

6.3 LAND ACQUISITION AND EASEMENTS

The land ownership and recommended acquisition strategy for projects in the Priority I development area are outlined in Section 2.1.2. Lands in private ownership are shown on Maps 2 through 6:

SOUTHEAST AREA: Between Whitemud Freeway and 34 Street all required lands are in municipal ownership, except a small section of trail below top-of-bank in south Kiniski Gardens (Creek's Crossing). Subdivision is proceeding in this area, and land for the trail is expected to be in City ownership prior to construction. Lands along Mill creek between Whitemud Drive and Argyll Road are owned privately.

Action: Opportunity acquisition of lands along Mill Creek north of Whitemud Drive and acquisition through subdivision of lands east of 34 Street.

NORTHEAST AREA: One parcel is owned by the Provincial government, a second is owned by Trans-Alta Power.

Action: Acquire the Provincially owned property. The Trans-Alta property provides a right of way for power lines and does not affect any development proposals, although crossing permits will be required.

SOUTHWEST AREA: Two areas are affected, the University Forestry Reserve area between Kinsmen Park and Emily Murphy Park, and the University of Alberta lands in Whitemud Creek.

Action: Negotiate an easement agreement with the University of Alberta for trail development along the river edge portion of the forestry reserve, and in Whitemud Creek.

NORTHWEST AREA: Two areas are affected, Buena Vista Park and Patricia Ravine.

Two private properties are located in Buena Vista Park; The "Yorath property" is developed with a single family dwelling, the "Prodor lot" is undeveloped.

Action: An easement exists, for the existing trail through the "Yorath property". Acquisition is not essential for development but the property should be acquired to consolidate lands. The "Prodor lot" is being acquired for consolidation with Buena Vista Park through the usual opportunity purchase program for consolidation of river valley property.

Private property extending below the top of bank is common along the east side of Patricia Ravine, including residential properties and the Jewish Community Centre. Trail alignments are not affected by residential development, but any trail alignment through the mouth of the creek would be affected by the Centre.

Action: Negotiate an easement or other arrangement for access through the Jewish Community Centre lands. Trail alignments in Wolf Willow are not affected by private ownership.