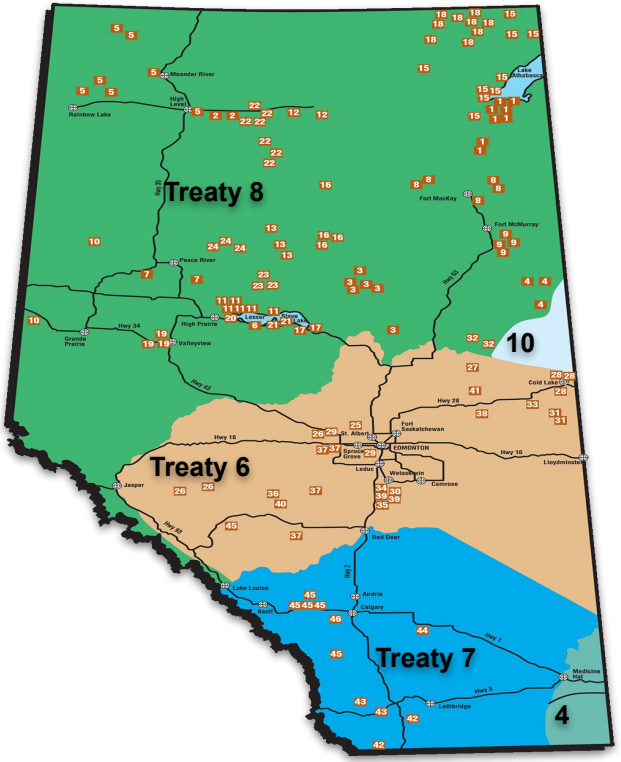
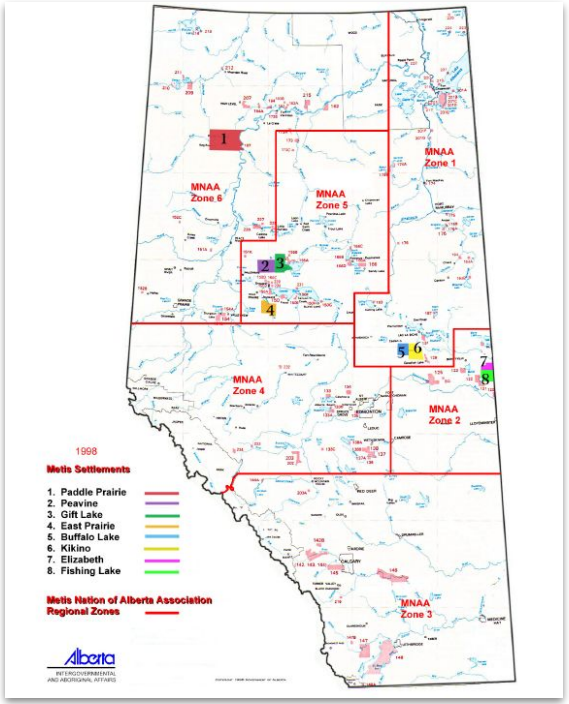
Community Parks Framework

