

A Canadian Initiative to advance Conservation, Connections, Collaboration and Leadership for Parks and Protected Areas



#### **BACKGROUND**



#### Canadian Parks Council

Federal, provincial and territorial parks agencies working together since 1962 to:

- Advance park and protected areas values
- Promote excellence in park planning and management
- Facilitate cooperation among and provide support to member agencies



Canadian Parks and Recreation Association

The national voice for a vibrant grassroots network with partnerships that connect people who build healthy, active communities, and impact the everyday lives of Canadians. A Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015
Pathways to Wellbeing













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### CPC members manage:

10.6% of Canada's land and fresh water

2,600+ parks & protected areas



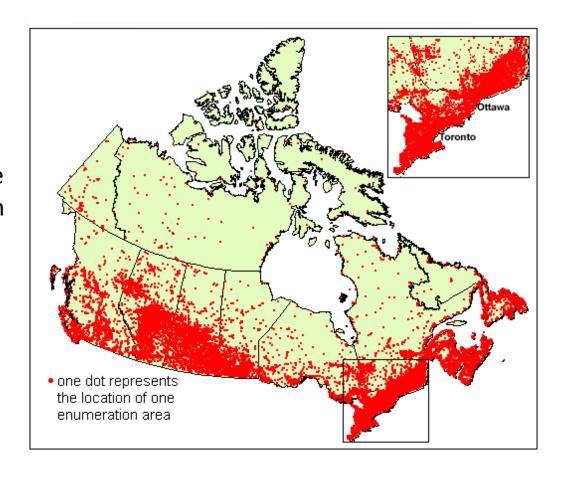


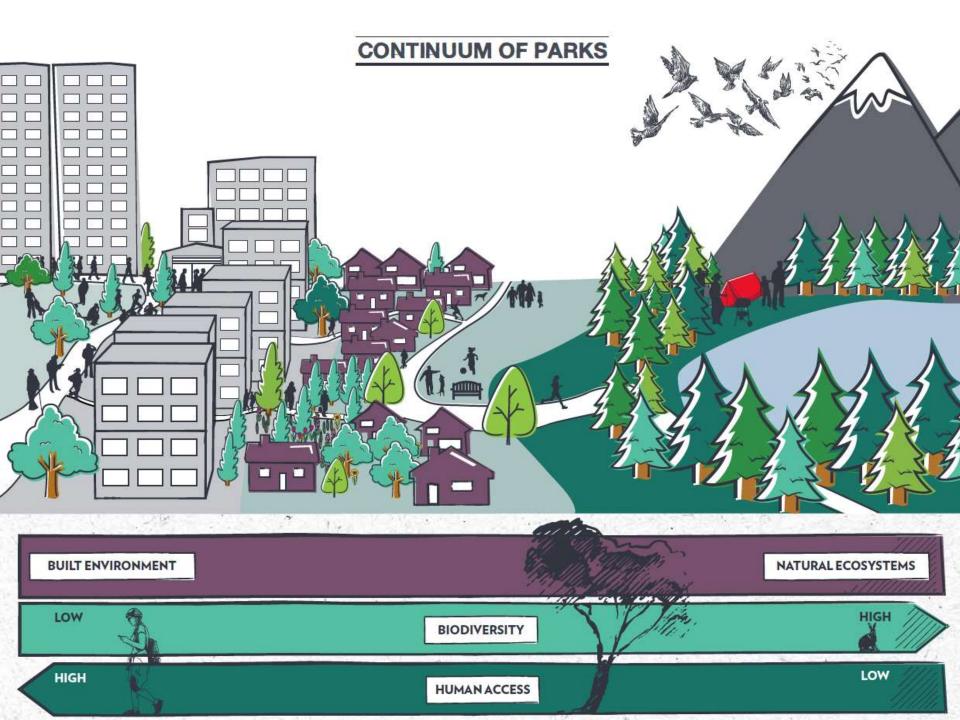
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#### **CPRA** members:

 Include the 13 provincial and territorial parks and recreation associations and their extensive networks of service providers in over 90% of Canadian communities.





### **BUILDING A SHARED VISION**



- National Advisory Committee
- Pre-workshop development of Parks for All workbook
- Canadian Parks Summit



#### NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Editor, Canadian Geographic

National Parks Program Director, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society

Canadian Commissioner, World Urban Parks Association; Director of Parks, City of Calgary

CEO, Alberta Parks and Recreation Association

Program Director (Children), Evergreen

Youth Co-Chair, Connecting Youth with Nature Working Group, CPC

Professor, Wilfred Laurier University

Vice-présidence Parcs Québec, Sépaq

Executive Director, Nature Canada

Professor, University of Alberta

President, Canadian Trails Federation

Principal, Ground3, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects

Director of Strategic Partnerships and Community Investment, MEC

Vice President, External Relations and Visitor Experience, Parks Canada

Education Director, Canadian Wildlife Federation

Senior Manager, Central Regional District, Regional Parks, Victoria, B.C.

