

# Parks and Green Spaces Master Plan 2026-2036

SUMMARY VERSION | October 2025



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# Message from the Mayor

I'm proud to share with you the Town of Hudson's first **Parks and Green Spaces Master Plan**, a meaningful step forward in creating public spaces that reflect who we are and what we value as a town.

Hudson is known for its natural beauty, strong sense of community, and unique heritage. As our population grows and diversifies, it is more important than ever to invest in infrastructure that protects our green spaces, supports active lifestyles, and offers places for residents of all ages to gather, move, and connect.

This plan was shaped by your voices. Through consultations, conversations and community input, we have identified clear priorities for improving existing parks, creating new ones, protecting nature, and building a more inclusive and accessible network of recreational spaces.

It is both a vision and a tool. It will guide Council's decisions in the coming years and help us respond to the evolving needs of our residents while preserving what makes Hudson so special.

Thank you to everyone who contributed time, ideas and energy to this important process. Together, we are laying the foundation for a greener, healthier and more connected Hudson, now and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

**Chloe Hutchison**

Mayor of the Town of Hudson



*A meaningful step forward in creating public spaces that reflect who we are and what we value as a town.*

SECTION 01

# Context





# Introduction

The Town of Hudson is developing its first Parks and Green Spaces Master Plan to provide a comprehensive overview of its network and guide future service development. The plan aims to organize the park network for the next ten years. To meet both the current and future needs of the population, the plan takes into account the current trends and best practices in recreational and sports planning.

To support this initiative, the Town contracted BC2 to guide them throughout the process. The multidisciplinary, collaborative, and inclusive approach with all stakeholders allows BC2 professionals and Town representatives to develop a coherent strategy guiding long-term deployment and maintenance of the network of parks, green spaces, and trails.

**As a planning tool, this *Master Plan* will support and guide municipal staff, and elected officials in decision-making. Thus, over the coming years, it will help them take action and invest efficiently in the network.**



# What Is a Parks and Green Spaces Master Plan?

## A Snapshot of the Parks and Green Spaces Network

A Parks and Green Spaces Master Plan provides a comprehensive overview of a town's network of parks, green spaces, and trails. To achieve this, it draws on three main sources of data:

### Park Users

- Survey of the park users to understand their visitation habits, needs, and preferences.
- Consultation with sports, recreational, and community organizations.

### Inventory

- Visit of all the parks and green spaces in the Town.
- Survey of all the play structures and outdoor sports facilities.
- Assessment of their conditions.

### Statistical Data

- Analysis of the population distribution and growth projections.
- Analysis of the age group distribution within the population.
- Analysis of the sociodemographic indicators to understand population dynamics.
- Mapping of bicycles paths, trails, and other infrastructures.

## Identification of Key Findings and Issues

The profile highlights key observations about the current service level and identifies issues that need to be addressed moving forward.

## Vision and Main Action Area

- Definition of a shared vision.
- Identification of the main actions to achieve the vision.

### Trends

- Review of innovations and what works well in other towns..
- Selection of the best trends suited to the Town's context.

## A Guide for the Development of Parks and Green Spaces

A Parks and Green Spaces Master Plan guides the development of parks, green spaces, and trails by establishing a shared vision for the next 10 years.

## Action Plan

- Building on the vision, the guiding principles, and current trends, the plan outlines specific actions for each park.
- The plan ranks these actions based on their level of implementation priority.



# Participatory Approach

Consultation sessions complement theoretical analyses and are a key component to establish a complete portrait of the situation. They provide a more precise understanding of the needs of the population by including various perspectives and lived experiences. The following activities helped to establish a collective vision of the development:



## Consultation Sessions

- > Participatory workshop on the diagnostic and vision for parks and green spaces - Octobre 23<sup>st</sup>, 2024
- > Participatory workshop on the various park development scenarios - July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## Online Survey

- > Identification of the residents' needs and perceptions of the parks and green spaces - 642 respondents - conducted from September 11<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024
- > Identification of the various organizations' needs - conducted from September 11<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024
- > Survey of the various park development scenarios - July 16<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup> 2025



## Workshops With Stakeholders

- > Workshop with school, communities, cultural, and sports organizations - October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024
- > Workshop with municipal services - October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

SECTION 02

# Profile and Services





# Territory Profile

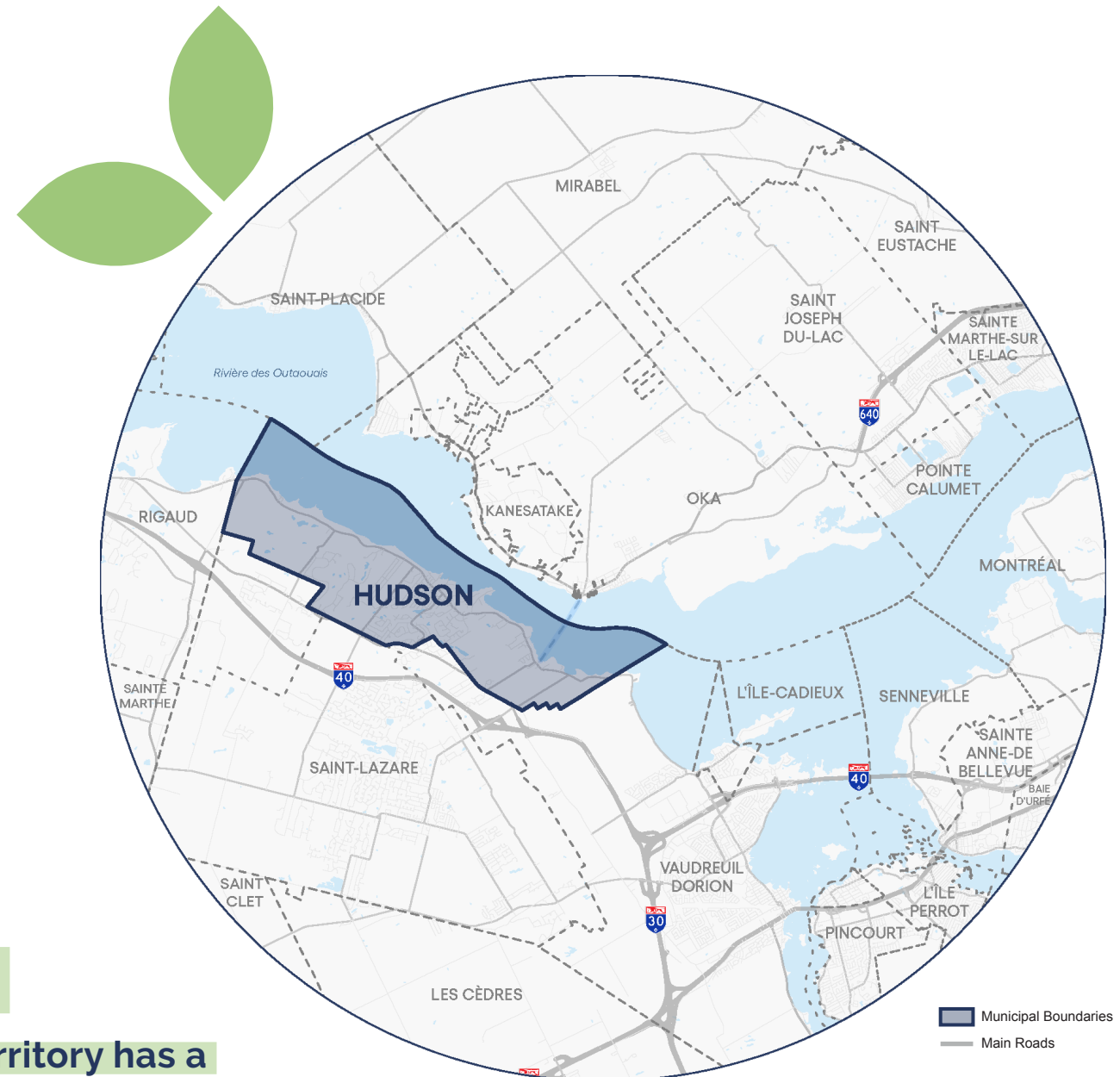
## Territory Characteristics

Located in the Vaudreuil-Soulanges RCM, the Town of Hudson is at the borders of the Ottawa River to the north, and the cities of Vaudreuil-Dorion, Saint-Lazare, and Rigaud. The territory features natural areas, forests, significant waterways, and heritage-rich sectors, along with many other assets that enhance residents' quality of life.

The Town of Hudson covers a total area of 36.4 km<sup>2</sup>, of which 21.6 km<sup>2</sup> is land. While the town includes some urban areas, its development remains primarily rural. In fact, agricultural zones occupy 37% of the territory, compared to just 35% for residential areas. The Ottawa River runs along the northern edge of Hudson, offering scenic waterfront landscapes highly valued by the community.

Thanks to the proximity of major highways like the Highway 40, Hudson benefits from a great economic connectivity to Montreal and Ottawa. Its strategic location provides an appealing living environment mixing the tranquility of rural life with easy access to urban amenities.

**42%**  
of the territory has a  
forest cover.



## Description of the Territorial Breakdown by District

Hudson's territory is divided into six districts which correspond to the electoral districts. This breakdown helps distribute observations across the territory, aligns with the Town's existing municipal structure, and supports a fair analysis of needs throughout the entire Town of Hudson.

