DETAILED ROADMAP / VERSION 0.5

A plan with room to learn

Purpose

Build a crypto home where news, information, learning and a side of humour make it easier to ask questions and try ideas. We want people to learn, invest thoughtfully when they choose, and have fun together while we investigate better ways to do things. Scepticism applies to our own plans too.

Priority order

First keep the current services dependable. Next test the private PondLab practice model. Explore useful roles for $ROYALBUMPY alongside that work. Longer term, investigate backed tokens representing eligible Pond baskets that others could hold and trade. The stages are evidence-led; they are not promised dates.

Names and boundaries

My Pond means reader accounts and saved stories. Pond Wallet means the current wallet interface. PondLab means the developing basket/experiment product. A future Pond token means a distinct basket instrument, not a new name for $ROYALBUMPY. The public PondLab page is a holding page; private prototype capabilities must not be advertised as public availability.

Status language

Live interface means deployed product functionality, not proof that every external dependency or delivery is healthy. Private development means restricted testing. Next means the proposed priority. Research means architecture, demand, funding or permissions remain unresolved. No current token benefit, staking yield or basket mint is created by a roadmap.

Change from version 0.4

Saved reading, markets, wallet interfaces and receipt timelines have advanced. The main next step moves from a broad list of community features to testing PondLab. Games, badges and staking are retained as secondary or deferred ideas. The tokenised basket direction is new research. Historical contract concerns remain disclosed in whitepaper pages 3-5.

LIVE / MAINTENANCE PRIORITY

Protect the working foundation

What exists

The publication has retained stories, search, sources, Bumpy verdicts, artwork and share cards. Markets has a shared data feed and freshness states. My Pond has reading/account controls; Pond Wallet has user-confirmed ETH/$ROYALBUMPY flows on its configured chain. AI Bumpy operates on the website and Telegram. The public PondLab page remains coming soon.

Editorial cadence from 2 November

Preparation stays at 06:40, 10:40, 13:40, 16:40 and 19:40 Europe/London. Target six morning stories and three per later drop, subject to worthwhile sources. Generate one headline illustration per drop, reuse it for that drop’s X selection and eligible Telegram forward, and keep supporting stories text-led. No new companion selections. Do not retrofit 1 November reservations.

Distribution controls

Headline X slots remain 0-4 at 08:00, 12:00, 15:00, 18:00 and 21:00 London, at most five new selections daily. Keep the existing 45-minute expiry and duplicate/uncertain-send protections. Telegram stays at most five eligible forwards daily under its existing counting rules. Morning email targets 07:30 and skips if not ready by 08:15. Readiness, attempts and confirmed deliveries are separate records.

What to verify

Use bounded checks of live edition and artwork, market timestamps and stale labels, queue identities and actual service diagnostics. Test mobile navigation and recovery/error states, not just the happy path. New artwork policy limits generation count; it does not prove a particular credit saving because billable usage has not been reconciled here.

Wallet qualification

Keep signed-in identity, selected wallet, network, balances, quote, minimum received and transaction state understandable. Resolve uncertain transactions by inspecting the existing record before retrying. Security configuration and user MFA enrollment need their own evidence. Do not describe this release as audited or as an autonomous investment agent.

NEXT / PONDLAB PRACTICE

Make a private Pond worth using

The minimum useful journey

Create a named basket with a thesis, token eligibility rules, weights and rebalance policy. Check totals and duplicates. Save it, run a paper experiment, inspect results and return on another visit. Keep practice, tracked holdings and any future funded state visibly separate.

Evidence over a green number

Show start/end dates, data coverage, price timestamps, costs and assumptions. Distinguish historical backtests from forward paper runs. Use the same period and currency for benchmarks; account for deposits/withdrawals when relevant. Include drawdown and concentration. Unknown valuations must not become zero or a complete total.

An experiment passport - proposed

Give each experiment a versioned record: why these assets, what rules were set, which data was used, what changed and why. Preserve the pre-change result when rules change. This could support trustworthy comparisons and help prevent retrospective cherry-picking; it is a hypothesis to test rather than a shipped feature.

Learning at the moment of a decision

Explore relevant story links, plain-English risk explanations and a short review of what helped or hurt an experiment. Bumpy may draft a proposed change for review, never silently trade. Show the limits of any explanation: a coincident headline does not establish the cause of a price move.

