

# RIBBON *of* GREEN

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# OLESKIW RIVER VALLEY PARK MASTER PLAN

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## What is the **Ribbon of Green**?

The Ribbon of Green is Edmonton's whole river valley and ravine system. The Ribbon of Green (2018) Project will provide strategic guidance for the southwest (Study Area 1) and northeast (Study Area 2) corners of Edmonton's River Valley and Ravine System.

## What is the **Oleskiw River Valley Park Master Plan**?

The Oleskiw River Valley Park Master Plan will establish a vision and management plan for the next 25 years. Oleskiw is also within the Ribbon of Green Study Area. With direction from City policy, public input and an understanding of the site, the Master Plan will provide direction for environmental management, as well as recommendations for civic, cultural and recreational uses that are appropriate to the park.



# River Valley Open Space Planning in Edmonton

The diagram below illustrates how the Ribbon of Green and Oleskiw River Valley Park Master Plan relate to one another and to other plans that have been approved by City Council.

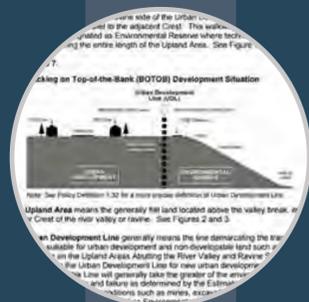


## THE WAYS STRATEGIC PLANS

*The Way Ahead, The Way We Finance\*, The Way We Green, The Way We Grow, The Way We Live, The Way We Move, The Way We Prosper*

The City's high-level strategic plans that outline how the City will achieve its Vision. They help to focus the City's efforts to deliver services and infrastructure that are most important to Edmontonians while managing the opportunities and challenges of our ever changing city.

**Status: Approved** (\*Under development)



## RELEVANT CITY POLICIES

*Natural Area Systems Policy (C531), River Access Guiding Principles (C586), Development Setbacks from River Valley/Ravine Crests (C542), Open Space Policy (C594)*

Provides direction to Administration on the development and protection of Edmonton's North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System.

**Status: Approved**

Natural Connections Plan



## BREATHE: EDMONTON'S GREEN NETWORK STRATEGY & NATURAL CONNECTIONS PLAN

Breathe is a transformative strategic plan to make sure that each neighbourhood will be supported by an accessible network of parks and open space as the city grows. Natural Connections is Edmonton's plan for the protection, management and restoration of local natural areas and biodiversity, and community engagement in that effort.

**Status: Approved**

Ribbon of Green Concept Plan



## RIBBON OF GREEN

A strategic and conceptual plan for study areas within the North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System. The plan will update, consolidate, and expand the Ribbon of Green Concept Plan (1990) and the Ribbon of Green Master Plan (1992).

**Status: Under Development | 2016–2018**

Ribbon of Green Master Plan



UPDATE & EXPAND

## NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER VALLEY AREA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN (BYLAW 7188)

Provides the environmental review framework and policy direction for the planning and protection of the North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System.

**Status: Approved**



## OLESKIW RIVER VALLEY PARK MASTER PLAN

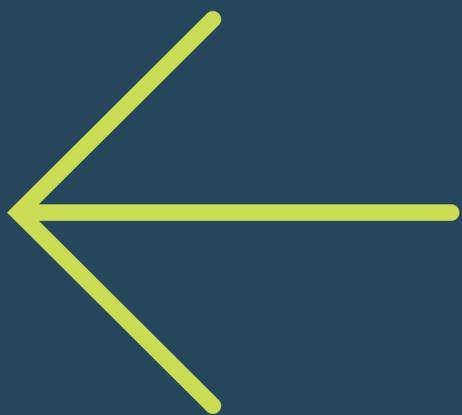
To help ensure Oleskiw River Valley Park remains a vital public space, the City is in Phase 3 of 4 of a Master Plan process to establish a 25-year vision and management plan for the park. It is in alignment with the Ribbon of Green process.

**Status: Under Development | 2016–2017**



# RIBBON *of* GREEN

**Presentations at 5pm + 7pm**  
in the multipurpose room across the hall



**Confirm | Vision & Priorities**

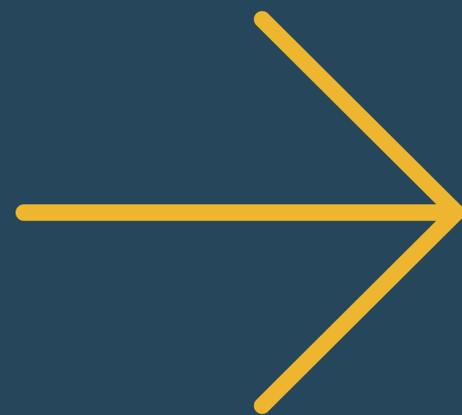
**Imagine | Policy Direction**

**Confirm | Land Management  
Classifications**

**Imagine | Amenity Nodes & Trail Heads**

Provide feedback on the initial direction and help guide the programming of the Amenity Nodes and Trail Heads.

# OLESKIW RIVER VALLEY PARK *Master Plan*



**Station A | Vision**

**Station B | Concept Options & Themes**

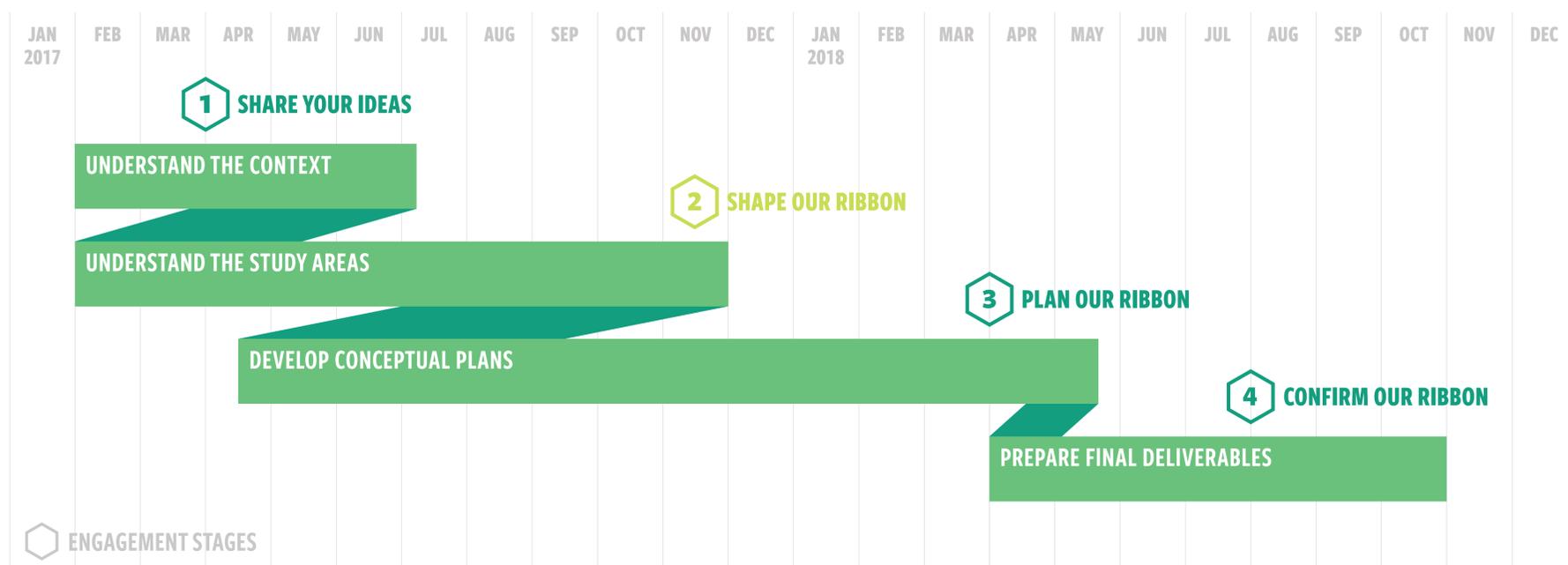
**Station C | Compare**

**Station D | Park Elements**

Review and provide feedback on the two concept options for the park.

# STAGES OF ENGAGEMENT

The Ribbon of Green has four engagement stages. We are currently in Stage 2.



## Share Your Ideas SPRING 2017

### Feedback informed:

- › Vision + Priorities
- › Land Management Classifications
- › Analysis

To see the detailed feedback we received in Phase 1, check out the *What We Heard Report*, available at the Library.