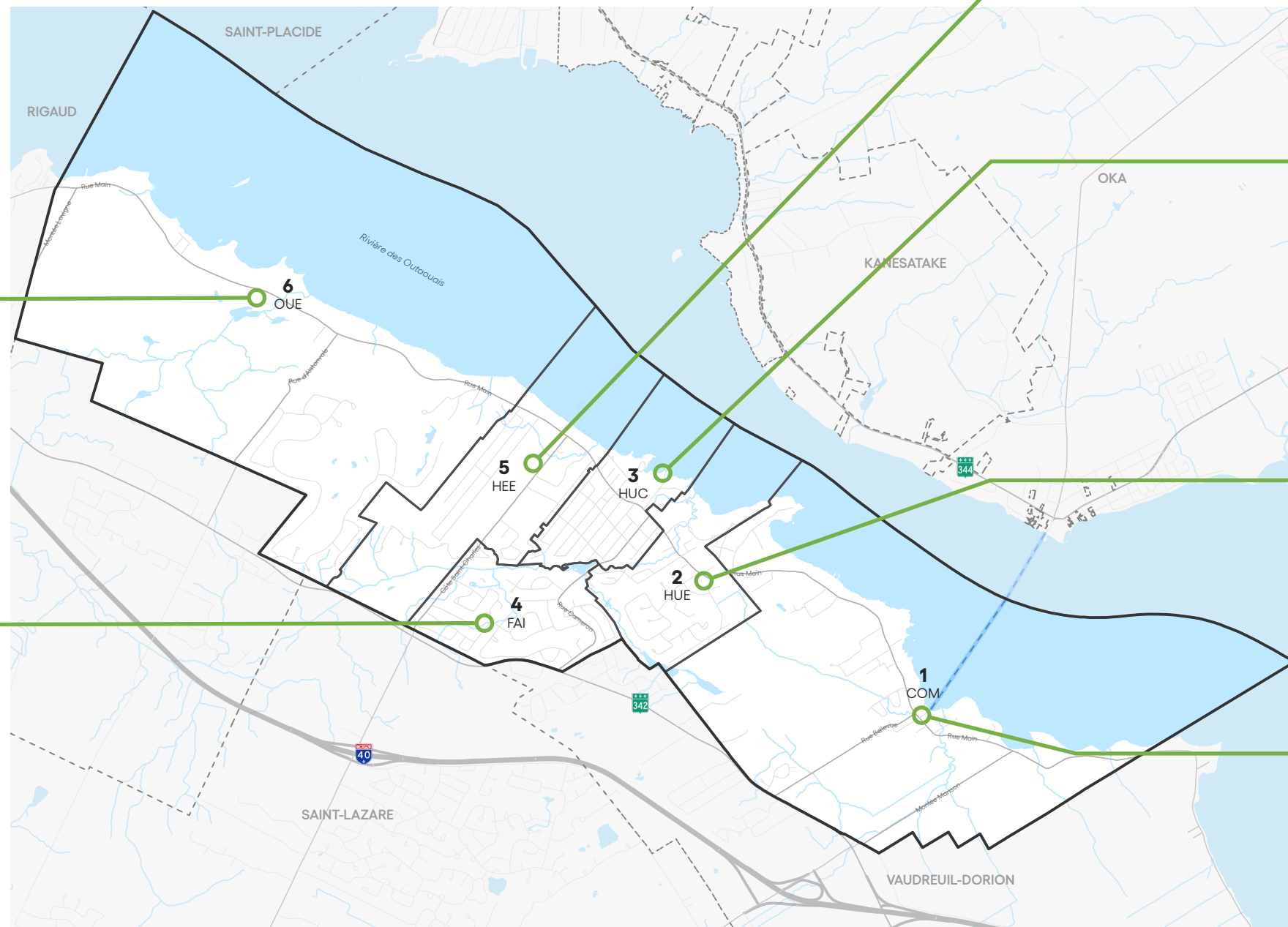
### Territorial Breakdown by District

#### District 6 – OUE: West End

This district, which is primarily rural and agricultural, stretches from the western boundary of the municipality to the Clarke Sydenham Nature Reserve.

#### District 4 – FAI: Fairhaven

This district lies between the village core and the southern boundary of the municipality. This residential neighbourhood is located south of Pine Lake and one of its tributaries, the Viviry River.



#### District 5 – HEE: Eastern Heights

This district includes a residential sector east of Elm Street, linking the village core to the rural area to the west.

#### District 3 – HUC: Central Hudson

This district represents Hudson's village core, characterized by an orthogonal urban grid. It stretches between McNaughten and Elm Streets, from the Viviry River to the shoreline of the Ottawa River.

#### District 2 – HUE: Eastern Hudson

This district, located primarily east of the Viviry River, includes a residential sector that connects the rural zone to the village core.

#### District 1 – COM: Como

This area forms the easternmost part of the municipality. This riverfront and primarily rural sector extend to the first suburban-style residential zones.

## Planning Context

The plan was developed in full alignment with the Town's other plans and policies to ensure that the vision for the parks, green spaces, and trails network fits within the broader land-use planning framework.

This is why these plans and policies were taken into consideration for this Master Plan:

— **Urban Plan**

— **Policy on the Use of Local Parks for Events**

— **Conservation Plan**

— **Town of Hudson Seniors' Policy, 2021-2024**

These documents set out guiding principles aimed at promoting active aging, protecting natural environments (including the tree canopy, wetlands, and biodiversity), regulating activities within parks, and supporting the creation of complete, welcoming, and inclusive living environments.

**The Master Plan aligns parks and green space planning with the Town's existing plans and policies.**



# Overview of the Parks and Green Spaces Inventory

## Methodology

The inventory is a key step in the Master Plan as it provides an essential database to support both the qualitative and quantitative analysis. These analyses will inform the next phases of the Master Plan and help identify key findings and issues related to the layout of the parks visited.

Completed in May 2024, the inventory of parks and green spaces also includes all the outdoor recreational and sports facilities. It evaluates their quantity, distribution, and conditions to determine whether they meet current needs or require repairs, upgrades, or replacements.

Landscape architects made an inventory collecting the following three types of information:

- **The type and number of sports and recreational facilities, urban furniture, and related features**
- **The conditions of the equipment, urban furniture, and signage**
- **A qualitative assessment of the overall user experience in the parks**



Typologies

To support this analysis, the parks are classified using a typology of parks and green spaces tailored to local realities and aligned with best practices in the field.

Identifying park typologies makes it possible to categorize parks according to their physical characteristics and role within the network. This classification improves planning by helping determine which amenities are appropriate for each location, and supports analysis of their distribution to ensure equitable service levels across the territory, based on factors such as housing density and sociodemographic profiles.



Definition of the Parks and Green Spaces Typologies in the Town of Hudson

CATEGORY	TPOLOGY	DEFINITION
Parks	Nature Park	A natural and developed area for conservation, education, and the enhancement of natural, cultural, and recreational heritage.
	Municipal Park	Highly versatile and attractive, often serving multiple districts and experiencing high levels of use. These parks also feature a variety of recreational and sports facilities, as well as multifunctional and cultural spaces.
	Community Park	A green space designed to offer a variety of sports and recreational facilities, along with unstructured areas for leisure, socializing, and free play.
	Neighbourhood Park	A green space primarily intended for relaxation and everyday recreation as an extension of the family living environment. Can include a play area and/or a rest area.
	School Park	Located adjacent to a school, access is established through an agreement between the Town and the School Service Centre. It is assigned either a community or neighbourhood service level based on its size and the facilities it offers.
Green Spaces	Official Green Space	A green space intended for relaxation and landscaping purposes. Facilities and services are very limited, but the space is nonetheless maintained on a regular basis.
	Undeveloped Green Space	A green space that is either difficult to access or designated for conservation purposes.

Inventory

Hudson has 17 parks and green spaces, half of which are nature parks, along with 3 school parks managed by the School Service Centre.

