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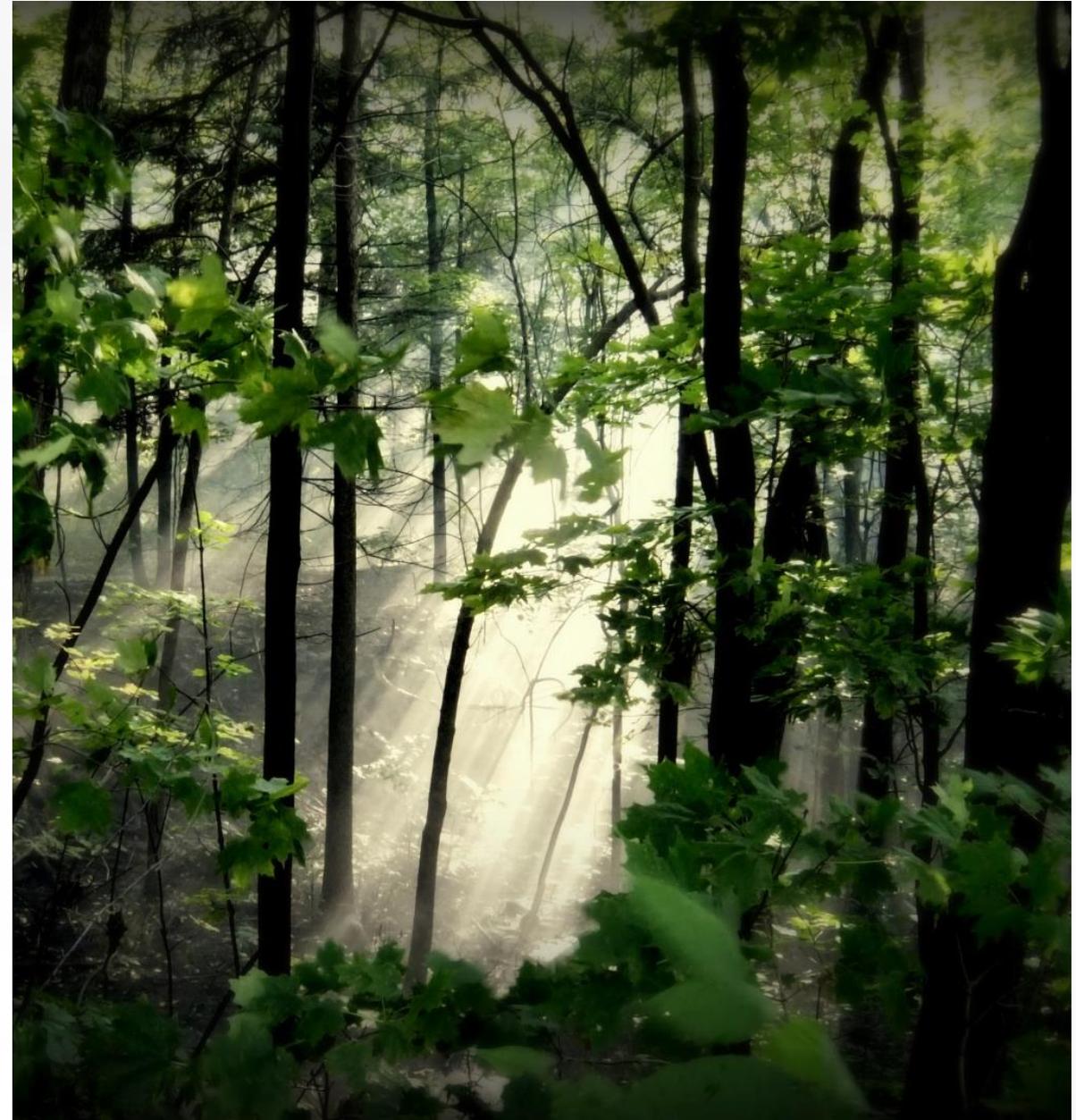
# Renewal of the NCC's Environmental Strategy