## Shape Our Ribbon FALL 2017

### Public will review:

- › Vision + Priorities
- › Land Management Classifications

### Feedback will inform:

- › Policies
- › Visions for each amenity node + trail head

## Plan Our Ribbon SPRING/SUMMER 2018

### Public will review:

- › Policies
- › Proposed trail alignment
- › Visions for each amenity node + trail head

### Feedback will inform:

- › Draft plan

## Confirm Our Ribbon SUMMER/FALL 2018

### Public will review:

- › Draft plan

### Feedback will inform:

- › Final Plan

## Indigenous Engagement

The City of Edmonton is committed to keeping Indigenous communities informed and engaged throughout the Ribbon of Green (2018) project.

Over Summer 2017, the City met with several communities to gather information and insight through workshops with Traditional Knowledge Keepers. They provided valuable information and advice that will inform the Ribbon of Green (2018). The following themes emerged from these engagements.

### RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:

First Nations and Metis history, culture and traditional knowledge contributes to the diversity of Edmonton and helps improve the quality of life for all Edmontonians.

### SIGNIFICANT CULTURAL/HISTORICAL SITES:

Future park development and construction should plan for the possibility of finding burial sites, archaeological remains, and modified/marked trees.

**GATHERING PLACES:** Edmonton needs Indigenous gathering places to practice ceremonies, celebrate, teach and promote culture.

**PROTECTION OF NATURAL AREAS:** Rivers, streams, wetlands and natural areas are environmentally/culturally significant to Indigenous people.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:** Care of the environment (e.g. monitoring, management, restoration, environmental awareness and education) is important and should involve Indigenous peoples.

**TRADITIONAL PLANTS:** There are many natural and undeveloped areas throughout Edmonton that contain traditional plants that are important and sacred to Indigenous peoples and should be protected.

**ENGAGEMENT:** Indigenous communities are interested in early, meaningful in-person and on-site engagement, to share traditional knowledge, identify issues and concerns and collaborate.

# WHY PLAN FOR THE RIBBON OF GREEN?

As new neighbourhoods are built, the river valley and ravine system faces growing pressures from increased use. The updated Ribbon of Green Plan will create a strategy for two study areas, align past plans with current policy, and include an integrated plan for the river valley and ravine system.

To help meet the needs of a growing population, an updated and consolidated Ribbon of Green Plan will:

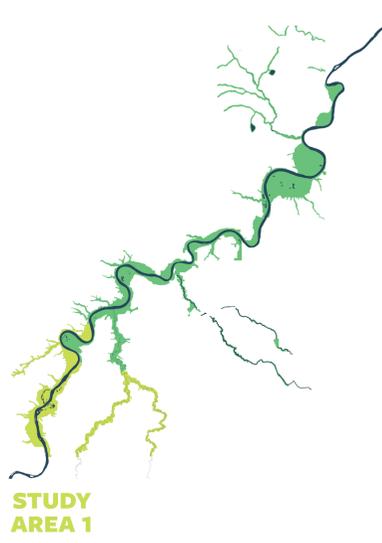
- *Develop a vision, and conceptual plan for each study area to facilitate public access while sustaining healthy and resilient ecosystems*
- *Help support and sustain an interconnected River Valley system that meets the needs of the environment, and those who work, play or live in Edmonton as part of the broader green network*

More than 25 years after the Ribbon of Green Concept Plan (1990) was written, Edmonton metro has undergone a significant transformation with **over one million people**.

This Plan needs to account for a future population of **300,000 people** in neighbourhoods adjacent to the southwest study areas and **150,000 people** around the northeast study areas.

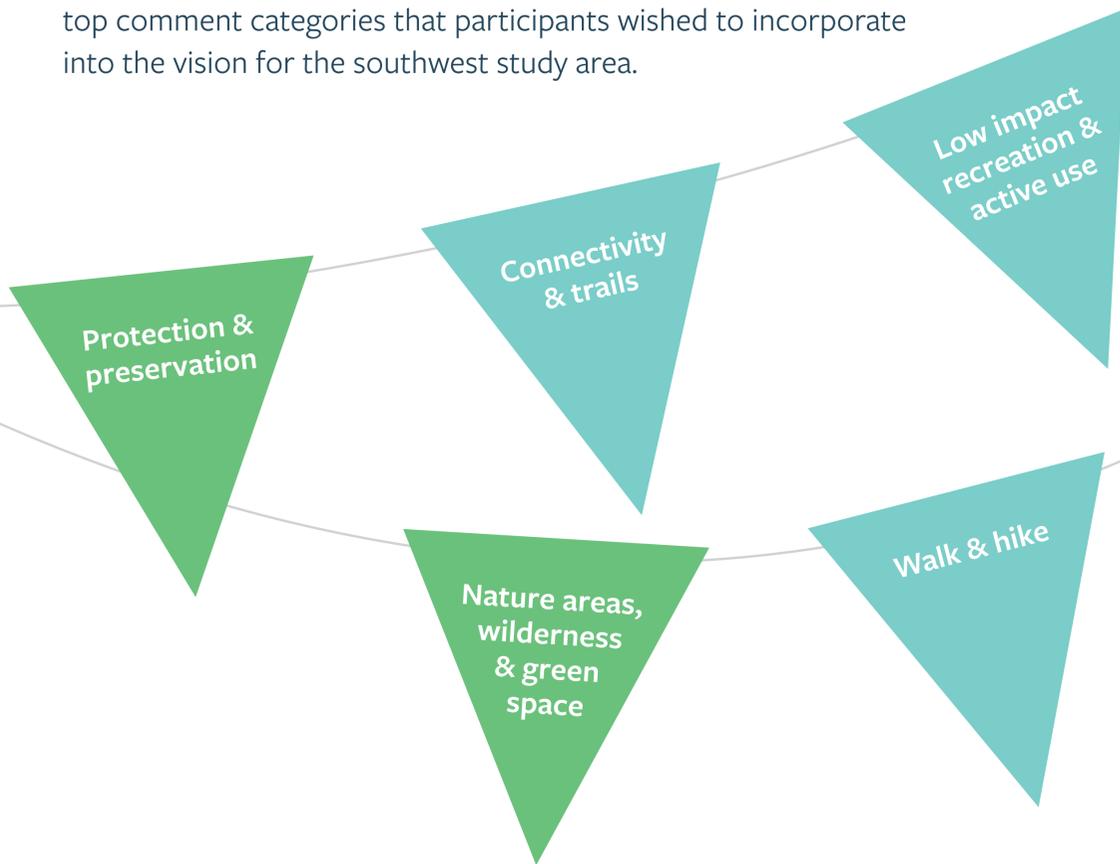


# Study Area 1: Southwest VISION + PRIORITIES



## What We Heard

The Vision & Priorities were informed by input received during Phase 1 Public and Stakeholder Engagement. Below are some of the top comment categories that participants wished to incorporate into the vision for the southwest study area.



## Vision

A connected and accessible green network that protects the integrity of the ecologically and culturally significant landscape, creates a sense of place through design with nature, and provides opportunities to enjoy and learn about the river valley.

## Priorities

### ECOLOGY

- › Preserve and interpret **unique and important sites, assets and wilderness areas** within the river valley
- › Protect the **ecological integrity** of the River Valley and Ravine System
- › Ensure all new **development and use is respectful** of the natural features and areas
- › **Balance** recreational, ecological and cultural uses

### HERITAGE + CULTURE

- › Respect and celebrate **Indigenous heritage and cultural practices**

### ACCESS + TRAILS

- › Provide **appropriate access** for people of all ages and abilities
- › **Improve access** from the neighbouring communities
- › Create opportunities for **active transportation**
- › Deliver a **continuous trail system** connecting the entire River Valley and Ravine System

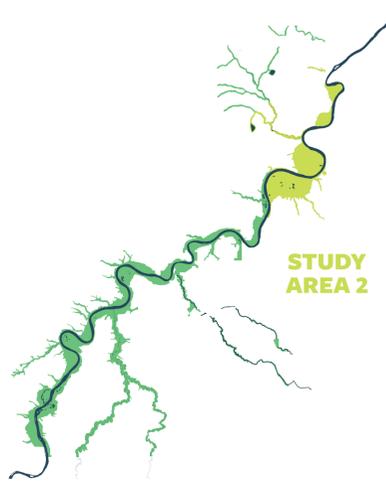
### VISITOR EXPERIENCE + RECREATION

- › Create opportunities for respectful, **low-impact recreational opportunities**
- › Give Edmontonians the opportunity to **connect with nature**
- › Embrace **all four seasons** in the river valley
- › Design spaces to promote **safe and comfortable** enjoyment

