Integrated Natural Areas Conservation Plan

An Overview

Plan Purpose

- To integrate conservation planning of natural areas in Edmonton found both above and within the North Saskatchewan River Valley including all new, developing and mature neighbourhoods.

- To develop a strategic plan for conserving an ecological network in Edmonton that fits within a regional context.
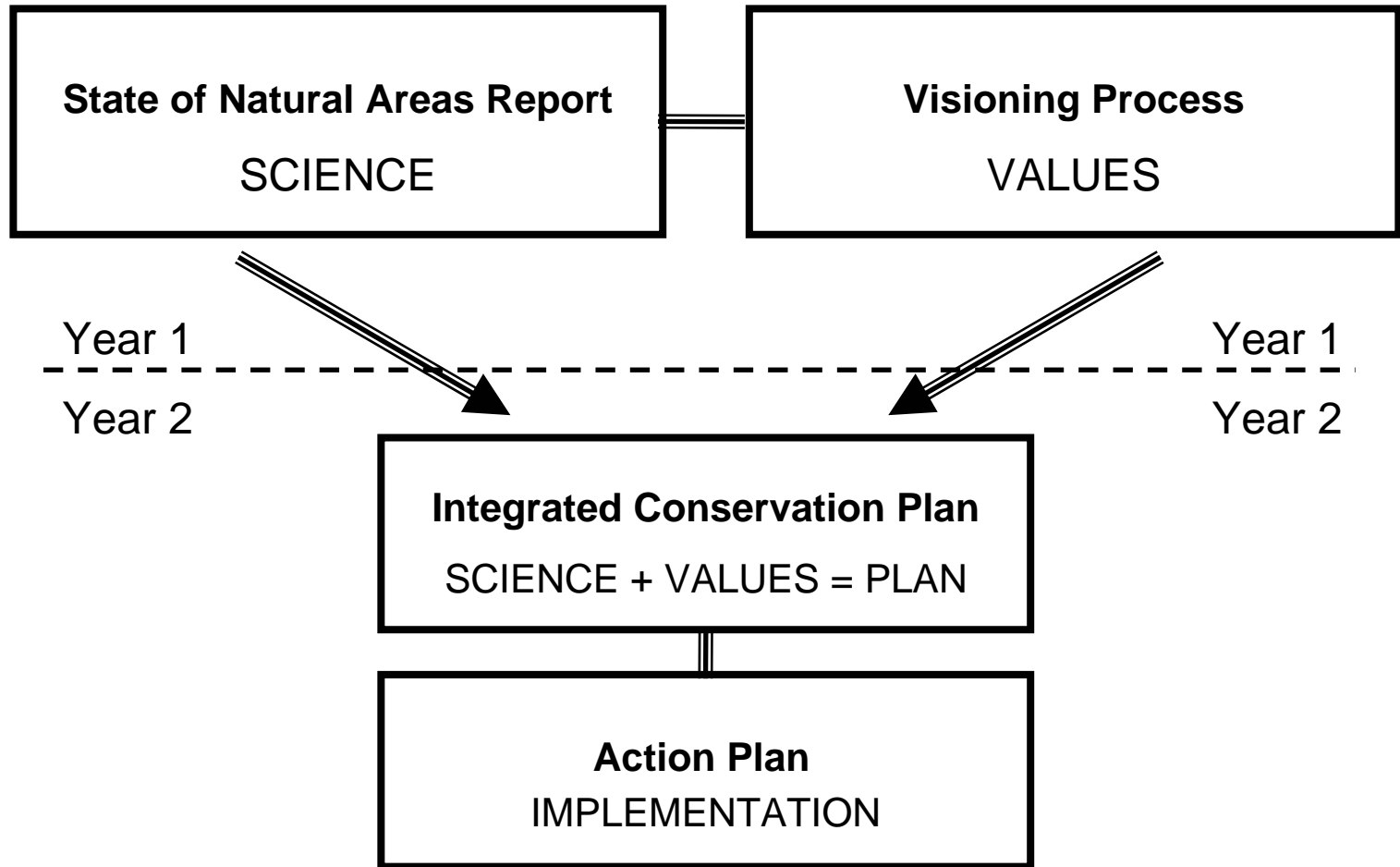
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Plan Components

1. State of Natural Areas Report (Spencer Environmental)
   - Inventory update, integration of NAs, definition of an ecological network that connects the city to the region
   - Summer 2006

2. Conservation Vision – Public Engagement Process
   - Vision statement, guiding principles, broad conservation goals and objectives
   - Fall 2006

3. Implementation Plan
   - Detailed implementation strategies, allocation of responsibility for conservation and management activities, monitoring framework
   - 2007 (pending funding approval)

