



***Sandy Lake - Sackville River Regional Park Coalition***

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**Halifax Regional Plan Review 2020**

**Kate Green, Regional Policy Program Manager**

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**Re: Submission to RP+10 Review from Sandy Lake-Sackville River Regional Park Coalition (SL-SRRP groups listed at bottom of page)**

This is our initial submission to the Regional Plan review (RP+10) on behalf of The Sandy Lake-Sackville River-Regional Park Coalition. We expect to send further installments over the next several months, and we request that those additions plus this installment together become our complete submission.

Our comments and requests will include both the specific issues at Jack Lake/Sandy Lake Regional Park (We will refer to this as Sandy Lake – Sackville River Regional Park or SL-SRRP) and also more general requests and suggestions that we see as beneficial to HRM.

The submission has a background segment plus three request sections, each followed by supporting information and appendices in the usual place. We ask:

1. That the SL-SRRP be expanded by additional 1,800 acres (see Map 1). The SL-SRRP boundary be researched in the RP+10 process so that new boundaries based on science are established to encompass all remaining essential watershed to be protected and managed as a regional park for all time. That would mean finding “win-win” solutions that serve both the community and present landowners needs.
2. That the Halifax Green Network Plan (HGNP) be included in its entirety in the RP+10.
3. That the requests in sections A, B, and C be addressed within the RP+10 review and implemented.

The SL-SRRP wishes to thank the city for creating and passing the Halifax Green Network Plan (HGNP) and for amending the Regional Plan’s conservation design development agreement policies to specifically reference the Important and Essential Corridors shown on Map 5, the Green Network Ecology Map, contained in the HGNP.

We also thank you very much for Director Denty’s letter that states the city does not see a need for housing development at Sandy Lake for at least 15 years, for acquiring 160 acres next to Marsh Lake for the park

in 2015, for assurances that the city wants to expand this park, and for adding the Sandy Lake area to the draft 2020 Capital Projects Budget for land acquisition.

We look forward to working with the city on this latest upgrade to the Regional Plan to benefit all of HRM. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute.

Sincerely,

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***Karen Robinson***, Co-chair of SL-SRRP Coalition Steering Committee and rep. for Sandy Lake Conservation Association

***David Patriquin***, Co-chair of SL-SRRP Coalition and Steering Committee and rep. for NS Wild Flora Society, Halifax Field Naturalists, Woodens River Environmental Organization/The Bluff Trail

***Mary Ellen Donovan***, SL-SRRP Coalition Steering Committee and rep. for Friends of Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Society

***Karen McKendry***, SL-SRRP Coalition Steering Committee and rep. for the Ecology Action Centre

***Ray Plourde***, SL-SRRP Coalition Steering Committee and rep. for the Ecology Action Centre

***Walter Regan***, SL-SRRP Coalition Steering Committee and rep. for the Sackville Rivers Association

***Harry Ward***, SL-SRRP Coalition Steering Committee and rep. for Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust

**cc. Mayor Savage and Council**  
**Kathleen Fralic, Halifax Green Network Plan**  
**Leah Perrin, HRM Planning**

**Sandy Lake - Sackville River Regional Park Coalition Member Groups to date:**

*Sandy Lake Conservation Association*

*Sackville Rivers Association*

*Agropur Cooperative Dairy Bedford Plant*

*Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Rails to Trails*

*Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Nova Scotia Chapter*

*Canoe/Kayak Nova Scotia*

*Ecology Action Centre*

*Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust*

*Friends of Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Society*

*Friends of McNabs Island Society*

*Halifax North West Trails Association*

*Kingswood Ratepayers Association*

*Lucasville Community Association*

*Lucasville Greenway Society*

*McIntosh Run Watershed Association*

*Mountain Bike Halifax*

*Nova Scotia Bird Society*

*Nova Scotia Salmon Association*

*Nova Scotia Wild Flora Society*

*St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association*

*The Halifax Field Naturalists*

*The Neighbourhood Association of Uplands Park*

*The Turtle Patrol*

*Trips By Transit*

*WRWEO / The Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail*