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# River Valley Planning Modernization - Update on Phases 3 and 4

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# River Valley Planning Modernization

- Updates the Ribbon of Green (ROG) and River Valley Area Redevelopment Plan (River Valley ARP)
- Ensures that the River Valley remains a vibrant and ecologically resilient network as the city grows



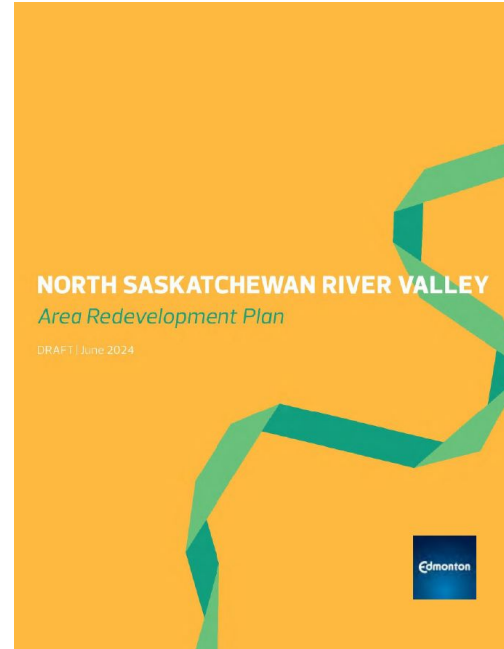
# Plan Renewal

## RIBBON OF GREEN



Long-term vision and guidance for River Valley protection, access and use

## RIVER VALLEY ARP



Legal land use concept and policies

# Overview of Phases 3 & 4

## RIBBON OF GREEN

- System-wide planning and management policies
- Land Management Classifications
- Program and Ecological Guidance

## RIVER VALLEY ARP

- Land use concept and policies
- Decision-making process
- Assessment requirements



# Updates to the River Valley ARP

## CONNECTION WITH THE RIBBON OF GREEN

- River Valley ARP points to the Ribbon of Green for detailed planning direction for public open space

## UPDATED ARP LAND USE POLICIES

- Restrictions on natural resource extraction and residential development
- Limits on intensive open space facilities, intensive utility infrastructure, and intensive transportation infrastructure

## UPDATED DECISION-MAKING FRAMEWORK

- Updated triggers for City Council approval
- Updated assessment requirements for development proposals

# Indigenous Participation in River Valley Planning and Management

- Exploring different management models;
  - Co-governance; or co-stewardship; or co-management
  - Indigenous led; or co-created programming
- Essential dialogue and relationship-building w/ Indigenous Nations and Communities



# What We Heard: Phases 3 & 4

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

### RIBBON OF GREEN

- Ecological protection
- Trail + river experiences
- All ages + abilities access
- Encampments
- Commercial opportunities

### RIVER VALLEY ARP

- Restricting high-impact development
- Transparent decision-making
- Implementation
- Public + Indigenous engagement
- Mitigating impacts

## INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT

- Indigenous perspectives in planning
- Intergenerational learning
- Stewardship + programs
- Spaces to reconnect with RV lands

# Next Steps and RVPM Action Plan

- Refine and finalize the plans
- River Valley ARP brought forward for approval through public hearing process (December 2024)
- Refine the River Valley Planning Modernization Action Plan
- Requests for further resourcing, beginning with 2027 budget cycle





# Questions and Thank You