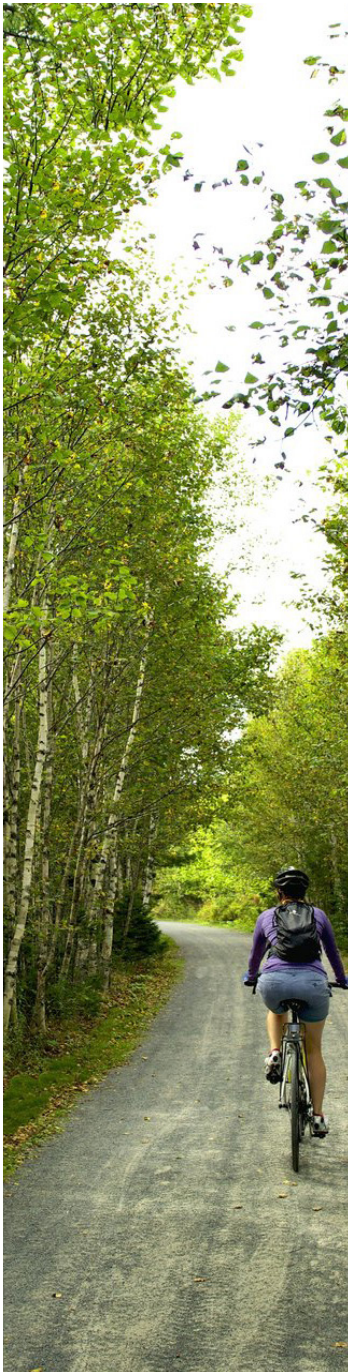




Climate change is an urgent, complex, global crisis. The Draft Plan is working to protect the environment by implementing the actions of two strategies that address climate change and sustainability:

- HalifACT is HRM's strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help communities adapt to climate change.
- The Halifax Green Network Plan protects and connects important land and water systems. These connections or corridors help wildlife move and seek shelter, food water, space, and mates.

What's in the Draft Plan?

Protecting Land:

- Protecting connections for wildlife movement
- Promoting naturalization projects

Protecting Water:

- Preparing a Watershed Management Framework
- Implementing a Lake Monitoring program
- Directing development away from water and wetlands

Protecting Coastal Areas:

The Municipality has many coastal shorelines. Coastal areas are at risk of being damaged from climate change - such as rising water levels, storm and wave action, flooding, and eroding land. Through Regional Plan direction, HRM will continue its efforts to understand how climate change is affecting us and may create more rules to protect people from climate risks. The Draft Plan is proposing these changes:

- Updating the measurement standards for buildings near the coast;
- Not allowing homes to be built on coastal lots that are too small; and
- Not allowing islands to be divided into lots for more houses.

Supporting Renewable Energy and Electric Vehicles (EVs)

Using renewable energy sources and decreasing how much energy we use is important to meet our goals for low carbon. The Regional Plan proposes to support renewable energy by removing regulatory challenges for solar farms and requiring infrastructure for Electric Vehicles (EVs) in new development.

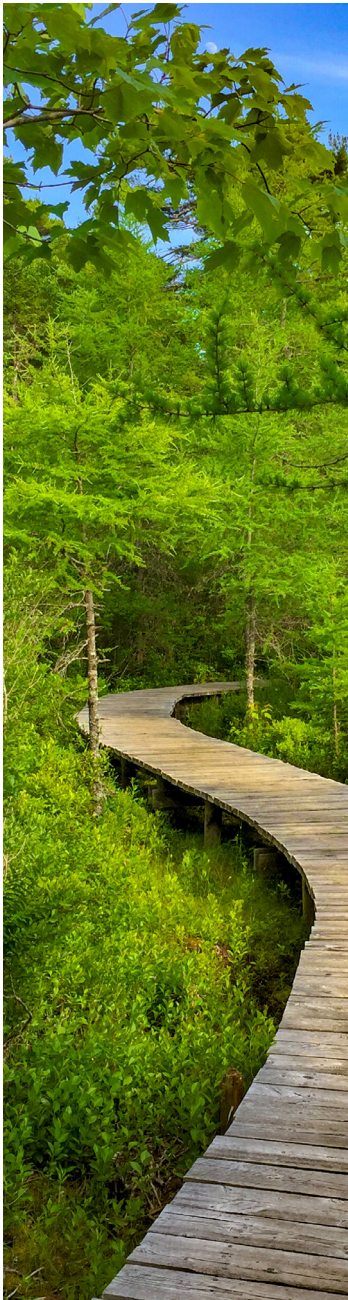


Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) is seeking feedback on the Draft Regional Plan (released June 2023). This Topic Summary provides a broad overview of objectives and policies contained in the Draft Plan. For further details, speak with a staff member or consult the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan is available online and in Halifax Public Libraries.

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Identifying and protecting the Essential Corridors

The Draft Plan has identified three types of Corridors:

- Type 1: Corridors that have not been developed, but at risk of being lost.
- Type 2: Corridors where people already live.
- Type 3: Corridors that are already protected and should stay protected.

The corridors are different, so the Draft Plan contains different tools for each one.

- Type 1: Corridors at risk of being lost need to be considered carefully to ensure large land holders connect proposed open space to other corridors, build homes in the right locations, and provide places for wildlife movement.
- Type 2: In places where people already live in corridors, the Municipality will encourage landowners to make their property friendly to the movement of wildlife. This could include planting native species and trees, keeping the backyard natural, creating wildlife shelters, reducing the use of pesticides or herbicides, and keeping structures such as accessory dwelling units, garages, sheds, and fences away from areas that wildlife may use.
- Type 3: In areas such as parks, natural corridors, trails, and wilderness areas, the corridors are already protected, and we must continue to protect them. In areas where there is a desire to develop but development has been restricted, the area must be carefully studied for services, traffic, and wildlife movement to see if and how development can coexist with corridors.

Support for new rules for land donations

Some landowners have expressed an interest in donating a portion of their land to conservation groups but are not able to because of the subdivision rules. Intended changes to the Regional Plan and the Subdivision By-law will make it easier for a landowner to keep a portion of their land with their house and donate the remaining piece of land to non-profit groups for conservation and stewardship.

More information on this topic is contained in Chapter 6 of the Draft Plan.