

WELCOME TO Fort Edmonton Footbridge and Trails Project – Design Phase OPEN HOUSE #2

Wednesday, November 21, 2007 – 4:00pm to 8:00pm
Westridge – Wolf Willow Community League Hall
505 Wolf Willow Road, Edmonton



OPEN HOUSE PURPOSE

- To update you about the project:
 - to summarize feedback and address issues arising from first round of Public Involvement (Spring, 2007).
 - to present the recommended design of the trails and footbridge.
- To receive your feedback on the recommended plans.

Public Consultation Summary from 1st Round

Three ways that we received input:

- 15 one-on-one interviews conducted with key stakeholders.
- Feedback from brochures and survey (mailed to 15,600 households – responses from 61).
- Feedback from Open House on April 4, 2007 (171 people attended, 69 participant survey forms submitted at or after the open house).

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Public Consultation Summary from 1st Round

Feedback from Profiling Interviews:

- Supportive of the City's plans to improve and expand the trail network throughout the river valley.
- Concerns about impacts on Whitemud Road area (more illegal parking on Whitemud Road, security concerns, etc.)
- Security and safety issues propagated by increased traffic and usage will have to be addressed.
- Locate the bridge closer to Fort Edmonton Park and, closer to the existing parking lots to the east of the main entrance to the Park.

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Feedback from Brochure Survey Forms

- General and significant support for the project,
 - Better access to the river valley for all Edmontonians.
 - A great addition to the network of trails throughout the river valley.
- Just get it done!
- Spend the money on something more worthwhile.
- Be very careful and diligent in preserving as much of the natural surroundings as possible.
- Stairways are problematic for many users.

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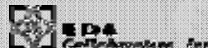
Feedback from Open House (61 responses)

- Support without qualification (32)
- Concerns about parking in west end communities by trail and river valley users (19)
 - Will impact my neighbourhood
 - Do not want parking restrictions for non-residents
- Environmental Issues (11)
 - Project must be environmentally responsible
- Stairways and Accessibility (11)
 - Ramps and switchbacks, not stairs
 - Path surfaces – paved or natural preferred

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EDMONTON'S RIVER VALLEY & TRAILS

