



## NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

The Windermere neighbourhood is located in southwest Edmonton, east of the North Saskatchewan River Valley and south of Anthony Henday Drive. The area was originally part of Strathcona County and used for agriculture with limited residential development, but the land was annexed to the City of Edmonton in 1982. A Neighbourhood Structure Plan (NSP) for Windermere was adopted by City Council in 2006. Comprehensive development began in the late 2000s and is still underway.

Prior to the adoption of the NSP, the area held approximately 80 existing estate residences located along the river edge, that were developed when the land was part of Strathcona County. These residences were generally developed in a linear fashion in the 1960s and 1970s and development continued slowly through the 1980s and 1990s.

The plan for the Windermere neighbourhood includes a range of housing types, densities and designs. Once complete, the neighbourhood will include a mixed-use commercial centre designed as a neighbourhood focal point, and a series of parks, pathways and institutional facilities which will be integrated with the residential development.

The name for this neighbourhood most likely originates from a town of the same name located in Cumbria, England. The name Windermere was likely formed from the words “winder,” which means “to take one’s breath away,” and “mere,” which refers to the boundary of an area or a significant landmark. Edmonton’s Windermere neighbourhood overlooks the River Valley, which is reflected in this name.