

DAWSON PARK AND KINNAIRD RAVINE MASTER PLAN

What You Said
Phase 3: Concept Options
August 2017

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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 second phase of engagement (Vision, Principles & Identity) for the Dawson Park and Kinnaird Ravine Master Plan. Comments are presented from the following engagement opportunities:

75
open house
attendees

19
external stakeholder
participants

303
online survey
users

78
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users

287
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park comments

4574
park element
comments

558
vision comments

The following comments accompany the What We Heard report that provides a more visual summary of the information listed here. The What We Heard report also summarizes the work that has been completed thus far, including an environmental sensitivity analysis. The report can be found on the website at edmonton.ca/dawsonparkmasterplan

This What You Said report documents the individual comments we received during the Phase 2 engagement activities at the open house, external stakeholder session and online. The comments are presented according to engagement activity.

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**in person + online
interactions**

Open House

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

E4C, Alex Taylor School Gymnasium, 5-8pm

75 Attendees

A drop-in open house was held in the E4C Alex Taylor School on a Tuesday evening. Participants were presented with information about the project process and the two concept options through a handout and panels in the room. Four engagement stations were set up to encourage discussion and feedback, with facilitators at each station.

After signing in, participants received a handout which provided an overview of the two concepts as viewed through the lens of each theme. The handout also provided information about next steps and directed visitors to the website. A series of highly-visual information panels offered further background details about the project.

Engagement stations provided participants with the opportunity to review the visions through language, conceptual images, and a comprehensive set of plans and sections that explored both the big ideas and theme-based initiatives of each concept option.

Over 80% of the attendees came from adjacent neighbourhoods; the remainder of attendees came from across the city. Feedback from the survey reported an appreciation for the level of detail and highly-knowledgeable, friendly staff.

Comments were made using sticky notes on the open house presentation boards in response to the informational panels as well as four specific activities. Verbatim comments from the Open House Feedback Forms are also included in this section.



Open House Presentation Boards

Background Boards

- » Rat Creek - Odor control structure req'd in master plan. Drainage Dept. won't complete as stand alone.
- » Snake habernaculum in this area.
- » Safety & maintenance
 - Needle Drop Boy
 - Needle searches
 - When searches are done lots of needles are recovered - hence * to ensure health & safety of all users
- » Several homeless camps throughout entire year, resulting on volumes of garbage and hazardous materials, e.g. needles, rotting food, human waste. What plans are in place to help remedy this situation? How can the park be expanded with such serious concerns in existence?
- » Enhance connections to transit. NOT parking lots. The next lot will be full too (induced demand?)
- » Continuous snow more important than grooming. Provisions for XC ski crossings of cleared trails?

Experience Boards

- » Concept 1 is great. We need to focus on clean up, maintenance + safety.
- » Agree! More cleanup of camps necessary.
- » Agree as long as existing 2 trails that connect to lower gravel trail is kept.
- » Would like to see natural colours for playground eqp to blend in to environment
- » Kids love to climb the hoodoos - work into design
- » Nice
- » Keep trail access open to all: off leash dogs / cyclists. Everyone should share the trail
- » Burdock Root is invasive & should be controlled
- » Looks great!
- » Like!!
- » Much better than what's there now
- » Like the fish habitat goal!
- » Great
- » Nice!
- » Indigenous history
Info plaques etc.
- » Viewpoint takes advantage of its position
Great! Maximizes for more people to use
- » Share the trail!
- » Paved pathway should be for cyclists + IMO pedestrians. No dog walkers
- » Like that considerate dog walkers & cyclists can thoughtfully share the trail :) ["Agree"]
- » KEEP HOODOOS! Very unique ["Agreed!"]
- » No mountain biking - wrecks the earth + vegetation

- » Great access point
- » Minimize ugly signage
- » Maintaining single track natural trails helps reduce conflict on multi-use
- » We can't afford this!
- » Keep natural shoreline. Not man made
- » Kids play in this grass area & people drive too fast here already. Concerns about this ["Agreed"]
- » Needs covered picnic areas? Looks same as now
- » Disagree. Inadequate site distance on Rowland Road.
- » Disagree. Dangerous intersection. Not enough site distance on Rowland Road.
- » Yes please with larger lot
- » I love it!
- » Include in Concept #1 ["Agree"]
- » Wheelchair friendly?
- » Bad for wildlife
- » No suspension bridge - too invasive + costly
- » Not bike friendly
- » Natural design is great
- » Love this! Proximity to parking will be important to young families
- » More activities such as this is great.
- » Include this, but in concept #1 ["Agree"]
- » Bridge too narrow for dogs & they will freak out on suspension
- » Better kept natural
- » A suspension bridge will attract too many people + put stress on the natural veg. + experience. Keep as natural as possible.
- » I like
- » Hate suspension bridge. Too invasive! Keep natural!
- » This is great!!
- » Too invasive; bank stabilization (slope)
- » THIS IS GOOD!!
- » Great idea for Concept 1. As long as bikes have a different option ["Get off & walk"]

Next Steps

- » Does this mean another open house in the Fall of 2017? Would like to focus on other than dog leash issue. Remove it.
- » Public Art?
- » While I understand indigenous peoples were involved in previous phases, I didn't notice us mentioned in phase 3 (this one). I think, in addition to involvement in planning going forward, there's room for indigenous content with regards to signage, language & wayfinding, particularly in concept 1.
- » Do not reduce off-leash
- » Pedestrian bridge below the noisy / ugly 75 St bridge

- » Use 1 more (numbers) to match descriptions to maps
Easier to read
- » Encourage City Council to support final main plan with minimal political interference when a developer comes along and makes a case for a “new + shiny” river valley
- » Natural areas with Hoodoos are uniquely Edmonton. Please keep them. Clean up old metal + machinery
- » Solar panels along cliff on North side of river from Riverdale to Hotel MacDonald
- » Maintain + increase compassionate solutions to homeless camps in park
- » Work with social workers and the homeless population directly
- » Consider a community garden?
- » Consider wooden paths for accessibility but would be costly.
- » Public Art
- » Would like to see further consult with those living North of Rowland Road (essentially living in the park)
- » Safe open concept washrooms w / glass exterior to deter illegal use

Station A: What do you think about the vision statements?

Vision 1

- » OK! Like the new connection.
- » Good!
- » Provide good lighting f/ safety
- » Like this
- » Good!
- » As natural as possible. Naturalize Rat Creek Mouth
- » Need dog park!
- » LOOKS GREAT! Maybe a larger parking lot please!
- » Leave dog park as is
- » Like all listed
- » Naturalized Rat Creek Mouth
- » Keep natural with natural trails
- » Yes because of the natural conservation and keeping size of dog park. Year-round access
- » Recreek? Sounds weird & confusing
- » Yes to Concept One
- » Don't reduce dog park space
- » Keep off-leash dog park for entire park [“Agree”]

Vision 2

- » Leave dog park alone
- » Please keep art out of natural parks
- » No, but great access points + parking but too many changes + restrictions to off leash. Clean up park + keep the same please
- » No to restricting / reducing dog park

- » No parking. Not sure about suspension bridge
- » We want dog park left as is
- » Where is public art?
- » No to larger parking lot
- » No because of too many changes. Needs to focus on natural restoration + clean up. Keep the dog park the same
- » Prefer Concept 1. Suspension bridge over K. Ravine too much!
- » Leave access to dog park alone. Nothing bad if everyone respects each others usage
- » NO! to restricting dog park!
- » NO to restricting dog park! Mutual respect is all that's necessary.
- » No to Kinnaird suspension bridge. Concept 1 much better!
- » Cool idea - needs to be open concept to deter drug use
- » Like this
Proximity to parking for young families?
- » This is good - Need to clean up glass / metal / garbage on river edge.
- » Good idea but needs lighting. Popular drug use homeless camp spot
- » Bandshell!
- » Like playground idea but needs sufficient parking
- » Playground great idea to attract families!
- » This good but include open concert music + arts bandshell for music, movies, plays
Most Edm. Artists live in Riverdale
- » Children play in this green space. Already is a concern over speeding cars on this road. Concerns over addtl traffic routed through area
- » Moving lights would create disadvantage for people exiting Riverdale South
Less time for east travellers on Rowland to stop

Station B: What do you think about the concept options?

Park Use + Amenities

CONCEPT 1

- » Off leash allows dogs to play in packs in grassy fields as we walk and talk with others
- » Maintain existing single-track trails above gravel and paved trail [“AGREED”]
- » All dirt trails in river valley should be off leash.
- » Extend off-leash area to Capilano or to a street.
- » Please increase off-leash areas. Don't reduce
- » Good - New Access!
- » Public Park
Park Use
Dock
→ Kayaks, stand up paddle boards etc...
→ Easy access in / out
- » Fairly wide gap for proposed bench location here

- » Will NOT use leash for dogs while running thru here
- » DON'T LIKE
- » Dog off leash should be extended until Capilano bridge. ["Agree"]
- » Keep off leash on lower dirt trail for running long distance (no hills)
- » Off leash area ends + on leash begins here
- » Another drinking fountain?
- » Off leash trails should be extended ["I agree!"]
- » Extend off leash along the river to the bridge ["I agree" x 3]
- » Extend off leash to bridge
- » Extend off leash to Capilano
At very least leave as is"
- » Leave dog park as is ["Agree"]
- » Extend off leash to Capilano (Leave as is)
- » Washroom should be "open" w/ visibility like Whyte Ave for safety
- » Dog fountain.
- » Signage should be provided @ EDBRC to identify PRIVATE DOCK
- » No offleash in Dawson? Why????
- » Don't reduce dog off leash area!!
- » Wonderful concept, preferred over #2
- » Cyclists need to use their bell. Dog walkers need to recall their dog when bell rung. Let's work together!

CONCEPT 2

- » No need to reduce off leash as cyclists also have the paths on the south side of the river to park + its all on leash on that side
- » Do not reduce dog use.
- » Don't take away our off leash park (anywhere in park)
- » Conflict with cyclists not enough of a problem to restrict off-leash so drastically.
- » Too short dog loop.
- » Off leash too short. Maybe not good to encourage more dog traffic on slope?
- » Restrictive for dog walkers
uncomfortable walking through the slopes
- » Give dog leash area to Capilano (opt 1) and have the upper loop too
- » Off leash needs to be on the main lower path where there is space for them to play + more visible to other users. Better signs re speed limit for bikers is needed
- » Extend pavillion hours all yr 'round
- » Add lighting
- » Not safe walking through tree paths.
- » Doggy water fountain
- » Rat Creek needs odor control structure -- coordination w/ Drainage Dept small \$\$ req'd
- » This sucks for off leash use

- » Off leash needs to be on lower path
No loop
Extend to Capilano
- » I ride my bike through the off leash and don't have a problem sharing the space with dogs
- » Dog walkers are the single largest users of the park year round!! Don't take that away!!
- » Cyclists could help the situation by using bell & slowing down
- » I also agree [in response to the comment above]. The cyclists that have issues are the ones travelling way too fast with no regards to anyone else. Whether they are walking their dog, running, or just going for a stroll. There should be trail speed limits
- » Don't want off leash area at park! Already enough problems with bad dog owners who can't control their dogs
- » Most people have no issue controlling their dogs, that's why they're at the OFFLEASH PARK. The odd one doesn't exceed the amount of poor cyclists traveling far too fast down both the paved trail and the gravel. ["I agree" x 2]
- » Cyclists please use bell, mandatory! Dog walkers need to recall when they hear bell.
- » Consider other location for boat launch - this is inaccessible.
- » I like the use of more garbage cans
- » Could use another washroom on the east end.
- » Increase off leash area. Don't reduce

Connectivity + Circulation

CONCEPT 1

- » I like the new proposed Natural trails.
- » Improve accessibility into park. For people with mobility concerns
- » These are already paved - speed bumps needed
- » Larger parking lot please
Please add a garbage can to every interpretive sign.
- » Not currently gravel
- » Interesting mowed path. ...compromise with some mowed to toss a frisbee or picnic or...?
- » Ensure stakeholders (E.M.B.A.) engaged before any trail closed

CONCEPT 2

- » No more paved paths
- » Like it. Improved E → W trails
- » Too much paving
- » Too much proposed paving! Prefer Concept 1's focus on existing trails
- » Accessible access w/ seats is great ["Agree"]
- » Increasing more paved paths = increased maintenance. How about taking care of existing paths that are in poor conditions now. ["Agree" x 2]
- » Speed bumps for vehicles (bikes)

- » How can a bike that is allowed on roadways and be considered a vehicle, be allowed to rip by a family and their dog as fast as they can on the multi-use trail
ITS NOT A RACE
[“Agree” x6]
- » Multi Use Trail design is at fault. Too long, too straight.
- » Parkland Bylaw #2202
Among other things be cautious when passing slower traffic
- » Invasive to the residents of Virginia Park. More parking in neighbourhood
- » Put a bike lane up on Jasper to go around Dawson Park

Nature + Ecology

CONCEPT 1

- » Keep Kinnaird Ravine as natural as possible. Home to lots of wildlife.
- » Indigenous habitat
- » Legend is great. Can we increase Habitat protection?
- » Please put a garbage can with every interpretive sign, to help keep things natural not dirty.
- » Need plan to ensure garbage from apt dumpsters does not trail into natural areas. Current issue
- » Buffalo bean
- » Keep “pink area” natural
- » Increase Habitat Protection. Uniquely Edmonton
- » Love interpretive signage! Knowledge of history / at risk species builds awareness and pride
- » Milkweed patch for monarch butterflies

CONCEPT 2

- » Lots of grass is nice for picnicking
- » NO [arrow drawn to “Remove Select Vegetation for Improved Sightlines” on legend] Leave natural please!
- » The smell of PT timber retaining walls is toxic in Kinnaird Ravine
- » Too invasive to natural areas and habitat [“Agree”]
- » Very hard to find a natural path underfoot to run on anymore
- » Concept one has a better grasp on what we are looking for. [“Agree” x3]
- » Agree Concept #1 is BETTER!

Safety + Maintenance

CONCEPT 1

- » Light path better, block vehicle access
- » No lighting here? If under bridge is access point needs lighting
- » Light this path.
- » Light this path better
- » Dog off leash mobility great!
- » Rat Creek - odor control structure required
- » Coordinate design [of odor control structure] in conjunction w/ drainage dept.

- » Direct light down and not too much. Keep the river valley natural, minimize light pollution
- » More lit pathways for safety. Make them solar powered?
- » Please clean up old metal throughout park. Too many dog injuries + cuts
- » Call boxes? Need them.
- » Safety + Maintenance
We should focus on massive clean up!
- » Essential that homeless camp and park clean up be addressed! This is a H2O way - federal funding?
- » More garbage cans throughout.
- » Park infrastructure = trees etc
Man made stuff is expensive
Old exercise trail is now rotten + current stuff enough
- » Concept with low maintenance is best. Existing park infrastructure gets very little maintenance!
- » Keep down cost + maintenance costs my taxes are high enough! [“I Agree”]

CONCEPT 2

- » Light the connection paths from the top of valley to park
- » Minimize lighting
- » No “up” lighting please...
- » Clear dead wood along Cromdale Trail. Fire Hazard!
- » Please keep as natural as possible. Uniquely Edmonton
- » Please clean up old metal hazards. Too many dog injuries, paws cut open
- » Garbage cans everywhere please
- » Massive clean up + keep maintained
- » No problem w. minor culling of dead wood. Major human garbage is the problem
- » Leave natural! [Arrow drawn to “Remove select vegetation” on legend]
- » Keep as natural as possible!

Winter

CONCEPT 1

- » No major entrance here [“Agree, Big safety issue”]
- » Current gazebo used as meet up for fatbiking - improved fire pit helpful!
- » Connect skiing to riverside golf course trails
- » Do not reduce dog park [“Agree”, “Also agree”]
- » Use the off leash dog trail year round and appreciate the snow clearing :)
- » NOT CYCLING
- » We want our dog park to remain. No new restrictions

CONCEPT 2

- » Zero reduction of off leash in this area! All parks east along river require on leash. The only other off leash @ river is Rabbit (West End) Cyclists / picnickers etc. have many options along river.

- » Need to allow us to ski thru Riverside Golf Course trails and continue to Goldbar or across Capilano Bridge to Dawson Park
- » Off leash is the best part of Dawson Park - don't reduce.
- » Don't reduce off-leash trails. ["Agree"]
- » Use wayfind signs. New trails
- » Running on winter "dirt" trails with a dog on leash is very hazardous (I've sprained both ankles one year!)
- » Like that we can access to walk the dog offleash all year
- » Hike access for off-leash dog walking
- » Expanded pavillion should take cues from Alfred Savage Centre!

Station C: What park elements do you prefer?

Park Use + Amenities

- » Park entrance should be moved from 90 St further east
- » Park entry concept needs to be refined -- not accurate.
- » No to parking in alley! Access already problematic
- » There would not be conflict, if the cyclists would stay on the paved trail, and the dogs were on the gravel and grass. Except cyclists insist on travelling both paths, so naturally, the dog walkers use both trails as well. Cyclists should be slowing down.
- » Dogs don't know diff between paved & gravel. Physical barriers needed if this is intent
- » Reduce speed of bikes. Leave trails as is except slow bikes down
- » Every park along the river is "on" leash. This is our one spot + it sounds like cyclists + dog walkers need to figure out without parents ("the City"). Cyclists please use your bell . Dog owners need to recall pets.
- » Maintain Dog trails as is
- » Dogs encourage owners / neighbours to engage w/ each other
- » But do a loop too (see concept 2)
- » I like concept 1 overall, but also like the wooden stairs + lookouts under Latta Bridge from Concept 2

Nature + Ecology

- » Which plan is better for fish habitat? If #1 then #1 is better
- » Prefer a balance between manicured lawns and naturalized areas. Appeal to picnickers & group gatherings / sports etc.

Connectivity + Circulation

- » Don't reduce off leash trails!
- » Have an indigenous history depiction (no settler houses

Would you book a meeting room in Dawson Park?

- » No way

John C. Hall Building Use

- » Do tenants want to stay?
- » No commercial activity
- » Coffee house
- » Historical centre / library. Check out books to read in the park!
- » Fully restored, Accessible / visible from park. Coffee / Hot chocolate, Shug-City operated
- » Commercial rental for coffee house or restaurant
- » Coffee house, Bike rentals, Restaurant
- » Meeting space, A rentable venue
- » Concession area, Rest area, Park information, Historic display of area / building / park
- » Café like Little Brick

Station D: Compare the two concept options.

Park Use + Amenities

CONCEPT 1

- » Biggest issue seems to be the conflict between Dog Owners + Cyclists. Cyclists need to forewarn dog walkers. It would also be nice if they slowed down. Most are very good btw just a few bad ones ["I agree"]
- » Keep it as green as can be. Plant more flora + fauna that is original to the valley ["I agree"]
- » Leave the park as natural as possible. The area beneath the Shaw is similar to Concept 2, why do we need another? ["I Agree - DO NOT denature the ravines"]
- » Development is a dirty word. Natural IS BEST!
- » I walk in the park trails often & occasionally meet out of town visitors. They remark how natural the park is especially mid city
- » One of the best natural environments anywhere in a city -- don't change it. ["Perfectly said"]
- » Great. No need to change anything
- » Keep natural ["agree"]
- » I prefer concept 1, b/c no new paved trails, keep park mostly natural, and no mountain biking.
- » Keep as natural as possible. Keep Hoodoos. Uniquely Edmonton
- » This one
- » Keep Natural ["Well said", "agree"]
- » Minimize development. ["Agree"]
- » Small improvements that keep character

CONCEPT 2

- » Concept 2 seems suitable to more diverse population. Allows accessibility to those who require it.
- » Balanced & Realistic
- » Concept 2

ON THE FENCE

- » Concept 1 with some aspects of Concept 2. But keep dog park as is!
- » Take from concept 1 + 2
- » Both have good ideas
- » Concept 1 with elements of Concept 2
- » Don't take away our off leash areas
- » Concept 2 is too restrictive for off-leash dog walking. ["agree"]

Connectivity + Circulation

CONCEPT 1

- » Natural trails. Off leash trails should be kept untouched
- » Dog OFF leash parks should be kept untouched ["agree" x2]
- » Concept 1 -- keep trails natural ["agree" x2]
- » Natural trails are best.
- » Keep off leash as is or extend to Cap Bridge
- » This one
- » Keep Kinnaird R. natural & peaceful
- » Do not pave more trails. ["agree"]
- » No new (blue). Mountain biking trail. Sensitive nature area
- » Keep natural! Don't widen trails or cut sight lines.
- » No new upper trail. Keep natural
- » This one
- » This one.
- » Keep trails natural. Fix existing paved trails to help drainage. Keep off-leash as is ["agree"]

CONCEPT 2

- » Maximized usage brings visitors to the valley
- » Love the idea of a suspension bridge
- » Love the new Ada staircase proposed
- » Too much pavement for me but it will give better access to those requiring mobility devices.

ON THE FENCE

- » Improve for safety - thin some areas. More signs

Nature + Ecology

CONCEPT 1

- » This one
- » A focus on ecology + restoration to me is the most important imperative of the city.
- » This one.
- » Concept 1
- » This one
- » Agree to keep natural and remove invasive species
- » Perfect, WOW!
- » Keep out mountain biking => concept 1
- » Great concept 1
Don't forget garbage cans help keep things natural + not on the ground
- » Concept 1

- » Keep natural ["Agree"]
- » Seems like a lot of vegetation removal is required

CONCEPT 2

- » This is great. Will be appreciated by visitors to Edmonton as well
- » Areas prone to slope erosion better managed with engineered solutions

Safety + Maintenance

CONCEPT 1

- » Great idea to maintain park trails and improve sightline
- » Low maintenance is best
- » Needs more lighting for trail accesses
Call boxes f/ safety
Needle cleanup ongoing
This one but not compromise above safety issues
- » This one
- » Natural aspect of park is important
- » Low maintenance
- » Reduce speed of bikes
- » Parks are not meant to be safe they are meant to be dark at night + people should have their own safety plans
- » Way way way less infrastructure so we can afford programming + maint (did I say way less infrastructure yet)
- » Please clean up old metal machinery. Too many dog injuries. Increased lighting. (solar powered)
- » Minimize clearing. Be very selective!
- » Keep area peaceful & natural: Kinnaird Ravine ["Agree"]
- » Concept 1 is fine

CONCEPT 2

- » This area has always been prone to natural trail closures therefore Vision 2 makes more sense
- » Keep the park as it is + more so
↑ naturalization
- » Nature habitat restoration
Only concept I like is daylighting creek
- » Design infrastructure to discourage homeless camping.

ON THE FENCE

- » Is the maintenance of these trails etc... in the City's budget?
- » Fire prevention maintenance required of dry brush
- » Neither concept has addressed homelessness + a program to help.

Identity + Experience

CONCEPT 1

- » What about indigenous identity?
- » Good
- » I think we should take this opportunity to make a big change.

- » This one.
- » This one
- » Concept 1
Natural areas are best for recreation
- » More 1st Nations consultation.
- » Please keep it as natural as possible. Experience unique to Edmonton
- » Concept one!
- » Protect natural aspect of Kinnaird Ravine!

CONCEPT 2

- » More access from Jasper will detract from wilderness feeling of the park

ON THE FENCE

- » Access from Jasper Ave would enhance people's lives. But must be done as ecologically friendly as possible

Open House Feedback Forms

What did you enjoy most about the open house event?

- » I liked the openness and availability of city staff at the event.
- » Opportunity for feedback
- » Large variety of opinions. Dogs vs bikes the never-ending battle
- » All good
- » Lots of info - graphics are good
- » Allowing locals to express their views + opinions. Listening to our wants + needs
- » Easy + accessible venue
- » The opportunity to participate in this phase of the planning
- » Friendly staff. The concepts are coming along to what people asked for.
- » It is great to see the concern so many have for our public spaces. It is great to see the effort put into those plans by City employees. Thanks!
- » Easy to view and get to. Accessible. PLENTY OF ROOM

What aspect of the open house event do you think could be improved?

- » Indigenous presence AT the open house in addition to very [indecipherable]
- » Only two concepts is somewhat an ultimatum. Maybe more concept ideas
- » Free pizza haha
- » Too much info to absorb all at once
- » I'm not sure. The presentation was very complete and understandable.
- » Clear direction in in how to start.
- » Staff were available to chat and answer questions... but could still be more conversational at the end for wrap-up.

Additional Comments

- » I was disappointed of the lack of indigenous presence & representation at the open house. While a staff member indicated we were involved in earlier phases' open houses & stakeholder meetings, the lack of my presence [indecipherable] was concerning. It makes the city's commitment to better relationships with indigenous peoples feel like lip service
- » The entire conflict between the OFF LEASH dog walkers and the cyclists is very easy to fix. Cyclists on pavement only. Dogs on gravel only. No big deal. Please keep the dog park the same as it is. Hundreds of people use it to walk their dogs on a daily basis. The large fields and river access is perfect for my dog. I personally use the park every single day, to walk my little doggy. How can he or I have the same experience in the woods on a poorly lit trail, much closer to coyotes and other wildlife. The sightlines are very poor on these trails. PLEASE MAINTAIN THE DOG OFF LEASH AREAS AS THEY ARE.
- » Sorry could not stay - back strain - couldn't stand still for 30 secs
- » I'm good with either concept. I don't care how much parking. I like all ideas to keep it as green as possible.
- » Would like to see a further consultation held with the residents on North of Rowland Road who essentially live in Dawson Park and most directly impacted. One evening is not enough to capture feedback from these residents
- » Keep it simple, natural, and family friendly.
- » Overall, my preference is for Concept #1, but there is one aspect of Concept #2, the expanded amenity building, that would be a great improvement.
- » The river valley is Edmonton's best asset. Keep trying to make it better! We need more pedestrian bridges and the City should reclaim / buy out / naturalize some of the golf course spaces to expand public river valley use.
- » Did someone who wants more offleash area for dogs put several stickies on every map

External Stakeholder Workshop

Wednesday, May 31, 2017
E4C, Alex Taylor School Gymnasium, 5:30 – 7:30pm
11 Participants

External stakeholders were invited to attend a two-hour session about the park concept options. Stakeholders were provided with an in-depth walk-through of the panels and invited to ask questions and comment throughout.

Stakeholders were encouraged to share ideas as a group, and also provide individual feedback using stations set up around the room or through written comment. The majority of the time was spent discussing what the group thought about the concept options.

Organizations that were represented include:

- » Sierra Club Canada Foundation (Edmonton Group)
- » Edmonton Area Land Trust, North Saskatchewan River Valley Conservation Society
- » RiverWatch
- » Cromdale Community League
- » Edmonton Dragon Boat Racing Club
- » EDBRC Dragon Club
- » Dogs Off Leash Ambassador & Riverdale Community League
- » Friends of Kinnaird Ravine
- » Protect Edmonton's Parks

Written comments were collected using sticky notes on the presentation boards and through the event feedback form.



Station A: What do you think about the vision statements?