Spring 2022

Land Acknowledgement

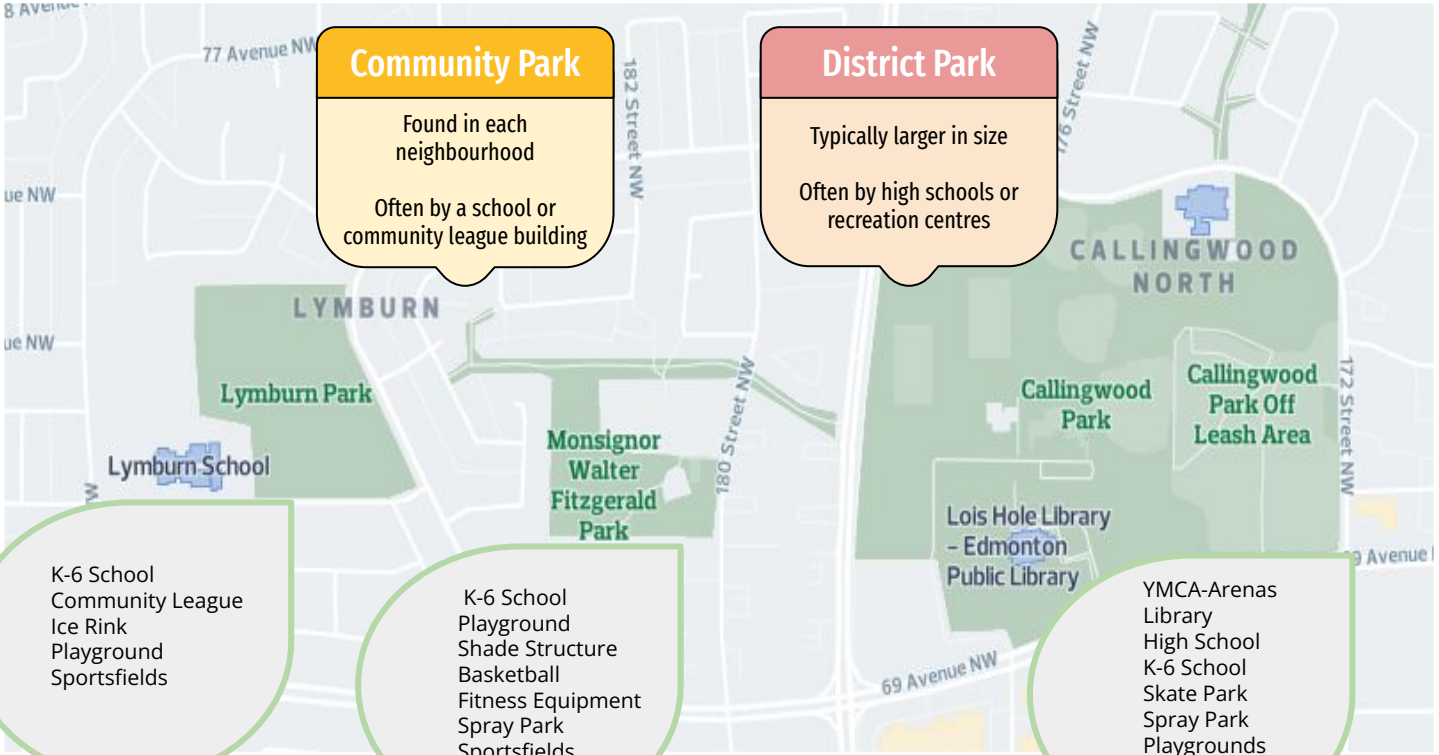




Presentation

- **History & Overview**
- **Proposed Framework**
- **Next Steps**

What is a Community Park?



