

7.12 Gilmore Area Trails

Vision

The trails in the Gilmore Area will allow people to experience the tranquil rural environment, the unique slough system, and provide continuous waterfront access. The key principles in this predominately agricultural area include ensuring a balance between the environmental sensitivity of the slough environments and the agricultural uses with public recreational use; maximizing the waterfront access; and providing a safe pedestrian environment along the roadways.

Location

This area is from No.2 Road to Shell Road and Dyke Road to Steveston Highway.

Key Links and Destinations

The Steveston Greenways, City owned 50 acre Tree Nursery site, Finn Road Trail, No.3 Road Sports Fishing Pier, Garden City Road e.s.a. and waterfront, Finn Slough, Woodward's Landing (Girl Guide site), Horseshoe Slough Trail, Shell Road Greenway, Riverside Industrial Park, South Dyke Trail.

Other City and External Plans

The GVRD is considering a pedestrian/cyclist ferry connection from Woodward's Landing to Ladner as part of the Regional Greenways network. Engineering and Public Works is reviewing the storm water management in the Shellmont area to the north and the drainage function of Horseshoe Slough. Ownership of the Finn Slough area is under review. The City is developing an Agricultural Viability Strategy and establishing an Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Recommendations

Short Term

1. Clean up and enhance the former truck storage area and construct a staging area with parking in the City owned lands at the south foot of Garden City Road.
2. Work closely with the Engineering Department to balance the environmental, recreational, and storm water management of Horseshoe Slough.
3. Provide a vehicular turnaround and parking area at the west end of Dyke Road (west of No.4 Road).
4. Develop a Park Plan for the e.s.a and waterfront at the south foot of Garden City Road.



Views from Dyke Road



No. 4 Road and Dyke Road



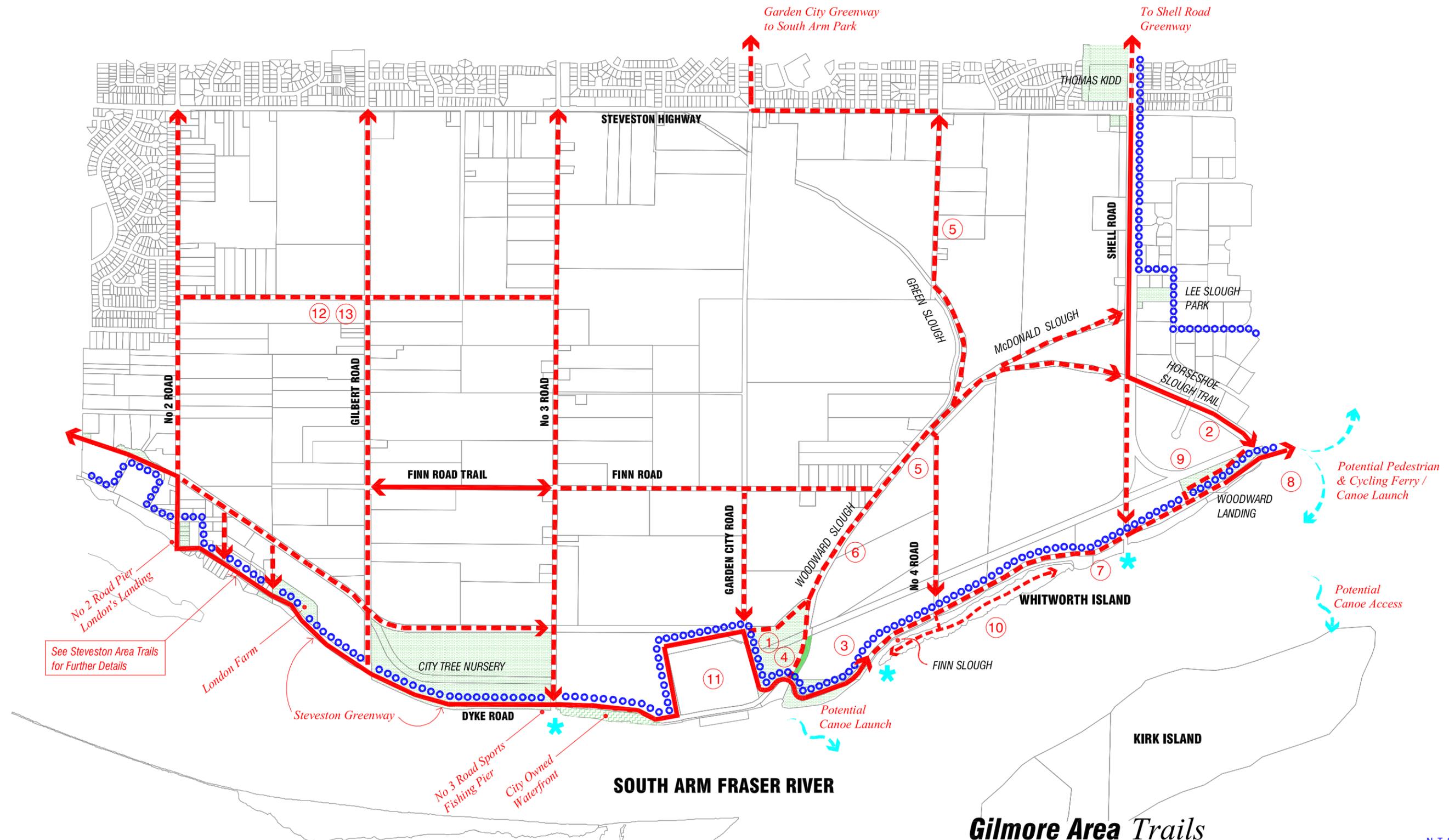
Dyke Road by Finn Slough

Medium Term

5. Construct a path along No.4 Road from Steveston Highway to Dyke Road.
6. Investigate the recreational potential of the waterways in the sloughes.
7. Investigate different options for creating a pedestrian trail along the narrow stretches of Dyke Road.

Ongoing / Long Term

8. Continue to work with the GVRD on the potential pedestrian and cyclist ferry crossing to Ladner.
9. Consider providing public access along the south edge of Woodward's Landing to link to Horseshoe Slough and the Dyke.
10. When issues over ownership of Finn Slough are resolved, consider providing access out to Whitworth Island.
11. If the industrial site at the foot of Garden City Road redevelops, re-establish public access on the dyke to maintain continuous waterfront access.
12. Utilize undeveloped road right-of-ways for trail access e.g. Montieth Road.
13. Consult with the Agricultural Advisory Committee when developing trails within the Agricultural Land Reserve.



See Steveston Area Trails for Further Details

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- EXISTING CYCLE ROUTES
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- PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD GREEN LINKS
- ★ PROPOSED STAGING AREAS

