in the plan (intended for wilderness area designation) that overlap mineral and petroleum rights for which the legal protection is not subject to existing rights. In these cases, rights holders may be authorized to carry out activities in a manner consistent with the Wilderness Areas Protection Act to exercise their interests, provided that the activities do not degrade the respective areas.

Campsite Leases

Existing campsite leaseholders in wilderness areas can continue to use their lease under the terms of their current agreement until new areas are legally designated. They would then have the opportunity to renew their lease as a wilderness area campsite licence.

A campsite lease vehicle licensing program is being developed for wilderness areas; in the interim, camp owners may continue to access their campsites by vehicle on existing and direct routes in a manner consistent with any other rules and regulations. Vehicle access to campsites in a wilderness area can be licensed to support structure maintenance or removal.

There are no campsite leases contained within nature reserves outlined in this plan. However, some campsite lease sites may share boundaries with new nature reserves, potentially affecting access.

Campsite lease holders who are concerned about the access or use of their lease in new wilderness areas or nature reserves should discuss their concerns with Nova Scotia Environment.

The Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources will work with leaseholders in parks to address issues.

The province is currently working on an updated campsite lease policy that will help to clarify the treatment of campsite leases.

Camps on lands that were recently acquired by the province, that are now intended for wilderness area protection, may be considered for a wilderness camp licence if the camp owners have permission from the previous landowners. Individuals with camps in such locations are encouraged to contact Nova Scotia Environment.

Private Land Inholdings

In some cases, new provincial parks, wilderness areas, or nature reserves can surround private land, creating inholdings. We will resolve access issues resulting from inholdings by working with private land-owners on a case-by-case basis. The province may also consider acquiring in-held lands from willing sellers as resources permit.

Almost all potential inholdings are within wilderness areas. If needed, access to wilderness area inholdings would be provided by licence under the *Wilderness Areas Protection Act* but may be subject to conditions.

Reasonable access may also be granted to provincial park inholdings through an easement.



A Clear Plan

How We Will Get There (Goals and Actions)

Our Parks and Protected Areas Plan brings together detailed planning, consultation, and coordination by both the Department of Natural Resources and Nova Scotia Environment.

This helps the province to administer Nova Scotia's parks and protected areas through a uniform approach. Its success will be demonstrated by the health and integrity of our various protected ecosystems, and the enjoyment of Nova Scotians and visitors who use them.

To help ensure that success, this plan includes specific goals and actions centred on the core legislative mandates of protection, outdoor recreation, education, and tourism. This plan does not list all activities to be undertaken by the Department of Natural Resources and Nova Scotia Environment; it identifies the highest-priority goals and actions.

Goal 1

Ensure protection of Nova Scotia's natural and cultural heritage.

Protecting nature is a primary purpose of our wilderness areas, nature reserves, and provincial parks. Some are primarily established to protect the ecosystems that support sensitive species or other important wildlife; others are especially suitable for public access and recreational use or to protect a range of historic, cultural, and archaeological sites.

Threats to these areas include inappropriate and unmanaged public use, invasive species, climate change, lack of regulatory controls, and efforts to balance recreational use with preservation and protection objectives.

Actions:

- Legally protect properties under the Provincial Parks Act, Wilderness Areas Protection Act and Special Places Protection Act (nature reserves) by 2015.
- Ensure maintenance of ecological integrity and, as feasible, implement ecological restoration measures to restore lands and biodiversity within parks and protected areas.
- Revise park policy and guidelines in 2013 to emphasize protection of heritage values.
- Review and update the Provincial Parks Act and associated regulations in 2013 to ensure protection of heritage values is a priority.

- Update legislation for nature reserves designated under the Special Places Protection Act to maintain high-level nature protection while clarifying the treatment of existing legal interests and certain low-impact recreational uses. This will include the consideration of hunting or other activities in circumstances where such activities are consistent with goals for the maintenance or restoration of ecological integrity for individual nature reserves.
- Strengthen compliance initiatives, including public awareness, education, and enforcement.

Goal 2

Provide strategic direction to guide planning, management, and operations.

It takes knowledge and understanding to balance the various economic, social and environmental values that are rooted in an integrated parks and protected areas system. Many individuals and organizations value these properties, and their reasons and interests may differ. Navigating these disparate interests requires strategic planning.

Actions:

- Complete management planning for all core provincial parks by 2025.
- Complete park management plans or management statements in advance of major new capital development projects.
- Develop a management planning framework for wilderness areas by 2015.
- Develop and implement a coordinated, science-based inventory, research, and monitoring program for provincial parks and protected areas.
- Apply science-based approaches to evaluate the effectiveness, and improve management of, parks and protected areas.
- Promote awareness for opportunities on Crown land that may complement provincial parks and protected areas program objectives through future planning processes.

Goal 3

Challenge Nova Scotians to work together to create a sustainable parks and protected areas system.

Nova Scotians love their provincial parks and protected areas. They also want these areas to protect important heritage values; provide opportunities for a range of high-quality, nature-based recreational and educational experiences; and offer the associated facilities and services that support public use.

The bottom line is that there are not enough people and funds to maintain or expand all the existing trails, campsites, and other park infrastructure. Fiscal constraint and often-competing demands for increased public use and protection threatens the sustainability of Nova Scotia's parks and protected areas. The public needs to engage in the decision-making process, and the province encourages partnerships.

Actions:

- Starting in 2014, establish a parks and protected areas forum to facilitate the sharing of science and management information with a broader constituency of researchers, land managers, partner agencies and organizations, and the interested public.
- Engage and consult with local communities and stakeholders in planning, management, and operation where possible.
- Encourage long-term, effective, and sustainable community and municipal partnerships.
- Develop community partnership funding options to support provincial parks by 2014.
- Engage other government departments and agencies with complementary responsibilities to support parks and protected areas planning, development, or program delivery.

Goal 4

Collaborate with the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia.

Action:

- Through the existing Mi'kmaq–Nova Scotia Protected Areas Selection and Management Technical Advisory Group, develop new approaches for Mi'kmaq involvement in the management of parks and protected areas.

Goal 5

Deepen appreciation of Nova Scotia's natural and cultural heritage.

Our provincial parks and protected areas contain a rich and diverse range of natural and cultural heritage values. Education and interpretation efforts within these areas must be expanded to inspire, educate, and engage visitors.

Actions:

- Develop a master plan for nature and cultural heritage interpretation in Nova Scotia's provincial parks by 2015.
- Increase interpretive programming, displays, and signage at points of interest in parks.
- Establish formal links with other organizations to improve outdoor education programming to youth.
- Complete cultural heritage inventories and interpretive plans for two park properties annually, starting in 2015.
- Working with partners, develop approaches to increase the understanding and appreciation of natural heritage in provincial wilderness areas and nature reserves.

Goal 6

Provide nature-based recreation while protecting natural and cultural heritage.

Our parks and protected areas provide excellent opportunities for nature-based recreational activities. They encourage an active lifestyle, promote appreciation of our natural environment, and support local economies through tourism. The benefits of providing opportunities for outdoor recreation need to be balanced with efforts to protect important heritage values.