Manager, Protected Areas Coordination, Canadian Wildlife Service

Executive Director, Edmonton and Area Land Trust

IUCN Advisor, former Chief Ecosystem Scientist, Parks Canada

Professor Emeritus, University of Waterloo

Director of Protected Areas and Ecosystems, Dept. of Env., Nova Scotia

President, International Play Association, Canadian Chapter

Director, Parks and Tourism, Government of Northwest Territories

Director, Land Management Branch, Government of Alberta; Chair of Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS)

Executive Director, Kid Active | Chair, Canadian Outdoor Play Working Group

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Executive Director, Alberta Parks / co-chair Canada Target 1

Executive Director, Kid Active | Chair, Canadian Outdoor Play Working Group

WCPA Young professional, Parks Canada (Kluane National Park), CC-IUCN Board

Director of Finance and Operations, Alberta Parks and Recreation Association

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Executive Director, Alberta Association of Recreation Facility Personnel

Professor Emerita, Acadia University

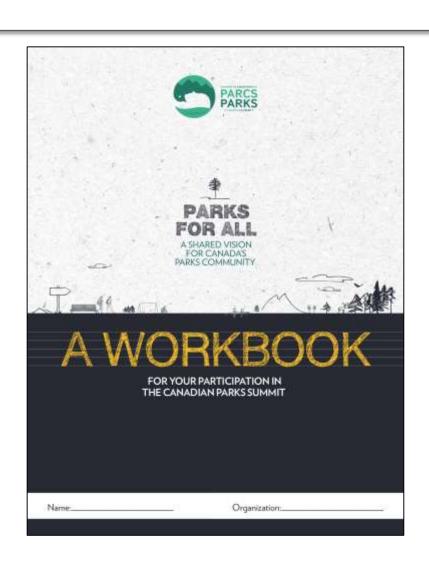
A/Senior Advisor, Marine Conservation, Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans

#### **2016 SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS**

- Federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments
- National, provincial and territorial associations
- Academic institutions
- Corporate and private sector businesses
- Related voluntary sector associations
- Allied sector government departments and organizations (e.g. health, education, municipal affairs)
- Aligned agencies (e.g. Federation of Canadian Municipalities)
- Experts, emerging leaders and students

#### THE WORKBOOK





Invitation

Benefits and Barriers

The Opportunity

**Strategic Directions:** 

- Connect
- Conserve
- Collaborate
- Leadership & Sustainability

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### **COMMISSIONED PAPERS**



- Protection and Persistence in the Canadian
   Protected Areas System: A Review of Conservation
   Science Research and Approaches
- Urban Parks in Canada: History, Benefits, and Current Issues
- Nature's Continuum
- Policy on Training, Education and Research: A Call to Action



## **RESULTS AND FEEDBACK**



- 4,000+ individual comments
- Qualitative Analysis
- Post-summit survey
- Interviews
- NAC follow up

#### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- Consulting Firm, Sage Transitions, contracted
- Parks for All National Advisory Committee active and directing how Draft #2 is refined
- CPRA Board and CPC Deputy Ministers Engaged
- A final update of Draft #2 is occurring and will be presented in French and English to Canadians for their input between February 20 – March 31, 2016



#### **CURRENT STATUS - HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DRAFT #2

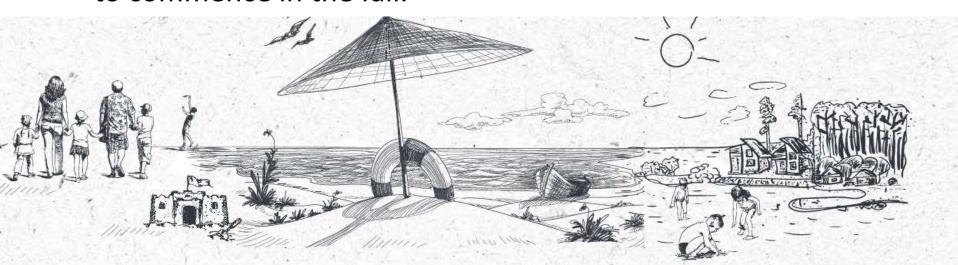
- Inspires action
- Creates a sense of urgency
- Galvanizes the community
- Is just and inclusive

- Defines convergence
- Meets local and international imperatives
- Challenges US to be the change



# 2017 and Beyond

- In April/May 2017 the CPC and the CPRA will develop a final version of the Parks for All Strategic Framework
- Final draft to be reviewed by the NAC in May and endorsed by the CPC and CPRA in June
- Graphic design and print to occur over the summer
- Political, Organizational and Individual endorsement process to commence in the fall.



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