

Native Ecosystem Corridor Plan

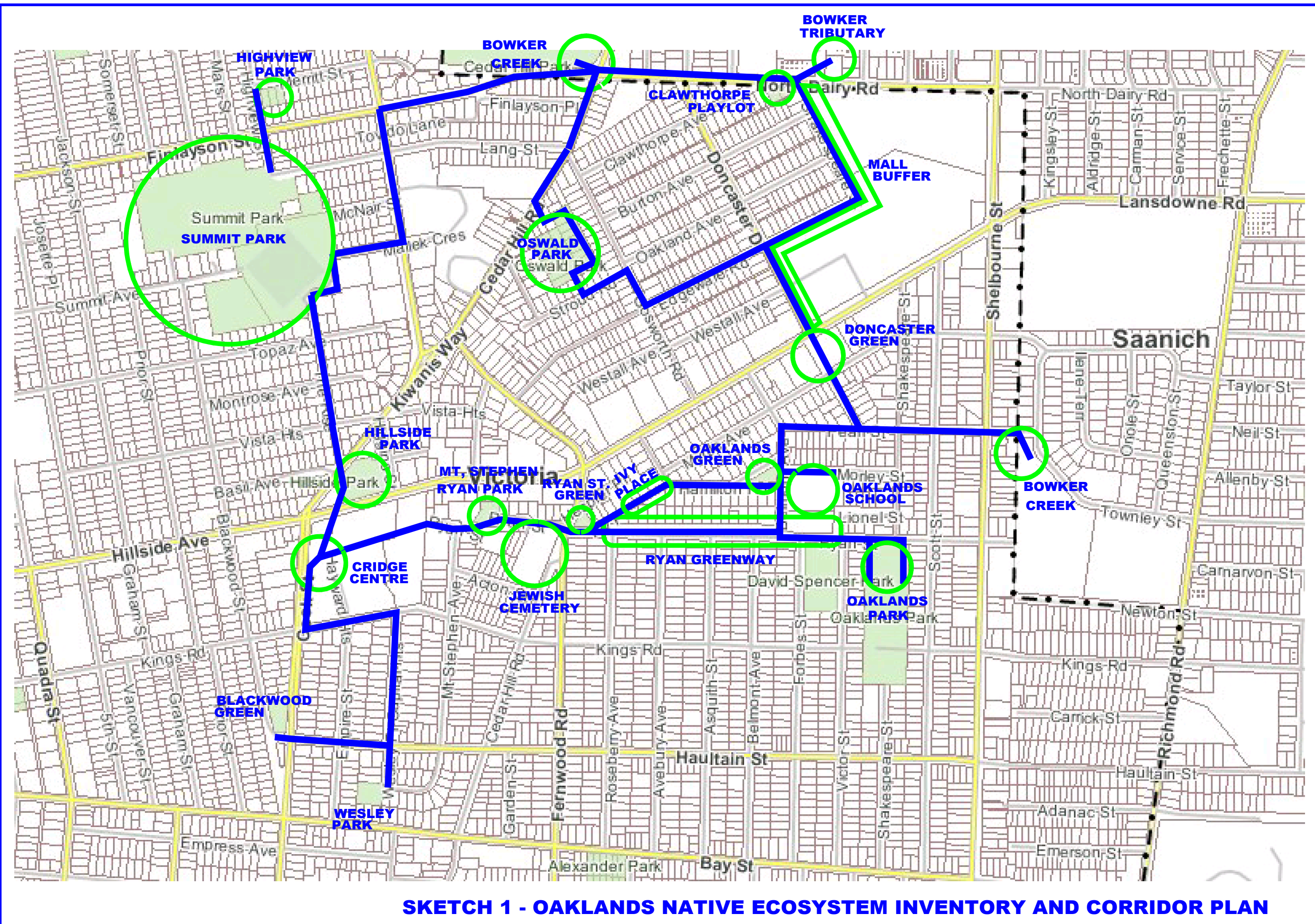
With less than 5% of the Garry Oak ecosystem remaining in the near-natural condition in BC, and even less so within urban areas, within the Oaklands/Summit areas in Victoria we can claim to have three of only six significant, yet separated, Garry Oak stands within Victoria – Summit Park, Oaklands School and the Cridge. There are several native plant and Greenway initiatives within the Oaklands community, in the development of the city-wide Greenways plan.

While these stands are significant, they are unconnected; and as such, are at risk. Interconnecting ecosystem corridors are essential for providing a supportive ecology for other native flora and fauna, besides maintaining the biodiversity and enhancing the survival rate of these Garry Oak stands. While the Parks Master Plan and city-wide Greenways plan are addressing cycling and walking access, a need also exists to develop a long-term plan for the interconnection of the ecosystem pockets. These corridors will not only benefit survival of the ecosystem areas, but also enhance the cycling and walking Greenways.

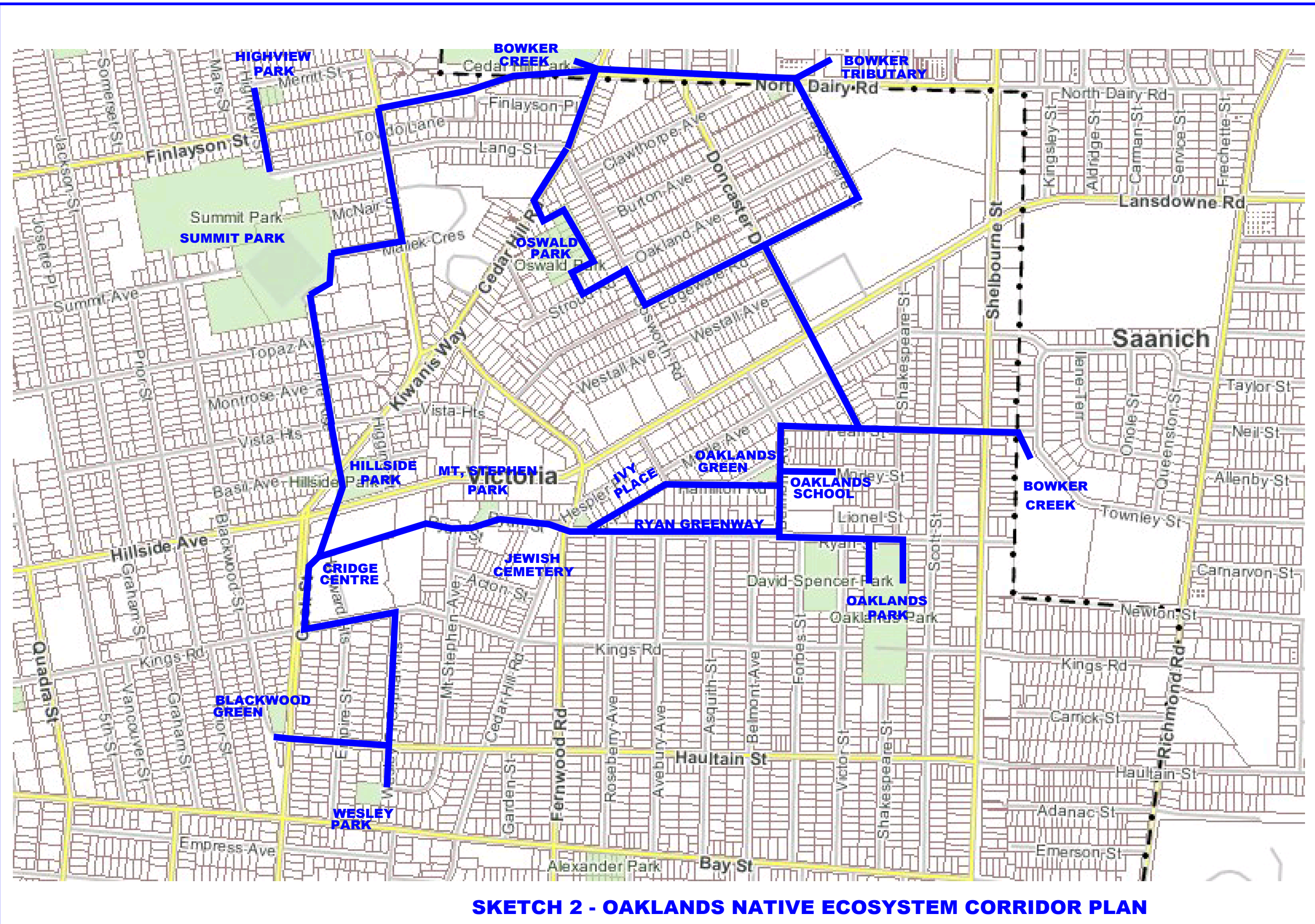
With this in mind, we have generated a draft long term native ecosystem corridor plan for the area, which as much as possible, coincides with the city's Greenway plan and connections to neighbouring systems in adjacent communities.