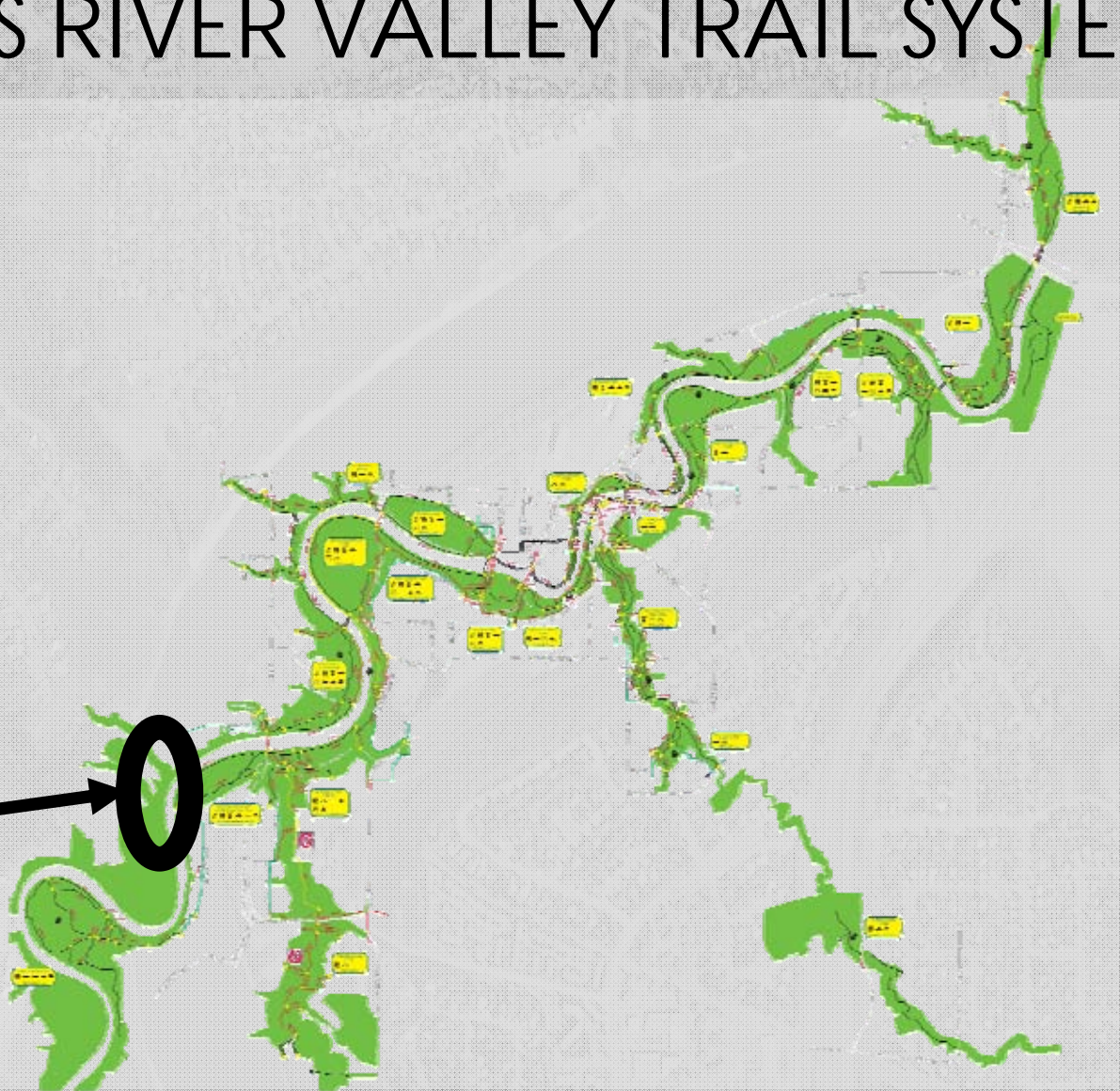
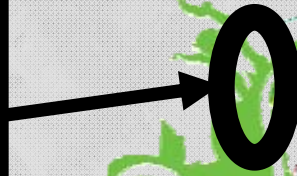
- For more than 75 years our river valley has been protected by all orders of government.
- The Council approved *Ribbon of Green* has resulted in parks, trails and river crossings throughout the river valley for millions to enjoy.
- The River Valley Alliance *Capital Region River Valley Park – Plan of Action (2007)* lays out a vision and plan for the extension of the river valley park system. The Ft. Edmonton Footbridge & Trails project is an integral component of the plan.
- With the growth in Edmonton the demand for access to the river valley in newer neighborhoods can be met only by expanding the trails system.