Plan Process

1. State of Natural Areas Report:

Project Deliverables

- Integrated Natural Areas Map

- Greater Edmonton Natural Areas Map

- General Resources Mapping

- Landscape Linkages and Connectivity Analysis

- State of the Science of Conservation Planning

- Survey of Existing Policy, Strategies, and Plans

- Natural Areas Systems Analysis

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2. Public Engagement Process:
Who to Consult?
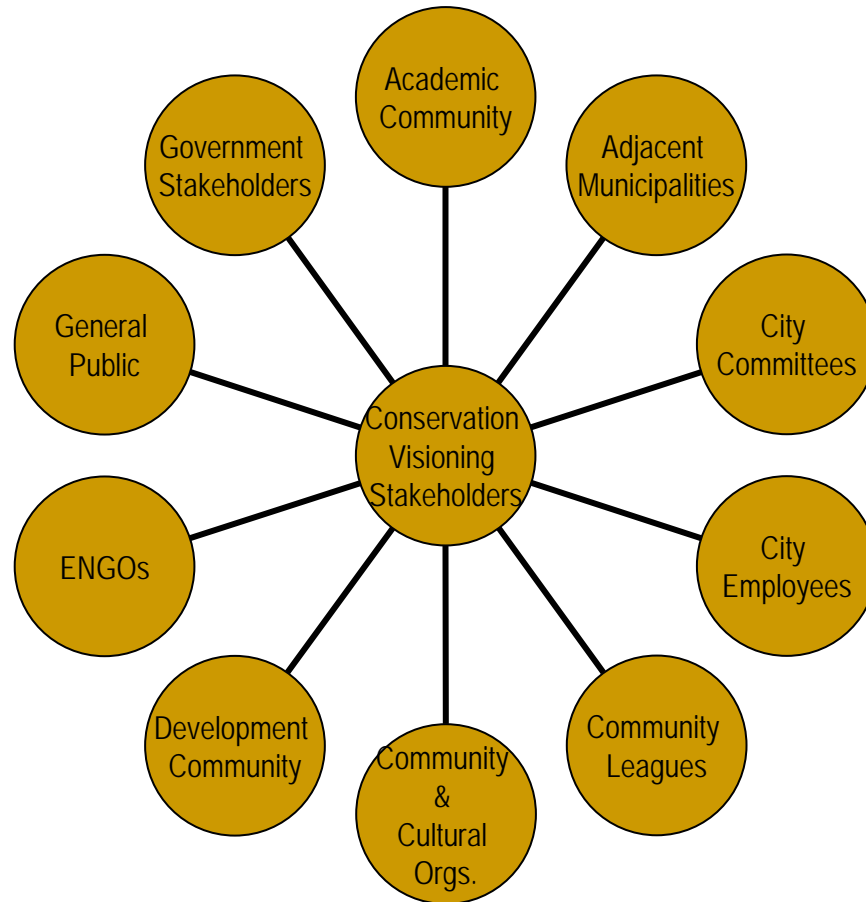
2. Public Engagement Process:
General Approach

A. Share Information

1. The Project
2. Edmonton's Natural Areas
[Newsletters, Website, Media]

All Stakeholders →

3. Direction on Vision Statement, Goals & Objectives Content
[Workshops, Surveys]

B. Collect Information

1. Conservation Values
[Community Mapping, Art Contest, Open Houses/ Public Displays]

Public

Government Stakeholders/ Conservation Community

Public, Academic/ Conservation Community

2. "Biodiversity Hotspots"
[Community Mapping, Surveys]
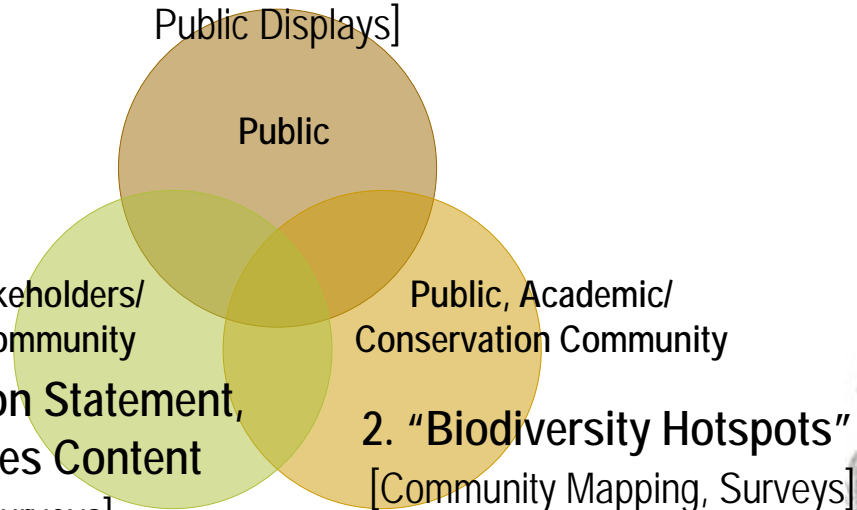
3. Conservation Implementation Plan:

Components

- Strategies
- Policies
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Targets
- Performance Indicators
- Timescale
- Budget

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