Vision 1

- » Under Latta bridge is good for sledding.
- » Love the native grass + shrubs
- » Buffalo sculptures / interpretation
- » Bison Trail: Park entry + top of bank promenade
Sculpture + hoofprints of Bison!! Wow
- » Look @ "The Forks" in Winnipeg as example
- » Trail proposal might be excessive.
- » Goat trails are already there
- » Active + risky play in existing nature.
- » Indigenous theme play - Eagle Program.
- » Heritage site @ Rat Creek. Sam Steel
- » Historical elements
 - housing @ top of bank
 - mouth of RC
 - mining
- » First Nations history
- » Good ravine for reclamation - industry has had a big effect
- » Working class miners lived here. Interpret it.
- » John C. Hall Residence: Hub for Nature Play programs -
e.g. No Child Left Inside, Last Child in the Woods, Eagle Program CoE
- » Love history of early fur trade families + cross-cultural kinship → point of PRIDE ∞ FAM
- » River Lot 26 James Kirkness history
- » History of Metis families around the park. Kirkness, etc.
- » Jane Salisbury - similar use to what is there today
- » Active risky nature play in real nature (Sheriff Robertson) + program facilitation (Green Shack) better than fake playground

Vision 2

- » Looks fake. Too manicured

Station B: What do you think about the concept options?

Park Use + Amenities

CONCEPT 1

- » Do you think the designers of previous concepts didn't think they would be maintained? Frankly I think this whole plan unrealistic unsustainable + undesirable. Sorry, some nice elements
- » Flexibility in use is important - very strict restrictions aren't always good.
- » Social gathering places!
- » What already works, works - doesn't need big interventions

- » Sounds expensive - what are the top priorities?
- » Fences to separate fishing + dogs?
- » Picnic area - lots of dogs want to get down to the water. Conflict / opportunity
- » Water for cooking - a tap
- » All that needs to be changed is one tap in the women's washroom needs to be fixed.
- » The current shelter + picnic tables are in excellent condition. They do not need to be replaced.
- » I love dogs, but I go to the river valley to see nature, not dogs, + dogs off-leash scare away wildlife. Keep them welcome on-leash on trails + off-leash in an enclosure.
- » Off-leash areas should be fenced in. Dogs should be welcome on-leash everywhere else.
- » People use existing picnic tables
- » About 80% of asphalt trail & gravel trail use in summer is by dog owners & walkers
- » Wires + broken glass @ river edge.
- » I suggest a field trip & local users
- » Mixed use + group use should be considered. e.g. family + multigenerational groups
- » Dog beach. Is it possible to retain?
- » Beach is good but it's so far away. Have more than one + flexibility
- » Right now Sheriff Robertson could be anywhere.
- » Gateway to the park - currently closed off

CONCEPT 2

- » Off leash area
 - Parking?
 - Dog users will stage in viewpoint at residences
- » Potential for safety & conflict issues with homeless & dog owners in upper trails
- » What about fenced off-leash areas?
- » Safety on upper path - encampments + conflict.
- » As a female would feel unsafe on upper trail.
- » Parking for off-leash area - destination park
- » Dog walkers are like unpaid patrollers
- » About 80% of Dawson Park users are dog users esp. in winter
- » #'s of dog-walkers + cyclists?

Connectivity + Circulation

CONCEPT 1

- » Take into account all users + accessibility
- » Sierra Club prepared ADA guidelines on trails.
- » Let people design the trails.
- » Don't presume a distance limitation on chairs.
- » Too many new trails
- » Not aggregate goat trails | I really think so anyway

- » Add benches for senior-friendly seating along trails. Places to talk.
- » No off-ramps to gathering places.
- » Trails that are more natural NOT more natural trails
Think this is huge overkill
- » Good connection to LRT!
- » Attach to existing gathering places in ravine.
- » Trail riders can go through the ravine.

CONCEPT 2

- » Existing stairs are not well kept - how will move be maintained?
- » Public Dock
Dragon Boat Dock + Riverwatch
Need to make sure we propose something that works for all
- » This design works for Riverwatch but Public | Dragon Boat doesn't work
Boat need to drag downstream

Nature + Ecology

CONCEPT 1

- » Fire smart guidelines aren't nec. in line w restoration
- » Clearings look too big.
- » Concerned about fire prevention?
- » CPTED principles - North side of Kinnaird
- » Meadow precedent - from Edmonton? Elsewhere
- » Kinnaird should be a priority over lands above Highlands Golf Course
Firesmart

Safety + Maintenance

CONCEPT 1

- » Sam Steel camp site 1875
- » Sam Steel monument
- » Solar lamps at dog owners' gathering spots especially for winter
- » Lamp-post to light dog-owner gathering spot - esp. for winter
- » Social work response team? Children's playgrd staff?
Needed in park
- » Fundamentally need CoE staff in park, more eyes + safer.
Also Emerg response
- » Regular CoE rangers + EPS presence needed. Post CoE staff in building.
- » Fence this off-leash area

Winter

CONCEPT 1

- » Love winter garden + natural landscapes in winter
- » Neighbour observes 80% winter users are dog walking

- » Retain: Winter use highlights dog walking off leash + snow play
- » Keep campfire spots + add fireplace?
- » Winter walk program + kicksleds for shared use + SES access
- » Think about XC skiing traverses + circuits to commute (short + long) + use ETS
- » Like ski-LRT options to Kinnaird + Dawson + Riverside...
- » Approx. 90% of asphalt trail use in winter is by dog-owners / walkers

Station D: Compare the two concept options.

Park Use + Amenities

CONCEPT 1

- » I like the themes captured. Concept 1
- » I love Concept #1

CONCEPT 2

- » Proposed high / med density develop. Means increased users. We need to control their use - make it easy to maintain / clean
- » Go to the mountains if you want "natural"
- » Concept 2 works best
- » → anticipates population increase in area
- » → this is an urban park.

ON THE FENCE

- » Anticipate policy framework from:
 - Stadium Station ARP / TOD
 - Coliseum Station ARP & Norwood Blvd

Connectivity + Circulation

CONCEPT 1

- » Concept 1 has great trail ideas.

CONCEPT 2

- » Concept 2 works best.
- » Need paved roads to facilitate clean up.

Nature + Ecology

CONCEPT 1

- » I like the plateau ideas for Concept 1

CONCEPT 2

- » Concept 2 works best. Urban park with natural features
- » We need better access to the river so people don't bushwack

Safety + Maintenance

CONCEPT 2

- » We need more access by City employees to keep it safe
- » Concept 2 Human Health, safety & convenience is key.

ON THE FENCE

- » Fire - fuel management at the top of ravine / river beds adjacent to residential development
- » CPTED
 - considerations at the top of the Kinnaird Ravine trails
 - Northside

Identity + Experience

CONCEPT 1

- » I like the “bring it back” restoration theme
Concept #1

CONCEPT 2

- » Concept 2 - perfect combination recreation where natural character is maintained

External Stakeholder Feedback Forms

What did you enjoy most about the Stakeholder session?

- » Group discussion and sharing of ideas and perspectives.
- » Opportunity to share ideas - appreciate the time given to present concepts.
- » Feedback on more details of the plan
- » Seeing the two concepts so well developed... you made amazing progress! Good ideas!

What aspect of the stakeholder session do you think could be improved?

- » Good process that encouraged participation - no addition necessary for a similar, future event.
- » I loved how the conversation was enhanced by the Sierra Club but it did feel heavy at times or off track.
- » The length of the concepts. Maybe have a rep at each board to answer specific concerns so others are not bored by drawn out discussions
- » A few people dominated the group discussion. But staff handled it well and allowed smaller group discussion.
Thanks!

Additional Comments

- » Not sure my concerns will be addressed but I appreciate that my comments were received and will be seriously considered. Engaging & receptive staff.
- » Report produced was well done. While there were a few details that needed “tweaking”, it captured and showed how all the comments collected were used.

- » Thanks so much for the time that’s been spent by the City. It’s going to be beautiful. Concept #1 is great!
- » EDBRC (dragon club) would benefit from both concepts. Our biggest concern is parking and a walk down boat launch. At the moment there is a huge issue whenever we put our boats in or take them out of the river. The banks are too steep. We need to know the dimensions of the dock system that will be used so we can order new docks that will be compatible.

Online Survey

June 2 to June 15, 2017

303 survey respondents

<https://www.edmonton.ca/dawsonparkmasterplan>

To provide an opportunity for citizens to give feedback at their convenience, a version of the information and activities was available online for two weeks. The survey was advertised through the City's social media, outreach materials (such as mailed flyers), and at in-person events. In addition to being available on the project website, the survey was also distributed through Edmonton's Insight Community.

The online survey invited participants to answer multiple choice questions and leave written comments, presenting the same information that was available at the open house and external stakeholder session. The following comments were made in addition to the tallies and summaries of comments presented in the What We Heard Report.

City of Edmonton Surveys



YOUR PROGRESS



There are four parts to this survey. Approximate times for each section are indicated below. Please select the sections you are interested in providing feedback on:

Please select all that apply.

- Vision statements (5 minutes)
- Compare the two draft concept options (10 minutes)
- Park element preferences (10 minutes)
- Online map tool to post your comments spatially on the draft concept options (10 minutes)

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What do you think about the vision statements?

Vision 1

- » It's a refuge for street people. Cause it's closest to the services they seek. How can this be changed.
- » Both statements say essentially the same thing. Stripping out all the buzzwords, the master plan is, at it's core; A plan to create a public park.
- » I like the idea of preserving the natural beauty of the valley, but, in order to be something for everyone, not just cyclists and dog owners.
- » At first, I didn't understand what is implied by "rejuvenate and recreate." I was reading "recreate" and "re-create" instead of recreation. These sentences seem very wordy and airy fairy.
- » I think we need to put food trucks and more seats for resting
- » Not sure I like the word rejuvenete
- » Its the right one!
- » Sustainable maintenance and environmental protection are vital.
- » I do not think we can conserving wildlife habitat within a city park with unlimited access. I would rewrite this passage as "we will respect a wildlife..."
- » Sounds hippy dippy
- » This is one of the oldest parts of Edmonton's early inhabitation, and is the link between the east and west parts of the entire valley, especially as the 'skyline trail' section opposite on the steep south bank just upriver has experienced severe slumping in the past few weeks and is no longer safe to transit on single track trail, and the paved path is in danger or collapse.
- » wildlife is not particularly important for an urban park
- » It's this line that caught my attention and that missing in Vision #2: ..."community stewardship, sustainable maintenance and environmental protection for all visitors to appreciate now and into the future." Incredibly strong words that not only promote a vision, but responsibility to act in accordance.
- » the key will be how much development detracts from the nature benefits touted
- » Conservation, wildlife/ecosystem preservation, mental health -- all good!
- » I think the river valley should be left as is. It is developed enough already.
- » I just like how it reads
- » I like the section about providing sanctuary in nature. However I feel that there should be more focus on public land use rather than private land use.
- » I like the strong emphasis on environmental protection, I feel like this is a key part of the ribbon of green.
- » For me, a vision statement needs to be crisper. This one is, to my liking, too long. Plus some of the wording is, um, odd. For example: "As a park and passage..." Passage? Not sure what is meant by that.
- » I don't think year round access to the North Saskatchewan River is of any benefit to anyone.
- » Connects the value of nature with mind body & soul
- » I like the emphasis on the natural and environmental elements of the plan.
- » I agree it is very important to allow people to connect with nature in the city
- » The wording makes me want to go and see these places.
- » I use Dawson Park twice a week in order to Dragon Boat with the Edmonton Dragon Boat Racing Club. It is one of the best ways for Edmontonians to get out and experience our beautiful valley.
- » WE need more nature and less people in some of the ravines.
- » I appreciate that the vision statement incorporates both the benefits to visitors as well as the importance of ecological preservation and environmental protection.
- » It doesn't have a huge amount of meaning to me when i read it.
- » I like the reference to year round access, would like to see it embrace multiple modes of recreation in the park
- » Focus on preserving natural elements
- » Great
- » I really like the year round access plan to the park
- » This one aims to keep the area quite natural, which in my opinion would be the most rejuvenating.
- » I like this one most because it is mostly about being able to access the natural river valley terrain.
- » For me, the conservation of wildlife habitat and the respect of the heritage of open spaces is more important than destroying habitat in order to make room for more concerts and festivals. This vision statement speaks to the importance of the ecological connectivity and the importance of respect for the existing environment and its continuing sustainability.
- » does all visitors include physically challenged users especially those with walkers, wheelchairs and scooters? What about skiers, bicycle users, rollerbladers etc? skateboarders longboarders strollers with humans pushing children?
- » Need more room for freeways and roads.
- » While the parks are nice, the city and our council seem to have wrong headed priorities. If they want to reduce stress for a vast majority of citizens, visitors, and aliens, they should concentrate on making our infrastructure,

transportation (including roads and transit), and maintenance are the best they could possibly be. Still LOTS of room for improvement there. What percent of the population are in the park at any given moment? Over night? In the winter? Many multiples of that are traveling (private and public transportation) on our crumbling, poorly planned roads and our pathetic public transportation system. Why spend tax dollars on vanity and not necessity? I'm sure the vast majority of citizens would prefer improvement to something they have to use every day instead of making something "pretty" they may never use. Spending on the 1% instead of the 99% seems silly (wanted to use a much stronger word here) to me. I understand that logic and good stewardship have no place in today's city council but despite many many many disappointments I... what am I saying... I expect nothing but more disappointments from the mayor and council. Please surprise me one day. I beg of you...

- » While I don't disagree with the message of the statement, it uses a lot of \$10 words. The message sounds like someone is trying to sound like they're really smart.
- » Gives well explained vision of our park system and how we can use it.
- » This mentions the North Saskatchewan River. It also mentions providing year round access.
- » The prime emphasis and focus is on human activity and need. "while" is secondary and it should be reversed. there is much in Edmonton to help citizens recreate - for the Wild, much much less. Edmontonians understand this and want the Wild on its on merits, not as another form of 'recreation'. Too anthropocentric...
- » want the park to be part of the city year round to promote access, sustainability and protection of the environment
- » Too formal.
- » Considers recreational, cultural and mental benefits of nature as well as the ecological considerations and environmental protection.
- » Year-round use and focusing on connecting citizens to nature.
- » Hits on some of the key words/concepts important to me including: rejuvenate, recreate, physical and mental benefits, sustainable maintenance and environmental protection
- » This vision makes it sound like Dawson Park and Kinnaird Ravine will be natural areas that Edmontonians can enjoy. We are entering nature in these parks
- » This vision does not incorporate any mention of accessibility of the area to city residents. This vision implies that we should keep it wild and the same. I live near here and it is not very friendly for visiting.

- » I'd like to see mention of how important this river has been for centuries to this area. The indigenous name translates into "river that flows at a walking pace". I encourage someone on this team to go on a river valley walk with Dr. Dwayne Donald from the U of A.
- » I like the statement of "year-round access" and "provides a sanctuary" I also agree with the environmental protection, community stewardship, and sustainable maintenance.
- » I like the reference to personal health, connecting to nature, and maintaining habitat.
- » Maintaining green space in the City is important to maintain our awareness of the value and gift of nature.
- » I generally agree with the mission statement, however we need some coffee shops, restaurants, etc in the central part of the river valley around downtown and old strathcona. The above mission statement does not include this, which is a disservice to our city. People think one coffee shop is going to influence the "Paving over" of our river valley.
- » Recreate what? (1st sentence) Why is it essential? (2nd paragraph) Don't necessarily agree we need to respect the heritage of our open spaces. I'm not sure I would encourage year round access to the river - sounds dangerous. Don't agree it provides all visitors with this (stewardship, maintenance and environmental protection).
- » There are plenty of natural areas and natural habitat in Alberta. I believe that the parks and open spaces within the city should be made more "urban" (as supposed to "natural") with a variety of destinations and activities for city residents and visitors to choose from.
- » "a sanctuary for visitors" - this park isn't exactly a tourist draw, not is it easily accessible unless your just passing through on a bike and already in the river valley. This area also doesn't seem to be anymore ecologically sensitive than any other portion of the downtown river valley. What is the actual vision for the park? This seems like regurgitated words taken from the higher level policy document of the NSRV in general.
- » Controlled or limited Year-round access to the North Saskatchewan River and Ravine system promotes sustainability
- » I enjoy our river valley, park area's.
- » Access to natural areas along with maintenance and environmental protection should be a required no questions asked responsibility of the City of Edmonton
- » too wordy, too bureaucratic sounding, boring!
- » When are the homeless given space to live in a building instead of a park.
- » It mentions ecological consideration and environmental protection.
- » The vision preserves the natural environment and allow people to enjoy it
- » The concept is desirable.. but at what cost

- » I like how it balances human needs with ecological needs.
- » As a frequent user of all these areas I find that it is the place I go for relaxing, enjoying nature, getting exercise and experiencing the great outdoors with in the city limits.
- » I think they need to be blended - it is a sanctuary that offer recreation and exploration.
- » Parks do not provide access to nature. Nature provides access to nature. Building a beautiful staircase or road into a park is not needed as much as building receptivity into the minds of humans. In otherwords infrastructure needs to be less intense less expensive less difficult to maintain and jobs need to be created for more programming, cleaning, stocking wood at the existing picnic area.
- » Providing year round access in our climate is not cost efficient for the number that would access the park I the dead of winter
- » great place to explore through all seasons. Important to conserve the natural resource and restrict development
- » Because we are a winter city, year-round access is very important
- » This statement does not seem to include the possibility of commercial recreating development which can be used to increase the citizen participation in the valley's natural resources and benefits
- » Not sure how it promotes community stewardship
- » I agree with: 1. providing accessibility to the park; 2. preserving heritage; and 3. conserving wildlife.
- » Proud to show the visitors on how we care to keep nature around us amongst the cement city.
- » This vision statement is too 'solitary' with its emphasis on rejuvenate and recreate. Where's the accommodation of groups, families, differing demographics, ethnic identities???
- » It is very important, I believe, to have safe, well planned and maintained green space/winter space available as it contributes to an overall well being of the mental health of those who use the outdoor spaces thus inturn making for 'better' citizens of the city. Having healthy green spaces is good for tourism as well. Although I think it's important to respect the heritage of the area, it should not be the larges focal point of the area.
- » Quick and easy access to our river valley provides a readily accessible escape from the city and traffic and opportunity to see wildlife such as a variety of birds and occasional coyotes, beaver and muskrats.
- » The statement fits it well enough.. now it does not state the language level.. grade 6 or grade 9 understanding of what does it mean.. if that is what is asked for.. ask a expert.
- » The Kinnaird Ravine is an amazing place to visit and feel that you are removed from the hustle and bustle of life in the city. So I agree that it is a sanctuary and is a place for people to revive their spirits. And I think it is important that the vision statement should include mention of year-round access.
- » there needs to be a balance between encouraging public access, i.e., making areas more accessible to the general public, and maintaining primitive, natural, wilderness element which is necessary to keep wildlife in the area and to provide experience of natural spaces for edmontonians. This is a very difficult balance to be found somewhere in the middle between divergent interests.
- » Sounds reasonable.
- » I fully agree with this philosophy and wish it had been adhered to when obstruction such for those of us who live in Cloverdale.
- » All should have access to the river at all times unless dangerous to do so
- » ecological connectivity, conserving wildlife habitat
- » It communicates very well the idea of maintaining areas of the natural environment, while being useful accessible for visitors.
- » I find this statement to be concise and reflects what I believe to be the key reasons for protecting Edmonton green river park and connecting spaces.
- » It incorporates both natural/ecosystem values and human values
- » it shows a balance between use and protecting the environment. Year-round access allows for greater use of the space. I like that it talks about stewardship.
- » Too wordy. It's trying to be too much and doesn't really seem to accomplish anything in particular.
- » Out of sight out of mind, if the river is accessible then the condition would be seen and not left for when the winter finishes
- » I believe in interacting with nature for better physical and mental health
- » Agree with the concept of "sanctuary", along with the year round access and the idea of "conserving wildlife habitat and respecting the heritage of our open spaces". I feel that this statement has less chance of leading to commercial development of the park system.
- » Say something meaningful about the importance of plant life not just wildlife.
- » The preservation and proximity to natural spaces is an important feature of Edmonton as a city. It makes it unique.
- » Parks should be an escape from regular city life so as much undisturbed nature as possible should be the goal.
- » I particularly agree with the middle statement, "This essential connection provides a sanctuary for visitors to enjoy the physical and mental benefits of spending time in nature while increasing ecological connectivity, conserving wildlife habitat and respecting the heritage of our open spaces." I would like to see some more limiting language, however, to specifically protect park areas from

unnecessary development. I don't want river parks full of kiosks selling coffee and ice cream under the auspices of providing opportunities for "rejuvenating and recreating".

- » This sounds very fancy. I wonder how many Edmontonians will be able to parse the language?
- » The ability to "disconnect" from the City for a short time helps to reinvigorate and add perspective to our lives.
- » Citizens need some places to wind down. We currently have an abundance of facilities and locations throughout the city that bring people together, we now need an area that helps us connect to nature again... if nothing else, for our communal health.
- » I enjoy the river valley as it is an opportunity to enjoy nature without leaving the city.
- » Ease of access to the river valley and the parks system is important to making an inviting environment for people to utilize the park system.
- » Doesn't really say anything
- » It is my hope that the park will be kept as natural as possible making it a passage way to connect visitors to nature.
- » I agree
- » more emphasis on the environment and human relationship with it as on of care more than use
- » I love the words "essential connection", "sanctuary", "physical and mental benefits" and that you are wanting to conserve the habitats of the wildlife and heritage. it paints a picture of greenery, peacefulness, outdoors, enjoyment.
- » This statement is generic and could apply to any green space in Edmonton or any other green space on the planet, for that matter.
- » The statement seems very buzzword heavy and is perhaps trying to be too "touchy feely" with the goals, instead of being a little more blunt to the fact it is for the health of the park/ravine itself.
- » I like the tone and direction
- » Way too long to be memorable and therefore less likely to motivate users or your staff
- » I strongly agree with the concept of green space for mental health.
- » I hike in the river valley weekly and love it!
- » Seems ok, but I don't know if it is totally clear. It seems to be leaning more towards it being a natural area, with little recreational opportunity.
- » It's important to let the natural habitats live in the community, eg coyotes, beavers, etc
- » river valley access does not promote stewardship - that is nothing but public relations BS In a city full of car exhaust, enormous amounts of landfill waste, and energy being wasted continuously, a walk in the ravine does not change anything
- » The emphasis is on ecological values and preservation now and the future.
- » The more people in the river valley the safer we all are.
- » I live close by and spend a lot of time in the park walking, running, and cycling with and without my dog. I prefer the vision statement to reflect the year round access to nature as well as preserving green space in the urban environment.
- » Not conserving wildlife habitat. Except for Coyotes the wildlife within the park is identical to the wildlife you will see in local neighbourhoods. It is currently a busy park allowing dogs and there owners to get needed exercise. Dog parks are the busiest within the city and Dawson is a good example of a well used dog park.
- » I agree with the vision but I disagree with removal of the off leash area in dawson creek park and limit it to kinnaird park. The trails in kinnaird are very narrow and in the winter time very slippery. I have almost hurt myself many times on those pathways in the winter and actually hurt my back twice trying to regain my balance. I find that a lot of cyclists are less compromising about getting out of the way of others than people jogging or walking their dogs are. Cyclist will fly down the paths ring their bell and expect you to move out of their way, some don't even ring a bell to warn you. They also fly down the hill leading up to the picnic area and parking lot. There is a blind corner toward the bottom of this hill and I have seen cyclists almost hit people because they are moving so fast by the time they see the people it is almost too late. Maybe if you put a barrier on the edge of the paved trail and paved the gravel trail and make the south portion off leash where cyclist are not allowed that would be a fair compromise. Then the cyclist could have a paved trail and the off leash could have a paved trail with some green area. To ban off leash from dawson creek park would be criminal, especially in the winter time when there are no cyclist around. Also what about the cyclist that like to let their dogs run along side of them. I really feel that the park should be left alone other than maybe a few minor tweaks. One being a sign telling cyclist to slow down a bit on the blind corners. If most people cooperate with each other I can't see why we can't all get along. We have been going to dawson creek park for 8 years and I have never seen any major problems.
- » Even though the park trails supports walkers,bikers,and dog walkers the quietness is created by this green space and forested areas.
- » Both vision statements agree with my vision for the river valley parks-the first is more flowery in language
- » I use the paths often for hiking year round. I want that access to continue. Especially since key pedestrian access has been greatly impacted recently due to poor decisions made by the city. ie pedestrian bridge closed for LRT
- » It is empty when compared to the patronizing plan. Community stewardship is no where to be seen. The whole thing is top down. Pick pink or blue but this is clearly the vision of non resident outsiders who do not know or love this park

- » Having access to nature year-round is important. Conserving wildlife is valuable too. It's nice to see owls and other creatures in the park, also the hoodoos are important to protect,
- » I prefer to keep things natural
- » While the Park and Ravine are natural areas within our cities, the vision fails to recognize the recreational components as well as failing to locate the facilities as central (downtown) in our large urban region.
- » That is an exact reflection of my feeling regarding Edmonton's River Valley
- » The Dawson park is a huge part of my day-to-day activities. It has connected me with my neighbours and it is a beautiful place.
- » some what agree to try to keep it natural as possible but one aspect I encourage is public safety thinning of certain areas, lighting, more signs and activity to encourage use of area for enjoyment not to habitate or misuse
- » As I use this area to walk my dog off-leash, I find that some people, cyclists in particular, do not follow traffic rules. They consistently cycle much too fast, 50 kph or more, and do not seem to care that pedestrians have the right of way.
- » This all aligns with my vision for Dawson Park, but more specifically the statement regarding "conserving wildlife habitat and respecting the heritage of our open spaces". Raw, untouched land is not common in City Centres an is what makes Edmonton unique.
- » The two vision statements do not offer much contrast. My general impression based on my reading of the master plan is that concept 1 is more nature oriented whereas concept 2 is more user oriented but these interpretations are not clearly reflected in the vision statements - they are too generic.
- » While it may be inferred in the current text I think some stronger words need to be added here to ensure that when you say that these spaces are for 'all visitors' it means that these spaces and places should be as accessible as possible for all people and that should include people with disabilities. Universal Design needs to be a key element in this statement!
- » First comment is that the words are high soundib but vague, particularly "community stewardship, sustainable maintenance and environmental protection." What does it mean in practical terms?
- » Parks are to protect the environment.
- » This vision does not include the park as a transportation corridor, which it is as a part of the bicycle network.
- » Who writes this stuff? In an attempt to be too philosophical, and very pretentious sounding it would be better to get some serious editing done before putting it to paper. For example the last sentence in the first paragraph needs changing. Please delete the word "recreate" as it does not read well. And no one says lets go recreate in Kinnaird

- Ravine and Dawson Park. They might say lets go for a walk in Kinnaird Ravine or better yet lets go cycling to Dawson park. My suggestion is change the first sentence to read: Dawson Park and Kinnaird Ravine provide the City's growing population free passage to enter Edmonton's Ribbon of Green offering excellent access to trails for walking, cycling, and running while providing access for needed recreation, rejuvenation and relaxation.
- » The vision is worthwhile as it covers most of the things we value. It could be a bit stronger and possibly more inclusive of those who will be using it
 - » I am most attracted to the park as a sanctuary for all kinds of visitors and the statement around year-round access.
 - » One of the best things about Dawson/Kinnaird, in comparison with other parks in the city (particularly off-leash parks) is it's natural condition and abundance of wildlife!
 - » The park is perfectly fine the way it is. The cyclists are very dangerous though, and the park could use more signage regarding the park and its various uses. The dog park is my favorite part of this park.
 - » This is an important place and as such I visit this park several times a week with my dog. It is great to meet and talk with others as they walk through the park. It is a great place to socialize my pet.
 - » Read both first , prefer the one below.
 - » I very much believe in allowing people to enjoy the natural setting of the park while at the same time conserving wildlife habitat.
 - » This is a natural park which encourages visiting and meeting neighbors as we all enjoy nature
 - » The first sentences focuses too much on recreation and not enough on reflecting the river valley bylaw's first goal, which is ?to ensure preservation of the natural character and environment of the North Saskatchewan River Valley and its Ravine System" (2.2).
 - » Including dogs....
 - » My wife and I use this area of the park system frequently and would appreciate that the trails be kept clear during the winter months. This aspect is most welcome.
 - » year-round river access wildlife habitat time in nature all very important for those of us that spend our time down there

Vision 2

- » I am interested in protecting the natural elements of this gem of a ravine, but also allowing and encouraging people to use it. When I was a kid I loved riding my bike through the rugged trail and hanging out in the ravine. Now I believe you can't ride bikes in there. Kids aren't going to walk and passively enjoy nature on their own, but they will do things that are fun and appreciate nature in the process.

