

## **CHAPTER 4 - PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT POLICIES**

The river valley contains both natural and urban characteristics. The characteristics associated with the natural aspects are wildlife, vegetation, and physical features. Those associated with the urban aspects of the river valley relate to the historical, archaeological, cultural origins, and the trails and facilities which help people use the valley. The valley ranges from areas virtually undisturbed and natural, to areas that have been extensively altered or developed.

The data analysis in Chapter 2 described the natural and urban characteristics:

- The Development Inventory identified the policy and historical use constraints which exist.
- The Site Inventory identified existing conditions, recreation use, and established patterns of behaviour which must be considered.
- The Resource Analysis process identified areas requiring environmental protection and areas suitable for development.
- Recreation Activity and Facility Suitability was publicly identified and reviewed for each land management unit.

Through this analysis, the principles of the Preservation Conservation and Extensive Use land management units have been established. These principles direct the appropriate level of development, and the management and operation standards for the river valley park system. Wherever possible, development will be restricted to existing impacted areas.