

What We Heard Report

Confederation
District Park
Master Plan

| **SHARE** YOUR VOICE
SHAPE OUR CITY

Edmonton



Confederation District Park Master Plan

SHARE YOUR VOICE SHAPE OUR CITY

This is your city.

We welcome your input on how we maintain, grow and build Edmonton.

We believe engagement leads to better decision-making.

We are committed to reaching out to our diverse communities in thoughtful and meaningful ways.

We want to understand your perspectives and build trusting relationships with you.

We will show you how you help influence City decisions.

Share your voice with us and shape our city.

Summary

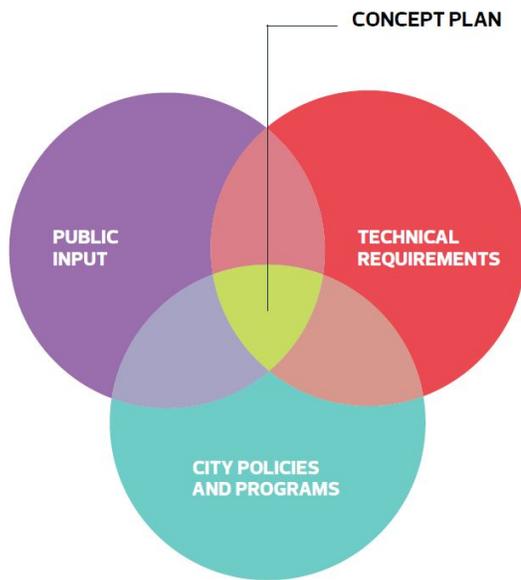
We have been working towards a long-term vision for Confederation District Park with input from you. The Master Plan process considered your interests, existing and new amenities and activities, maintenance, City policies and the greater community to renew and update an aging park. The concept plan shows proposed and existing amenities, buildings, parking and landscaping features. It outlines the approximate sizes, locations, connections and the design intent. The concept plan protects space and guides future development, ensuring that the puzzle pieces fit together.



Input from residents and key stakeholder organizations was an important part in developing the Master Plan. The Public Engagement Plan was designed to involve the right people at the right times in the right ways through three stages:

1. Sharing Ideas: A community wide needs assessment that defines the needs and priorities for the park
2. Exploring Options: Testing concepts based on community need, with stakeholder organizations, to develop a Master Plan for the park
3. Setting the Direction: Gathering public feedback to complete the final Master Plan for the park

Public engagement opportunities were held to **advise** on the current and future desired uses of the park and **refine** a concept plan for the final Master Plan that will guide the future of the park site. This report outlines what engagement took place, what we heard and how we used that feedback to finalize the Confederation District Park Master Plan.



What Was Done

We communicated to Edmontonians through:

- Flyer distribution to all mailing addresses within 3km
- Road signs
- Confederation Leisure Centre road sign
- Project website on edmonton.ca
- City of Edmonton Facebook and Twitter posts
- City of Edmonton public engagement calendar insertions
- Public service announcement
- Email invitations to on-site schools, local and regional sport user groups and area Community Leagues
- Edmonton Sport Council newsletter
- Posters in the Confederation Leisure Centre
- Examiner and Metro newspaper ads
- Electronic distribution to community contacts through the Community Recreation Coordinators
- Neighbourhoods Park Bench newsletter ad
- Community League Newsletters ads
- Email invite to 22 sports organizations
- Email invite to 14 local community organizations
- Royal Gardens Community League social media posts

As part of the public engagement activities in stage 1, an event was hosted at Royal Gardens Community League October 26, 2016 to gather in-person input. 125 citizens completed the electronic and paper surveys as well.

Direct conversations with several public stakeholder groups were also held to gather additional information and input about the district park. This included direct conversations with:

- Sportsfield User Committee
- Edmonton Public Schools
- Edmonton Catholic Schools
- Confederation Park Little League
- Harry Ainlay School Administration
- Louis St. Laurent School Administration
- Mustangs Football
- Royal Gardens Community League
- South West Area Council

Input gathered and analysis completed in stage 1 was used to create preliminary concept ideas. Workshops were then held with stakeholder organizations and partners in spring 2017 to explore and further the preliminary concept ideas and options. All organizations who booked 20 hours or greater at the park in any of the previous three seasons were invited to participate in the workshops.

