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Process for national urban park designation: Activities, outcomes and deliverables

The four steps below outline the process for designating national urban parks. The approach to each step will be flexible and informed by the local context.

Pre-feasibility



Planning



Designation



Implementation



Pre-feasibility

- Seek interest and support from local governments and other partners, including Indigenous governments and organizations
- Co-develop engagement approach with Indigenous partners
- Identify the study area(s) for the national urban park
- Conduct site-specific studies
- Explore considerations for vision, boundary, and governance
- Conduct initial stakeholder outreach

Expected outcomes

- Candidate site found to align with program objectives, with sufficient support from local partners to be feasible as a national urban park

Deliverables

- Pre-feasibility report published by Parks Canada (Represents Parks Canada's conclusion that pre-feasibility is concluded and the project is ready to move into planning)

Planning

- Develop a park vision
- Determine governance model with partners
- Refine study area to identify park boundary
- Conduct stakeholder and public engagement
- Prepare draft budget and identify priority investments
- Begin initial operational planning

Expected outcomes

- Agreement to proceed to negotiation

Deliverables

- Summary of stakeholder and public engagement published
- Budget and investment plan prepared in draft
- MOU (non-binding) signed between Parks Canada and key partners (Represents a significant commitment to next steps and negotiating details)

Designation

- Finalize proposal for the national urban park
- Confirm roles of partners in governance of the national urban park
- Secure operational funding from funding partners (e.g. federal government, other jurisdictions)
- Develop operational plan

Expected outcomes

- **National urban park designated under National Urban Parks Policy**

Deliverables

- Operational plan completed
- Funding confirmed
- MOAs (binding) signed (to formalize national urban park partnership)

Implementation

- Final operational preparations for the national urban park, may include implementing governance structure; designing facilities, amenities and programs; and initiating conservation activities
- Begin operations of the national urban park, including development of infrastructure, staffing, development of management plan, and official opening

Expected outcomes

- National urban park officially launched