

# COMMENT FORM

## Public Open House



River Valley Connections The City of Edmonton has partnered with River Valley Alliance on five initiatives that will contribute to creating one of the largest connected metropolitan river valley parks in the world. Two of these projects, Mechanized River Valley Access and Boat Docks and Launches, are in the planning stage and we want to hear from you!

Both initiatives are fully funded by the River Valley Alliance, the provincial and federal governments, and the City of Edmonton, and are scheduled for completion by the end of 2016.

**Mechanized River Valley Access:** A primary goal of this project is to support connectivity and accessibility to the river valley for all citizens—regardless of age or ability.

**Boat Docks and Launches:** In recent years, there has been interest in expanding river valley recreation to include activities on the North Saskatchewan River. As part of this effort, the City of Edmonton is preparing to build docks and launches to get people closer to and onto the water.

### Please review the display boards and provide your comments below:

1. In Edmonton, I use the North Saskatchewan River and/or river valley for: (select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation for boating                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a commercial business — please specify _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation for enjoying the views             | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational purposes                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation for fishing                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation as a member of a club/organization | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't currently use the river                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation running/walking the trail system   | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't currently use the river valley                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation biking the trail system            |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation (other) — please specify _____     |   |

2. On average, how often do you visit the river valley?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I visit the river valley daily or weekly.  | <input type="checkbox"/> I visit the river valley a few times per year. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I visit the river valley one to two times a month throughout the year.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> I rarely/never visit the river valley.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I visit the river valley one to two times a month, but primarily during the warmer months. |   |

3. What are the first three letters/numbers of your postal code? \_\_\_\_\_

### MECHANIZED RIVER VALLEY ACCESS

#### About the project

The Mechanized River Valley Access project aims to connect Edmonton's downtown to the existing river valley trail system. The project will include innovative urban design that will facilitate access to the river valley and will allow people to travel from our vibrant downtown to connect with nature within minutes.

1) The City has been studying the feasibility for a mechanized access project that will connect the downtown to the river valley. Two alignments have been explored. The City's consultants are recommending the east alignment. What are your thoughts?

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## BOAT DOCKS AND LAUNCHES

### About the project

This initiative aims to increase access to the North Saskatchewan River. The docks and launches will provide more opportunities for recreational boating, allow travel along the river and create places for the public to get closer to the river.

Seven docks and three boat launches are being considered in the following locations:

- Whitemud Park (dock and hand launch)
- Laurier/Buena Vista Park (dock)
- William Hawrelak Park (dock)
- Emily Murphy Park (dock and hand launch)
- Rossdale (dock)
- Dawson Park (dock)
- Capilano Park/50th Street (dock and refurbishment of existing vehicle launch)

### Questions:

1) Whitemud Park

Will what is being proposed allow for the enjoyable use of this site? Why or Why not?

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2) Laurier/Buena Vista Park

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3) William Hawrelak Park

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4) Emily Murphy Park

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5) Rossdale

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6) Dawson Park

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7) Capilano Park /50th Street

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### General Project:

8) In the Boat Docks and Launches initiative, do you see a way for you to access and enjoy the North Saskatchewan River and river valley? Why or why not?

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9) An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will be conducted as part of the Boat Docks and Launches project to identify potential impacts that could result from the proposed project. The EIA begins in the planning stages so that potential impacts are addressed early in the project. The EIA will be conducted in accordance with the City of Edmonton's Bylaw 7188 (North Saskatchewan River Valley Area Redevelopment Plan).

Do you have any information regarding the environment at the proposed project locations that the City should be aware of?

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10) Do you have anything else to share about the overall project?

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Thank you! We appreciate you taking the time to provide feedback. More information on the River Valley Connections projects can be found at [Edmonton.ca/rivervalleyprojects](http://Edmonton.ca/rivervalleyprojects). Do you prefer to provide your feedback online? This survey is available at [Edmonton.ca/rivervalleyprojects](http://Edmonton.ca/rivervalleyprojects) from April 7 to 26, 2015.