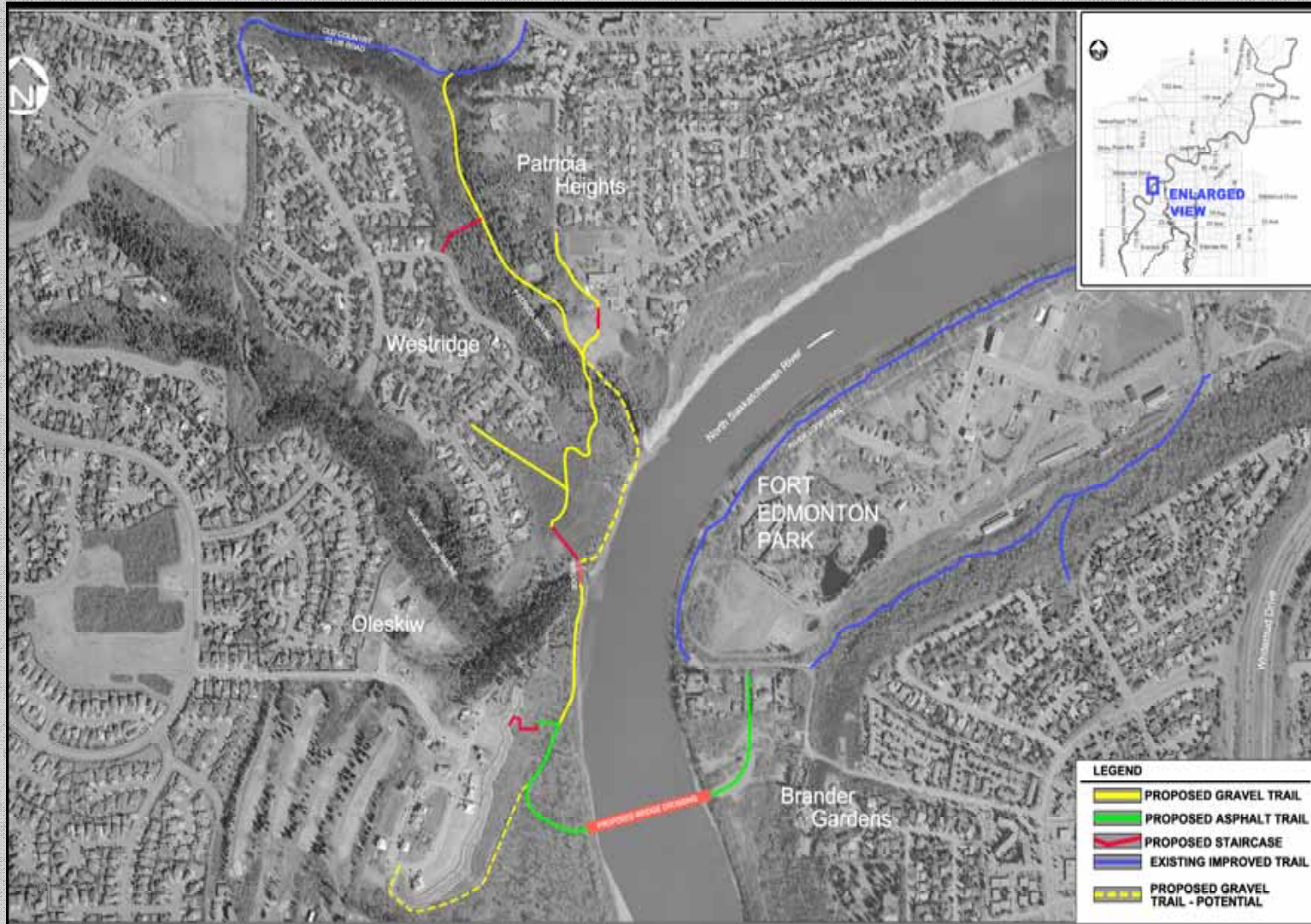
EDMONTON'S RIVER VALLEY TRAIL SYSTEM



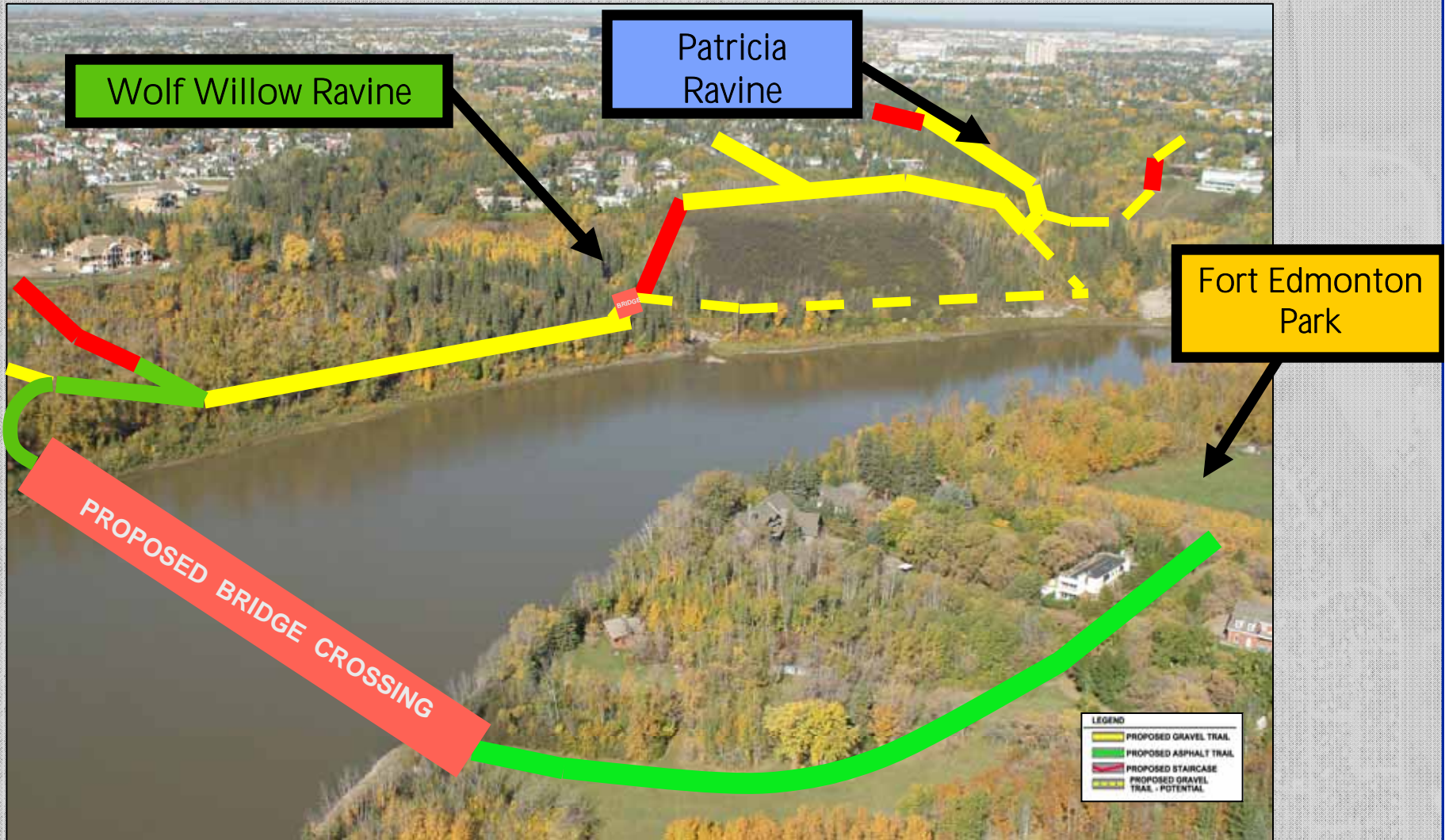
Location of
Proposed
'Fort
Edmonton'
Trails and River
Crossing



PROPOSED LAYOUT



TRAILS – PROPOSED ROUTES



EXISTING CONDITIONS



East Parkland, near Whitemud Road

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West Bank, Below Oleskiw

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Patricia Ravine

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Wolf Willow Ravine & Outfall

TRAIL TYPES



Gravel



Stairs



Asphalt

RECOMMENDED FOOTBRIDGE



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ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM UPDATE

ITEM	STATUS
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) & submission in accordance with Bylaw 7188	EIA completed, submitted and under review by City of Edmonton
Fisheries Assessment (FA) & Impact Mitigation Methods	FA completed, submitted and under review by Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Navigable Waters Considerations	Approval submission under review by Transport Canada
Historical Resources Impact Assessment (HRIA)	HRIA completed, review clearance provided by Alberta Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture

PROJECT BUDGET & FUNDING

- Budget:

\$ 20.4 Million.

- Funding:

Funding for the project is currently identified in the proposed 2008 city budget. Construction will not proceed until all required approvals are in place.

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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING