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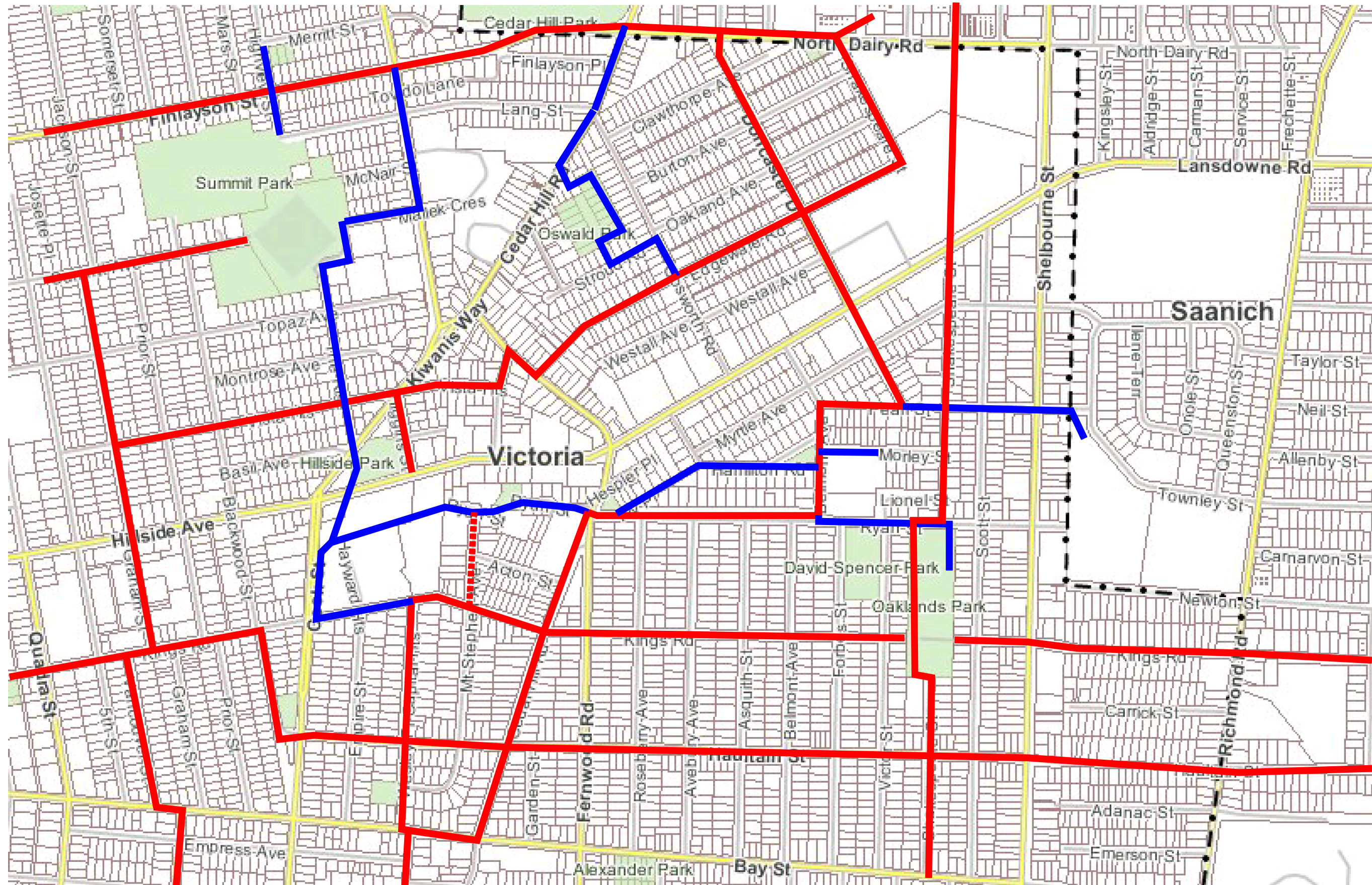
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SKETCH 1 - OAKLANDS NATIVE ECOSYSTEM INVENTORY AND CORRIDOR PLAN



SKETCH 2 - OAKLANDS NATIVE ECOSYSTEM CORRIDOR PLAN



SKETCH 3 - PROPOSED NATIVE ECOSYSTEM CORRIDOR ADDITIONS (IN BLUE) TO OAKLANDS' GREENWAYS