**What do you think?**  
Share your feedback on a sticky note here.

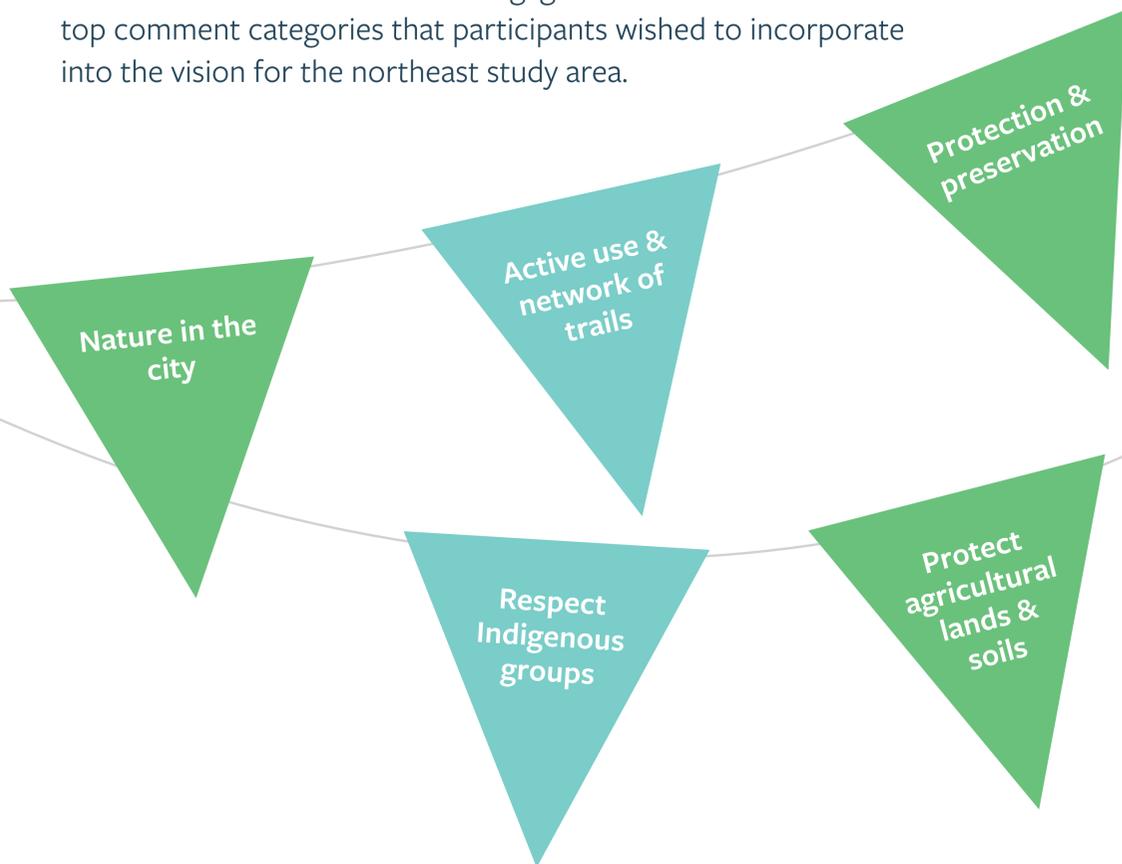
› Your input will confirm the direction of the vision and priorities and identify whether anything has been missed.

# Study Area 2: Northeast VISION + PRIORITIES



## What We Heard

The Vision & Priorities were informed by input received during Phase 1 Public and Stakeholder Engagement. Below are some of the top comment categories that participants wished to incorporate into the vision for the northeast study area.



**What do you think?**  
Share your feedback on a sticky note here.

› Your input will confirm the direction of the vision and priorities and identify whether anything has been missed.

## Vision

A connected and accessible green network that protects the integrity of the ecologically and culturally significant landscape, building upon the altered sites and conserving the ecologically rich places to create opportunities for new activities and experiences in the river valley.

## Priorities

### ECOLOGY

- › Preserve **unique and important sites, assets and wilderness areas** within the river valley
- › Explore opportunities to **restore and naturalize** areas when possible
- › Protect the **ecological integrity** of the River Valley and Ravine System
- › **Balance** recreational, ecological and cultural uses

### HERITAGE + CULTURE

- › Respect and celebrate **Indigenous heritage and cultural practices** and ways of life
- › Celebrate the **agricultural heritage**

### ACCESS + TRAILS

- › Provide **appropriate access** for people of all ages and abilities
- › Create opportunities for **active transportation**
- › Deliver a **continuous trail system** connecting the entire River Valley and Ravine System

### VISITOR EXPERIENCE + RECREATION

- › Provide **multiple experiences** for activity, gathering and quiet reflection
- › Explore the **restoration and recreation potential of former industrial** and resource extraction sites
- › Embrace **all four seasons** in the river valley
- › Provide opportunities to **learn about unique cultural, ecological and geological sites**
- › Create opportunities for **socializing and celebration**

# POLICY DIRECTIONS

*Ribbon of Green (2018) will include policies to guide decision making, further planning and open space management. The policies will respect and align with the strategic directions within BREATHE: Edmonton's Green Network Strategy.*

## Breathe: Edmonton's Green Network Strategy

BREATHE is a transformative strategy to make sure that as the city grows, each neighbourhood will be supported by a network of open space for the next 30 years. The main goal of the Green Network Strategy is to plan and sustain a healthy city by encouraging connection and integration of open space at the site, neighbourhood, city and regional levels.

**SAFE + INCLUSIVE:** Ensure that the green network is safe, accessible and inclusive for all.

**VIBRANT SPACES:** Make open spaces vibrant, sustainable and functional to support community identity and needs.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Empower people to become active participants and stewards in planning, sustaining and using the green network.

**EDUCATION + AWARENESS:** Improve awareness of open space opportunities and appropriate use.

**DISTRIBUTION + SUPPLY:** Ensure an adequate supply, quality, diversity and distribution of open space throughout Edmonton.

**PUBLIC ACCESS + CONNECTIVITY:** Improve open space access for residents and visitors.

**ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY:** Preserve and enhance the ecological quality and connectivity of the green network.

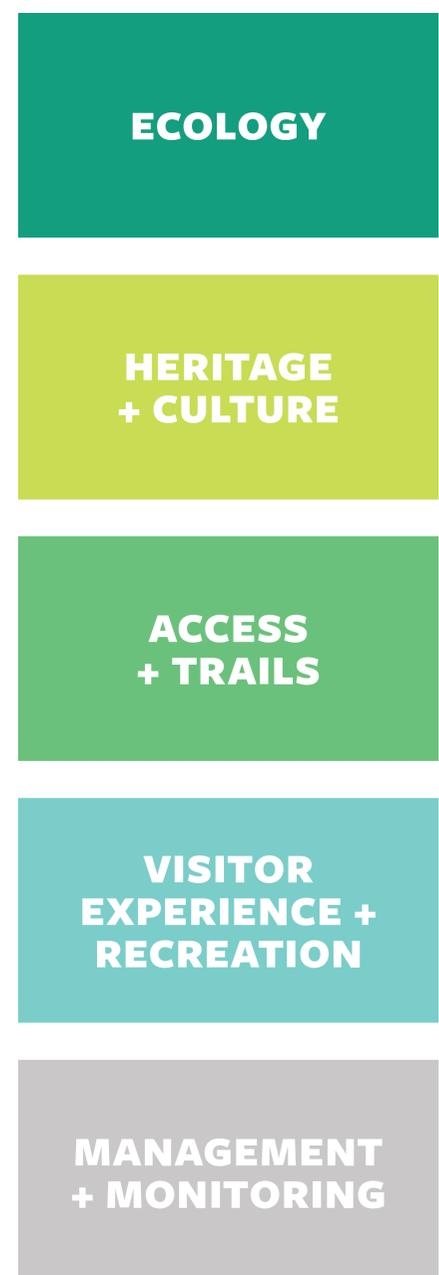
**ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT + FLEXIBLE SPACES:** Adaptively manage changing trends in growth, demographics and preferences.

**COLLABORATIVE PLANNING:** Improve collaborative open space planning among City stakeholders, community partners and other jurisdictions.

**SUSTAINABLE FUNDING:** Develop a sustainable funding model that responds to operational requirements, community capacity and local needs.

## Ribbon of Green Policies

The diagram below highlights key subject areas for the Ribbon of Green (2018) policies to address.



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## Want to learn more about the policies?

Use the workbook provided to review the initial policy directions and provide any thoughts, advice or insight into how the Ribbon of Green (2018) should address these areas.



