

NOVA SCOTIA GOVERNMENT PROGRESS

1) New Sites

- No new protected areas were added in 1991-92.

2) Systems Planning Progress

- Nova Scotia formally announced its commitment to the goals of the Endangered Spaces Campaign in April, 1992.
- The Parks and Protected Areas System Plan is under development. The primary objective is to assess candidate protected areas for: (1) natural region representation, (2) outstanding nature elements and (3) wilderness recreational potential.
- Commitment has been made to give special interim status to potential candidate protected areas to ensure that values are not lost prior to final land use decisions being arrived at regarding their designations.
- The Conservation Easement Act has been enacted to facilitate the protection of natural areas on private land, and was recently passed in the provincial legislature.

3) Action Planned for 1992-93

- Assessment of Crown Land natural areas over 2,000 Ha is underway within the eastern part of Nova Scotia and on Cape Breton Island to determine what remains intact and the values associated with this land base.
- By late 1992, the assessment of existing provincial parks/special places to determine their contribution to natural region representation will be completed.
- Complete system plan by late spring 1993.