Alberta’s Capital Region River Valley
ABOUT RIVER VALLEY ALLIANCE

Vision
To create a continuous world-class metropolitan river valley park, from Devon through Parkland County, Leduc County, Edmonton, Strathcona County, and Sturgeon County to Fort Saskatchewan.
Mission
To preserve, protect and enhance the river valley, becoming recognized as one of the largest river valley parks in the world creating a legacy for generations to come.
The park system is 88 kilometres long and includes 18,000 acres of land.

By comparison:
- Stanley Park is 1,001 acres
- Central Park is 847 acres

Over 10 million people visit and use our park per year.

An average of 30,000 per day
Aboriginal History
Rossdale Flats was a gathering place for Indigenous people 10,000 years ago and a centre of trade, celebration and ceremony.
Early Settlement

- Fort Edmonton was the name of a series of trading posts of the Hudson’s Bay Company from 1795 to 1821.
- In 1801 Fort Edmonton was located in the Rossdale area of downtown Edmonton.
- In the late 1820s, the fort was finally moved to higher ground to the site that is now the Alberta Legislature Building.
Great Flood of 1915
• At the time of the flood, there was much development along the city’s river valley.
• The flood destroyed many businesses and properties along the river.
• In today’s numbers, the damage was estimated to be at $615 million.
HISTORY OF THE RIVER VALLEY

Capital City Recreation Park

- In 1974, Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed announced the creation of the Capital City Recreation Park in Edmonton.
The River Valley Park Today

• Today the River Valley Alliance represents seven partner municipalities which work together to create a continuous and connected North Saskatchewan River valley park.
A Plan of Action for the Capital Region River Valley Park (2007)

- Adopted unanimously by the RVA Board
- Blueprint for development
- Integrates with municipal plans
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Goals of the RVA

Pride
Legacy
Quality of Life
Attraction
Tourism
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Objectives:

Environmental
Social
Economic
The Plan of Action created the following seven planning areas:

- Gateway to the West
- Nature at Its Best
- Valley Attractions
- City Centre
- Valley Parks
- Big Valley
- Valley Heritage
Five Funding Periods:

1. 2002 – 2007
2. 2007 – 2012
3. 2012-2017
4. Next Phase
5. Last Phase
Completed RVA Initiatives Include:
• in the past 10 years, we have added 40+ kilometres of linear river trail
• 1 pedestrian bridge
• 3 pedestrian bridge upgrades
• 1 Mechanized River Valley Access
• 3 staging facilities
Lamoureux Trail
Terwillegar Footbridge
Mechanized River Valley Access
Next Phase Goals:

• Emphasis on completing regional connectivity and public access
• Priority bridges and river crossings
• Land access for trails and future parks
Our goal for community outreach is to influence our community and encourage them to embrace the vision for the Capital Region River Valley Park.
RVA ACTIVITIES

Events
• RiverFest
• River Day
• Heritage Festival

Programs
• Speaker’s Bureau
• Friends of the River Valley Alliance
EPCOR RiverFest
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Capital Region River Valley Park Trek
We are stewards of this environmental and economic community treasure, this source of pride, this legacy we will leave for generations to come.