



MCKEE | NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Concept Trails

Stage 2 Report | Excerpt



4.9 Trails

Trails are an essential component to the McKee NP Concept. There are currently many informal trails on private property that are beloved by the community. The questionnaire results and the design workshop conversations demonstrated how important these trails are to mountain bikers, hikers, and nature lovers in Abbotsford and beyond.

As development within the plan area continues, access to these private lands will be limited. The Concept engages in creative solutions to maintain existing trails that do not conflict with future development sites, and build new trails in non-developable areas.

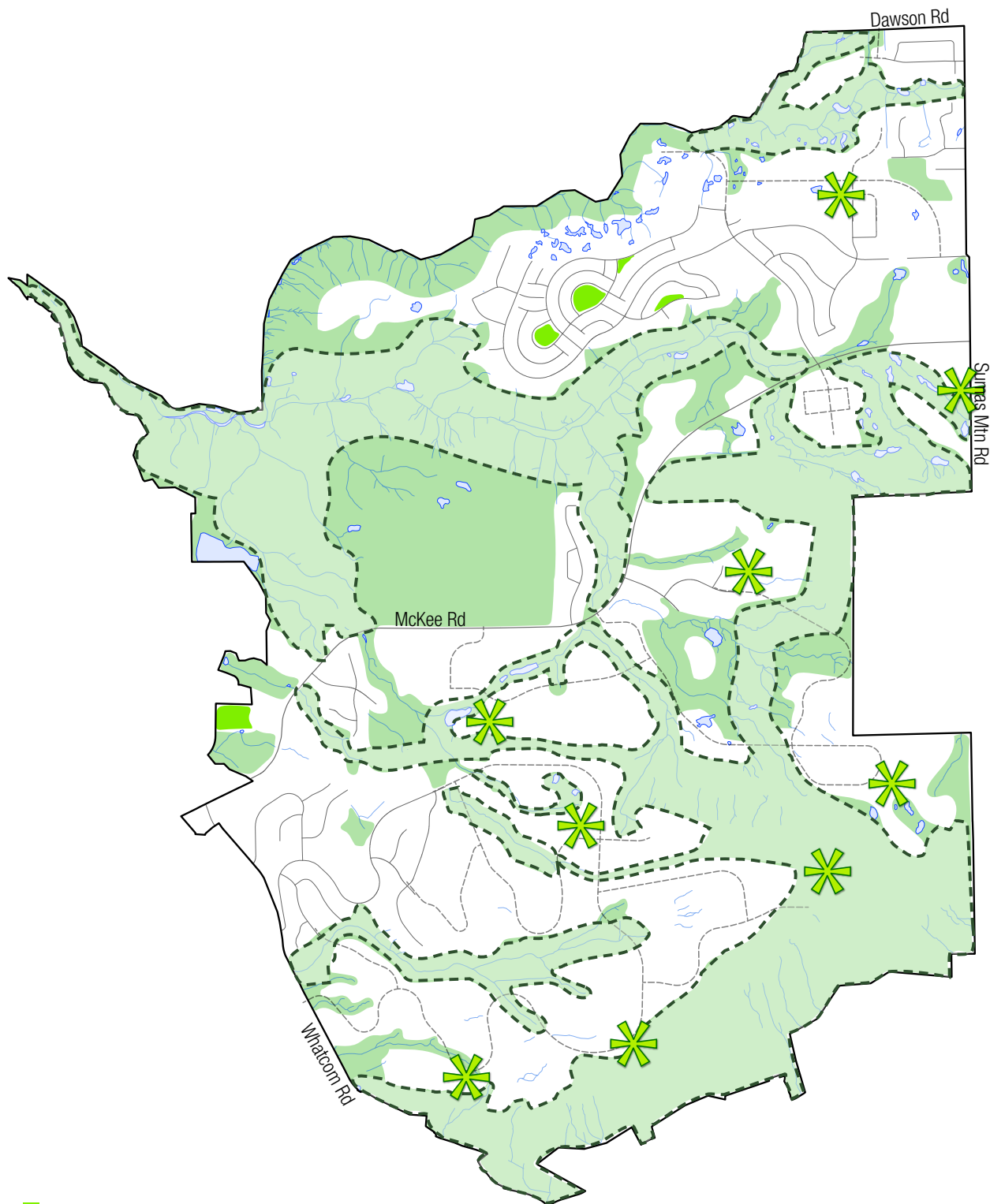
The Streamside Protection and Enhancement Area (SPEA) permits trails within the SPEA buffer intended to protect watercourses. At the time of development, the City obtains the lands within the SPEA from the developer, for protection. New hiking and mountain biking trails will take advantage of these natural areas, and may connect with existing trails.

Parking for trail users is an important source of conflict the McKee NP will address. Where possible, parking opportunities will be built to benefit the trail users, and result in fewer disturbances to residents.



Figure 14. SPEA Trail Transect

The Concept shows the general areas that can be explored for trail use. Only land that is not suitable for development will be considered for trail use within these areas. Stage 3 will explore policy framework options to enable trails in these flexible areas where development is not possible.



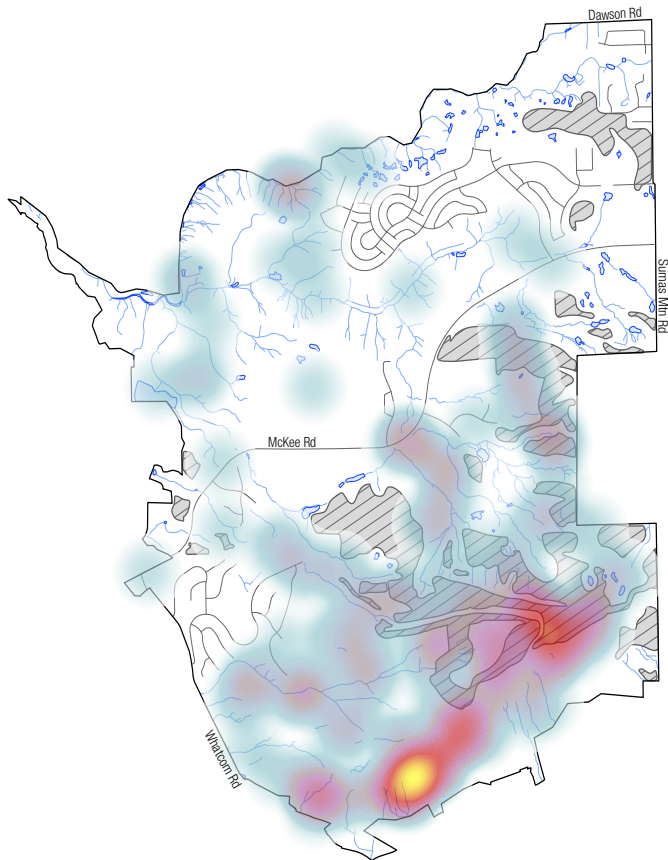
- Existing Neighbourhood Parks
- Open Space
- Potential Trail Use Areas
- Proposed Park Locations



Map 19. Potential Trail Use Areas

Current Trail and Outdoor Recreation Use

As a part of the Let's Talk Abbotsford online engagement, participants were asked to place pins on a map of the plan area to show where they currently enjoy outdoor recreation. The map below highlights the key areas for outdoor recreation on the mountain today. A significant portion of the more popular areas are within geotechnical risk areas, as seen in the hatched grey colour, and therefore may be explored for future trail use.



Map 20. Outdoor Recreation Heat Map

