

# **Brief on the Montréal Urban Agglomeration Land Use and Development Plan**

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# Introduction

- The Green Coalition/Coalition Verte
  - All volunteer organisation of group and individual members
  - Working for a sustainable city for 26 years
- Focus of the Brief
  - Protection and enhancement of the natural environment within the Montréal Agglomeration

# Rationale for Conservation

- There are many compelling reasons for protecting and enhancing natural areas including
  - Conserve Biodiversity
  - Mitigate the impact of climate change
  - Maintain and enhance ecosystem services and preserve natural capital
  - Improve health

# Protection Status

## ■ Natural Habitat Policy

- Introduced in 2004
- Objective to protect 6% land area
- Started with 1,569 ha (3.1%)
- Added 1,024 ha (2%) with 292 ha (0.6%) in process
- Total 2,885 ha (5.75%)
- Cost \$34,732,220
- Additional \$14.5M required to reach target
- Budget allocation cut to \$1M in 2014 & \$0 in 2015

# Protection Status (contd)

## ■ Protection Register

- Established 2009
- Intended to list sites meeting UICN criteria
- Only one entered to date

## ■ Access to Natural Environment

- Not evenly distributed
- Montreal currently 1.4 ha/1000 residents
- Toronto 3.2, Ottawa 8
- 6% would give 1.6 ha/1000

# Protection in the draft Plan

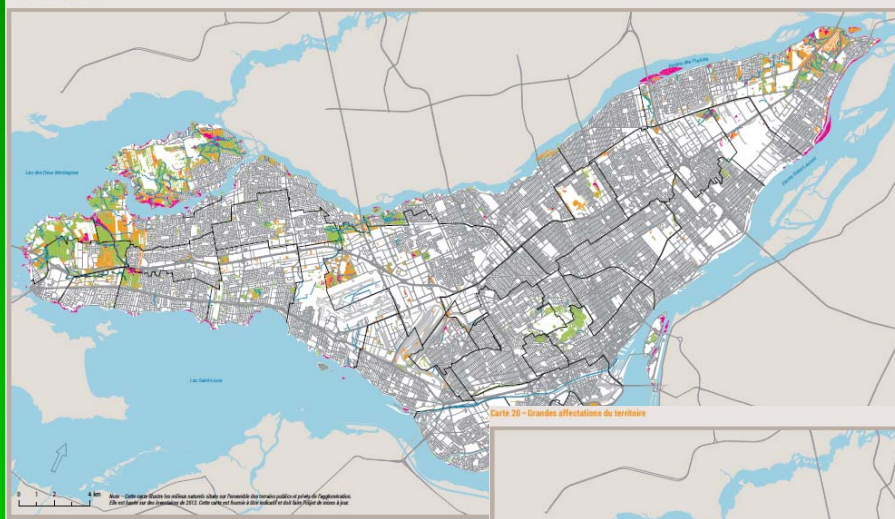
## ■ Protection Target

- Increase from 6% to 8% welcome
- Falls far short of the 17% Aichi target set by PMAD
- 8% still only 2.1 ha/1000

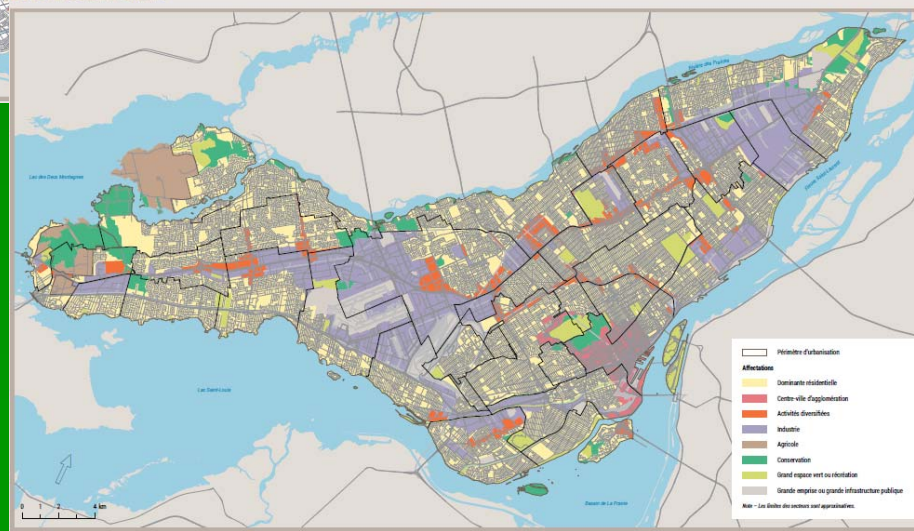
# Protection in the draft Plan (cntd)