Based on the input gathered at the Concept Exploration Stakeholder Workshops, a concept plan was developed. A final public engagement event was hosted at the Confederation Leisure Centre on April 11, 2018 with approximately 40 residents attending the event. A survey was also made available to the public until April 25, 2018. Feedback was used to help refine and finalize the concept plan.

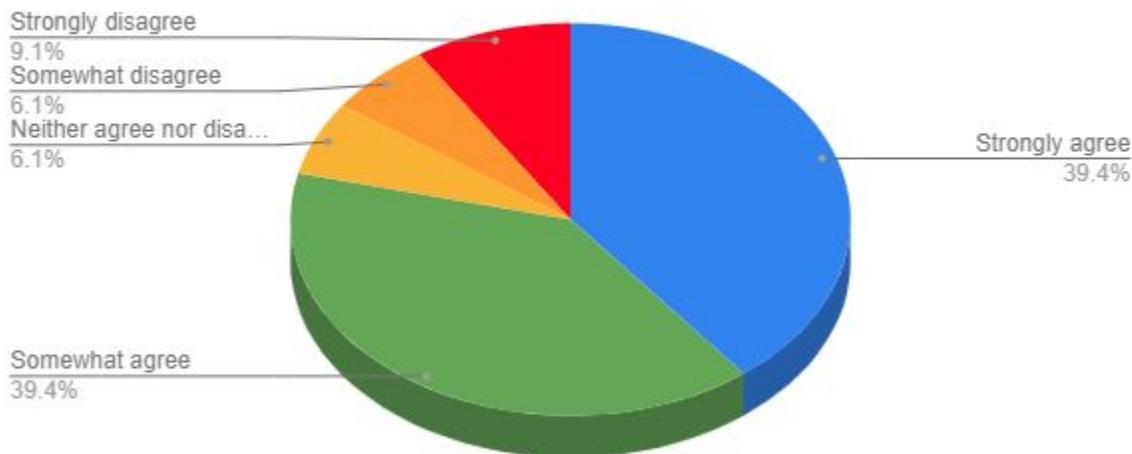
Engagement Results and Findings

Sharing Ideas: Community Wide Needs Assessment Survey

- [Survey results](#) are available at edmonton.ca/ConfederationParkMP

Setting the Direction: Final Concept Plan Public Engagement

Participants were asked, to what extent do you agree or disagree that the final concept plan for Confederation Park meets your needs?



Participants were asked:

- Please provide reasons for your level of agreement or disagreement that the final concept plan meets your needs.
- Do you have suggestions or comments for improvements of this final concept plan for Confederation Park?
- Is there anything else you would like us to know about the Confederation Park Master Plan?

What we heard:

- Improvements to the park will make it more inviting and enjoyable
- Preservation of green space and addition of vegetation/natural elements is important
- Winter use is a key consideration
- General support for having a wide variety of amenities to encourage different types of uses
- The proposed concept will improve connectivity and increase opportunities to be physically active

What We Did With Your Feedback

Based on feedback received, the final concept plan for Confederation District Park includes:

- Renewal, reconfiguration and resizing of sports fields
- Addition of gathering spaces and amenities to provide greater recreation opportunities and attract more park users to stay in the park for longer periods of time
- Space allocated for the potential of a future artificial turf facility
- Landscape upgrades and significant planting to improve the overall park character
- Trails and seating to enable more people to pass through the park or to use it for exercise
- Natural play features, more court use options, fitness nodes and flexible open spaces to provide opportunities for unstructured physical activities and improve user and spectator experiences during sporting activities.

