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Vision and Goals for the Nature Areas

Trent Symons Campus lands are a precious asset, rich in natural heritage and cultural values and resources, vital to the resilience of Trent and our communities. Our vision is to create an inspiring, sustainable, and complete community in which to learn, live, innovate, and be active. In our care for and use of the land, Trent will demonstrate leadership in environmental stewardship, respect for Indigenous Traditional Knowledge, and thoughtful integration of the natural and built environment.

The Nature Areas will encourage, inspire and demonstrate environmental stewardship, serve as places that preserve our natural heritage, contribute to research and learning from the land, and build life-long appreciation for, and relationships with, the natural world.

Goals of the Nature Areas

The goals for the Nature Areas have been developed to reflect this vision. There is no implied or intended priority associated with the order in which the goals are presented. These goals were used to inform and direct all aspects of the Plan and it is against these goals that the approach was measured to ensure that the framework plan provides opportunities and flexibility to achieve these goals within the context of the broader goals of the University.

Trent's vision for the Nature Areas is guided by unifying values and distinguishing attributes of the Symons Campus. The values embody the vision and goals of the Nature Areas.

GOALS OF THE NATURE AREAS

- Protect and where possible, enhance important natural heritage features and functions, exemplar landform features and processes through a systems-based approach to management.

Uphold the role of the Nature Areas in conserving biodiversity, providing ecological services in local adaptation to, and mitigation of climate change.

Encourage use of the Nature Areas for academic research and teaching.

Bolster Trent University as an institution of higher learning by reflecting our academic leadership and expertise in environmental and Indigenous studies with our land use and stewardship practices.
- Recognize and protect important Indigenous values within the Nature Areas.

Promote Indigenous Traditional Knowledge sharing, teaching and ceremonies.

Understand and promote the physical and psychological benefits and opportunities presented by the Nature Areas.

Foster understanding of, appreciation and shared responsibility for the natural environment.

Encourage and enable positive interactions between the public and the University through shared experience in and stewardship of the Nature Areas.

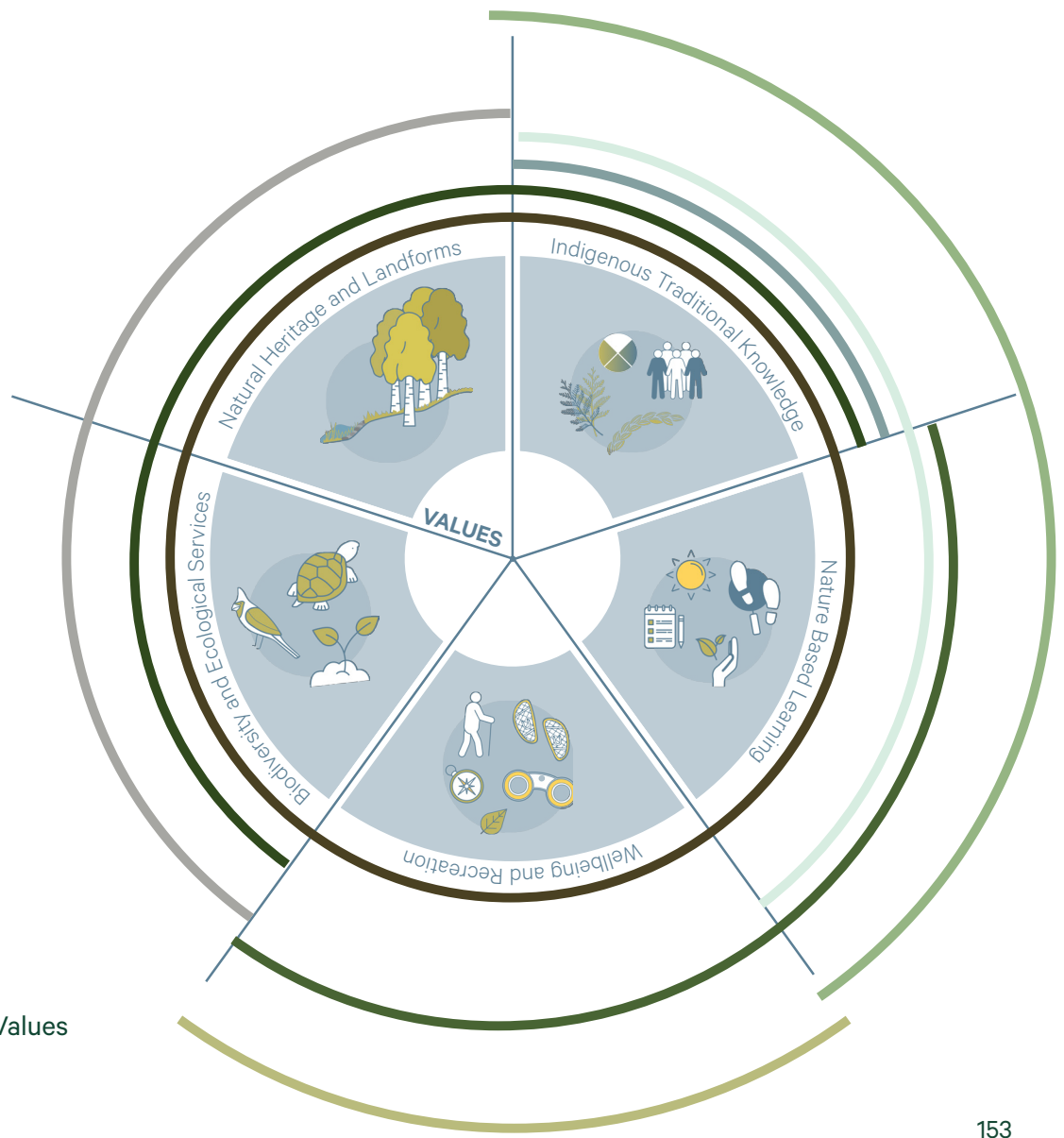


Figure 31: Trent Nature Area Values