- Identification of Protected Areas
  - Plan not clear on what is to be protected

Carte 14 - Milieux naturels



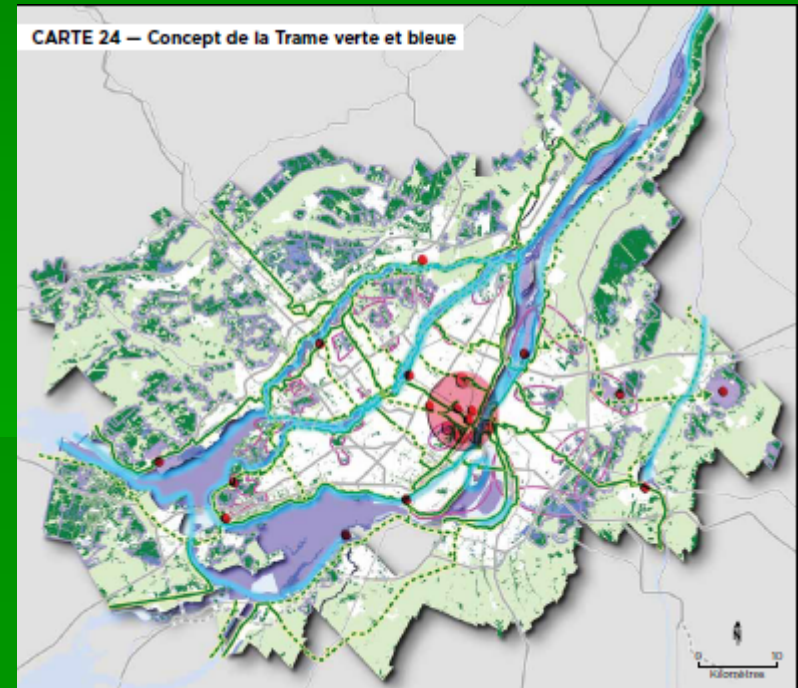
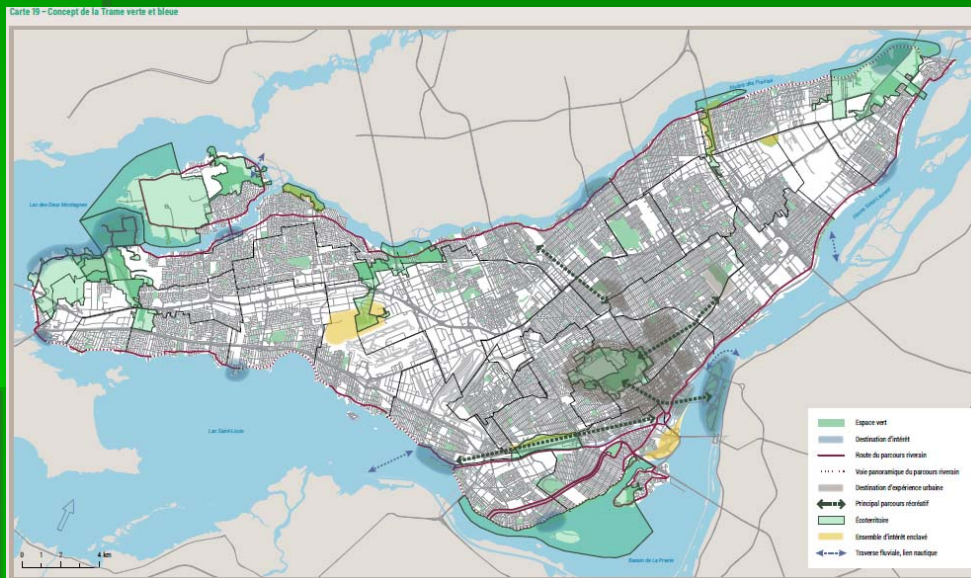
Carte 15 - Territoires d'intérêt écologique





# Protection in the draft Plan (cntd)

- Green and Blue Network
  - Interesting but distinct from PMAD Trame Verte et Bleu





# Proposed Revisions

- Increased protection target with a clear implementation plan

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  - 17% target as in PMAD
- Inclusion of Restoration and Re-naturalisation
  - Not mentioned in the plan
  - Aichi Target 15 calls for 15%
  - 9.6% of the island is brown field
  - Golf courses have good potential