## Introduction to

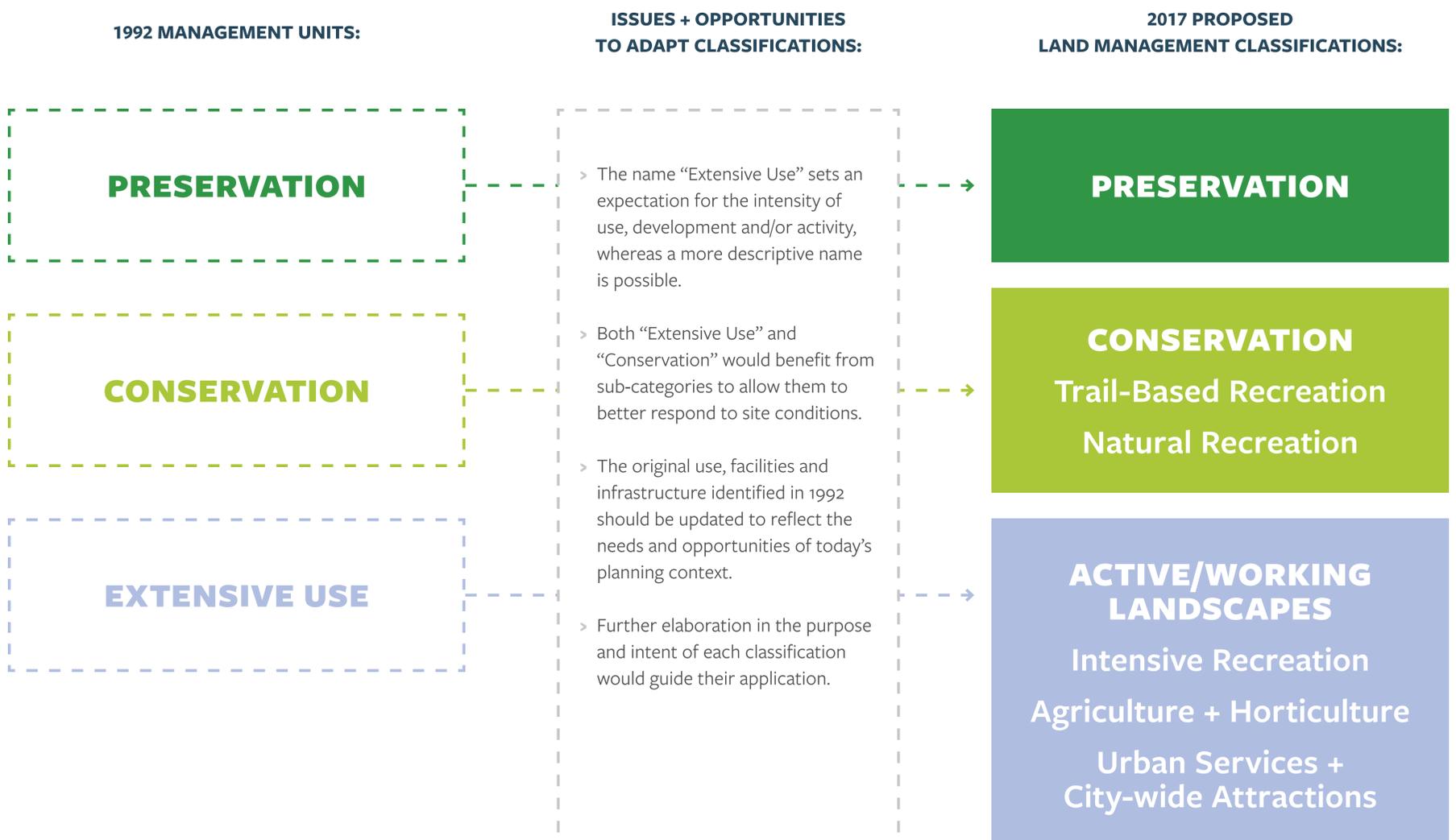
# LAND MANAGEMENT CLASSIFICATIONS

*Land Management Classifications define the physical site conditions, operations, activities and amenities within the entire River Valley and Ravine System.*

These management classifications outline the level of protection or permitted development within each area. In turn, these classifications will guide design and programming decisions to create park amenities and operations standards appropriate to their location within the River Valley and Ravine System.

When reviewing the classifications, it is important to understand that these lists do not mean that all uses, facilities and infrastructure are appropriate in every instance of the classification. Instead they form a set of options to consider during more detailed planning.

The Land Management Classifications are based on the original Ribbon of Green Master Plan from 1992. The feedback received from the first stage of public engagement, best practice research and site analysis helped inform the modernization and revisions to the original 1992 management units by suggesting additional uses and direction.



# Land Management Classifications: **PRESERVATION**

The intent of preservation areas is to protect the integrity of the natural environment and restore natural functioning with minimal disturbance to wildlife and vegetation; as a result, opportunities for people to access these areas will be limited.



Ecological health and integrity is the primary objective. The intent of the preservation classification is to protect and, when necessary restore, natural processes, key habitat areas, wildlife corridors, sensitive archaeological/cultural/historic sites to support a healthy River Valley and Ravine System. These areas will remain largely intact except for natural surface trails in appropriate areas and use of these trails will be limited to pedestrians, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing without tracks. Off-trail use is permitted only for research, conservation activities and Indigenous traditional use.

#### **COMPATIBLE USES:**

**RECOGNIZE** | Indigenous traditional use

**LEARN** | Research + conservation related activities  
Nature study, observation + photography

**MOVE** | Hiking | Walking | Jogging | Cross-country skiing (non-track set) | Snowshoeing | Dogs (on-leash) | Canoeing/kayaking

#### **FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE:**

**APPRECIATE** | Viewpoints (non-constructed) | Bird blind

**EXPLORE** | Signage (interpretive, wayfinding + regulatory)

**MOVE** | Natural surface trails | Stairs + decks (wood) | Pedestrian bridges

**PROTECT** | Wildlife compatible fencing



**Do you have any overall comments?**

**Are there any uses/facilities you would like added or removed?**

**Share your feedback on a sticky note here.**

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**Have more to share?**  
**Use the policies workbook to provide additional comments.**

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► Your input will help shape the proposed definitions, compatible uses, facilities + infrastructure of each Land Management Classification.

# Land Management Classifications: CONSERVATION

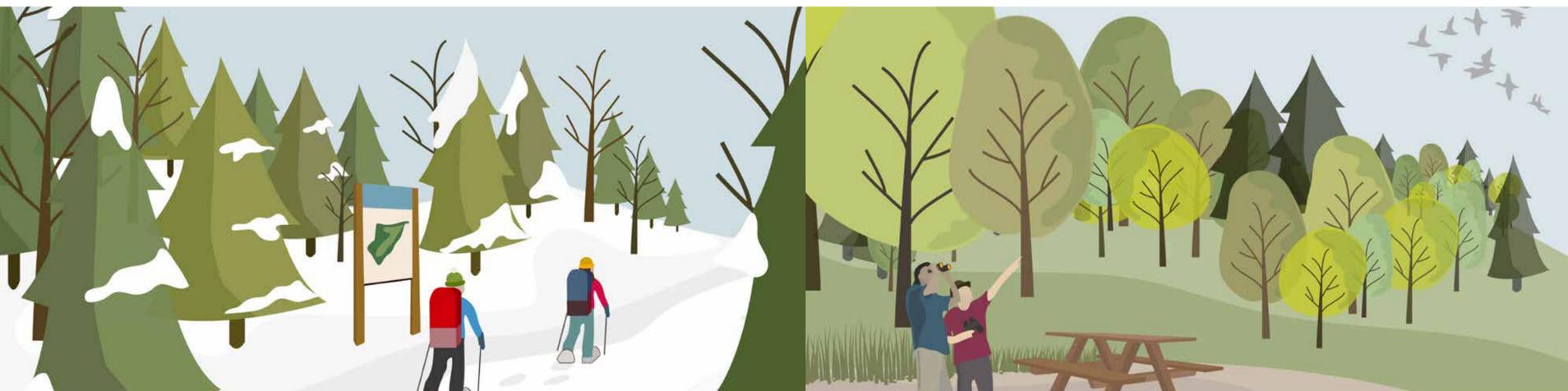
The intent of conservation areas is to introduce people to the natural environment of the River Valley and Ravine System, provide opportunities to enjoy this natural setting, and gain a greater appreciation for the system while minimizing environmental impact and restoring ecological functioning, when possible.



Do you have any overall comments?

Are there any uses/facilities you would like added or removed?

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## Trail-Based Recreation

This sub-classification balances ecological protection and restoration with providing a connected trail network that provides access from communities to the River Valley and Ravine System and facilitates a range of trail-based activities. This will create an interconnected network of trails offering a variety of trail experiences to support recreation and active transportation, including hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and more. Trails can be natural surface, granular or paved.

