



## New and exciting things are happening this year!



Paint Screening



THEP Strategic Plan 2022-2027



Air Quality Monitoring Station in Haley Park

New Committee Members for THEC

### Innovative Soil Replacement Methods

### PAINT SCREENING FOR LEAD (Pb)

In 2023, paint screening will be added to THEP's Healthy Home visit, soil testing, and soil management supports. Paint screening results will inform families of potential sources of lead (Pb) exposure from paint in their home and yards.

### PLANNING A RENO?

Watch the videos and sign up for FREE lead-safe renovation supplies at [thep.ca](http://thep.ca).

### NEW EQUIPMENT FOR SOIL REPLACEMENT IN DIFFICULT TO ACCESS YARDS

Some properties in Trail are surrounded by rock walls and terraces built over 100 years ago. Even the smallest excavators cannot access these yards. In 2023, you can expect to see (and hear) THEP contractors using different equipment to reach priority properties in hard to access areas.



Interior paint screening



Exterior paint screening



Hoses to remove soil



Vacuum truck



Soil vacuum blower unit



# THEP HAS A 2022-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

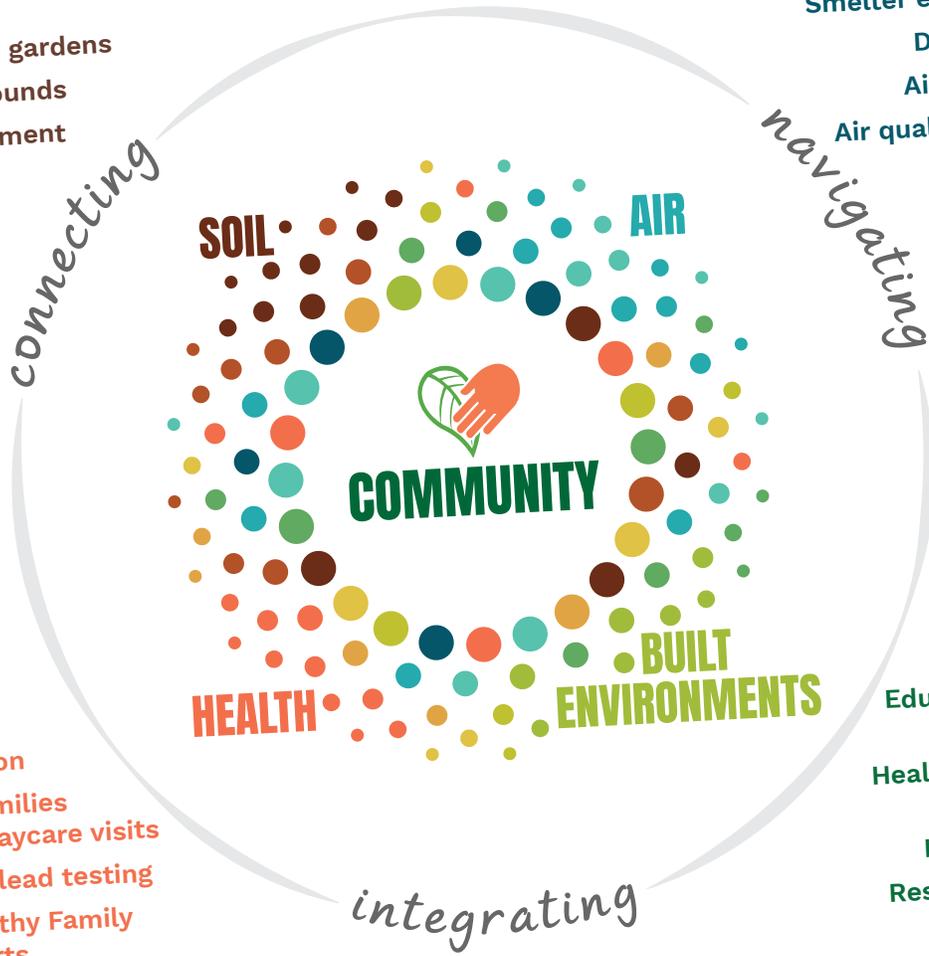
The strategic plan was approved by the Trail Area Health & Environment Committee (THEC), a select committee of the City of Trail. THEC is a transparent platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue, collective decision making and community engagement with respect to the THEP.

Learn more



Residential yards and gardens  
Parks and playgrounds  
Property development

Smelter emissions reduction  
Dust control  
Air monitoring  
Air quality working group



Education  
Healthy families  
in-home and in-daycare visits  
Children's blood lead testing  
Enhanced Healthy Family  
Supports

Education and community  
outreach  
Healthy homes and daycares  
in-home visits  
Lead-safe renovation  
Residential lead inspection  
pilot program

## Air Quality

There is a new Air Quality Monitoring Station in Haley Park! Spot the new graphics on the fencing at Haley Park and Butler Park.

