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Turning Partnership into Great Regional Protected Areas in the Capital Region of British Columbia

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Overview of Presentation

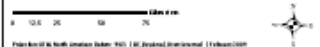


- Capital Regional District Parks and The Land Conservancy of British Columbia
- Protected Areas in the CRD
- Regional Parks/TLC Land Acquisition Partnership
- “Sooke Potholes” Land Acquisition

Capital Regional District
Regional Context



- Capital Regional District
- Canada
- United States of America



- BC wide charitable land trust
- Modelled upon the national trust of England, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Protects special places forever for everyone
- Formed in 1997
- 8,000 members
- 800 volunteers

Regional Parks in the CRD



- An integrated system of parks, green and blue spaces and trail system
- Different than municipal parks
 - Focus is ecosystem protection, larger, fewer facilities
 - No emphasis on playing fields, ornamental gardens
- Modeled on national or provincial parks but at a regional level;
 - closer to urban area
 - emphasis is day use

The Vision for Regional Parks



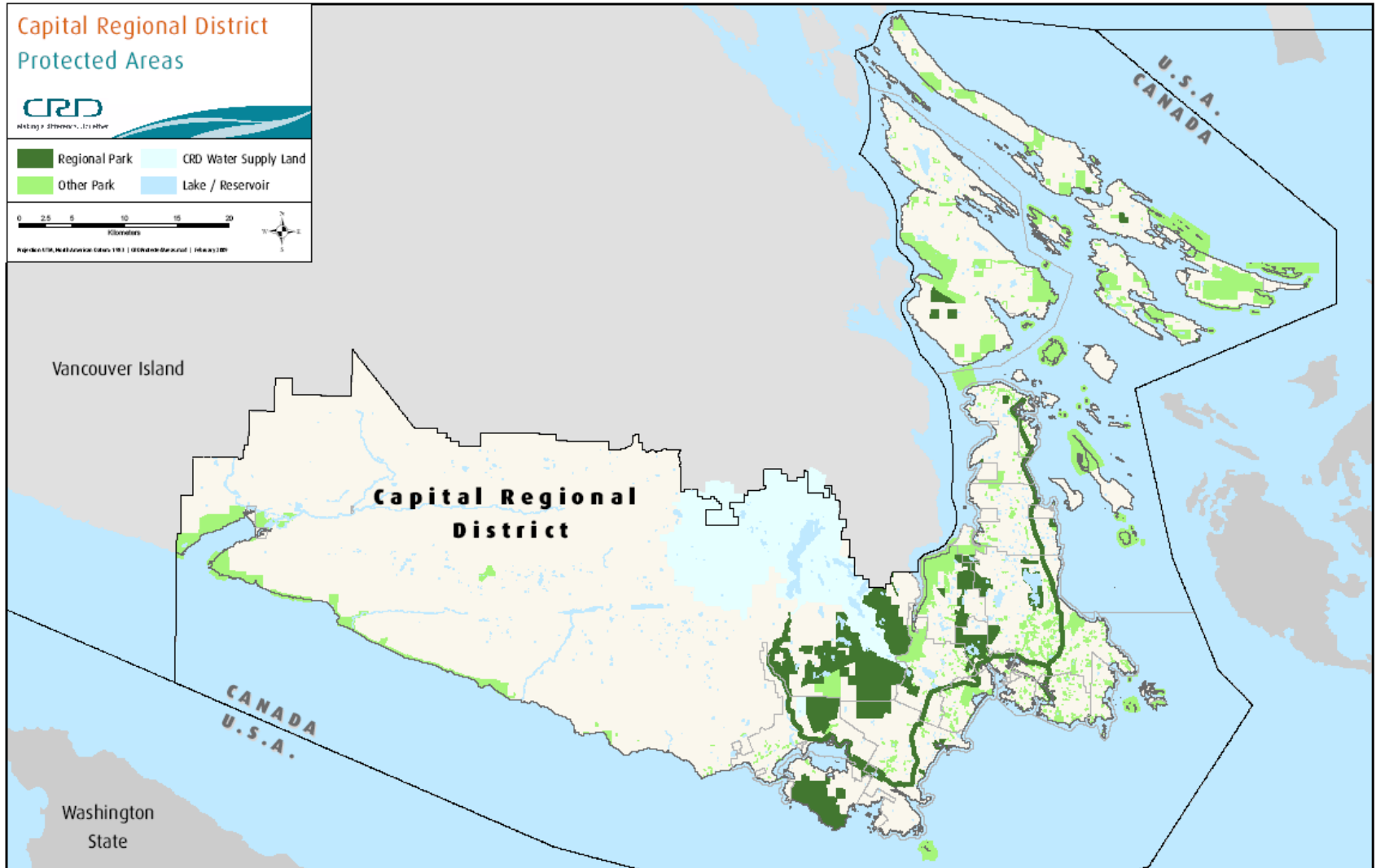
Regional parks and trails protect our natural environment while giving us the means to remain in close touch with nature – and that is the essence of CRD Parks' vision.



