

# **OLESKIW**

## **RIVER VALLEY PARK**

### **MASTER PLAN**

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# What You Said

The following report provides a detailed summary of raw data in the form of comments that we received during the first phase of engagement (Inventory & Analysis) for the Oleskiw River Valley Park Master Plan. Comments are presented from the following engagement opportunities:

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**195**  
comments

*Intercept Surveys*

**409**  
online pins

*Online Map Tool*

**354**  
comments

*Open House*

**11**  
participants

*External Workshop*

The following comments accompany the What We Heard report that provides a more visual summary of the information listed below. The What We Heard report also summarizes the major themes that emerged during the first phase of engagement and the values of the participants. The report can be found on the website at:

[edmonton.ca/oleskiwparkmasterplan](http://edmonton.ca/oleskiwparkmasterplan)

This What You Said report is modeled after the questions that were asked on the Sounding Board, on the online mapping tool, at the open house and at the external stakeholder workshop between August and September, 2016. The comments are presented according to the engagement session/tool from which they were collected. They are further divided into the question or theme of discussion.

## Intercept Surveys

The City of Edmonton interviewed people visiting the Oleskiw River Valley Park and immediate vicinity in August 2016. We spoke to park users on Sunday, August 14 between the hours of 1–3pm, Friday, August 19 from 5:20–7:20pm and Saturday, August 20 from 10:10am–12:15pm.

Participants of the intercept surveys were walking, cycling, walking their dog or visiting the sand bar on the east side of the Oleskiw River Valley Park. We spoke with participants for anywhere between five to fifteen minutes to gather answers to the following questions:

- » Have you ever visited this park space?
- » What would you like to do in this park space?

We received 195 comments, listed on the following pages:



Intercept Surveys
Have you ever visited this park space?
biking
dog park / bike park like Terwillegar off leash Park
come to Edmonton to hike + bike 2nd time here
paddleboard sand bar kayak
walk dogs want dog on leash
walk dogs
use for walking dogs
walk / bike
walk / bike
walk / bike
use space for walking, but haven't been in that space
use space for walking, leave nature the way it is enjoy, keep it.
walk dog, have to drive here, we don't have parks in our area
bike
use activity: running, biking
like long trails and loops - use Terwillegar
biking walking
cycling
walk see difference views (safety)
running walking
biking walking xcountry skiing
occasionally walk dog walking cycling stroller in there everyday unless closed walk cycle live in neighborhood
closer to access Terwillegar love bridge
walking biking
bike
cycling
running (whole family)
cycle / mtn bike
really love the footbridge ft. ed.
house -> footbridge 8km walk occasional bike walk in Oleskiw
if you park in Ft. Edmonton and take footbridge (walk) over to Oleskiw in winter, its slippery
walk / nature trails
run trail run stairs never been into the park (Oleskiw)
stairs just north of fb are very popular
hiking picture taking winter bike
visit fb everyday ski in Oleskiw in golf course bike walk w/dog
see people swimming
popular for photography around Ft. Ed.
tried to get through to Oleskiw walking and couldn't get through
run bike don't live here
area has birds, fox, coyotes, beavers
ride bike mtn + road bike
walk like the trail coming through use Ft. Ed. + go to University of A across a high level
come walking with dogs
bike walk dogs run hang out on island

used river for kayaks
walk loop come through country club from Pat Heights to Laurier - rioterrace bike Henday Cameron Hts
walk run cycle
walk/ bike loop use the beach
walking stairs sit by river (on bridge on rocks) meet people hiking
stairs trail runs
walking
bike
walk see country club garden
twice been to Oleskiw sand bar went in park + turned around and went back w/her son
seeing ppl on the island dogs/chairs watch fireworks for Canada Day
1st time here + other been here a few walking + stairs spruce grove + local
fb - bike and walk o-walked in water fave winter walks
good place for people to come and get out
see coyote + deer secret location for saskatoon berry picking
walk
been out a few time walk - 1km in Oleskiw bike - in fb/o along river when icy
beach walk loop w/kid
dogs - walking - biking - running - mulituse
walk enjoy nature
<b>What do you like to do in this park?</b>
island - beach area - picnic-improve access (sand)
loops, long trails - walk back + forth. Scenery for kids.
wouldn't like off-leash area...may bleed over from Terwillegar
play games activity stairs
trails marked for distance maps on internet like goldbarr
canoe launch
picnic sites day camping like Rundle Park
cross country trails - warm up shack - continuous across city - benches
points to sit in observation (stations) like on the Ft. Edmonton foot bridge
biking for everybody (rent?)
natural areas sign - why is it here cost of this could go into park
keep it as it - river access - sandbar
as natural park maintain native veg dedicated bike path - sep walkers + bikers
bathrooms like uniformed wildlife / John Janzen satellite -> Cranbrook preservation/passive interpretive signs native
no off leash dogs
designated bike path
beach area exercise equipment picnic areas - Laurier
paved paths, benches, litter containers
walking paths, xcountry trails
would: cycle from Riverbend leisure washrooms definitely
some benches by the trail need a rest garbage cans water fountains
picnic tables day picnic
not too commercialed too much - coffee shop - promenade
walking see nature
drinking fountain nice trails xcountry bike
nice that there is no vehicular traffic

river's edge access
garbage cans proper drainage off the trail access - gravel shoulder/ wheelchair
no parking at top of trailhead
pathway too steep, so would be nice to have easier access for biking
running walking
wider trails share b/n pedestrians/cyclists safety
bike trail and pedestrian conflict separate traffic wider trail gravel -> paved no bikes on loose gravel
cycling bbq canoe
no off leash area
lighting along trails (illuminated like bridge)
go into water float down river
drive/access good to have canoe launch
canoeing for everybody free
stay not much different than it currently is
kids activities - play park
historyof farm - (??) of space
keep it as natural as possible
space to hangout while other paddleboard parking access/width bring wagon on path
development on Terwilligar side bathroom on T side little development here
trails up to Anthony Henday live in Duchene 5km in traffic - need trails
more development at Terwilligar and leave this one less intensive
walking trail natural setting walk dog
public access to area
access to sandbar and river's edge
passive meandering walking paths (scenic) along the river's edge
riverbend to university to bike safely kiellar rd.
info: twin brooks / terwilligar
spend \$ where people are using the trails safe biking (roads)
need to promote our trails in a better way in Edmonton
excited about going for miles w/out crossing a road + other people - excited to access this excited for more trail
trail connections for running/bike develop current trail system
lucky to have great park space in Edmonton
adequate lighting can hang out late like Ft. Ed. Footbridge *accessible and safe**
leave it natural
make trail accessible biking/walking/jogging/paved trail
people can use in winter + if you make accessible + safe ppl can choose to it whenever + however they want
in order to use trail...accessibility to include parking - some kind of parking space w/o borrowing a hood pkg.
make it for accessible for families with young kids
nice open space it hopes that it doesn't get over developed
keep it natural
campfire picnic area like Devon some place to go for a swim
go slow with development
erosion an issue esp. goat trails from use (bikers) nice to have preserved natural area
wouldn't want to see: fire pits would: benches
water fountains - basic washrooms (not portapotties) composting toilets (not big amenity bldg. )
walk nature trails walk further
access more better access

keep on leash
sand court volleyball bike trail
groomed ski area control porcupine too many more coyote will come from Oleskiw natural area
trees to be lined along RVA trail so its not too open/exposed
nice place for swimming (sand bar) city doesn't have a beach but there is no access/ parking take over country club golf course to improve access best place in the world
canoe or boat station
if no parking available, if shuttle would be available for ppl w/disability / photography
paved trail + single track trail 10km road riding w/out traffic (connection)
water fountain park for kids picnic table
as natural as possible if you put BBQ stands it gets dirty
would be nice to bring dogs dogs off leash
no cars spot for better parking away from park designated area one end of the park
as long as people behave themselves for off-leash area
like idea of better parking would be issue of limited usability agree with no cars
natural park area
winnipeg - close to river walking path close to river (shared use) natural asphalt shared use path from all along the river
bbq pits - don't think they would be appropriate, more nature walking, not that kind of picnic place
cross country ski around trees separate so people don't step on tracks
trails and spots to watch the river - benches
toilet doesn't have to be flush one
dog bag stations garbage cans
don't let people contaminate the river treat river
wouldn't like to see parking lot but then you can park elsewhere but if you don't have parking not everyone can access
beach
place to fill water bottles or water fountain
would bbq pits work? Would prevent from lighting fires in ravine come down w/grand kids
porta potty (beach)
running trail like the one that used to be in Buena Vista (narrow trail)
hate to see lots of natural area go esp. along the river so much erosion/bikes
nice spot to have lunch is that practical would there be enough people wanting it, requires maintenance
stopping place for kayaks have stopped at Terwilligar
low maintenance
water - something to rent pick up on beach then drop off elsewhere
protection along shore nature untouched
natural trail means only fewer people can use it access an issue not nec. A bad thing
an off leash area to connect w/dog park connection b/n
leave it natural simple manageable sustainable
beach area
no bbq pits lends to parking + more development
humans/nature interaction be careful
gravel path is brutal + is in rough shape something can be done about making it better (esp for biking)
dog park named after Quontos police dog
don't overdevelop the parks system
Terwilligar - too many things cutting through + wide open don't want this to have the same feel for Oleskiw put amenities in the area
groomed trails in winter for xcountry