# Proposed Revisions (cntd)

- Integration of Green Corridors
  - Connect larger protected areas
  - Use Hydro and Rail rights of way
  - Examples:
    - River to River in the East End
    - Meadowbrook to the St. Lawrence via Falaise St. Jacques
    - Angell Woods to Lake of Two Mountains via Rivière-à-l'Orme

# Proposed Revisions (cntd)

## ■ Improved Access to Natural Areas

- Smaller spaces outside ecoterritories still—valuable, e.g. Natural areas in Local parks, Parc Oxygène, Ruelles verte
- Link via Urban Promenades

## ■ Revitalised Natural Habitat Policy

- Thorough revision with effective mechanisms and budget for implementation
- Complete ecoterritory concept plans and implement

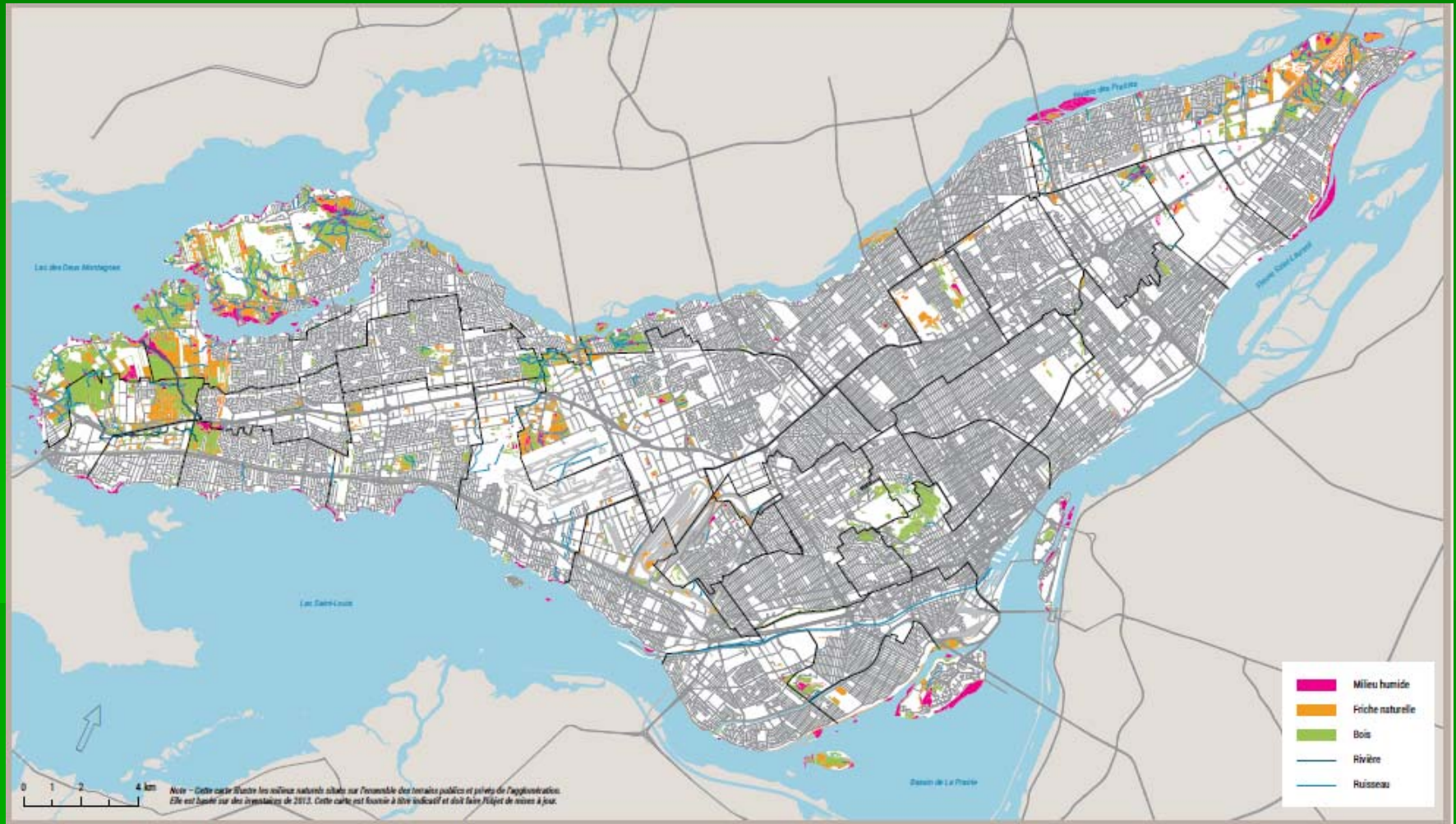
# Conclusion

- Draft plan recognises the need to protect our natural heritage and is an improvement over the existing plan
- Does not go far enough in its objectives and lacks a clear indication of how they are to be achieved
- If the Agglomeration is to be a truly sustainable entity providing strong leadership to the CMM, these deficiencies need to be addressed in the final version of the plan