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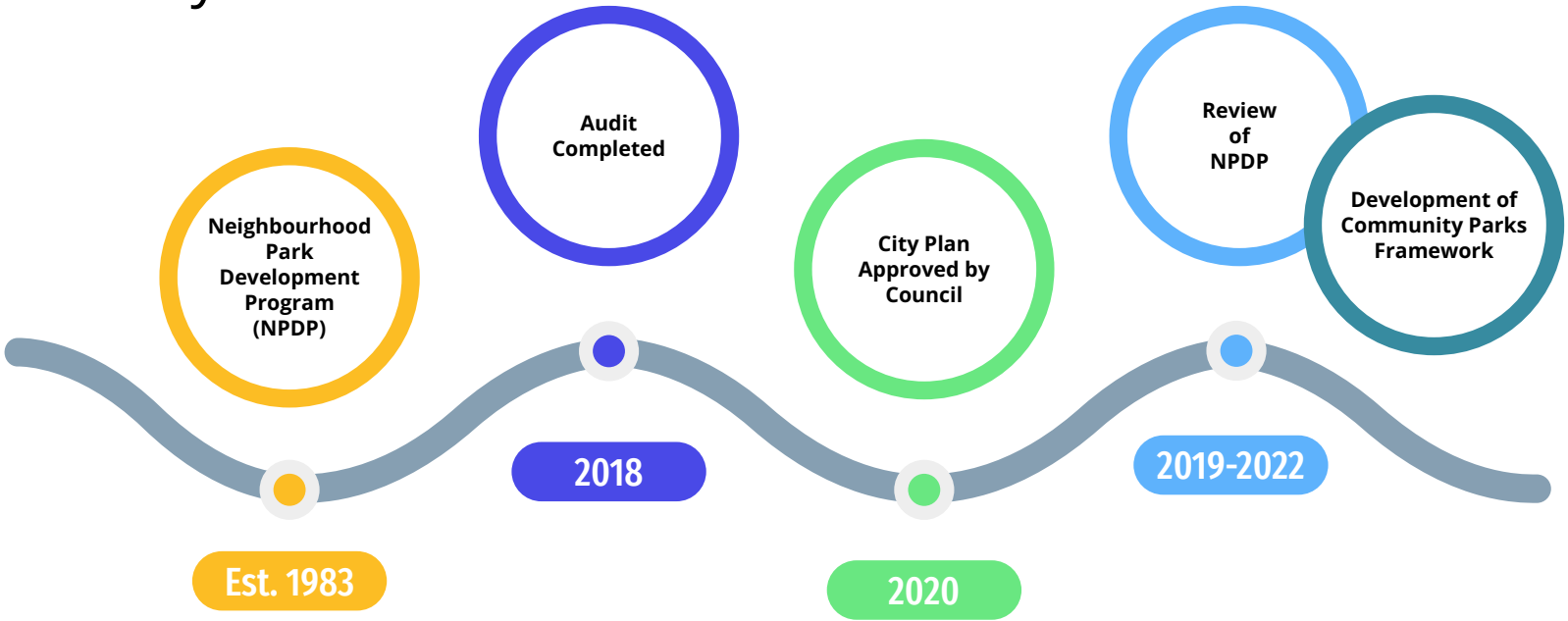
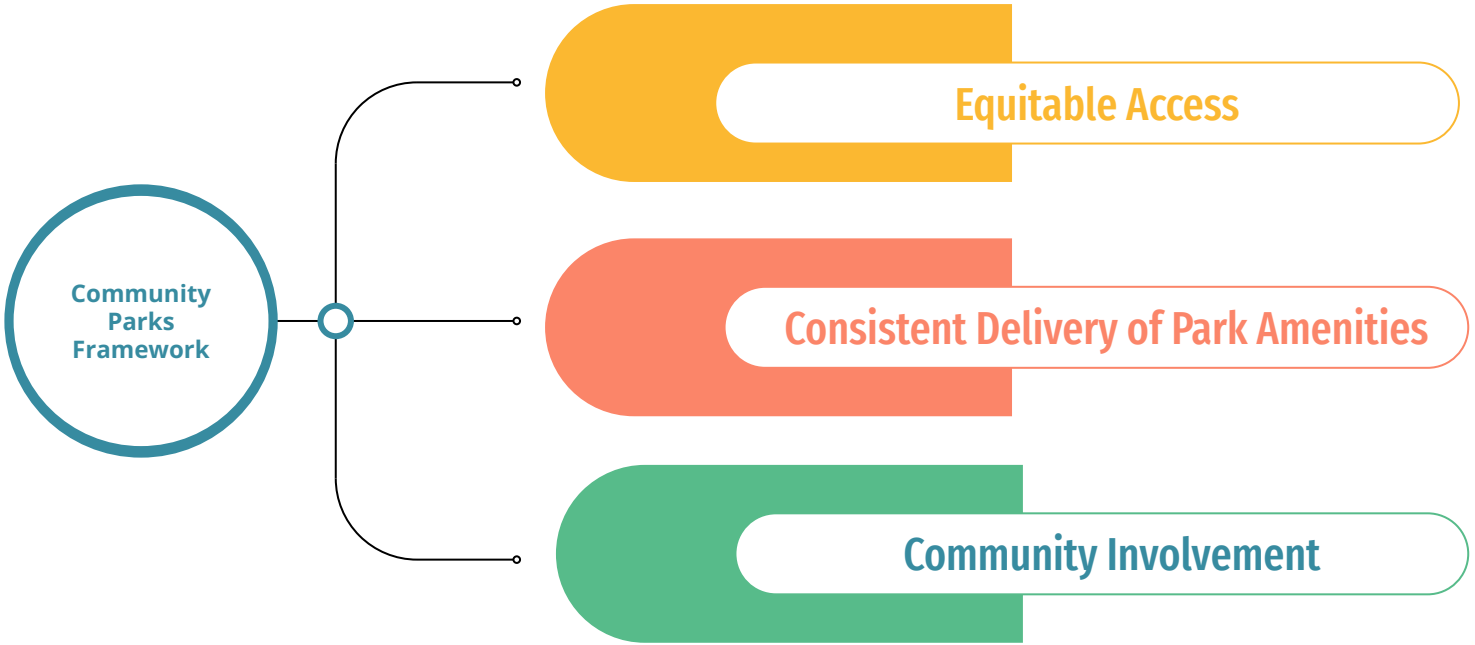

Neighbourhood Park Development Program (NPDP)
Est. 1983
Audit Completed
2018
City Plan Approved by Council
2020
Review of NPDP
Development of Community Parks Framework
2019-2022

Goals



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The Need for Change

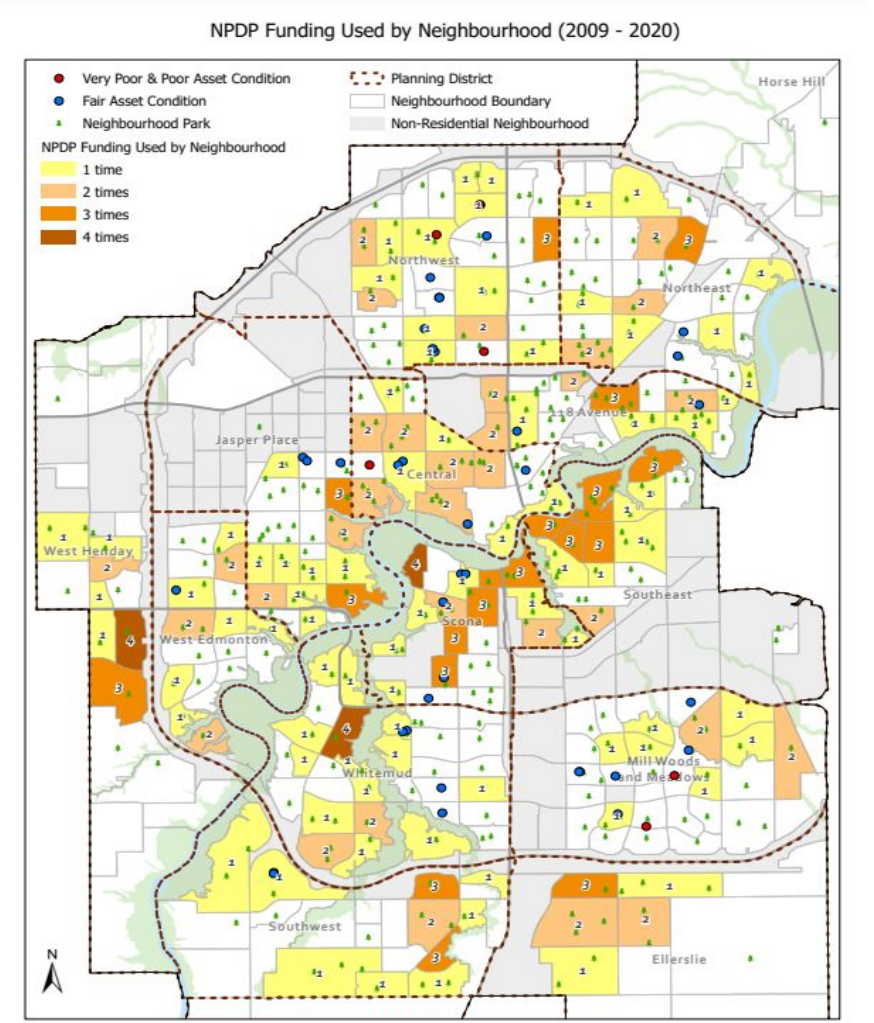
STRATEGIC

EQUITY

OPTIMIZE INVESTMENT

POLICY ALIGNMENT

Current Distribution



PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

The New Approach

- Future Focused
- Strategic and Equitable
- Optimize Investments
- Collaboration with Community

