

## APPENDIX 3

### Acquisition Priority – non-city-owned properties

This number gives an idea of how important it is to protect a site, and how quickly we must act to do so. To give a general idea:

**High (4 and 5):** It is a high priority to protect this site, and it must be done right away.

**Moderate (2 and 3):** It is a high priority to protect the site, but waiting will not mean losing it, so other high priority sites should be addressed first. Or, it is a moderate priority site that must be addressed quickly not to be lost.

**Low (0 or 1):** These are sites that are a low priority overall, or that are a moderate priority that are at low risk.

High	5	This site has a high conservation value and/or high recreation value <b>and</b> a high level of risk. <b>It is a high priority to include this site as part of the parks system, or protect it in some other way, and it is important to act very quickly to do so.</b>
	4	This site has a high conservation value and/or high recreation value <b>and</b> a moderate level of risk. <b>It is a high priority to include this site as part of the parks system, or protect it in some other way, and it is important to act quickly to do so.</b>
	3	<p>This site has a high conservation value and/or high recreation value, a low level of risk, and can only reach its potential through development of the site. <b>It is a high priority to include this site as part of the parks system, or protect it in some other way. Although it is at low risk, it is of benefit to do so fairly quickly, so that it can reach its full value.</b></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>This site has moderate conservation and/or recreation value <b>and</b> a high level of risk. <b>It is a moderate priority to include this site as part of the parks system, or protect it in some other way, and it is important to act quickly to do so.</b></p>
	2	<p>This site has a high conservation value and/or high recreation value as is, and a low level or risk. <b>It is a high priority to include this site as part of the parks system, or protect it in some other way, but the low level of risk means that a wait is acceptable.</b></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>This site has moderate conservation and/or recreation value <b>and</b> a moderate level of risk. <b>It is a moderate priority to include this site as part of the parks system, or protect it in some other way.</b></p>
	1	<p>This site has moderate conservation and/or recreation value <b>and</b> a low level of risk. <b>It is a moderate priority to include this site as part of the parks system, or protect it in some other way, but the low level of risk means that a wait is acceptable.</b></p>
Low	0	This site has a low conservation value <b>and</b> a low recreation value, and any level of risk. <b>This site is a low priority for acquisition.</b>

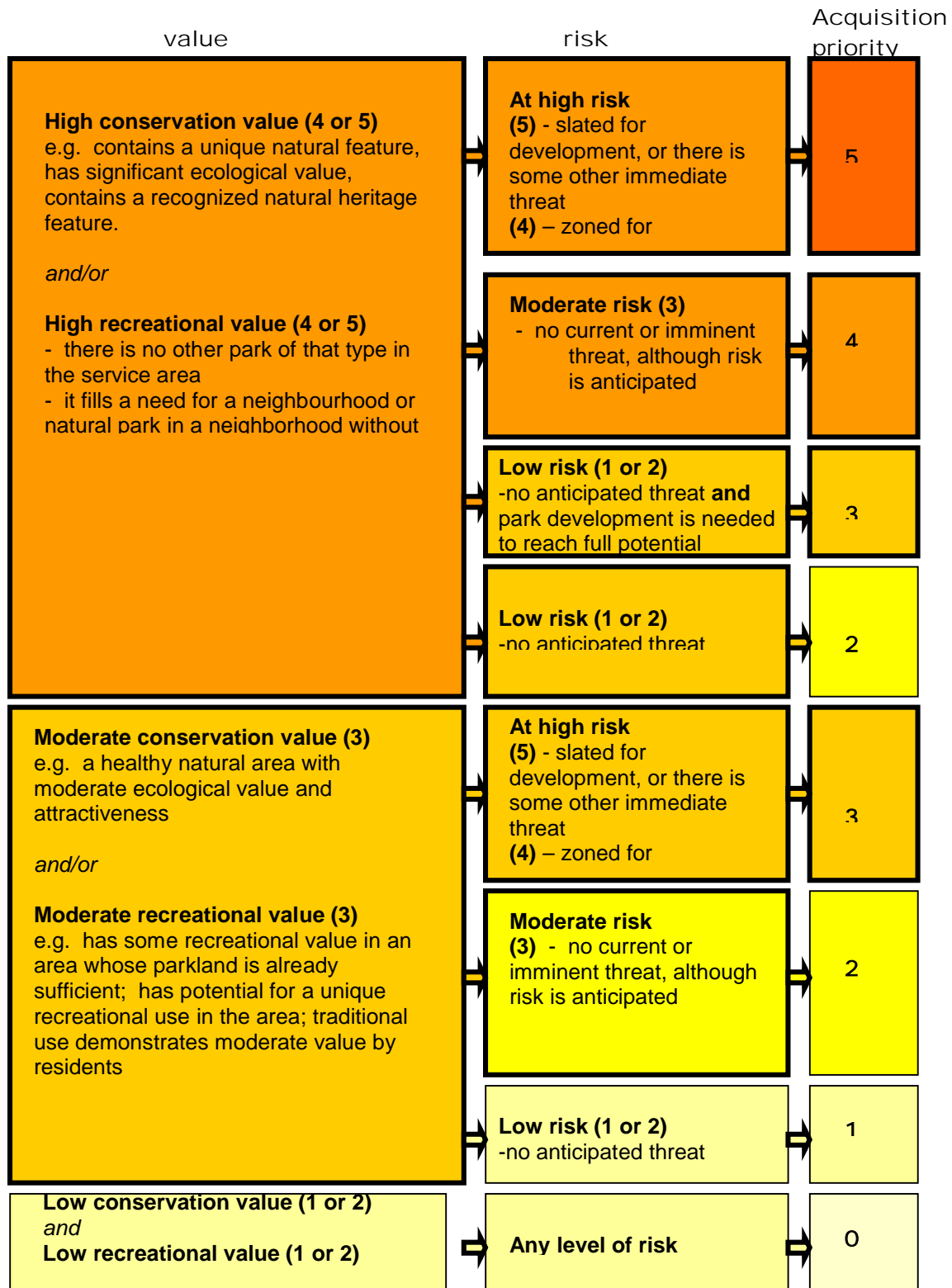
**Note:** It is important to keep these numbers up to date, as levels of risk change. Ideally, a hold should be put on any development or site alteration for sites with acquisition priorities 2-5.

