

INTRODUCTION

The Mill Woods Sports Site is a 40 ha site in south Edmonton containing many amenities for the area. Two high schools, Holy Trinity and J. Percy Page, and the Mill Woods Recreation Centre are located at the northwest corner of the site. A large stormwater management facility, which has been designed to function as a passive recreation area, occupies the eastern side of the park together with a spray park. The site is bordered by 23 Avenue to the south, 28 Avenue to the north, 66 Street to the east and Mill Woods Road to the west.



The park contains a number of ball diamonds, soccer and football fields, track and field facilities, tennis courts, a cricket pitch, and a skateboard park which are used by local sport groups, the two schools, and the general public. A Parks operations yard and regional staging area for maintenance crews is centrally located in the park. Adjacent land uses include low, medium, and high density residential as well as commercial and educational facilities.

Several of the organized sport clubs currently have lease arrangements with the City for preferential use of the site but the general public may also book the fields when available.

Sport groups with a Home Base Agreement with the City include:

- Mill Woods Little League

Sport groups with an arrangement for preferential use of the site include:

- Grizzlies Football Association
- Mill Woods Soccer Association
- Edmonton and District Cricket League
- Alberta Schools Cricket Association

Proposals have been received by the Parks Department for various developments within the park including a youth drop in centre, and specific amenities for individual sport groups. In order to assess these proposals and to ensure that further development on the site utilizes the available area efficiently, this Master Plan study was commissioned.

BACKGROUND

The park was initially designed in 1982 as a District Activity Park to accommodate various active recreational opportunities for the surrounding community see *figure 1- Original Site Development Plan*

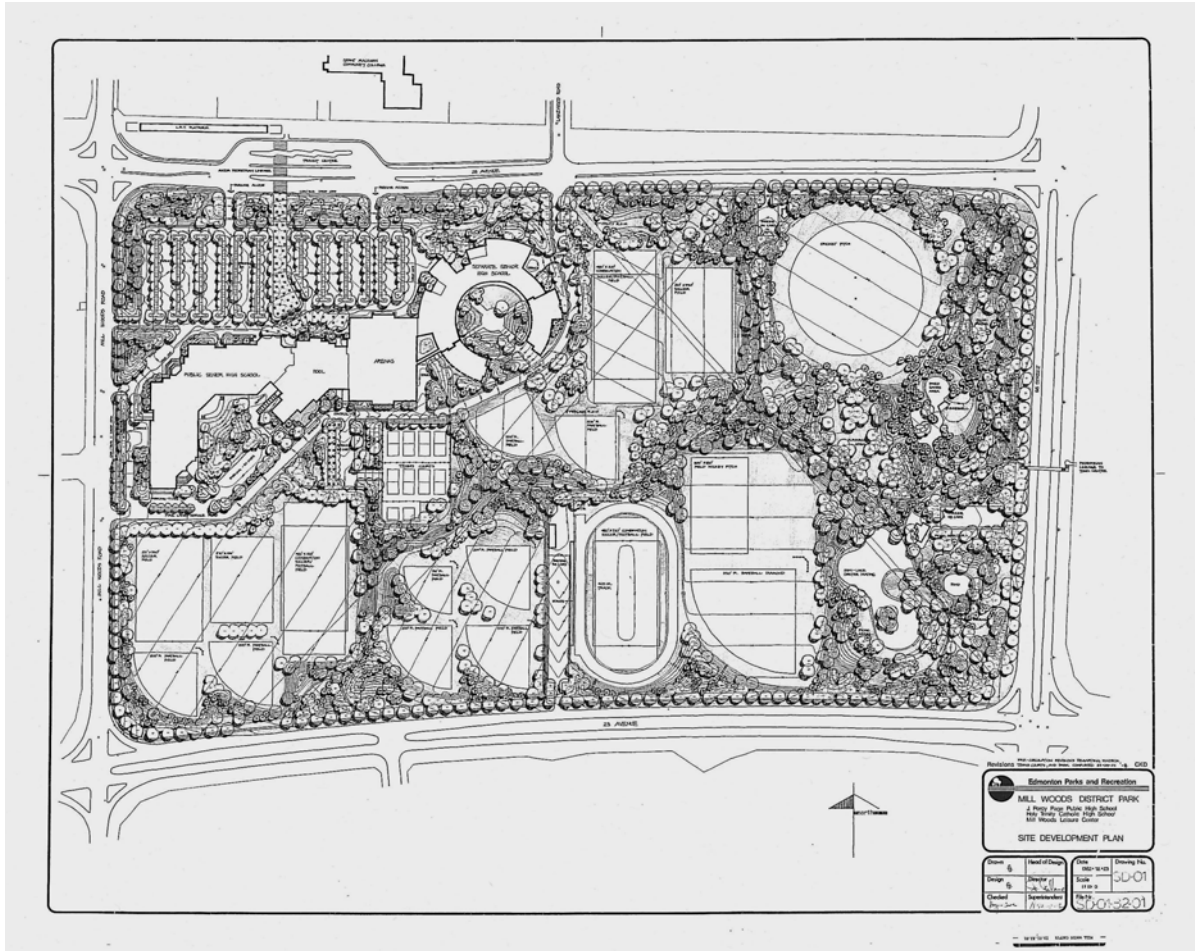


Figure 1 Original Site Development Plan

Significant changes have been made to the original plan during construction of the park, and it has been developed on a somewhat piecemeal basis. The Parks operations yard and regional grass cutting staging area was constructed in the park on a temporary basis several years ago and a skateboard area was added in 2004.