Future Focused

VISION

Edmonton's Community Parks will foster the well-being of individuals by enabling all to engage in meaningful, equitable, accessible outdoor experiences and activities

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Planning, Partnering, Placemaking, Preserving

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Supports Diversity, Redefine how we plan and invest, Explore new approaches to partnership

Strategic & Equitable

Distribution of Community Park Amenities

CORE AMENITIES	SECONDARY AMENITIES	SPECIALITY AMENITIES
Amenities found in every community park	Amenities found within each of the 15 districts (as defined in City Plan)	Amenities are opportunity driven

COMMUNITY- LED AMENITIES
(process remains the same)

Amenities are part of a license, lease or maintenance agreement and built and maintained by the Partner

Distribution of Community Parks Amenities

CORE AMENITIES

Amenities found in every community park

Examples: Playgrounds, Garbage Cans, Seating, Access Walkways, Bike Racks, Landscaping, Grade, Level & Seed, Trees, Park Name Signs, Base-level Sportfields & Fixtures

Distribution of Community Parks Amenities

SECONDARY AMENITIES

Amenities found within each of the 15 districts (as defined in City Plan)

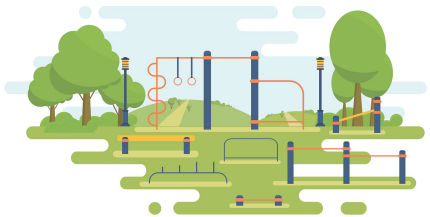
Examples: Spray Parks/Pads, Bike Bumps, Sledding Hills, Skatepark Elements, Shade Shelters, Basketball Courts

Distribution of Community Parks Amenities

SPECIALITY AMENITIES

Amenities are Opportunity Driven

Example: Interpretive Signage, Wayfinding Signage, Fitness Equipment, BMX/Bike Challenge Park, Art Elements/Features, Dog off Leash Areas



Unchanged

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Examples: Community Halls, Rinks, Community Gardens, Changeable Copy Signs

Recap

CORE AMENITIES	SECONDARY AMENITIES	SPECIALITY AMENITIES
Amenities found in every community park	Amenities found within each of the 15 districts (as defined in City Plan)	Amenities are opportunity driven or provided on an as needed basis