- » Cannot be an area where people feel safe with 'camps' and scroungers dump sites abound.
- » Both statements say essentially the same thing. Stripping out all the buzzwords, the master plan is, at it's core; A plan to create a public park.
- » These both statements are so vague that they are basically useless.
- » At first, I didn't understand what is implied by "rejuvenate and recreate." I was reading "recreate" and "re-create" instead of recreation.
- » Bussing that goes down there
- » Sounds and reads better
- » I'm much more concerned with conservation than with recreation (although of course the two must be balanced). Also I have no wish to escape from the city!
- » Sounds more corporate
- » this area is a key link.
- » The focus is on people
- » Not enough strong words denoting responsibility and corresponding actions.
- » There is no such thing as protecting sensitive ecologies in a space where "recreational needs" are a factor. There are so very many other physical spaces for people to do this in this city. You either protect the sensitive or openly admit you don't care. Saying the recreational needs are for future generations doesn't hide the fact you are willing to destroy the natural space.
- » I think the river valley should be left as is. It is developed enough already.
- » Recreational needs should not come at the expense of protecting the River Valley ecologies.
- » This one is certainly easier to read and understand. But I am totally opposed to the reference to "inclusive environment". It's a park system for gosh sake ... political correctness is too far of a stretch ... and sounds both pretentious and fake. Ditch the 'inclusive' reference.
- » This vision statement does not address keeping the areas natural, support the wildlife native to the area or present as open prairie in its natural state. Vision 1 is far superior.
- » appreciate highlighting diverse & growing population & safe & inclusive environment
- » I prefer the tone of vision 1's natural and environmental focus over the tone of vision 2's recreational focus.
- » I agree, but want to make sure the river is protected
- » This wording is too narrow and doesn't make me feel like I want to go to either place.
- » Keep the people out as much as possible and don't disturb the homeless who camp there
- » This statement is okay, but seems more focused on people's enjoyment of the space rather than the protection of the space.
- » I like the escape from the city in the first line of the statement. Conjures up a mental image immediately.
- » I like the mention of inclusivity and balancing ecology and recreation, missing the emphasis on year round access
- » Great
- » I really like the learning aspect incorporated into the plan.
- » This one appears a little weak at describing what it is.
- » This one is good also but doesn't seem to be as much about the natural environment.
- » No - we are not preserving the river simply for human recreational needs - we need to be mindful of the ecology and the sustainability of the river. This vision statement does not speak to the importance of the ecological considerations. We do not need more paved bike paths along the river for human recreational needs.
- » does this place include washroom facilities, diaper changing, for old and young, places to sit and rest for all ages ?
- » Create better route to downtown.
- » Sounds like so much social justice, social license, p.c. crap to me. Makes me think you are trying to pull something on the citizens...like spend our tax dollars like they fall from the heavens on silly, useless, vanity fluff.
- » This message is very similar to vision #1, but easier to read and understand.
- » We are not escaping the city, we are embracing what is inside our city and enjoying the green spaces available to us.
- » To me safe and inclusive means that the park will be shared with the drug addicts and homeless people - but hey the City will make it safe!! Cultural history . . . blah blah. This means we will celebrate the first nations people more than those that actually built this City.
- » worse than the FIRST!!!! ugh
- » Our river is a huge cultural significance I feel for indigenous people and the people who have lived in Edmonton. It is important to protect it and the ecological systems within it.
- » A more engaging description.
- » I like the cultural and natural history aspects and considering ecologically sensitive areas.
- » Seems to require more disruption to park for vision
- » While I believe inclusion is always very important and I would absolutely want all people to feel welcome in the park, I think I am struggling to understand how this park will feel anymore inclusive than any other park in the city. Admittedly, it may be my lack of understanding of the cultural history of the park, but I feel the words diversity, inclusive, layered cultural history almost bring an element of meaningless jargon to this statement.
- » This vision focuses more on our ability to use the park rather than focus on the park being a natural area. an environment will be "safe and inclusive" because it is, not because the vision says so. Putting that in there makes me wonder why you have to state it, did it not used to be? should I be worried?

- » Again, as with the last statement, there is no mention of a commitment to build up the infrastructure and accessibility in the area.
- » I'd like to see mention of how important this river has been for centuries to this area. The indigenous name translates into "river that flows at a walking pace". I encourage someone on this team to go on a river valley walk with Dr. Dwayne Donald from the U of A. I like the gather, learn, and play wording
- » In this vision I like "green corridor" "recreate and explore" The term "safe" concerns me, in the sense that it makes me think of over protection and taking the beauty away from the park. I walk through both Kinnaird and Dawson at least 2-3 times per week all year round, and have no issues with feeling unsafe.
- » not as strong as vision #1. Difficult to nail down exactly but the wording seemed to be better in Vision #1.
- » How can we guarantee safety in this location? I think if we speak to safety the public will expect more safety related monitoring than the city can provide.
- » Bland and not very specific as to the value of the park
- » Again no real plan for development...a lot of money will be spent keeping the area somewhat boring.
- » I like the idea of a safe environment. Not sure I agree we need to include a description about Edmonton's population (diverse & growing- what if it isn't?). Not sure I agree it is essential either.
- » This vision fits better with my expectation that parks and open spaces within the city should be urbanized - more emphasis on creating attractions, destinations and activities with the open-space system that creates interest in people to experience it, rather than focus on protecting the bio-diversity and connectivity (the latter still remains a consideration but not the main focus)
- » Still not quite satisfied, but this vision does identify Kinnaird as a linear green corridor, not a place to stay and recreate. The steep slopes do not allow for a large area to picnic or play. How will Dawson Park area build on the cultural and natural history?
- » Seems too heavy on human access
- » I very much enjoy the view of the river valley.
- » Environmental protection is at the very least as important as access and availability.
- » This clearly states what the area is about in a simple and effective fashion.
- » Need green space in the city to enjoy nature.
- » It does not mention ecological consideration and environmental protection.
- » They are both realistic and good visions
- » I don't see a lot of difference from option 1
- » It's OK, but doesn't come across as an impactful statement.
- » Emphasis on inclusion, safeness of space, and future orientation.
- » We as citizens of Edmonton need to voice our concerns and help in preserving the every available space along the river valley for future generations. I feel that being able to take part in these surveys I am 1 voice being heard for the many unheard voices.
- » This vision statement makes less sense especially when seeing how it is interpreted on paper. If we need to accommodate more people we need more natural space not less. More sustainability not less. Less expensive infrastructure not more. For example current stairs are in bad shape. Does this mean I want them repaired? No. People have created goat trails that work better. Moms can push a stroller up the goat trail easier. Both visions say they are trying to build in programming but take away from programming currently enjoyed. I see both as net losses and huge expenses. The plans did not start with adequate ground truthing and how can you possibly have meaningful consultation with so many grandiose changes proposed at once. Hard to even take in all the threats. every time the city disturbs parkland we get more "prohibited noxious weeds". Then they spend all summer on control. Both plans are huge make work projects. Restoration is a ridiculous thing to do when I see the scale of proposed ground disturbance that will introduce huge amounts of weeds.
- » Most individuals do not go to a park for cultural or natural history experiences, again this is catering to a few rather than the many who would utilize the park.
- » I like the idea of inclusive but to explore nature in it's natural state.
- » Balance is the key word here.
- » Building and recreational not a good thing for ecology
- » Too vague and nebulous to really know what it means
- » Better than the previous vision
- » I agree with balancing the ecological requirements with recreational requirements but I am concerned with the park becoming too urban (i.e. excessive parallel paved trails and amenities).
- » For people who can't afford to take trips are able to take trips within their own home area and get to see nature as well.
- » Aligns
- » This sounds more like encouraging movement and activity.
- » I agree with the statement that the green corridor should welcome all people in a safe and inclusive environment, but as stated before, the history and cultural aspects of the park should not be the focal point. Finding a non intrusive balance is key.
- » Access to natural surroundings is a priority for me.
- » It says that building something like what.. a structures and if so what kind.. information building what.. Unclear.. no longer natural state to me.

- » I'm not as energized by the words about the cultural and natural history. I like the concept of balancing environment protection with recreational needs.
- » We walk the Kinnaird Ravine several times per week. I am disappointed that city removed the beavers who were also part of this natural diversity. I have no safety concerns while walking the Ravine although there is considerable evidence of suspect afterhours activity as well as over summer campsites.
- » Sounds reasonable.
- » nothing near the ecological conservation of Vision #1. This vision would justify and promote such things as the construction of the funicular in the core of the downtown region which has dubitable reasoning behind it.
- » I prefer vision # 1
- » No emphasis on wildlife preservation.
- » This statement still conveys the ideas of the master plan well, I just prefer the Vision #1 where the natural environment is given a stronger emphasis.
- » This statement is more verbose than the first and has a bit of a polemical edge to it.
- » Too human focused.
- » This is catchier, but it leaves out some of the environmental and stewardship tones. It doesn't talk about connection or year round access.
- » "An escape from the city, within the city"... To me, this says it all.
- » Inclusivity is always a good thing
- » While i generally agree with this statement, i feel it leaves open, the possibility of allowing commercial development.
- » Too human-centric.
- » My agreement is contingent upon the degree of development this plan would entail. Maintaining a natural "escape" within the city is very important.
- » If people want recreational activities there are community centres, fitness centres, restaurants, theatres outside of the river valley that fulfill that goal.
- » This statement is too opened: "the recreational needs of generations to come." As I said above, I do not want commercial development in the river valley parks. "Balance" is a word developers and politicians manipulate to justify what they want. I want to see more specifically protective, conservation-oriented language in the vision. Research is already showing that cities need to act NOW to reduce the ecological impact of pavement, concrete, and glass. The integrity of our river valley will be increasingly important in the future as Edmonton responds to climate change. This vision statement works opposite to the kinds of policy we need to respond to climate change.
- » This one is much more clear and concise. I know what the intent is.
- » See Above The ability to "disconnect" from the City for a short time helps to reinvigorate and add perspective to our lives.
- » We have a lot of places where we can recreate - soft, flowing, relaxing recreation is needed.
- » see above
- » I don't necessarily agree that lots needs to be built to enjoy the parks area. People need to get out and enjoy the natural environment, not buildings, play structures, etc. Have essentials to reduce stress on the environment (bathrooms and garbage's). Make it easy to access by walking, biking, transit and car.
- » this is better. Like the idea that this is a destination
- » I agree
- » more focused on people and use than the environment
- » I just love the first option so much better. this one is too simple, direct. It doesn't evoke feeling or imagery.
- » These two statements are both possible if the primary facility based recreational opportunities are centered on the present Dawson Park Pavilion site. Recreational activities that are dispersed such as Orienteering and geo-caching must be allowed to continue.
- » It's shorter, touches on Edmonton's diverse population. However, it's vague on the parks' cultural and natural history.
- » I agree there should be conservation for generations to come, but disagree with trying to somehow make it safe and inclusive (it's supposedly a public, outdoor, wild-style place, which is hard to declare as either of those without removing the essence of it being a park).
- » Pls make these shorter
- » Right now I don't always feel safe at Dawson park. I am not sure how safety will be achieved, but I look forward to it.
- » Seems clearer. Appears to open the park for both natural areas and some recreation. This would be my preferred usage of the area.
- » this will send the wildlife away or there might be some confrontations with them
- » There is nothing safe or inclusive about Kinnaird Ravine, and it is certainly no place to gather or play. It is a drug den and the EPS prefer to mistreat the homeowners in the neighbourhood rather than respond to emergency calls.
- » I don't know what is meant by a safe and inclusive environment. What elements of the Park's elements promotes inclusivity that other parks do not. How will the park be made safe, compared to any other park? Both Kinnaird Ravine and Dawson feel less safe to me than any other park. The emphasis in this vision is more on people and recreation and less on ecological values, so this vision does not appeal to as much to me.
- » The people - plants and wildlife need a balance

- » As I said before it is a busy dog park allowing downtown dog owners to get needed recreation with their dogs. "Safe and Inclusive" is a politically correct way of eliminating the dog park. Dog parks are the busiest and most well used parks in the city.
 - » I agree with this vision if it includes everyone.
 - » The balance is just fine the way it is
 - » I want it kept as natural as possible
 - » I'm not sure what "safe and inclusive" entails, but it seems to touch the same bases as vision 1.
 - » While lacking recognition of the relatively natural state of the Park and ravine, this vision recognizes the dual opportunities of protecting nature and encouraging recreation for those living within Edmonton. I would prefer recognition of the central (downtown) location of these facilities and their importance to the local communities.
 - » Seems Vague and Ambiguous, opens the door for wide interpretation.
 - » Agree with this statement.
 - » the improvement of the end of Rat Creek, the new terraces, suspension bridge encourage families to enjoy area. I think combining aspects of both concepts would be ideal
 - » Again, would like to see something added here about Universal Design as the term 'inclusive' is simply not enough from my perspective.
 - » I do not believe that Dawson Park and Kinnaird Ravine have the size, locational attributes, configuration and potential for access required to see significantly increased use from the broader Edmonton community - while still managing environmental sensitivities, supporting a positive experience for nearby and existing users, and avoiding over-spending on infrastructure.
 - » first and second paragraphs are fine but the third is again high sounding and vague,
 - » Protecting the environment is the purpose of a park. Doesn't focus on that.
 - » I like the sentiment behind this vision, but I do have a some concerns with whether or not the vision of a "safe and inclusive" environment can actually be met. How does the park actually contribute to these ideals? It feel pretty safe when it's light out, but it feel decidedly unsafe, depending on the area, before sunrise and after sun set. There aren't even working emergency phones anywhere within the park.
 - » This vision is vague and does not include the park as a transportation corridor, which it is as a part of the bicycle network.
 - » we don't welcome criminals and terrorists we welcome law abiding citizens but not to "recreate" Please take out the verb recreate it is an obsolete or never used verb. "this green corridor welcomes all people to recreate" {change this (please) it does not read well and sounds very odd. also please delete this "safe and inclusive environment."
- Perhaps it should read: This green corridor is a welcoming entrance to nature for all citizens and tourists to enjoy with the emphasis on fun and safety for a wide variety of individuals and groups.
- » As the previous choice. It is covering the main objectives of the park. I think it should cover accessibility for all individuals regardless of their physical Ability
 - » This one is perfect!
 - » I really like the second sentence, "This green corridor..." but the rest seems messy.
 - » Creating infrastructure for directed recreation (i.e., the City chooses which activities are promoted and undertaken) doesn't make sense to me. Dawson is already a great place for recreation - I walk, run, bike, play frisbee, and walk my dog there. I don't see the need to invest taxpayer money in infrastructure for additional activities.
 - » The dog park should be left alone, I just wanted to point that out. Since its being ignored.
 - » Vision 2 at least makes token reference to the need for "recreational needs" which at least implies the need to incorporate additional improvements within the park/ ravine. At a minimum, the connection from Jasper Avenue needs to be improved so that "diverse and growing population can gather, learn and play". There needs to be explicit note of things like stairs and hard surface trails providing stroller and handicap access so that those things are not fought as being "against the plan" when it comes to completing them and other improvements even if those are just open picnic areas and access to the launch/wharf.
 - » I am not certain how future generation will use the park but it is something that should be considered. However future generations will also likely appreciate a direct connection to nature and the chance it offers to regenerate and relax while offering a wide unfettered view of the river valley.
 - » Prefer a safer environment where dogs are on leash and under control instead of the present chaos. More space alongside paths cleared so we can enjoy summer with more sun and the resultant fewer mosquitoes
 - » The phrase "recreational needs of generations to come" is a bit vague-- not sure what is meant by that
 - » I don't know what generations to come will enjoy - but for this generation this park is a welcome oasis from the urban environment it is in which encourages exploration and enjoyment of nature
 - » I'm so tired of hearing about "balance." This statement focuses far too much on recreation. The best way the river valley serves Edmontonians is as a natural area focused on conservation and ecological integrity, not an outdoor amusement park.
 - » Including dogs...
 - » See Vision #1.

- » too fluffy and political sounding doesn't give the impression of what people use it for makes it sound like a park inside a mall

What do you think about the vision statements?

Park Entry

- » not as invasive to residential?
- » The current access to the park is fine, it doesn't need to be changed.
- » Less impact the better
- » Why bother people who live near the park.
- » I think concept 2 is less disruptive to residents, although it's unfortunate that it's more costly and it bisects the park.
- » Dedicated entrance will increase visibility of the park, create a sense of place, and reduce impact on neighbourhood residents (especially if park amenities are increased).
- » So the residents don't get overwhelmed with increasing traffic and noise
- » Concept 2 avoids inconvenience to property owners on street.
- » Concept 2 would probably be better for residents of goth st.
- » It seems that the major difference between the options is the impact on local residents, and for the cost, I'd prefer Concept 1.
- » I think the plan not to piss off residents with increased traffic on their streets is a good plan. Having a set entrance is a better choice.
- » We use go street and it works perfect. What the reason to waste taxpayers money?
- » Less costly
- » 1 is a win-win, with lower cost AND lower impact/
- » Most direct and least amount of interference in the neighbourhood.
- » No strong views.
- » I think the river valley should be left as is. It is developed enough already.
- » I don't have a preference for one over the other
- » Less impact on residential as you're not driving through but going around. Not sure why the higher cost and impact makes no sense to me
- » lower impact for parking pls! this is a dense area of the city, let's encourage arrival by active modes
- » Clear and dedicated access to the main parking lot will help to ensure that people can clearly identify the park entrance. This is key in encouraging appropriate access.
- » Give the residents of the neighbourhood a break. They don't need all those extra cars on their streets. The identifiable sign is a must have.
- » More parking, which is necessary. Not everyone lives in this neighbourhood!
- » cost
- » There is a desperate need for additional parking in the area to support the ongoing activities of the dragon boating and cycling users.
- » Let the people access from their canoes in the river.
- » Lower cost and lower environmental impact.
- » I almost always access the park as a cyclist or jogger so I don't feel the need to dramatically increase vehicle traffic to the park
- » Great
- » Less impact on the environment, while still providing an entrance to the park.
- » Congestion a little further away from residential
- » It is more efficient and lower impact.
- » I would favour less spending and environmental impact.
- » Keep costs low please as our taxes are already very high.
- » lower cost, lower environmental impact
- » Need save tax dollars
- » Any cost to fix a non-problem is too much
- » less impact, less cost.
- » Parking in a residential area will become a major setback for park use. A parking area would help.
- » Allows for additional parking. Good compromise with existing residential community.
- » defined entrance, separates residential and recreational users.
- » Option 2 is better outcome for users and residents.
- » decrease cost and impact
- » Low cost. I do not see any issues with the existing access.
- » Lower cost and environmental impact.
- » Allows for parking and easy directions. Attracts users to area.
- » Lower impact to environment
- » I believe that the lowest cost and environmental impact is the best choice. Why spend more money, when it can be used in a number of other more important areas.
- » increased parking capacity without increasing parking lot size inside the actual park, as well as reducing impact of park activity for local residents.
- » I think it's important to provide park amenities (parking) within the park area and not impose on the community.
- » The less additional development, the better.
- » Less expensive and a better option as the "buffer zone" is not an idea I like.
- » less disruption to residents
- » I think this is up to the residents in that neighbourhood
- » Is this road over capacity? Does it require intersection lights/road improvements? If no, then it should remain as-is. residents complaints do not warrant unneeded infrastructure. If you remove the park traffic, this road way would be highly underutilized for the 20 existing homes. and people would likely park on their street anyways.

- » I would not want people parking all over my streets if I lived there. They don't deserve that.
- » Tho a parking lot would be handy, I'm sticking with concept #1, less money, less impact.
- » Less bothersome for people living in the area of people using the park.
- » Seems more user friendly.
- » Cost and environmental impact are lower in option 1.
- » Current entry is sufficient.
- » leave as is minimal cost minimal disruption
- » No additional road construction - however, how many vehicles are anticipated? difficult to decide when all info is not available to make an informed decision.
- » Entrance being build to cater to cars. Why not enhance signage that park is available via #1 and 88 bus route. I also think more could be done with electric substation. The tenants tell me city has been difficult in terms of long term leases forcing them to consider moving to a larger complex in Dawson. The community of Riverdale loves them and fought hard to get that area moved into park. There needs to be much more robust Riverdale dragonboat consultation. I think we deserve more information regarding existing structures and rational for new build. More community consultation this is basically a consultation process of do you want blue or dark blue. I am upset and feel this whole plan is unsustainable. I know know know you are doing your best and following rules but what is the rush. Kick O2 out for now and slow this down. Your know that switch back? How realistic is it really. When we canoe with disabled we do it via man power and use most direct routes. Is this felt to be for electric chairs? Disabled traveling by themselves? If I was paraplegic possibly the last place I would go by myself is to the water alone.
- » Please don't build more roads for cars in the park. Entrances should emphasize pedestrian access.
- » parking is really restricted in the area, alley parking would be helpful
- » less disruption to neighbourhood
- » We would love to visit this park, but it is not in our neighborhood. We would prefer to be able to park, and launch a boat, or bring in supplies such as skis or firewood. a proper lot would be required.
- » Entry off Rowland Road is good for cyclists
- » It's not fair to the residents to increase traffic on their street. It makes it Less safer
- » Residences should not have to put up with increased traffic home value goes down property theft goes up and Litter increases
- » Lower environmental impact
- » less intrusive to nearby residents and more esthetically appealing
- » Don't impact the people living there, if at all possible.
- » Increased traffic in front of residences is unacceptable.
- » Having a separate entrance so it won't disturb the residents and having the green belt provides a park area for the residents. After awhile it won't impact the environment as it will all be natural.
- » Low cost /impact
- » does not intrude into residential area.
- » Although more expensive and costly to the environment, I think about the people who live in this area and easing the 'intrusion' to them
- » Easier to locate entrance and less disruption for area residents.
- » because of cost
- » why bother people who are at home.. separate entrance can be video monitored. Residential street area is creepy to do that but if the issue arise. maybe but really keep separate.
- » I think the residents in the area would appreciate a more dedicated park entrance so that less traffic in these small streets is from park users.
- » Access points should be more identifiable and parking area is sometimes inadequate.
- » Both options are acceptable but option #2 is more long term ready.
- » less impact is desired.
- » lower cost and impact to the environment
- » Low cost and low impact on the Environment.
- » I feel Option 2, while not being as eco sensitive, is more fair to the current residents of the area.
- » Lower environmental impact is key.
- » Less costly and less impact on environment
- » Just look better and offers a longer park stretch than walking residential streets
- » better access for park users and less disturbance to residents
- » While I like the fact in concept 2 that there is less impact on residential areas for access, I do not like that it seems to increase the parking lot and decrease existing green space/ trees in the area.
- » We don't need a new road unless park visitor levels skyrocket.
- » Seems to work well. Low cost and impact is a bonus.
- » Greater division between residential and park areas
- » Minimize impact on residential area.
- » It would be better for the residents to not have the park traffic cutting through their neighborhood.
- » More privacy for residents particularly if concept two is chosen (more cars).
- » I prefer option 1 because it has the least impact on the parks' natural spaces and is cost effective. The current entrance works well. Why not use it?
- » Least disruptive to current residents north of Rowland Road.

- » The preference is based on the avoiding the inconvenience to property owners of public parking in the alley. If those owners are indifferent or are not prepared to contribute to the costs (by way of neighborhood improvement levy for example) then my preference would change.
- » As someone who lives in an area with issues around parking and traffic, I can only imagine how the residents of 90th street feel about the parking and traffic issues. It doesn't seem quite fair to turn a quiet residential street into a major park entrance.
- » Lower impact on neighbors and neighborhood - on-street parking is disruptive and builds resentment
- » Traffic will inevitably spill further and further into residential area without having a dedicated lot.
- » low impact
- » Edmonton is a driving city; we need parking. We can live in denial or we can accept the fact that people like to drive!
- » I hate to see people that purchased a house along the river valley to be impacted by cars/people coming to utilize it. Increased traffic in their neighbourhood causes a number of other issues.
- » The extra cost and effort of the green buffer is worth it
- » Better access. Current access is confusing at best
- » Less cost and impact on the River Valley.
- » Given no increase in parking lot size, there will likely be no big increase in traffic.
- » Residents should not be negatively impacted by increased traffic to the park.
- » This is the better option only due to simplicity of navigation / signage. The residential street is also a viable option with appropriate signage.
- » less traffic in residential area
- » Try not to increase traffic to anger the neighbors.
- » I want to be a good neighbour. Park users should not disturb residents.
- » less traffic with this concept since there is two areas to park
- » More room for parking, along with buffer for residences in the area.
- » There will be more parking available.
- » The city cannot afford either
- » I prefer not to channel people through a residential street.
- » With all the other costs, this would be a small fraction to maintain good relations with the residences.
- » My observation is that traffic also uses 88 St to get to the park.
- » You can still enter through the proposed concept two path right now.
- » Current access and parking is acceptable.
- » cost and low impact
- » I like the idea of a larger parking lot at the entrance of the park and not having to park in an alley way
- » Turning off of or onto Rowland road at 90 street is a place waiting for an accident to occur - access should be off of 89 street
- » It is safer for the neighbourhood
- » Too much to take in. I would need a whole evening on this element alone.
- » It seems more ecologically conscious. Although more parking is nice - it takes away from the abundant nature that this park has.
- » If I support increased use, I should also support appropriate access for the volume of users. I would ask that Option 2 be pursued only AFTER a sufficient volume of vehicle traffic is reached, and we should not assume that vehicle traffic will automatically increase.
- » Just fine the way it is.
- » The entry doesn't matter to me. No need to spend extra funds here.
- » families can come right to the park instead of on residential streets
- » Dedicated park entry will reduce traffic in residential area as well as reduce park users parking in residential space
- » As this park is used by many groups and parking is therefore at a premium, less parking makes little sense.
- » With the increase in traffic with park improvements, option 2 makes the most sense here.
- » There already is access through the entry off Rowland road. Why increase the cost?
- » Don't spend more money on something as basic as entrance and parking. Granted, I do not live there. I currently utilize both entrances as listed.
- » As a resident I would prefer if the park had a dedicated access road.
- » Having the entrance off a street instead of using a longer entrance around the backs of homes really will not fulfill basic CPTED principles.
- » Again, Kinnaird/Dawson does not have the size, configuration and locational attributes to support significantly increased use. Investment in additional parking is unnecessary, as the existing parking and infrastructure are significantly underused and there is already significant excess capacity of trails and infrastructure in the park today. Instead, funding should be directed to improving access, facilities and programming for existing "regional" river valley parks (Louise McKinney, Goldbar, Rundle, etc.)
- » Keeps costs down and is not time consuming to accomplish
- » more accessibility is preferred. Already bottle necking as it is currently.
- » Do not make worse for residents
- » Access to the park is no problem as it is and therefore does not warrant the spending of extra dollars and more environmental disruption to change.
- » I like the green buffer area proposed between park & residential lots.

