



## NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

The Oxford neighbourhood is located in northwest Edmonton within the Palisades Area Structure Plan (ASP). The Palisades area was annexed to the City of Edmonton in 1982. Oxford forms the northwest corner of the Palisades and is bounded by 167th Avenue to the north, 133rd Street to the east, 153rd Avenue to the south and 127th Street to the west. Prior to urban development, most of the land within Oxford was used for agricultural cultivation.

The interior roadways within the neighbourhood are built around a central collector road from which a series of smaller loops and cul-de-sacs are connected. The dominant residential form in Oxford is the single-detached house, which accounts for almost all of the units within the neighbourhood. In addition to residential land uses, the neighbourhood also has a large central school-park site, as well as a small stormwater management lake. A seasonal wetland is located in the northern part of the neighbourhood, and is claimed by the Province of Alberta under the Public Lands Act. Development near the wetland must conform to applicable Provincial regulations on wetland disturbance and wildlife protection.

Development of the Oxford Neighbourhood began in the late 1980's and progressed from the area immediately west of 127th Street and 158th Avenue to the west, south and north. By December 1999, nearly all of the land in the southern two thirds of the neighbourhood had been developed. The northern third is still under development.

All neighbourhoods within the Palisades ASP are named after early fur trade forts and posts. Oxford takes its name from the "Oxford House," which was a Hudson's Bay Company post in what is now southwest Manitoba.