Actions:

- Increase focus on the conservation and enjoyment of waterways in Nova Scotia by creating clear goals and priorities for provincial participation in the Canadian Heritage Rivers program, and establishing a provincial waterways program for recreation and conservation purposes.
- Invest in parks to support nature-based recreation.
- Work with public and private partners to explore new opportunities for rural economic development by improving investment and partnerships for parks and protected areas to encourage and support scientific research, nature-based recreation, and tourism.
- Consider compatible non-motorized trail development proposals in wilderness areas, through agreements with interested organizations.
- Establish long-distance hiking trails using provincial parks, wilderness areas, abandoned rail corridors, Crown lands, and where agreed, private lands to connect provincial parks and protected areas.
- Significantly reduce or eliminate the backlog of operations, maintenance, and development projects in the park system by 2025, subject to fiscal resources.

Goal 7

Market and promote parks and protected areas.

Many Nova Scotians use parks and protected areas, but not all areas see an equal number of visitors. This may reflect a limited awareness of opportunities and experiences, amenities, and services offered across the system.

Actions:

- By 2015, develop and share a comprehensive and integrated vision for Nova Scotia's parks and protected areas that identifies broad societal benefits, and highlights linkages and relationships with other government and partner-based initiatives.
- Engage with partners to increase public awareness of the social and environmental benefits of parks and protected areas.
- Use innovative marketing and promotion strategies to attract new users.
- Encourage and promote year-round use.
- Improve access to parks for those with disabilities and those using public transit and active transportation.
- Improve measurement of provincial park use, including numbers of day users.
- Conduct user surveys every five years to measure both attitudes toward parks and protected areas and expectations of visitors.
- Update the Provincial Parks Marketing Plan by 2015.

Goal 8

Encourage organizational excellence.

Parks and protected areas create memories for life. Helping to make sure they are positive memories involves both the immediacy of good customer service and long-term management practices that reflect the broader public good. That requires a wide variety of staff to plan, develop, operate, and manage parks. It also requires an efficient and accountable organizational structure.

Actions:

- Establish a program management committee with Natural Resources and Nova Scotia Environment staff in 2013 to provide ongoing coordination of the provincial parks and protected areas system.
- Review the efficiency and effectiveness of current provincial park delivery models in 2013, and transition to new models, if deemed beneficial, by 2015.
- Report annually on Nova Scotia's parks and protected areas program, beginning in 2014.
- Review the parks and protected areas program to identify efficiencies and options to effectively resource and manage the program to achieve the key goals of protection while delivering a range of public benefits.
- Report progress on protection in Nova Scotia in accordance with internationally recognized standards.
- Provide staff with professional and technical training to improve on-the-job effectiveness, and continue to ensure a dedicated, highly trained, and client-focused workforce.

Goal 9

Address gaps in the parks and protected areas system.

The new parks and protected areas lands will protect an impressive selection of Nova Scotia's wild spaces. But more actions are needed to help maintain biodiversity in Nova Scotia. This includes an increased focus on private land conservation.

Actions:

- Work with academic and conservation partners to identify gaps in the parks and protected areas system.
- Further develop and support land trusts and other partners to encourage leadership in, and continued enhancement of, private land conservation in the province, and secure and protect ecologically important private lands.
- Work with federal conservation agencies and other partners to explore opportunities for complementary conservation actions in areas of shared responsibility, including the integration of coastal elements.
- Develop innovative approaches to ensure that parks and protected areas function as a network that effectively contributes to biodiversity objectives.

Appendix A: Lands

The following is a complete list of new protected areas, as well as provincial park properties.

NR = Nature Reserve

WA = Wilderness Area

PP = Provincial Park

Site #	Name and Designation	Area (ha) and status*	County	Area (ha) for potential protection**	Comments / Special Considerations
1	Alder Grounds Wilderness Area	477 (expansion)	Guysborough		
2	Angevine Lake Nature Reserve	272 (new)	Cumberland		OHV route 262 excluded. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
3	Ashfield Nature Reserve	74 (new)	Inverness	4	Legal protection of 4 ha subject to addressing mineral rights.
4	Aylesford Mountain Nature Reserve	45 (new)	Kings		Roads along western and northern boundary not included.
5	Baddeck River Wilderness Area	2684 (new)	Victoria		Potential snowmobile trail agreement for route 710.
6	Baleine Nature Reserve	1269 (new)	CBRM		Camping on designated sites and berry picking for personal use to be permitted. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
7	Barneys River Nature Reserve	563 (new)	Pictou	12	Legal protection of 12 ha subject to addressing mineral rights.
8	Basque Islands Nature Reserve	6 (new)	Richmond		

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9	Bennery Lake Nature Reserve	243 (new)	HRM		Final boundaries and use agreement to be determined in consultation with Halifax Water.
10	Big Bog Wilderness Area	161 (expansion)	Guysborough	161	Legal protection subject to wood supply analysis.
11	Big Meadow Brook Nature Reserve	283 (new)	Colchester	283	Legal protection subject to clarification with Ducks Unlimited.
12	Birch Hill Nature Reserve	61 (new)	Colchester		
13	Black River Bog Nature Reserve	109 (new)	Inverness		Rail trail excluded.
15	Blandford Nature Reserve	20 (expansion)	Lunenburg		
16	Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area	465 (expansion)	HRM		Proposed Highway 113 corridor excluded. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
17	Boggy Lake Wilderness Area	946 (expansion)	Guysborough, HRM		Vehicle access to be provided to Bear Lake. Road to private land inholding on Long Lake excluded.
18	Bornish Hill Nature Reserve	1140 (expansion)	Inverness	1140	Legal protection subject to addressing mineral right. Snowmobile route excluded.
19	Bowers Meadows Wilderness Area	30 (expansion)	Shelburne		
20	Cains Mountain Wilderness Area	637 (new)	Victoria	87	Legal protection of 87 ha subject to addressing mineral rights.
21	Calvary River Nature Reserve	1179 (new)	Colchester		Pembroke Road and one other road excluded. Province will work with ATVANS to identify possible bypass ATV route. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.

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22	Cap La Ronde Nature Reserve	72 (new)	Richmond		Sea duck hunting permitted below the mean high water mark. Designated campsites to be considered. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
24	Cape Mabou Wilderness Area	1545 (new)	Inverness		North Highlands Cape Mabou Road and community pasture excluded from wilderness area.
25	Cape St. Marys Nature Reserve	342 (new)	Guysborough		Access will be provided to private land inholding.
26	Caribou Rivers Nature Reserve	33 (new)	Pictou		
27	Carters Beach Nature Reserve	95 (new)	Queens		Parking concerns, access to and stewardship of lighthouse, and site management issues to be considered through final boundary design and/or local stewardship agreements. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
28	Cedar Lake Nature Reserve	23 (new)	Yarmouth		Camping to be permitted at designated campsite. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
29	Chase Lake Wilderness Area	849 (new)	Cumberland	849	Road excluded from wilderness area. Legal protection subject to addressing petroleum rights.
30	Chedabucto Fault Nature Reserve	147 (new)	Guysborough		Rail trail excluded from nature reserve. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.