Capital Regional District Protected Areas



 Regional Park	 CRD Water Supply Land
 Other Park	 Lake / Reservoir



Protected Areas in the CRD



- National Parks 4,130 ha..... (1.7%)
- Provincial Parks 6,500 ha..... (2.65%)
- Regional Parks 12,680 ha..... (5.17%)
- Municipal Parks 1,990 ha..... (.8%)
- Other Protected Areas 1890 ha..... (.7%)

• ***TOTAL protected area 27,190 hectares
(11% of CRD land base)***

- Big picture- systems view
- Connections – no islands
- Capture those environments, ecosystems and places that define your region “our home”
- Connect people with land and people with people
- The amount of land in the system does not matter
- Include in regional growth management

Regional Parks Land Acquisition Program



- Established in 2000 for 10 years
- Strategic direction in the CRD Parks Master Plan
- \$10 per average residential household assessment or;
 - \$2.11 per \$100,000 assessed residential property value in 2008
- Generates approximately \$1.6 million annually
- Extended in 2010 for another 10 years

Land Acquisition

— Supporting a Sustainable Region —



Stewards of the Environment

- Protect environmentally important areas
- Contribute to overall environmental health (water and air quality)
- Help address climate change issues



Land Acquisition

— Supporting a Sustainable Region —



Livable and Vibrant Region

- Places for people to connect with nature, with each other and to be healthy and well
- Trails and transportation routes that link our communities and provide options for alternative transportation.

Land Acquisition

— Supporting a Sustainable Region —



Sustainable Economy

- Contribute to regional economic sustainability
- Important role in tourism

Land Acquisition Achievements 2000 - 2010

- 25 acquisitions
- 4485 hectares
- \$48 million of land purchased
 - CRD's contribution \$34.9 million (73%)
 - Partners' contribution \$13.1 million (27%)