- » keeping access low will help preserve the park space for those who know and respect it rather than inviting too many visitors in.
- » I don't drive so it is not important at all
- » I either walk or use the current entrance. This entrance is typically fine.
- » I think option two is best because it keeps the residential impact of people coming and going from the park
- » Lower cost! Lower impact to the environment! Seems like a no-brainer to me... There are VERY few times of the year (dragon boat festival) where parking is limited. By increasing pedestrian access options some vehicle traffic will be eliminated (lots of local users drive, despite the short distance, because there aren't direct pedestrian connections).
- » I never use this entrance. I enter from Concordia college
- » I'm not sure how this would be a higher cost/impact when compared to concept 1. A road already exists there. I'm sure the community would be more appreciative of concept 2.
- » safer for residents of neighbourhood
- » WORKS WELL AS IS
- » Keep traffic back off a residential street. That would be far safer.
- » Do not want to see increased traffic through residential streets
- » Prefer lower cost, lower impact on environment
- » less traffic on residential street. Better visibility for Park entrance
- » Prefer additional parking with #2
- » On the assumption that these improvements would take place to enhance the use of the area for all citizens, it's more appropriate that an entry be provided that doesn't detract from adjacent residents.
- » I like the lower impact vision of the first concept but it would need buy in from the impacted neighbourhood regard loss of parking. Perhaps an enforced 2 hour parking limit.
- » The increased traffic would affect residents living in the area.
- » Rowland road is quite busy and one of the few options for Riverdale residents to get in an out of area. Do not direct more traffic to Riverdale
- » Less parking interference
- » keep usage down...
- » lower costs, existing entry works well and the proposed entry is already being used
- » Concept 2 will actually decrease the green space while increasing costs.
- » I want no new entry points into the park. The park is already sufficiently accessible. I see people in wheelchairs and parents pushing baby carriages in the park all the time.

- » The idea is to allow local residents easy access to the park. Therefore other groups could use the Dawson parking area. In the case of our hiking club we arrange to use the Norwood Legion parking lot as we respect the neighbourhood residents in the Sheriff Robertson Park area. Other large groups can make similar arrangements in other areas as well. This kind of project requires cooperation from those using the park system.
- » if you are wanting to make it more accessible to the public, we need more parking. A lot of people live out in suburbs and cannot walk to the park area.
- » Less development
- » This area is already trashed from the Epcor construction and needs to be fixed anyway. Shouldn't Epcor foot part of the bill????

Boat Launch

- » I think this area of the river is less likely to fall apart due to river erosion. Make a nice area.
- » Option two allows for better access to the river.
- » Low impact
- » I think this concept would allow more people to enjoy the facility.
- » I like the simplicity and less disruptive nature of option 1. But option 2 provides more versatility of use.
- » The cost increase to get to Concept 2 does not seem worth it.
- » Less impact on environment
- » most natural
- » Lower cost in both near and long-term and a more natural look and feel.
- » I don't see a need for an expanded dock area, a low key approach seems to fit with the natural park area better
- » as much as it would impact the natural area getting people to access the river and in turn use the river means it needs to be seen to get people to use it.
- » Nicer looking
- » simpler
- » both ideas seem good
- » It's the most natural option.
- » I like the simpler, more natural look of option 1.
- » Boat launch is important in river valley. I am indifferent between these.
- » I think the river valley should be left as is. It is developed enough already.
- » more sensitive to the natural features and ecology of the area
- » Concept option 1 embraces the natural elements of the area. I think this is key to keeping the "ribbon of green" actually green. The excessive use of concrete, such as that in option 2, detracts from the natural park like environment that this area should prioritize.

- » I think it could be difficult to haul a 16' canoe down a set of concrete stairs. (Some of those boats - particularly of the aluminum variety - are heavy.) That said, I like the concrete better than gravel. I imagine we'll have at least a few idiots trying to drive their car down the gravel road to get as close to the launch as possible. For that reason the concrete steps aren't a totally bad idea.
- » This will easily meet the needs of people to get to the river
- » This is a far better option for people launching kayaks.
- » cost
- » Looks more like areas when the Voyageurs had to portage.
- » Lower cost and lower environmental impact, more aesthetically appealing.
- » I'm skeptical about the value of the river viewing area
- » Great
- » It will make the park more of a destination.
- » I think the smaller size is sufficient for the use of boats in the river.
- » I believe the expanded dock will be necessary.
- » Less spending and environmental impact.
- » Lower cost is better - viewing area is not necessary and is just wasted money.
- » lower cost, concrete is cold on bum in winter, lower environmental impact less concrete the better
- » More development the better
- » Don't waste any money
- » option one is more connected to nature, and will be more valuable as the city grows
- » More access to the river and much easier to launch a boat.
- » With Option 2 you will be able to launch your craft way easier. Can be expanded. Provides a stop area where you can land your craft to use washrooms, picnic, etc.
- » lower impact, works with the landscape, likely to be maintained by the City better than option 2. City is not good at maintenance of public spaces.
- » I don't often use this area or own a boat, so I don't need the extra infrastructure personally.
- » more natural and that much additional use to accommodate as to the additional cost of 2
- » more natural looking in line with values
- » Greater flexibility of use and nice viewing area.
- » It would allow for events to be run through the boat launch and create a natural viewing environment, allowing for more people to experience the river valley
- » Lower cost and environmental impact.
- » Minimizes damage and requires less landscaping. Doesn't require unnatural lawn
- » Lower environmental impact
- » Again, why do we feel that we have to manicure every area. The first option looks lovely and natural and again, has least amount of cost and impact to the environment.
- » not many spots in the city to get so close and interact with the river.
- » More natural and estetically better looking.
- » Better developed and it looks nicer
- » more natural less hard landscape
- » I prefer the more natural design
- » This is an interesting feature if done correctly it also shouldn't be that much more of ecological impact. River viewing is undervalued. Most places along the bank have benches facing shrubs or trees. this could be somewhere I'd like to sit and have a snack; stop biking and watch the boaters.
- » Less intrusive
- » #1 is less built, more in keeping with the nature of the park
- » Boats to launch make noise in the river valley.
- » Let's upgrade to bigger things only after we've seen that people make us of it
- » Nature looks better.
- » I think more people would enjoy concept 2
- » Lower cost and lower environmental impact with option 1.
- » More natural, has accessibility covered with minimal impact on environment.
- » neither no boat launch at all there are other areas to launch boats from no need to create another expensive area with little use.
- » less impact
- » #1 better than #2 Dawson is a passive park. I just do not understand the vision here. I need more understanding. To me the seasonal dock seems smart. There was so little disturbance and it is currently very well loved and used and enjoyed. The River watch kids seems to love the rafting off the informal dock. Perhaps if I understood more about what is being attempted here. A simple seasonal dock seems smarter?
- » More subtle and less impact.
- » more access to river without being too intrusive is desirable
- » don't need the steps
- » Looks more convenient for kayak launch
- » It's peaceful to sit and watch the river. Great plan
- » Keep it natural
- » The goal of the Ravine is to be imursed in nature not paving over it.
- » esthetics
- » Natural, beautiful, provides more shade, lower cost and environmental impact.
- » The upfront cost and impact will be high but the end result will be people can take in what nature has to offer.
- » Low cost/impact
- » Allows/encourages increasing usage without increasing maintenance/repair needs.
- » I can not comment as this is an area that I really no nothing about.
- » I prefer the more natural presentation.
- » cost and I believe viewers can be accommodated without special seating.

- » Ok grassy is nice and lower cost but really some people like a nice launch.. keep things clean including the boat, people and animals.
- » I love the natural approach to the river's edge.
- » Keep the area looking natural. the less concrete the better. It is hard to communicate a natural fee when you are walking on concrete. There is plenty of it already in the city.
- » Personally not interested in boats.
- » PLEASE maintain the natural presentation of the area. Concept 2 is just not needed
- » I like the idea of one area with better access to the river
- » Low cost and low impact on the environment.
- » Lower environmental impact and lower cost is key. #1 is a much more natural option.
- » Less artificial and built up
- » Like both can they be merged?
- » lower cost, maintain more natural look to area
- » I like that concept 1 looks more natural and there are shady spots. Concept 2 looks way too open to the sun, is very paved, and for me looks less inviting. A couple benches for concept 1 would encourage me to stay (provided they are under trees with shade).
- » Less is more in this area. Louis McKinney park has a more formal waterfront area. Dawson Park could be more low-key (less cost and maintenance).
- » Less impact
- » Let's not destroy the riverfront any more than necessary.
- » Lower cost and fewer power boats.
- » I am a bit hesitant to choose option 2, but I like that the water is more accessible to people in general, not just boaters.
- » Concept allows for launch of canoes and kayaks safely down a sloping path. Incorporating the steps of Concept 2 doesn't make launching non-motorized craft easier but disrupts the environment more.
- » Easing access and planing for future expansion as necessary
- » Both options are good, but the second option is something that will be unique in Edmonton (we already have many undeveloped boat launches)
- » natural
- » I really don't care about boats; who is going to use this?
- » simpler is better
- » This concept looks clean, safe and much more appealing
- » Option 2 is a bit superfluous for the area. Maybe down by the hotel Mac, but not in Dawson park.
- » * Most Canoeist and kayaker do not want or need a dock, in fact most of us prefer a beach to launch from... way safer! The big issue is creating the beach and then maintaining it and access after each deposit of mud from high water periods!
- » Natural landscaping is preferable to hard surfaces.
- » People are unlikely to spend much time at the boat launch unless they have a boat in option 1.
- » Concept option 2 is beautiful and functional but could be very costly
- » Keep as natural as possible to prevent launching of motorized boats
- » Not a boat user.
- » More natural
- » More natural. Discourages trouble-makers and graffiti artists.
- » This is much nicer -looking
- » The city cannot afford either
- » Too much development in Option 2 with the constructed viewing area. Like to keep the river banks natural.
- » keep it natural. The river can flood really in creasing the costs.
- » Low cost is best.
- » Current dock meets the current and future users needs.
- » cost and low impact
- » This doesn't really matter to me because I do not own a boat
- » Why put in a boat launch - there is an existing boat launch across the river at 50. Street.
- » As with most, 1 is better than 2 but not at all good enough.
- » I don't use this area but i would choose option 1 as it changes less.
- » Option 2 seems to align with the overall approach to increasing river access. The option must not be redundant; i.e. there shouldn't be similar river access nearby (Louise McKinney or Gold Bar). The existing boat launch users should confirm that they desire and welcome the increased accessibility.
- » Strangely in this case I prefer option 2. I feel like the expanded boat launch will double as a gathering place. It is also in an already disturbed area so this would be ideal.
- » I like the more natural look.
- » enhanced gathering place for the public, more open
- » I don't think increasing the boat launch that much is necessary. Making access corridor a bit better is all that is needed
- » Do not really care one way or the other.
- » I don't think that this would get much more use than it already gets, so option 1 is the best option here.
- » Don't want a boat launch for motor boats. They are noisy and polluting to the river experience.
- » I don't think the current level of park use warrants the construction of a hard surface/terraced area. If park use patterns change then the design may need to be adapted accordingly. The construction of hard surfaces adjacent to the river is not consistent with the preservation of riparian areas promoted elsewhere in the concept plans.
- » I like both but have concerns with the accessibility of the terraced overlook with seating. The image used as an example does not show any color contrast or handrails. There needs to be contrast color/tactile for people with

low vision, especially with the nearby braille trail. Will this terraced seating be accessible for strollers, wheelchairs etc?

- » Really don't understand how Option 2 provides a 'Universally accessible' boat launch when the design shows a set of stairs. Having said that a gravel trail as shown in Option 1 is not ideal either!
- » In keeping with the ecological conservations goals, the access to the boat launch should be kept practical and low-impact.
- » More natural and in line with the river valley and low cost as well as not time consuming to accomplish
- » More natural environment is better. Boaters are there to "boat" and not to sit on a terrace.
- » Not sure I understand how boats will be transported to site.
- » concept 1's lower environmental impact is better.
- » I really hate the idea of having a boat launch for vehicles in this location. As I've mentioned in my previous comments, I don't think this will do anything to enhance the park and will just add to congestion, noise, and potential for people and animals to get hurt. The boat launch on 50th is close and if you're otherwise going to use the Dawson one, there's not really any additional traffic barriers to navigate (i.e. no train tracks - LRT or otherwise - a very little rush hour traffic). You literally just have to drive about 7 minutes away.
- » Concept 1 keeps more in line with the community values.
- » a gravel walkway to a universally accessible boat launch isn't universally accessible. Mobility aids aren't very useful on gravel pathways.
- » more people will go there to enjoy it
- » Looks very cool! I hope it can withstand high river flows
- » It has less impact to the environment. And less cost to the taxpayers
- » lower cost, lower impact. Nuff said.
- » love the idea of getting close to the water
- » While I like the look of concept 2, I don't think the benefits outweigh the costs and impact to environment. If the gravel trail is adequately maintained, I think it'll be safer, and more naturalized.
- » KEEP THE AREA AS NATURAL AS POSSIBLE
- » Option 2 seems to be a safer choice, no slipping and sliding on mud trying to get to the river
- » possible use for viewing boating events (regattas, races)
- » #1 is more natural and can be upgraded latter if needed
- » Assuming use of the boat launch and the pavilion areas are to be encouraged, it seems counter-intuitive to design and build the area as a replication of what is available elsewhere in the area (including from there west through Riverdale). Having said that, the representative image used for option 2 seems to be a bit of overkill in the amount of concrete shown.
- » Less impact and maintenance costs are appealing to me.

- » More natural.
- » Nice space to sit and watch
- » Looks better
- » there already is a boat launch???
- » again costs are lower
- » Increasing accessibility for boats seems consistent with encouraging the experience of the outdoors using the river - keeping it in a natural setting rather than a concrete setting seems consistent with boat owners interest in nature.
- » No new boat launch is needed. There is already one, and the Dragon Boat club is happy to share.
- » This concept is less disturbing to the natural environment and is handy for local residents to launch canoes or kayaks. I detest the use of Jet or motor boats on the river. However if they are to be given access those access points should be limited to one or two areas only away from the City Centre due to the special size requirements.
- » I like this concept as it gives people an area to hang out near the water and enjoy the river that is not in the grass.
- » More natural access - gravel allows for canoe hand-launch using rollers.
- » Leave the park alone for Pete's sake!

Winter Play

- » more deliberate.
- » smaller options allow for more variety, and can still be tied in to winter festivals.
- » More people would use it.
- » I like option 2's potential to tie in to local activities/festivals.
- » Concept 2 is not required.
- » Like that it ties on with other activities
- » less impact
- » Let's increase use where the impact to the environment remains low.
- » Encourages outdoor activity in all seasons.
- » I like the idea of enhancing winter options and use, and as a newer park upgrade this is a great opportunity to showcase ourselves as a winter city.
- » multi-use and using it year round and tying it activities and festivals year round is what makes this endeavour worth it. Isn't this why we are doing this.
- » Integration with city events
- » more a destination wil provide incentive for winter use. bathrooms especially important in winter, for kids.
- » Fewer people are outside in winter and the park should "rest" naturally rather than people overpacking snow and ice
- » It's a park, not a carnival site.
- » Again, you can't put play areas in a natural space if you care about the environment (wildlife, sensitive plants). Why not gear activities to that? The only thing that might work is

activity in a very limited space (e.g., tobogganing). As for events and parties, why not go to other spaces like Winston Churchill that have already been trampled, paved, etc?

- » I think the river valley should be left as is. It is developed enough already.
- » I don't have a preference for one option over the other
- » we need more "natural" play spaces in the winter
- » Informal, unstructured natural play gives families more opportunity to enjoy the natural setting of the park. Formalizing use through festivals etc takes away from the opportunity to enjoy the natural landscapes.
- » Do we really need more park space for winter festivals? Seems to me that the notion of needing spaces for festivals has become too common a refrain for any proposed development. How many such sites do we really need?
- » We are a winter city so it's great to have activities. Also need to consider spring and fall
- » It is multifunctional. The first option would be good only for children.
- » Keep as many people out as possible and don't disturb the homeless.
- » The small natural play areas are more appealing to me than larger festival use.
- » Great
- » Makes it more of a destination all year round, with things to do.
- » #2 Will probably be utilized more, based on edmontonians interest.
- » I marginally favour this concept as it could potentially provide more opportunities for a variety of recreation.
- » less impact to the area.
- » DO NOT BUILD A PLAYGROUND. That adds a cost that is not necessary. Children are entirely capable of playing where there is no playground - they can learn to use their imagination. A playground is a waste of City money.
- » large is not better, winter lovers will go out anyway
- » Greater use, helps more citizens.
- » Seriously? You have got to be kidding me. Please tell me this is just a very bad joke. Apwhat a colossal waste of money. Waste, waste, waste
- » #1 seems more intimate, and nicer.
- » Better use of area year round.
- » I know those who live closer are better equipped to answer to this question.
- » This options is about people.
- » smaller is more limited in its impact and easier to maintain.
- » I don't understand the difference.
- » informal more as children/people played in Nature in winter like First Nations peoples
- » people tend to go to areas where clear ability to play
- » Maintains the current natural setting.

- » I don't see this area getting used a tonne in winter so the natural setting is probably better. Focus winter use in areas that are more likely to be used.
- » Potential to attract new/different users to park in the winter. Pavilion to provide warmth and safety
- » Are they really going to use it? unless there are specific programs in there I doubt there would be a return on investment.
- » My rational is the same, as it has been throughout this whole survey. We as a society try and control and organize everything, including play. Let children and families enjoy, simplicity, not organized, designed areas...my children love this area, just the way it is.
- » More natural and better looking
- » These parks will be under utilized most days of the year. Not a safe family area at this time.
- » let's get more people out
- » There's not enough information here - what do you mean 'winter play'? How are you going to convince people to use the area?
- » Winter activities at Pavilion doesn't seem like anything I would want to participate in anyways.
- » Would be nice to have a winter play area that works for all seasons
- » All things being equal (cost and impact) like the idea of being able to increase winter use and tie into festivals etc.
- » How much to upkeep cost to keep taxes reasonably
- » I prefer concept 1 but I would also like to have city festivals down in the park if possible.
- » See above
- » Nature looks best.
- » We need winter activities
- » Option 2 would attract more people to the park, and the cost appears to be similar to that of option 1.
- » Kind of indifferent but I like the idea of facilities that could support some festival usage in the park.
- » more natural to what I feel the city is trying to do as well as more natural as this is the plan. There are plenty of areas that have these amenities already.
- » I like idea of less mowing and letting current vegetation sucker in.but the meadow will be soooooo hard to establish and super labour intensive. If there is huge community uptake and partnership but otherwise??? Expensive. Let Ed native plant group keep pushing the envelope organically! Also bird blinds are expensive need to be maintained. Stop patronizing park users. As John Acorn says "I used to go in the park and see feel I was with the butterflies.Now all I see is the city" REalize you are going the wrong way and misinterpreting peoples wishes. I really believe you have it wrong in an expensive way. When people complain trails are not maintained, let them maintain them. All they want

- is access! Change the liability rules and expectations. More and more and more city parks need to become like provincial or national parks. This is important to get right.
- » just going for nature walks is an activity we enjoy as a family with three boys. There are other places for tobogganing and family activities.
 - » Our winters are so long that we need lots of opportunities for people to participate
 - » This concept will be more utilized as it has the potential to be tied into other winter activity events.
 - » We need more areas like this
 - » When bringing my children outdoors it is to be among the plants and animals. If we were looking for concrete we would play indoors.
 - » No use crating a people friendly park if only a handful of people use it.
 - » Looks more natural and beautiful. The river valley is a place to escape the city within the city.
 - » Again creating will cost more but the end result will be awesome. Point to having the parks is for people to enjoy.
 - » Small parks
 - » While option 2 allows increased usage over time, I suspect the ecology could not handle it.
 - » I am in favor of tying into other winter activities and festivals to increase winter use! Thus, changing the parking as asked above, would be a better option as well.
 - » Higher usage of area similar impact on environment and costs.
 - » more activity and people would result.
 - » Winter.. this is good one.. with what snow.. going to make it.. no.. have not seen snow so let it be normal or someone will demand snow making machines when climate change does not allow snow to happen. let winter be what it is.
 - » I think that we have enough family park areas in Victoria Park and Hawrelak Park. I don't think we need to expand the natural Dawson Park to meet more needs for structured winter play areas.
 - » the more support for winter activities the better.
 - » More structured winter enjoyment in option #2. That could increase winter use. . . .
 - » we have enough areas for outside play in winter.
 - » Increase winter usage at the same cost.
 - » Provides better use throughout all months of the year rather than just winter.
 - » More natural in concept 1 is more fitting with area
 - » Both good can they be merged?
 - » If people want to play outside, they will. The last thing we need is more programming and events
 - » Concept 2 looks far to busy, noisy, and detrimental to wildlife. Concept 1 looks very dated and not much fun.
 - » bringing winter festivals into the river valley seems like a positive idea.
 - » Encourages more winter usage than option 1
 - » No strong feelings either way. The spread out, smaller playgrounds would give access for people without having to drive to a larger central location. but the larger central location may be busier and create more of a "buzz".
 - » Keep it simple, promote x-c skiing, snow shoing.
 - » I prefer option 1, because I want to enjoy a natural space and feel that so many people and activities in one spot would deter me from going there. I want to get away from crowds, not be in them! Overall, #1 just seems like a more beautiful and fun place to spend winter and to allow children to play near nature.
 - » People are incredibly creative. We don't always need our play options to be created for us. If we have space and opportunity, we will play. The City does not need to structure our play so closely, whether we are children or adults.
 - » We need more winter amenities.
 - » A more "natural" experience
 - » keep more natural
 - » We need a pavilion for people to warm up in and get hot drinks.
 - » simpler is better. when it gets as cold as it does here and for as long as it does, as much as we all wish to be outside more...less people go outside.
 - » keep the activities informal - there are plenty of other parks/sites for more organized functions
 - » Given global warming and our shorter winters, this should not be a priority.
 - » An integrated approach is preferable to a segmented approach.
 - » The overhead of maintaining and providing option 2 is not going to be a good overall use of time or funds when more people will likely simply engage in option 1 activities.
 - » all play areas are important
 - » I like the idea of peaceful use.
 - » more natural and will keep the wildlife
 - » More natural
 - » Although I am in favour of natural areas, in this location, I think that there needs to be a bit more opportunity for recreational use, as well.
 - » It would encourage people to use it a lot more. The first option would only be attractive to children.
 - » The city cannot afford either
 - » I don't think there is a need for play structures in Dawson Park. There are enough play areas in the City. Concept one is less impact.
 - » Both could be combined.
 - » Stop trying to force people to enjoy winter in Edmonton. I run everyday, including winter months, and the park is generally deserted. Are we going to plow the snow too and at what cost? Edmonton is not Vancouver, enough already.

