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Gatineau Park Master Plan

Student task

Review the information on this card and use the coloured ropes to map out the perimeter of Gatineau Park. Ask students what actions they would take, if they were the NCC, to meet the goals of the plan. Discuss the impact this plan will have on the National Capital Region.

The Gatineau Park Master Plan is a document that guides the long-term planning, use, and management of Gatineau Park. The plan, which will be in effect for approximately 10 years, presents the directions and strategies for the park. It reflects past experience, new issues, and new laws. It also takes into account international best practices for the management of natural environments.

About Gatineau Park

Gatineau Park is the largest natural area in the National Capital Region. It is the national capital's conservation park. It contributes to the region's natural and cultural heritage, and its conservation is at the heart of the NCC's mandate.

Spanning a distance of 50 kilometres between the Ottawa and Gatineau rivers, Gatineau Park covers an area of 36,131 hectares, which is about 7.7 per cent of the total area of the National Capital Region. It is located northwest of Ottawa-Gatineau, and its territory overlaps four municipalities: Gatineau, Chelsea, La Pêche, and Pontiac.

About the master plan

The NCC Board of Directors approved the Gatineau Park Master Plan in January 2021.

This plan has four key goals. Each goal also has a series of strategic directions, policies and projects that will guide the NCC in meeting this goal.





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Conserve nature

- Better define and protect ecological corridors.
- Preserve strategic properties outside park boundaries.
- Expand park boundaries to include adjacent NCC lands.
- Increase legal protection of the park.
- Reduce the infrastructure footprint (e.g., buildings, roads, and trails).

Provide recreational and cultural experiences in nature

- Implement the Responsible Trail Management project. Activities will be permitted on designated trails only.
- Enhance the visitor experience through various activities and well-planned infrastructure.
- Promote less-known attractions to highlight cultural heritage in the park.
- Concentrate activity nodes in designated areas.

Promote equitable and sustainable access

- Promote alternative transportation to gradually reduce the impact of motor vehicles on the park.
- Promote access for all.
- Improve user safety on the roads and parkways.
- Formalize new welcome areas.

Foster engagement and collaboration

- Integrate Indigenous culture in the park, to contribute to reconciliation.
- Share responsibility for and stewardship of the park with users and regional partners (conservation and maintenance).
- Promote public engagement by building awareness and creating a code of conduct.
- Standardize the pricing framework for park activities.

The process

Public engagement has been an important part of the review process of the Gatineau Park Master Plan. The feedback provided by participants has informed the drafting of the plan at every stage of the process.



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Ottawa River North Shore Parklands Plan

Student task

Identify the areas this plan targets on the Giant Floor Map by using the coloured ropes and pylons provided. Discuss the impact this plan will have on the National Capital Region.

The Ottawa River North Shore Parklands Plan is a document that guides development projects and activities in the study area. It envisions riverfront lands on the north shore of the Ottawa River as a destination for people and communities, in the core of a resilient, green capital.

The study area includes the following:

- Federal lands between Jacques-Cartier Park North and Ruisseau de la Brasserie (Brewery Creek) in Gatineau
- Federal lands at both ends of Brewery Creek shorelines
- A total study area of 68.8 hectares

Getting to know the riverfront

Three major rivers flow through the region: the Ottawa, Gatineau and Rideau rivers. One of the National Capital Commission's (NCC) priorities is to facilitate public access to the capital's shorelines. Riverfront lands on the north shore of the Ottawa River, in the capital's core area, run adjacent to urban neighbourhoods in Gatineau, and are primarily federal lands. These lands provide an excellent vantage point from which to view and appreciate the capital's most iconic and symbolic federal landmarks. These riverfront lands are an important part of downtown Gatineau's green network, providing parks that can accommodate large public gatherings. They also provide a natural environment along the riverbanks.

About the plan

The NCC Board of Directors approved the Ottawa River North Shore Parklands Plan in April 2018.

The objective of the Ottawa River North Shore Parklands Plan is to guide decisions by basing them on a long-term vision. The plan proposes land uses and design guidelines for federal lands in the study area that will contribute to achieving that vision.

The following four roles are identified for these riverfront lands:

- Offer a wide range of experiences
- Provide access to the river





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- Showcase the symbolism of the capital
- Enhance the natural environment

The plan also proposes land use concepts aimed at achieving the vision of creating a destination in the capital core area. The following are some of the proposals included in the plan:

- 39.6 hectares of natural park, of which 27.7 hectares will be urban forest
- an activity hub at the Alexandra Bridge exit
- six sites for hosting events
- a balanced sequence of peaceful and animated sites
- a complete waterfront route around Hull Island (7.4 kilometres), including the addition of 1.6 kilometres of new pathways
- 10 hectares of newly accessible lands
- a series of water access points, and new water access points for non-motorized boats
- a showcase of the region's history and heritage

The process

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Ottawa River South Shore Riverfront Park

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The Ottawa River South Shore Riverfront Park Plan is a document that guides the creation of a continuous riverfront park between LeBreton Flats and Mud Lake. The plan sets the vision, guides design and recommends program elements for the NCC as it develops that park over the next 50 years. It envisions a 9-km long riverfront park that strengthens people's relationship with nature, as well as with the culture, beauty and spirit of the dynamic Ottawa River.



About the plan

The NCC Board of Directors approved the Ottawa River South Shore Riverfront Park Plan in June 2018.

The plan identifies four roles for this park:

- **Environment:** Protect, enhance and highlight the natural and scenic aspects of this riverfront corridor.
- **Culture:** Communicate the rich cultural and natural history of the Ottawa River and the riverfront corridor.
- **Waterfront experience:** Facilitate a variety of all-season recreational opportunities and experiences for people of all ages.
- **Connectivity:** Reconnect people with the river, and facilitate year-round access to the leisure opportunities that the parkway offers.