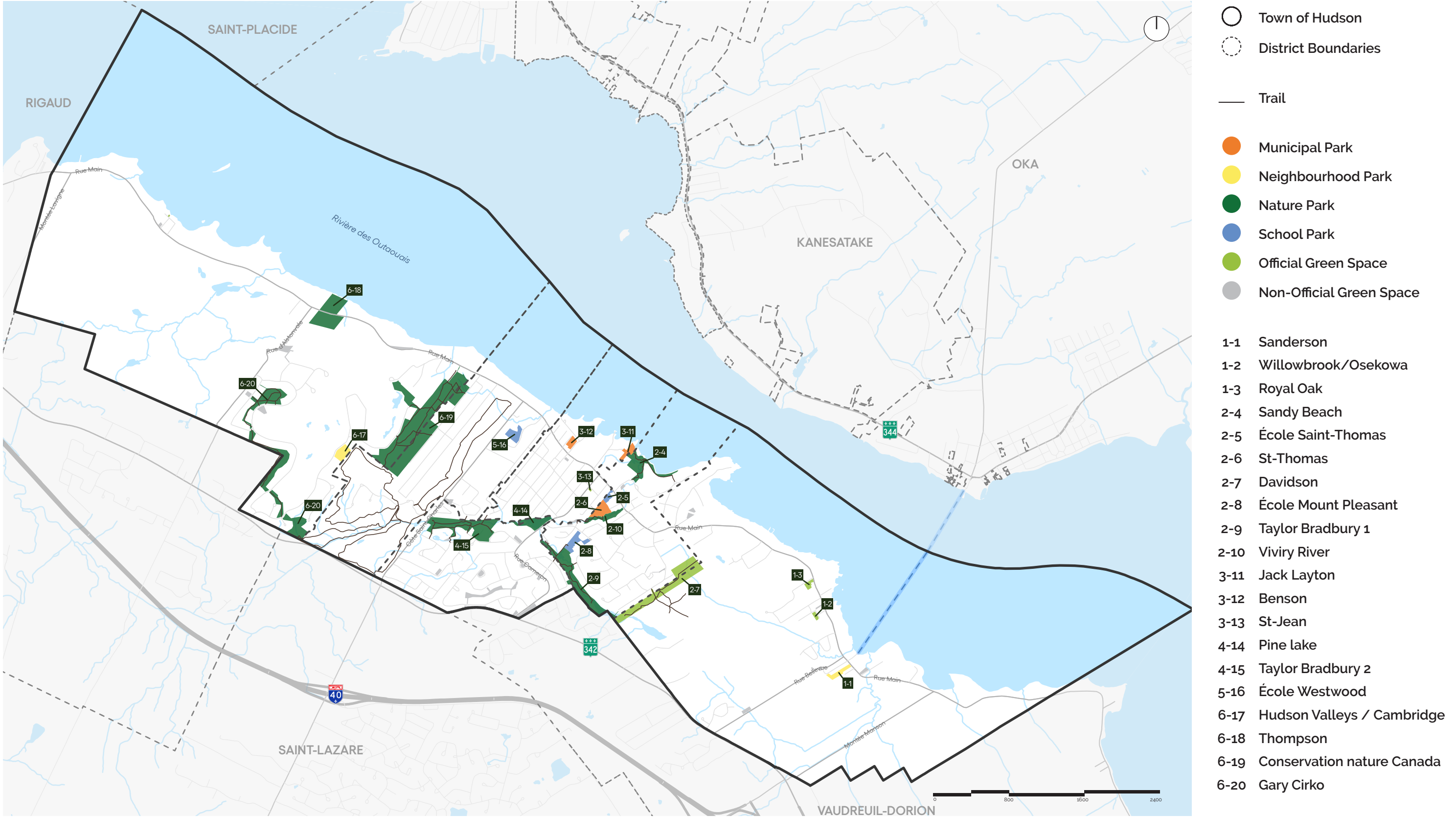
Several unofficial green spaces complement the existing network. These areas are often on municipal lands that are not formally designated as parks. While not all of them are documented, their total area is considered an environmental asset and included in the overall calculation of green space. They are identified on the map on the following page.

Inventory of the Analyzed Parks and Green Spaces

CODE	PARK NAME	TPOLOGY	AREA (HA)	CODE	PARK NAME	TPOLOGY	AREA(HA)
1-1	Sanderson	● Neighbourhood Park	1.2	2-5	École Saint-Thomas	● School Park	0.6
1-2	Willowbrook/Osekowa	● Official Green Space	0.3	2-8	École Mount Pleasant	● School Park	2.0
1-3	Royal Oak	● Official Green Space	0.5	5-16	École Westwood	● School Park	1.7
2-4	Sandy Beach	● Nature Park	4.5	TOTAL: 3 School Park			4.3 ha
2-6	St-Thomas	● Municipal Park	2.1				
2-7	Davidson	● Nature Park	10.7				
2-9	Taylor Bradbury 1	● Nature Park	9.2				
2-10	Viviry River	● Nature Park	1.9				
3-11	Jack Layton	● Municipal Park	1.2				
3-12	Benson	● Municipal Park	0.8				
3-13	St-Jean	● Official Green Space	0.1				
4-14	Pine lake	● Nature Park	2.9				
4-15	Taylor Bradbury 2	● Nature Park	9.9				
6-17	Hudson Valleys/ Cambridge	● Neighbourhood Park	1.7				
6-18	Thompson	● Nature Park	7.6				
6-19	Conservation nature Canada	● Nature Park	33.4				
6-20	Gary Cirko	● Nature Park	14.9				
TOTAL: Town's official 17 parks and green spaces			107.2 ha				

Nature parks cover a total of 95 hectares, accounting for 85% of the total area of inventoried parks.

Location and Typology of the Parks and Green Spaces



# Overview of the Sports and Recreational Facilities

The inventory includes all the sports and recreational facilities along with an evaluation of their condition. The following tables show the amount of equipment found throughout the Town.

There are a total of **62 recreational facilities and sports fields** across the Town of Hudson. These include outdoor sports areas (such as soccer fields, skating rinks, and skateparks) as well as recreational play structures (swings, slides, spring riders, etc.).

Inventory of the Sports Facilities

SPORTS FACILITIES	Parks								TOTAL
	BENSON	ÉCOLE MOUNT PLEASANT	ÉCOLE SAINT-THOMAS	ÉCOLE WESTWOOD	HUDSON VALLEYS/ CAMBRIDGE	SANDERSON	ST-THOMAS	THOMPSON	
⚽ Ball Field	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
🏀 Full Basketball Court	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
🏀 Basketball Half-Court	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
🏀 Individual Basketball Basket	-	5	1	-	-	1	-	-	7
⚽ Soccer Field (mini-soccer)	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
⚽ Soccer Field (7 players)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
⚽ Soccer Field (9 players)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
⚽ Soccer Field (11 players)/Football	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
🏐 Beach Volleyball Court	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
TOTAL	1	7	1	2	1	2	4	0	18












In terms of aquatic facilities, the Town of Hudson has one swimming pool and one wading pool, both located in St. Thomas Park.

During winter, Benson Park offers two temporary skating rinks set up on the baseball field. One rink, equipped with boards, is specifically designed for hockey. A skating loop is also set up in the park.





Inventory of Children’s Play Equipment

PLAY EQUIPMENT	Parks								
	BENSON	ÉCOLE MOUNT PLEASANT	ÉCOLE SAINT-THOMAS	ÉCOLE WESTWOOD	HUDSON VALLEYS/ CAMBRIDGE	SANDERSON	ST-THOMAS	THOMPSON	TOTAL
 Sandbox	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
 Swing	2	-	3	-	1	1	-	-	7
 Tetherball	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
 Slide	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
 Ball Game	1	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	1
 Rocking Play Equipment	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
 Sand and Water Play	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
 Balance Play Equipment	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
 Climbing Structure	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	6
 Tunnel Play	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
 Integrated Play Structure	2	2	4	-	1	1	-	-	10
TOTAL	4	4	23	0	2	2	0	0	37

- > Two school parks and one municipal park (Benson Park) hold most of the children's play equipment. In fact, the Saint-Thomas school park accounts for 62% of the children's play equipment of Hudson.
- > Overall, the most common types of play equipment are integrated play structures (for ages 18 months to 12 years) and swings.



# Overview of the Trail Inventory

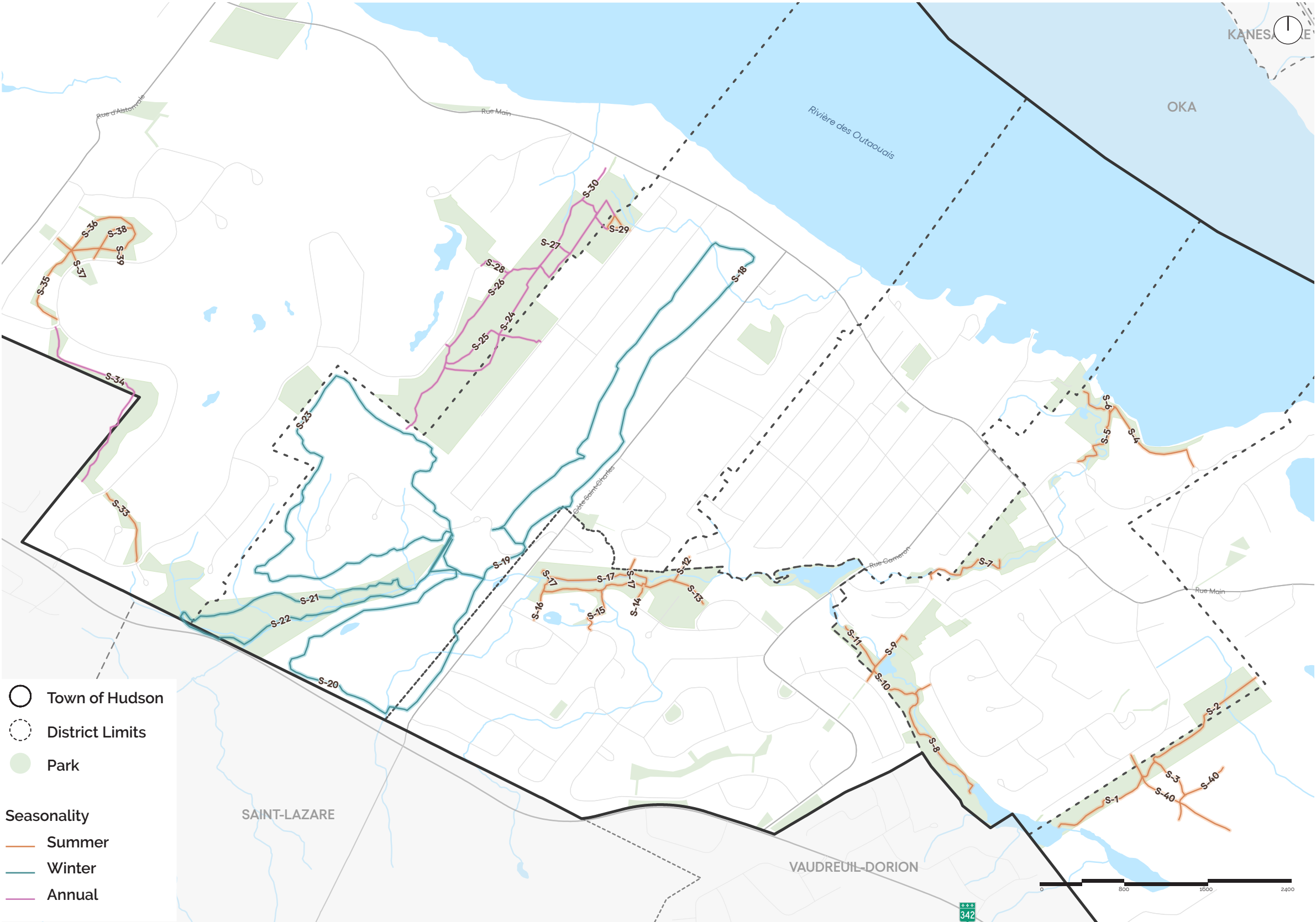
Hudson stands out for its **extensive trail network** totalling approximately **23 kilometres** — a major asset for the community. These trails, which wind through natural areas and parks, offer residents and visitors countless opportunities to connect with nature. Whether for hiking, wildlife observation, or simply enjoying a walk outdoors, these paths enhance the Town's recreational vitality while showcasing its unique landscapes. Their variety and accessibility strengthen Hudson's identity as a nature-oriented community.