**Charts for assessing acquisition priority based on conservation value, recreation value, and level of risk.** *Find the row with the assigned values and risk levels, to find the corresponding acquisition priority.*

**I. Non-city owned property**

<b>Value</b>	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Acquisition priority</b>
high conservation value (4,5) <b>and/or</b> high recreation value (4,5)	high level of risk (4,5)	5
high conservation value (4,5) <b>and/or</b> high recreation value (4,5)	moderate level of risk (3)	4
high conservation value (4,5) <b>and/or</b> high recreation value (4,5)	low level of risk (1,2) <b>and</b> acquisition would allow significant enhancement of its value to the community (trail development or other park development)	3
high conservation value (4,5) <b>and/or</b> high recreation value (4,5)	low level of risk (1,2)	2
moderate conservation value (3) <b>and/or</b> moderate recreation value (3)	high level of risk (4,5)	3
moderate conservation value (3) <b>and/or</b> moderate recreation value (3)	moderate level of risk (3)	2
moderate conservation value (3) <b>and/or</b> moderate recreation value (3)	low level of risk (1,2)	1
low conservation value (1,2) <b>and</b> low recreation value (1,2)	any level of risk	0

## Visual chart – land not owned by the city



**Charts for assessing acquisition priority based on conservation value, recreation value, and level of risk. In this case, acquisition refers to bringing this city owned land into the parks system. Find the row with the assigned values and risk levels, to find the corresponding acquisition priority.**

