



Vanier Nature Park

Garry Oak Ecosystem

Delegation to Council by the
CVN Vanier Forest Garry Oaks
Restoration Team

October 2023



Project Goals



Restore this rare and at risk Garry Oak grove



Monitor the results of our work



Establish a community stewardship group

Progress to date:



Tree Survey



Invasive Plant Survey



Revised Proposal

Engagement with others



**Organize walks in the
Oak Grove**



**Provide webinars on
benefits of Garry Oak
ecosystems**



**Tours of other Garry
Oak sites on Vancouver
Island**

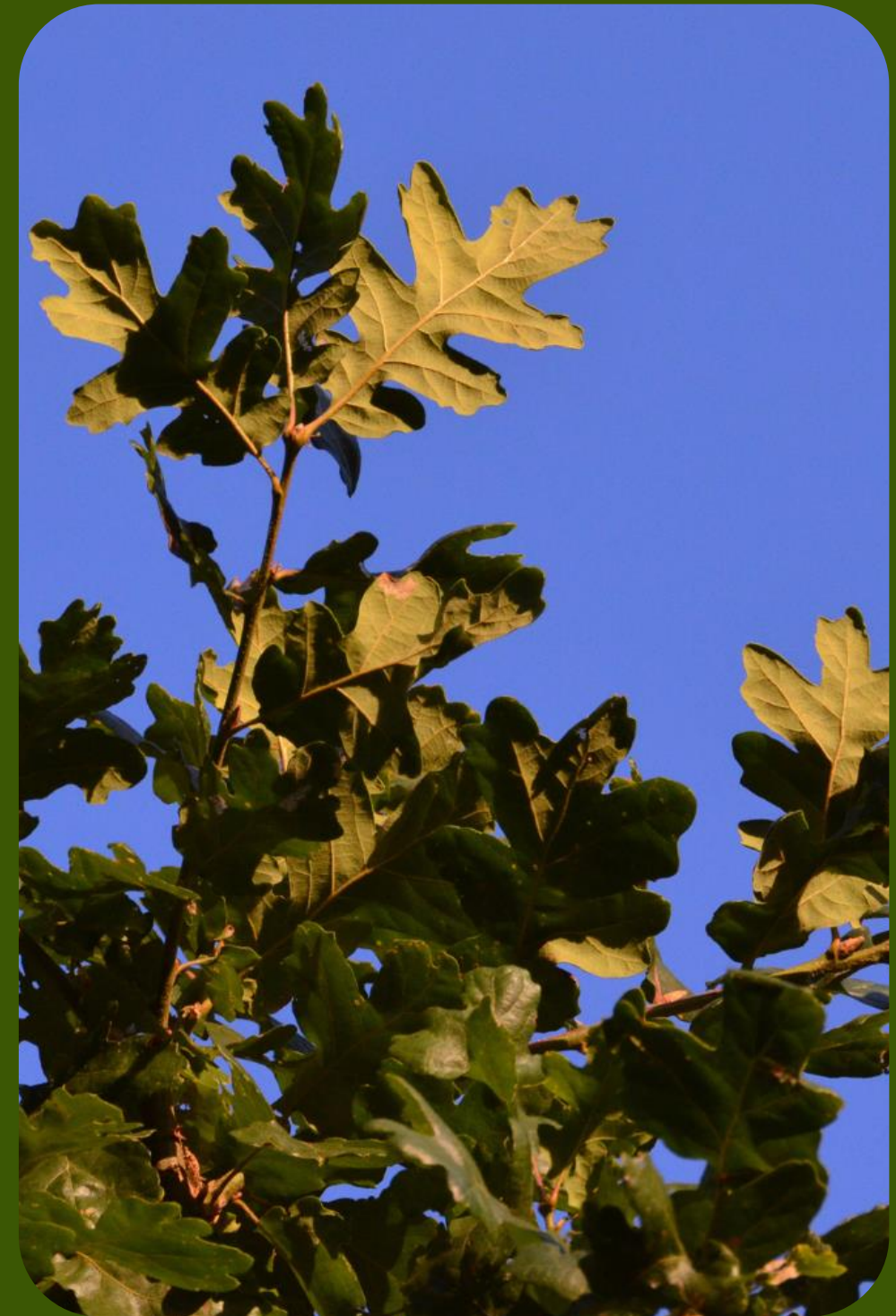
Project steps:



- **Tree risk assessment**
- **Mitigation of hazard trees**
- **Invasive plant removal**
- **Reduction of 4 over-topping firs to wildlife snags**
- **Removal of 8 sweet cherries**
- **Repeating process over the following 4 years**

Letters of Support

- Verna Mumby, Mumby's Arboriculture Consulting
- Ryan Senechal, Garry Oak Meadow Preservation Society
- Dr Loys Maingon, CVN
- Frank Hovenden, CVN (Air Park)
- Veronique McIntyre, CVN
- Margaret Lidkea, Friends of Uplands Park
- Jason Straka, BC Conservation Data Centre
- Dr John Neilson, CVN
- Wayne White, Tsolum River Restoration Society
- Dr Nancy Shackelford, University of Victoria
- Thomas Munson, District of Saanich
- Robin Harrison, CVN
- David Innes, Coordinator - CVN
- Dave Weaver, Beaufort Watershed Stewards



"Never let it be said that you stood by and watched a species disappear into the halls of extinction. Now is the opportunity to save this legacy." Thomas Munson



Other Garry Oak projects

- **City of Courtenay Air Park**
- **CVN Garry Oak Nursery**
- **Salt Spring Island**
- **Saanich**
- **Oak Bay**
- **Cowichan Valley**
- **Helliwell Park, Hornby Island**
- **Tumbo Island Ecological Reserve**

Requests of the City

- Funds for removal of identified hazard trees
- Permission for CVN to begin the removal of invasive plants
- Collection and disposal of invasives
- Funds for reduction of conifers
- Collaboration on outreach to public





Thank
You