Learn more about air quality at

[thep.ca/air](http://thep.ca/air)

The Trail Area Health & Environment Program (THEP) partners work to improve knowledge, awareness, and health related to sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and lead (Pb).





Mayor Colleen Jones  
(CHAIR)



Ashley Melenchuk  
(COMMUNITY MEMBER)



Jason Nelson  
(MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT  
AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY)

“The longstanding work of this Committee has contributed to improved air quality in Trail, reduced blood lead levels in children and a healthy, thriving community to live, work and raise a family. I am honoured and excited to Chair THEC for the next four years and continue to champion this important work.”

“After spending many years as part of the program in a phlebotomy capacity, I want to contribute as a mother, and as a community member. I am passionate about the goals of the Committee. We have a unique environment and to be able to make Trail a safer and healthier place for families, individuals and animals means a lot to me.”

“As an environmental toxicologist, I am passionate about the protection of people, plants and animals from substances in the environment. I’m excited to join THEC so that I may learn more about all the great programs in place and so I can share my perspective and possibly contribute to their improvement.”

## Meet new members of THEC!



Trevor Allegretto  
(LOCAL 480)

“I am one of Teck’s Environment Coordinators, the Local 480 Office and Technical Safety Chair, an active member of the Teck and USWA Joint Health and Safety Committee. Fun fact: in 1992 I was a community sampler for the Trail Lead Task Force. I hope to contribute to an equitable understanding of our community health and environment.”



Carolyn Amantea  
(VILLAGE OF WARFIELD)

“I am excited to be a part of the Trail Area Health & Environment Committee to gain an even better understanding of the multiple aspects of the program and then share this information with the residents of Warfield. Communication and education are key parts of building well-informed, thriving communities!”



THEC MEETINGS ARE HELD  
FIVE TIMES PER YEAR.

ALL DATES ARE POSTED  
ON THEP.CA AND  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



VIEW ALL THEC  
MEMBERS ONLINE  
[thep.ca/governance](http://thep.ca/governance)

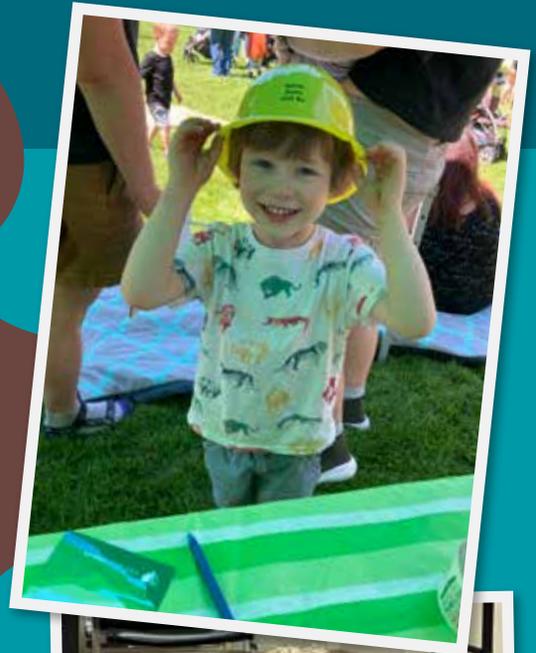
# THEP'S GOAL OF REDUCING CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE TO BARE SOIL IN YARDS IS SUCCEEDING



THEP has managed soil on more than 500 properties in the Trail Area and hopes to reach many more!

Thank you to residents of non-child occupied properties who provided access to the adjacent child occupied properties that were not otherwise accessible during the 2022 field season.

**SIGN UP**  
for soil testing  
at [thep.ca](http://thep.ca)  
– it's FREE.



## Tips for keeping indoor dust down this spring!

- ✓ Vacuum & damp mop regularly
- ✓ Damp dust often, especially window ledges children can reach
- ✓ Leave outside shoes at the door on a dust mat

## FAQS

### HOW DOES THEP SUPPORT VEGETABLE GARDENERS?

The first step is to have your garden soil tested. Next, if needed, a THEP representative will meet with you to develop a plan for garden soil replacement or other appropriate supports.

**Already had your soil tested? Contact THEP and plan your vegetable garden together!**

### I HAVE EXCESS SOIL, CAN I BRING IT TO THE RDKB LANDFILL?

All soil in THEP's Soil Management Area must be tested before going to the landfill. Get your soil tested early to avoid delays during your project.

**Sign up immediately for soil testing at [thep.ca](http://thep.ca) – it's FREE.**

For more information:



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