parking - neighbors are "no" and I'm "...well, maybe" I don't want it
keep it natural + off leash as little as possible development
cross country ski trails biking trails
<b>Other Observations</b>
north shore mountain bike park 24M growing to 36M Queen Elizabeth
restriction for motorized boaters - go slow
connection to AnthonyHenday?
trail connection at end of trail north of FB trail stops + you can't bike further - carry your bike up zoo stairs
love of (??) is proximity to the river valley
evidence of bear population (scat)
party down here every weekend
couple dozen paddleboarders went by about 10am
neighbours - access - parking lot don't want parking above - country club access - heard there was a bear sighting
people don't like the mayor's idea for the sea wall

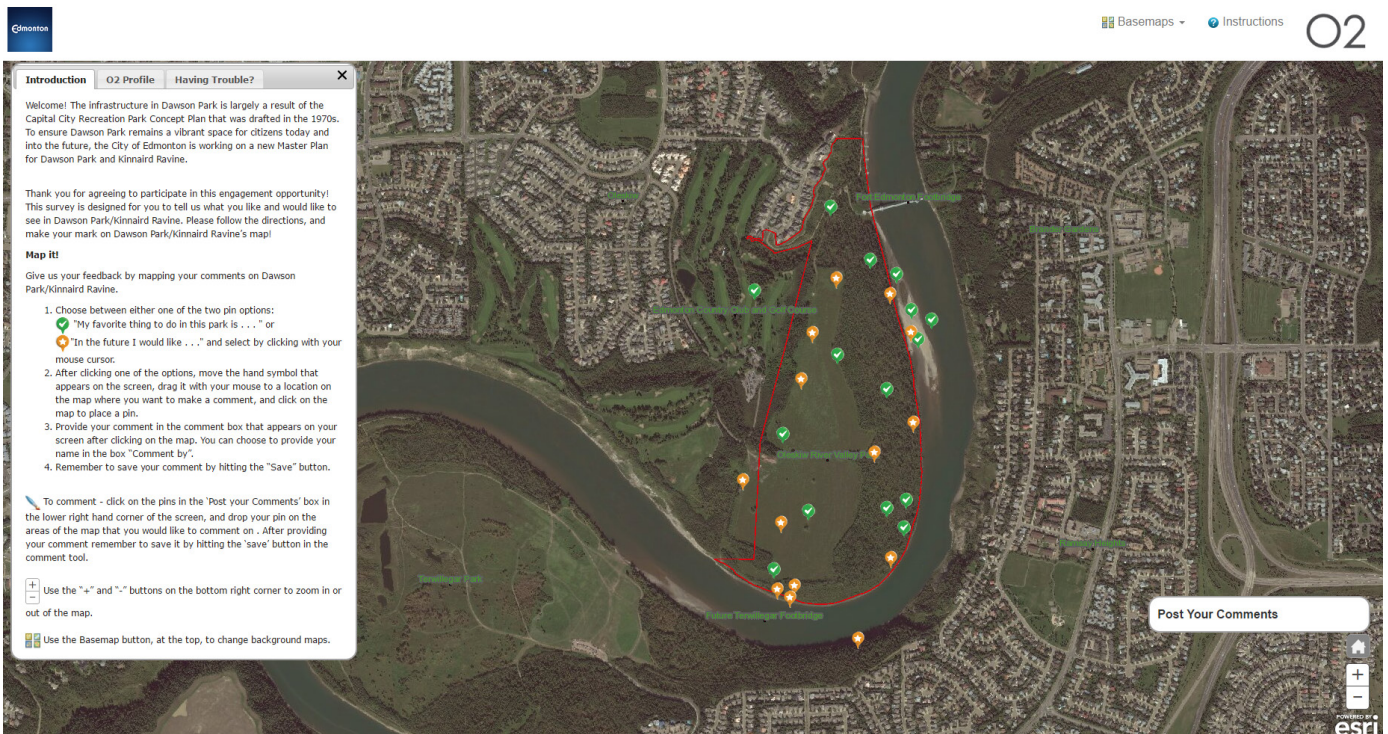
## Online Map Tool

The online map tool was used as an option for people to provide their input without needing to come out to a public event. The tool consists of an interactive online map that can be accessed through the City of Edmonton project website. The online map tool was made available to the City of Edmonton Insight community from August 29 to September 12. After that period, the tool was opened to the public from September 13 to September 26. The online map tool was advertised on the project website, on the open house flyer and presentation boards, as well as through an Insight email opt-in.

Users were able to respond to the following statements by placing a pin on the map of the project area:

- » My favourite thing to do in this park is...
- » In the future I would like...

We received 332 comments from the Insight Community Opt-In and 87 comments from all other users. All comments are listed on the following pages:



<b>Online Map Tool - Insight Opt-In</b>
<b>My favourite thing to do in this park is...</b>
play beach volleyball, suntan, float the river
park.
like
Yes excellent comment and use keep it natural but done in such a way that it isn't trashed by people going anywhere they want because there aren't sufficient trails
like
yes agreed as a cyclist.. No desire to be way off a marked bike path. BUT... if there is no marked path pavement or otherwise.. Agreed Make a Marked bike path.
I ride my bike and walk my dog (off and on leash) from Patricia Drive to the Park and across the footbridge to Fort Edmonton Park.
The open spaces are great for stretching, calisthenics, aerobics or any other form of exercise in the sun. Lots of room and clean ground.
This is an old farm and the old grain still regenerates. keep it that way. Let the trees encroach on the field, put a few paths through it so bikers and hikers don't trample it..
like
like
Canoe landing site plus gold-mining fun. Possible beach volleyball for the younger set
This island goes underwater periodically.
This beach area is beautiful, and should be maintained.
there. This doesn't feel appropriate given the amount of dried grass and deadwood in the area-a spark could cause quite a fire.
like
like
like
Fully agreed and should not be pay service for public for current or future state.
Beach access is wonderful but can be hard to maintain depending on water level and level of priority to the City.
Cycle and hiking
like
great.
Pave the cycling path. Separate gravel paths for hikers and on-leash dogs.
Improve the trail beside the river so that cycling and hiking can coexist eg a good gravel dirt trail like which runs beside the river to the stairs to the north.
like
like
Parking and Wheelchair access for the handicap is important for equal opportunity.
This bridge is a great connector, allowing me to access the stairs or to do my "west end loop" on my bike (connecting through Wolf Willow and coming back under the Henday)
goes.
the bridge is great, but to access it regularly you need to live in the neighborhood, as parking is very very limited, and almost always full. so we have a park for river bend cyclist and wolf willow residence thanks
I love the connection across the river. opens up access and encourages more exploring of the city.
I live half a city away and come here at least once a week - it's only a casual 30 minute bike ride to the bridge. We should be encouraging people to ride to the river valley more, not driving in to take a ride. It's far easier to ride across the city than you think.
I love walking through this neighbourhood- is there a viewpoint on the trail behind the houses? I think it would offer a great and accessible view of our stunning river valley