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Optimize Investments

Decision Making Matrix

We will use criteria and processes to set priorities

Data Driven

Decision making will be purposeful and intentional

Gap Analysis

We will conduct analysis to identify areas of need

Target

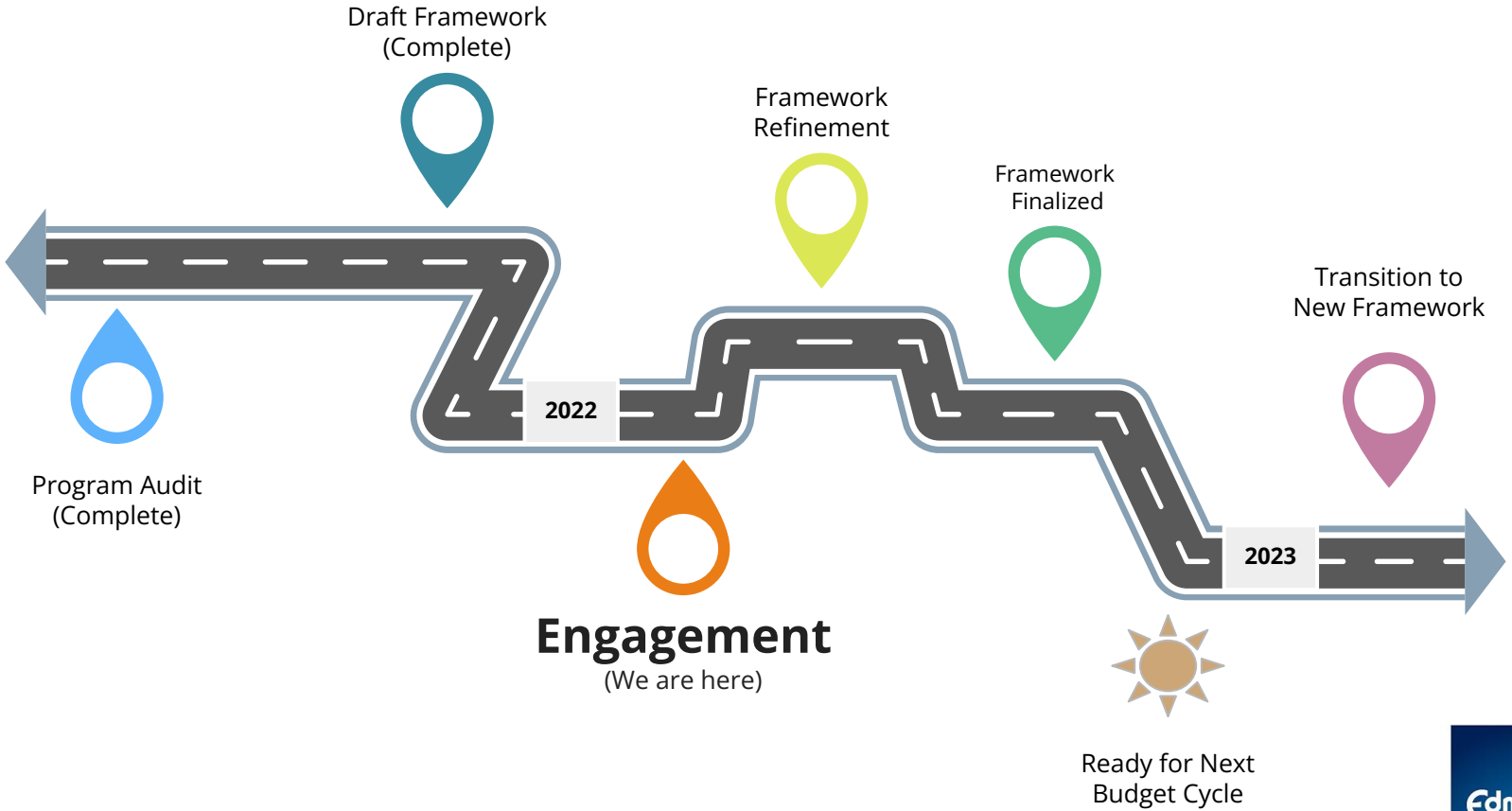
We will ensure amenities and levels of service are distributed equitably

Collaboration with Communities

- Community engagement and involvement
  - Critical to project success!
- Steward community partnerships
- Continue to fundraise for other community initiatives and community led projects
  - Community will no longer be required to fundraise for Core and Secondary Amenities

NEXT STEPS

PROJECT MILESTONES



Implementation and Transition Planning

WHAT HAPPENS TO NPDP?	PROJECTS IN THE QUEUE	IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE
The current NPDP program will continue until the new framework is advanced as part of the 2023-26 budget cycle	Groups working on NPDP projects will be consulted with so they understand how their projects may be impacted	It is anticipated that transition to the new framework will occur in the 2023-2026 budget cycle

In Summary - The New Approach…

Asset Management Principles

Policy Alignment

Collaboration with Community

Honors Partnerships

Strengthen Existing Relationships

Build New Connections

Supports Vibrant, Dynamic & Diverse Year-round Park Use

Create Multifunctional Parks

Supports Social, Mental & Physical Wellness

Adaptable & Responsive to Changing Community Need

Access to Quality Parks for Every Citizen

Prioritizes & Equitably Distributes Limited Resources

Data Driven Decision Making

Improves Services Level Provisions

Thank You

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