

## North Saskatchewan Heritage River - Strategic Alignment

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Explore Edmonton's Tourism Master Plan	Approved in 2021, the Tourism Master Plan provides a 10-year framework aimed at providing a common vision for growth and investment with tourism industry partners. Within the context of the North Saskatchewan River, the Master Plan seeks to activate the River Valley to create a more vibrant destination and gathering place. This includes enhanced recreational opportunities on the North Saskatchewan River and use of the river as a connective network.
National Urban Park	In 2021, Parks Canada launched the National Urban Park Program. Throughout 2022-2023, Parks Canada, the City of Edmonton, the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations and the Métis Nation of Alberta have been collaborating to lead discussions and engagement around the opportunity for a National Urban Park in the Edmonton region. The North Saskatchewan River Valley could be one of the sites considered as a location for the National Urban Park, with potential to provide unique nature-based educational and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, protect biodiversity and support conservation in urban areas, and advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.
North Saskatchewan River - Watershed Management Framework Approach	In support of The City Plan implementation, a City of Edmonton framework for watershed management will be developed. The framework will establish approaches to help guide when and where the City of Edmonton should be activating municipal levers to address water security and urban watershed health. This work would complement and supplement existing initiatives in the watershed by addressing any identified gaps. Work to develop this has not commenced.
River Crossing Heritage Interpretive Plan	This plan is a starting point for sharing the history of the Ross Flats in the River Crossing area (West Rosssdale). The plan guides how heritage and culture will be reflected and

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	<p>communicated throughout this community as it evolves over time. The plan honours the collective history of this land, respects Indigenous heritage and culture and contributes to the future identity of this place within the river valley. It is also one of the cornerstones of the River Crossing Business Plan, a plan to create a vibrant community and a special place in the Ross Flats that honors the rich history of this area.</p>
<p>River Valley Alliance, Plan of Action</p>	<p>Approved in 2007, the Plan of Action provides a vision for a continuous, connected North Saskatchewan River Valley park system, fully connected by a 100 km multi-use pedestrian trail, extending from Devon to Fort Saskatchewan, through the City of Edmonton. Development of the Plan of Action was led by the River Valley Alliance, a not for profit organization incorporated by the six municipalities working together to create this connected river valley park system that includes a combination of trails, pedestrian bridges and boat docks/launches for year-round recreational activity, as well as being an important active transportation route.</p>
<p>River Valley Planning Modernization</p>	<p>Building on the Ribbon of Green SW+NE and guided by <i>Breathe</i>, Edmonton's Green Network Strategy, this initiative will renew the City's strategic planning for the River Valley and the processes and tools for evaluating and regulating development that is proposed within the system. This work will guide appropriate public use and enjoyment while sustaining and restoring healthy and resilient ecosystems.</p>