Acquisitions



Regional Park and Trail

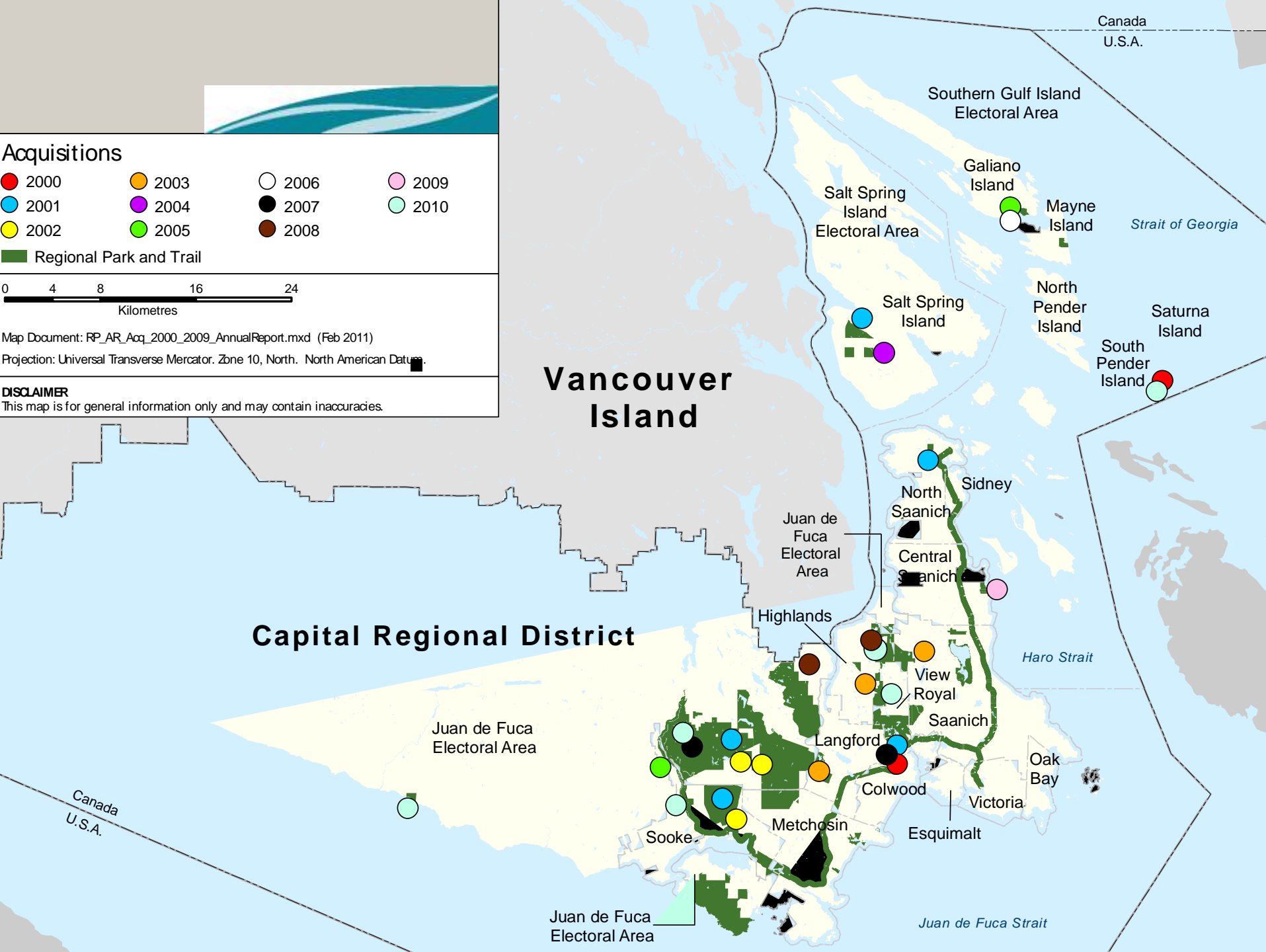


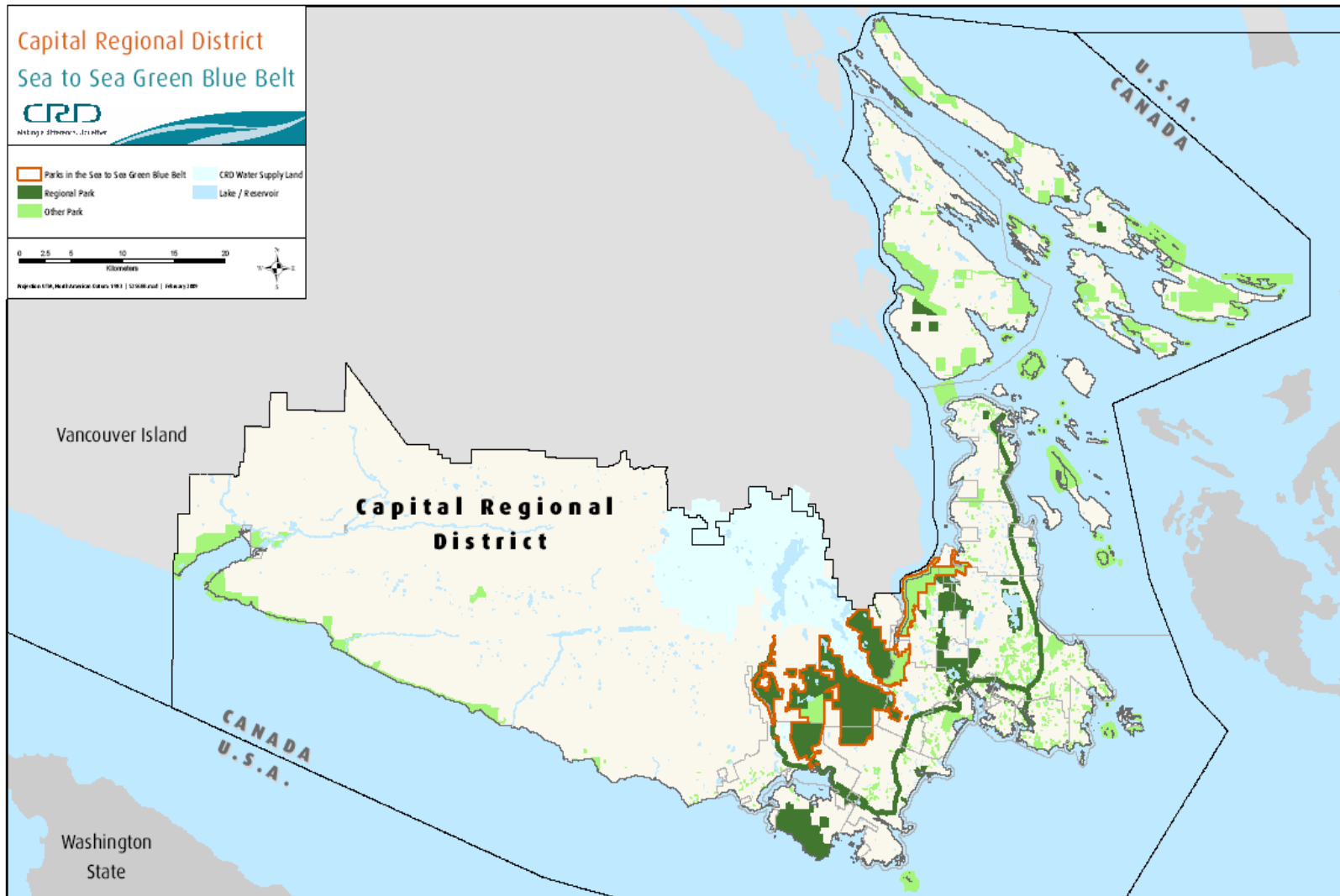
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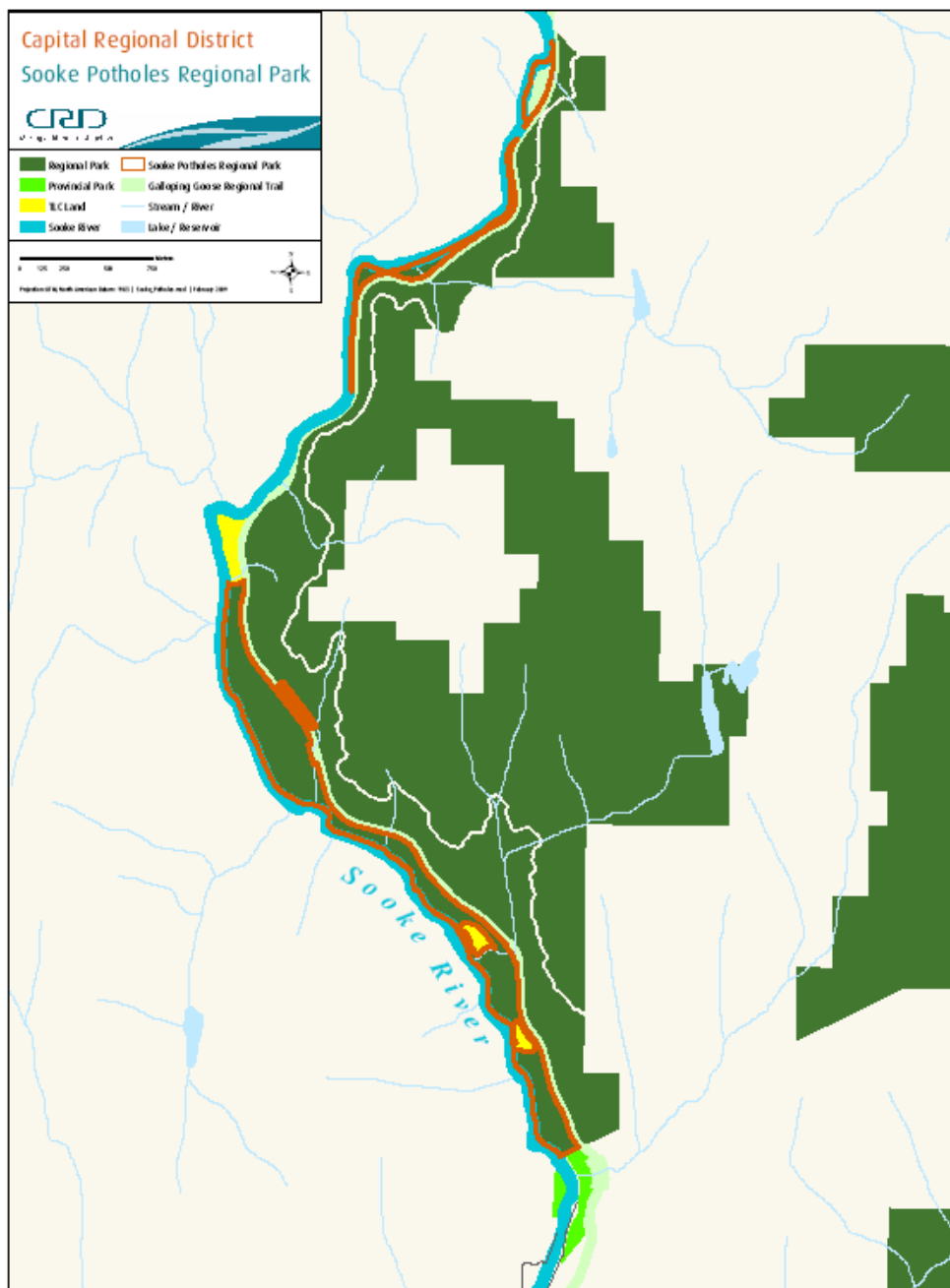
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- Park values recognized in 1970's
- 1980 development began
 - Construction on lodge started but never completed
 - Film studio, recreational residential
- District of Sooke municipal boundary extended to include development
- Regional Parks Master Plan identifies Sooke Potholes as area of interest