Yes that would be great!
path
This is a great cycle route, but it would be good to pave the hill that climbs to the residential area. The hill is steep, so it might be a consideration to switch back the trail on the climb so that it will be safer.
Yes Agreed Better planning on the hill a z pattern would be acceptable with pull out rest stop . Pave it for sure.
I also agree the hill is a steep climb and should be paved.
Agreed +1
like
The view is amazing!
see the stars, meteor showers, and northern lights with less light pollution than most places in the city.
Bicycling here on the single track.
My favorite thing to do is see natural habitat, what grows wild and natural. To look for nests, birds, trees, bats, etc. again, walking and cycling paths are fine, but mountain bike trails need to be very limited to a specific area, as they destroy nature.
Take pictures from the bridge
observe nature - birds, squirrels and etc..
mountain bike ride the singletrack trail next to the river
bring my dog for a walk
path.
Love this set of stairs! Is becoming a hot-spot.
Cycle on the paved path to the new footbridge
Keep off-leash dogs away from the paved path.
Walk from one footbridge to the other without dogs off leash accosting me.
Agree completely.
like
like
The areas for the dogs ON leash and dogs OFF lease should be clearly marked so offenders can be legally warned or charged as the situation warrants.
like
like
ride the flat, untamed single track.
ride mountain bike, without gravel, a narrow trail with twists and curves, not steep hills for racer conditioning.
breathe air unspoiled by automotive fumes and listen to the sounds of nature instead of roads.
There is really nothing in the park to do. Typical City of Edmonton river valley park. Quite disappointing really.
I suggest some picnic tables and wood stoves like can be found in Hawrelak and Emily Murphy parks
Love the access to the River
My favourite things to do in the park are walk, picnic, watch wildlife.
like
Running the stairs!
photograph birds and native flowers.
sit on the sandy beach and enjoy the views of the river
<b>In the future I would like...</b>
have more beach front space easily accessible to have a Sylvan Lake style access to the river valley and beach
Good idea
And easier access to launch boats, canoes, kayaks and watercraft with parking for vehicles and trailers close by
like
like



like
This is the only park that isn't accessible by car and it should be kept that way for those of us who need reprieve from the autocentric city. Develop Laurier Park for those who want to drive to the river.
The idea of a beach is a waste of resources. It is a river, not a lake and the current makes it unsafe for swimming
like
have more bicycle / walking paved trails connecting up with rest of city to extend the distance available to comfortably ride the bike without being in traffic
I think it's important that a cycle track be separate from walkers- shared use trails do really work that well
like
like
like
like
like
like
There is a path along the river between the Fort Edmonton foot bridge and the Terwilleger bridge that has been used for years but is narrow & not maintained. This gives access to the river by foot and is used by cyclists. This path should be widened for safety but it does not need to be paved like the path already built further inland from the river
like
I think an outdoor pool somewhere in this area would be nice, and as a skating venue in the winter months
compare to the dawson park plan there is an access road to allow people to actually get into all parts of the park where is the access in this park many of the uses of this area are exciting but i don,t see how most edmontonians can ever access the entire land available without a central or ring road
a year- round outdoor pool would be a great amenity- kind of like the hot springs in Banff/Jasper, or the pool @JPL
Absolutely not.
Keep it natural we have enough places like that. The cost and remoteness suggest this might not fly.
I am very against a pool here.
Keep it natural. Build a pool where there is already roads and a parking lot.
to ride my mountain bike on some great singletrack trails between the Fort Edmonton Footbridge and Terwillegar Park.
like
Yes a good use, trails to direct mountain bike riders rather than a free for all hack it down approach.
like
like
single track mountain biking, not for wheelchairs or dogs.
like
like
I hope that this will not just become an extension of Terwillegar Park and be taken over by off-leash areas. While I know they are necessary and wanted by some, it is becoming difficult to avoid them and they are taking over the river valley. where is the access? a park no one can get to? i guess i can launch my canoe in drayton valley and paddle here and back?
Agreed. Nothing ruins a park more than sitting in or near what a dog leaves behind....
dogs on a leash, poop bag dispensers and enforcement of bylaw violation are needed good dog owners should not be kept out due to bylaw officers who refuse to issue citations
like
like
like
Keep dogs on-leash in this park.
like

Agreed. Turning this area to an off leash area would ruin it. I far prefer Oleskiw to Terwilligar because I don't have to worry about all the dogs.
like
like
parking?
like
Washrooms are very important !
Agreed 110%
There should be something. Are there bathrooms in Terwilliger Park?
like
like
like
like
like
No public access or parking for vehicles, access only by trails, canoe or kayak
Yea! And by bike!
Consider marking the bike trail route better through the residential area. It is difficult to navigate as there is minimal signposts for cyclists that are not familiar with this area.
Yes Signage frequently would be a good thing.. and reflective so you can also see it at night/dusk
Disc Golf Course - around the edges and in more wooded zones to share space with other uses without risk of injury.
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like
great idea!
Mountain bike trails
(to replace the single track that was destroyed in the Terwilligar "improvements"
like
like
A few. Mountain bikes drive off wildlife
like
cross country ski trails
like
like
like
like
Ideally ones that are actually maintained :)
Should the paved trail be cleared for cyclists in the winter?
ski trails would be nice.
have smaller dirt/gravel paths for relaxing nature walks to give the feeling of being in nature even though we are in the middle of the city.
Good idea
paths need to accommodate all edmontonians, including seniors, handicapped, children wheel chairs and scooters due not due well on gravel,dirt packed shale however works ok
like
like
I agree
like
like

In the future, I would like to see more boats, canoes, kayaks, standing paddle boards on the river. Also would it be possible to divert river water in to lake or pond for swimming and perhaps water sliding in the Park.
great ideas, open this up to all citizens
access points so that vehicles could park reasonably close in order to haul gear and kayaks etc down to a launch point at the river.
Waste of money!
Agree that access to the river to transport non-motorized watercraft would be a benefit.
While I believe most of the park should remain undeveloped or small singletrack trails, there should be one paved path through so that it can be used for cycling commuting. Leaving even one part unpaved ruins this possibility (i.e. Laurier Park to the Hawrelak bridge and the trail up to County Club Estates from the Ft. Edm footbridge) and forces cyclists to Quesnel as the only way.
what about handicapped and seniors? how do they access? they need clearly marked trails and paved or graveled roads
like
like
Water fountain would be nice
at?
Don't agree. Keep it natural.
Disagree - leave the trees here.
I would also prefer natural. Water fountains get expensive while also removed value to this area.
A drinking fountain near one of the footbridges would be nice, if that's what you mean. Splash park type water fountain would be the worst.
In the future I would like to see all the city parks have outdoor training facilities like monkey bars, parallel bars and other cross training equipment
where is the parking? is this a private park for wolf willow residence?
this is a great idea both for adults and children and handicapped
Also picnic tables at the ends of the bridges. There are benches now.
Bird Watching sitting sites and/or orienteering fun.
Great idea
like
like
I honestly like information pedestals. Perhaps ones with bird information.
The parking situation here is atrocious. It seems to be set up mostly to generate tickets. Dealing with this would improve access to the bridge and park area.
this is so so true, if you park one foot beyond set areas the locals immediately complain we need to build a 2 story parking garage so families can use the bridge and the park
I agree. Let's get better access to the river for those of us that canoe and kayak.
Park at Fort Ed
River access for picnic, public washrooms
Need boat launch point in Terwilligar to make a nice 4 hour float from Terwilligar to Gold Bar.
This is a good area for a boat launch. Currently there is a 400 meter portage to the river from the road.
like
Well the why not is most likely related to will power. Easements? power line, gas line, It's city land so why Can't they get over this simple planning hurdle. Oh maybe a restriction on damage to habitat ?
like
like
like

like
bridge.
Lived here my whole life and never really knew this park existed until now. I guess without public parking and other amenities, few people will be able to access it.
I don't live in the area yet access this area all the time by bicycle. A parking lot would ruin it.
like
I access this area on foot by parking at the Fort Edmonton park. Once the Terwillegar bridge is in, parking closer to it would be helpful to folks that walk.
Please preserve these green belts. They are precious. The river valley is just another sterile urban zone without them.
like
like
like
like
like
I would like this trail extended.
like
like
See the development of the trails to link the park to surrounding areas
like
Development between parks so that it can be accessed by hikers and bikers
I suggest installing benches and a view point near the bridge to relax, talk or read.
I would like to see a hiking and biking trail that goes north to the Mackinon Ravine Trail
I agree
Cycle and walk down this path without areas of washed out gravel and rocks. Better drainage is needed urgently!!! Please fix up the path to provide proper drainage and get rid of the gravel!
Have no dogs off leash in the park. There is sufficient off leash areas in Terwillegar park. We do not need to be harassed by off leash dogs when we cycle and walk in this park.
like
like
Here here!
like
like
like
A foot bridge to Terwilliger Park
like
like
like
like
I'm excited for the bridge to be completed. Will be a great option to walk from Terwillegar to Fort Edmonton
I would like to see better access in terms of parking (like Terwillegar dog park or Laurier Park). It seems intrusive at times that you have to park and disrupt the neighbourhood and home owners to get to the access.
like
like
like
Not sure if possible but I would like to see a trail and access further west from the Garipey neighbourhood.
like
like
Develop a trail to link to the trail below.