- » Winter parks are not used except by dog owners they do not need additional resources.
 - » nom preference
 - » It just sounds nicer
 - » Where are you going to find a hill for tobogganing
 - » Patronizing. If birders want to build a bird blind, help them but don't guess at what might work. It crushes community rather than builds it.
 - » I don't have an opinion on it,
 - » I welcome increased winter use, but question whether this location will be significantly used. I strongly question whether this location has any reasonable tie-in with existing winter festivals.
 - » Natural is the way to go here! let people explore nature.
 - » I prefer the peace and quiet of the park. Concept 2 looks really busy and noisy.
 - » I think this concept would encourage more people and families to get out and enjoy the area during winter
 - » If cost & environmental impact is similar in both concepts, I think making the area more useful for a wider range of activities is good
 - » You got me at tobogganing! Option 1.
 - » It's nice to use this space in the winter too, as long it doesn't effect the off leash areas.
 - » I don't understand what is being proposed - what is the difference between "natural play" and play promoted in "natural playgrounds"?
 - » Either
 - » Either of the concepts look fine to me...
 - » There is a need to invest in improved winter activity, particularly in formal park spaces, but the trail network should not be significantly changed/impacted for winter use. Instead, simple investments to support increased "winter specific" use (skiing, snowshoeing, fat biking) should be made.
 - » I think a combination of both concepts be best
 - » There are already other facilities in and around the Edmonton area that are under used as it is.
 - » Concept one less likely to be used, Need to be near facility for shelter,
 - » I have no strong preference for either of these options.
 - » Option 2 - traffic congestion.
 - » more natural approach helps maintain the area for years to come with lower overall maintenance.
 - » give them something to do in winter for ice skating etc
 - » I like that it is a quiet and relaxing place.
 - » I think we need to preserve the environment in this area so I pick option one
 - » either option is nice as long as it doesn't interfere with off leash areas
 - » unsure - these seem too similar to me. Can't concept 1 also tie into local and city winter activities/festivals?
 - » great the way it is
 - » DO NOT OVER DEVELOPE THIS GREEN SPACE
 - » Large playground would be great for the children
 - » Don't think a winter playground would get used. Other playgrounds in parks don't get used. Can't use metal climbing bars etc.
 - » Informal is better to get children to use their imaginations.
 - » Option 2 has the potential of actually being uses throughout the winter. Option 1 will "sit there" just like the numerous other "small natural playgrounds" in the immediate area already are unused all winter.
 - » Less impact to the environment. There will still be lots of places to sled in the winter. Ramps won't make that much difference.
 - » Better use of area all year round
 - » keep it natural, keep usage down.
 - » seems like a more natural use of the park
 - » WE have lots of festivals in Edmonton - lets use the more manicured spaces (like Louise McKinley Park) for these activities and keep some quiet more reflective spaces like Dawson Park to encourage imaginative play - not structured activity.
 - » No new infrastructure please! We don't need to build "natural playgrounds"--again, kids benefit far more from paying attention to nature itself and learning to be calm and to entertain themselves in nature.
 - » Concept Option 1 is better because it will host smaller crowds. There are plenty of parks located throughout the city that can handle large events and damage to the environment would be a non issue. Further there are commercial facilities near the other venues such as restaurants and bars. Further food trucks and additional tent facilities can be erected if required. (Eg: Hawrelak Park).
 - » do not have a preference on this option. The pavilion idea has definite benefits but will increase garbage and human tendencies to not look after public spaces especially if events are being held there.
 - » More natural. in keeping with current park use in winter.
 - » Keep it as natural as possible.
- Offleash**
- » dislike dog. off leash too many jerk owners Dog Pee Spring out of site, no pike poop owners.
 - » The off leash amenities hold limited interest to me.
 - » I don't want to pay for peoples pets. The city is for people. There are private for pay parks for kids, why shouldn't there be some so dog owners can pay!
 - » I like both options. I prefer the loop of #2, but it is unfortunate that the costs are significantly higher.
 - » This way if people are scared of dogs would not have to deal with it
 - » I don't have a problem with the existing

- » less impact and cost. I have small dogs and #1 would be okay for them
- » If concept 2 helps reduce user conflicts it will be worth the added cost.
- » There are infractions of the existing on-leash dog areas, and I don't see how either Concept is addressing this - just because certain areas are designated one way, it doesn't mean that people obey the signage. In theory, Concept 2 may reduce conflict, but it seems just as likely that it may attract more users who may then also disobey signage.
- » reducing conflict and setting up areas where people know that that area is off leash makes sense.
- » Keep dog off leash park as is. Today's regulation about off leash area stated that off leash area is at gravel road while multi use trail is on leash only. Keep it as is.
- » Not everyone is ok with dogs
- » lower cost and lower impact
- » Not worth extra cost or environmental impact
- » As in other wildlife areas, you're to control your animals. Same here.
- » Much prefer option 1 to retain integrity of natural areas.
- » I think the river valley should be left as is. It is developed enough already.
- » if there's already an off-leash area, why spend more money to create an off-leash area? Not sure I understand.
- » There's enough room for dogs right now. I don't think the river valley should be amended to accommodate dogs.
- » reduce potential conflict/risk with cyclists
- » User conflict should be managed through enforcement and education. Punishing those who have well behaved dogs is not a solution.
- » Keep the off leash area contained to a smaller area. A loop is a good idea. Most of those dogs run in circles constantly anyway :-)
- » It would help lessen conflicts with other users
- » I do not believe there should be any off-leash areas. Dogs can be very intimidating to people merely walking on the trails.
- » Keep off leash dogs out of river valley.
- » Concept Option #1 preserves natural habitat by not introducing a new trail. I do not think ability corridor conflicts should be a concern if corridor users are respectful and use the trail with consideration for others. Signage and buffers should be sufficient.
- » Great
- » Off leash parks beside trails is a conflict, separating them is better for both trail users and the dogs/dog walkers.
- » #2 seems focused on safety which is good when dogs are involved.
- » As a dog owner, I believe option 1 is adequate and provides and efficient solution.
- » Less impact.
- » Low cost option please.
- » dogs belong in the country not on a skinny river bank, lots of people are frightened of dogs whether they are on leash or not. dog owners are not necessarily skilled at handling their pets on or off leash eliminate all dogs from this area
- » Getting tired of the same question, over and over...same answer!
- » concept #1 has less impact and will promote the reclamation of natural spaces.
- » Larger area to walk the dogs.
- » Repeat - I am not a dog owner but they need areas to recreate.
- » Limit and separate off leash areas as much as possible, as a cyclist I encounter off leash dogs on the paved trail all the time and have had many near misses. Get the off leash areas well away from the paved trails.
- » I like both. Having a loop and being able to walk through with your dog would be nice.
- » Environment over some people's choice of owning dogs
- » reduce conflict
- » Existing area has much greater ease of access.
- » Lower cost and environmental impact. Conflicts in the corridor will happen either way.
- » Having off leash areas in the river valley that can better connect with other park/areas is important to me.
- » current off-leash and multiuse path are nearly on top of each other. Give dogs a chance to be dogs without impacting other users.
- » Least cost and minimal impact to environment- doesn't seem like a hard decision.
- » As mentioned previously at nauseam, supportive of Option 1 however would be supportive of the off-leash area (shown in blue).
- » I would prefer no off-leash area.
- » The off leash concept should encompass both concepts, which increases the overall area. I see no need to cut off a large part of the off leash trail along the river
- » I like the dog park as it is now
- » Are we designing for people or for dogs? Is there a safe "no dogs" pathways through the park and ravine - not all people would like to mix with dogs, most smaller children are scared of dogs, there are many adults who are scared of dogs too.
- » segregating users for the purpose of reducing complaints/ conflicts is moving in the wrong direction. These dogs off-leash areas should be enhancements to the existing network.
- » In most cases I have found that keeping the off leash areas away from more commonly used areas is a good thing
- » Dog owners want to walk their dogs somewhere
- » There should be no off leash anywhere
- » More the merrier. I wish I had a dog (or 2).

- » I do not own a dog. I would pick No Dogs if there was a choice
- » Option 1 limits off-leash activity in a good way. Dogs off leash negatively impact user experience and the environment.
- » The size of the current off-leash area is much preferable and we would be more likely to go to different parks if the off-leash area was smaller. Like the idea of decreasing conflict on the trail through things like signage.
- » The less dog activity the less problems. Unfortunately more and more dog owners are becoming irresponsible and are problems in these areas. Minimise the dog owners and we minimise dog/people issues.
- » no dog off leashe
- » As much as I wish we had ever culverted rat creek I think it is too expensive to daylight. Lets get one daylighting right first. Keep dog access as it is and keep Kinnaird on leash.
- » Low environmental impact
- » Too many off-leash areas negatively affect the park.
- » I thin leash areas should be restricted, they impede other users enjoyment of the natural area. There are other options available for dog owners.
- » less cost and less impact
- » I don't agree with off-leash dog areas on paved trails because it always results in user conflict and presents a safety hazard for cyclists
- » Keep the cost down dogs do not know the difference
- » No dogs
- » There are a sufficient number of off leash options in Edmonton.
- » Too much focus on dogs who do not pay taxes
- » Minimal impact and cost for Option #1. Fully segregate off-leash trails or don't do it at all; Option #2 is a half-measure.
- » Again the cost will be high at the beginning but more people will use the areas to adventure into.
- » Cost impact
- » i see no difference
- » More cost effective lower environmental impact.
- » I would retain the present until more need for off leash areas is demonstrated.
- » Easier to patrol.. really.
- » I'm not a fan of off leash areas in the park period. But I have never experienced a problem with the current off leash area in Dawson Park. I think the current design encourages people more inclined to enjoy nature to walk their dogs here. And it's not overly busy with dogs. But it would be with Option #2.
- » I have seldom if ever experienced dogs in this park area as a problem. For some reason they are always well behaved. Dog walking is a major reason for people using the park and also occasion for socialization. Dog areas should be supported
- » Option #1 is cheaper. Dogs don't pay taxes, users do. There is need for dog exercise areas because some people demand it for having city dogs; even if their property is too small they still want dogs! Weird.
- » Dogs need access to the river and most people using the park now are there to walk their dogs. If there needs to be a separate trail for bikes, then put the bikes on the new trail.
- » Low cost and low impact. Dog parks are not natural.
- » I don't like any off leash option that interferes with other users. Dogs should be kept on-leash wherever other uses by non-dog owners are envisioned.
- » Like long walks with my dog, but not when there are plenty of them running around. Keep off leash play areas but consider having corridors as on leash
- » Dog owners should be responsible to avoid conflict as it is. Why should my tax dollars go to pay for extra spaces for irresponsible owners who don't keep proper control of their animals.
- » Concept 1 allows for walking through the river valley while concept 2 loops on halfway through park. Not a fan of off-leash areas where wildlife are living and people trying to enjoy nature. Don't like increased impact on environment.
- » Not a huge fan of off-leash areas in general as owners have trouble controlling their dogs.
- » Separation of off leash and bike/pedestrian usage
- » Reduce conflicts between dogs and bikes.
- » Unless the area is well policed, I believe that people will use the area as per Concept 1, no matter which Concept is eventually formally approved.
- » Don't expand dogs in the park. Just the land above the park Jasper ave and 77 street for dogs.
- » I see little advantage to option 2 over 1.
- » But there needs to be more enforcement of out of control dogs in all parks citywide!
- » Personally, I am not in favour of the expansion of off-leash areas. Not everyone likes off-leash dogs, and regrettably there are many irresponsible pet owners. I'm also not in favour of spending to change this arrangement.
- » Lower cost - lower impact - requires more responsible ownership of dog owners
- » Dogs have no place in city parks if they are off leash; they are dangerous; they attack children, other dogs and wildlife. Their owners treat them like children that can do no wrong; it will only create conflict among park users.
- » I don't believe that there should be off leash areas in higher traffic areas such as the river valley. Too many issues of dogs getting away and harming passerbys. There are designated off leash areas such as at the spca building.
- » this is a much more reasonable way to handle multi use visitors
- » Don't pick a fight with the dog walkers.

- » Generally, I don't prefer the off-leash options because of the risk to other users and the fact that some owners choose not to clean up after their pets.
- » It should all be on-leash.
- » keep dogs away from people bikes etc they can create havoc unleashed
- » More presence of dogs in the park, could result in less assaults
- » More trail options for dog walkers.
- » dogs need wide open spaces, less chance of running into coyotes.
- » Dogs should always be on-leash in this area.
- » I go to this park because of its location and so that my dogs can swim in the river.
- » Prefer lower cost for dog park areas
- » I do not believe there should be any off-leash areas!
- » the city cannot afford either
- » There is less impact to natural areas in concept 1.
- » If the dogs are the ones destroying the hoo doos. then concept 2. I see them mostly sticking to the paths.
- » The dog people are ignorant and feel everyone should love their dogs too. Keep them far away and isolated from runners & cyclists who want to be left alone.
- » dogs and their owners are the biggest users of the park.
- » The current dog park is acceptable and well used.
- » You're taking away and limiting community activities for the people who already use this park.
- » cost and low impact
- » I like it the way it is now, I do not see any need to change the off leash trail. It also gives us more access to the river and my dog loves to swim in the river. We love the open shore that they have at Laurier off leash dog park so the dogs can have access to the river. I would like the city to do something like that at dawson creek for the dogs, they would love it.
- » Again if it ain't broke don't fix it !!!
- » lower cost
- » Keep as is and forget about daylighting. Focus on Millcreek and get that right
- » Concept 2 restricts access to river and open areas for dogs to run and play, also new path seems like it will be steep and narrow and difficult for winter. It also reduces amount of exercise dogs and owners get by making walk shorter.
- » I strongly appreciate the reduced user conflicts along the primary trail, so long as off-leash users can use the new loop successfully. Some off-leash users may resent the limited space as well as the increase in overall visitation that can increase conflicts; however, I support all Edmontonians using these Parks and hope the new dog loop is a reasonable compromise for existing off-leash users.
- » Off leash area is just fine the way it is.
- » I don't think the proposed dog loop will decrease user conflicts since it looks like half the mobility corridor is still shared.
- » Restricts dogs from sensitive areas, reduces potential user conflicts in multi use trail, will lead to less dog poop in multi use area of the park
- » In Concept 2, mountain bikers consistently use the upper trail, so conflicts will still happen. How can you prevent conflicts on the trail east of Capilano Bridge as there is only one?
- » The current off-leash corridor is awesome!
- » Don't mess with the off-leash dog walking areas.
- » Not a huge fan of dogs so the more we keep them out of the way the better so if this concept provides reduced conflicts then I am all for it!
- » There is already more than enough off-leash dog space.
- » Maintains what the river valley is and keeps costs down
- » There are user conflicts even in the proposed area. Also, it would be hardship for seniors and those with limited mobility to get to the proposed "off leash".
- » Current off-leash areas work well. Dog users ignore off leash regulations in areas where off leash is not permitted anyway, e.g., the park at the end of Jasper Ave probably has more off leash dogs than on leash despite the regulations,
- » I don't like option 2 because I can't connect into other park areas off leash. While I realize that I can still walk my dog though on-leash, it's not as fun and really limits that way that dog users can access and use the parks. It's also super frustrating because it means that the off-leash area actually remains closer to all of the proposed activity (i.e. playgrounds and new amenities) which doesn't really seem that sensible.
- » I do not support either option and want to keep the same off leash areas that currently exist. I visit this park multiple times per week at varying times of day and visitors to the park are primarily there to enjoy the off leash experience with their dogs. The next most common group would be cyclists in non-winter months. For those who want to picnic, walk, etc without a dog, there is kilometre upon kilometre of river valley to enjoy without having to encounter dogs off leash. It is dog owners who have, by far, the greatest restriction and it is disappointing to envision a future where even more of that space may be taken away.
- » Do not want off-leash moved.
- » there are too many issues with dog/human and dog/dog conflict along the trail (which is also a medium to high speed bicycle route according to the bicycle transportation plan)
- » safer is better
- » The dogs need open space to run and the majority of cyclists only use the park during the summer. The other 9 months it is usually the same people and most of them have dogs or don't seem to mind the animals.

- » I like option a would because it preserves the off leash dog park
 - » As a citizen who uses the park to run, bike, AND walk dogs, I have experienced VERY little conflict. I have had one (ONE!) unpleasant encounter in 6 years of using this park EVERY DAY. It is also my view that dog-walkers are the primary user of the park (particularly in winter and shoulder seasons), so it does not make sense to alienate your biggest user. Unless you are willing to spend a heap of money on enforcement, dog owner are going to continue allowing their dogs access the river (one of the big draws of the park for dog owners), so you would essentially be wasting taxpayer money without actually reducing any perceived conflict (and again, I don't believe there is a real problem with conflict in the area - although i know there are one or two very vocal dog-haters that run here). You're going to have a fight if you want to exclude the primary user of the park to make a vocal minority happy...
 - » I start my walk at concordia university and love it being off leash from the start of my daily walk. We walk the complete off leash area and back to concordia every day!
 - » Lower cost, lower impact, and better suited to existing users (particularly elderly folks who require safe walking paths for their dog walks.
 - » The current trail layout for the dog off-leash areas are perfect. My dog and I walk the same path everyday, and see all the regular people. Changing this aspect of the park would cause permanent negative damage. Hundreds of people walk their dogs here on a daily basis and I would be extremely disappointed to see it change or go entirely. The cyclists are the real issue, how can they be considered a vehicle on the roadways, and then be allowed to race by within inches of a 5 lbs dog, or a 5 year old child. Please simply consider putting up speed limit signs and more adequate signage regarding the off- leash areas. Thanks alot.
 - » THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR EVERYBODY AS IS
 - » Would like to see an on-leash area in high traffic areas
 - » Like the lower cost and lower impact
 - » Do not reduce length of off leash area. I do like the loops in option 2. Where possible, expand off leash areas (add loops from option 2to option 1) Add signage and educate users to avoid conflicts (bikers reduce speed, control dogs) How about twinning the paved path - one for wheels, one for feet.
 - » Improved signage and buffers are good, but reducing the size of the off-leash was opposed by the vast majority of dog-owners that I talked to.
 - » Option 2 is the only way to "reduce user conflict" between off-leash dogs and their owners and other users. The dogs can't read the signage or differentiate between their space the buffer spaces and too many of their owners just don't care.
 - » Dog owners need to be educated and their dogs trained and well behaved. Bicyclists need to respect slower moving pedestrians. Use of bells should be mandated. Both can co-exist. This is a great place to practice peaceful co-existence.
 - » Enjoy the ability to have the dog off leash for the entire walk in dawson. Also, like to give the dog access to go cool down in the river water for the entire walk.
 - » Presently too much dog interference - option 2 allows them an area away from the pavillion so we can picnic without dogs off-leash interference
 - » i want this area to be off leash everywhere.
 - » lower cost I think dog walkers and dogs are a great asset in keeping the park well used and safe.
 - » I don't see data on user conflict and feel users have coexisted quite well. Walkers make way for bikes and bikes slow down for groups of walkers - its a respectful environment with most dogs well controlled by their owners and most cyclists at recreational speeds not racing speeds.
 - » I vehemently disagree with these plans. Dogs should be off-leash ONLY in an enclosed area (which could be in the open area above and to the east of the Rat Creek storm water outflow area). They should be welcomed on-leash on trails everywhere.
 - » This is the best as present parking facilities can be improved and the off leash area is handy for those who walk their dogs prior to going to work in the mornings.
 - » Would not use enclosed off-leash area. Off-leash use of the full mobility corridor is very important to me. Concentration off-leash to a shorter loop would not really reduce potential conflicts, and would unnecessarily punish dog walkers. I suggest that signage address inconsiderate cyclists.
 - » It's an off-leash area that is quite unique. I would suggest better signage so non-dog folks have a better understanding that they are in an off-leash area.
- Parking**
- » if people know and use the facilities, more parking will be required.
 - » I don't feel we need to expand the parking lot at this time. Expansion remains an option for the future.
 - » People need to park.
 - » I would hope more people are drawn to this area, so increased parking offered by option 2 seems necessary. However, the increased financial costs are unfortunate.
 - » Depends on the amenities that are offered. If the amenities will increase the amount of use then the parking should be expanded.
 - » If I can't park easily I won't go
 - » less impact and cost
 - » I would prefer option 1, but we must be practical and acknowledge that people will drive and expect parking.

- » I don't drive to the park, so I prefer the cheaper option.
- » If you build it they will come
- » Less expensive
- » encourage access from TOP, not paving even more. Tie in to Stadium LRT, and Jasper bus routes, bike path on 92 st, etc. without much cost, aligning with active transport and way we move.
- » Rarely is the lot full - no need to expand
- » Let's encourage people to walk/bike. Even in winter and market it this as part of the feature of having a truly natural area.
- » The cost to increase parking here seems outrageous. Shouldn't we be encouraging other forms of transit? Especially as this park is near major bus routes and an Lrt station.
- » no need for more parking, that is a cost that does not need to be spent, just resurface it.
- » I am indifferent between these.
- » cost
- » I think the river valley should be left as is. It is developed enough already. Stop this attitude of "if we build it people will use it". When I've been there there has always been plenty of parking so why are you even thinking of changing things???????
- » I'm not really in a position to say whether more parking is needed? I've always found plenty of parking when I go to the park.
- » I think with increased in development will come more usage space for trailer parking would be nice in a gravel lot.. Not sure the lot needs to be paved but I think this parking is not large enough.
- » The city shouldn't remove more trees to accommodate more cars. There's enough room for cars, and if there isn't, then maybe people will be encouraged to walk to take the bus.
- » Creating a unified central parking area will allow people to access the park properly and will disrupt surrounding neighborhoods less.
- » Don't need bigger vehicles in there. Manage the costs.
- » Less impact
- » Increased parking is necessary!!! This is a must!
- » Saves tax payers money and makes people walk to the park.
- » Increased parking is unnecessary and would be a terrible use of park space. Maybe try encouraging park users to access public transportation when visiting the park.
- » Keep parking small encourage people to access the park by walking or cycling
- » Great
- » More explanation required for the anticipated parking demand.
- » More spaces
- » If we're going to increase the usage of the park, we will need more parking.
- » I don't think the parking lot is ever full now.
- » Lower cost please - we have no reason to increase taxes for parking.
- » less cost, less concrete, less environmental impact, encourages walking
- » More development, more usage, more citizens using. Also allows better surface for homeless to camp on.
- » The park is close to downtown and accessible by trail and by transit. There is no need to add asphalt parking in the river valley when the existing lot is underused.
- » No parking should be offered. It is a blight on the land.
- » I would prefer concept #2, if it were less impactful to the environment and promoted increased traffic alongside an increase in natural spaces.
- » Reduces the impact of parking going into a residential area and cause a negative effect to the area.
- » cost
- » If you build it right, the park will be used. If it will be used there is a need for more parking.
- » Added parking is not needed and has an environmental impact. Support multi modal access.
- » Edmonton already has way too much parking. No new parking should be built.
- » enough for cars! should be tied to Edmonton's Clean Air strategy and find other ways to access area
- » If use increase sufficiently, we would move to concept 2 in the future
- » I have never had a problem with the existing parking lot.
- » Lower cost and environmental impact.
- » City should promote transit to area to reduce parking need.
- » I actually prefer #1 because of a smaller foot print, but I know there are issues already with lack of parking (eg. dragon boats), so admittedly, it is probably best to increase parking.
- » I only bike here so I have no concept of current lot usage. Giving up green space is always sad
- » We should encourage those in the neighborhood to walk to the park or make public transit shelters in the area prettier to encourage their use.
- » Using existing infrastructure and simply improving it, seems like a logical option
- » want to keep the amount of pavement in the park as small as possible
- » Lowest impact and lowest cost
- » As much as I don't like t more parking will bring more people to the park.
- » I never park here anyway, I always park at the other end of the park but it seems like a good idea
- » Your criteria (cost and Impact to environment) have omitted the "user experience" or how people-friendly is the design - Remember, we design for people!

- » Depends on how often this parking lot is full. Perhaps a separate stage later on in the process, if park enhancements actually increase use. If amenity building is built, parking should be improved as well.
- » Unfortunately with increased amenities comes increased activity and a larger parking lot would be required
- » Less money, less impact, enough parking
- » people need parking to use park.
- » Improve transit access
- » If it ain't broke, don't fix it!
- » Lower cost and would meet user needs.
- » Current amount of parking has been sufficient in almost all cases, with added alley parking even if small events come to the park, should still be enough.
- » Expanding the parking area does not minimise the carbon foot print at all
- » but put in increased gravel parking
- » Just let dragon boaters park in park next to them along road near old Edey house. If you mess with current parking it will be expensive and disturb more soil
- » The focus of the area should be as a neighbourhood park catering to people arriving on foot and by bicycle. Land given over to storing cars in the park should be minimal.
- » increased parking designated would reduce illegal parking that imposes on nearby residents.
- » do we need that much parking?
- » Looks more convenient for boat launching
- » Not everyone can walk to get there. Parking is essential
- » It is just right size now spend money on this in ten years see if it needs to be expanded
- » There are ample methods of reaching the River Valley from any point in the city. The need to drive is minimal.
- » lower capital cost and lower maintenance
- » If you expect people to go there, you better have parking available
- » Option #1 is beautiful and I like the lower impact and cost of course.
- » Having more people to come and be with nature is what the City wants so having a larger parking area is what it will take. Are the garbage bins only in one location or placed throughout the park?
- » Lower cost
- » Allows for increased usage over time
- » expensive. yes. but thinking again of the residents in the area and possible higher traffic volumes to the park, it is a better option to have vehicles parked in the park rather than all over peoples streets. More garbage cans.
- » I have no info on the need for additional parking.
- » How about electric car stalls.. for charging purposes. on concept 2 and the solar array can even roof the location. Provides shade in summer and keeps snow amounts down during winter. something to think about. charging stalls yes.
- » I like the smaller gravel lot. It fits in better with the concept of a sustainable natural environment.
- » This should be sufficient to address parking upgrades.
- » Option #1 is cheaper. The parking can be increased as required. . . .
- » we do not need more parking there, and more costs
- » Promote usage with more parking.
- » Lower environmental impact than than option #2. The whole point of our river valley system should be to minimize environmental impact.
- » I've never seen this parking lot full, and people should be encouraged to bike or walk to this area instead of drive
- » I am afraid that the option 1 if chosen be a drag on vicinity residents as overflow vehicles be all over their living area
- » low cost.
- » As mentioned before, I'm not a fan of the larger parking lot since it will remove some trees and it increases the use by large parties, who are often noisy, less environmentally friendly. Concept 2 appears to affect wildlife habitat more.
- » No opinion, I only access this area via bicycle or walking.
- » Reduces parking in surrounding residential areas
- » Parks need more parking.
- » If the area is going to attract more people, then parking will be required.
- » Keeps the party animals out.
- » As much as I dislike losing green space to parking lots, I do not live in walking/biking distance from the parks and would have to drive to get to the park (taking the bus and carrying picnic gear is not practical!). Better parking would open the parks up to more people like me who do not live near the river, a ravine or other large natural space. If parking was readily available, I would definitely go to this park regularly, in winter and summer!
- » Unless there is compelling evidence that usage will increase significantly, the more expensive option would appear to be premature.
- » I hope the City will be exercising other policy areas to reduce Edmontonians' overall use of individual cars. We should be making better use of walking, biking, and transit. In the future we should be relying less on cars, not more, so we should not need expanded parking.
- » Other than when the dragon boats are using the space, the parking lot is at best half full. It doesn't make sense to really increase the amount of space.
- » unless demand requires it
- » Encourage use
- » Plan for the future. Current facilities will not do in 15 years.
- » promoting use of transit, biking, walking
- » We need parking!
- » simpler is better...get people to walk, bike or take the bus.
- » keep the park more natural. by adding all those extra entrances, vehicles can stay out

- » Smaller parking lot will encourage people to walk to the park.
- » Keep it simple, and low cost!
- » Increased park use implies increased need for parking. Need to consider the impact on neighbouring residents in terms of noise and on street parking.
- » Edmonton remains, and will be for some time, a vehicle reliant city. This lowers the barrier of access/perception of the park quality to drivers.
- » concept one should work
- » Encourage accessing area by foot or bicycle, not by vehicle...
- » Cost appeals to me.
- » Parking at Dawson tends to be tough to find
- » Increased recreational use requires increased parking area, with buffer for residences nearby.
- » Whether City Council likes it or not, people WILL drive to these parks. Bear in mind that not everyone has access to decent public transit (or even transit at all, like me!). Also, certainly people don't want, or simply cannot, lug sports equipment, kayaks, picnic supplies, etc. on a bus!
- » the city cannot afford either
- » Less pavement in Concept 1, less impact.
- » more parking will bring more people
- » The current parking is acceptable.
- » cost and low impact
- » I like the idea of more parking. Sometimes when it is busy it is very hard to find parking.
- » We are going to need extra space for parking so do it now and do it right
- » more accessible
- » Leave as is. Maybe help dragon boaters legally park near their spot in addition
- » Don't see the need to change it.
- » Supports the increased usage of the amenity building that I support.
- » Current parking levels unintentionally force people to commute here in a "green" fashion and limit use of the area to sustainable levels. By increasing parking fewer people will walk or bike and the area is more likely to experience over use.
- » Increased parking would actually be nice.
- » would improve enjoyment and reduce displeasure looking for parking
- » If increased park use is being encouraged then parking will need to be expanded to keep user vehicles out of residential parking
- » I rarely drive to the park to walk my dog as I live close by.
- » need expanded parking
- » Don't waste money on creating parking by disrupting the land.
- » There is already considerable parking pressure in the area due to park use by existing recreational groups. Additional parking would be appropriate.
- » If expected increase in demand and # of users then I imagine would need more parking, esp as not great bus access.
- » Definite lower impact on park, would even suggest to reduce further! Why not consider making even smaller by reconfiguring parking lot a bit more by creating a one-way loop system and permit parking along the entry road. That way you could eliminate the whole row of parking on the left side of the parking lot and bring that back to green!
- » There is no need for additional parking as the existing parking is under utilized.
- » Keeps more of the river valley intact
- » There is only increased use 3 months of the year. I have been walking my dog in Dawson for over 30 years and there is "NO ONE" there during the months of November to March.
- » If the plans work more parking will be needed.
- » Isn't the city trying to reduce driving?
- » I go to Dawson about 5 days a week and never have trouble parking there. I suppose that, depending on the amenities that are adapted, it's possible that more people will use the park and parking will become an issue. I'm not sure that the cost of the increased parking is worth it though.
- » Retain current parking lot.
- » Parking is a real issue for residents, especially in the summer time when the dragon boat teams start on the river & whenever there is an event going on in the park.
- » the less parking the better. this is a natural area which does not need to be a giant 'drive-in' attraction. I would suggest including more accessible parking in the smaller lot however for those that cannot access the area without motorised assistance.
- » make a parkade and charge for using it -but you must be using the park to park here and only up to 8-10 hrs in special cases so you could build a triple level parkade and not take up more space with parking hrs from 5 am to midnight and use epark machines and have a group that does security here monitor the building for no good doers and the like.
- » I like the lower amount of parking. Promotes walking to the park and will reduce environmental impact.
- » It increases the amount of parking for the park
- » There are very few times of the year (dragon boat festivals being one) where parking is limited. I use the park every day and see no need to increase vehicle capacity - particularly once additional pedestrian access points are added. As a taxpayer, I also strongly prefer Option 1
- » I don't use the parking lot - I walk
- » While I like concept two, I'm not sure that the benefits outweigh the cost and environmental impact.

