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# POLICY STATEMENT AND VISION

*The UPMP Policy Statement and Vision are based largely on the Integrated Services Strategy and are built on community values and priorities. They were reconfirmed through the UPMP Integrated Stakeholder Consultation Plan.*

## 3.1 Policy Statement:

*The Urban Parks Management Plan guides future acquisition, design, construction, maintenance, preservation and animation (or use) of City parks, river valley and natural areas. The City of Edmonton and its development partners preserve natural landscapes and create diverse, functional, attractive and captivating parks for nature preservation, play, sport, exercise, relaxation, social interaction and education. The City of Edmonton manages parkland and associated financial and human resources to meet the recreational, educational, social and environmental needs of the community.*

## 3.2 UPMP Vision

### **The Vision for Edmonton's park system over the next ten years:**

*Edmonton's parks, trails, river valley and natural areas connect Edmontonians to their community, to the environment and to one another. Open spaces provide year-round recreation, relaxation, natural beauty and ecological integrity to Alberta's capital city. Edmonton's parks breathe life and sustainability into a vibrant urban environment.*

*Edmonton has been national champion in the Communities in Bloom competition in 1997 and 2000.*