Trail Inventory

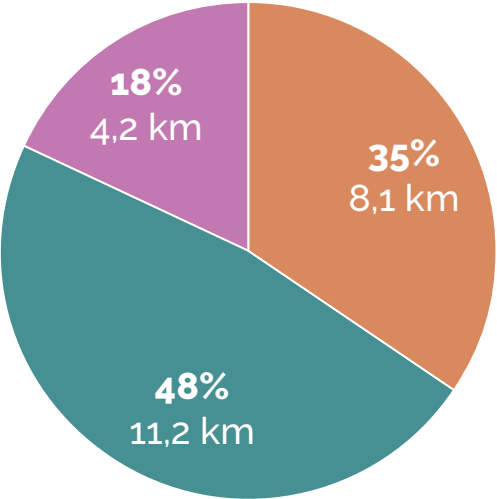
NO°	NAME	DISTRICT	LENGTH (M)	NO°	NAME	DISTRICT	LENGTH (M)
S-1	Davidson1	COM	513.5	S-20	Whitlock South	HEE	2489.9
S-2	Davidson2	COM	624.3	S-21	Parkinson Trail Out	HEE	1268.0
S-3	Davidson3	COM	43.3	S-22	Parkinson Trail Return	HEE	1008.9
S-4	Sandy Beach1	HUE	614.3	S-23	Whitlock West	HEE	2859.0
S-5	Sandy Beach 2	HUE	329.6	S-24	NCC1	OUE	1238.0
S-6	Sandy Beach3	HUE	21.1	S-25	NCC2	OUE	433.5
S-7	Viviry River	HUE	370.9	S-26	NCC3	OUE	1121.2
S-8	TB1	HUE	522.4	S-27	NCC4	OUE	61.8
S-9	TB2	HUE	185.2	S-28	NCC5	OUE	136.8
S-10	TB3	HUE	277.1	S-29	Labyrinthe	OUE	206.1
S-11	TB4	HUE	274.3	S-30	Labyrinthe to Nichoir	OUE	320.7
S-12	Maple to Dwyer	FAI	110.4	S-33	Gary Cirko1	OUE	314.0
S-13	Dwyer1	FAI	271.7	S-34	Gary Cirko2	OUE	875.8
S-14	Dwyer2	FAI	72.7	S-35	Alstonevale1	OUE	430.6
S-15	Dwyer3	FAI	218.0	S-36	Alstonevale2	OUE	620.3
S-16	Dwyer4	FAI	121.3	S-37	Alstonevale3	OUE	51.9
S-17	Dwyer5	FAI	1005.0	S-38	Alstonevale4	OUE	211.3
S-18	Whitlock North	HEE	3332.9	S-39	Alstonevale5	OUE	38.0
S-19	South to North connection	HEE	226.7	S-40	Davidson4	COM	700.5
TOTAL							23.5 km



Location and Seasonality of the Trail Network



Distribution of Trails by Seasonality





# Key Findings

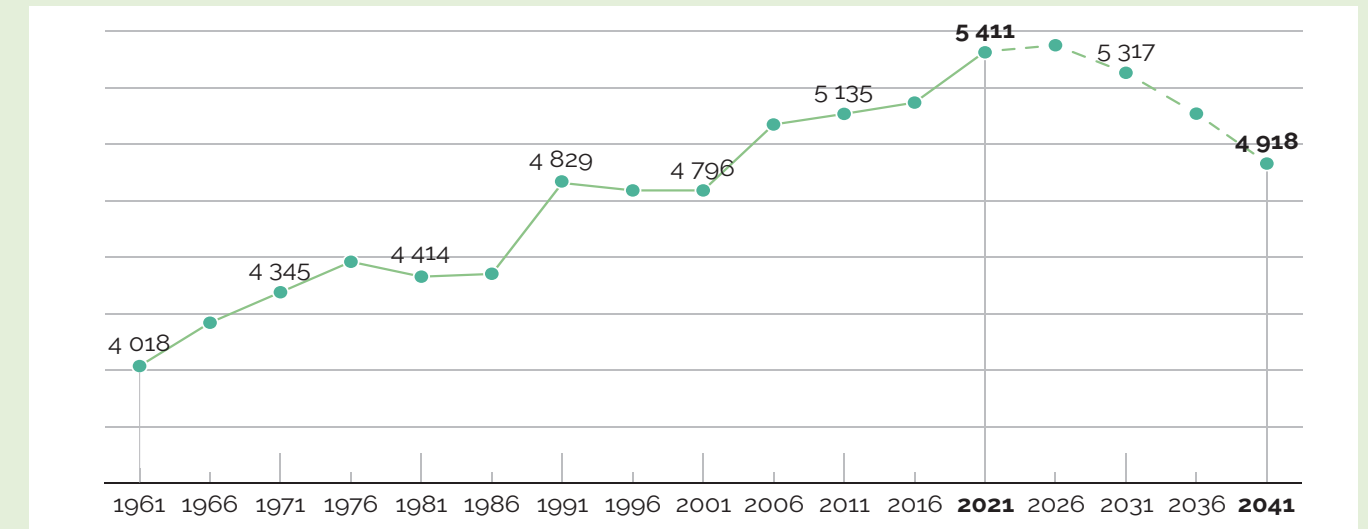
The combination of all territorial, spatial, quantitative, and qualitative analyses, along with the results of the results of the participatory activities with citizens, provides a comprehensive overview of the current situation.



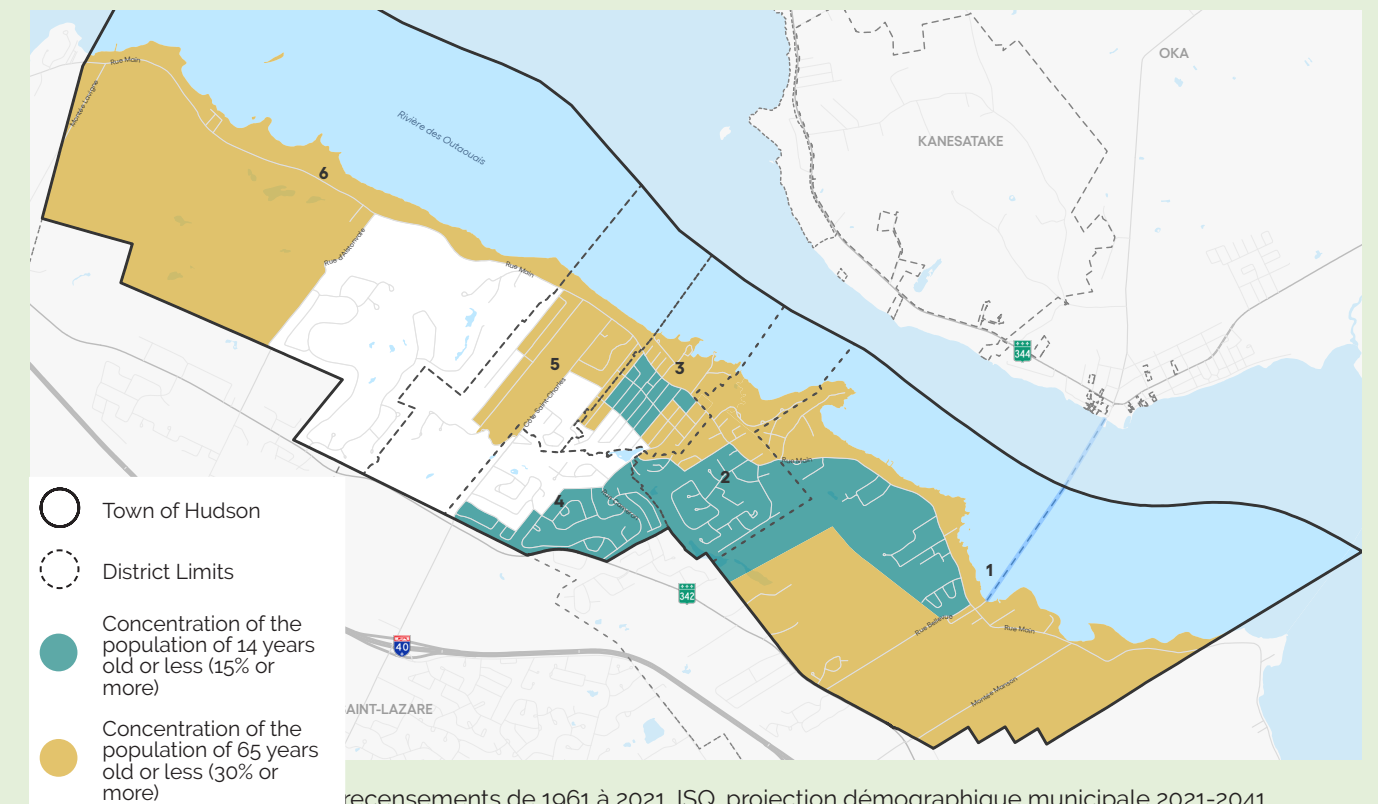
## Sociodemographic Findings

- > **Strong community engagement:** The consultation sessions revealed a deep connection to the town and its history as well as a strong desire to better its public spaces.
- > **A diverse social fabric:** The population includes both families and single individuals, as well as a growing number of seniors. This calls for services suitable for all ages.
- > **Services that must be adapted to the realities of each group:** While young families tend to establish closer to the Town Center, seniors are more dispersed on the territory.