- » People just gotta get over walking a few feet to the park, instead of the convenience of getting straight out of your car and onto the grass
- » KEEP THE SPACE AS GREEN AS POSSIBLE
- » We want to cater to downtown residence who can walk there. No need for more parking.
- » The parking lot needs to be enlarged. The present one is too small
- » Lower cost, lower impact
- » Additional parking by entrance option 1
- » Adding parking along a dedicated entrance would be better than adding more asphalt.
- » There's not much point in completing facilities meant to be used and not making provisions for potential users to actually get there and be able to make use of them after they've arrived.
- » Keep the trees!
- » Sometimes it is hard to find parking at dawson
- » There will be lrt access close in future. Eo not encourage addiotional traffic
- » Allows this to be a park of choice for decades to come fine as is.
- » lower cost. Very seldom is there not enough parking at the park.
- » There is always room for more parking and the upgrades will increase foot or bike access so fewer cars may be needed. Overall the current parking lot should accommodate more people and is unlikely to exclude intentional users.
- » I prefer Concept 1 (as Concept 2's removal of trees for increased parking in the river valley is a ridiculous idea) but I don't see the need for a larger turnaround area either. Buses currently drop off students on a near-daily basis in this parking lot, and they have no trouble. We need garbage cans throughout the park, not just here.
- » The only reason to enlarge the large vehicle turn around area is to accommodate vehicles towing boat trailers. Though I am not in favour of jet or motor boats on the river if they are to be allowed; the boat launches for these craft should be located away from the central parks or placed where the River Queen is berthed on the south side of the river.
- » more parking would be good, but with out making it a major meeting site, the cost for more parking does not seem fiscal.
- » Prefer less development
- » As much as I hate to say it, with the Dragon Boat people parking everywhere during the season this area needs more parking. I would also suggest "resident only" parking signs along 87th street.

Amenity Building

- » no preference
- » no facilities, no people.
- » Option 1 offers better amenities for less cost
- » Open a concession in the building to help pay for the park.
- » I like the second option because it is more versatile.
- » Not convinced that programming space is required here.
- » Good in winter for warming up
- » less impact and cost
- » Again, where it's not harming the environment, it would be great to see more use if the budget allows.
- » Has the potential to increase use and would likely need to be enlarged in the future anyway.
- » As long as there's washrooms, I'm good with either.
- » multi use is where it's at
- » Less expensive
- » bathrooms are what's missing now, not parking/
- » I support further development in the river valley. It'd be great to have coffee shops and restaurants in the area to draw people near the river. (look at the success of little brick coffee shop - imagine the success of one IN the park!)
- » #2 has too much!
- » I have a hard time justifying the larger space without knowing what would be done there. It doesn't seem like a really practical spot for formal, scheduled activities.
- » it is expandable
- » lower cost is better
- » I am indifferent, not a likely user.
- » I think the river valley should be left as is. It is developed enough already. Stop this attitude of "if we build it people will use it".
- » I think what's proposed is sufficient
- » Bookable space would be popular how does this park come into play of the Canada day fireworks were to happen on the legislature plaza as a viewing site..
- » but only if there is demand for this type of programmable space. i suspect something that could be booked for urban "retreats" and workshops by different groups would be very valuable
- » Outreach workers?
- » I support the notion of (limited) bookable space and the opportunity for future partnerships.
- » I think there are enough other spaces in the city
- » This has the potential to add amenities such as restaurant, etc.
- » Partner with the Edmonton Dragon Boat Racing Club to provide event space/maintain practice area.
- » Keep this area as simple as possible
- » Concept Option #2 is excessive, and again a terrible use of park space. I strongly prefer the single, smaller vestibule of Concept Option #1.
- » Keep it simple
- » Great

- » Will the amenity space actually be used? How will it be supervised? The building in Whitemud Creek is nice, but since it's not occupied regularly the space is abused.
- » More buildings just obstruct the natural setting.
- » I think this is a better and more efficient use of the space. I don't believe that we need to go overboard on this feature where we won't get a suitable return on the investment.
- » less impact and spending
- » Small washroom building only.
- » lower cost, lower environmental impact, who wre these future partner groups do they have lots of dugh?
- » Don't have them now, don't need them later.
- » concept #1 retains the natural look to the area.
- » Better spaces for multiple use ideas.
- » cost
- » Option 2 provides more flexibility for the City to develop programming.
- » Smaller option is better and works within the natural setting better than a major construction project. Also takes too long to build and maintenance costs are higher.
- » I'm not sure the difference, but the first one has a smaller parking lot, so that's what I'll go with.
- » more buildings, more people, more car needs, more impact
- » We have lots of spaces for programs in the city that are under utilized. Recommend concept 1 and see what happens if further develop would be required
- » Lower cost.
- » Not sure the space would need to expand for bookable events.
- » Allows for more usage of park building attracting new users.
- » Keep it small.
- » I have no opinion here
- » Excellent idea working along with Outreach workers and Rangers, still provides an area for washrooms and gathering spot. With minimal cost.
- » I would prefer the lowest impact development
- » More flexible
- » I like the idea of having the space open to everyone
- » Is there a need for this building? who will use it? will there be programming for this space, or will it be vacant if people don't rent the space? The city should have a use for this space to be used year round. having it rented out for private use should be secondary.
- » I'm all for program space but you have to make sure its actually needed and used, don't let it become another great idea that cost the city and is doing nothing.
- » It should remain a natural area and not a meeting space
- » This is plenty.
- » Lower cost
- » More "homey".
- » There are so many amenity spaces in the city already. I am unconvinced that another one would be a good use of money.
- » Smaller impact on surrounding area.
- » Minimise the carbon foot print and keep the maintaining the environment the theme.
- » Current space awesome and well used. Indoors not used as fireplace is always locked. Would be so nice to have fires in winter? Or is that a PM 2.5 issue. Should we discourage outdoor fires and maybe provide gas pits???? More consultation needed. I don't uderstand current plan at all.
- » For the amount of use it should be at a minimum cost
- » Keep it small but make better and more frequent use of it. A small, well-loved building is better than a large, empty one. The bathrooms should be open all year, unlike the lovely new (but often closed) bathrooms in Borden Park.
- » i don't understand the term 'touch down spot' Amenities like bathrooms should be available year round. Our family still has to go to the bathroom whether it is winter or summer
- » accommodations for partner groups maybe valuable but the fees must be kept low
- » No need for an indoor vestibule
- » We do not need more unbookable space
- » Low impact infrastructure is preferred
- » less cost less impact
- » Don't need a large building if we are going to be spending most of our time enjoying the park itself. Large building sounds costly too.
- » Everyone should be able to use the amenities not limit to certain businesses or groups to use.
- » Cost
- » Greater flexbioity
- » I would prefer to wait and see if the demand for more space results from substantially more use of the amenity.
- » People will use it more really..
- » My preference is for the lower activity option.
- » Save the money
- » Park amenities will encourage use! More the better.
- » Concept two too expensive
- » Lower impact, lower cost.
- » Since the environmental impact is the same for both options, go for the one with better facilities.
- » Less developed is better
- » No need for program space. Hot / cold drinks service be nice to have in that space which could be manned by information staff
- » low cost.
- » I appreciate these close up views for seeing more of the design. I still like Concept 1. I think it allows use without affecting the environment and encourages stewardship

and connecting with nature. Concept 2 is very paved, less nature feeling, and to me, therefore will result in people not feeling as environmentally mindful.

- » Greater versatility and room for growth of use
- » Unless a clear need develops, the added expense of Option 2 does not seem warranted.
- » Combine the building space of #2 with the river frontage design of #1.
- » Unless you clarify what kind of partner groups might be in this space, I don't see any advantage to option 2.
- » There are already many spaces available. We do not need to create more bookable spaces.
- » Encourage use
- » Keep the park about the nature.
- » If we are going to use the river valley, provide washrooms, gathering area and hot beverage service for winter use.
- » simpler is better
- » don't need this natural area to become a booked facility
- » Wash rooms and warm-up space are the need. Goldbar pavilion is probably the most functional park pavilion in the city... use it as the model!
- » Consider adding showers or other amenities to help with the homeless population.
- » Option 2 may go unused for long periods of time.
- » concept one should work
- » More port-a-potties in summer
- » Use able meeting space will bring new people to the park.
- » Less congestion
- » More versatility.
- » Washrooms!
- » There would be room to urbanize the area (e.g. restaurants).
- » the city cannot afford either
- » I support both options. Can they be combined.
- » The smaller building is adequate for washrooms and warm up. Maintenance is a big cost.
- » The existing infrastructure is fine. Nothing further is required unless the Dragon Boat people want to cost share on a new structure, but I think they are no frills organization i.e. broke.
- » Large capital and maintenance cost for buildings which will not be used most of the year.
- » cost and low impact
- » Unless you feel there is a need for larger facilities I feel the ones we have now are fine.
- » Build with the future in mind
- » This deserves a whole lot more community consultation. Everyone I know is super frustrated by this entire plan. I talked to a guy today who is in there daily with his dog and he didn't even know this was going on.
- » No opinion
- » Please ensure that the program space is kept to a minimum. This space should be complimentary to other programmable areas in our River Valley, not in competition

or as an identical expansion of existing locations. no one is suggesting the Park become an alternate location for groups who would prefer to be in Hawrelak, I hope. A smaller programmable location - which I think is what is being proposed here - seems like a positive addition for small groups and events rather than duplication of existing locations. Please ensure the "touchdown spot" is part of Option 2 as well.

- » Keep it small and natural. Let people and children discover the joy of nature.
- » No opinion.
- » with expansion would increase use and enjoyment of facilities
- » Expanded amenity building is unnecessary & will probably be underused most of the time
- » Never use it.
- » Less cost to build and lower maintenance cost - want the least amount of impact for property taxes.
- » Don't make the footprint of this building any larger.
- » Great to have the space if groups/agencies want to plan programming at the park for the day
- » Improvements to the existing space are welcome, but it is already large enough.
- » Keeps more of the river valley intact
- » Don't need to spend money on a building for undesirables to hang out in.
- » Both kinds of space are likely to be used for purposes for which they were not designed - security would be paramount.
- » I really like the ideas of having program space there. Can I also suggest, if you are re-doing the building anyways, having a dog-friendly bathroom stall. This could be accessible from the outside and be an accessible (gender and mobility), single user stall and thus fit many purposes. I often take my dog into the bathroom with me anyways (I make sure his feet are clean) because I'm often walking him alone and don't feel that it's safe or responsible to leave him outside alone, for two main reasons: 1. if someone's not watching their kid and the child runs up to my dog and he knocks him over or bites him for some reason, people will say it's the dogs fault, when it's really not, and 2. someone could steal him.
- » Option 2 - the cost
- » the smaller the better. adding more and more amenity space will only devalue the nature of the recreation area by turning it into an attraction. park users should be allowed to enjoy the area in relative peace, not jockeying for access with conventions and parties.
- » better choice more bookable for groups to use and access building for races .
- » I pick option two because it will increase the amount of people that use the park

- » Keep costs down.
- » Again - I like the idea of concept 2, but I'm not sure the benefits warrant it.
- » KEEP THE SPACE AS OPEN AND INFORMAL AS POSSIBLE
- » Like the idea of adding program space
- » I don't think we need additional building space for this; not worth the cost for low use.
- » Keep costs down with #1. Besides the whole idea is to use the outside, not draw people inside.
- » As more activities are introduced into the river valley, those touch points where we connect need to support those uses. Whether it's the dragon boats making their home here or whether this is the destination for canoes launched in Devon or hosting a fishing derby, the amenity building should be able to be expanded to incorporate those groups and support their activities.
- » Less impact to the area and keep the the trees.
- » Keep footprint small
- » More space better park use
- » fine as is. open longer hours.
- » lower costs
- » I don't see the need to turn the park into a commercial entity. There is booking space at the Riverdale community center and along Louise McKinley - lets improve the park in a fiscally responsible way with minimal impact to the environment
- » There is no need for new amenities. The current amenities are in excellent condition. If park staff need to be able to see into washrooms, install a new door with a window.
- » I prefer Option 1 as meetings can be booked in other venues above the park area. For example in community league halls or in high rise board rooms with a view of the river valley. Food facilities, bars, stores and other amenities are all available at the top of the river bank!
- » Prefer less development
- » Keep it small. We have enough challenges with vagrants as it is. The other is just inviting trouble.
- » 1 is beautiful, 2 is to artificial and costly too, especially with flood and ice damage each season/
- » Either go with minimal infrastructure or major infrastructure. Minor infrastructure is too much not to be noticeable and too little if its to be properly used
- » I'm breaking my theme and and going #2, so that people with physical limitations can have a reasonable access.
- » Please don't do option 2. It's so ugly.
- » There are enough access points already. Do not change anything.
- » I prefer the naturalized option over the constructed one
- » It would be nice to see more interpretive elements like concept two how the river was used the erosion of the banks and the layers of earth exposed showing the differnt ages of the weather. Love to see this up and down the river. I use Laurier off leash al the time and you dont get a sense of enjoying the river because it is so cut off back into the park....
- » more relaxing to sit and enjoy
- » Natural elements leave the park feeling more natural.
- » We're all getting older so some degree of (limited) infrastructure to get into non-motorized boats would be helpful.
- » I like both!
- » It will be used more and more natural interface
- » This is far more accessible for people with mobility problems!
- » Keep area as natural as possible
- » The natural elements on Concept Option #1 reduce the impact on the river edge, and are also more aesthetically pleasing.
- » Natural elements will be less costly to maintain
- » Great
- » Let darwin worry about water safety. The basic is also more attractive
- » I prefer the more natural look to enhance the nature experience.
- » less impact
- » Natural is better
- » less people and dogs falling into water
- » One of the best parts of this section of river is you can feel that you are in the middle of wilderness, miles from the city. Natural river access continues this feeling, but putting up decking and railing limits this. In the picture for concept 2, I imagine arriving there on my bike on a hot day and trying to figure out how to put my feet in the water - it looks unnatural and awkward to actually get to a point where I could touch the water.
- » Leave nature alone
- » I like both options. a mix of the two would be good.
- » Better views of the river, but would like to see some seating added to the view points.

River Access

- » no preference
- » enjoy these.
- » River access should be easy, with less overt evidence of human intervention. After all, to me the river valley offers an escape to more natural surroundings.
- » More people would enjoy this.
- » I like the first option. Not everything needs to be highly constructed.
- » Allows more people to enjoy the scenery
- » less impact and cost
- » More natural and lower cost.
- » I like the naturalized look better.
- » encourage activity is why we are doing this right.
- » Looks better

- » Have visited other sites with comparable structure - appreciate increased access to river for those less able to walk there.
- » Constructed access points will be used more and provide destination points for walking along the river. If you naturalize spots then all you are doing is to encourage people to seek out alternative areas to access river.
- » seems more doable and in the spirit of a more natural experience.
- » Looks better and is more fun. Also will likely be less maintenance.
- » people do want to connect with river so have more safe and controlled
- » be nice to have areas to fish off of our sit more into the river area
- » Better accessibility.
- » Lower cost, natural area is nice.
- » Minor improvements are nice
- » I prefer more natural.
- » Allow the users to enjoy an environment that is not designed to the max. Option 1 has is an excellent way to formalize the river access and minimize the erosion.
- » See previous comments
- » They look better and will hopefully be taken better care of. Again “natural” areas tend to look un kept in Edmonton.
- » I think it would be great to make the river more accessible! We don't have anything like this
- » Design for People - create people friendly places that can be used in the winter as well (naturalized access cannot be used during winter), also provide lighting, garbage disposals, bike racks and toilettes.
- » fishing areas would be nice. I don't fish, but I enjoy watching people fish/use the river's edge.
- » I like both options and retaining the viability of the river bank is important as well as keeping it safe
- » Keep it natural looking and spend less money.
- » cost
- » Looks better able to withstand floods
- » More “homey”.
- » Number two looks safer
- » Option 2 would be safer for small children.
- » Like the more natural feel, allows more flexible engagement with the space.
- » When any kind of “minor infrastructure” happens we lose the goal off minimal carbon foot print.
- » WE are over developing our river edge. we do not need formal access at every park
- » # 1 far better but, how is this helpful. Explain how informal access will be reduced. I need more explanation and information. There is currently so much informal access I can imagine it will be reduced. This plan seems totally out of touch with reality. Current build viewpoints on south side of River over looking riverdale are not used in favour of more natural viewpoints.
- » keep it natural you can see wildlife and the river from the banks. Real fisherman and naturalists will access the river without disturbing the banks.
- » the minor infrastructure will have higher maintenance costs Beaumaris Lake is an example of what can happen if maintenance is not done. Don't put in infrastructure unless there are provisions to maintain it.
- » There will be less littering with this concept.
- » Natural natural natural
- » There is little need for pomp when seeking nature!
- » This will promote more connection with the river
- » While I prefer Concept 1, both Concepts are practical and beautiful.
- » Being able to go out on the river edge is the most neat thing to do and see. If the provincial and federal parks have them why can't City parks have them?
- » Less impact
- » Enhances the 'natural' experience
- » with concept 2 I think it will still cause people to make informal access to the river as they might actually want to touch the water. At least with concept 1, access to water is available with some control.
- » I would hope for more use of the area resulting.
- » Think of safety.. someone falls of rocks and gets hurt or dies.. Hmm no rich people who can put a fight will do it.. so no protect and safety is needed.
- » I love the ability to walk out and look across the river. This concept really encourages people to use the structures and not increase erosion on the bank.
- » It looks far more appealing and retains the natural feel.
- » Option #1 is more natural and a lot cheaper. However, if disability access is necessary then option #2 is the obvious choice.
- » keep natural appearance - concept 2 is not needed, is overkill, costs too much
- » I would like a few small areas to have improved river access
- » Low cost and natural.
- » Encouragement of activity and better access without increasing environmental impact is better.
- » Less developed is better
- » Looks and feels much better
- » low cost, low maintainance
- » Concept 1 makes me want to sit and enjoy the space. Concept 2 seems to be a standing place to pause and then move along; it feels less inviting.
- » More fitting with the natural look of the park
- » Provides access without increasing erosion
- » I thnk the Concept 2 option will lead to a great deal of vandalism, and the maintenance costs will be both high, and necessary to maintain the safety of the facilities.

- » Do some of both.
- » I want to get as close to the water as possible. Option #1 seems to do that. It also seems to minimize the crowds that a person would contend with in option 2, where people would be more concentrated. Option 1 encourages people to simply sit and enjoy the river and the view.
- » There's a lot more that needs to be dealt with, outside these areas, before either of these options can work. This option is simplistic as posed. How do people get into these areas? The City of Edmonton does not control the upstream use of the river, so how feasible is fishing?
- » would be great to have both options. some of concept 1 some of concept 2
- » Lower cost - lower impact
- » Keep it about the nature.
- » We need to accommodate all users; not everybody is able to use "wilderness parks". As the population gets older, we need more benches and formal viewing and gathering areas.
- » keep the area as natural as possible
- » Easier water access and cheaper.
- » naturalized is better
- » looks nicer
- » As note earlier... a beach and good access is the need for both paddlers and fishermen.
- » Access to prevent erosion and reduce risk of entry need to be priorities.
- » Option 1 looks better aesthetically.
- » reduces impact on river edge
- » Encourages families with small children....reduces the city's liability exposure
- » Two is safer for small children.
- » More natural
- » A combination of the 2 would be preferable.
- » Cost
- » It is much better-looking!
- » the city cannot afford either
- » Concept 1 is more natural.
- » It is safer. The river is fast.
- » There is great access to fishing on the river. Only a planner would think you can construct nature. There is great access and the erosion is natural and minimally impacted by usage.
- » cost and low impact
- » We like to be able to access the river. I would love to see a larger open area along the river bank to allow access.
- » less erosion
- » So many access points now. This is contrived and Condescending Sorry not to write more cogently but I am in a hurry.
- » Just based on the photos concept 1 looks nicer and seems like you'd be able to still access river.
- » I support a mix of accesses, combined with management of trails to those access points to minimize impact. I do not believe every access point requires infrastructure; however, at least one (and perhaps 2 or 3) points would benefit from minor infrastructure. The pictured platform should be the maximum required for this location in the River Valley, unlike other heavily-traffic'd areas.
- » Natural wins again.
- » Definitely prefer the naturalized river points. Much more natural looking. Concept 2 looks like it would take up a lot of space and won't be used much for anything.
- » would prefer a more natural viewing along river
- » I like the idea of viewing points near the river
- » Less cost always good, and the more natural the better.
- » Option 2 would help to encourage more people to get out on to the trails.
- » Lower cost solution the better. However more evaluation is needed on cost as it will be expensive to clean up the garbage. This site was a land fill (although not officially) and there is a constant amount of glass and metal coming out of the bank every year.
- » It is fine as it is.
- » There is pressure on the river edge associated with existing levels of activity (fishing, dog walking, etc.) The construction of access points may alleviate this pressure by formalizing access to certain areas.
- » Would suggest a mix of these - some natural and some which follow Universal Design principles so they are accessible to more people.
- » Ecological protection should be the guiding principle, prioritized over disturbance to the river to provide additional "access".
- » To keep the river valley as natural as possible
- » Erosion is a fact of life. You cannot spend enough money to battle mother nature.
- » Less likelt fall in.
- » During the summer months the park is quite noisy in the evening with large groups gathering & blasting their music. I would be afraid some idiots might use the infrastructure as their party launch.
- » The one with the big rocks and two women looks better the other picture does not have anyone on deck enjoying it- it is looking empty and completely uninviting with nowhere to sit and enjoy the view.
- » I prefer natural access to the river. If it is possible to create clear paths to the water with a flat standing area it would be great!
- » It keeps the natural environment in time so I pick option one
- » Option2 is more costly to install and maintain (flood damage).
- » love the natural ideas
- » Concept 1 is all you need.
- » KEEP THIS SPECIAL SPACE AS NATURAL AS POSSIBLE
- » Concept 2 has a safer viewing area
- » Cost. Do need formalized access points.

- » Natural is better and less costly to maintain than flooded out or ice-damaged river access points in #2
- » We need to be able to “touch the water” and “connect with the water”, not just look at it from afar if we are going to nurture the respect and gain the support for the protection of our river valley and it’s importance to our city and our lives.
- » Less impact and continuing costs.
- » Feel like graffiti and garbage in river will be more issue in concept 2
- » Long term it’ll be better and allow lesser mobile citizens access to the area
- » keep as is. no infrastructure.
- » I like the natural look and focus
- » I love your picture of natural access - it is so inviting to enjoy the sites and sounds of the waters edge.
- » I don’t want to see “formalized” access points. I’m so tired of hearing about river “accessibility.” What about river protection?
- » I prefer Option 1 because there will be less impact by vandalism. The running maintenance costs would also be very low.
- » it is more natural
- » Prefer less development, less impact on environment.
- » Keep it natural

Viewpoints

- » I enjoy this style.
- » The city already offers several decent overlooks, the view just need to be maintained.
- » This would give people a chance to rest on the way up or down the stairs.
- » Let’s enhance what we already have, with concept 1.
- » Not as much cost
- » less impact and cost
- » Lower ongoing maintenance costs and less impact on environment.
- » I like the naturalized feeling better with Concept 1 - there are already a lot of constructed stair viewing platforms in the City.
- » I kind of like both concepts, having observation decks are important way to experience the river valley.
- » Less expensive
- » 1 would be lovely and has character, 2 is overbuilt and not harmonius/
- » #2 is too overbuilt and will require too much maintenance.
- » Not sure it adds any value considering the increased financial & environmental costs.
- » Additional view points a plus
- » There are enough viewpoints points already. Do not change anything. I do not support any tax dollars being spent on what is not needed.
- » I think taking the option with the least changes to the environment are best

- » #2 is too overdeveloped
- » Option 1 is more economical, with similar results.
- » The River Valley is Edmonton’s crown jewel. Let’s see it with additional lookouts.
- » Two is too industrial feeling
- » This simply looks better.
- » Keep intrusion as minimal as possible. Don’t want to be snooping on the homeless
- » Concept Option #2 is not worth the cost and environmental impact, when there are already existing viewpoints and overlooks that are sufficient.
- » Keep it simple, reduce maintenance costs
- » I do like the proposed entrance Latta Bridge as it provides a connection to the river valley along that part of Jasper Avenue as there aren’t a enough decent entrances into the river valley east of 95 Street, but I think stairs is actually less accessible for many walkers, cyclists, etc. Stairs are better for lookouts but not necessarily accessibility. A natural sloped entrance down into the park is more ideal.
- » Great
- » I think the current allows less adventurous people still have a nice view. The fewer structures allows more adventurous people find their own.
- » I like the improved viewpoints that are not over-done.
- » less impact.
- » Natural is better please
- » what the heck is that big yellow thing looks like polluting motor home t me
- » Lots of viewpoint already, leave nature alone
- » concept 1 is more intimate and closer to nature
- » Better access to the park area.
- » The valley is our jewel. New overlooks embrace this concept. We have so few overlooks along the river, a visitor is led to believe that the City doesn’t want anyone to see our valley because it is not worth seeing.
- » Less is more, like the existing views (they are incredible) and the natural setting is a wonderful contrast with the urban environment.
- » More stair climbing options are good.
- » is this natural or what! no to 2 if river access points are well done
- » People use view points currently, they just need improvement and more seating
- » Lower cost.
- » Lower environmental impact and cost
- » Instead of always having to “improve” to the point of sterilization. Work with what we have and maintain and restore those viewpoints.
- » More view points is an excellent plan!
- » I prefer the more natural parks
- » Additional overlooking places can be created but the image of Option 2 is just over-done, way too much.