This master plan process was initiated by the City with stakeholder consultations and the development of a Preliminary Concept Plan in June 2006. Refer to *figure 2 – Concept Plan*. The full Needs Assessment Reports for each group are included in Appendix 1; a summary is included in section 3 – Program Development.

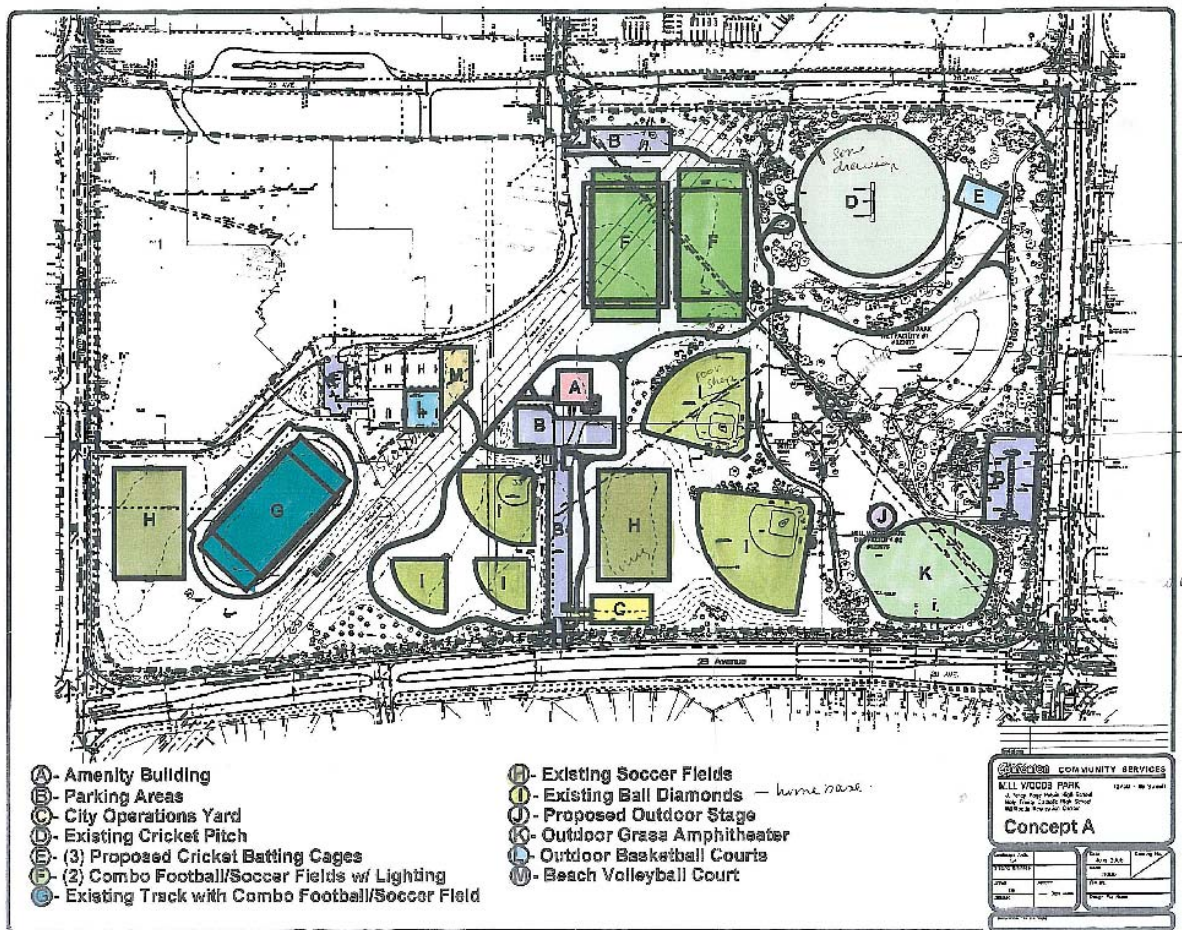


Figure 2 Concept Plan June 2006

STUDY PURPOSE

This study is being funded by the Parks Branch of Asset Management and Public Works to complete the master plan process, and specifically to:

- review and refine the current concept plan with input from the stakeholders
- prepare an implementation strategy including budget estimates for construction and proposed staging for improvements