keep large swaths of natural space so we can see eagles, hawks, etc. hunt and fly. Wild birds. Do an environmental assessment to see where wildlife live or hunt the most. Preserve these lands and limit trails to where people seem to want them-close to the river or at the edges where they can see these things while they exercise.
absolutely no cars at all or motorized vehicles. Off leash is big enough.
like
enjoy picnics and food stands in the park
Would like to see tracked ski trails please.
Seating areas would be nice
I would like to see the continued maintenance and use of the singletrack biking trails with the addition of features (eg. bridges, teeter-totters, etc.) for more adventurous riders.
Test
better VEHICLE access into the park from west edmonton. West edmonton has almost no access to the river valley.
like
This park is in need of a road access as a starting or jumping off point for customer want to start a hike or bike ride on the river valley connecting tr
In the future I would love to have a trail that connects back to Mackinnon Ravine Park on the west side of the river.
I agree - would be fantastic to link the river valley all the way!
Cycle and walk down this path without areas of washed out gravel and rocks. Better drainage is needed urgently!!! Please fix up the path to provide proper drainage and get rid of the gravel!
like
Urgently required. Very unsafe now.
Should be paved for safer braking and steering on bikes.
Cross country ski on set tracked paths throughout the park.
like
like
Walk along small maintained paths closer to the riverbank so I can have views of the river while I walk.
like
this path
Enjoy the park without having drunk partiers in the park and exiting at 2:30am from the footpath up to Woodward Crescent, disrupting the neighbourhood and waking the residents. It is useless to call the police or park rangers since they do not come in the timely manner to our phone calls of a disturbance.
Less cars parking here and more cars parking in the expanded Terwillegar Park lot across the river.
like
More dog park space would be awesome, especially if it connects to Terwillegar
Disagree completely. We need areas to walk and cycle without being accosted by off-leash dogs and owners who don't want to share the park. It's all about dog owners in this city lately.
like
another foot bridge would be nice to continue to the next park
like
like
The Terwillegar is almost completed now
like
I think something for kids (playground or interactive structures). Benches, picnic tables.
More natural space for kids to explore!
ride on this path without fearing for my safety because of the ruts and loose gravel on the steep hill. Please pave it!
like
Exactly!
enjoy the wild bastion that this park is without cars, excess development, or dogs running around off-leash scaring off the wildlife.

like
All multiuse trails should require dogs to be leashed. I am tired of dogs running at me while cycling by. Owners can't seem to control off leash dogs with verbal commands.
parking restricted to folks with limited mobility only.
leave all the areas away from the new paved path to the plants and animals that already live there.
like
like
Shared use or bike paths in the valley should be paved. Loose gravel is less safe, especially on hills on road bikes. Hard to steer and brake in loose gravel on downhills. Also, the hills should be less steep with more switchbacks. Not every cyclist is a 25 yr old mountain biker. Seniors 60-70 years old would like to be able to more easily cycle uphill too.
I agree that it should be either paved or at least not gravel; as a 30yo mountain biker, going even moderately fast down a gravel hill is treacherous, whereas dirt or paved would not. Gravel is the worst of all options.
like
Absolutely true. Are these paths designed by people who actually cycle, or someone who hasn't tried cycling in years?
A great example of this is the bike path by Ft. Edmonton. Instead of continuing gradually up to the Riverbend streets, it heads back down to the gravel road near the footbridge and then you have to cycle up the steep road to the paved street. Not the best for cyclists who find steeper hills difficult!
Also consider separate paved paths for cyclists and walkers/runners. This is a standard that is being adopted by other municipalities developing their paved trail networks.
like
Develop a beach area and/or kayak or canoe landing site. Develop trail access to this area. There are no spots on the river to stop if you are on a canoe. The site is inaccessible by road, so a launching site is out of the question.
Develop a paved section of trail with viewing platforms.
Better trails and signage to link neighbourhoods.
I would like better signage for those not familiar with the neighbourhood. As well, will additional parking be offered?
like
Build something to attract users. Adult exercise facilities. Playgrounds. Lease land to clubs to encourage park use.
to see as little development as possible
Do gold panning. Maybe a City led workshop?
like
I would like a running trail through the trees along the waters edge
like
I want to see that Edmonton is future thinking and will preserve what little natural habitat is left in the river valley, so prairie wildlife have somewhere to live and raise their young.
No dogs should be allowed in areas with natural habitat as they tend to kill prairie creatures. Dog owners can also focus on destroying coyotes which are natural for keeping mouse populations down.
Limit cycle, walk, running paths to a specific area and keep large swaths of natural space, so children and adults can see wildlife. Perhaps info sites to learn about plant and wildlife species.
like
like
Lookout tower gazing at downtown and riverbend??
No off-leash. Dogs should not be permitted to run loose. I have a dog by-the-way.
like
safety.
Have a shorter loop to walk (ie. another footbridge in proximity).
Have the city create a map of the trails so I could plan walks.
like
I would like to be able to ride my trail bike from my home in Blue Quill through Terwilligar Park, into Oleskiw and back through Fort Edmonton. It would be great if my dog could come for most of that too!!
I would like to see look-outs only at the river edge. keep the trail further back.

...to see the CoE using flower and plant species native to the river valley when filling in the edge areas disturbed by making the trails. There should also be a plan to regularly remove the invasive and nuisance species (seeds) brought in on shoes, bikes and construction vehicles.

... trails connecting the Hamptons, Granville, Glastonbury and Rosenthal neighbourhoods to this part of the trail system also connect the neighbourhoods south of Lessard, west of the Anthony Henday to 23 Ave.

access up to the neighbourhood via the golf course road would be great - the existing access routes are all very steep

Online Mapping Tool - All Other Users
<b>My favourite thing to do in this park is...</b>
Enjoy that wildlife -- deer, moose, coyotes use this park for habitat and corridor. Keep it fairly wild and almost like a wildlife preserve. Not too much recreation encroachment.
I would not like any motor vehicle traffic in the park area. People should access it by parking on Wanyandi Road and either walking or cycling the River Valley Parkland. Increased road traffic in the neighbourhood should be at a limited rated. We already have more than enough fast vehicles and traffic in Oleskiw. Also please -- no off leash areas for dogs. Some pet owners already abuse this.
like
like
provide mountain biking single track trails through the area to connect to other park trails
like
Single Track Trail Run
Go for walks. The lack of amenities is what makes it such a nice area.
like
Take a walk along the river through the trees.
Animals, including deer, moose, coyotes cross along here all winter long and a path here would disrupt that activity
Walk the dog and ride my mountainbike
like
I like to run and bike through the river valley trail system.
Safe mixed use trails
Please do not make this a dog park
Keep this park for people and wildlife, not a dog park please.
like
like
Mountain bike
walk my dog off leash near the water
I love crossing the river on a bicycle friendly and beautiful bridge. More please.
We absolutely love the view from the top of the stairs. And we enjoy walking and biking below the stairs. And climbing the stairs for exercise. Seeing pillated woodpeckers is always a treat.
<b>In the future I would like...</b>
Carefully rehabilitate (and revegetate) all areas disturbed as a result of the footbridge construction.
like
A sitting area with benches
like
like
..like to see additional parking along Whitemud Rd and washroom facility on the east side of Fort Edmonton bridge. With facilities in Terwillegar and at Whitemud Rd no facilities would be required within Oleskiw park.
riverside access only between Fort bridge and sandbar, avoiding riverside access between the sandbar and the Terwillegar bridge. That trail would be flooded every spring.
Outdoor skating
Cross-country ski trails
No more parking across the river on Whitemud Road. The shared car/bicycle/walking use is already not ideal and would be exacerbated.
like
Picnic area
like
I would love to see this path re surfaced to make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians



See the creation of additional single track trail (natural substrate) and/or wider gravel trail to create additional looping trail options within the park.
like
I would like to see the loop include site lines to the river at times.
This is a good idea I think it would be very useful.
like
like
Cross country skiing trails throughout the park.
Cross country, Fat bike in the winter
like
like
Mountain biking trails that are separate/specific and apart from the walking trails
Not through those trees. Too disruptive of existing wildlife space and corridors
no
like
no too disruptive for wildlife habitats and corridor
like
A constructed access to the river - great place to launch small inflatable boats that are walked to the site.
Safe access to the sandbar for walking and being near the river. No gold panning.
Add a mountain bike skills park similar to the one in Devon
like
like
like
Improve this road for access to the park. Consider adding some parking at the head of the trail that is not on the residential street.
I agree the road down the hill needs to be improved as the side of it is constantly receding. I do not think there should be a parking lot at the top. This area should be only for walking, running or biking in.
parking
like
like
Add an outdoor skating area
I think the parking lot for Terwillegar Park should be expanded.
like
Potable water and toilets should be available in the park.
like
The path from Fort Edmonton bridge up into Oleskiw should be much better maintained. It should probably be paved.
like
like
I would like access, or connectivity for seniors from terwillegar, and from Wedgewood. - need parking and at grade or limited grade path
But where do you suggest the parking area been located?
I would like accessibility for seniors at grade or minimum grade. Parking preferred
water park
Pave the trail up from the bridge to the street level. It is a horrible mess now.
like
like
Would love to see a cycling bath on north side between Oleskiw and Wedgewood Ravine.

like
We are really looking forward to being able to bike and run further along this trail when it opens!
accesss to water
like
Put in a granular trail along the old road through the trees here. It should connect the two bridges.
like
This would be a great spot for a parking lot and a washroom facility. Provide drinking water.
like
I understand that this is not Oleskiw Park related, but this would be a great location for a mountain bike skills park.
A bike skills park here or in Terwillegar would be fantastic!



## Open House

An open house was held for the general public on Wednesday September 14 from 5–8pm in the gymnasium at the Westridge Wolf Willow Country Club Community League. The event was advertised through a mail-out flyer, email invitations from City of Edmonton community liaisons, on the project website, in a Riverdalian newspaper article and during the intercept surveys.

Presentation boards providing an initial understanding of existing conditions were available for review comment on throughout the evening. Boards included the following information:

- » Master Plan and Engagement Process
- » Related policies and plans
- » Park, pathway and footbridge development connecting Fort Edmonton Park to Terwillegar Park
- » First look at the history of the site
- » Access and Circulation
- » Amenities and Nodes
- » Activities and Festivals
- » Maintenance and Safety
- » Service and Utilities
- » Topography and Hydrology
- » Vegetation and Open Space
- » Wildlife and Habitats

Attendees were asked if any existing conditions information had been missed. Other major questions included:

- » What is your favourite thing to do in this park? Why?
- » What would you like to do in this park in the future? Why?
- » Why is this park important to you?

One hundred and forty-three people attended the open house. Their comments are listed on the following pages:





<b>Open House</b>
<b>Ribbon of Green Board</b>
Can we focus on building inward and expanding protected areas in the SW?
How do we protect valuable agricultural land? Not in "the plan".
<b>Breathe: Edmonton's Green Network Strategy Board</b>
How do you propose to get rid of plastic garbage and recycling bags
<b>River Valley Parks Board</b>
Develop and maintain existing single track natural trails
Biking trails - single track - multiuse
Develop and maintain single track trails
Keep as natural wildlife area. Do NOT upgrade river-side animal trails
<b>Developing Connections: Community Context Board</b>
Keep dogs on-leash to protect wildlife and other trail users
Please promote safety for pedestrians to dog walkers
Keep single track trails as they are - no gravel or widening
Don't do anything
No off leash
Maintain existing single track bike trails
Keep it natural with a few trails for exercise and dog walking (on and off-leash)
Wheelchair accessible all seasons
But it isn't natural - the floodplain is a farmer's field. Needs restoring to a natural community or developed into something semi-natural, eg an arboretum
No dogs off-leash past Terwillegar dog park
No parking on Oleskiw side
Keep as natural as possible
Consider safety for seniors when planning mountain biking, dog walking, etc
This entrance has to stay a only walking entrance
Maintain existing walking and biking trails only. Do not develop
No dog park. Dedicated mountain bike trails
Ensure park is boat accessible (canoe, kayak, paddleboard)
Terwillegar Master Plan overlay
Since 'higher use' on Terwillegar side, have more 'restricted' use on north side * Nature Preserve
Specific info on what type of trails - gravel, paved, single track
Bathrooms? Tired of toilet paper in the bushes!
No off-leash dogs in Oleskiw
Access limited to walkers or bikers. Where does one park?
Access for police vehicles to patrol area regularly
No commercial activity in either Terwillegar or Oleskiw
Bathroom in the park
With a dog wash!! And bike wash
Emergency signage / phones at key locations on established single track
Parking lot here for access to park (re the existing upland Oleskiw Park)
Protect/restore this tree stand (re the existing upland Oleskiw Park)
Keep the park green
Please keep this natural - no further development is needed. Protect our wildlife!
Put a road through the Golf Course with small, multiple parking lots.
Oleskiw kept mostly natural - as a refuge not as a drive-to destination

Signage on all trails for safety
Discourage this as a place to drive to
Pathways should be narrow not roads
No more off leash dog areas
Existing single track through forest - hiking, biking, running
Cross country ski trails
Single track dirt trails for bikes
Not a dog park or a Hawrelak Park
No off leash dogs
No off leash
Need to ensure appropriate access for emergency services   Trails signed including single-track   and educate how to get
I love the trails and bridges, so many use the trail systems. Keep building more
No park parking on residential streets
No offleash on Oleskiw side
Leave parks in natural state
Discourage interaction with dogs
Tracked cross country ski trails
Tracked XC ski trails
Increase parking on east side of Fort Edm foot bridge
Trails should be natural paths
As long as there is no parking lot down there
Love parks as parks do not put in a parking lot
<b>Site History Board</b>
Occupation goes back 13,000 years
Peter Pocklington, Oilers, Sold Gretzky, owned Capri Drilling, Treasury, Sale, Centennial Valley to City 1986 3/4 years ago
Drew plans for Central Park NY (re Frederick G. Todd)
Edmonton RDA for River Valley ('70's)
<b>Access &amp; Circulation Board</b>
Parking for park here (pointing to east end of Wanyandi Way)
Need 'small' parking lot in Oleskiw close to the park
Gravel trail from residential (Wanyandi) to bridge is limiting to paved access
Trail was built as a road, though not well built
Access only (from existing (Wanyandi Trail) & Terwillegar Park
Need an alternative access to the lower flats
Security and crime is resulting from after hours park use. Please consider more police resources to address.
Leave hill as gravel path
Please fix this gravel trail!
Picknick BBQ areas
Bike locks / Storage
Rest / weather shelters
Signage, orientation maps, share use instructions
No vehicle access (except amulance)
Don't do anything
Maintain expand informal pathway - bikes
Keep parking on Terwillegar side only
No parking on north side of River. Expand to include washrooms in Terwillegar Park
Plant more trees in the former farm area

No need to plant more trees if they hadn't bulldozed the Saskatoon and high bush cranberry when expanded road...
Keep Oleskiw side natural. Parking on the other side. No picnic tables. Washroom near road
Rundell and Gold Bar Park have good examples for maintenance facilities
Restrict parking to south side of river
No parking lot in park
More gravel pathways and networks for jogging/biking/horses/etc
need better access from west-end in addition to Wanyandi Way Trail
1. Montreal 2. Victoria 3. Edmonton oldest golf courses
Restrict vehicle access
Pave path down to the park
Washroom facilities?? Where, when
More single track trails
Create multiple looping trail options - single track and wider gravel
Shelters (rain)
Natural Trail is heavily used by Mtn Biking and to access sand bar
Single track trails for trail running, hiking and mountain biking. These also need to be signed so emergency personnel can locate people
Don't put in parking lot
Parking only on Terweillegar side
Access to park can only be achieved through foot traffic unless signs are posted for restricting parking
The residents are going to suffer greatly with extra traffic and parking issues. Westridge problems have not been resolved despite numerous contacts with the city. Please address this issue
No parking lot!
No parking on N. side
No parking lot down there
Directional signage and maps
pave trail down from Wanyandi, is now treacherous with erosion
Directional signage and maps
Trail separation (bike/walk)
EMS vehicles accessible
accessibility for wheelchairs from top of bank
Love these (re informal path)
Need access to park and for people in Wedgewood
Keep natural. Some picnic spots (walk-in / ride in)
<b>Maintenance &amp; Safety Board</b>
new wider trails needed do not use existing single track!
Really? I have never felt this (re feeling trapped in the park)
Emergency access in case of fire
Crowded street parking (re up north of the park)
No parking lot in Wolf Willow Ridge neighbourhood. Need alternative access with parking lot in lower flats!
Can make small parking lot up top. Lots of green area 10/12 cars
Pave the trail down to the park
safety
No lighting pollution
Educate emergency personnel how to get to this park on the golf course road
Brush fires - 2 in last year - Danger
Ensure dogs are leashed on multi-use trails!

No parking within the park
Unstable river edge
No bush parties! After hours
better policing of partiers (drunks)
issues with after hour parties, drinking/noise, fires and drug dealers
No off leash dogs
Is this important for wildlife? (re beach area)
Important for wildlife movement (re forested area to the east)
Leave park as remote as possible
Signage of trails (dirt) to identify in emergencies
Olesk: Sensitive natural area pls handle with great care!!
This whole park is visible from across the river
No artificial lighting. Disrupts dark sky and wildlife
Pump house
Strategic lighting
Lighting for early morning winter use
No herbicides or pesticides in EITHER park!!
access via Terwillegar Bridge and Fort Edmonton Bridge
Have trail sign posts include a trail marker that emergency services understand location
Keep it as natural as possible
No emergency services access
Emergency call "blue box" locations?
Repair (pave) this trail. Currently only access from is unsafe!
Repair this badly eroded sole access before the law suits begin en masse!
Farm Home Loc. (re northwestern tip of project boundary)
Only access for fire/emerg.
<b>Utilities &amp; Servicing Board</b>
Washrooms in Terwillegar Park and on east side of Fort Edmonton Footbridge
existing bridge lights are way too bright. Light pollution
encourage natural foliage grasses, flowers, river valley eco
Do not disturb east riverside trees for a path
garbage, water fountain, washrooms
Keep the park as natural as possible
Keep natural. Walking, biking on the main paved trail
No parking in Oleskiw Park. Parking at Terwillegar and Fort Edmonton side
Emergency call box, picnic tables by river and by bridge
Drainage (re near centre of park ephemeral stream)
Don't need parking on both sides of river. Already in Ter. Pk. Keep other side natural
There have been at least 2 brush fires on the hill this year - need water access from river to put it out - as it attracts a dozen fire trucks
Need dog bags on the Woodward Way. Do not want development of any kind in Oleskiw
Keep the area natural for walkers, joggers, bikers
Do not provide parking
Park Ranger building with washrooms
Waterlines for urban ag
water fountain for everyone using the area
Garbage containers only along main paved trail

Keep this whole area for walking, hiking and biking only, no cars, quads, playgrounds, soccer fields, etc.
Keep the park as natural as possible
Garbage barrels placed strategically for waste and dog walkers
Make a really cool facilities building, considering surroundings
Emergency phones and lighted trails, water fountain
Would like to see a Ranger Station for security and patrol on a major trail and washroom facilities
Signage and a direction map with km point to point
Keep the riverside natural
Bathroom on Terwillegar side with solar lights on demand
Where are bridge lights coming from? Put call box and bathroom at bridge
<b>Natural Features: Vegetation &amp; Open Space Board</b>
Interpretive signs vegetation + wildlife
Who Cares
Maybe a path west of the river (not next to the river) with one or two access points (paths) in and out to the river for a look so no damage done
I love how natural it is
Bird sanctuary? Increase vegetation to encourage birds ?pond ?trees NATURE
No signs, just birds, bees, natural
Please consult credible environmental and conservation groups. Wealth of expertise in Edmonton
Keep it as natural as possible. Enhance native to attract even more birds eg sanctuary
Removal of invasives and naturalization planting
natural area interpretive signs, keep natural
Plan to allow for natural succession
Excellent opportunity for large-scale re-naturalized and/or reforestation - research apps with UofA?
Rare plants in poplar forest next to River. Old forest along River is sensitive to disturbance. Manage weeds
Train EFD on access for reported fires
Minimize clearing of existing woodland
Have the golf course remove its fenced vegetable garden
Keep natural. Not a dog park
Do not urbanize
Was hay farm (feed)
Allow trees to expand
Restoration/reforestation? Arboretum? Nature plant in plots?
Remove / prohibit golf club debris
Restore to grassland or floodplain space
Leave as is
Keep as a nature preserve wildlife corridor
Vegetated sand bars are important for certain birds
Please no path along the river
Sensitive plant life in area. Be cautious
Preserve wildlife corridor last large natural space
Frisbee golf course
No paths through forest bordering river
Natural as possible
Keep it natural
A company in Calgary sells native grass seed. DO THIS. No mowing or chemicals!!
<b>Natural Features: Topography &amp; Hydrology Board</b>



2004 2005 DEV.
Keep trail gravel
Fix this Trail!
Reduce winter use impact on wildlife. Keep ski trails in open field. Totally. Any development is too much disruption
Separate walking trails from biking
Please keep river's edge trails natural and low impact. Allow for view points to enable a rivers edge experience
Access point for walkers to sandbar
No goldpanning off sandbar
natural with access for x country skiing snowshoeing
No developed trails east of flood line. Keep only animal trails there
benches + picnic tables by river
Dogs on-leash only
Keep the park natural YES YES YES
No, do not upgrade trails along river. Educate cyclists! - No
Don't upgrade trail along River. The forest is narrow and the area is sensitive to disturbance and is animal trail
Leave trail as is
Golf course move its garden and debris off lower flatland
Keep this natural
Keep areas off limits to people and dogs to protect wildlife habitat   Strongly agree
History of the area plaque at/near footbridges
Open this Fall (re Terwillegar Footbridge)
End of Oct (re Terwillegar Footbridge)
Bank stabilization to reduce erosion
No cycling trails near river
Work with emba to design good single track trails that are well planned for drainage, access, safety, sustainability
<b>Activities Board</b>
Currently? Only a few people walking and the odd cyclist
Mountain biking
Biking in park
Primarily dog walking, walking, running. I would prefer to avoid picnic areas / other large developments (keep it peaceful)
Keep maintained basically as it currently is
Picnic area to enjoy river
Mountain bike park? Oleskiw?
Indigenous Traditional Use Activities?
Single track mountain bike trails
Would like to have easier access to the water from the footbridge! Currently is messy, hard to access. Nice picnic area would be great.
Non motorized boat launch
Boat launch?
Or banning of boats from Corridor (?)
Consider jet boat race event
Access to water would be great! Currently difficult to access. Encourage people on beach.
Biking
Leave as many areas natural as possible
All dogs on leash!
Keep park as natural as possible. Benches, garbage bins, dog bags
Quiet natural park. No need to urbanize all our parks

Picnic tables by the river with little bridge to island Sandy Beach on island
Nature interpretation, respect riparian forest
X Country ski trails track + skate
Cross Country Skiing - include on map
Snowshoeing, orienteering
Identifying plants, fun
XC tracks
Saw deer and coyotes, quite exciting
Canoe launch cross country skiing
Keep as is. No need to develop all parkland
XC Ski Tracks
No mtn biking by the river
No biking along the natural animal trail along the river
This area is populated by deer, moose and coyotes
Trail running
<b>Future Conditions: Dreams &amp; Wishes! Board</b>
Paved trail badly needed
Expand parking at east side of Ft Edmonton footbridge
no programming of any sort in this park
.5m nature trail here, please. Low Impact!
need safe, paved, non-vehicular access from Wanyandi Way
no access thru country club
no access through Country Club Golf Course. Maybe thru Country Club neighborhood.
we continue to enjoy some of the best urban mountain biking trails anywhere in North America
no parking thru Wolf Willow Ridge. No access thru Country Club.
parking is an issue. People park as close as possible to the entrances and don't use comm. League lot.
bylaw enforcement for picking up after dogs on trails.
parking is an issue for the neighborhood
lack of parking is an issue for seniors. Access from Wedgewood is difficult without car.
keep natural and accessible (parking) above bank and paved down to park for access to all.
Fav thing - walking with family - hearing impaired and young children can not hear/respond to bikes whistling by - risk of injury and bikes going off trail tears up the forest.
put on Park Ranger regular route
Access for police vehicles to patrol area regularly
Trail running, no parking in park, no more development
maintain as a natural area. People can do "activities" elsewhere.
Parking issue is City of Edm, not residents.
Keep parking on Terwillegar side
Why have they plowed down the abundant saskatoons and many (?) berry? What a loss to the area + to bird people
if paved trail is multi-use post signs for people to keep dogs on eashes and clean up after dogs
no to asphalt (except (??) SUP)
Emergency phones + signage for trails w/higher use
reclaim vegetation in the open area
no to asphalt / concrete here
we call all share the single track *no to gravel
no access thru existing neighborhoods
don't allow park parking on Whitemud rd, in Terwillegar Park Estates, or in Westridge.