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31	Cherry Hill Beach Nature Reserve	50 (new)	Lunenburg		Parking lot excluded from nature reserve. Clam digging not affected. Sea duck hunting permitted below mean high water mark.
32	Cheticamp Island Nature Reserve	26 (new)	Inverness		
33	Chignecto Isthmus Wilderness Area	6878 (expansion)	Cumberland	4083	A portion is of interest for potential securement by province (4,083 ha). Chignecto Ship Railway excluded from wilderness area. Potential OHV agreement for route 104 and connector to New Brunswick. Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline to be licensed. Camp access at Long Lake to be reviewed through site-specific planning.
34	Chimney Corner Nature Reserve	731 (new)	Inverness		
35	Cloud Lake Wilderness Area	4894 (expansion)	Annapolis, Kings		Access roads to Cloud Lake and Frog Lake excluded from wilderness area.
36	Coffin Island Nature Reserve	50 (new)	Queens		
37	Cowan Brook Nature Reserve	59 (new)	HRM		
38	Cross Lake Nature Reserve	201 (new)	HRM	31	A portion is subject to lands being acquired by the Province (27 ha).
39	Crow Neck Nature Reserve	22 (new)	Shelburne		
40	Dalhousie Mountain Nature Reserve	46 (new)	Pictou		Road excluded from nature reserve.
41	Denis Lakes Wilderness Area	485 (new)	Guysborough		
42	Devils Jaw Wilderness Area	2900 (new)	Hants	223	Road to Lawrence Cove of Long Lake excluded from wilderness area. Portion (223 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights.

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43	Diligent River Nature Reserve	132 (new)	Cumberland	30	A portion is subject to lands being acquired by the Province (30 ha).
44	Dochertys Brook Nature Reserve	12 (new)	Cumberland		Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
45	Douglas Meadow Brook Wilderness Area	599 (new)	Colchester, Cumberland	599	Legal protection subject to addressing petroleum rights.
46	Drug Brook Nature Reserve	35 (new)	Pictou		
47	Dunraven Bog Nature Reserve	3199 (new)	Queens		
48	Eagles Nest Nature Reserve	153 (new)	Hants		
49	East River St. Marys Nature Reserve	5 (new)	Guysborough, Pictou		
50	Eastern Shore Islands Wilderness Area	1844 (new)	Guysborough, HRM	95	Camp structure issues to be dealt with on a case by case basis consistent with provincial policies. Legal protection of several islands (95 ha) pending confirmation of Crown ownership.
51	Economy Point Nature Reserve	181 (new)	Colchester	62	A portion is of interest for potential securement (62 ha).
52	Economy River Wilderness Area	5747 (expansion)	Colchester, Cumberland	1448	Legal protection of portion (1,148 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights. Potential OHV agreement for routes 3 and 5. Existing SANS agreement for route 104 to be extended.
53	Eigg Mountain - James River Wilderness Area	2450 (expansion)	Antigonish, Pictou	259	Connecting roads excluded. Existing SANS agreement for route 715A to be extended. Legal protection of a portion (259 ha) subject to wood supply analysis.

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54	Eighteen Mile Brook Nature Reserve	1046 (expansion)	Queens		Some excluded roads. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
55	Five Mile River Wilderness Area	2016 (new)	Hants	2016	Legal protection of this area will be delayed until 2020. Legal protection subject to addressing petroleum rights. Potential road exclusions and OHV trail agreements subject to future planning and consultation.
56	Flat Iron Nature Reserve	33 (new)	Cumberland		
57	Fossil Coast Nature Reserve	278 (new)	Cumberland		
58	Fourchu Coast Wilderness Area	4898 (new)	CBRM, Richmond	105	Legal protection of portion (7 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights. MacDonald Road and land north of road to Upper Marie Joseph Lake excluded from wilderness area. Road to Stewarts Pond and Pig Point Road excluded from wilderness area. Public access to Capelin Cove to be addressed though additional planning and consultation.
59	French River Wilderness Area	17094 (expansion)	Victoria	914	Legal protection of portion (686 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights. Legal protection of portion (228 ha) pending review of siting options for potential wind energy project. Highland road/OHV route 814 from Oregon excluded.
60	Gabarus Wilderness Area	125 (expansion)	CBRM		
61	Gegogan Harbour Nature Reserve	181 (new)	Guysborough	122	Camping to be allowed in designated areas. Access to private land will be provided.

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62	Giants Lake Wilderness Area	3644 (new)	Antigonish, Guysborough	548	Roads to fire tower & north of Three Cornered Lake excluded. Potential OHV agreement for connecting routes. Legal protection of a portion (548 ha) subject to wood supply analysis.
63	Glen Brook Nature Reserve	320 (new)	Victoria		Rear Big Hill Rd./ OHV route 715 and NSPI letter of authority area excluded from nature reserve. Powerlines excluded from nature reserve. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI. Glen Brook and fishing hole excluded.
64	Glendyer Nature Reserve	211 (new)	Inverness		
65	Gold Brook Nature Reserve	52 (new)	Victoria	4	Portion (4 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights.
66	Grassy Island Nature Reserve	1 (new)	Lunenburg		
67	Green Island Nature Reserve	11 (new)	Shelburne		
68	Gros Nez Nature Reserve	51 (new)	Richmond		Community use and non-motorized access to be addressed through additional planning. Designated campsites to be considered. Access to private land will be provided.
69	Gull Lake Wilderness Area	2973 (new)	CBRM		
70	Gully Lake Wilderness Area	245 (expansion)	Colchester, Pictou	225	A portion is subject to lands being acquired by the Province. Legal protection of Rogart Mountain portion (187 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights.

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71	Guysborough Headlands Wilderness Area	2489 (new)	Guysborough	1256	Lands immediately behind community of New Harbour (23 ha) excluded from wilderness area. Snowmobile route across Gull Lake not affected. Fishermans Harbour (Country Harbour Head) parcel (1,256 ha) subject to review of potential economic development opportunities.
72	Harmony Lake Nature Reserve	39 (new)	Queens	39	Legal protection subject to addressing mineral rights.
73	Harpers Lake Nature Reserve	401 (new)	Shelburne		Boundary adjustment due to road construction to be considered prior to designation. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
74	Hectanooga Cedar Swamp Nature Reserve	124 (new)	Digby		Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
75	Holden Lake Wilderness Area	1503 (new)	Lunenburg		Motorized access and final boundary to be reviewed through additional review and planning.
76	Humes River Wilderness Area	3596 (new)	Inverness, Victoria		Potential OHV agreement for route 700. Trail opportunities along MacPherson Brook to be explored.
77	Hurlburt Brook Nature Reserve	162 (new)	Guysborough	162	Legal protection subject to wood supply analysis.
78	Indian Man Lake Nature Reserve	407 (expansion)	Guysborough		Pipeline corridor excluded.
79	Indian River Wilderness Area	2112 (new)	Guysborough	1275	Access to camps not affected. Potential boundary expansion to Head Lakes and south along river (1,275 ha) subject to further review.

