
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2005 April 19

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ALLOCATED FUNDING FROM ELECTRONIC ARTS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT FOR DISCOVERY PLACE CONSERVATION LANDS AND WORKS WITHIN DEER LAKE PARK

PURPOSE: To request Council's approval for the expenditure of \$620,000 from the Electronic Arts Enhancement Project fund for trail construction, forest enhancement, and invasive species management at Deer Lake Park.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT approval be granted for the expenditure of \$600,000 from the Electronic Arts Enhancement Project fund for trail construction, forest enhancement, and invasive species management at Deer Lake Park.
2. THAT approval be granted for the expenditure of \$20,000 from the Electronic Arts Enhancement Project fund to supervise forest enhancement works in the conservation areas within Discovery Place.

REPORT

At its meeting of 2005 April 20, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission received the above noted report and adopted the three recommendations contained therein.



Kate Friars
Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

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cc: Director Planning & Building
Director Finance

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the expenditure of \$600,000 from the Electronic Arts Enhancement Project fund for trail construction, forest enhancement, and invasive species management at Deer Lake Park be approved.
2. THAT the expenditure of \$20,000 from the Electronic Arts Enhancement Project fund to supervise forest enhancement works in the conservation areas within Discovery Place be approved.
3. THAT Council be requested to concur.

REPORT

On 2004 January 26, Council approved recommendations that included the provision of a trail network within the western portion of Deer Lake Park, in accordance with the Deer Lake Management Plan, as well as a forest management plan and a strategic environmental enhancement strategy for the same area.

The project includes construction of approximately 1,700 lineal metres of a new 2.5 meter wide trail, decommissioning of unsafe and environmentally unfriendly trails, removal of invasive plants, and re-vegetation in sensitive areas along waterways as described in section 6.3.2 of the attached report (Attachment #1). The work will occur west of Royal Oak Avenue within the Park (as shown on Sketch #10 – part of Attachment #1 Deer Lake Park West Forest Enhancement and Trail Development Plan). Funding in the amount of \$600,000 has been allocated for these works.

In addition a 10 year forest enhancement plan will be undertaken on lots J and K of the site as outlined in section 6.3.3 of the attached report. Funds in the amount of \$20,000 have been allocated for staff to monitor the work.

The project received approval from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans on 2004 August 03 and is now ready to proceed. It is anticipated construction will be complete by the end of 2005.

It is recommended that approval be given for the expenditure of \$620,000 for the above mentioned projects.

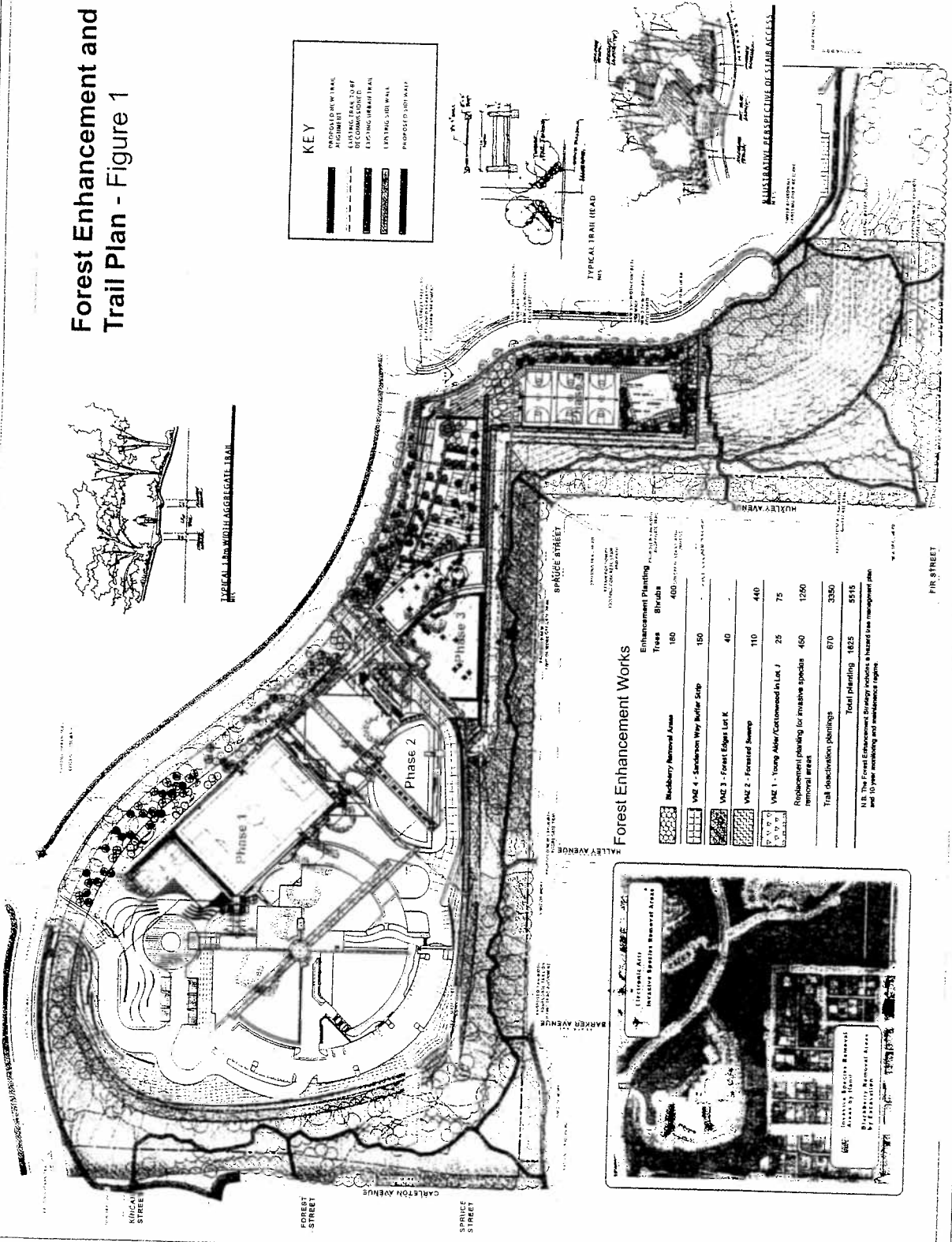
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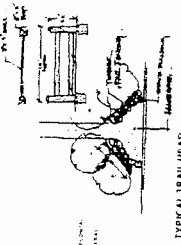
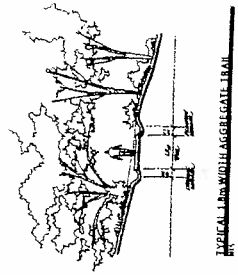
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Forest Enhancement and Trail Plan - Figure 1



KEY

- PROPOSED NEW TRAIL ALIGNMENT
- EXISTING TRAIL TO BE COMPLETED
- EXISTING TRAIL TO BE PROPOSED FOR WALK
- PROPOSED JOBI WALK



Forest Enhancement Works

Enhancement Planting	Trees	Shrubs
Blackberry Removal Area	180	400
VAC 4 - Sanderson Way Buffer Strip	150	
VAC 3 - Forest Edge Lot K	40	
VAC 2 - Forest Swamp	110	440
VAC 1 - Young Alder/Cattowood s/LAK J	25	75
Replacement planting for invasive species removal areas	650	1200
Trail reactivation plantings	670	3350
Total planting	1625	5515

N.B. The Forest Enhancement Strategy includes a hazard tree management plan and 10 year monitoring and maintenance regime.

