

A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY

Help preserve Halifax's backyard



Photo: David Patriquin

AT A GLANCE

We have a rare opportunity right now to preserve 379 acres of pristine urban wilderness. The Purcell's Cove Backlands—bordering on Williams and Colpitt Lakes—are located less than five kilometres from downtown Halifax. Conservation of the site means that future generations will be able to enjoy numerous natural wonders right in their own backyard.



CREATING A LEGACY

Generations of Halifax residents have enjoyed hiking, swimming, birding, and exploring these undeveloped lands. Thanks to a special partnership between The Shaw Group (the current owner of the lands) and the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), the City of Halifax and the NCC could acquire and permanently protect this exceptional area as an easily accessible recreation and urban wilderness site.



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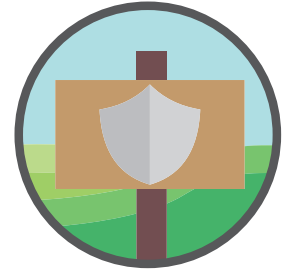
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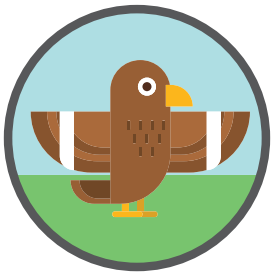
Home to a unique and sensitive ecosystem—including a Jackpine and Crowberry plant community that is uncommon in Nova Scotia, and virtually non-existent anywhere else in North America



2 lakes—Williams and Colpitt—including 5km of lake shoreline perfect for swimming, canoeing, kayaking, and more



Highlighted in Halifax's Green Network Plan as one of the top three areas for urban and near-urban protection, and it is available now!



40+ species of breeding birds, including the endangered Common Nighthawk



379 acres with existing pedestrian access from Purcell's Cove Road



Located <5km from downtown Halifax

QUALITY OF LIFE

In a world that is becoming increasingly urbanized, cities that provide ready access to nature are highly valued. Natural surroundings encourage healthy and active lifestyles, which in turn have been proven to lead to better overall mental and physical health.

AN URBAN WILDERNESS FOREVER

This is one of the last large, undeveloped wilderness landscapes within the urban core of Halifax. As an Urban Wilderness Park, it would be enjoyed by more than 400,000 residents and would be accessible by foot, bike, car, or Halifax Transit now and forever.

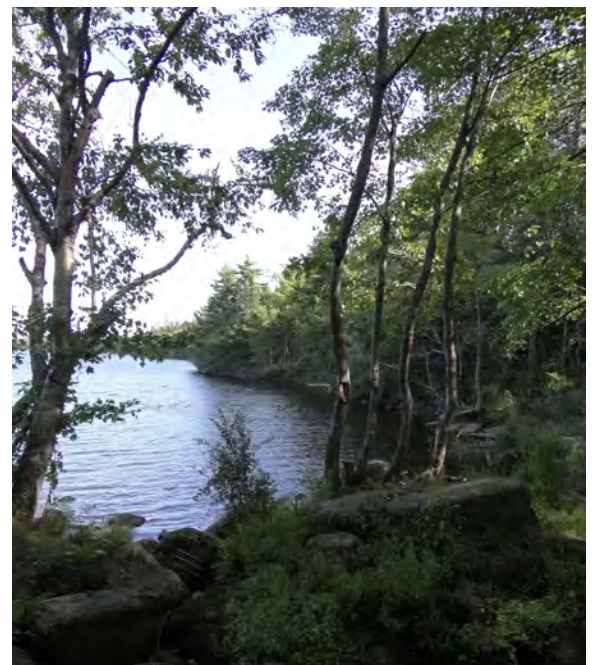


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