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Urban Planning and Economy

North Saskatchewan River Valley Area Redevelopment Plan Bylaw 20996

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River Valley Planning Context

- Growing population
- Evolving outdoor recreation needs
- Demand for events, commercial opportunities, facilities, and urban services
- Pressure on wildlife and ecosystems
- Evolving planning considerations and processes



The City Plan

“Maintain the North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System’s key role as an environmental protection area and for open space, cultural and recreational uses.”

Breathe: Green Network Strategy

“The River Valley and Ravine System form the core of the green network, and provide important habitat for plants and animals, regional connectivity throughout the City and beyond, as well as cherished open spaces.”



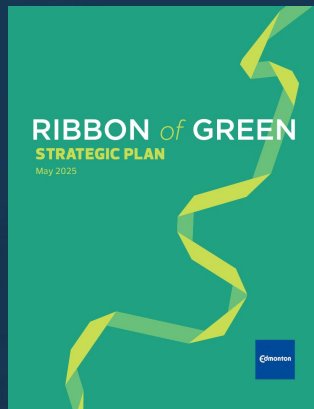
RENEWED RIVER VALLEY PLANNING FRAMEWORK

RIVER VALLEY ARP



Statutory land use
concept and
policies

RIBBON OF GREEN



Long-term guidance
for protection,
access, and use

Renew and clarify
planning processes and
priorities

Recommit to
environmental
protection

Renew approach to
environmental
stewardship

Address gaps in
programming and
access

OUR VISION FOR THE NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER VALLEY

"The North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System is a protected, connected, ecologically resilient landscape that honours our collective history and promotes healthy living through diverse opportunities for recreation, active transportation, learning, and gathering in the tranquility of nature."



ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



533 WORKSHOP
PARTICIPANTS



463 POP-UP
ENGAGEMENT
CONVERSATIONS



9705 SURVEY
RESPONDENTS



443 INTERACTIVE
MAP COMMENTS



INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT



39 MEETINGS WITH
22 INDIGENOUS NATIONS
AND ORGANIZATIONS



2 GROUP WORKSHOPS
+ SITE VISITS WITH
INDIGENOUS NATIONS

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River Valley ARP Renewal

- Updates the North Saskatchewan River Valley Area Redevelopment Plan, Bylaw 7188 (February 1985)
- Sets overall land use pattern for the River Valley and Ravine System
- Limits development for purposes other than open space
- Identifies high-level decision making framework for development proposals



Plan Objectives

- Ensure the environmental protection of the River Valley and Ravine System
- Provide public access for celebration and wellness



Plan Direction

- Provides direction to City Administration and City Council when evaluating development proposals
- Existing uses and development rights acknowledged
- New uses, other than those compatible with open space use, are discouraged or not supported outside of Rossdale and Cloverdale



River Valley Open Space

Lands that are part of the public open space network are designated as **River Valley Open Space** and planned in accordance with the Ribbon of Green Strategic Plan

Ribbon of Green Strategic Plan

RIVER VALLEY VISION + PRINCIPLES

LAND MANAGEMENT CLASSIFICATIONS



ECOLOGICAL GUIDANCE



PROGRAM GUIDANCE



SYSTEM-WIDE POLICY

Decision-Making Framework: Technical Reporting Requirements

- Development on River Valley Open Space or Public Utility lands
- Rezoning applications for primary uses other than open space
- Plan boundary amendments
- Development permit applications

STRATEGIC
ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT

SITE-SPECIFIC TECHNICAL STUDIES
AS APPROPRIATE

Decision-Making Framework: City Council Approval Requirements

- Intensive open space, intensive transportation, or intensive utility facilities
- Development with long-term or permanent environmental or community impacts that cannot be mitigated
- Plan amendments
- Rezoning applications for zones other than A - River Valley Zone or NA - Natural Areas Zone





Thank you

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