

# Gonzales Neighbourhood Greenspace and Ecology Map, Victoria BC

**Down to this park, lots of oaks here.**

**Ponderosa Park. Lots of trees.**

**Gonzales Neighbourhood Association Proposed Wildlife Corridor.**

**Four large Garry Oak Trees.**

**Garry Oaks. Ravens and deer present.**

**Huge Garry Oak removed because the homeowner claimed it was a danger to their children, and the city removed the tree.**

**"Lots of Garry oaks here. Maybe have two corridors"**

**Garry Oak - Wildlife Tree.**

**Tree planning of what trees are being planted - non-native, looking growing and blocks out sun for gardening/understory of other native trees. Height of tree - would be happy if restricted to native trees. Another idea stagger tree species so if there is a disease, not all of the tree species get killed off (biodiversity).**

**Proposition to make the wildlife Corridor Smaller.**

**Request to Extend Wildlife Corridor to include up to living road as this is already in the current green space plan.**

**100 year old Garry Oaks (X3) and 1 Western Red Cedar. City is mandating they put in a storm drain at a cost of \$2000. Concerned because this will not give trees the water they need (will divert hydrology).**

**Garry Oaks, Community Suggests adding this to the corridor.**

**Two mature oaks cut down, replaced by saplings to conform to permit in future, but then the owner just rejected the planted trees so that they would die - just shows that the bylaws are weak and maybe non-effective at protecting trees. Also a major planting spree going on of pine trees. City has contradictory goals, bureaucracy going on, staff say more needs to be done to protect a steadily declining forest cover, but city just keeps saying they don't have the budget. Homeowner wanted dying trees, city threatened to sue, ended up not suing and instead put in an underground water line, but didn't actually turn water on. He calls city to make sure they turn it on.**

**Have distinct ornamental trees and Garry Oaks that are nice to see on walks.**

**Turn this property into a park. Not developed into 4 houses or several townhouses. Beach trees, Garry Oak, Evergreen here.**

**New Garry Oak plantings.**

**Low the trees here, oaks here. Salmon berries here (edge of gardeners parks). All kinds of trees here, pines, maples, Dog Fir, and Garry Oak. A "Dog's Breakfast."**

**Ponderosa Park - save this greenspace.**

**Community reported Garry Oak meadow (side note, plan around the trees, put a meadowy value on the trees).**

**Trees on roadside taken away, resulting in less shade. Property owner in the area cut down trees that were small (before allowed) to avoid process of cutting mature trees later.**

**Whole bunch of trees removed here.**

**Trees removed (14 large trees) right before bylaw enacted. i.e., bylaw may cause more trees to be cut.**

**Bordering on Gonzales Hill Park - many Garry Oak Trees. Community ideas: put a monetary value on a tree, based on the value of the tree cut down or not. Arborist is liable for trees that may fall, therefore may say a tree needs to go if it is not "perfect".**

**Turkey Vulture, sometimes seen here.**

**Large Douglas Fir that some people want cut down but community member does not.**

**Roddy outcrop - sensitive ecosystem.**

**Garry Oak Meadow at 257 Foul Bay Road.**

**Sequoia Tree removed. Trees taken down next to community member's property - apparently the Cooper's Hawks disappeared.**

**Tree canopy cover on Beachwood. Trees on the property greatly enrich life.**

**Gonzales Beach Trees.**

### LEGEND

- Gonzales Political Boundary
- Proposed Green Space or Tree Corridor
- Community Alterations to Wildlife Corridor
- Non Ecologically Significant Areas That Should be Protected
- Ecologically Significant Areas That Should be Protected
- Significant Trees
- Trees That Community Wants Removed
- Trees Community Has Removed

Responses to the Question: "On a Scale of 1 to 10, 1 being the least important and 10 being the most important, how much does vegetation influence the identity of Gonzales?"

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Interested in adding to this map? Want to also provide input on density and bike routes in Gonzales? Visit <https://www.gonzalesna.ca>

## Gonzales Community Mapping Event Held By The Gonzales Neighbourhood Association (GNA)

### Make Your Map

On Saturday, June 1st, 2019, the Gonzales Neighbourhood Association hosted a Community mapping event at St. Jean Baptiste Paroisse Francaise with support from University of Victoria students in the Department of Geography's Community Mapping class. The objective of the event was to gather public opinions and spark discussion on three topics of interest to the neighbourhood: bike and walking routes, density options, and areas of ecological interest. Over seventy people of all ages showed up to share their ideas on bike lanes, pedestrian paths, housing development, greenways, and more. Information gathered from the event is currently being compiled, and will be available later this summer on the Gonzales Neighbourhood Association website where the hope is it will be able to contribute to the planning process - stay tuned!

Thank you to all of the Gonzales community members who came out to participate (including the four-legged ones)!  
 If you wish to receive more information about this or future events, contribute to maps, or would like to become a member of the Gonzales Neighbourhood Association, visit <https://www.gonzalesna.ca/>

Photos courtesy of Ken Josephson.

The following map is a compilation of the thoughts and suggestions of those participants that showed up to the event based on the following questions:

- 1.) What is/are significant trees and/or vegetation (to you personally) in the neighbourhood?
- 2.) What thoughts or suggestions do you have for the proposed wildlife corridor?
- 3.) To what extent does vegetation influence the Gonzales community identity?
- 4.) What areas do you know/recognize to be of ecological significance in Gonzales?

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