



5.0 NATURAL & HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

Natural Resources

Built Form & Amenity

Parks, Open Space, Trails & Greenways



At Garry Point Park

The physical environment is any setting which supports, or with modifications can support, life. The natural environment is usually described as including the basic elements which support life on earth, e.g. air, water, and land resources. The human environment, for the purposes of this section, includes the physical additions and changes made to suit human activity, e.g. parks, open spaces, buildings, art, and roads. How natural and human elements are combined and shaped reflects the values and character of the community, and becomes the cultural legacy to the future. As Richmond evolves and increased human activity places more demands on the environment, the quality of this legacy is at stake.

Guiding Principles

Objectives and policies for the Natural and Human Environment are based on the key principle of building a substantial legacy of public improvements and private development aimed at enhancing the quality of life for future generations, by:

- Managing human activities to maximize the health of the City’s natural environmental assets;
- Managing the built form to achieve an attractive, livable community whose distinctive character celebrates Richmond’s heritage island setting;
- Managing open space resources to reflect the values of Richmond citizens, and ensure the community evolves to become a “park-like city”, rather than a “city with parks”.



Humans are part of the environment