

## RIBBON OF GREEN

The North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System (Ribbon of Green) is the Edmonton region's greatest natural asset and a significant contributor to the quality of life of Edmontonians. Long established as a gathering place for Indigenous Nations, Edmontonians continue to value the protection and celebration of the natural and cultural heritage of this Ribbon of Green. Ribbon of Green provides strategic direction that will guide land acquisition, management, preservation, development and programming of the River Valley and Ravine System over the next 25 years.

## THE CITY PLAN Building Blocks

The City Plan considers what our city will look like at 2 million people. To get there, new information will be gathered over the next two years. But it will also rely on much of the work and policies that have recently been completed or are currently advancing. These important pieces of work will form the building blocks of the City Plan, the foundation to support us as we move towards a new view of our city.

### FAST FACTS

- In addition to the river itself, the System includes multiple ravines and numerous tributaries, which measure over 100 kilometres long.
- Totalling more than 7,400 hectares, few cities can claim such an expansive area of connected urban parkland in a largely natural condition.
- Ribbon of Green has more than 160 km of maintained trails and 20 major parks.

### POLICIES

Our Ribbon of Green is critical to our future city. The following are the key Ribbon of Green policies that should inform the City Plan:

- Expand and develop a connected river valley park system that extends to the City's borders, connects to adjacent neighbourhoods and the city-wide green network, and is coordinated with regional municipalities;
- Strengthen the ecological system through monitoring and evaluation, restoration, and ongoing management;
- Provide appropriate recreational uses while preserving sensitive sites by clustering programming in locations where there is the least impact on the ecological system; and,
- Recognition and facilitation of Indigenous Traditional Uses throughout the system, and commitment to engage early on projects where interests overlap.

For more information see [edmonton.ca/ribbonofgreen](http://edmonton.ca/ribbonofgreen).

# RIBBON OF GREEN PRIORITY AREAS

LEGEND

- Ribbon of Green Future Planning Areas
- Ribbon of Green (2018) Study Areas

