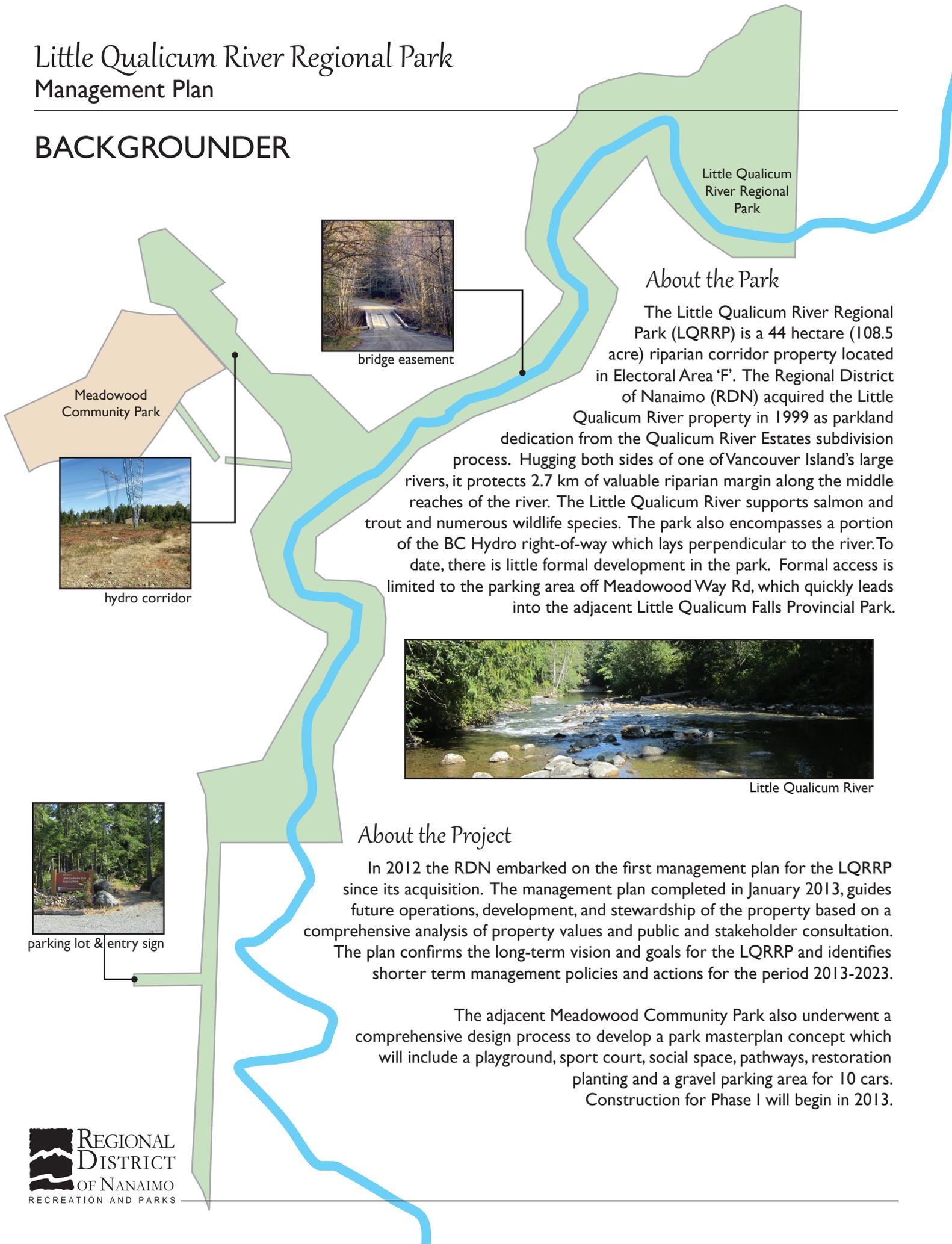


Little Qualicum River Regional Park Management Plan

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About the Park

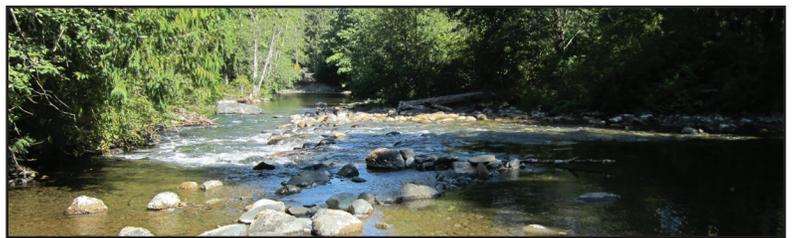
The Little Qualicum River Regional Park (LQRRP) is a 44 hectare (108.5 acre) riparian corridor property located in Electoral Area 'F'. The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) acquired the Little Qualicum River property in 1999 as parkland dedication from the Qualicum River Estates subdivision process. Hugging both sides of one of Vancouver Island's large rivers, it protects 2.7 km of valuable riparian margin along the middle reaches of the river. The Little Qualicum River supports salmon and trout and numerous wildlife species. The park also encompasses a portion of the BC Hydro right-of-way which lays perpendicular to the river. To date, there is little formal development in the park. Formal access is limited to the parking area off Meadowood Way Rd, which quickly leads into the adjacent Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park.



bridge easement



hydro corridor



Little Qualicum River



parking lot & entry sign

About the Project

In 2012 the RDN embarked on the first management plan for the LQRRP since its acquisition. The management plan completed in January 2013, guides future operations, development, and stewardship of the property based on a comprehensive analysis of property values and public and stakeholder consultation. The plan confirms the long-term vision and goals for the LQRRP and identifies shorter term management policies and actions for the period 2013-2023.

The adjacent Meadowood Community Park also underwent a comprehensive design process to develop a park masterplan concept which will include a playground, sport court, social space, pathways, restoration planting and a gravel parking area for 10 cars. Construction for Phase I will begin in 2013.