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80	Ingonish River Wilderness Area	10712 (new)	Victoria	849	Legal protection of portion (666 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights. Portion (183 ha) pending review of siting options for potential wind energy project. Potential snowmobile trail agreement for Gisborne trail to Ski Cape Smokey.
81	Irish Cove Nature Reserve	162 (new)	Richmond		
82	Isaacs Harbour River Wilderness Area	2167 (new)	Guysborough	1045	Legal protection of portion (585 ha) subject to wood supply analysis. Legal protection of portion (446 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights.
83	Janvrin Island Nature Reserve	121 (new)	Richmond		Designated campsites to be considered. Sea duck hunting permitted below mean high water mark.
84	Johnson Lake Nature Reserve	162 (new)	CBRM		Rail trail and power line corridor (sufficient width to accommodate Maritime Link project) excluded from nature reserve. OHV trail parallel to Johnson Lake excluded from nature reserve. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
85	Jordan Lake Nature Reserve	141 (new)	Queens	19	Legal protection of portion (19 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
86	Kelley River Wilderness Area	132 (expansion)	Cumberland		Potential OHV agreement for route 31B.
87	Kennetcook River Nature Reserve	124 (new)	Hants		
88	Kluscap Wilderness Area	2719 (new)	Victoria		Boundary adjustment next to quarry at New Campbellton to be considered.

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89	Lake Egmont Nature Reserve	89 (new)	HRM		
90	Lake Rossignol Wilderness Area	23 (expansion)	Queens		
91	Lambs Lake Nature Reserve	158 (new)	Annapolis		
92	Lighthouse Beach Nature Reserve	8 (new)	Pictou		
93	Liscomb River Wilderness Area	3743 (expansion)	Guysborough	248	Some roads excluded from wilderness area. Legal protection of portion subject to addressing mineral rights (102 ha plus potential claim renewals up to 890 ha). Legal protection of another portion (146 ha) subject to wood supply analysis.
94	Little Beaver Lakes Nature Reserve	357 (new)	Inverness	1	
95	Little Soldier Lake Nature Reserve	88 (new)	HRM		Final boundary and designation type pending further discussions with Halifax Water.
96	Long Lake Bog Nature Reserve	714 (new)	Queens	142	Legal protection of portion (142 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights.
97	Long Lake Nature Reserve	386 (expansion)	Lunenburg		
98	Loon Lake Nature Reserve	384 (new)	Guysborough	5	
99	Lower Mersey Nature Reserve	822 (new)	Queens		Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
100	MacAulays Hill Nature Reserve	105 (new)	Victoria		
101	MacKay Brook Nature Reserve	20 (new)	Pictou		Previously named MacBeth Road.
102	MacDonalds Pond Nature Reserve	36 (new)	Inverness		

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103	MacLeod Brook Nature Reserve	122 (new)	Inverness		Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
104	MacRae Brook Nature Reserve	383 (new)	Victoria		Final boundaries and OHV trail consideration subject to potential land exchange.
105	MacRitchies Brook Nature Reserve	51 (new)	Inverness		Power line corridor excluded from nature reserve.
106	Margaree Brook Nature Reserve	269 (new)	Inverness		Forest access road excluded from nature reserve.
107	Margaree River Wilderness Area	2142 (expansion)	Inverness		Potential OHV trail agreement or exclusion for route 905.
108	Masons Mountain Nature Reserve	825 (new)	Inverness		
109	Framboise Intervale Nature Reserve	256 (new)	Richmond	256	Previously named McCormack Lake. Legal protection subject to addressing mineral rights.
111	McGowan Lake Nature Reserve	1155 (new)	Annapolis, Queens	736	Powerline, rifle range, and some roads excluded from nature reserve. Legal protection of portion (736 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights. Includes former Kempt Provincial Park Reserve. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
112	Medway Lakes Wilderness Area	19382 (new)	Annapolis		Road to Lake Alma excluded from wilderness area. Designation type (i.e., Provincial Park or Wilderness Area) of parcels along Route 8 to be determined through additional planning.

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114	Middle River Wilderness Area	3221 (expansion)	Inverness, Victoria	1666	Highland Road excluded from wilderness area. Potential snowmobile trail agreement for route 105 at Twelve O'Clock Mountain. Legal protection of portion (1666 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights.
115	Minard Brook Nature Reserve	83 (new)	Queens	63	Legal protection of portion (63 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
117	Montrose Nature Reserve	25 (new)	Colchester		
118	Mulcuish Lake Nature Reserve	53 (new)	CBRM		
119	Mulgrave Hills Nature Reserve	667 (new)	Guysborough	425	Legal protection of portion (425 ha) subject to wood supply analysis.
121	Nine Mile Woods Wilderness Area	1031 (new)	Guysborough	182	Rail trail and pipeline corridor excluded. Legal protection of portion (182 ha) subject to wood supply analysis.
122	North Mountain Wilderness Area	1304 (new)	Inverness	228	Legal protection of portion (228 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights.
123	North River Wilderness Area	963 (expansion)	Victoria		Highland road/OHV route 814 from Oregon excluded.
124	Snowshoe Lakes Nature Reserve	414 (new)	Annapolis		Previously named Northfield Road.
125	Northwest Brook Nature Reserve	386 (new)	Shelburne	104	Excluded road. Legal protection of portion (104 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights.
126	Ogden Round Lake Wilderness Area	134 (expansion)	Guysborough		
127	Ohio River Nature Reserve	24 (new)	Antigonish		
128	Old Annapolis Road Nature Reserve	448 (new)	HRM, Hants		

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129	Otter Island Nature Reserve	9 (new)	Victoria		
130	Panuke Lake Nature Reserve	478 (expansion)	Hants	0	Power line corridor and several camps on Panuke Lake excluded from nature reserve. Includes two islands in St. Margarets Bay Lake previously proposed as provincial park.
131	Pearl Island Nature Reserve	12 (new)	Lunenburg		
132	Petite Bog Nature Reserve	769 (new)	Hants		
133	Pleasant River Nature Reserve	1132 (new)	Lunenburg, Queens	334	Road to Pleasant River Lake excluded from nature reserve. Legal protection of portion (334 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights. Access to be provided to private inholdings.
134	Pockwock Wilderness Area	1178 (new)	HRM, Hants		Final boundaries and use agreement to be determined in consultation with Halifax Water.
135	Point Michaud Nature Reserve	343 (new)	Richmond		Designated campsites to be considered. Sea duck hunting permitted below mean high water mark.
136	Polletts Cove - Aspy Fault Wilderness Area	95 (expansion)	Victoria		Gear storage area on Sheep Island excluded from wilderness area.
137	Polly Brook Wilderness Area	764 (new)	Cumberland		Potential OHV agreement on powerline corridor.
138	Ponhook Lake Nature Reserve	160 (expansion)	Lunenburg, Queens		
139	Porcupine Lake Wilderness Area	951 (new)	Digby		Some roads excluded from wilderness area.
140	Porcupine Lakes Nature Reserve	238 (new)	Annapolis		

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141	Port La Tour Bogs	1400 (new)	Queens, Shelburne	1400	Legal protection subject to clarification from Ducks Unlimited. Designation type subject to consultation with Mi'kmaq and Ducks Unlimited. Portion (377 ha) subject to confirming Crown ownership.
142	Port L'Hebert Nature Reserve	687 (new)	Shelburne		Access to Haley Lake not affected.
143	Portapique River Wilderness Area	1096 (expansion)	Colchester, Cumberland	121	Legal protection of portion (121 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights.
144	Quinns Meadow Nature Reserve	45 (expansion)	Shelburne		
145	Ragged Harbour Nature Reserve	37 (new)	Queens		Camping to be allowed at designated sites.
146	Raven Head Wilderness Area	401 (expansion)	Cumberland		Road to wharf at Two Rivers excluded from wilderness area.
147	Rawdon River Nature Reserve	132 (new)	HRM	13	River excluded to allow fishing. Legal protection of portion (13 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
148	River Denys Nature Reserve	136 (new)	Inverness	18	Legal protection of portion (18 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
149	River Inhabitants Nature Reserve	718 (expansion)	Inverness	517	Legal protection of a portion (213 ha) subject to expiry of gypsum and gas storage rights. Legal protection of a portion (112 ha) subject to wood supply analysis. Power line corridor excluded. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.

