



## NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

During the oil-driven economic boom of the 1970s, Edmonton expanded its boundaries and in 1971, the City of Edmonton annexed the entire Castle Downs and Lake District area to accommodate the steady population growth. Development of the neighbourhoods in the Castle Downs area began shortly after the land was subdivided and construction continued into the 1980s.

The neighbourhood outline plan for Lorelei was approved in 1975. Today, Lorelei is a fully developed neighbourhood. The neighbourhood is bounded by Castle Down Road, 97th Street, Beaumaris Road and 160 Avenue. The neighbourhood features a mixture of housing types, and single-detached homes account for approximately half of all units.

One of the more prominent features of the neighbourhood is a large recreation open space located around Lorelei's two elementary schools. A number of pathways promote pedestrian and bicycle travel through the neighbourhood and a long open space buffer bisects the north and south ends of the neighbourhood. Castle Downs Shopping Centre, located at 108 Street and Castle Downs Road, provides commercial services to area residents. Connection with 97th Street on the eastern boundary of the neighbourhood provides residents with good access to a variety of locations in the city.

The Castle Downs area was named by the developer. The intention of the developer was to name the subdivision and neighbourhoods after famous castles. Lorelei is named after a historical castle site on the Rhine river in Germany.