

The Saanich Centennial will be marked by projects that will leave a lasting legacy in the community.

Mayor Frank Leonard

Centennial Trails – San Juan Greenway

The Centennial Trails Project makes trail connections east-west and north-south to serve a variety of trail users. The San Juan Greenway was originally envisioned as part of the 1999 “Gordon Head Action Plan: Greenways, Bikeways and Pedestrian Mobility”. This route was incorporated into the “Centennial Trails 2006 and Beyond” plan to form a part of an overall east-west corridor across Saanich. This is one of the last sections to be completed in Phase 1 of the project.

Saanich Council approved the project as part of Phase 1 of the Centennial Trails Project. With funding assistance through the Provincial LocalMotion Grant, the project aims to achieve a number of improvements and objectives including:

- New sidewalks, bikelanes and various other improvements to aid pedestrian and wheelchair mobility.
- Forms a portion of a continuous east-west route across Saanich.
- Provides a key connection between Blenkinsop Greenway, Mt. Douglas Park and Arbutus Cove Park.
- Accommodate a range of trail users, ie walkers, cyclists and persons with mobility issues.
- Improved pedestrian crossings at the key intersections.
- Improved awareness through the use of Route Marker Signs, Map Signs and Trail Information Signs.
- Provides a link to the Lambrick Park trail and connects to Gordon Head Recreation Centre.
- Off road sections of the trail will be 3.0m asphalt surface.

Saanich Trails – Gordon Head Coastal Greenway

Originally envisioned as part of the 1999 “Gordon Head Action Plan: Greenways, Bikeways and Pedestrian Mobility”, the idea for the project was brought forward by the Gordon Head Residents Association in response to a request for a Community Centennial Project to celebrate Saanich’s Centennial Year. With funding assistance of the Provincial LocalMotion Grant, the full concept of the greenway will be completed in 2008/09.

The project aims to achieve a number of improvements and objectives including:

- Acknowledge the route identified in the 1999 “Gordon Head Action Plan: Greenways, Bikeways and Pedestrian Mobility” document.
- Link ocean accesses along the coastline and provide vistas of the water.
- Route was identified by local residents who wanted a quiet and safe walking route along the coast where possible.
- Accommodate a range of trail users, ie walkers, cyclists and persons with mobility issues.
- Improved safety with new pedestrian crossings at the key intersections.
- Improved awareness through the use of Route Marker Signs, Map Signs and Trail Information Signs.
- Connects to walking/hiking designated trails in municipal parks along the route.

Budget for both projects is \$1.1 million with 50% of the funding from the LocalMotion Grant.