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150	River John Nature Reserve	44 (new)	Pictou	44	Legal protection subject to lands being acquired by the Province.
151	Rogues Roost Wilderness Area	1193 (new)	HRM	63	Legal protection of portion (63 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
152	Roseway River Wilderness Area	1680 (new)	Shelburne		Road to private land on McKay Lake excluded.
153	Ruiss Noir Wilderness Area	1612 (new)	Inverness		
154	Rush Lake Nature Reserve	297 (new)	Guysborough		
155	Sackville River Nature Reserve	631 (new)	HRM		Girl Guide camp lease at Lewis Lake excluded from nature reserve. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
156	Scrag Lake Wilderness Area	1838 (new)	Annapolis, Lunenburg		Access to Scrag Lake provided.
157	Seal Cove Nature Reserve	81 (new)	Inverness		
158	Seven Falls Nature Reserve	693 (new)	Inverness, Victoria		
159	Shelburne River Wilderness Area	1144 (expansion)	Queens		
160	Sherlock Lake Nature Reserve	146 (new)	HRM	146	Legal protection of portion (120 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights.
161	Shingle Lake Nature Reserve	1722 (new)	Lunenburg	305	Medlee Lane (access to Shingle Lake) excluded from nature reserve.

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162	Ship Harbour Long Lake Wilderness Area	1311 (expansion)	HRM	389	Portion is subject to lands being acquired by the Province (519 ha). Roads excluded from the wilderness area include Murchyville Rd at Otter Lake, access to Lake Charlotte, access to Portapique Lake and near Hartman Lake. Rail trail excluded. Includes former Lake Charlotte North Provincial Park Reserve.
163	Shut-in Island Nature Reserve	7 (new)	HRM		
164	Silver River Wilderness Area	6187 (new)	Digby, Yarmouth	978	Selected roads and access points for hunting, fishing, and boating excluded from wilderness area. Designation of a portion (978 ha) pending further discussion with Nature Conservancy of Canada. Note: 1,415 ha near Kemptville previously proposed for protection to be managed as Crown land.
165	Sissiboo River Wilderness Area	1205 (new)	Digby		Weymouth Falls Road excluded. Potential OHV trail agreement.
166	Skull Bog Lake Nature Reserve	524 (new)	Annapolis		
167	Slade Lake Nature Reserve	24 (new)	Cumberland		
168	Sloans Lake Nature Reserve	141 (new)	Yarmouth		Boat launch not affected.
169	Smith Lake Nature Reserve	620 (new)	Lunenburg		
170	South Branch Meadows Nature Reserve	302 (new)	Colchester	302	Legal protection subject to addressing mineral rights.

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171	South Panuke Wilderness Area	6847 (new)	HRM, Hants, Lunenburg		Timber Lake and Connaught Lake not included in wilderness area. Road access to Timber Lake and adjacent camp excluded from wilderness area. Access to boat launch at Panuke Lake excluded from wilderness area.
172	South River Nature Reserve	15 (new)	Antigonish		
173	Southwest Mabou River Nature Reserve	93 (new)	Inverness		
174	St. Andrews River Wilderness Area	4196 (new)	Colchester	4196	Legal protection of this area will be delayed until 2020. Portion is subject to lands being acquired by the Province (1372 ha). Legal protection of a portion (1590 ha) subject to addressing petroleum rights. Road exclusions and potential OHV trail agreements subject to future planning and consultation. Disjunct downstream portion (720 ha) renamed West St. Andrews.
175	St. Margarets Bay Islands Nature Reserve	55 (new)	HRM, Lunenburg		Camping to be considered at designated sites.
176	St. Marys River Corridor Lands	3096 (new)	Guysborough, Pictou	496	Final designation type and mix subject to additional planning. Portion is subject to lands being acquired by the Province (561 ha). Four roads off Waternish Road excluded as well as road to Lead Mine Pool/private property. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.

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177	Staples Brook Nature Reserve	1066 (new)	Colchester	358	Legal protection of portion (358 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights and a review of restrictive covenants.
178	Steepbank Brook Nature Reserve	203 (new)	Cumberland		Power line corridor excluded. Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
179	Stewiacke River Wilderness Area	505 (new)	Colchester	505	Legal protection of this area will be delayed until 2020. Legal protection subject to addressing petroleum rights. Hemlock Loop Road excluded from wilderness area.
180	Sugar Harbour Islands Nature Reserve	36 (new)	Guysborough		
181	Sutherlands Lake Nature Reserve	215 (new)	Guysborough	54	Legal protection of portion (54 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights.
182	Tobacco Island Nature Reserve	9 (new)	Guysborough		
183	Tait Lake Nature Reserve	216 (new)	HRM		
184	Tangier Grand Lake Wilderness Area	304 (expansion)	HRM	135	Portion is subject to lands being acquired by the Province (135 ha).
185	Ten Mile Lake Nature Reserve	675 (new)	Queens		Ten Mile Lake, Little Ten Mile Lake, and water connection between them excluded from nature reserve.
186	Tennycap River Nature Reserve	343 (new)	Hants		
187	Terence Bay Wilderness Area	84 (expansion)	HRM		
188	Tiddville Nature Reserve	30 (new)	Digby		

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189	Tidney River Wilderness Area	2368 (expansion)	Queens, Shelburne	113	Legal protection of portion (113 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights. Road north of Broad River Lake excluded from wilderness area. Includes former proposed Misery Brook Nature Reserve.
190	Toadfish Lakes Wilderness Area	6588 (new)	HRM	295	Legal protection of portion (194 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights. A portion (101 ha) is subject to lands being acquired by the Province. Road exclusions provide access to Shoaly Lake, Dog Lake, Quoddy Lake, Chain Lake, Long Lake, and Toadfish Lake. Round Lake, Kelly Lake, and lands between them are not slated for protection.
191	Tobeatic Wilderness Area	16803 (expansion)	Annapolis, Digby, Queens, Shelburne, Yarmouth	1228	Protection of a portion (365 ha) is of interest for potential securement. Protection of a portion (858 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights. Silvery Lake and Crain Lake roads & main road north of Ninth Lake excluded from wilderness area.
192	Torbrook Nature Reserve	152 (new)	Annapolis		Road to quarry excluded from nature reserve. OHV trail along eastern boundary not affected.
193	Tracadie River Wilderness Area	2543 (new)	Guysborough	1629	North Intervale Road excluded from wilderness area. Potential OHV trail agreements. Protection of a portion (1,629 ha) subject to wood supply analysis.
194	Trout Brook Wilderness Area	184 (expansion)	Inverness		
195	Tupper Lake Nature Reserve	159 (new)	Queens		

