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Please find enclosed copies of the *Shared Strategy for Trails in Nova Scotia*.

Nova Scotians see trails as a valued connection to the natural world, a necessary recreational and cultural resource and an integral part of a healthy environment and healthy lifestyle. Trails are becoming increasingly valued for their role in active transportation, tourism and economic development.

One of government's priorities is to connect more Nova Scotians to their local environment by expanding trail access. Nova Scotia has a community-based approach to trails and this strategy will improve the planning, development and maintenance of the system and, ultimately, the quality of life of Nova Scotians.

The strategy – a first for Nova Scotia – reflects a shared vision and commitment to action by community groups, provincial trail users and management organizations, Mi'kmaq communities, businesses, landowners and various levels of government. Together we are working towards four goals:

- Strengthen alignment, leadership and collaboration of trail organizations
- Expand supports for trail development and management
- Improve planning
- Increase trail use

The strategy is also available online at <https://novascotia.ca/trailstrategy/>

Regards,

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