keep bikers away from walkers
biker, hiker, runner, walker who want natural technical trails can share
mixed users, not segregated - it creates "us" vs. "them"
need another west end access in addition to Wanyandi Way trail
nature trails where walking is encouraged and limit conflicts with bikers
keep it natural! it's beautiful as it is.
don't do anything
keep these as animal trails. Keep safe, but do not upgrade.
need proper access for police and emergency vehicles
maintain and signage single track trails for all users
Parking on Terweillegar side only
no dogs on the north side of the river. Just trail users (run, xctny) who need not worry about dogs.
adequate access for police vehicles and EMS
status trail terwillegar FB east of bank of river
<b>Feedback Survey</b>
I agree with park development to enhance access/use for all stakeholders. I would encourage development that doesn't compromise the natural state of our Rive Valley or does so to a limited digree.
Please keep park as a natural area and NOT an off-leash park. I own a large dog and feel it is not necessary to use valuable River Valley land as a dog park. Park area -- unique area -- yoga centre
Please understand that not all dog owners like, enjoy, use, off-leash dog parks. We have never liked them and have been dog owners for 30+ years. Dogs can and should be on leash in any park area in order to encourage safety for all. What about a yoga deck?
We appreciate the development of the River Valley - Ribon of Green. We prefer the valey to be as close to natural conditions as possible. We understand the problems of maintaining these trails (flooding, erosion, etc.) and we appreciate the City's efforts to keep them up and running. As the city expands -- please do not allow development (housing or commercial) to break the ribbon. This trail system is unique and enjoyed by many of our neighbours. Thanks for the opportunity to provide input. All the concerns (parking/traffic) that were supposed to materialize because of the Fort Edmonton Foot Bridge have not occurred near as I can tell and we live right in this neighbourhood.
Please keep Oleskiw park as dog free. The other side in Terwiliger is enough. How about bathrooms?
1. The current level of development has increased the crime rate; noise levels; party and drug activity. 2. Please preserve the natural beauty; ask for no or minimal development. 3. Access to Oleskiw park is a major problem. Parking in Woodward Crescent is extreme; disrespectful; noisy at late hours. 4. We are living in very challenging times, perhaps we should direct funds to other key priorities i.e. schools, health care, roads.
Most people [illegible] to agree keeping it as natural as possible is best. Nevertheless, a washroom would keep it clean and provide relief for visitors. Garbage cans required for the dog owners so they actually use them!! Ocasional patrol [illegible] to more [illegible] they look after the dogs -- can't be off-leash as the dogs would destroy the remaining wildlife. [illegible email address] The [illegible] at savage centre were better run.
Please leave north side of river natural. Maybe separate walking and biking trails. Would suggest putting washrooms in at the Teruluga Park.
Please don't utilize Edmonton Country Club for access. Please ensure boat access (canoe; kayak; paddleboards). Very few of our parks include this.
The park has been closed for the entire summer while the new bridge has been constructed -- what a waste! The path access from Oleskiw is a disgrace, and dangerous. If the resulting park is as badly maintained, lord help us!
Very well done. Thank you.
There exist a conflict with bikers speeding on walking trails, would like to see signage advising bikers to ring a bell when approaching walkers from behind.
None. Don't annoy the golfers.
Sign on 170th St. Pamphlet in mailbox.
- Presentation was limited on details. - Poster boards on stands is limited and dated. - With todays technology you can do better to present your message (typical limited planning by city staff!!)
I enjoy the natural areas on the north side of the river. As far as I'm aware, it's a sensitive natural area. *Pls. do what you can to preserve that. Thank you!!

I feel very strongly that there be no parking lot on the Oleskiw side - access through Terwilligar for parking. Please do not consider using the Edmonton country club for access to the flats below. Please leave the flats on the lower land as natural as possible.
Found it a little confusing. Had to study maps intensely.
Please leave the parts [?] in its natural form. We don't need more traffic at the river.
Do not add parking lots. Keep single track trails where available. Add a water fountain in either this proposed area or in Terwilligar. Consult, consult, consult. -- Don't mess this area up. It can work as a natural area with a few trails that are great for everyone.
Looking forward to the bridge opening
Work w/emba to design well planned single track mountain bike trails (safety, drainage). Gravel trail from Wanyandi to bridge to Fort Edmonton is ridiculou * paved trails with 1 section of gravel which is limiting access. Need parking. Parking @ Terwillgar is limited.
This form should be about the park, not about the event.
I am strongly in favour of very limited, target additional development in this area. The City already has large area of developed valley, this area should be kept as natural as possible -- less is more in this case. Keep in mind the forest trails are used and enjoyed by many users, not just mountain bikers. These should be maintained as is and not "improved".
The road down to Oleskiw park did not have any significant erosion problems until the road was changed so equipment could be taken down to construct the Ft. Edmonton footbridge. Now that the road has been ruined, please hire a real road engineer to figure out how to solve the erosion problem. This road gets worse every year.
Keep it natural. There is enough developed park land.
Interested in working in the following: I am a little interested and a little knowledgeable about the [illegible] through the ravine-picking care of. Also interested in the history of the area - first nation and long term Edmonton residents. Intangible archive work. Using park area for education of nature. Valerie Kennedy mover@telus.net.
At future events please provide a brochure as some members of my family were unable to attend.
I would love to be able to crosscountry ski in the new park, without dogs nipping at my heels. Kinsmen Park, where we used to live, had a huge field which was great for skiing. My husband can no longer run in the trails because of dogs chasing after him. Please save trails from being used by off-leash people. Thank you!
How will the input be used? Will decisions be made based upon the input? Tha is, how much thought will be placed on the comments? As a Mountain biker, I would prefer that the natural, simple tracks be maintained. Mimize the amount of development and do not allow to vehicular traffic except for emergency access.
Issues with use of plain by golf + country club: burning, unattended fires; stockpiling of trees cut, other debris, garbage, tires, equipment; fences that disrupt wildlife. Access to park by fire/emergency is inadequate. Fire response uneble to reach area from North -- must navigate through Country Club parking lot. Vital to re-negotiate 'good neighbour' policy with Golf + Country club.
Is is a discussion that can be had online? Re: ideas? (that can get dangerous). I am very familiar with this area; and im mostly concerne about parking. While I like many don't want it, the thrugh is it's necessary and rude to not make this park accessible. So, I suggest multiple small, small parking lots. One, at the area off Woodwucend Drive; there is adequate room for 10-12 cars. eople don't pay attention to the no parking signs anyways. (And [illegible] the righ!) Secondly, parking lots can be created along the access road throught the golf course. Once again... (screw the rich!) Down from the golf course parking lot small parking lots could be cut into the tree line, and bordered by trees. Scattering the parking lots through this area will camouflage them from the area, and make the park accessible. Kind of like at Mill Creek pool. Also, a random amenities building would be cool. Let's think about architecture considering the land, with water
Please do not bulldoze existing singe-track trails. These should be kept natural for all users: dog walkers, hikers, trail runners and mountain bikers. Changes to single track should be made only in consultation with EMBA. Trails signs are also needed for emergency responders to have waypoints and locaters when ems, police, or fire are called.
Alternative access to the lower Oleskiw lands needs to be addressed. There is a high traffic flow, after hour noise and parties, as well as drug deals. Enhanced security and enforcement would be beneficial.
Access to the lower Oleskiw lands remains a critical issue. Currently the only access from the west side is through the Wolf Willow Ridge neighbourhood -- this is unacceptable. Analternative route (possible with road access) is needed to reduce traffic through the WWR neighbourhood. If an alternative road is developed, then aparking lot on the lower lands would allow better access for all edmontonians (including disabled). No parking lot in the WWR neighbourhood. Preference is for little to no development (e.g. leave it natural). Noise, parties, drinking, continue to be issues -- additional security and parking enforcement would be beneficial.
I didn't speak to anyone, just listened. There were a lot of groups talking informal.
Please keep informal trails natural. Bike Clubs/EMBA - mountain trails for all users: trail runners, mountain bikers, hikers, walkers, etc. For use for all those people who wish to explore natural single track.