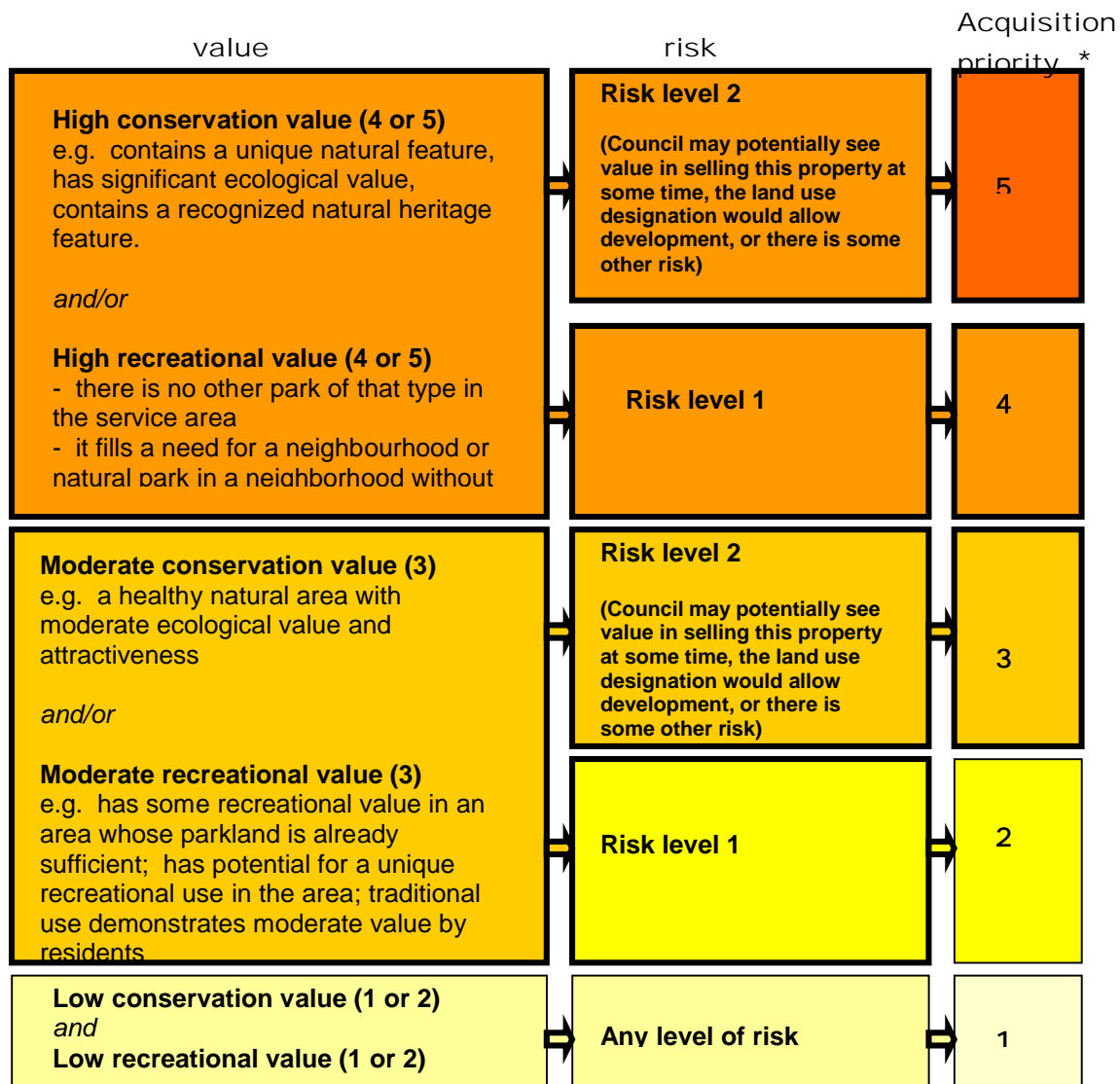
## **II. City owned property**

<b>Value</b>	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Acquisition priority *</b>
high conservation value (4,5) <b>and/or</b> high recreation value (4,5)	risk level 2 (Council may potentially see value in selling this property at some time, the land use designation would allow development, or there is some other risk)	5
high conservation value (4,5) <b>and/or</b> high recreation value (4,5)	risk level 1	4
moderate conservation value (3) <b>and/or</b> moderate recreation value (3)	risk level 2 (Council may potentially see value in selling this property at some time, the land use designation would allow development, or there is some other risk)	3
moderate conservation value (3) <b>and/or</b> moderate recreation value (3)	risk level 1	2
low conservation value (1,2) <b>and</b> low recreation value (1,2)	any level of risk	1

**\* If this site is a high priority to develop to meet a recreational need (e.g. trail development, park facilities, dog park...), add one to the acquisition priority, to a maximum of 5. In addition, mark the number with a ‘\*’ to flag it for the attention of leisure services when park development decisions are being made.**

**My hope would be that all city-owned properties from 2-5 would be included in a list to bring into park services, as a single by-law to get it all done quickly. Any site with 2 or 3 that Council wishes to question for inclusion in the parks system, should have to meet all the requirements of the draft parkland disposal policy before being taken off the list. No sites ranked 4 or 5 should be considered for removal from the list.**

## Visual chart – city owned land



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## What the numbers mean

### Conservation Value

High Conservation Value	4 or 5	E.g. contains a unique natural feature, has significant ecological significance or sensitivity, contains a recognized natural heritage feature, includes shoreline or hilltop
Moderate Conservation Value	3	E.g. a healthy natural area with moderate ecological value and attractiveness
Low Conservation value	1 or 2	natural area with little existing or potential special ecological value or attractiveness

### Recreation Value

High Recreation Value	4 or 5	E.g. there is no other park of that type in the service area, it fills a need for a neighbourhood or natural park in a neighbourhood without, acts as a new linkage, traditional use indicates a high value, fills a unique recreational need
Moderate Recreation Value	3	E.g. has recreational value in an area whose parkland is already sufficient, has potential for a unique recreational use in the area, traditional use demonstrates moderate value by residents
Low Recreation value	1 or 2	little current or potential recreational value in an area whose park needs are already met

### Level of Risk

High Level of Risk	5	Slated for development, or under some other immediate threat
	4	Designated/zoned for development, or under some other imminent threat
Moderate Level of Risk	3	No current or imminent threat, but risk is anticipated
Low Level or Risk	1 or 2	No anticipated threat