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196	Tusket Islands Wilderness Area	704 (new)	Yarmouth	564	Power line corridor easement. Portion (~564 ha) subject to clarification from Ducks Unlimited.
197	Tusket River Nature Reserve	63 (new)	Yarmouth		Electrical infrastructure requirements to be addressed in consultation with NSPI.
198	Tusket River Wilderness Area	1651 (new)	Yarmouth		Several roads excluded: Access to Louis Lake & to Tusket River near Bad Falls, Coldstream Rd, road between Louis and Canoe lakes. Louis Lake excluded from wilderness area.
199	Tusket Saltmarshes Nature Reserve	15 (new)	Yarmouth	15	Legal protection subject to addressing mineral rights.
200	Twelve Mile Stream Wilderness Area	1976 (new)	HRM		Major forest access roads excluded from wilderness area. Includes former proposed Mulgrave Lake Nature Reserve with alterations.
201	Upper Stewiacke Wilderness Area	8613 (new)	Colchester, Pictou	8613	Legal protection for this area will be delayed until 2020. Road exclusions and potential OHV trail agreements subject to future planning and consultation. Protection of a portion (683 ha) subject to wood supply analysis.
202	Walton River Wilderness Area	2242 (new)	Hants	2242	Legal protection subject to addressing petroleum rights.
203	Washabuck River Nature Reserve	2 (expansion)	Victoria		
204	Waverley - Salmon River Long Lake Wilderness Area	3228 (expansion)	HRM		Camp and OHV access to be reviewed though site specific planning and consultation. Final boundaries for parcels in Lake Major watershed to be determined in consultation with Halifax Water.

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205	Little Wentworth Lake Nature Reserve	52 (new)	Digby		
206	Wentworth Lake Nature Reserve	1005 (new)	Shelburne		Some roads excluded. Mahoney Creek excluded.
207	Wentworth Valley Wilderness Area	1899 (new)	Colchester, Cumberland	1196	Legal protection of portion (1,196 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights. Potential snowmobile trail agreement.
208	White Lake Wilderness Area	568 (expansion)	HRM		
209	West St. Andrews	720 (new)	Colchester		Previously part of proposed St. Andrews River Wilderness Area. Designation type subject to additional planning and consultation.
210	Carleton River Wilderness Area	871 (new)	Yarmouth		Previously part of proposed Silver River Wilderness Area.
211	Sixth & Coades Lake Nature Reserve	221 (expansion)	Queens	94	Legal protection of a portion (94 ha) subject to addressing mineral rights.
500	Ainslie Point Provincial Park	37.96 (existing)	Inverness		To be managed as a supporting park
501	Amherst Shore Provincial Park	255.2 (existing)	Cumberland		To be managed as a supporting park
502	Andrews Island Provincial Park	237.98 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
503	Annapolis Basin Lookoff Provincial Park	1.64 (existing)	Digby		To be managed as a supporting park
504	Anthony Provincial Park	7.74 (existing)	Hants		To be managed as a supporting park
505	Arisaig Provincial Park	28.19 (existing)	Antigonish		To be managed as a core park
507	Baker Inlet Provincial Park	9.58 (existing)	Shelburne		To be managed as a supporting park
508	Balmoral Mills Provincial Park	8.29 (existing)	Colchester		To be managed as a supporting park
509	Barra Forest Provincial Park	267.08 (existing)	Victoria		To be managed as a supporting park
510	Barrachois Provincial Park	118.27 (existing)	CBRM		To be managed as a supporting park

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513	Battery Provincial Park	62.41 (existing)	Richmond		To be managed as a core park
515	Bayfield Beach Provincial Park	3.48 (existing)	Antigonish		To be managed as a supporting park
516	Bayswater Beach Provincial Park	4.07 (existing)	Lunenburg		To be managed as a supporting park
517	Beaver Mountain Provincial Park	136.31 (existing)	Antigonish		To be managed as a supporting park
518	Belfry Beach Provincial Park	27.11 (existing)	CBRM		To be managed as a supporting park
519	Bell Provincial Park	22.08 (existing)	Hants		To be managed as a supporting park
520	Ben Eoin Provincial Park	90.16 (existing)	CBRM		To be managed as a supporting park
523	Big Pond Beach Provincial Park	27.34 (existing)	CBRM		To be managed as a supporting park
525	Black Duck Cove Provincial Park	137.14 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
527	Blanche Provincial Park	25.5 (existing)	Shelburne		To be managed as a supporting park
528	Blind Bay Provincial Park	338.1 (expansion and existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
529	Blomidon Lookoff Provincial Park	0.13 (existing)	Kings		To be managed as a supporting park
530	Blomidon Provincial Park	1414.3 (expansion and existing)	Kings		To be managed as a core park
531	Blue Sea Beach Provincial Park	202.02 (existing)	Cumberland		To be managed as a supporting park
534	Boylston Provincial Park	89.69 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
535	Bras d'Or Provincial Park	0.67 (existing)	Victoria		To be managed as a supporting park
539	Brule Shore Provincial Park	9.47 (existing)	Colchester		To be managed as a supporting park
540	Bulls Head Provincial Park	3.09 (existing)	Shelburne		To be managed as a supporting park
541	Burnt Island Provincial Park	3.39 (existing)	Richmond		To be managed as a supporting park
543	Cabots Landing Provincial Park	8.63 (existing)	Victoria		To be managed as a supporting park
544	Caddell Rapids Lookoff Provincial Park	0.34 (existing)	Colchester		To be managed as a supporting park

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545	Camerons Brook Provincial Park	1.47 (existing)	Queens		To be managed as a supporting park
547	Cape Chignecto Provincial Park	5951 (expansion and existing)	Cumberland		To be managed as a core park
548	Cape George Provincial Park	55 (existing)	Antigonish		To be managed as a supporting park
549	Cape Jack Beach Provincial Park	1.13 (existing)	Antigonish		To be managed as a supporting park
550	Cape John Beach Provincial Park	3.07 (existing)	Pictou		To be managed as a supporting park
551	Cape Negro Provincial Park	9.82 (existing)	Shelburne		To be managed as a supporting park
552	Cape Smokey Provincial Park	717.96 (expansion and existing)	Victoria		To be managed as a supporting park
553	Cape Split Provincial Park	446.95 (existing)	Kings		To be managed as a core park
554	Card Lake Provincial Park	104.29 (existing)	Lunenburg		To be managed as a supporting park
555	Caribou-Munroe Island Provincial Park	137.41 (existing)	Pictou		To be managed as a core park
558	Central Grove Provincial Park	12.62 (existing)	Digby		To be managed as a supporting park
559	Chebogue Meadows Provincial Park	0.23 (existing)	Yarmouth		To be managed as a supporting park
561	Cheverie Provincial Park	5.48 (existing)	Hants		To be managed as a supporting park
563	Clairmont Provincial Park	23.4 (existing)	Kings		To be managed as a supporting park
564	Clam Harbour Beach Provincial Park	183.22 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a core park
565	Cleveland Beach Provincial Park	4.43 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
566	Cockscomb Lake Provincial Park	30.96 (existing)	Hants		To be managed as a supporting park
567	Coldbrook Provincial Park	2.86 (existing)	Kings		To be managed as a supporting park
568	Cole Harbour - Lawrencetown Provincial Park	746.92 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a core park. Includes individual properties of Cole Harbour, Conrads Beach, Rainbow Haven Beach and Lawrencetown Beach.