Love to see dirt single track for runners, bikes, hikers, also some xc ski trails. Fat bike the trails in the winter. Basically a real need for several trails for the different users. Need for a washroom. Need for signage of the trails for tourism, safety. Allow bike clubs to help maintain single track trails.
The river valley is a treasure in this city -- forget the Oilers + Rogers place!! I love the efforts made to preserve this green space while improving access to it. Please consider improving the surface of the gravel road (old farm road) down to the fort Edmonton foot bridge from the Oleskiw side. The cycle commuters in the family find it hazardous at times. And it is a difficult surface for the youngest son, who is in a wheelchair. I am excited for the new connecting trail + footbridge to
Timing and budget for development not clear. [illegible] could be presented. How does this [illegible] fit into other River Valley area improvements. Your land use options can be presented after all we are a winter city.
Single track trails are used by mountain bikers, walkers, runners, snowshoers and many others
Connection up to Woodward Cresc.
Encourage trails from Terwillegar Park to include DOGS
Please leave nature alone. We don't need to urbanize all our parks!!
Access for seniors, parking, skating
Parking near popular paths
Fat biking winter
Please spend as many resources on promoting nature as we do on festivals and events
Don't convert too many nat. areas to parking! That's not the point!
Wildlife viewing, Edmonton Nature Club outings (birds, botany, insects, etc.) deer, coyotes, otter
Bike commutes and taking my son's wheelchair is difficult with current gravel road down to footbridge (loose gravel, erosion) Can this be regraded to a better surface for mobility access?
Difficult for wheelchair on road down to footbridge. Paving/improving that surface would be great!
Pls no parking, picnic sites, large trails! Minimal development - keep natural!
Amenities to support cycling ex repair stations + air
I think only as a road to support footbridge construction. Is now a trail
Single track mountain bike trails. Parking
Please put proper drainage on this trail (re north trail)
Yes keep it natural as they plowed down trees resulting in bank slumpage
This trail needs to be paved. Yes improve wheelchair access
Fix current trail erosion along hill down from Wanyandi Way
Upgrade trails along river. No!
Uses that create a wider base of use & enjoyment as well as entrance security by wider use of east park space. Examples could be vending carts, limited simple food service to enjoy coffee, food, wine etc.
Park ok but no parking lot. No road through the Country Club. Access only from Terwillegar side on walking bridges. Leave natural.
Designated off-leash areas
Please plan around this drainage course. Goes all the way to the west hill
Restore to its former glory! Think beautiful aspen parkland and fescue grassland - low maintenance too! Yes
Parks need to be patrolled!! We have had 2 fires in 2 years. Police won't respond ...
Mountain bike on single track trails (dirt not gravel) Well planned trails designed by EMBA





## External Stakeholder Workshop

An evening of focused discussion and workshop activities for external stakeholders took place on Thursday September 15 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Alfred Savage Centre. Representatives from the following organizations were in attendance:

- » Edmonton Golf and Country Club
- » Edmonton Nature Club
- » Edmonton Mountain Bike Alliance
- » Friends of Terwillegar
- » North Saskatchewan River Valley Conservation Society
- » Westridge Wolf Willow Country Club Community League
- » Wolf Willow Ridge Homeowners Association

The format of the evening included workshop activities that broke out into focused conversations around specific opportunities and constraints in the Oleskiw River Valley Park.

Comments were recorded by participants and moderators on sticky notes and index cards, and in moderator notebooks. Eleven people participated in the workshop. Their comments are listed on the following pages:



<b>External Stakeholder Workshop</b>
<b>Feedback Surveys</b>
Look forward to being kept in the loop
Signage to manage flow and respect private property.
To build multiuse trails
Establish principle that contribute to coexistence of various interests
Add area to trail forks - linking travel through city
Natural space
Preserve natural setting of river valley
Restoration (to former flood plain species) of fescue grassland.
Exercise
Wildlife
Premium nature path
Natural
Connectivity - people + wildlife
Multiple users.
Access!! TOB parking
Parking
Access - Safety for users
Access
Over use
(insert name of path here) is the gateway for Edmonton river valley wilderness. A place where people can appreciate wildlife, connectivity and low impact activities in the quiet of nature.
Natural for multiple users with emergency access and proper signage.
Like the concept of gateway to river of green. Park presents the city the opportunity to create an inexpensive, but expansive, natural environment for both wildlife and communities. Observation has been the less gentrified the to [illegible] the social community interaction.
Quiet. Wildlife. What did it look like? Degraded. Safety + security of members of club - getting hit by golf ball.
Bipedal access and walking is great and quiet
Hear and see ice floes break up in spring. Watch seasons change.
Create an arboreum of both native and non-native trees; also associated gardens of native + non-native plants to educate people on locally adapted vegetation. Interpretation opportunity.
Gravel trail has bird habitats -- perhaps there could be opportunity for class/educational aspects.
[illegible] to single track natural trail system - part of a continuous natural trail from the strathcona science park all the way through river valley to beyond the Anthony Henday (going to Big Island)
Allow natural regeneration to produce a hybrid - semi natural, aesthetic community
To provide greater areas for Rhatigan Ridge residents via a staircase
Public interpretation, fascinating history of amateur golf + landscape change in Edmonton. Connect to stories of Edmonton Golf + Country club.
3rd oldest golf course in Canada.
Open space + woods
Bird watching
Beach use
Golf History
Maintain an ecological corridor - enhance by planting of trees, etc.
Natural area restoration and conservation
University research on wildlife, ecology, hydrology, history, etc.
Ecological restoration and heritage farm.
Accessibility only by foot bridges.

South side acces from Riverbend residents for [illegible] ridge staircase is required.
Resources
Labour intensive
Lack of appropriate nursery stock.
Lack of expertise
Cannot evacuate many people easily in emergency
Terrain and flood plain. But that's also an oppportunity for ecological restoration and countryside.
Cost of natural area restoration
<b>Site History Board</b>
3rd oldest golf course CA
1913 - significantly altered; 1930 - moved up; 1936 - significant altered again; history of golf course - website
1913 opened lower holes
not significantly altered; some alterations
46/48 "slight" modifications
<b>River Valley Parks Board</b>
Debris and garbage littering river bank
<b>Future Conditions: Dreams &amp; Wishes! Board</b>
Keep it natural (naturalized)
Dog friendly recreation + connection between north and south
love the coyotes + deer, birds, wildlife values
Like to see countryside in the city. Farm + golf heritage highlights
Trails: Highlight best practices of construction + function
Favourite recreation use is hiking or xc ski with dog from Belgravia to Oleskiw Soon to Terwillegar
Nature Play
Public interpretation of landscape history here. Especially golf and farm
Canada's 3rd Golf Club: Amateur sport + country club
Botanical resources protected + enhanced. Ecological sensitivities
Maintain natural identity
Opportunity for interpretive for the area Golf/Farm
Learn more of place + peoples here
Arboretum (with memorial trees) and gardens (with native and ...) near Terwillegar end
Keep the natural trail
build a staircase to allow access from south neighbourhood
2 important weeds need to be controlled on this trail - burnet saxifrage & yellow bedstraw
Keep this trail natural
Let the forest grow into the field
Restore ephemeral drainage courses
Native grasslands restoration for non-forest restoration area??
Thicken up the forest here for wildlife movement (re the south portion of the park near the bridge)
Attraction of pollinators - butterflies, hummingbirds
Multi use trail system
maintain wildlife + natural environment
Bee keeping to encourage pollination of more desirable vegetation
Policing + public safety concerns
Re-growth of forest into farm land
signage for direction flow, signage for usage type, signage for emergency location
Not a location for staged or larger public events

demarcation between private/public lands needs clarity
Multiple trails for multiple uses - biking, walking, access for disabilities, strollers, xc skiing, snowhoeing, winter biking
Only multiple trails if habitat is enhanced enough to account for increased use
garbage + garbage collection - opportunity to monitor misuse
Don't forget signage for wildlife and habitat areas!
Manage the parties!
Not too many trails though!
Management of runoff
Manage use of sand dune!
Create a park that is low maintenance
What is the plan for monitoring the nature?

# External Stakeholder Toolkit & Emails from the Public

A take-home information package and survey was made available for stakeholder groups who were unable to attend the stakeholder session in person. A large map of the project area, small-scale information boards and survey were included in the toolkit.

The survey asked participants to provide feedback on the information that was presented at the Oleskiw River Valley Park Master Plan open house and stakeholder session. Toolkits were sent out after the open house sessions and the City of Edmonton is in the process of gathering this feedback.

We received some emails from interested members of the public and their comments are below:

Emails
Member of the public interested in the What We Heard Report from Phase 1
Member of the public interested in cross-country ski trails
Member of the public wanting more single track trails for mountain biking in Dawson Park and Oleskiw River Valley Park
Member of the public concerned about neighbourhood issues around Oleskiw River Valley Park