Exit criteria for a private beta

The owner can complete the journey on mobile and desktop without assistance; calculations reproduce from saved inputs; stale feeds and outages are visible; account/privacy boundaries hold; and costs fit a recorded cap. Fix confusing steps before widening asset coverage. A private wallet test is not approval to take other users’ money.

NEXT RESEARCH / COMMUNITY AND COMPARISON

Learn from other Ponds

Share the method, not only the result

Consider opt-in public experiment pages, clear backtest/paper/live labels, creator disclosures and comparable metrics. Let a user copy a template into a separate practice experiment. Sharing a template is distinct from mirroring trades or giving a creator control of a wallet.

A stronger test of differentiation

Portfolio dashboards and token baskets already exist. Our hypothesis is that a readable path from sourced news to a documented thesis, test and review can be more useful to newcomers. Test comprehension and repeat use with a small group rather than claiming to be the first or best.

Three options to compare

A non-tokenised experiment/template product is the lowest-complexity starting point. Integrating an established vault or basket protocol may reduce custom contract work but adds protocol, network and control dependencies. A custom basket contract gives design freedom with substantially more review and operating work. Choose on evidence, not the appeal of a launch announcement.

Primary-source benchmarks

Reserve documents basket minting and redemption, including direct access when an interface is unavailable. Enzyme documents vault shares with separate valuation and management roles. Study exit routes, fees, control and failed-operation handling before choosing any integration. Neither protocol has been selected, audited by us or verified as supported on our intended chain. [A, B]

Other ideas remain possible

Moderated submissions, meme templates, explainers, quizzes and small free games may strengthen participation. Start with useful content and ordinary profile recognition. Optional tips or funded bounties need consent, acceptance criteria and a real budget. Avoid incentives for repetitive promotion or only displaying winning experiments.

LONGER TERM / DESIGN QUESTIONS

Tokenise a basket, not a promise

Proposed lifecycle

Define an eligible basket and its rules. Deposit the actual backing assets into an agreed custody or vault model. Mint shares with documented rights. Let eligible holders transfer them, and redeem through the specified mechanism. All of these steps remain research for PondLab.

Assets and chains

Start research with a small same-chain asset universe. Decide treatment of illiquid, rebasing, fee-on-transfer, wrapped or bridged tokens, depegs and delistings. Watching a Bitcoin address does not put native BTC inside an EVM basket; wrapping or bridging adds distinct dependencies. No universal asset support is promised.

Accounting and fair entry/exit

Specify share supply, decimals, mint/redemption rounding, minimum amounts, donation/inflation resistance, stale-price handling and fee dilution. Explain whether redemption returns underlying assets or requires swaps; how failed or partial execution is handled; and whether any queues, lockups or gates apply. A market price can depart from basket value.

Control and incentives

Define who can rebalance, add assets, change fees, pause actions or upgrade contracts. Consider notice periods, timelocks, creator conflicts and related-party assets. Show creator and platform fees before consent. Investigate continuity if a creator disappears and a safe, documented exit if the website is unavailable.

Liquidity is a separate project

Minting a transferable token does not guarantee a market. Assess DEX/pool support, liquidity funding, price impact and the effect of thin underlying markets. Do not assume a token can always be sold or redeemed instantly. Keep underlying assets separate from project operating funds.

Required decision before a funded pilot

Publish a specification and threat model; resolve legal classification, promotions, eligibility and custody obligations for intended users; obtain independent security review; test mint/redeem/rebalance and failure recovery; then approve a bounded pilot with a funded operating plan. Research can end in a decision not to launch. [C]

EXPLORING / $ROYALBUMPY

Give the token a useful role

Possible features

Evaluate optional PondLab tool access, service payments or fee benefits; direct creator tips; and small funded contribution bounties. Decide pricing, eligibility and exclusions only after testing the underlying service. Ordinary news, learning and community participation stay open to non-holders.

No automatic linkage

A proposed basket token and $ROYALBUMPY are separate assets. Neither automatically backs the other. Basket ownership, fee rights, voting power and redemption rights must be explicit for each instrument. There is no announced migration, revenue share, mandatory basket allocation or promise that use of PondLab increases token value.

