

4.5 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS GUIDELINES

Five management functions were identified as essential to effectively integrate resource protection, recreational use, and ongoing parks operations within the three land management units. They are as follows:

- A. Park Development Guidelines and Standards Ensure development is compatible with the preservation and conservation goals of the river valley and is accomplished in a way that minimizes environmental impact (refer to Section 4.2).
- B. Maintenance Policies and Practises Provide levels of service compatible with the goals of preservation, conservation, safety and cost. Forest management principles will be implemented where possible to improve the quality of river valley forests for its principal uses: wildlife habitat, forest recreation, and environmental education.
- C. Safety and Security The public, volunteer organizations, Parks and Recreation, Police and Fire Departments and Ambulance Authority must work together to ensure the safety and security of all river valley users.
- D. Recreation, Education, Interpretive and Visitor Services Develop awareness and responsibility for river valley historical, archaeological, cultural, wildlife and vegetative resources.
- E. Administration Operationalize the Master Plan and complete a Resource Management Plan to achieve a holistic approach to management of the River Valley System (refer to Section 6.4).

Listed below is a general description of how management and operations (Items B, C and D) differ within the three land management areas.

1. EXTENSIVE USE (major parks and facilities)

Maintenance

- regular maintenance at defined service levels
- tree removal (where hazardous), planting, restoration and protection from wildlife
- grass cutting
- garbage removal
- pest control
- parks service centre

Safety and Security

- safety/security services available
- police patrolled
- telephones (regular service and blufones)
- emergency vehicle access

Recreation, Education, Interpretive and Visitor Services

- administrative offices, program and facility bookings
- on site information service for distribution of resource information and promotional program publication
- staff present orientation programs, demonstrations, including guided and self guided approaches
- drop-in and pre-registered courses
- workshops and lectures in interpretive techniques
- full directional and safety signage

2. CONSERVATION

Maintenance

- limited maintenance (minor tree and grass cutting)
- some wildlife control, e.g. relocation of beaver
- trail edge maintenance, removal of hazardous debris
- some forest management, restoration and replacement of vegetation where necessary
- limited signage
- garbage removal

Safety and Security

- limited safety/security services
- blufones and limited vehicle access at perimeter

Recreation, Education, Interpretive and Visitor Opportunities

- pedestrian and bicycle access, trail based activities
- limited signage

3. PRESERVATION

Maintenance

- no routine maintenance, (no tree or grass cutting)
- no wildlife control
- no trail maintenance
- seasonal garbage cleanup
- forest management limited to restoration

Safety and Security

- limited safety/security services (only in emergencies)
- blufones should be located at perimeter or at interface with Conservation or Extensive Use zones.

Recreation, Education, Interpretive and Visitor Services

- limited human intrusion
- activities may include wildlife studies, orienteering, photography, sightseeing, walking/hiking.