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569	Cooneycoff Lake Provincial Park	257.87 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a provincial park pending further review. Property abuts existing wilderness area.
570	Cookville Provincial Park	1.41 (existing)	Lunenburg		To be managed as a supporting park
571	Cottage Cove Provincial Park	0.5 (existing)	Annapolis		To be managed as a supporting park
574	Crystal Crescent Beach Provincial Park	538.89 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a core park
575	Dalem Lake Provincial Park	47.72 (existing)	Victoria		To be managed as a supporting park
578	Dollar Lake Provincial Park	1167.91 (expansion and existing)	HRM		To be managed as a core park
579	Dominion Beach Provincial Park	27.96 (existing)	CBRM		To be managed as a supporting park
582	Dundee Provincial Park	0.2 (existing)	Richmond		To be managed as a supporting park
583	Dunns Beach Provincial Park	21.17 (existing)	Antigonish		To be managed as a core park
584	East River Provincial Park	0.51 (existing)	Lunenburg		To be managed as a supporting park
586	Ecum Secum Provincial Park	4.61 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
587	Elderbank Provincial Park	0.81 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
588	Ellenwood Provincial Park	114.46 (existing)	Yarmouth		To be managed as a supporting park
590	Falls Lake Provincial Park	5.7 (existing)	Hants		To be managed as a supporting park
591	False Bay Provincial Park	81.5 (expansion and existing)	Richmond		To be managed as a supporting park
592	Fancy Lake Provincial Park	0.27 (existing)	Lunenburg		To be managed as a supporting park
596	Fisher Lake Provincial Park	120.7 (expansion and existing)	Annapolis		To be managed as a supporting park. Designation type and locations of park lands to be determined through additional planning for Medway Lakes Wilderness Area.

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597	Five Islands Provincial Park	509.88 (existing)	Colchester		To be managed as a core park
598	Fox Harbour Provincial Park	59.77 (existing)	Cumberland		To be managed as a supporting park
599	Fox Point Provincial Park	6.61 (existing)	Lunenburg		To be managed as a supporting park
601	Fundy Provincial Park	41.04 (existing)	Annapolis		To be managed as a supporting park
603	Gaspereaux River Provincial Park	47.82 (existing)	CBRM		To be managed as a supporting park
605	Glenwood Provincial Park	38.76 (existing)	Yarmouth		To be managed as a supporting park
606	Graves Island Provincial Park	50.23 (existing)	Lunenburg		To be managed as a core park
607	Green Hill Provincial Park	9.64 (existing)	Pictou		To be managed as a supporting park
608	Groves Point Provincial Park	4.64 (existing)	CBRM		To be managed as a supporting park
609	Gulf Shore Provincial Park	9.78 (existing)	Cumberland		To be managed as a supporting park
612	Harris Provincial Park	30.18 (existing)	Pictou		To be managed as a supporting park
613	Hay Cove Provincial Park	120.78 (expansion and existing)	Richmond		To be managed as a supporting park. Portion of property to be transferred to Crown lands.
614	Heather Beach Provincial Park	6.74 (existing)	Cumberland		To be managed as a supporting park
616	Herring Cove Provincial Park	20.07 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
617	Hirtles Beach Provincial Park	3.96 (existing)	Lunenburg		To be managed as a supporting park
618	Horne Settlement Provincial Park	1.64 (existing)	Hants		To be managed as a supporting park
619	Hubbards Provincial Park	0.55 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
620	Indian Fields Provincial Park	1498.59 (existing)	Shelburne/ Yarmouth		To be managed as a core park
622	Irish Cove Provincial Park	1.08 (existing)	Richmond		To be managed as a supporting park
624	Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park	141.16 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
626	Judds Pools Provincial Park	77.37 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park

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630	Kingsburg Beach Provincial Park	1.09 (existing)	Lunenburg		To be managed as a supporting park
632	Lake Charlotte Provincial Park	917.71 (expansion and existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park.
634	Lake George Provincial Park	4.16 (existing)	Kings		To be managed as a supporting park
635	Lake Midway Provincial Park	1.72 (existing)	Digby		To be managed as a supporting park
636	Lake-O-Law Provincial Park	2.15 (existing)	Inverness		To be managed as a supporting park
637	Laurie Provincial Park	27.62 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
638	Lennox Passage Provincial Park	37.11 (existing)	Richmond		To be managed as a supporting park
640	Linwood Provincial Park	5.53 (existing)	Antigonish		To be managed as a supporting park. Portion of property transferred to Crown land.
641	Liscomb Point Provincial Park	511.28 (expansion and existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
644	Lochiel Lake Provincial Park	4.1 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
645	Londonderry Provincial Park	0.11 (existing)	Colchester		To be managed as a supporting park
646	Long Lake Provincial Park	1722.01 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a core park
649	Louis Head Provincial Park	6.81 (existing)	Shelburne		To be managed as a supporting park
650	Louisdale Provincial Park	0.24 (existing)	Richmond		To be managed as a supporting park
651	Lower East Chezzetcook Provincial Park	185.29 (expansion and existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
652	Lumsden Pond Provincial Park	7.18 (existing)	Kings		To be managed as a supporting park
653	Mabou Provincial Park	2.23 (existing)	Inverness		To be managed as a supporting park
654	MacCormack Provincial Park	4.43 (existing)	Victoria		To be managed as a supporting park
655	MacCormacks Beach Provincial Park	6.34 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park

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656	MacElmons Pond Provincial Park	7.24 (existing)	Colchester		To be managed as a supporting park
657	MacKenzie Beach Provincial Park	42.07 (existing)	Pictou		To be managed as a supporting park
658	MacNeils Vale Provincial Park	182.63 (existing)	Victoria		To be managed as a supporting park
659	Mahoney Beach Provincial Park	22.53 (existing)	Antigonish		To be managed as a supporting park
660	Main-A-Dieu Provincial Park	2.57 (existing)	CBRM		To be managed as a supporting park
662	Marble Mountain Provincial Park	4.51 (existing)	Inverness		To be managed as a supporting park. Portion of property transferred to Crown land.
663	Marie Joseph Provincial Park	0.68 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
664	Martinique Beach Provincial Park	47.02 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a core park
665	Mavilette Beach Provincial Park	43.06 (existing)	Digby		To be managed as a supporting park
666	McNabs & Lawlor Island Provincial Park	484.67 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a core park
668	Medway River Provincial Park	7.55 (existing)	Queens		To be managed as a supporting park
670	Melmerby Beach Provincial Park	113 (existing)	Pictou		To be managed as a core park
671	Merigomish Harbour Provincial Park	20.29 (existing)	Pictou		To be managed as a supporting park
672	Mersey River Provincial Park	393.87 (existing)	Queens		To be managed as a supporting park
673	Mickey Hill Provincial Park	72.93 (existing)	Annapolis		To be managed as a supporting park
676	Mira River Provincial Park	87.49 (existing)	CBRM		To be managed as a core park
677	Monks Head Provincial Park	127.95 (existing)	Antigonish		To be managed as a core park
678	Moose River Gold Mines Provincial Park	4.38 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park. Park may be relocated due to mineral claim.
679	Moshers Beach Provincial Park	0.09 (existing)	Lunenburg		To be managed as a supporting park