### COMPATIBLE USES:

Includes the compatible uses listed under **Preservation**, in addition to:

**LEARN** | Educational programming, including Indigenous storytelling | Nature-based programming, including Indigenous Knowledge and ways of knowing

**MOVE** | Cross-country skiing (track + non-track set) | Active transportation from neighbourhoods to regional destinations | Trail destinations (stacked loops, hiking routes, interpretive trails, etc.) | Cycling + mountain biking | Horseback riding

**EXPLORE** | Orienteering

**PLAY** | Geocaching

**OTHER** | Fishing

### FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE:

Includes the facilities and infrastructure listed under **Preservation**, in addition to:

**APPRECIATE** | Viewpoints + platforms (non-constructed + constructed)

**MOVE** | Stairs + decks | Shared-use paths | Granular trails | Trailheads | Boardwalks

**PROTECT** | Retaining walls

**RELAX** | Seating areas

**OTHER** | Lighting (trail + security) | Low Impact Development (LID)

## Natural Recreation

This sub-classification provides opportunities for the public to access, linger, gather, and play in a natural setting while minimizing environmental impact and restoring ecological functioning, when possible. This classification applies to Trail Heads that allow people to prepare for excursions into the river valley or Amenity Node Destinations within the river valley that offer un-structured recreational areas and nature-based programming.

### COMPATIBLE USES:

Includes the compatible uses listed under **Preservation + Conservation: Trail-based Recreation**, in addition to:

**PLAY** | Day camps | Unstructured play | Swimming

**GATHER** | Picnicking

**ACCESS** | Vehicular access | River access

**OTHER** | Fishing

### FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE:

Includes the facilities and infrastructure listed under **Preservation + Conservation: Trail-based Recreation**, in addition to:

**RELAX** | Warming huts

**GATHER** | Non-bookable picnic sites

**PLAY** | Off leash dog areas (0.5 to 1 ha in size) | Nature + adventure playgrounds | Flexible turfed open area | Activity pad | Hand boat launch

**ACCESS** | Parking area | Park-road | Vehicle turn-around area | Emergency vehicle access

**OTHER** | Lighting (trail + security) | Public art | Drinking fountains | Washrooms

Have more to share?  
Use the policies workbook to provide additional comments.

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## Land Management Classifications:

# ACTIVE/WORKING LANDSCAPES

Active/Working Landscapes are public spaces that provide opportunities for people to interact with each other and participate in a variety of recreational activities within a river valley and ravine setting. This classification also acknowledges existing uses, including urban services. Like the other two classifications, opportunities will be sought in this classification to restore and/or enhance natural functions.



Do you have any overall comments?

Are there any uses/facilities you would like added or removed?

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## Intensive Recreation

The intensive recreation sub-classification accommodates formally designed and maintained parkland that provides more intensive recreational opportunities. These areas have the greatest potential to house multiple activities and services in locations designed to respect and facilitate natural processes, wildlife movement and ecological functioning. A wide range of opportunities to exercise, play and gather in a unique river valley and ravine setting are accommodated on disturbed sites or sites with lower levels of ecological sensitivity.

### COMPATIBLE USES:

*Includes the compatible uses listed under **Preservation** + **Conservation**, in addition to:*

**PLAY** | Fitness courses | Niche activities (eg. hot air ballooning, model boating, hang gliding, archery) | Slope based activities (eg. tobogganing, skiing, snowboarding)

**GATHER** | Events + festivals

**ACCESS** | Ice skating

**GROW** | Urban agriculture + gardens

### FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE:

*Includes the facilities and infrastructure listed under **Preservation** + **Conservation**, in addition to:*

**GATHER** | Amphitheatres | Bookable meeting + event space | Bookable picnic sites

**PLAY** | Boating facilities + launches (hand launch + motorized) | Spray decks + swimming pools | Sports fields | Climbing structures | Recreation facilities (indoor + outdoor) | Fitness circuits | Skating rinks + trails

**ACCESS** | Mechanized access

**GROW** | Community + formal gardens

**SHOP** | Restaurants + cafés (permanent + temporary) | Ancillary retail

**OTHER** | Aesthetic fountains + water features | Lighting (trail, security, parking lots + aesthetic) | Change rooms

## Agriculture + Horticulture

This sub-classification recognizes and protects existing farms and agricultural uses. Opportunities to enhance and support local agriculture and food culture are encouraged through food hubs, farm-to-table opportunities, markets, greenhouses, public programs and more. When possible, restoring ecological functioning is promoted.

### COMPATIBLE USES:

**RECOGNIZE** | Indigenous tradition use

**LEARN** | Educational programming (indoor + outdoor)

**MOVE** | Hiking, walking, jogging | Cross-country skiing (track + non-track set) | Snowshoeing | Active transportation from neighbourhoods to regional destinations | Trail destinations (stacked loops, hiking routes, interpretive trails, etc.)

**GATHER** | Food hubs

**ACCESS** | Vehicular access

**GROW** | Agriculture (urban + rural)

**SHOP** | Commercial spaces

### FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE:

**GATHER** | Picnic areas + facilities

**ACCESS** | Parking area, turn-around | Emergency vehicle access

**GROW** | U-picks | Market gardens + stalls | Green houses | Community gardens | Agricultural operations

**SHOP** | Restaurants + cafés (permanent + temporary) | Ancillary retail

## Urban Services + City-wide Attractions

The urban services and city-wide attractions sub-classification will apply to existing development and high use, city-wide attractions. City-wide attractions can be either indoor facilities or outdoor facilities. What distinguishes outdoor facilities from the intensive recreation sub-classification is controlled access, most often in the form of admission fees. Opportunities for restoration are encouraged in these areas as is a higher standard of environmentally sensitive landscape and building design.

### COMPATIBLE USES:

**RECOGNIZE** | Indigenous tradition use

**LEARN** | Educational programming (indoor + outdoor), including Indigenous storytelling | Nature-based programming, including Indigenous Knowledge and ways of knowing

**MOVE** | Hiking, walking, jogging | Cross-country skiing (track + non-track set) | Snowshoeing | Active transportation from neighbourhoods to regional destinations | Trail destinations (stacked loops, hiking routes, interpretive trails etc.)

**ACCESS** | Vehicular access

**ATTEND** | City-Wide attractions

**OTHER** | Existing development (industrial + other uses) | Urban services

### FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE:

**RELAX** | Campground

**PLAY** | Golf courses | Downhill ski hill

**ACCESS** | Parking area, park-road, turn-around | Emergency vehicle access

**SHOP** | Restaurants + cafés (permanent + temporary) | Ancillary retail

**OTHER** | Power plant | Stormwater management facilities | Water treatment plant | Wastewater treatment plant | Waste management centre | Park operations yard

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# LAND MANAGEMENT CLASSIFICATION MAPS

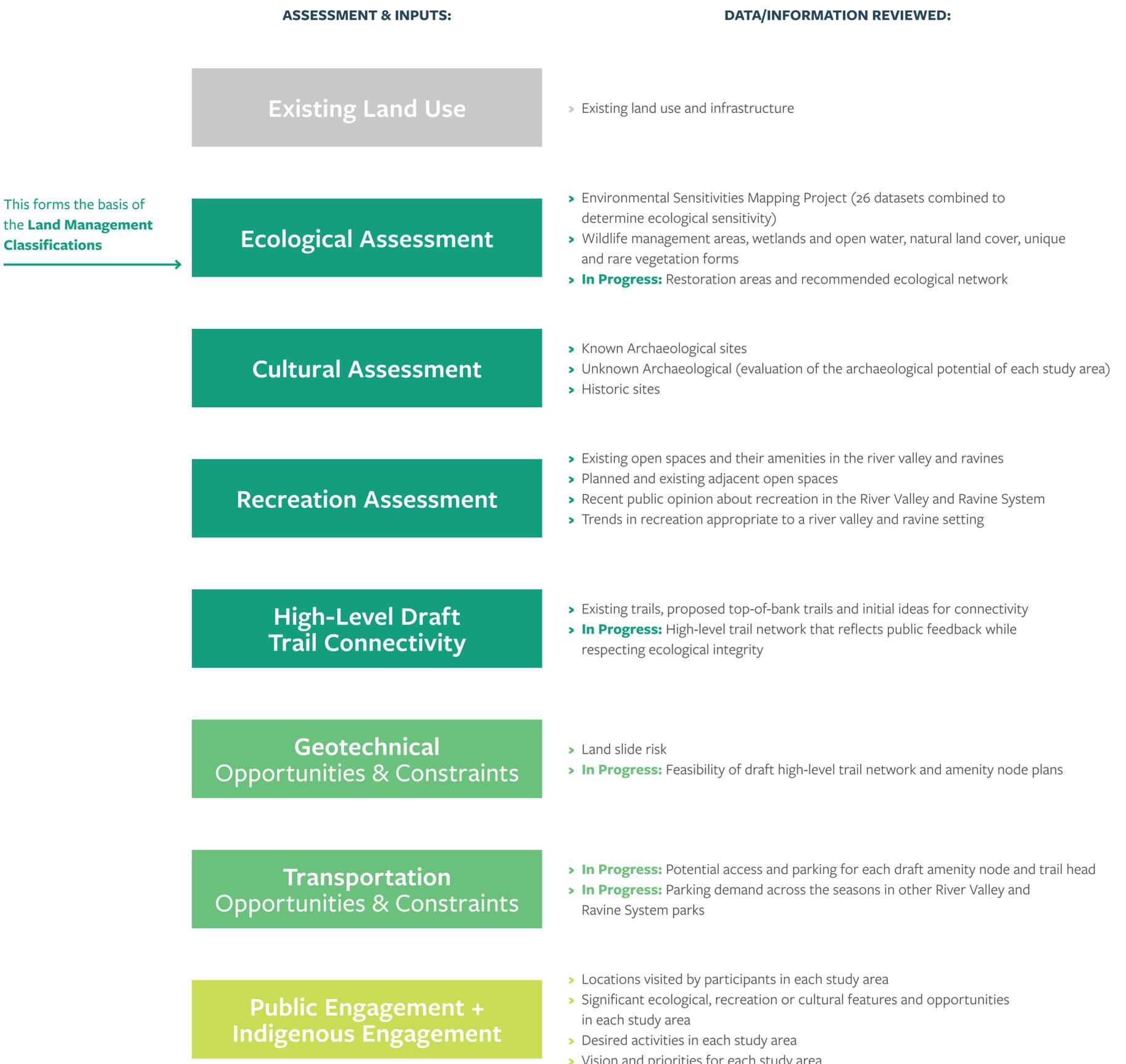
## How were the Land Management Classification maps developed?