## Demographic Trends and Projections, 1961 to 2041



## Population Distribution by Age Group



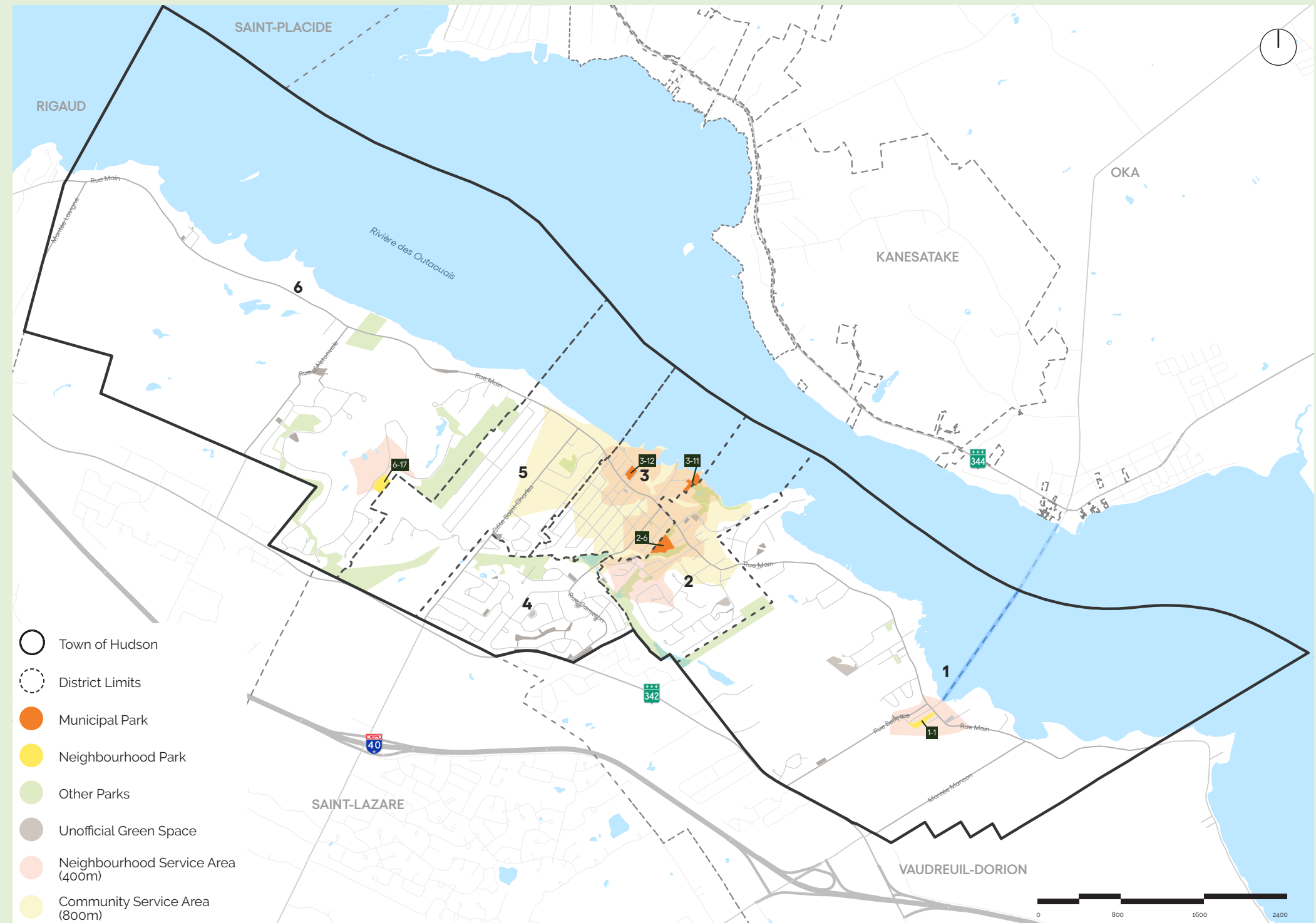
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### Service Area Findings

- > **Good coverage in the central districts:** Hudson Centre, along with parts of Hudson East and Heights East, benefits from both community and neighbourhood service levels, ensuring convenient access to parks.
- > **School parks that enhance accessibility:** In the Hudson Centre and Heights East districts, school parks effectively complement the park services offered to families.
- > **Opportunities for targeted improvements:** The Districts of Fairhaven, and parts of Hudson East and Heights East, show strong potential for improvement to neighbourhood service.
- > **Widespread access to nature:** All districts enjoy proximity to at least one nature park, a valuable asset for the entire territory.

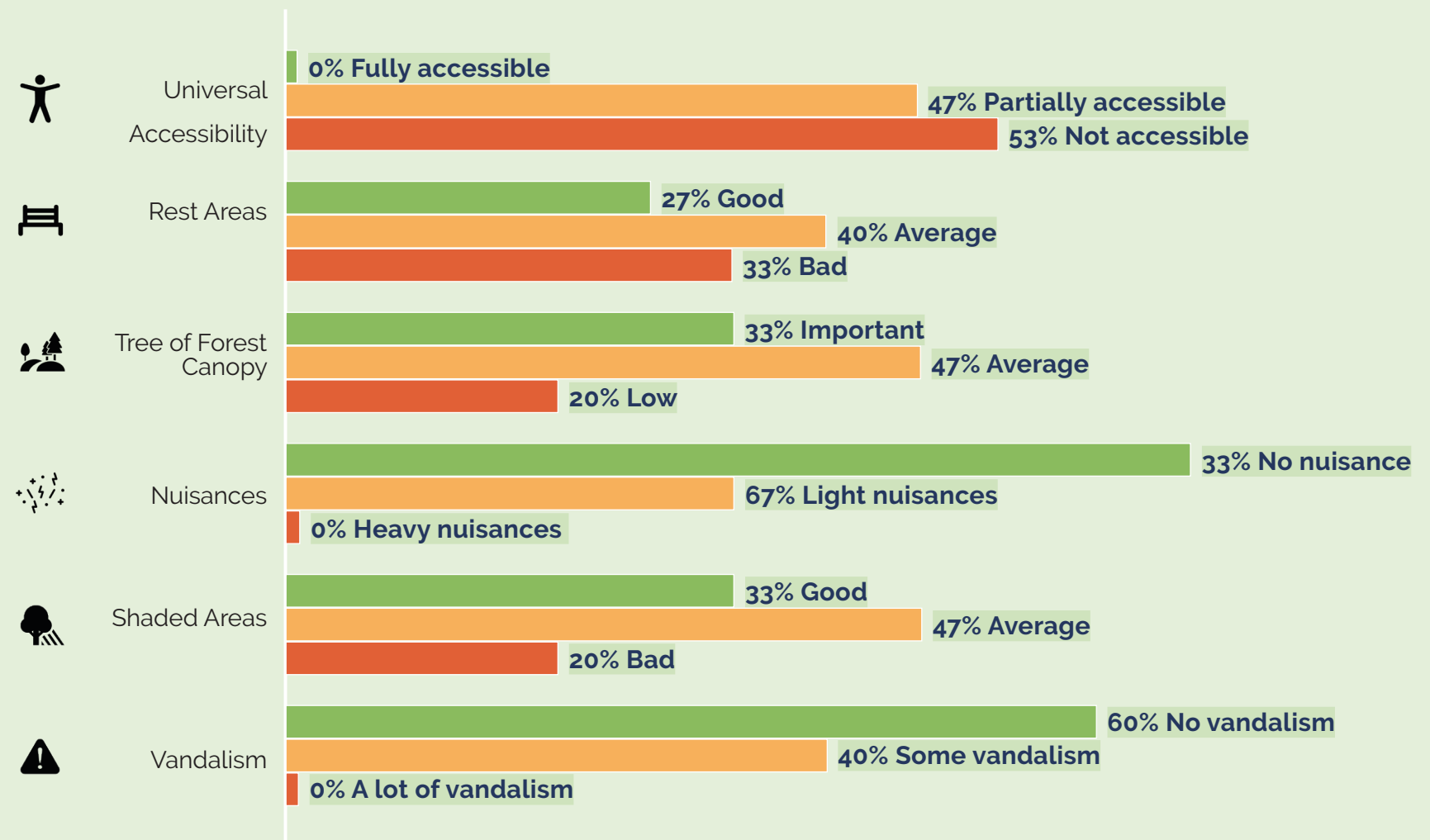
### Park Service Areas by Typology



## User Experience in Parks Findings

- > The parks receive **good natural light** but lack in **shaded areas and shelters** which would improve comfort around gathering areas.
- > The **limited noise and visual disturbance** contribute to a peaceful environment.
- > **Cultural and community services** remains underdeveloped due to a lack in infrastructure and scheduled activities.
- > **Rest areas** could be more welcoming with an improved seating that offers protection from weather.
- > **Off-leash dogs** on trails can create discomfort and a **sense of insecurity** for some users.
- > Basic amenities like **toilets** and **drinking fountains** are scarce.
- > **Vandalism and litter** continue to pose challenges in keeping parks attractive.