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680	Mount William Provincial Park	28 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
681	Musquodoboit Valley Provincial Park	66.99 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
683	New France Provincial Park	85.71 (new)	Digby		To be managed as a supporting park
684	New Harbour Provincial Park	29.16 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
687	North Ainslie Provincial Park	81.99 (existing)	Inverness		To be managed as a supporting park
689	North Mountain Provincial Park	63.81 (existing)	Annapolis		To be managed as a supporting park
690	Northport Beach Provincial Park	11.1 (existing)	Cumberland		To be managed as a supporting park
691	Oakfield Provincial Park	55.62 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
692	Ogden Lake Provincial Park	2.46 (existing)	Yarmouth		To be managed as a supporting park
693	Orangedale Provincial Park	49.88 (existing)	Inverness		To be managed as a supporting park
694	Owls Head Provincial Park	267.62 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
695	Paces Lake Provincial Park	399.36 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
696	Pearts Cove Provincial Park	52.44 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
697	Pembroke Beach Provincial Park	1.34 (existing)	Yarmouth		To be managed as a supporting park
698	Petersfield Provincial Park	22.81 (existing)	CBRM		To be managed as a core park
699	Petit-de-Gras Provincial Park	464.2 (new)	Richmond		To be managed as a supporting park
700	Pinehurst Provincial Park	33.33 (existing)	Lunenburg		To be managed as a supporting park
701	Plaster Provincial Park	17.13 (existing)	Victoria		To be managed as a supporting park
702	Point Michaud Beach Provincial Park	60.6 (existing)	Richmond		To be managed as a supporting park

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703	Pomquet Beach Provincial Park	164.14 (existing)	Antigonish		To be managed as a core park. Past commitments to permit hunting to be considered during legislative review and/or before final determination of boundaries.
704	Pondville Beach Provincial Park	3.35 (existing)	Richmond		To be managed as a supporting park
705	Port Bickerton Provincial Park	336.78 (new)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
706	Port Hood Station Provincial Park	16.38 (existing)	Inverness		To be managed as a supporting park
708	Port l'Hebert Provincial Park	70.97 (new)	Queens		To be managed as a supporting park
709	Port Maitland Beach Provincial Park	8.41 (existing)	Yarmouth		To be managed as a supporting park
710	Port Shoreham Beach Provincial Park	39.28 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
711	Porters Lake Provincial Park	89.99 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
712	Portobello Provincial Park	1.64 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
714	Powells Point Provincial Park	25.57 (existing)	Pictou		To be managed as a supporting park
715	Queensland Beach Provincial Park	1.35 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
716	Rissers Beach Provincial Park	101.38 (existing)	Lunenburg		To be managed as a core park
717	Roseway Beach Provincial Park	17.57 (existing)	Shelburne		To be managed as a supporting park
718	Ross Ferry Provincial Park	2.63 (existing)	Victoria		To be managed as a supporting park
719	Roxbury Provincial Park	19.8 (existing)	Annapolis		To be managed as a supporting park
720	Rushtons Beach Provincial Park	18.93 (existing)	Pictou		To be managed as a supporting park
721	Sable River Provincial Park	53.65 (existing)	Shelburne		To be managed as a supporting park
722	Sackville Lakes Provincial Park	283.28 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park

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723	Salsman Provincial Park	11.53 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
724	Salt Springs Provincial Park	28.87 (existing)	Pictou		To be managed as a supporting park
726	Sand Hills Beach Provincial Park	94.61 (existing)	Shelburne		To be managed as a supporting park
727	Savary Provincial Park	10.82 (existing)	Digby		To be managed as a supporting park
728	Scots Bay North Provincial Park	0.26 (existing)	Kings		To be managed as a supporting park
730	Scottsville Provincial Park	34.9 (existing)	Inverness		To be managed as a supporting park
731	Second Peninsula Provincial Park	19.44 (existing)	Lunenburg		To be managed as a supporting park
733	Sherbrooke Lake Provincial Park	60.22 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
734	Sherbrooke Provincial Park	0.31 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
735	Shinimicas Provincial Park	6.95 (existing)	Cumberland		To be managed as a supporting park
736	Shubenacadie Canal Provincial Park	7.44 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
737	Shubenacadie Provincial Park	93.22 (existing)	Colchester		To be managed as a supporting park
739	Smileys Provincial Park	43.16 (existing)	Hants		To be managed as a supporting park
741	Smugglers Cove Provincial Park	7.74 (existing)	Digby		To be managed as a supporting park
744	Spry Bay Provincial Park	0.13 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
745	St. Anns Provincial Park	4.27 (existing)	Victoria		To be managed as a supporting park
750	Summerville Beach Provincial Park	33.81 (existing)	Queens		To be managed as a supporting park
752	Tatamagouche Provincial Park	6.47 (existing)	Colchester		To be managed as a supporting park
753	Taylor Head Provincial Park	855.95 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a core park
754	Ten Mile Lake Provincial Park	3.27 (existing)	Queens		To be managed as a supporting park
756	The Islands Provincial Park	104.02 (existing)	Shelburne		To be managed as a supporting park

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758	Thomas Raddall Provincial Park	614.98 (existing)	Queens		To be managed as a core park
759	Tidnish Dock Provincial Park	9.32 (existing)	Cumberland		To be managed as a supporting park
761	Tor Bay Provincial Park	12.88 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
762	Trout Brook Provincial Park	8.58 (existing)	Inverness		To be managed as a supporting park
763	Tusket River Lookoff Provincial Park	0.31 (existing)	Yarmouth		To be managed as a supporting park
766	Upper Tantallon Provincial Park	7.54 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
768	Usige Bàn Falls Provincial Park	147.49 (existing)	Victoria		To be managed as a supporting park
769	Valleyview Provincial Park	58.44 (existing)	Annapolis		To be managed as a supporting park
771	Waterside Beach Provincial Park	95.71 (existing)	Pictou		To be managed as a supporting park
772	Wellington Provincial Park	6.36 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park
773	Wentworth Provincial Park	143.3 (existing)	Cumberland		To be managed as a supporting park
774	Wentzells Lake Provincial Park	23.62 (existing)	Lunenburg		To be managed as a supporting park
775	West Cooks Cove Provincial Park	3.84 (existing)	Guysborough		To be managed as a supporting park
776	West Dover Provincial Park	979.59 (expansion and existing)	HRM		To be managed as a core park
777	West Mabou Beach Provincial Park	275.26 (existing)	Inverness		To be managed as a core park
781	Whycocomagh Provincial Park	195.84 (existing)	Inverness		To be managed as a supporting park
782	William E. deGarthe Provincial Park	0.06 (existing)	HRM		To be managed as a supporting park

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