Rewards have to be funded

Track operating costs, development, security review, liquidity and rewards separately. Count creator income when received, not projected. Any bounty needs a defined task, budget and acceptance process. Tips need opt-in recipients and a confirmed user transaction. Avoid eligibility that can be claimed repeatedly by transferring one holding between accounts.

The Royal Reserve is deferred

Keep staking as a lower-priority research idea. It would need a finite reward pool, separate principal/reward accounting, withdrawal rules, independent review and applicable legal assessment. It is not network-validator staking. Pons buyback-and-vesting is a different mechanism and creates no community staking yield.

Historical dependencies still matter

Whitepaper pages 3-5 preserve the 28-29 October token, fee and protocol-control findings. Current supply, owner concentration, recipient-change state, vault terms and graduation state still need reproducible verification. Successful past fee claiming does not prove future sweep independence. No new contract assurance is implied by updating these plans.

DELIVERY / OWNERSHIP / RESOURCES

Release by evidence

1. Maintain

Keep publication, market labels, accounts and wallet flows dependable. Review incidents against later confirmed successes so an old error is not repeatedly presented as a current outage. Owner: project operator, with bounded automation checks.

2. Validate the private practice model

Test the create-run-review-return journey; record bugs and user confusion. Reconcile calculations and freshness states. Demonstrate useful comparisons before expanding the feature list. Owner: product/development with the owner testing on their own device.

3. Choose a direction

Compare user demand, non-tokenised templates, protocol reuse and custom contracts. Record costs, network support and the reasons to proceed or stop. Explore token utility without announcing benefits before there is a deliverable service.

4. Gate any real-money basket pilot

Require a written specification, jurisdiction review, independent contract/security review, funded support and incident procedures, and successful entry/exit tests. Scope the pilot explicitly. Third-party reviews and costs require separate owner approval; none are commissioned by this roadmap.

5. Expand only when earned

Consider broader creator access, new assets, chain support and trading venues after usage and operational evidence. Keep earlier aspirations such as games, collaborations and listing applications conditional. Other organisations decide their own listings or partnerships.

Measures and reporting

Record comprehension, repeat use, reproducible results, unresolved data gaps, incidents, actual delivery IDs and actual usage bills. Publish release notes and material changes. Maintain budget caps and shared data caching. This revision makes no measured savings or growth claim and authorises no new spending.

REFERENCES / VERSION HISTORY

Sources and open decisions

Evidence basis

Status reviewed on 1 November 2026 using current production source and public pages. The owner’s direction supplies the longer-term basket-token ambition. The private prototype has not been newly audited in this documentation update. Current code is evidence of implemented behaviour, not a guarantee of external service success.

Primary research

[A] Reserve, minting and redeeming Index DTFs:
https://monetarium.reserve.org/protocol/index_dtfs/mint_redeem/
[B] Enzyme, vault/share primitives and roles:
https://docs.enzyme.finance/onyx-user-documentation/getting-started/primitives
[C] FCA, fund tokenisation:
https://www.fca.org.uk/firms/cryptoassets-our-work/fund-tokenisation
These references were read on 1 November. They inform questions and comparisons; they are not partnerships, deployment choices or regulatory approval.

Project records

Latest documents: https://www.theroyalpond.fun/roadmap.html
Wallet scope and recovery: https://www.theroyalpond.fun/wallet-privacy.html
Reader privacy: https://www.theroyalpond.fun/my-pond-privacy.html
Private-development introduction: https://www.theroyalpond.fun/pond-lab.html
Historical whitepaper: https://www.theroyalpond.fun/documents/royal-bumpy-whitepaper-v1-0.pdf

Decisions not yet made

Basket custody and protocol, supported assets/chains, creator powers, fee model, redemption design, legal route and access eligibility remain open. So do optional $ROYALBUMPY benefits and any funded rewards. The immediate work is testing and specification, not public deposits or a new token launch.

Revision record

v0.5 replaces the 29 October v0.4 plan as the current roadmap. It recognises delivered account, market, wallet and receipt features; records the lower-generation editorial policy; prioritises PondLab practice; and adds tokenised basket research. Previous PDFs remain available. No historical social selection, archive or token term is changed.