### Average Qualitative Assessment - Proportion of Parks by Evaluation Level



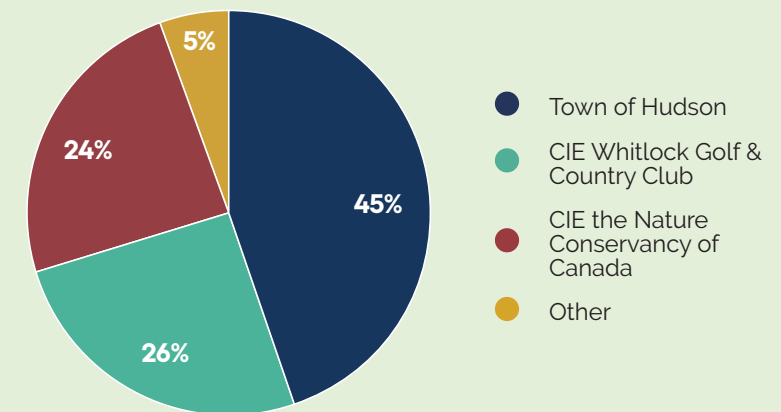


## Trail Network Findings

- Trails provide **immersive access to a range of natural environments** rich in biodiversity and scenic value.
- There is a **high level of use**, especially for walking, hiking, and nature observation.
- Multi-neighbourhood **accessibility** is a strength, though some areas remain underserved.
- Trail connectivity is limited, affecting the fluidity of movement. The **rail corridor** offers a potential opportunity for a stronger structural link.
- Trail infrastructure remains minimal. **Adding rest areas, lookouts, and educational signage** could enhance both recreational and educational experiences.
- Partial signage** makes navigation through the network more difficult.
- The **flat terrain and short distances** make the trails broadly accessible, though their **linear layout limits route variety**.
- The trail network **supports seasonal use**, with some trails popular in winter and others in summer — though few are accessible and maintained year-round.
- While the overall condition is satisfactory, some **segments require repairs** (e.g., erosion, roots, damaged boardwalks).



## Trail Ownership Distribution





## Park Amenities Findings

- › Hudson offers a well-established **recreational and sports network**, with a strong focus on team sports and **children's play structures** — both of which remain highly valued by the community.
- › The presence of centralized aquatic facilities provides a welcoming and refreshing hub for summer activities.
- › Current infrastructure forms a solid base for meeting the **needs of families** with young children, although some facilities are aging and could benefit from **renewal** to maintain their appeal.
- › Facilities for **seniors, emerging sports**, and dedicated **youth spaces** represent promising areas to expand and **diversify the network**.
- › Despite variable weather conditions, seasonal **outdoor skating rinks** continue to meet the demand for popular winter activities.
- › Users consistently express interest in a wider range of facilities, including expanded **play areas** and spaces for **trending sports** like pickleball and tennis — which would make the network even more engaging for **all age groups**.



SECTION 03

# Strategic Planning





# The Vision

In 2035, Hudson's parks, green spaces, and trails will highlight the town's exceptional and distinctive **natural setting** by relying on principles of **sustainability and connectivity** that strengthen the resilience of the environment. A **diverse, inclusive offering**—adapted to the needs of the community—will promote social interaction in **multifunctional, accessible, and welcoming spaces**.



## Six Areas of Action

To realize the vision of parks and green spaces, the adopted strategy is centred around six major areas of action:

1

### Create an Intergenerational Park at Benson Park

- > Provide versatile and inclusive facilities for all age.
- > Develop a welcoming space with recreational, cultural and social programming.
- > Highlight Hudson's identity.
- > Create an iconic and unifying civic space in Hudson's downtown area.

2

### Strengthen the Role of St-Thomas Park as a Sports Hub

- > Concentrate sports facilities to fully leverage a central space.
- > Ensure better infrastructure coherence and management.
- > Maximize the use of supporting facilities.

3

### Adapt and Enhance the Recreational Offer to Meet Diverse Needs

- > Diversify and modernize recreational offerings for all age groups.
- > Encourage a variety of activities through versatile and inclusive equipment.
- > Integrate flexibility and innovation to ensure a scalable offering.
- > Structure a comprehensive and coherent recreational offer across the Town.

4

### Strengthen and Sustain the Trail Network

- > Ensure the long-term viability of the trail network through formalization and conservation.
- > Structure key routes to improve accessibility and usability.
- > Add access points, signage, and sustainable amenities.
- > Protect the ecological integrity of the environments the trails pass through.

5

### Highlight Hudson's Waterfront Character and Improve Access to Water

- > Improve accessibility to the river and its shoreline.
- > Preserve the ecological integrity of the waterfront environment.
- > Increase opportunities for contact with the water.
- > Showcase the distinctive natural heritage.

6

### Improve Neighbourhood Service Area Coverage in Underserved Areas

- > Ensure an equitable distribution of green spaces across the territory.
- > Address gaps in the neighbourhood park coverage in underserved areas.
- > Create or improve local spaces tailored to community needs.



## SECTION 04

# Action Plan



# An Evolving Plan

The six main areas of action guide the development of a concrete action plan, aligned with the vision for the network of parks and green spaces. The complete action plan is set out in the annex to this document.

All proposed actions over the next ten years will be prioritized as short-term (0–3 years), medium-term (4–6 years), long-term (7–10 years), or very long-term (beyond 10 years). This prioritization ensures thoughtful and coherent planning while remaining realistic and achievable for the Town.

The prioritization outlined in the action plan must remain adaptable to changing circumstances. While this plan serves as a guiding document for the coming years, it also needs to stay flexible to respond to the Town's evolving priorities. Several factors may influence the order of interventions over time, including:

- > The security of users;
- > Access to special funds (grants, programs, sponsorships);
- > Planned actions aligned with other municipal policies;
- > Infrastructure upgrade projects within the Town
- > Natural or public health emergencies;
- > Special events;
- > Etc.





# Guiding Principles of the Action Plan

## 01 — Create an Intergenerational Park at Benson Park

The transformation of Benson Park into an intergenerational space aims to establish it as a true central hub of community life in Hudson. Located in the heart of the Town, it will become a landmark gathering space where all generations can connect and interact. The redevelopment will feature versatile and accessible facilities designed to meet the needs of different age groups, while celebrating Hudson's local identity.



## Facilities and Amenities

- > Multipurpose public plaza
- > Splash pad with a non-recirculating water system designed to minimize water use, featuring pretreatment through a vegetated basin
- > Skate spot
- > Outdoor fitness area
- > Replacement of children's play equipment with accessible and versatile play structures
- > Renovation of the park chalet and washroom building, including the addition of a covered outdoor area
- > Universally accessible site furnishings
- > Drinking fountain
- > Installation of festive ambient lighting
- > Preservation of space for the skating rink and ice ring
- > Formalization of on-street parking



02 —  
Strengthen the Role of  
St-Thomas Park as a  
Sports Hub

The distribution of functions among the city's parks provides a structured and functional framework. St-Thomas Park is set to become a central sports hub, bringing facilities together to optimize accessibility and simplify management. The addition of modern and adapted amenities will strengthen its sporting vocation and offer citizens an attractive place for recreation, consolidating its role as a major facility for the Hudson community.



Facilities and Amenities

- > **Multi-sport surface** (includes a rink with permanent boards for hockey and roller hockey, with markings for pickleball and basketball).
- > **Rest area** with shaded shelter.
- > Park chalet with changing rooms for winter activities.
- > Refurbishment of the wading pool and soccer fields.
- > Implementation of lighting for the sports facilities.
- > Reorganization of the parking area.



### 03 — Adapt and Enhance the Recreational Offer to Meet Diverse Needs

The adaptation and expansion of the recreational network will provide better planned, more diverse amenities tailored to the population's evolving needs. Given the number of facilities involved and the importance of phasing improvements over time, this is a major undertaking. The goal is to ensure balanced and coherent distribution of facilities across the entire town, while maintaining high standards of quality and long-term sustainability.



Rest and  
Socialization Area



Versatile Recreational  
Equipment



100% Accessible  
Playground



Pickleball Courts

## Facilities and Amenities

- > Full-size basketball court
- > Accessible and versatile playgrounds
- > Outdoor training area
- > Pickleball courts- **Realized**
- > Rest and socialization areas
- > Appropriate furnishing in rest areas (picnic tables without base)
- > Addition of shade structures or canopies
- > Drinking fountain
- > Installation of a composting-type restroom facility



04 —  
Strengthen and  
Sustain the Trail Network

Implementation of a Trail Management  
Model Led by a Non-Profit Organization

Preserving Hudson’s trail network — a key component of the Town’s outdoor recreation offer — requires balancing formalization with environmental conservation. To support the development, maintenance, and sustainability of the network, the Town should consider partnering with a non-profit organization (NPO). This model combines local expertise, community engagement, and flexibility, while reducing financial and administrative pressure on the Town.

A dedicated NPO would offer a durable and efficient solution by optimizing resources and mobilizing the community around a unifying project. Through collaborative and agile management, this model would ensure the long-term viability of the trails, strengthen social connections, and contribute to the protection of natural environments.