- » we need better viewpoints first, before thinking about new ones. However, these should be planned to be incorporated in the future.
- » There are already enough viewpoints along the river and I don't think anymore are required
- » cost
- » Low impact
- » More "homey".
- » Feels like you are sitting in nature
- » The views are already beautiful there. Improving existing viewpoints is a better use of money.
- » Lower impact to environment; however I don't use this viewpoints currently (enter the park from Riverdale) so no experience of current setup.
- » Option 1 is the most cost effective and more in line with the natural environment and habitat
- » #1 better but still neither seems consistent with a passive park
- » I like the idea of giving viewpoints that are accessible maybe then more people will come down to explore the beautiful river valley more. Viewpoints allow access also to people with limited mobility that can't access closer.
- » overlooks on the stairs allow people to catch their breath while not impeding traffic
- » Looks more appealing and natural
- » We already know what happens to our existing viewpoints
- » I want to feel as the first people here felt.
- » Use what we have. If we build too many new publically funded structures they will simply go into disrepair in years down the road.
- » I can't decide on this one! You pick!
- » Having various lookouts along the way is a great way to see different things at a different angle.
- » More natural
- » Enhances the 'natural' experience and appreciation
- » And if you use that new recycled deck material, the deck won't rot away in 5 years! or need painting!
- » This may well increase use of the area and encourage those with reduced mobility.
- » do one do more often no half measures on safety
- » I like less, not more, development.
- » Minor improvements are adequate.
- » Option #1 has a lot less disturbance & a lot cheaper.
- » concept 2 expense is unnecessary. keep natural appearance.
- » Concept one seems better
- » Low cost and natural.
- » #1 has least environmental impact, which is the primary consideration from my perspective.
- » Much nicer and not industrialized
- » I am absolutely opposed to spending more money than absolutely needed on park areas. I grew up with zero amenities and still played outside every day, all day, summer and winter. I am tired of seeing tax dollars wasted on stupid silver balls, frivolous park programs, etc.
- » Concept 1 seems to fit within the natural area, while concept 2 seems to be forcing itself onto the area. It seems like it would be more impactful to the environment, more costly, and less inviting.
- » I would like both options.
- » Less environmental impact
- » It is more natural.
- » Cost of #2.
- » I think it would be nice to have more stairs and viewpoints like in option 2, but the view in the picture looks so bleak -- not a welcoming place at all and certainly nothing nice to look at.
- » Viewpoints are nice, but we don't necessarily need more of them. Perhaps other interaction with nature can accomplish more than people passively looking at it, removed and distant.
- » Lower cost - lower impact
- » These will help to draw people in.
- » We don't need to go overboard, simple lookouts are fine.
- » keep the area as natural as possible
- » keep it more natural
- » more to explore
- » Minimize manmade structures.
- » These seem to be regularly used today.
- » use concept one - just clean up existing viewpoints
- » Viewing sites should be as unobtrusive as possible.
- » Seating would enhance use. It would be a great place to view and enjoy nature for those that have mobility problems.
- » keep it simple
- » Cost
- » I prefer the look of this; it's more refined.
- » the city cannot afford either
- » Concept 1 looks like it fits better with the natural environment.
- » it would be nice, but not a top priority.
- » There are already great viewpoints to the river.
- » Stop making this natural park into a man made park
- » no preference
- » I think option 1 would be adequate
- » What viewpoints ? Nice but rarely used
- » smaller footprint. more natural looking
- » Not sure which would be better
- » The new stair-based overlook seems unnecessary and could be cut during the value-based budgeting process. Overlook structures in well-traffic'd areas such as Jasper Avenue are appropriate.

- » I like the IDEA of new overlooks. HOWEVER, in practice I believe these will merely become congregation areas for the large population of transient people in the area.
 - » No opinion.
 - » I don't think that the overlooks need more than a few improvements. Maintains a lower impact in natural elements of park
 - » Low cost is better
 - » Leave it as it is.
 - » Concept 2 offers better access for top of bank residents and connects the river valley with the rest of the city in a way that existing view points do not.
 - » Lookouts not really needed on stairs - maybe one at the top and one over the water. I could see this being more useful for a rest stop with a bench
 - » Same as above.
 - » Preservation of the ecology should be the guiding principle, over and above the need to "formalize" or "enhance" the existing viewpoints.
 - » The river valley is supposed to be outdoorsy as natural so we need to keep it that way
 - » Vegetation clearing to improve safety would be good.
 - » Cost
 - » lookouts on stairways in the river valley often become meeting places for drinking and sleeping for the less fortunate park users. This often includes poor behaviour, excess waste left behind, and clouds of cigarette smoke. While people need a place to go and smoke and drink the landing on park access stairs is not the place.
 - » the stairs don't need more lookouts and the way to improve them is to build them so a bike can be lifted onto the handrails. Ever try lifting a mountain bike up one of the stairs- it sucks and the pedals clank along the posts of the stairs they did not build it thinking about carrying a bike up or down at all.
 - » I think option one because it's more cost-efficient
 - » Nothing fancy needed here. Overlooks make more sense in the downtown core where tourism is more prominent (i.e. Louise McKinney, Rosedale, and Ezio Farone) Dawson is a bit too far removed.
 - » KEEP NATURAL
 - » cost
 - » Prefer more natural viewpoints
 - » Assuming most of the Options 2 are selected, the need for a series of cascading viewpoints is likely redundant as the accessible areas being created will serve that function.
 - » I like both these ideas with the first being more desirable. However a new unobstructed view appeals to me as well.
 - » The park needs to be modernized and just have everything done right the first time so it can be used without major interruptions every year
 - » keep as is, no infrastructure.
 - » less environmental impact
 - » The outlook as shown by Latta bridge shows pavement and traffic not nature. Concept 1 allows those who stop to look to feel drawn into the scene before them. Research shows that green space and the sense of nearness to nature is healthy - so concept 1 is consistent with providing a healthy natural experience to those at the top of the banks.
 - » We don't need more viewpoints! Please stop trying to sanitize the parks experience. Let people enjoy the view from the multiple natural viewpoints that already exist.
 - » Option 1 PROTECTS THE INTEGRITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT!
 - » nature is better, its a park option 2 seems very excessive
 - » more views
 - » More natural.
 - » Keep it natural
- Natural Trail**
- » cannot be maintained over time.
 - » Variety in Kinnaird ravine would be welcomed.
 - » needless expense.
 - » The first option simply introduces a trail parallel to what's existing. I like the second option because it's a new access route.
 - » Seems longer
 - » option 1 basically duplicates
 - » Lower environmental impact.
 - » Both are good, I'd use either.
 - » why parallel another trail experiencing more natural areas and getting people to use the trails is what is most important so having as many as possible is smart.
 - » New path
 - » As a mountain biker and trail runner I would really prefer to have both :)
 - » 2 increases access and is a greater benefit
 - » #1 just parallels existing trails. #2 increases access - that's what's necessary
 - » Preference in that it appears to follow terrain more naturally.
 - » Although it has a greater environmental impact, I prefer option 2 as it allows exploration of an area that's not currently served by trails.
 - » cant we have both?
 - » Increased access.
 - » No new trails. Rip out pavement if want your feet to touch the ground. Saves costs and easier to walk on, as ice on pavement is a hazard.
 - » There are enough trails already. They are under used as is so why do you think another trail is needed????? Do not change anything. I do not support any tax dollars being spent on what is not needed.
 - » not sure if I have a preference for one over the other. Less cost is good.
 - » Not sure why a new trail is needed

- » more/better access pls
- » Giving users a large natural trail will allow them to enjoy their recreational activities with fewer disruptions to the natural areas.
- » Minimize ecological impact ... particularly if fat biking is encouraged.
- » Actually, I like both ideas. More XC ski trails are needed in Edmonton.
- » There's enough intrusion now without more trails.
- » Lower environmental impact.
- » Great
- » I think you should do both. More trails is a good idea.
- » Less impact on environment
- » Always wanted a more direct way to get up to the residential on this side of the river.
- » This option appears to be lower impact and longer.
- » The existing trail is good enough
- » I like the idea of a trail through there as it may help to reduce homeless encampments.
- » Least impact to environment is a better option. It is also less expensive to maintain.
- » sustainable buzz word got me natural got me if people can cycle and fat bike then maybe baby strollers and handy walkers can access as well am sure there are other options nearby
- » More development is better
- » Going to build nature? Leave nature alone
- » trail 2 appears to offer access to an area that was not accessible before, whereas option 1 is just a double up of an existing trail.
- » Both are good.
- » 1. less impact to the environment
- » I kind of like providing a new access point.
- » not sure why a new trail is needed.
- » I don't know why these are either/or? They are two trails in different areas.
- » less impact
- » reduced environmental impact
- » Lower environmental impact.
- » I'm not sure.
- » Increased access
- » Absolutely more natural trail in the park. If I could have my way, I would support options #1 and 2
- » Do both
- » minimal enviro impact please
- » The first option may damage the natural sand formations and option two isn't strong enough to justify itself.
- » With cost being about the same for both options, I think we then need to look at the environmental impact. Option #1 states it has a lower impact.
- » I don't see any real advantages or disadvantages so I can't make a call on this one???
- » I feel like there are already two adjacent trails
- » I WISH BOTH OPTIONS CAN BE CONSTRUCTED
- » These are generally under maintained if not popular
- » I think this one suits the area better
- » Less environmental impact.
- » I'd like both new natural trails!
- » I wanted to click on both, but it would not let me!
- » Option 2 is more desirable because it is a novel access point. Option 1 is parallel to existing trails, which makes it less interesting for users.
- » Natural trail accessible to wider range of park users, not just from Kinnaird Ravine
- » seems to have the least impact on the environment/habitat and gives a good variety for winter activities.
- » Still do not understand why even more ground disturbance desired. Also do not believe baseline data. I would really appreciate more info. I think you will cheese off most users.
- » Keep Rat Creek wild.
- » keep it as natural as possible
- » Kinnaird trail would be shady in summer and protected in winter
- » This allows for an experience in the park that does not exist now
- » Natural environment important
- » Absolutely want as natural a footing as possible when venturing near the Riverside
- » Promote more use.
- » Number of trails looks like it's becoming busy in option 1. We need dedicated trails: 1 off-leash paved trail, 1 cycling/running paved trail (with space for cross-country skiing trail in winter), 1 cross-country running/hiking/mountain biking/snowshoeing trail, access trails as necessary. That's it!
- » Having a trail that allows different activities to happen allows everyone to take in the area.
- » Low impact
- » Limited access will be too restrictive leading to more 'damaging' use
- » I'm not sure
- » I find both quite appealing.
- » Just like it better.
- » I like the longer natural trail. The fact that it has less impact on the environment is bonus.
- » There should be designated trails for cycling only and cycling should be restricted to these trails.
- » Increases access.
- » minimize impact and development
- » less steep
- » Enough trails in the area.
- » #1 has least environmental impact.
- » Longer and more sustainable trail is better
- » Not sure what those are
- » Unnecessary trail

- » I prefer to disturb the environment as little as possible. I think there are already more trails than we need in the city
- » Concept 2 seems to really impact a habitat area, which I do not like. Concept 1 looks like it goes through a habitat area as well, but also looks like it could be washed out more.
- » Longer trail
- » Extra connectivity for cyclists.
- » I haven't been in that area recently, but I think both trails (or something reasonably close) already exist.
- » Sustainability.
- » I choose 2, but with reservations that the new trail would have a negative impact on the wildlife and vegetation of the ravine area.
- » I like this new access.
- » unsure really
- » Lower cost - lower impact
- » Connecting pedestrians and bikers to the parks system is paramount.
- » Hiking and bicycling don't mix. Separate the users - there's nothing more annoying than trying to spot wildlife only to have some yahoo on a bike speed through and scare the animal away.
- » gives access to the area and keeps is natural
- » this is preferred
- » Too many trails already in the park... spend our money on educating and assisting the Mtn Bike users/trail builders on how to build sustainable trails... and limit what they do!!
- » No real preferences for me.
- » Seems to prevent user conflict.
- » less impact to the environment
- » This is a spectacular trail that not many people know about.
- » as long as it's off leash
- » A new trail could be developed for XC skiing in winter.
- » the city cannot afford either
- » Lower impact on the environment.
- » The Cromdale trail (Baker's Folly) was just improved last year. It is great as is. More access from Bellevue is much more needed.
- » There are already great trails.
- » no preference
- » I think both are fine, it's just that option 1 has a lower environmental impact
- » less environmental impact
- » NO more trails Let the previously graveled trails that have narrowed, stay narrow. Move on.
- » Seems like it will make it easier to get from one end to the other,p without getting lost.
- » The Slopes trail - if sustainable and low-impact - should have increased usage over a second Kinnaird trail area. I would need more information to confirm this opinion.
- » Why not both?
- » I feel that the trail in concept 2 would be more peaceful.
- » No opinion
- » On which one will I be able to walk my dog off-leash?
- » Don't need anymore trails in the area.
- » Leave it as it is.
- » The Concept 1 trail exists already and should be maintained, so a formal trail would be appropriate. However, this is no reason not to consider the new natural trail proposed in concept 2. So, both.
- » Either, No preference
- » Not completely familiar with this part of the park but it looks like option 2 opens up an area of the park that isn't developed at all so perhaps it's best left alone...?
- » If these "natural trails" will eliminate or "improve" the existing single-track mountain bike trails I cannot support this.
- » Those who are hiking, fat biking, and shoe shoeing can partake in those activities in the environments natural state. Cyclists can use the many bike lanes that we are already spending too much money on for a limited few who provide no funds (registration) to the city.
- » Ehere are 3 trails already on river Valley slopes.
- » No new trails necessary
- » I really hate Kinnaird Ravine so unless there were significant measures taken to increase safety in this area, I don't think a new, natural trail would be as useful in this area.
- » Get the cyclists off the pathways.
- » low environmental impact
- » this is better it is the best way down.
- » I like the Ravine access of concept 2. I don't typically go through the Ravine, but with a trail I'd be interested.
- » Gives more options to the people using the park so I pick option one and they can get it OK I thought we're going up
- » no opinion
- » Not sure that either is necessary, but option two would add options for active users.
- » KEEP IT NATURAL AS POSSIBLE
- » already numerous trails in area used by concept 1,
- » New trail would be fine for mountain biking, as long as it's not paved.
- » It would seem to me that Cromdale trail could be improved to provide most of the benefits of option 1 with much less disruption and would then only require one trail to be maintained rather than two. Option 2 seems to provide an new and valuable connection from the top of the bank into the river valley.
- » Less impact to the area.
- » Kinnaird ravine is the part that requires less intrusion
- » connect upper trail so we don't have to go onto jasper avenue to get over small ravine.
- » less environmental impact

- » In terms of increasing access to a larger residential community this option may justify the medium impact to the environment. Its most important to keep these trails multiuse.
- » This is the part of the plans I DISLIKE the most. We do not need new trails! They destroy the sense of wildness of the park, which is precisely why people like this park. It was furthermore troubling to hear at the stakeholder meeting that this trail admittedly means an “ecological trade-off.” We don’t need more trails for dog-walking; we DO need a healthy river valley that provides maximum habitat for boreal songbirds, small mammals, pollinators, etc. Edmonton needs to stop destroying its natural areas and start doing its part to increase habitat. What’s the point of spending money to restore parts of the park if you’re cutting down trees at the same time? This new trail is a very poor idea and should not go ahead.
- » Neither Option 1 or 2 are required there are enough trails now. Simply maintain them.
- » they’re in different areas, over time, why not both?
- » No real need for another trail.
- » don’t care

Latta Bridge

- » walk, not climb.
- » Option one is less invasive to the ravine. An improved entrance marker (perhaps an archway) which identifies the trail as an access to Dawson Park at the top of the path would be beneficial.
- » easier access.
- » I like the natural trail rather than stairs.
- » Looks nicer
- » less impact and cost
- » More natural approach, lower environmental impact and better use of dollars.
- » As a runner, I’m more comfortable on flow trails than stairs - I worry more about tripping on the stairs :)
- » I like the wooden stairs but cyclists and people in wheel chairs would have a harder time using this method to get to the park, so that is why I would have to pick concept 1
- » Less cost
- » stairs are a huge inconvenience for cyclists trying to depart from the park, and cost is higher too. it also could get more crowded if people are trying to use the stairs for running and cyclist are trying to walk bikes up long stretches of stairs, very unfriendly. Concept one is natural and beautiful and costs less to maintain too.
- » The “natural flow” is just a muddy descent. It needs significant upgrading for safety and accessibility
- » It’s a natural area and would prefer it be kept that way as reasonably as possible.
- » option 1 seems more accessible
- » this would be better for biking
- » Does the city have a department that is supposed to think of ways to spend money on things that are not needed? This is a waste of tax dollars.
- » less cost, less impact to environment
- » I think environmental impact should be minimized.
- » cycling!
- » If “flow trails” mean that the trail will be muddy and hence largely inaccessible during wet or icy conditions, then I support #2.
- » The sloped walk is more assessable than stairs and more fun
- » This might be easier to navigate??
- » Less costly. Less intrusive.
- » The additional outlook platforms in Concept Option #2 are unnecessary, and the wooden staircase would not be accessible to those with mobility issues, so I do not think it would be worth the impact to the environment. Concept Option #1 is preferable.
- » Staircase less accessible to cyclists
- » Great
- » How many cyclists really enter the park from that bridge? Will either option really make it accessible from Jasper Ave, or just provide a long steep entrance to the park?
- » Im conflicted because i like the extra parking but not the impact on environment
- » I prefer the more natural look.
- » Trails are always better than stairs.
- » Lower impact to the environment and lower cost is better.
- » stair cases are a pain to go down in walkersm. wheel chairs and baby strollers
- » More development is better
- » Concept 2 stairs look great, but I access the park by bike and would prefer a bike-accessible entrance.
- » Don’t change a thing
- » flow trails are nicer for cyclists and pedestrians, and stairs can be integrated into the flow area at a later date.
- » Both are good.
- » 1. Cost 2. Less environment impact
- » I am not a runner or personal trainer, but I see people using every available staircase for that purpose. Again, the park should encourage all users and uses.
- » cyclist use is important. I access the ravine from Alberta Avenue/Parkdale and this would eliminate one street crossing of 82 street. Concept 2 is stairs only, so cyclist access would not be available, therefore do not support this option.
- » I will bike more often than I will walk, so having a ramp is better than stairs in this case.
- » less all around is better
- » easier access for all users. Stairs can impede some people
- » Lower cost and environmental access.
- » Cost and Environmental impacts are lower

- » stairs are hard to use for cyclists, people with strollers and some other people who may have difficulty climbing stairs.
- » Looking at budget and environmental impact, again, the choice is not difficult
- » Looks and will be maintained better
- » low impact
- » I supposed this is largely for the walkers. numerous paths for bikers provide multiple options elsewhere. Future lookout opportunities are also created.
- » Those staircases are dangerous and require a lot of maintenance. The bridge suits the area better.
- » More natural, less cost, less impact.
- » More “homey”.
- » I am not convinced that one is better than the other.
- » More accessible for cyclists, and those who cannot navigate stairs.
- » least evasive
- » though i am concerned about shortcutting between the trail - cutting across vegetation. It should not be grand like 2 but more consideration required
- » One is better than 2 but I could do something better with arts community and less programming dollars. Build trolls under the bridge like Jim Diers always suggests! Add Trash cans and a simple bench or two for those needed to rest on way up or down. Leave bottom as it is as kids love to sled there in winter! Again let community own and build. Your infrastructure will likely weather rot and be expensive.
- » Less impact.
- » more options for access are good
- » put a bike board on the stairs increased access from Jasper Avenue is good in that public transit is readily available
- » More accessible to cyclists
- » I think under the bridge should be scraped how many homeless people live there to much policeing
- » Although option 2 seems to offer nice perks with little disturbance preference remains as little infrastructure as possible
- » more access with the downside being more maintenance later.
- » Option 2 provides best access.
- » With the wooden staircase you are limiting as to who has access to the park. For the natural flow is allowing everyone access.
- » Low cost impacts
- » Creates a more ‘natural’ experience
- » people with mobility issues might find concept 1 a better option. Plus, in the winter, if well maintained, it is somewhat easier to navigate. And wooden stairs are more open to vandalism.
- » More people will access the area.
- » hey even a wheel chaired person can use the park path way. If it is stair that option is off and police cannot use those nice new scooters. or electric bikes or golf cart like wagons.. never mind first aiders or responders.
- » I'm not a fan of staircases. They're unsightly and less user friendly for cyclists. And I really like the flow trail.
- » Don't combine cycling and pedestrians on secondary trails. This trail is most likely to be used by cyclists as there is not alot of desirable pedestrian traffic that part of Jasper.
- » Option #1 looks much nicer, more natural!
- » lower cost
- » Low cost and low impact, same function.
- » #1 has less environmental impact.
- » Easier to use in both directions (up and down)
- » Looks just better
- » low cost
- » Option 1 still seems to flow and feel natural and less intrusive. Option 2 comes across as reworking the space in a very impactful, harsh way to force it to be what the vision is instead of working with the environment.
- » Not having to contend with Jasper Ave traffic
- » Cycling access
- » Concept 2 is not very usable for bicycles, and I think that the bicyclers will likely make up a large portion of the users of the park area. Also, it will keep many of the bicycle riders off the very busy Rowland Road.
- » Flow experience says it all. We have enough stairs.
- » Option 2 seems more scenic and would bring more people into the park without increasing traffic so much that it would negatively impact the natural environment.
- » Anything to keep cyclists from going nuts on hills.
- » No need for a prominent entrance. Concept 2 introduces a safety concern, in my opinion, and is an unnecessary expense and disruption. Ugh.
- » Lower cost - lower impact
- » Allows more people to access.
- » Keep bikes off the walking trails.
- » keep access simple
- » prefer the stairs
- » natural flow is easier to walk, bike than stairs
- » Try to minimize manmade structures as much as possible, while balancing access, safety and user conflicts.
- » Both seem like they would be used successfully by patrons.
- » go for it - build it
- » More cost effective
- » Stair case is a better and safer option.
- » More natural
- » It is bicycle-friendly.
- » the city cannot afford either
- » It would encourage the homeless people to travel between Dawson and top of bank.
- » The more people, the more it will discourage camping.

- » I don't use this section of the trail so no opinion.
- » There is already great access to the park
- » access seems better
- » I feel option 1 is fine as long as trails are maintained
- » I prefer the trail
- » I think this one element alone should be thought about for a long time before someone from Calgary comes in a bashes this community
- » Looks more fun. Although I don't use this area
- » So long as the trail is reasonably accessible - preferably all-season - then the trail should always win over a staircase.
- » Natural.
- » No opinion.
- » I think the natural flow trail is all that is needed. Stairway is too expensive & eliminates a great tobogganing & xc ski slope
- » Rarely use this entrance. Less cost the better.
- » The staircase idea is a great idea!!
- » Don't need anymore trails for the homeless people and drunks to stumble down.
- » Either I would only drive and park
- » While longer this option is the only one that would follow the principles of good Universal Design.
- » There are already sufficient and underutilized stair access points to the park. Access to the existing stairs should be enhanced over investment in additional stairs.
- » Low costs and again keeps valley as natural as possible
- » Those using this area will get there the way it is.
- » more likely to be used by exercisers . More secure visibility and better security,
- » Option 1 is more accessible as it can be used by cyclists and it is the more affordable option.
- » Better for cyclists.
- » in some high visibility places stairways and landings are a good idea.
- » it looks better you do not need more stairs and it makes sense stairs produce more problems an are costly the path will be fun to go on and interesting to walk along.
- » Gives more options to the people using the park so I pick option One
- » available to more users
- » feels more natural
- » See previous explanation. Not sure why the platforms are needed. There are plenty of existing river views along this stretch.
- » NATURAL TRAILS NO PAVEMENT
- » A good well maintained trail is sufficient
- » prefer trail to stairs
- » Like more natural #1
- » The staircase would seem to offer a connection that would be more readily used year round than the natural trail and would offer the perception of a safer approach to venture into (particularly under the Latta Bridge).

- » Less impact to the area and keeps the natural feel of the area.
- » Seems to tie into downtown bike routes
- » Cyclists can cycle down via Dawson. Pedestrian access from Jasper Ave should be the priority
- » leave as is.
- » works for pedestrians as well as cyclists and skiers
- » I love the flow trail - the staircase just makes this like lots of other entrances to the park that are difficult to manage on bikes.
- » We do not need a new trail here at all.
- » Less damage to the environment.
- » Simpler
- » don't care

Entrances

- » looks better.
- » I think option 1 is cost effective and less invasive
- » It's all that is needed, the priority is the park, not the entrance.
- » It's more costly but I like what concept 2 has to offer. Why do all this work if we don't effectively draw and direct people into it.
- » Easier to access
- » less impact and cost
- » Environmental impact is lower.
- » I prefer the lower cost option. Although a few large Gateway signs would be nice.
- » more access better use
- » Less expensive
- » it's not about vehicles! enough with the cars. jasper ave has excellent bus service and many neighbouring communities within walking distance too.
- » It's a park! NOT Disneyland.
- » I don't think adding bigger signs will add much value to the park, though I do like the idea of more entry points.
- » lower cost, the other one is over built
- » Don't know.
- » natural. natural. natural. We are not a faceless city lost in the crowd. I stayed in Edmonton (as ugly as it is with all the industrial expansion and industry (Baseline road) because of its core - natural space. Priceless in a city.
- » There are enough entrances already. Why is the city even thinking of this??? Do not change anything. I do not support any tax dollars being spent on what is not needed.
- » less cost, less impact to environment
- » Less environmental impact.
- » safer and more visibility for pedestrians and cyclists
- » Manage cost and impact.
- » The more entrances, the easier it will be for people to enter the park.
- » Less costly and less intrusive.