Over the last six months, the project team has been assessing both study areas from an ecological, cultural and recreational perspective. These assessments are supplemented by the phase 1 public engagement, an understanding of existing land use, and opportunities and constraints from geotechnical and transportation perspectives.

Together, these components consolidate all the site information to inform:

- › Land Management Classifications
- › Policy directions
- › Draft amenity nodes + trail heads

**More information is available at the reference table.**

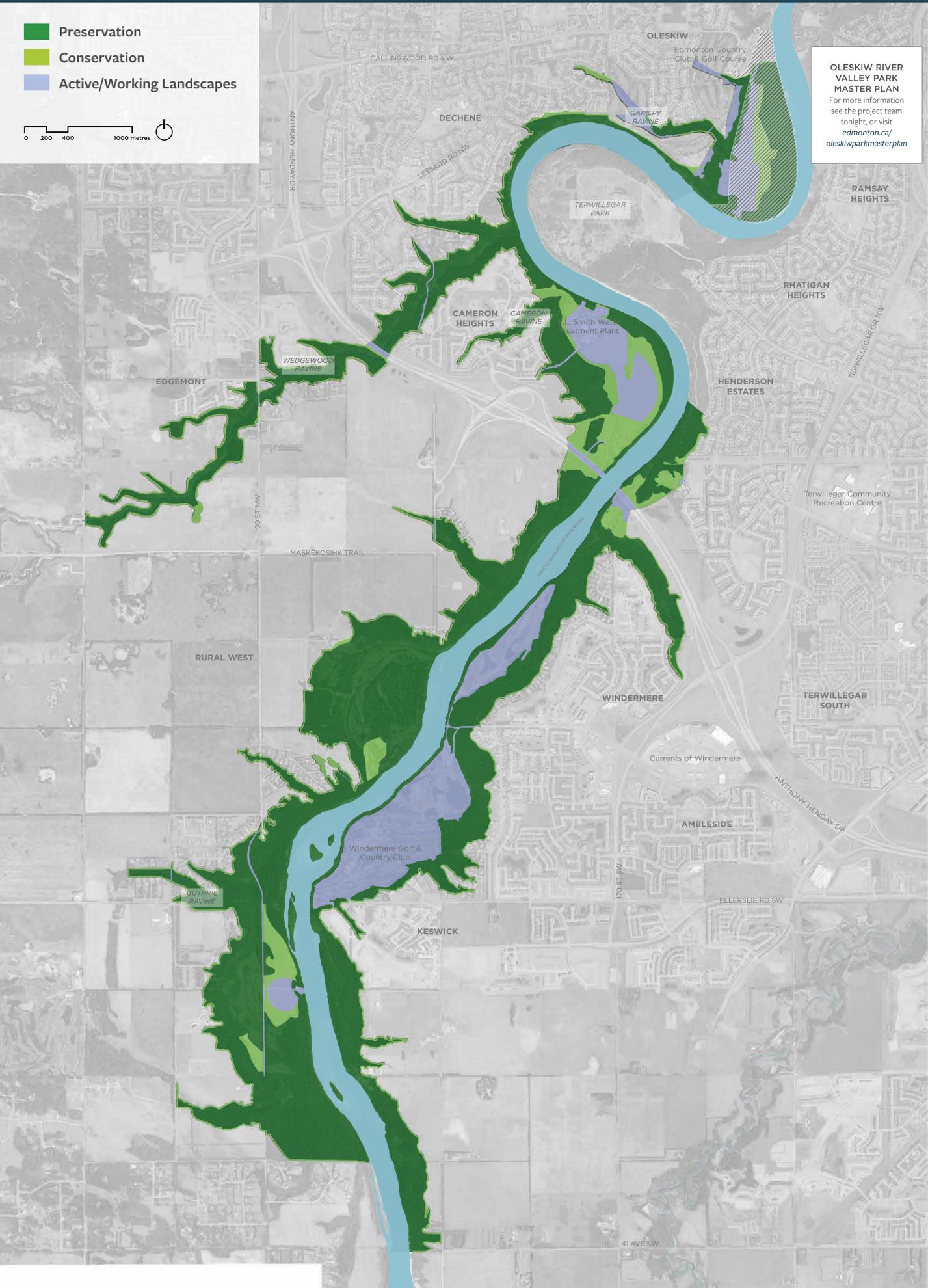


# Land Management Classifications | Study Area 1: Southwest

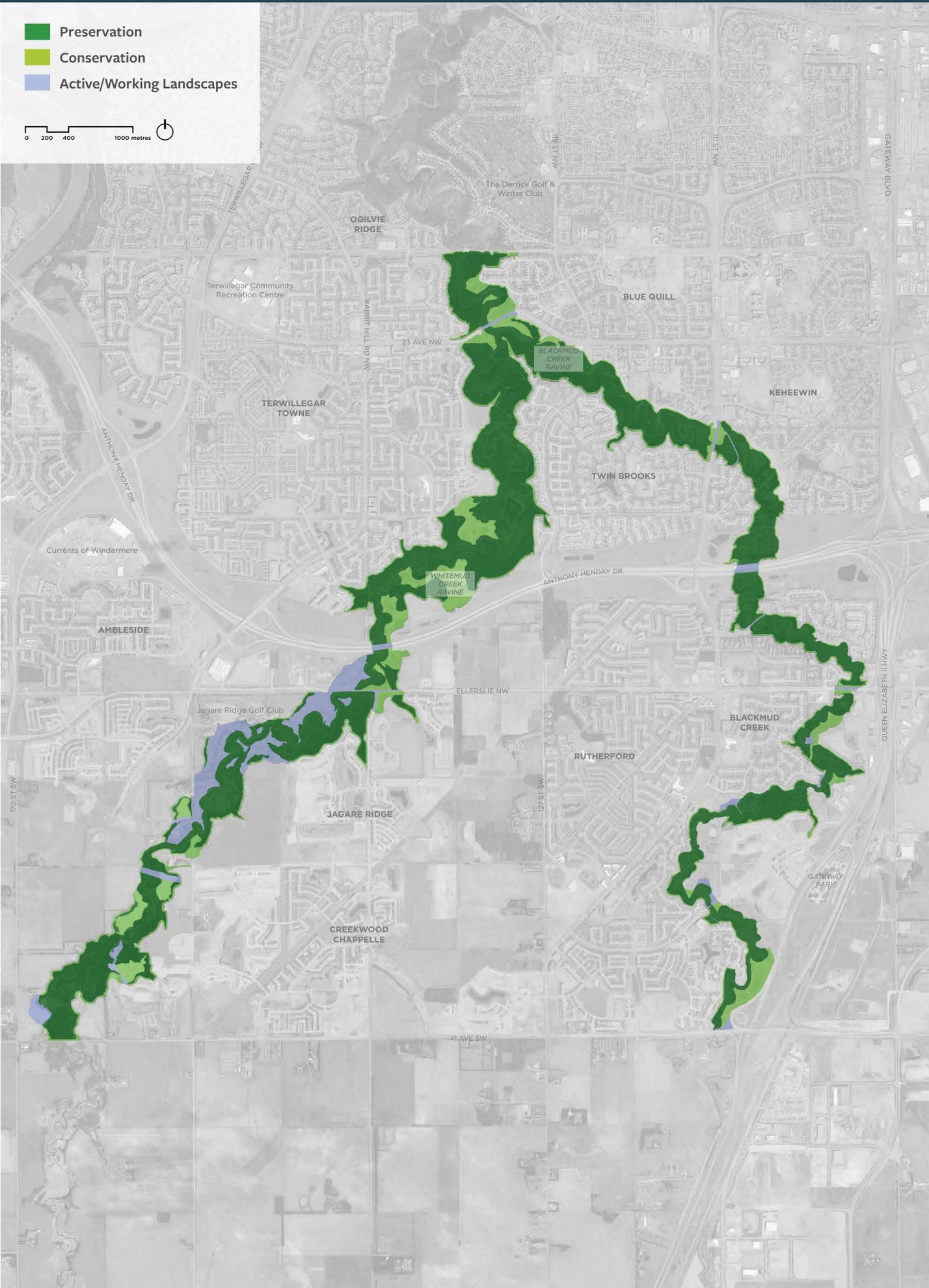
- Preservation
- Conservation
- Active/Working Landscapes