Advantages

- > **Citizen Engagement:** Residents are willing to actively participate in the management and maintenance of the trails.
- > **Extensive Network to Manage:** An NPO would allow for more structured and flexible management of a large network.
- > **Limited Municipal Capacity:** Reduces pressure on the Town's budgets and staff.
- > **Specialized Expertise:** Access to professionals in design, maintenance, and conservation.
- > **Relationships with Private Landowners:** Facilitates negotiations for rights-of-ways.
- > **External funding:** Opportunities for grants, donations, and sponsorships to support operations.



05 —  
Highlight Hudson's  
Waterfront Character and  
Improve Access to Water

Strengthening Hudson's riverfront character involves a series of interventions to improve access to water, enrich shoreline landscaping, and expand water-based recreational opportunities. These initiatives will deepen the connection between the Town and its natural environment, while promoting responsible and sustainable community use of the waterfront.

Three parks along the Ottawa River are targeted for these improvements: Sandy Beach, Thompson Park, and Jack Layton Park.



Facilities and Amenities

> Thompson Park

- Access for launching non-motorized small watercraft and for fishing
- Rentable stands for personal non-motorized watercraft
- Enhancement of the picnic area, including added furnishings, pathways, and plantings along the shoreline section

> Jack Layton Park

- Assess the repair of the boat launch ramp
- Partnership for renting small non-motorized watercraft **(currently underway)**
- Covered multipurpose surface with a view of the water
- Addition of universally accessible urban furniture

> Sandy Beach

- Sustain efforts to secure public access to Sandy Beach



## 06 — Improve Neighbourhood Service Area Coverage in Underserved Areas

Improving neighbourhood park service will help fill current gaps by offering nearby green spaces that meet the needs of local residents. These interventions will strengthen accessibility, diversify the local recreational offer, and enhance the consistency of services across neighbourhoods.



Neighbourhood Park



Green Space



Children's Play Equipment



Children's Play Equipment

## Facilities and Amenities

### > New Neighbourhood Park (District 4 - Fairhaven, Westwood Crescent)

- Rest area
- Children's play structures
- Trails integrated into the wooded area

### > Willowbrook/Osekowa Parks

- Play areas adapted for children aged 18 months to 5 years and 5 to 12 years
- Social gathering area
- Developed pathways
- Installation of lighting

### > Davidson Park

- Socialization area with urban furniture and a swing seat
- Grading of the ground to create a small sledding area
- Ornamental plantings and addition of trees



# Summary of Interventions

Interventions related to sports and recreational facilities are structured around a concrete development scenario that align with the vision and strategic directions outlined for the park network.



















## Summary of Interventions on Sports and Recreational Facilities

The following table shows the current inventory of facilities in each of these parks, along with the projections for each scenario. This provides a clear overview of the proposed changes.

The map on the following page illustrates a summary of the sports and recreational facility interventions, using the following colour-coded legend:

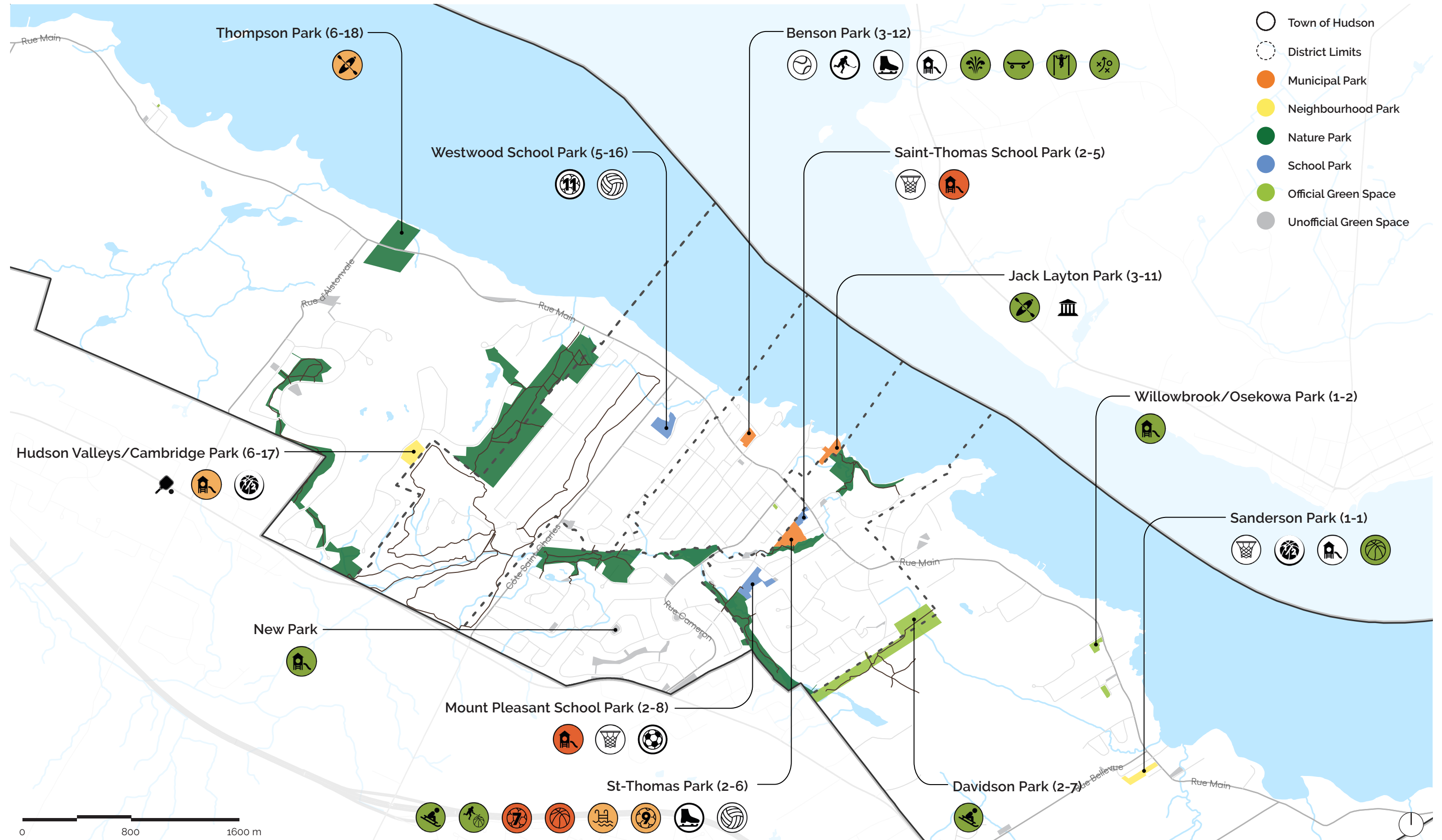
-  **White:** Existing and Preserved
-  **Red:** Removed
-  **Green:** Added
-  **Orange:** Upgraded and Redeveloped

## Quantity of Sports and Recreational Facilities

ÉQUIPEMENT	CURRENT	PROJECTED
 Ball Field	1	1
 Basketball - Full Court	1	1
 Basketball - Half Court	2	1
 Basketball - Individual Basket	7	7
 Soccer Field (mini-soccer)	2	2
 Soccer Field (7 players)	1	0
 Soccer Field (9 players)	1	1
 Soccer Field (11 players)/Football	1	1
 Beach Volleyball Court	2	2
 Pickleball Court	0	4
 Skate Spot	0	1
 Fitness Area	0	1
 Multi-Sport Surface	0	1
 Pool and Wading Pool	2	2
 Splash Pad	0	1
 Non-Motorized Launch	1	2
 Rink (hockey)	1	1
 Rink / Ice Ring	2	2
 Sledding Hill	0	2
 Kid's Playground	5	7
 Public Plaza	0	1
 Covered Multipurpose Surface	0	1



## Summary of Interventions on Sports and Recreational Facilities





# Conclusion

## The Town of Hudson’s Parks and Green Spaces Master Plan is a vital strategic planning tool.

Developed through a participatory process involving residents and local organizations, the plan identifies the community’s real needs and responds with concrete, locally appropriate actions.

By providing a long-term, coherent vision, the Master Plan will guide future investments and ensure that park developments reflect the aspirations of Hudson’s population—while enhancing quality of life and reinforcing the Town’s appeal for generations to come.









# Complete Action Plan

2026-2036



The Action Plan : A Flexible Planning Tool

The action plan serves as a strategic guide for the years ahead. It outlines actions to be implemented over the short, medium, and long term, while remaining a flexible and adaptable tool. Its purpose is to support the Town in making informed decisions, while allowing for adjustments to the sequence

and nature of actions based on community needs, local priorities, and changing circumstances. This evolving framework is designed to stay aligned with the Town's context—ensuring coherence, relevance, and feasibility of the proposed actions for the benefit of the community..