Board of Directors

September 12, 2017

# Background

- Environmental strategy 2009–2017: an internally driven, voluntary approach
- Expires on March 31, 2018
- Supports the incorporation of environmental concerns into policies and practices
- Created organization-wide targets



# Review of the Current Strategy

- Relevant and aligned with NCC's mandate
- Fosters a sense of responsibility for the environment among staff
- 16 out of 23 objectives achieved
- Results reported annually

# Review of the Current Strategy

- Should be integrated with other corporate planning processes
- Roles and responsibilities not systematically identified
- Lack of dedicated budgets
- Shorter timeframe needed

# Consultations

- February 2017: 148 staff shared their ideas
- June 6–7, 2017: 40 regional stakeholders and members of the general public participated in workshops and an open house
- Majority of the ideas aligned with the goals of the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy 2016–2019



# Federal Sustainable Development Act

- Bill C-57 tabled on June 19, 2017 by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- Proposes amendments to the Federal Sustainable Development Act
- Brings the total number of federal organizations from 26 to more than 90
- NCC to be subject to the Federal Sustainable Development Act

# Implications for the NCC

- Adjusting from voluntary strategy to compliance and reporting
- Adopt the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy framework
- Contribute to relevant Federal Sustainable Development Strategy goals, targets and milestones
- Integrate into corporate planning and reporting

# Federal Sustainable Development Strategy



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Effective action  
climate change



Healthy coasts and  
oceans



Sustainable  
food



Low-carbon  
government



Pristine lakes  
and rivers



Connecting  
Canadians  
with nature



Clean growth



Sustainably managed  
lands and forests



Safe and healthy  
communities



Modern and  
resilient  
infrastructure



Healthy wildlife  
populations



Clean energy



Clean drinking  
water

# Effective Action on Climate Change



## Target:

- Reduce by 30% Canada's GHG emissions by 2030

## Currently:

- NCC lands host scientific research on climate change
- NCC provides and improves regional active transportation network

## Ideas :

- Climate change adaptation plan for the NCR

# Low-Carbon Government



## Target:

- Reduce GHG emissions from federal buildings and fleets by 40% by 2030

## Currently:

- Geothermal heating and cooling system at Rideau Hall
- Retrofit program for residential and commercial buildings

## Ideas :

- Carbon neutral/positive 24 Sussex and Gatineau Park Visitor Centre
- Implement and support district energy projects

# Sustainably Managed Lands and Forests



## Target :

- 17% of terrestrial areas and inland water conserved

## Currently:

- Corporate Natural Resources Stewardship Action Plan
- All high-value ecosystems and habitats designated conservation lands

## Ideas :

- Apply a natural capital model to decision-making
- Create citizen science programs to improve scientific research, data collection and education

# Sustainable Food



## Target:

- Ensure safe and accessible food supply

## Currently:

- Work with partners to increase sustainable food production in the Greenbelt and urban lands
- Lease to Just Food Ottawa supports local farmers, education and outreach

## Ideas:

- Promote innovation and sustainable practices

# Connecting Canadians with Nature



## Target:

- Increase the number of Canadians that get to nature and increase participation in conservation activities

## Currently:

- NCC offers facilities and infrastructure for outdoor activities
- Outdoor experience programs for youth and new Canadians

## Ideas :

- Make outdoor experiences on NCC lands more accessible for all (such as shuttles to green spaces)
- Develop additional programs to engage schools, clubs and citizens

# Risks

- Adequate budget and resources
- Falling short in our contribution to Federal Sustainable Development Strategy targets
- Staff and stakeholders buy-in



# Next Steps

- **September 2017:** Engage a sustainability consultant
- **Fall 2017:** Internal consultations for future actions contributing to the FSDS 2016–2019
- **Winter –Spring 2018:** External consultations on the renewed strategy and creation of a communication plan
- **Summer 2018:** Launch of the NCC's new Sustainable Development Strategy

# Next Steps

- **2018 onward:** Implementation, monitoring and tracking results
- **2018 and 2019:** Voluntary annual reports
- **2020:** NCC's Sustainable Development Strategy tabled to Parliament