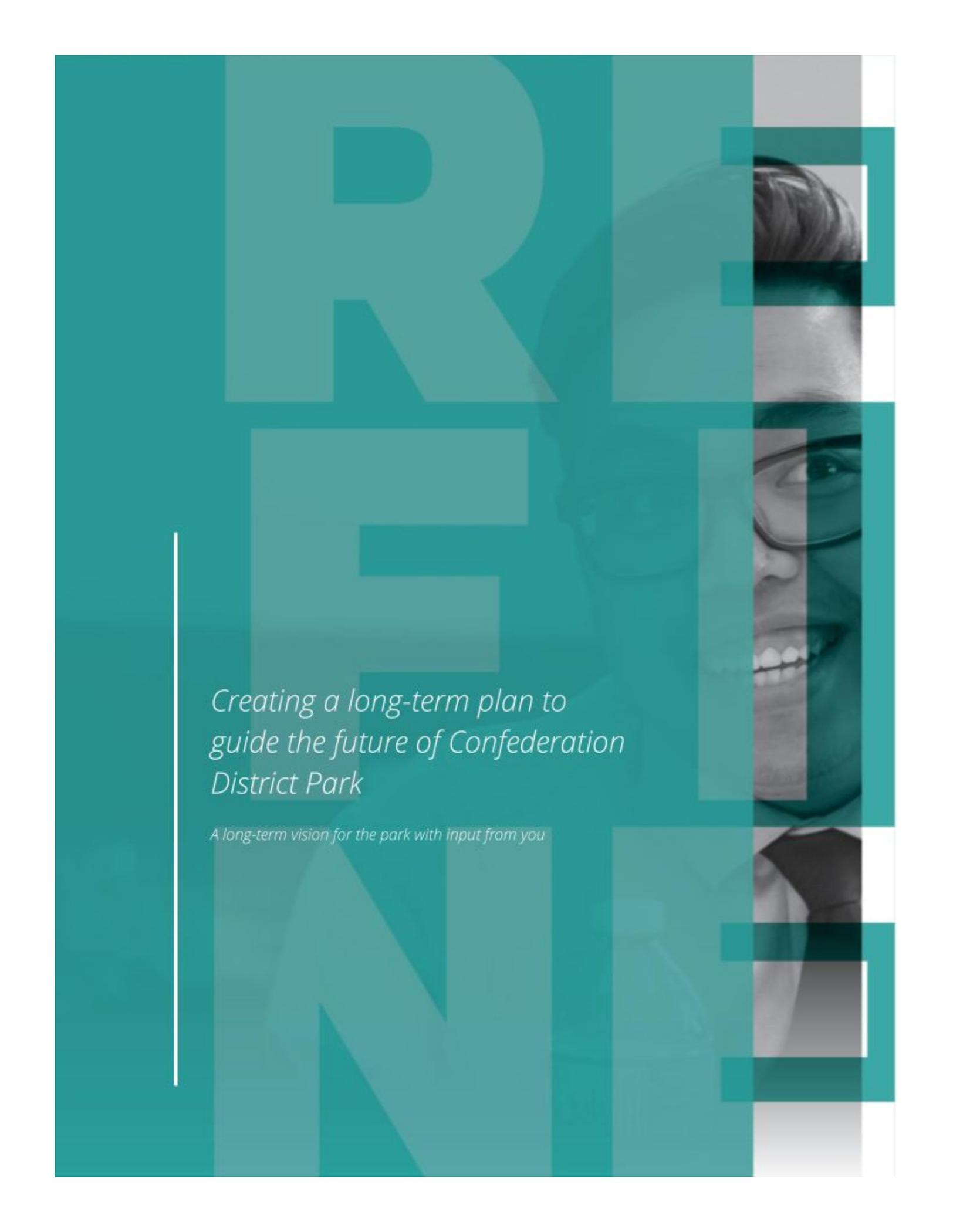
What's Next

As part of the 2019-2022 Capital Budget, funds have been allocated to renew Confederation District Park. The concept plan that was created as part of the Master Plan process will be used as the foundation for preliminary design and will guide the future development of the park.

Public engagement opportunities will be planned to seek the public's input and help refine the details of the design. You can continue to be involved and get updates on the project by visiting edmonton.ca/ConfederationParkMP

Thank you for participating in sharing your voice and shaping our city.

For more information on City of Edmonton public engagement, please visit www.edmonton.ca/publicengagement



*Creating a long-term plan to
guide the future of Confederation
District Park*

A long-term vision for the park with input from you