Short Term Actions - 0 to 3 Years

AREA OF ACTION	ACTION DESCRIPTION	DETAILS AND COMMENTS	PARK NAME	CODE	TYPOLOGY	DISTRICT	ACTION TYPE	BUDGET ESTIMATE + CONTINGENCIES (40%)	
								MIN	MAX
1	Conduct feasibility studies for the addition of a splash pad, including the assessment of potable water consumption and the impacts on wastewater treatment.	Landscape architecture, architecture and engineering	Benson	3-12	Municipal Park	3 - Central Hudson			
1	Develop a master plan for the redevelopment of Benson Park, structured in two phases : > Main phase : redevelopment of the entire park, with the exception of the area currently occupied by the ball field. > Long term phase : completion of the redevelopment should the ball field be relocated (a scenario that extends beyond the 10-year scope of this Action Plan)	Given the uncertainty regarding the timing, needs, and conditions that might eventually justify a potential relocation of the ball field to another park (e.g., St. Thomas Park), this Master Plan is limited to considering its possible long-term removal from Benson Park, without planning for its relocation. If and when this eventuality is considered, a viable option will need to be identified.	Benson	3-12	Municipal Park	3 - Central Hudson			
3	Addition of urban furniture (picnic tables without permanent bases).		St-Jean	3-13	Official Green Space	3 - Central Hudson		\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000
3	Improvement of the dog park facilities (drainage, addition of a shelter, furniture, vegetation).		Thompson	6-18	Nature Park	6 - West End		\$ 140,000	\$ 210,000
3	<div>&gt; Addition of a children's playground; &gt; Construction of a small vegetated mound to mitigate noise from the pickleball courts (between the pickleball courts and Cambridge Street); &gt; Removal of pavement and construction of a stone dust path; &gt; Creation of a socialization area with furniture and shade structure; &gt; Installation of a drinking water fountain.</div>		Hudson Valleys/ Cambridge	6-17	Neighbourhood Park	6 - West End		\$ 362,040	\$ 593,040
4	Negotiation of trail system rights-of-way with property owners or land acquisition to ensure the long-term sustainability of the network.								
5	Preparation of an overall concept plan ahead of proposed investments (see below)	The plan should consider: > the existing compensation plantings that were carried out on the site; > the floodplain covering a large portion of the site; > the use of the park by the amateur astronomers' group (Dark Sky).	Thompson	6-18	Nature Park	6 - West End			



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Action Type

- Landscaping
- Major Upgrade
- Service Development
- Maintenance
- Policy, partnership or procedure
- Plan, study or concepts

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AREA OF ACTION	ACTION DESCRIPTION	DETAILS AND COMMENTS	PARK NAME	CODE	TYPOLOGY	DISTRICT	ACTION TYPE	BUDGET ESTIMATE + CONTINGENCIES (40%)	
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5	Continue ongoing efforts to secure access to Sandy Beach		Sandy Beach	2-4	Nature Park	2 - Eastern Hudson			
5	Conduct a feasibility study to assess possibility of repairing boat launch		Jack Layton	3-11	Municipal Park	3 - Central Hudson			
5	Development of a partnership with a local business (Voile Oka) to offer a rental service for small non-motorized watercraft.		Jack Layton	3-11	Municipal Park	3 - Central Hudson			
5	Implementation of the redevelopment, in accordance with the overall concept plan, including : > creation of an access point for launching light non-motorized watercraft and for fishing; > installation of rental racks for personal watercraft; > enhancement of the picnic area along the shoreline; > addition of trails, furniture, and plantings in the waterfront portion of the park.		Thompson	6-18	Nature Park	6 - West End		\$ 308,000	\$ 420,000
6	Development of a neighbourhood park oriented toward young families, including play areas for children (18 months–5 years and 5–12 years), a socialization area, trails, and lighting.	Lands transferred in two phases according to residential development.	Willowbrook/ Osekowa	1-2	Official Green Space	1 - Como		\$ 736,400	\$ 987,000
	Development and preservation of the "nature" identity of Hudson's parks.	General recommendation							
	Perform a study of the potential requalification of informal green spaces in order to clearly define their purpose (park, conservation, or sale).	General recommendation							

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Medium Term Actions - 4 to 6 Years

Area of Action	Action Description	Details and Comments	Park Name	Code	Typology	District	Action Type	Budget Estimate + Contingencies (40%)	
								Min	Max
1	Implementation of the main phase of the redevelopment, in accordance with the master plan, including : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; a multipurpose public square;</li><li>&gt; a recirculating splash pad with low water consumption, featuring pretreatment through a vegetated basin;</li><li>&gt; the replacement of children's play structures with accessible, versatile installations that provide an appropriate level of challenge for each age group;</li><li>&gt; the development of a skate spot;</li><li>&gt; the addition of an outdoor training area for teenagers and young adults;</li><li>&gt; the installation of universally accessible furniture;</li><li>&gt; the creation of accessible trails connecting the different activity areas;</li><li>&gt; the renovation of the park chalet and washroom building, with the addition of a covered outdoor area;</li><li>&gt; the installation of a drinking water fountain;</li><li>&gt; the formalization of on-street parking.</li></ul>		Benson	3-12	Municipal Park	3 - Central Hudson		\$ 1,540,000	\$ 2,142,000
1	Development of programming that fosters intergenerational connections.	Cultural programming, markets, events	Benson	3-12	Municipal Park	3 - Central Hudson			
2	Preparation of an overall concept plan ahead of proposed investments (see below)		St-Thomas	2-6	Municipal Park	2 - Eastern Hudson			
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Renovation of the wading pool and soccer fields</li><li>&gt; Reorganization of the parking area.</li></ul>		St-Thomas	2-6	Municipal Park	2 - Eastern Hudson		\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000
2	Implementation of the redevelopment, in accordance with the overall concept plan, including : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; removal of the basketball court and the small soccer field;</li><li>&gt; development of a multi-sport surface (rink with permanent boards for hockey and roller hockey, markings for pickleball and basketball), with lighting;</li><li>&gt; creation of a sliding hill;</li><li>&gt; development of a relaxation area with a shaded shelter;</li><li>&gt; addition of a park chalet with changing rooms for winter activities (or installation of a trailer).</li></ul>		St-Thomas	2-6	Municipal Park	2 - Eastern Hudson		\$ 469,000	\$ 1,393,000
2	Addition of trails connecting the facilities and sports fields.		St-Thomas	2-6	Municipal Park	2 - Eastern Hudson		\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
3	Addition of two new pickleball courts or refurbishment of the existing basketball court.	Deferred timeline to allow for the assessment of needs in sports fields, taking into account the addition of two pickleball courts in summer 2025.	Hudson Valleys/ Cambridge	6-17	Neighbourhood Park	6 - West End		\$ 70,000	\$ 280,000
3	Increase in the maintenance budget for parks and green spaces to ensure their long-term safety and quality.								

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Medium Term Actions - 4 to 6 Years

AREA OF ACTION	ACTION DESCRIPTION	DETAILS AND COMMENTS	PARK NAME	CODE	TYPOLOGY	DISTRICT	ACTION TYPE	BUDGET ESTIMATE + CONTINGENCIES (40%)	
								MIN	MAX
3	<div>&gt; Addition of a full basketball court;</div> <div>&gt; Formalization of the path between Main Street and Sanderson Street;</div> <div>&gt; Creation of community gardens (max. option);</div> <div>&gt; Addition of a shade structure.</div>		Sanderson	1-1	Neighbourhood Park	1 - Como		\$ 130,000	\$ 250,000
4	Formalization of the access path from Como Garden Street to the trail entrance, including the addition of an identification sign.		Davidson	2-7	Nature Park	2 - Eastern Hudson		\$ 13,500	\$ 17,500
4	Creation and funding of a non-profit organization for the management and maintenance of the trails.								
4	Development of a trails master plan and create missing connections where possible.								
4	Formalization of the connection between the existing trail and Blenkinship Street.		St-Thomas	2-6	Municipal Park	2 - Eastern Hudson		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
6	Creation of a socialization area with swings, furniture, light ground shaping for a small sliding hill, ornamental plantings, and the addition of trees.		Davidson	2-7	Nature Park	2 - Eastern Hudson		\$ 75,000	\$ 165,000

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Long Term Actions - 7 to 10 Years

AREA OF ACTION	ACTION DESCRIPTION	DETAILS AND COMMENTS	PARK NAME	CODE	TYPOLOGY	DISTRICT	ACTION TYPE	BUDGET ESTIMATE + CONTINGENCIES (40%)	
								MIN	MAX
3	Plan for the replacement of equipment whose condition was rated as average in the inventory.		Sanderson	1-1	Neighbourhood Park	1 - Como		\$ 168,000	\$ 280,000
4	Addition of signage to identify the trails.								
4	Integration of existing mobile technological tools to facilitate wayfinding in the trail system.								
5	Creation of a covered multifunctional space with a view of the water (dance, yoga, small concerts, etc.), accompanied by universally accessible furniture.	Maximize waterfront views	Jack Layton	3-11	Municipal Park	3 - Central Hudson		\$ 119,000	\$ 385,000
6	Development of a neighbourhood park in District 4 (Westwood Crescent), including a relaxation area, a trail, and natural children's play equipment integrated into the wooded area.	Westwood Crescent	Westwood Crescent		Neighbourhood Park	4 - Fairhaven		\$ 166,040	\$ 240,450

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Very Long Term Actions - Over 10 Years

AREA OF ACTION	ACTION DESCRIPTION	DETAILS AND COMMENTS	PARK NAME	CODE	TYPOLOGY	DISTRICT	ACTION TYPE	BUDGET ESTIMATE + CONTINGENCIES (40%)	
								MIN	MAX
1	Long-term scenario – should the ball field be relocated, certain complementary interventions could be considered, including : > removal of the ball field; > enhancement and expansion of the multipurpose public square; > revision of lighting (removal of the sports lighting tower and integration of festive ambient lighting).	Transfert du terrain de baseball vers le parc St-Thomas	Benson	3-12	Municipal Park	3 - Central Hudson		\$ 1,495,000	\$ 2,500,000
4	Improve accessibility to trail system for people with reduced mobility by adding rest areas in strategic locations.								

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