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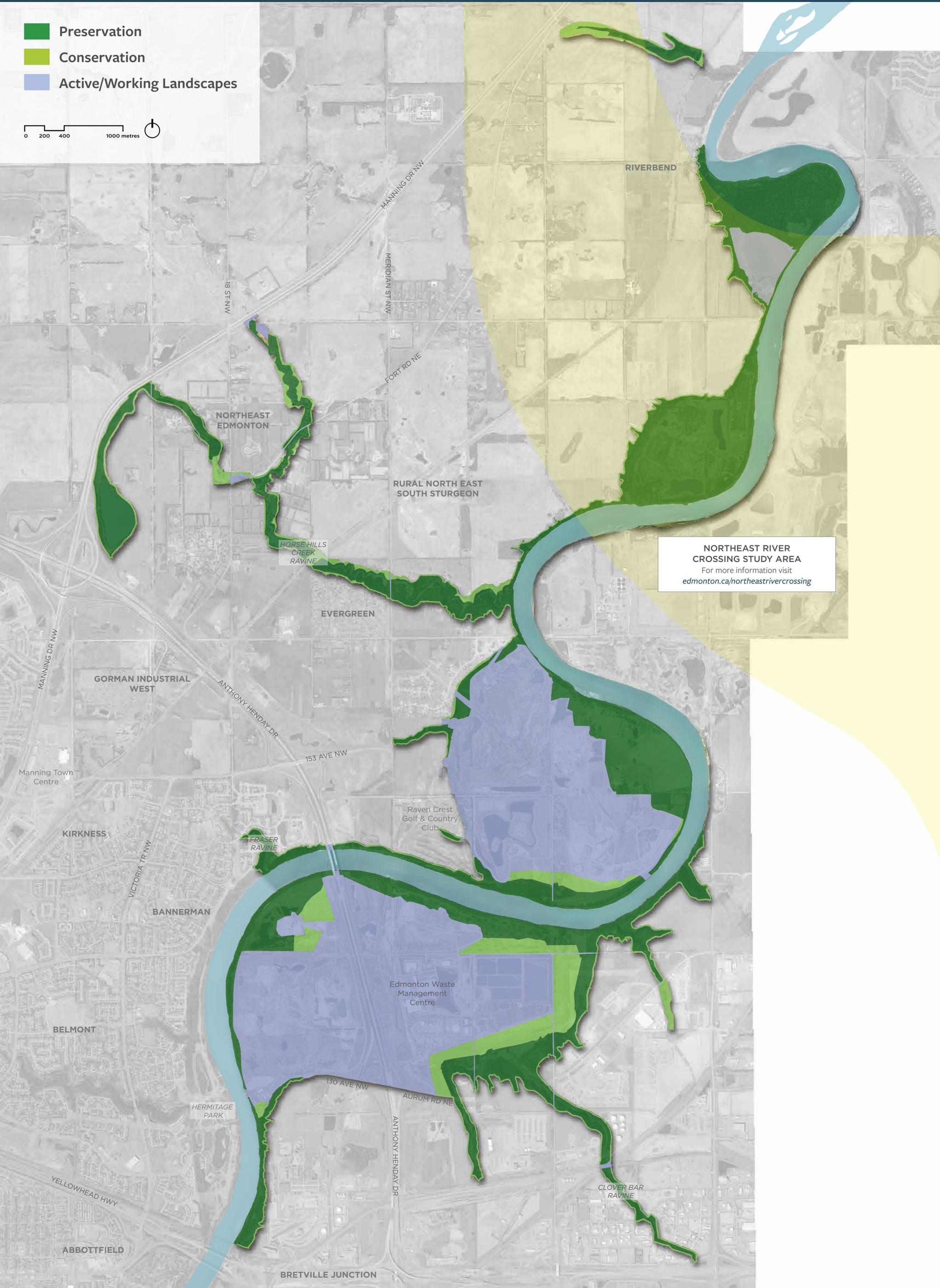


- Preservation
- Conservation
- Active/Working Landscapes



# Land Management Classifications | Study Area 2: Northeast

- Preservation
- Conservation
- Active/Working Landscapes



# AMENITY NODES, TRAIL HEADS & TRAIL CONNECTIONS

Amenity Nodes and Trail Heads are sites within the North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System that present opportunities for a higher level of use and a concentration of amenities and programming.

**Amenity Nodes:** Key destinations in the River Valley and Ravine System that facilitate various activities from picnicking in a natural setting to more intensive amenities, pavilions, community gathering spaces, and road access.

**Trail Heads:** Trail heads provide a starting and meeting point where amenities and facilities can be located. These also support entry points into the broader trail network.

Amenity Nodes and Trail Heads work with trails to create a recreational and active transportation network. It is important that Amenity Nodes and Trail Heads occur at regular intervals to provide opportunities for people to access, gather in and enjoy the River Valley and Ravine System. This network approach to recreation focuses human activity in appropriate locations while protecting more ecologically sensitive areas.

## Additional Information

In addition to the panels, worksheets are available that have additional information on each Amenity Node or Trail Head including an aerial photo and the Land Management Classifications. Each worksheet also includes a fact sheet with the following information:

### FACT SHEET CATEGORY:

### SOURCE:

Heritage Considerations

The Historical Resources Overview  
(Cultural Assessment)

Ecological Considerations

The Ecological Resources Overview  
(Ecological Assessment)

Recreation Considerations

The Recreation Assessment

Planned Adjacent Land Uses

Current Access



**What do you think of the amenity and trail head locations?**

Use a sticky note to share your ideas for additional amenity nodes or if you think an amenity node should be removed. Place them on the maps to the right.

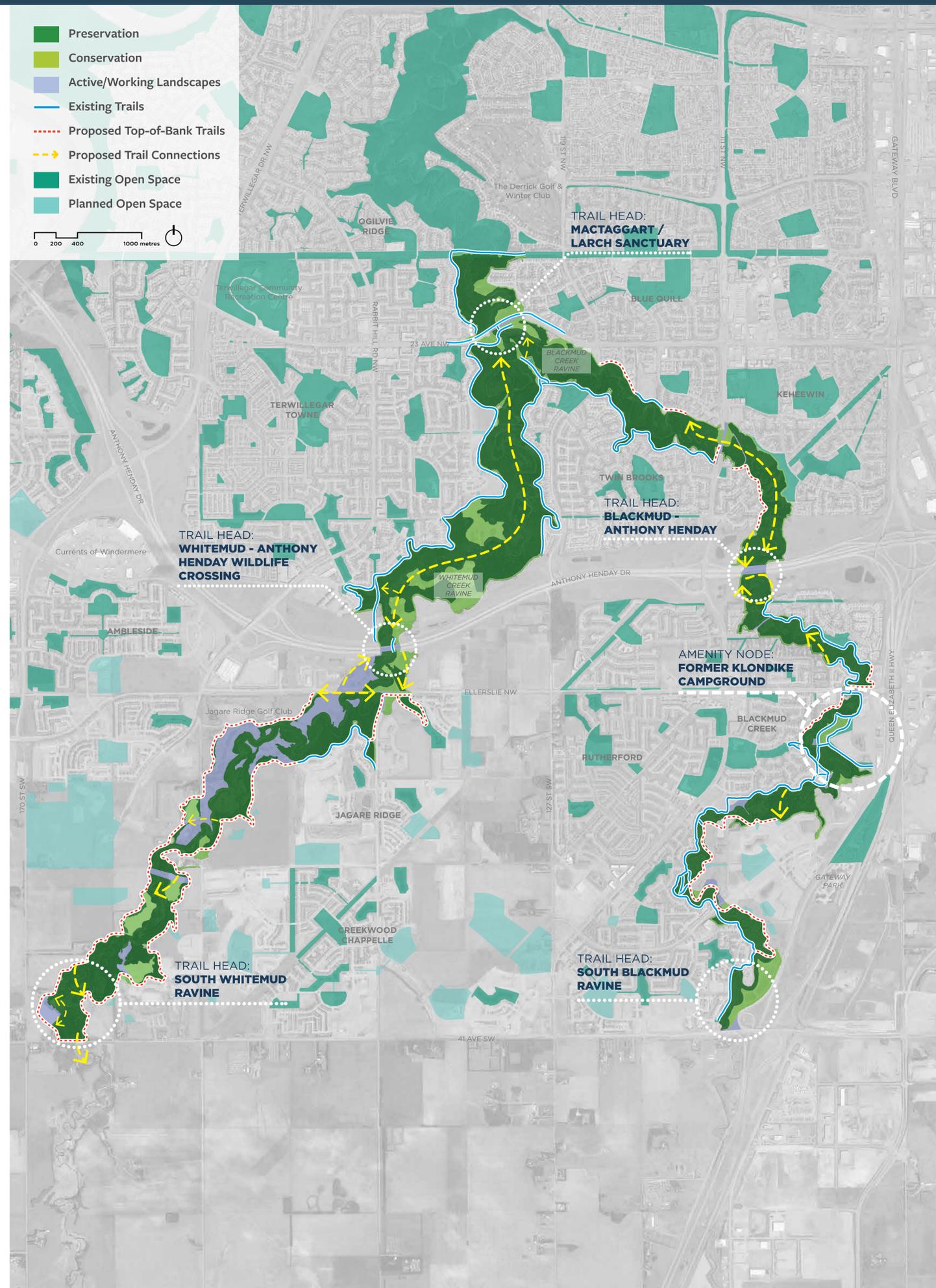
**Tell us where you would like to see key trail connections.**

