

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS <b>POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION MANUAL</b>	<b>AM – 1.4.16</b>
Section <b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	Subject <b>Delaps Cove &amp; Young’s Cove Coastal Properties Policy</b>

**1.0 Policy Intent**

The intention of the policy is to ensure that the coastal properties at Delaps Cove and Young’s Cove owned by the County of Annapolis are continued to be managed in a manner that provides outdoor recreation, tourism, educational and cultural opportunities while protecting biodiversity and natural features of the property now and in the future. The County of Annapolis has been managing the property at the Delaps Cove Wilderness Trail System with an informal conservation management approach and has expanded the land holdings in the region through land assembly for its ongoing protection. The Young’s Cove property is in its natural state and was purchased as a coastal park for the future.

**2.0 Policy Objectives**

- To provide high quality outdoor recreation, tourism, cultural, historical and educational opportunities and experiences based on the natural environment of the properties
- To protect the natural features and ecosystems of the properties over the long term in support of the permanent conservation of biodiversity
- To support the promotion of Annapolis County as a clean, green place to live, work, and invest while reinforcing community values for healthy lifestyles, conservation, and sustainable land use

**4.0 Policy Provisions**

- 4.1** Activities permitted on the properties include low impact outdoor recreation including education, culture, natural history, environment, tourism opportunities, archeological investigations and research related activities which are compatible with the conservation of biodiversity.
- 4.2** Major land disturbing activities and those which would alter natural ecosystems (e.g., commercial forest harvesting, mineral development, development of major facilities, etc.) will be prohibited on the properties.
- 4.3** Land disturbance activities related to walking, hiking trail development, directional, educational signage placement, scientific research, and promotion/protection of visitor safety will be permitted in the context of minimizing impacts on natural features and biodiversity.
- 4.4** Planning, management, communication, and marketing activities for these municipal parklands will promote the management intent specified in this policy statement. This will help to ensure the public, other relevant governing authorities and organizations are aware of the management intent for the properties.

Municipal Clerk’s Annotation for Official Policy Book	
I certify that this policy was adopted by Municipal Council as indicated below:	
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<u><i>Carolyn Young</i></u>	<u><i>September 15, 2020</i></u>
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