Here are some highlights of the plan:

- Improved recreational opportunities along the shoreline, with programmable public areas
- Access to public amenities such as washroom facilities, water fountains, lookouts, bicycle parking, and food and beverage services
- Safer cycling and walking paths to increase public access to the river, as well as traffic-calming measures, including speed reduction
- A vegetation strategy to protect and enhance wildlife habitat

The process

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Sir George-Étienne Cartier Park Plan

Student task

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The National Capital Commission (NCC) is planning for the Sir George-Étienne Cartier Park. This includes defining the long-term vision that will guide the conservation, enhancement and sustainable management of this riverfront park. The plan will enhance access to the river and animate key public spaces within the park.

This park's lands surround the Sir George-Étienne Cartier Parkway along the shore of the majestic Ottawa River—a federally designated Canadian Heritage River. It is a wonderful scenic area where you can appreciate natural heritage, cultural landscapes and national institutions.

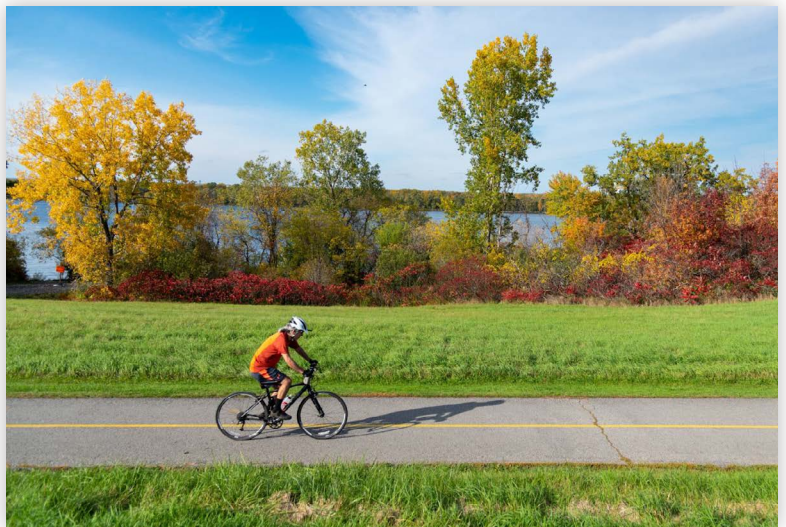
The NCC is the steward of federal lands in the National Capital Region. As such, it is responsible for protecting and preserving public places for all Canadians.

About the plan

The park plan focuses on a 13-kilometre stretch of federal lands in Ottawa along the Ottawa River. From west to east, the area extends from Rideau Hall at Princess Avenue to the end of the parkway at St. Joseph Boulevard. It includes the parkway, pathways, trails, national cultural institutions and green spaces.

The goals of the plan:

- Promote and protect a healthy natural environment.
- Foster safe and continuous access to the park and the river.
- Celebrate the heritage, culture and diversity of the riverfront corridor.
- Create and promote diverse, balanced and engaging park experiences.





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Engagement

The NCC's planning process is underway. This process includes engagement with the public, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation and the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation, a public advisory committee, as well as stakeholders at key milestones in the planning process. The NCC aims to complete the plan in spring 2024 and to submit it for approval in summer 2024.



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LeBreton Flats Master Concept Plan

Student task

Identify the areas this plan targets on the Giant Floor Map by using the coloured ropes and pylons provided. Discuss the impact this plan will have on the National Capital Region.

The National Capital Commission (NCC) is transforming LeBreton Flats into a place of national and civic pride.

About the plan

The NCC Board of Directors approved the Master Concept Plan for LeBreton Flats in April 2021. The plan is a multi-decade vision to transform this important 29-hectare site into a complete urban community and capital destination.

The plan is based on public feedback and builds on the 2020 preliminary Master Concept Plan. It envisions a place that is pedestrian- and cyclist-friendly, surrounded by lively and active parks and plazas, including the dynamic Aqueduct District, the Ottawa riverfront, and a large destination park. A diverse residential community will be supported by retail and employment opportunities, capitalizing on direct access to two O-Train stations.

Districts

LeBreton Flats will contain four districts, each with unique features.

- **Aqueduct District**
The heart of LeBreton Flats – a vibrant cultural hub and entertainment district spilling out onto public space along the two historic aqueducts.
- **Flats District**
A predominantly residential community defined by intimate, pedestrian-oriented streets and a variety of housing types.





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- **Albert District**

A mixed-use neighbourhood anchored by the future Ottawa Public Library and Library and Archives Canada joint facility to the east and a potential event centre or major facility to the west, the Albert District provides space for homes and offices, as well as shops and services along Albert Street.

- **Parks District**

A series of park spaces combining the community's industrial heritage with its defining natural elements, creating a unique experience that will draw visitors from near and far to the western end of the community.

Master Concept Plan Strategies

The Master Concept Plan contains seven strategies that form the policy framework for the redevelopment of LeBreton Flats. They are:

1. Parks and Public Realm Strategy
2. Mobility Strategy
3. Land Use Strategy
4. Built Form Strategy
5. Sustainability Strategy
6. Culture and Heritage Strategy
7. Housing and Affordability Strategy

In the future, an Algonquin Nation Partnership Strategy will be added to the Master Concept Plan, in consultation and collaboration with Algonquin partners.

Public consultation

The LeBreton Flats Master Concept Plan was informed by feedback from two public consultations. Ongoing input on the Master Concept Plan and the implementation of the Building LeBreton project is provided by the Public Advisory Group.