Trail connections will become the *Conservation: Trail-based Recreation* Land Management Classification. Any proposed trail connections will be subject to further analysis to ensure ecological integrity is maintained.

Draw your trail connection ideas on the following maps. If you disagree with a suggested trail connections, tell us on a sticky note.

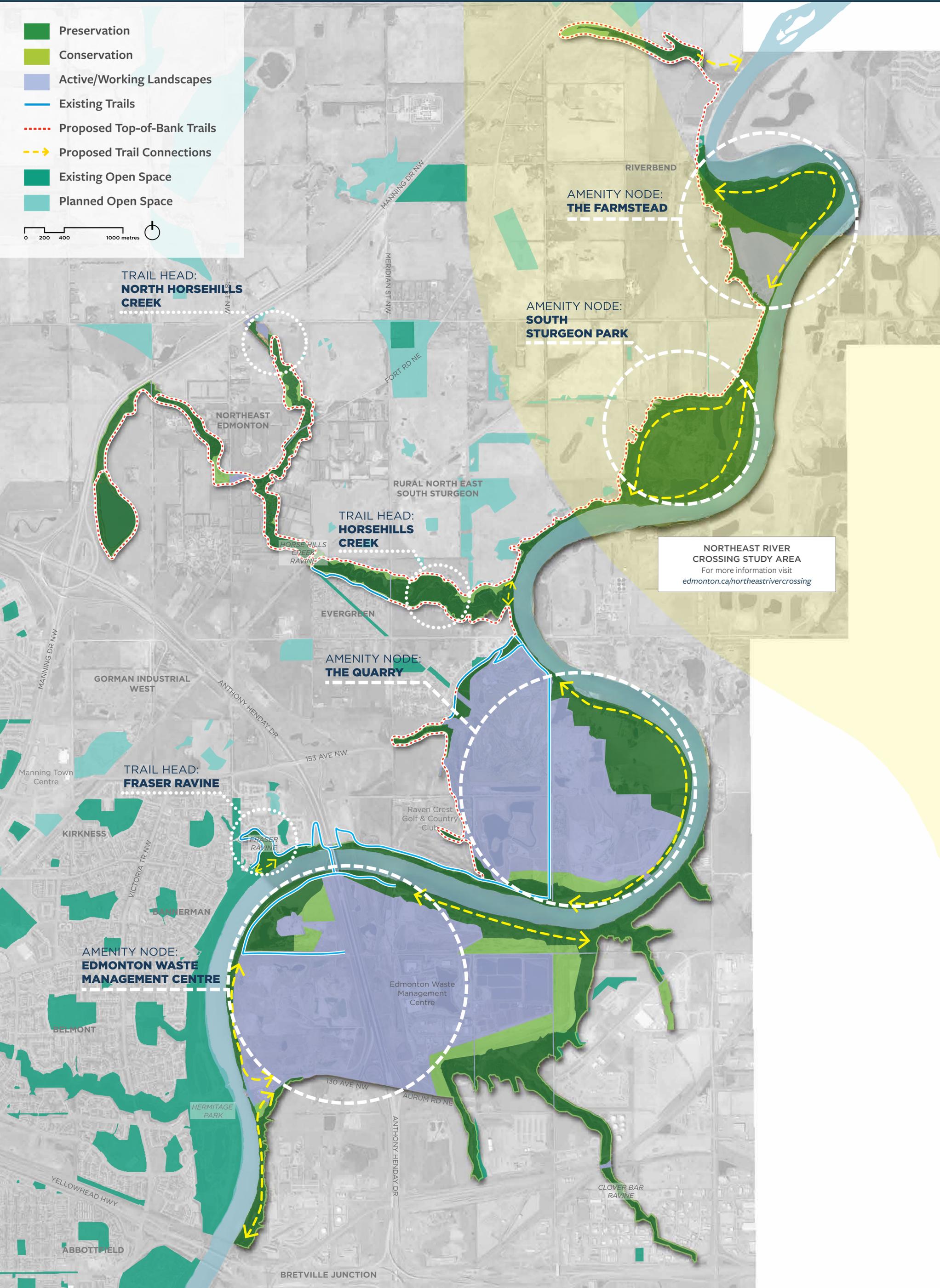
> Your input will help determine the appropriate locations for amenity nodes and trail connections.

# Amenity Nodes, Trail Heads & Trail Connections | Study Area 1: Southwest



# Amenity Nodes, Trail Heads & Trail Connections | Study Area 2: Northeast

- Preservation
- Conservation
- Active/Working Landscapes
- Existing Trails
- Proposed Top-of-Bank Trails
- Proposed Trail Connections
- Existing Open Space
- Planned Open Space



**NORTHEAST RIVER CROSSING STUDY AREA**  
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**IMAGINE**

## What would you like to experience in each amenity node & trail head?

Write your ideas on the stickers provided above, using the action words provided as a guide. Place them on the photo boards to the right.

Example:



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## Have more to share?

Use the worksheets above to provide more detailed comments for each location.

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► **Note:** The Ribbon of Green will provide programming requirements and direction for each node. A subsequent planning process called a “concept design” will occur for the amenity nodes in the future.

# AMENITY NODES | Study Area 1: Southwest

Key destinations in the River Valley and Ravine System that facilitate various activities from picnicking in a natural setting to more intensive amenities, pavilions, community gathering spaces, and road access.



## Big Island

This area could be...

An opportunity for Edmontonians to interact with nature through trails, picnicking, quiet reflection and relaxation.

## Woodbend Natural Area

This area could be...

Two contrasting spaces – the west side protects, restores and buffers the wetlands while the east side provides an opportunity to gather, enjoy and celebrate and can include a pavilion, event space, lawn, vehicle boat launch and trails.

## Rivers Edge + Windermere

This area could be...

An opportunity to work with the golf course owners to improve ecological functioning and trail connectivity.

## Former Klondike Campground

This area could be...

An opportunity to create a unique space that integrates the old campsite layout and markers into a picnic and day use destination in the summer and a skating and/or cross-country skiing destination in the winter.

## Oleskiw River Valley Park

For more information on the Oleskiw River Valley Park Master Plan, please visit the project team here today, or visit:

[edmonton.ca/oleskiwparkmasterplan](http://edmonton.ca/oleskiwparkmasterplan)

What would you like to experience here?


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**Visit the Oleskiw River Valley Park Master Plan project team to share your ideas tonight!**







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# THANK YOU!

*If you did not get to everything you wanted to see tonight, you can still share your ideas in a number of ways.*

## RIBBON *of* GREEN



### **Online Survey**

Survey opens on November 6 and closes on November 26.

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### **Take-home Worksheets**

Return through email or mail (address noted on the bottom of each worksheet)

### **Next Stage of Engagement:**

#### **Spring 2018 | Plan Our Ribbon**

You will have an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the draft plan, developed based on the feedback from this open house and the online survey.

## OLESKIW RIVER VALLEY PARK

### *Master Plan*



### **Online Survey**

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### **Next Stage of Engagement:**

#### **Spring 2018 | Preferred Concept Option**

Input from the open house and online survey will inform the development of a preferred concept plan, which will be presented for final feedback.