- 2005 foreclosure sale
- TLC steps in and buys property at a discounted rate
- Difference between municipal goals and regional goals (development and park)
- Study of development feasibility done
- Region agrees to contribute funds and establish as a regional park



Photo: Dennis Powers



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Photo: Nick Westover

Sooke Potholes Partnership

- Purchase -



TLC

- Took risk of purchasing the foreclosed mortgage.
- Took risk of purchasing first mortgage.
- Borrowed to fund these risks
- Took public risk
- Raised profile and funds

Regional Parks

- Working with municipality
- Committed acquisition funds
- Negotiated land transfer and financial contribution from Province of BC





Sooke Potholes Partnership

- Development and Operation -



TLC

- Took risk in clean up of the property and abandoned lodge.
- Dealt with abandoned junk.
- Took business risk in operating and cleaning up the campsite and drinking problem.
- Took on business risk of the old lodge site and works yard.
- Continued fundraising to cover development costs
- TLC continues to pay property taxes on campsite, lodge and works yard.

Regional Parks

- Provided funds for development
- Allocated staff to operate the park
- Opened park within 3 months of acquiring







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Together we did it!!
Thank You for your support!



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Sooke Potholes Partnership

- Future Opportunities -



TLC

- Will fundraise to build Visitors Centre.
- Will fundraise to purchase additional lands and provide support from individual citizens
- TLC holds covenants on all of the parkland to protect from future change of use.

Regional Parks

- Acquired adjacent land
- Completed park management plan



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CONGRATULATIONS! SOOKE POTHOLE'S REGIONAL PARK
OPENING CELEBRATION June 26, 2005