

<b>Policy</b>	Greenway Strategy	<b>Policy No.</b>	65
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## PURPOSE

The Greenway Strategy is a vision of cooperative stewardship to conserve the Village of Anmore's natural greenways, connect people to nature and each other by way of integrated park and trail systems and to preserve wildlife habitats.

## DEFINITIONS

**Greenways** linear corridors of land that support trails, paths and natural features that are of interest to users, providing recreational opportunities and/or corridors of wildlife habitat.

**Trails** constructed routes through natural areas.

**Village** Village of Anmore

## OBJECTIVES

To secure and maintain a level of public recreational land essential to the needs of the Village of Anmore residents and visitors by creating connectivity of parks and trails through private lands and new developments.

This Greenways Strategy includes attainable goals along with a realistic and cost effective implementation program. This strategy is sensitive to private property rights, trespass issues, the jurisdictional authority of Fortis BC and BC Hydro right of ways, Crown lands, and other government legislation.

The Village will:

1. work towards an extensive, interconnected network of protective natural lands for environmental conservation and protection, recreation and eco-tourism, community health and wellness purposes;

2. endorse development of land acquisition strategies for additional trail network systems as greenways are linkages of natural land by way of incentives for land and financial donations;
3. ensure that all new development respects and encompasses the natural landscape and local ecology and, to extent possible, advances the vision of the Greenways Strategy.
4. promote neighborhood Greenways development in new and existing neighborhoods to help link up the village-wide Greenways systems and incentivize property owners to lease or provide easements such as naming sections of trails

The Village will, in appropriate circumstances, secure and protect lands for Greenways, using administrative and regulatory measures such as:

- purchasing or designating significant natural areas;
- promoting private dedications and donations;
- creating supporting policies and regulations through bylaw;
- securing environmental or green space conservation covenants;
- negotiating statutory right of ways and easements;
- encouraging amenity contributions at the time of rezoning;
- establishing stewardship partnerships, and;
- supporting community Greenway initiatives.

In the interest of ensuring the maintenance and public accessibility of Greenways which have been acquired through private donations, rights of ways and easements, conservation and covenants, the Village will monitor their maintenance and public accessibility of Greenways and, as necessary, take measures to ensure this occurs.

The Village will encourage partnerships with appropriate stewardship groups, such as the Tri-Cities Off-road Cycling Association, for the care and maintenance of parks and trails.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Many of the new trails required to connect existing trails require the acquisition of private land or securing access through other jurisdictions statutory right-of-ways. There are also a number of ways for such acquisition, such as:

- purchase of land by the Village
- land transferred to Village ownership through development
- donations of land for environmental considerations (deductions allowed in the *Income Tax Act*)
- bequests by residents
- covenants registered against land title (at the approval of land owners)
- statutory rights-of-ways (at the approval of land owners)
- leases and contract agreements (at the approval of land owners)

Compensation for use of land will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may include an opportunity for trails to have name dedication markers.

The Greenways Strategy strongly recommends taking a proactive and innovative approach to securing additional access by working with land owners and developers. This includes regularly sending out expression of interest letters to those who own property where a trail connection would be of community benefit. Appendix A to this policy provides a sample letter.

### **PROPOSED TRAIL CONNECTIONS**

The map below shows current and proposed trails within the Village.

# APPENDIX A

## SAMPLE LETTER



Date ¶  
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Name ¶  
Address-1 ¶  
Address-2 ¶  
Postal-Code ¶  
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VIA-EMAIL: -email@address.ca ¶  
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Re: -Anmore Greenways Strategy—Request for Access ¶  
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Dear Sir/Madam ¶  
¶  
You are receiving this letter because your property has been identified in the Village's Greenway Strategy Policy No. 65 (enclosed) as one that would provide an important trail connection which will benefit our community as a whole. ¶  
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One of the objectives of the Greenway Strategy is to secure and maintain a level of public recreational land essential to the needs of the Village of Anmore residents and visitors by creating connectivity of parks and trails through private lands and new developments. ¶  
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In order to acquire such access, the Village can consider the following: ¶  
• → purchase of land by the Village ¶  
• → land transferred to Village ownership through development ¶  
• → donations of land for environmental considerations (deductions allowed in the Income Tax Act) ¶  
• → bequests by residents ¶  
• → covenants registered against land title (at the approval of land owners) ¶  
• → statutory rights-of-ways (at the approval of land owners) ¶  
• → leases and contract agreements (at the approval of land owners) ¶  
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Compensation and/or trail naming dedications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. ¶  
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The Village would be very pleased to hear from you regarding your interest in providing such an important community benefit. Please contact Juli Halliwell, CAO, at [juli.halliwell@anmore.com](mailto:juli.halliwell@anmore.com) or 604-469-9877, at your convenience. ¶

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Yours sincerely, ¶

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**John McEwen, Mayor** ¶

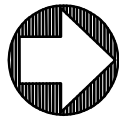
T: 604-469-9877 ←

[john.mcewen@anmore.com](mailto:john.mcewen@anmore.com) ¶

SAMPLE

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LEGEND	
PRIMARY TRAIL	— (Red line)
SECONDARY TRAIL	— (Green line)
MOUNTAIN TRAIL	— (Blue line)
MOTORIZED TRAIL	— (Orange line)
TRACK	- - - (Black dashed line)
PROPOSED OFF ROAD TRAIL	- · - · - (Black dash-dot line)
ROAD SIDE TRAIL/SIDEWALK	- · - · - (Purple dash-dot line)



# TRAIL MAP