# Backup Slides

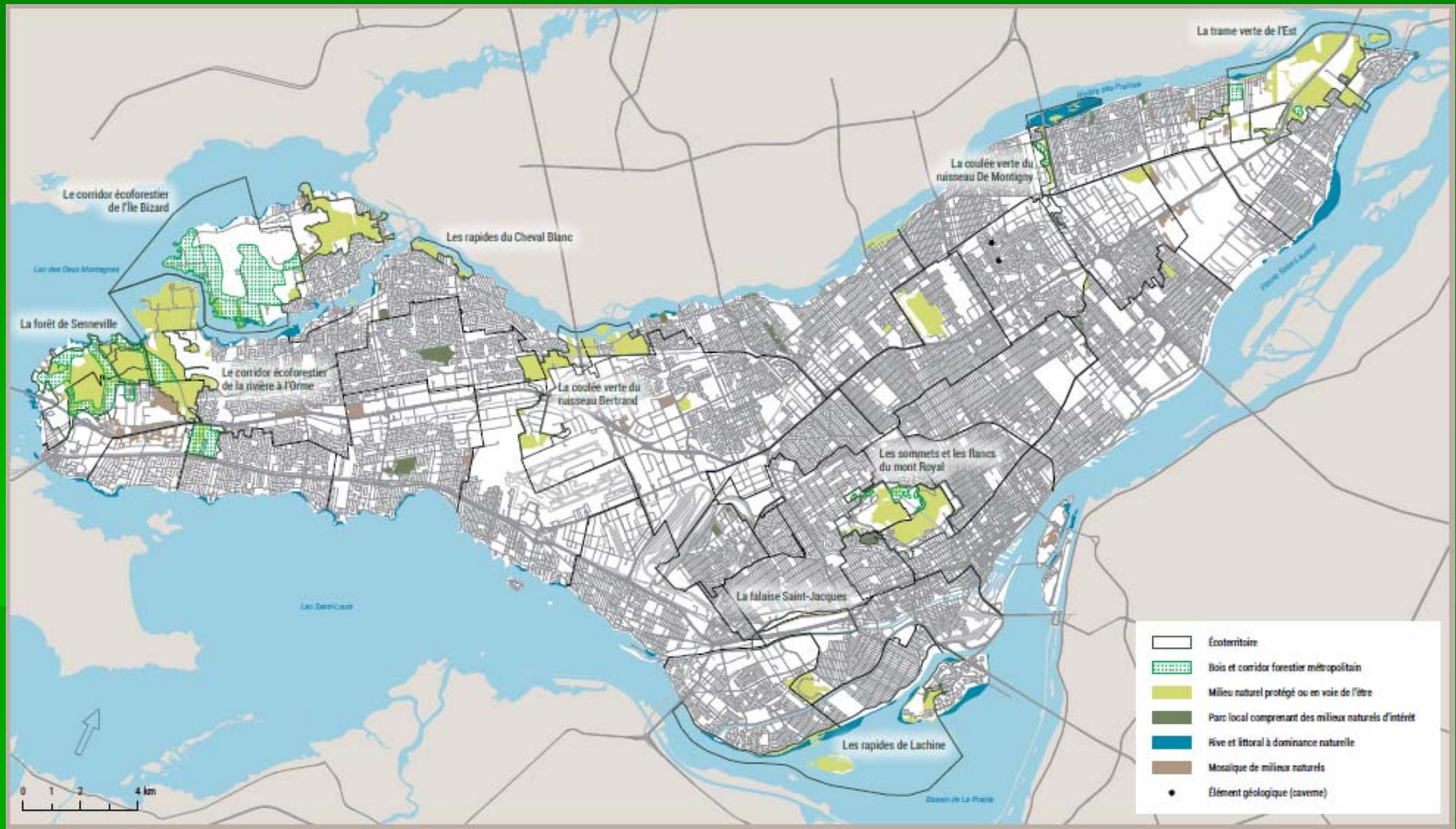


# Map 14 Natural Environments





# Map 15 Areas of Ecological Interest



# Map 20 Land Use Planning

