

LAND USE CONCEPT DESCRIPTION

What this concept does over the long term

1. Provides a framework to conserve ecological resources.
2. Facilitates responsible and respectful recreation that is based on collaboration.
3. Fosters sustainable movement into and within the Park.

How?

- Protects natural areas throughout the Park.
- Increases ecological protection by limiting public activities in the **integral conservation** zones around La Pêche Lake and the Eardley Escarpment.
- Encourages the conservation of the 13 ecological corridors surrounding the Park.
- Restores natural habitats by closing a majority of unofficial trails and making some trails official (selected in close collaboration with the community of Park users, based on low impact).
- Offers opportunities for outdoor recreational activity, which increase in density from north to south.
- Concentrates activity in existing nodes.
- Provides new pedestrian and cycling access points corresponding to the location of the new official trails.
- Maintains existing official accesses.
- Aims to reduce the number of cars driving within the Park.
- Limits new car-related infrastructure within the Park, while improving sustainable transportation options.
- Maintains the main visitor centre at Chelsea, and improves other visitor reception points.

What is a land use concept?

- A graphical representation of the long-term vision for Gatineau Park (“where we want to go”).
- An illustration of the main ideas that will guide the planning and management of Gatineau Park over the next 50 years.
- A geographic illustration showing how the goals and objectives can be achieved on the ground.

Refresher

Based on feedback received during previous rounds of public consultations, we have identified the following four goals with their respective strategic directions for Gatineau Park:

1. Conservation
2. Experience
3. Access
4. Collaboration and engagement

The proposed land use concept map flows directly from the first three goals.

The strategic directions for **collaboration and engagement** are not geographically represented on the concept plan. They will apply throughout the plan in the following ways:

- By raising awareness.
- By engaging users in attaining these objectives through shared stewardship.
- Through collaboration with regional organizations toward the shared objective of conserving the Park for future generations.

Diagram