- » Concept Option #1 preserves the scenery and green space, with a lower cost and environmental impact. Concept Option #2 is excessive and unsightly, and a dedicated vehicle entry is unnecessary.
- » Great
- » Simple is better for a natural area.
- » less impact.
- » Lower impact to environment and lower cost is better.
- » again less is better
- » More development is better
- » I like the signage from concept 2, but increased car access isn't needed.
- » Minimalism. Leave nature alone
- » concept #1 is more natural and will help to preserve the space.
- » Better access to the park area.
- » It is about the people - don't forget that we might have visitors who rent cars. We must provide the best access and the best signage possible to increase access to the river.
- » Like the improved signage. Less is more. Is a better fit with natural setting.
- » #2 looks nicer.
- » less is better in cost and impact
- » I think there should be a combination of the two one that is select to walk in and other that is more defined
- » Lower cost and environmental impact.
- » Too much concrete in option 2. Parks are not supposed to be concrete
- » I keep repeating myself with my rational. For those that like the outside and river valley, they do not need large entryways to the park. If we want to be fiscally responsible, then Option #1 is the way to go.
- » See previous comments
- » Better defined signs and entrances.
- » low impact
- » I don't think Edmontonians need any further entrances to the River Valley. Especially along Jasper Avenue. The first concept is enough.
- » More natural, less impact, less cost.
- » cost
- » More the merrier.
- » I think we need the better signage
- » Option 1 has a lower environmental impact.
- » No need for additional vehicle entry - easy for them to access existing lot.
- » least evasive
- » Seems reasonable but keep it less infrastructure intensive. Current stairs are not used and people use the worn smooth eroded path right next to stairs as preferable
- » give people access, let them know it's there to use
- » prefer a low key approach
- » More accessible to cyclists
- » The easier it is to see, the more people will know it's there to use.
- » Although I do not like the idea of more cost I do believe that the more entrances the better and the more signage too
- » The river valley is much more inviting when all I see is green
- » Option 2 provides best accessibility and wayfinding.
- » With more entry points the access will be that much easier and less traffic blocking on Jasper Avenue.
- » Less impact
- » More/better access points will reduce the urge for 'informal' access
- » But with the concept 2's signage.
- » I don't believe large signage is necessary.
- » Like one better.
- » I like the smaller park signs better. Although I like the dedicated entry included in Option #2.
- » Differentiate between cycling and walking trails.
- » Option #2 costs more but better encourages, welcomes users.
- » lower costs
- » Promote usage.
- » #1 has lower environmental impact
- » Understated design matches better with river valley
- » low cost
- » Concept 1 again feels like it fits in the natural area, while concept 2 seems brash, paved, and costly.
- » Less environmental impact
- » Lower cost, less vandalism.
- » Cost and keeping number of people reasonable.
- » #1 because the park is already accessible. It just needs better signage.
- » People are also pretty intelligent. We don't always need large signs to find the places we want to visit.
- » No need for the large gateway signs maybe?
- » Lower cost - lower impact
- » Looks modern.
- » People will use the parks if they can get to it. Make it easy for them.
- » keep it simple and as natural as possible
- » this is supposed to be a more naturalized area. don't like the signage and deforestation
- » The folk who live along Jasper Ave east deserve modest, safe access.
- » Improved access is important to facilitate access from The Quarters, McCauley and Boyle Street.
- » Clarity can only help people know it is there and where to get to it.
- » good enough
- » More cost effective. Promote areas on City of Edmonton website.
- » Cost is a deciding factor to me.
- » More natural
- » More entries.

- » the city cannot afford either
- » They work good now. Signs are good improvements.
- » There are already easy access.
- » no preference
- » concept 1 is adequate
- » smaller enviro impact and less cost
- » Have I said this whole project should go back to drawing board yet?
- » Seems more clear.
- » Large signs do not generate greater awareness by residents of the area. The additional access point along Jasper is preferred. The vehicle entrance may be necessary, but only as increased usage is observed and not simply desired or predicted.
- » Current entries work well. Less disturbance of nature.
- » No opinion.
- » more prominent , visual
- » Concept 2 is too large scale
- » low cost better
- » Either
- » Access is already sufficient and investment in adding / enhancing access is unnecessary.
- » To keep valley as natural as possible and low cost
- » Jasper Avenue is busy enough as it is without having to watch for dogs and their owners.
- » Parking?
- » The park entryways are perfectly fine as they are so I choose neither option but I am especially opposed to Concept Option 2.
- » Less traffic going by my house.
- » lower impact, lower cost, more in line with the 'natural' outdoors concepts elsewhere in the vision / plan.
- » you need to go with the 2nd option to attract more people to the park
- » I walk
- » KEEP THE SETTING AS NATURAL & PAVEMENT FREE AS POSSIBLE DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE HOMELESS WHO LOVE TO USE THIS AREA AS GIANT TOILET AND GARBAGE DUMP THE CRAP IS EVERYWHERE IN THE BUSHES
- » more entrances spreads out users
- » Prefer more natural setting of #1
- » Concept 2 would reinforce the availability of access to the river valley from a major thoroughfare as well as reinforcing the potential of using it (i.e. prominent access reinforces the perception of available activities). Concept 2 would also take some of the pressure off of the Rowland Road access and parking area).
- » I think this would encourage more use of the area.
- » Aesthetics and just doing it once and for all
- » leave as is.
- » less environmental impact

- » Keep the impact low and retain the minimal sense of human disruption.
- » We don't need new entry points. The park is already sufficiently accessible as-is. Nor do we need signs. Instead, spend the money on simply updating the maps that exist and on including a few more maps and wayfaring signs in the park.
- » Not expensive.
- » larger signs etc not necessary, overkill I do like the idea of 3 instead of 2 access points. Makes it easier for when you want to go for a shorter walk
- » it includes bike lanes
- » Preserve natural, wilderness aspect of the park. More access from Jasper Ave. would detract from the rural ambiance of the park.

North Side

- » nice attraction.
- » The suspension bridge will offer a new perspective to visitors.
- » It is something Edmonton doesn't have and would be pretty cool.
- » #2 because suspension bridges are super cool! Do it!
- » If a bridge is constructed it should accommodate multi-modal uses (i.e. cycling). It is not worth spending that much money on a bridge that only serves pedestrians. The proposed location of the bridge could be a key connection for cyclists.
- » Would be beautiful to see the ravine
- » less impact and cost
- » Stairs are good for the body.
- » The bridge is neat, I think I'd enjoy it, but the cost may not be worth it.
- » enhanced experience and unique views. makes sense to me
- » Way cooler
- » 1 opens up easy access to a new community that had inconvenient access before, More benefit with less cost/
- » #2 would be nice, but too expensive to justify
- » #2 has too high an environmental impact.
- » The suspension bridge seems really cool. I don't know that it's practical, but it's awesome!
- » a bridge could be the new centerpiece of the park. Save on other costs and splurge on a bridge!
- » Suspension bridge is attractive, but expensive.
- » cost
- » Neither is needed!!! Stop trying to spend my money on your stupid ideas.
- » I don't have a preference for one option over the other
- » no preference between the 2 options. the bridge would be nice, but im not sure if its worth the added cost
- » less impact
- » Love the idea of a suspension bridge. Can it built to moderate environmental impact?

- » Even though the bridge is cool.
- » This would be an attraction for the whole city.
- » I prefer #1 only because I am terrified of suspension bridges and would never use one!
- » Less costly and less intrusive
- » A suspension bridge might seem cool but it is too high a cost both financially and in terms of environmental impact. It is counterproductive to harm the very habitat that people wish to view by installing this bridge. Very strongly opposed to Concept Option #2.
- » Love the suspension bridge
- » Keep it simple and natural
- » Great
- » This would be cool.
- » Suspension bridge! Suspension bridge!
- » As much as I value efficiency, this option is pretty cool.
- » Don't like stairs. Trail works. Suspension bridge is a expense
- » Lower impact to the environment and lower cost is better.
- » bridge is totally cool cost savings from other concepts should help cover expense
- » More development is better
- » A suspension bridge would be a great attraction. My family would use this as a destination, as in, "let's go bike to walk over the suspension bridge, and have a picnic in the park"
- » Concepts are getting more and more outrageous. It hurts just to read them. Leave nature alone
- » the bridge offers a unique viewing experience
- » Both are good. Bridge may be to expensive.
- » cost, although the suspension bridge would be lovely and very usable when affordable
- » Option 2 is worth the money - provides a uniquely Edmonton experience.
- » Option 2 is a stunning improvement in connectivity and worth the cost and effort.
- » A bridge would be cool, but the issue is that it will increase use of the park probably, which will take away the tranquility that I enjoy in the park.
- » like the bride, ONLY if the other options are low impact on environment - this bridge might be the balance, BUT how to keep people from tossing garbage over edge and other safety concerns
- » People enjoy suspension bridge experience I am not sure how much it makes user access easier
- » Suspension bridge seems unnecessary.
- » Allows for new way to explore park
- » This one was tough for me. I like a natural look and low environmental impact, but I do think the bridge is neat and would provide a unique element to the river valley without too much impact
- » I don't know that I like either but ped suspension bridges always create excitement.
- » cool!
- » Fiscal responsibility.
- » A interesting new feature in Edmonton as a whole, as well as drastically increase the ease of crossing the ravine, particularly without having to have a large change in elevation.
- » By the time you build the safety features to avoid people jumping off the thing onto the bridge it will look horrible anyway. It won't be a good looking feature
- » The bridge will offer a great view and will be better utilized.
- » I like both!
- » Can you please include "People experience" as a criteria along with "Impact to Environment" - Aren't you trying to strike a ballance of these two?
- » Better option with less environmental impact.
- » Well, suspension bridges are always fun. Perhaps this could be integrated if other more exp things aren't. Otherwise it's #1 concept.
- » I'd like it to be possible to bring a bike between these two locations. The staircase makes this too difficult.
- » Concept Option 2 is "overkill".
- » I liek them both
- » A bridge will create ongoing maintenance issues and greater costs in the long run.
- » Adds a unique point of interest to park - should be offset by other choices that minimize environmental impact on park.
- » least evasive to both environment and habitat
- » this is not an amusement park
- » Again goat trails rule.
- » The bridge is a neat idea. Hopefully it's not too expensive.
- » give a fun and unique entrance to the natural destination
- » the bridge is nice but cost is a concern
- » undecided
- » More accessible to cyclists
- » It would be a unique addition to the river valley
- » I have walked this path and a lot of people live in this ravine the bridge would only allow people to jump off it and there should be lights on it
- » We have sufficient bridges
- » The bridge is just super cool and a great attraction. I would visit more if the bridge was there.
- » Having something different in a park area will draw more people to go and see especially those who have never left the City.
- » Lower cost
- » Enhances the experience without undue impact on the nearby residential area
- » what an expensive but great idea! the area is beautiful! and this would give wonderful vantage points and be unique!
- » cost
- » Powered electic or light personel carrier can be used on suspension bridge. Stairs can not be used in those cases.

- » I really don't think the city should incur the cost of a suspension bridge. It will significantly increase the litter in the park and is unsightly. It's not worth the cost (\$ and to the environment).
- » Not in favour of the suspension bridge.
- » Option #1 is cheaper and provides access. Option #2 doesn't do much of anything except cost a lot of \$.
- » concept one makes more sense
- » Would be a feature to encourage park usage.
- » #1 has lower environmental impact
- » We do not need a suspension bridge. It is ridiculous.
- » low cost and environmental impact
- » environmentally concept 1 is better. the suspension bridge leads to concerns on use during high winds, extreme weather. As well, a bridge has a greater impact on the surrounding environment during and after construction.
- » Love this idea. Also like the idea of the viewpoint and access in option 1, but really would like to see this bridge from Virginia Park to Viewpoint.
- » More accessible than the trail option
- » Cost
- » I can think of better places to put in a suspension bridge.
- » I really like the bridge and think it would be a unique feature that would enhance visitors' experience as a whole, however, I think that for hikers below it would be unpleasant to have the people walking overhead. That would detract from the serenity and add noise and garbage. On the other hand, the Ada Blvd. staircase seems like it would not really serve that many people outside of those already living on Ada and the surrounding area.
- » Bridge will be vandalized.
- » NO NO NO to yet another bridge in the valley. We do not need this kind of disruption. If anyone is taking the heritage use of this area at all seriously, it's obvious that we don't need a bridge to explore this area. A bridge is a VERY UNNECESSARY expense and intrusion into the valley. NO!
- » Lower cost - lower impact - less chance for accidental injury/death and subsequent law suite
- » Very cool.
- » Suspension bridges are dangerous; kids will jump up and down on it.
- » the are other options to crossing the river along the parkway.
- » Suspension bridge would be cool.
- » Keep it natural. A bridge is too expensive, unnecessary and impacts the environment just to build it
- » Suspension bridge will draw people to the area and could provide tourist opportunities akin to Lynn canyon and Capilano suspension bridges in Vancouver
- » bridge looks nice. might attract more people.
- » Adequate access is presently available just to the east.
- » The suspension bridge will add an interesting perspective to viewing the river valley.
- » This is more of an attraction than option 1 to get people in the area.
- » we need a suspension bridge
- » Cost effectiveness
- » I like the idea of the suspension bridge.
- » More natural
- » The bridge would be unique and provide beautiful viewing, if it can be done without too exhorbitant costs.
- » Many people are afraid of suspension bridges!
- » the city cannot afford either
- » I prefer to leave it without access from this side. Keep that bank without human use.
- » Both would be great. The suspension bridge would be a hoot. but the stairs are first.
- » Seriously! Large capital and maintenance cost with marginal benefit. There are already bridges which connect the north end to the south end
- » cost and low impact
- » I think concept 2 would be a nice attraction to both visitors and residence. Kind of like Capilano suspension bridge in Vancouver. I love suspension bridges so I might be a little bias.
- » better for environment
- » I'm considering environmental impact
- » I would have to review the impacts (and costs) and compare those to the projected usage. I believe a suspension bridge would be a very very notable addition to the area and would be used by residents and by many visitors to the area and would support significant costs and some environmental impact if true.
- » A small bridge such as the one pictured need not interfere with the natural feel of the area, but would be a huge boon to those commuting on foot or by bicycle.
- » High cost and environmental impact. Not very dog friendly.
- » would be incredible view
- » I like the idea of the suspension bridge but am not sure it's worth the cost
- » Neither one is needed.
- » Great location for a staircase, but I'm not sure that a suspension bridge would be worth the cost.
- » There's already an access point up by Concordia. Why build another one.
- » More accessible
- » The suspension bridge would provide a great cycle commute connector between the east side and downtown (but seems like a frivolous cost). If constructed, it should be designed to recognize the need for Strava users to achieve KOMs while minimizing the public safety impacts associated with such activity.

- » Does not need any of it but have to admit the bridge is pretty cool! Much rather have uninterrupted use of the trails though
- » These areas are under used as they are due to no vegetation clearing. That would be all that is needed to enhance the viewing experience.
- » Security on the bridge is an issue - likely too expensive. Plus would be to facilitate cyclist access to Concordia Univ from downtown but this would potentially create hazards for pedestrians.
- » Again, the lower environmental impact is better. Council keeps talking about 'being green' so why isn't that coming through in these plans?
- » Option 2 is a ridiculous luxury. Option 1 is just fine and the lower impact to the environment is preferred.
- » Environmental impacts.
- » bridges across ravines should include access for cyclists (proper MUT) otherwise there will be conflicts between users. Also a huge expense which does not address connectivity and access issues.
- » I am unsure I have to go look in person and check before making a recommendation.
- » This would give more options for people to come and visit park
- » Concept 2 is cool in this aspect, but too expensive.
- » suspension bridge would be very fun, but really I have no opinion
- » Concept 2 is beautiful, but not sure that the benefits outweigh the costs.
- » KEEP IT AS NATURAL AS POSSIBLE
- » Let's keep the cost down. Small staircase is great!
- » An attractive drawing point for more people, tourists
- » Prefer lower cost and more natural setting of #1
- » Option 2 seems completely disconnected from the rest of what's being planned here. This is not the place for this particular kind of "unique experience" unless it would actually cross the river and not just cross the ravine.
- » I know I am not consistent here but I think this would be a nice addition that would encourage more people to visit the area.
- » None
- » leave as is.
- » lower cost and lower environmental impact
- » I wish there was a map of the area a proposed bridge might span - in the absence of that I vote for the access and minimal impact of option 1.
- » We do not need new access points. I hate the idea of a suspension bridge over Kinnaird Ravine. Stop destroying our natural park!
- » Just place signs on present trails to indicate access.

- » while the bridge is cool, the cost is not necessary and I don't believe necessary to enjoy the ravine. I don't know but don't believe the foot traffic in that area warrants something as excessive as suspension bridge
- » not crazy about the bridge. it looks to wobbly
- » #2 has too much impact.
- » don't care

Rat Creek

- » cheaper
- » Option two appears more inviting
- » A park is only worth the cost if people use it. I think this would make the park more enjoyable for more people.
- » I like the river access provided by option 2.
- » Nice to not affect animals
- » more inviting
- » More natural experience.
- » I prefer the naturalized option. It might be helpful to have some sort of naturalized access though (otherwise people will likely find their own route).
- » enhanced experience for the park user and connecting it to the river makes sense
- » More hippy dippy
- » Concept 2 makes it worth going all the way there, it's a destination - this is what people enjoy.
- » increases opportunities for river access
- » #1 is my choice as there is nothing natural with #2.
- » I love the natural approach!
- » if your going to spend the money, might as well allow easy access to the river
- » Neither is needed!!! Stop trying to spend my money on your stupid ideas.
- » is there something in between? Retaining the natural, serene environment, yet making some space for seating and river access?
- » Would like to see picnic sites with fire pits in some for this areas for more use
- » more relaxed environment to enjoy
- » I like the open terrace ... but would like to ensure fish habitat isn't unnecessarily comprised by overuse. If it is too attractive and easy to access, it will be overused and likely vandalized. We need to find a better balance.
- » enjoy the interaction but sans rip rap
- » Seems better for river health
- » Needs a new name for the creek as well.
- » A far more polished appearance.
- » More natural.
- » I am very much in favour of the naturalization of this space, and of fostering a serene atmosphere rather than creating a space busy with foot traffic and that is inhospitable to natural habitat. Much prefer Concept Option #1.
- » prefer more natural creek mouth
- » Great

- » Will be utilized more
- » More access to the river please
- » I prefer the more natural look.
- » There needs to be at least a bridge across Rat Creek to continue riverside and bike trails.
- » Natural approach is much more attractive.
- » feels and looks better
- » Leave it as is and save wasted cost.
- » I prefer increased river access whenever possible.
- » Don't need this. Leave it alone
- » I would prefer a mix of the two, something that allows access to the area while maintaining more of the natural ecology.
- » Looks nicer.
- » cost
- » Seating and river access concept in Option 2 is cool.
- » Like the added openness and views created. Daylighting in either scenario is supported.
- » Just looks like a more inviting area to hang out
- » More natural look in keeping with current space.
- » Concept 2 would be better to encourage more rec use and picnicking. I'm not close enough to the area to benefit but local residence might like it. I would prefer a more natural experience
- » Undecided on this one...with cost and environmental impact being equal, it's a hard decision. I do like the concept of a fish habitat, however with seating and river access, I'm not sure if the increased human involvement that is potential in this area, will outweigh the fish habitat concept. Is it possible to incorporate the fish habitat to option #1?
- » Ok with option two, as long as there are no negative effects on habitat use when compared to option one.
- » Better looking, and the most natural development of the area
- » More waterfront access.
- » access to river is good
- » I prefer more "urbanized" option with greater access to the river. Don't forget to provide BENCHES and LIGHTING if you want this place to feel safe and people-friendly.
- » I prefer concept 2 even though I think the environmental impact will be more as I like the natural access and functionality better
- » Evidently it's the culvert removal that is the major cost. #1 is more in keeping with the natural look. #2 looks like more maintenance needed, due to grass mowing etc.
- » Rat Creek was our "hang-out" when we were kids. Concept Option 2 is over-kill.
- » Option 2 looks too man-made, and is not inline with the park's vision.
- » More natural and attractive.
- » least intrusive to both environment/habitat
- » To expensive. Sorry I want to see resources go to nailing Millcreek daylighting first
- » Daylighting Rat Creek, and keeping it simple, would be fantastic.
- » access is important
- » prefer the more natural setting
- » Allows easier access to the river
- » Is the rat creek a natural habitat?
- » I do not support disturbing this area in any way
- » esthetics
- » This is a tough one. We should balance providing access to the river/lookouts and maintaining slope stability with trees and providing shade. Try to minimize grass that requires maintenance.
- » This will allow people to get up close to see the fish or other things in the water and enjoy hearing the river flow.
- » Less impact
- » A more natural experience
- » people will still make their way to the river in option one and there will be more impact to the surrounding areas. What about the smell?
- » both are quite appealing and acceptable to me.
- » In keeping with my vision of this park as sanctuary, I like the less trafficked option.
- » Keep this area natural.
- » Option #2 is more pleasing & useful.
- » expense of concept 2 is unnecessary!!
- » would like a bit more access to the river
- » Would encourage usage of the area.
- » #2 represents a potentially better experience for the same cost and environmental impact
- » More natural is better
- » i like the idea of fish habitat
- » Again, I prefer the river valley to be an area that brings calm and connection with nature, which concept 1 does. Concept 2 is just to built up and not friendly to wildlife and nature in the area.
- » Both seem like decent options.
- » Will encourage more use of the area
- » More natural stream restoration
- » Not really a preference, but does Rat Creek have enough flow in the late summer and early fall to prevent it from becoming a scummy mosquito breeding ground. Also, can the out-fall be designed such that it does not become a back-water for river foam and other debris. As long as the area can be kept clean, and non-stagnant, either option seems pretty good.
- » Keep it natural!
- » #1 because when I go to the park, I want a more serene experience, I don't want to be surrounded by lots of people.
- » More natural is better.

- » If the daylighting goal is truly restorative, Concept 1 is the better option. We don't need built environments to enjoy nature. I support restoration without having to bring the public to the area.
 - » More "natural" experience
 - » Looks modern.
 - » We need to make the river as accessible for walkers as possible.
 - » return the area to the natural way it was.
 - » natural is better
 - » looks more welcoming
 - » If big \$\$ are to be spent, enhance the fish spawning opportunities.
 - » Seating near the mouth of Rat Creek and improved fish habitat could be interesting amenities.
 - » Naturalization is better.
 - » cut the cost here
 - » Maintain area as natural as possible...
 - » Looks much better.
 - » More natural
 - » River access is very important for kayaker. The more put in/ take-out points, the better!
 - » the city cannot afford either
 - » Less development in Concept 1.
 - » during late summer and fall, it is nice to get down to the river.
 - » The parks are already great. Why mess with it. How about reduce photo radar, reduce taxes, or maintain the current infrastructure in place. Building more city infrastructure which will not be maintained is what the City of Edmonton typically does.
 - » I just like the looks of concept 2 better
 - » both very expensive. Unclear why this is necessary
 - » Focus on Millcreek.
 - » River access is nice
 - » Due to the relatively isolated location of Rat Creek relative to vehicle access, and the opportunity for gathering/ seating at other locations throughout the river valley as well as one proposed area in the park, I see limited value in converting the stream edge to terraced. This seems to be a good example of valuing environmental protection over recreation in an area that might see limited recreation. Better to divert recreation to a single location within the Park.
 - » This area is already a natural gathering place. SMALL enhancements to the area would be a great way to encourage more people to experience nature.
 - » I like naturalized approach.
 - » Naturalized approach is more appealing
 - » Not really sure where Rat Creek is.
 - » Why does this need to be done?
 - » A less formal (i.e. more natural) approach seems more appropriate for this area.
 - » Ecological improvements should be the only priority in this regard.
 - » Leaving as much natural environment as possible is best.
 - » Visually more appealing & will be utilized more.
 - » aesthetics. it looks nicer than the naturalised concept.
 - » it looks more inviting to people for use and easier access to be close to the river to enjoy it like a beach
 - » It would be great to access the water, but only if it was okay for the dogs to access it as well
 - » This preserves the natural environment so I picked concept one
 - » I prefer the more natural approach, although both are cool. Natural streambank will provide some habitat for wildlife.
 - » I like the idea of viewing the stream,
 - » Option 1 will do a better job of keeping dogs off the river in a more ecologically sensitive area. That being said I do like the idea of some access to the river. Concept 1 says that it will be limited, but will there be some?
 - » KEEP THE SPACE AS GREEN & NATURAL AS POSSIBLE
 - » Option 2 seems safer
 - » No preference
 - » More natural look. Less lawn.
 - » Prefer more natural setting of #1
 - » Again, adding the ability to make connections and not just restore should be paramount where we are already in the immediate vicinity. option 2 is an extension/additional amenity with much potential for teaching as well as recreation.
 - » I don't know this area.
 - » More people friendly
 - » i like it the way it is. very natural. leave as is.
 - » more natural
 - » I don't know exactly where rat creek is and these pictures don't help me with that - so I vote for keeping the space natural and serene.
 - » Neither one of the illustrations looks particularly natural. I would prefer to leave this as-is for now and then revisit the idea once Mill Creek is daylighted and we can learn from that experience.
 - » This is badly required and will restore a more natural habitat for fish spawning.
 - » More natural.
- Vegetation**
- » looks better. invasive species are difficult to remove, make it grass.
 - » Dawson Park is a park, and it should look like one.
 - » I feel that a combination of the two would probably work out nice.
 - » I love native vegetation and the reduced maintenance requirements. Makes so much sense. No more manicured lawns!
 - » Allows increase wildlife and less machines to deal with

- » less impact and cost
- » We really, really need to get rid of “manicured” grass areas - what a waste of resources.
- » Environmental impact lessened.
- » I'd like to increase the biodiversity and habitat options in the park.
- » native flora is better
- » More natural
- » Concept 1 is great, people go there to de stress in nature, gorgeous, not an artificial 'golf course' that looks like a fake pipeline greenbelt/MUP in concept 2
- » we have manicured lawns elsewhere in the city. If river valley is supposed to be natural - allow natural vegetation
- » #1 is my choice as there is nothing natural with #2. #2 is too urban.
- » Option 2 is from the 70's. Reducing long-term maintenance costs and restoring native vegetation is the only way to go.
- » Leave all areas natural
- » love the lower maintenance and increased habitat and biodiversity, the restored native grasses & shrubs. No contest.
- » I think increasing the habitat and biodiversity is valuable.
- » sustainability
- » There are lots of “manicured” parks in the city already. Reduced maintenance costs and increased habitat and biodiversity value make option 1 a better choice.
- » Definitely go natural. Too much of our river valley is already woefully unnatural (e.g., invasive species, non natural species, mown lawns, etc.)
- » It's better to have a more authentic experience
- » Allowing the grass areas to “naturalize” is really ugly and reflects badly on a large city such as Edmonton. Keep the grass mowed and the weeds down!
- » Keep park as natural as possible. Then we won't need to introduce goats.
- » Very strongly support the increase in natural habitat and biodiversity of Concept Option #1. The initial installation costs will eventually be covered and recouped by the lower maintenance costs, and the environmental value is much higher.
- » I like more natural vegetation
- » Great
- » I like the native plants and less maintenance
- » I like the restored habitat idea much better.
- » More natural
- » The city already has difficulty keeping manicured areas well-kept. Natural is far easier to maintain and will be less expensive for the city to maintain.
- » should be a cat in picture
- » More development is better
- » It looks like concept 2 will have less conflict between users (ie. bikes vs. pedestrians and dogwalkers), which is currently an issue.
- » Just leave it alone, nature will take care of itself
- » concept #1 is much more pleasant
- » I prefer natural paths over pavement paths.
- » natural environment
- » Right now 99% of the river valley is “natural”. There are so few opportunities to use the river valley right now it is almost criminal. I might consider Option 1 but I have no confidence that the City would maintain it properly - and that the park would become overrun and reduce public use opportunities.
- » I support concept 1 as long as the paved mainline pathway is continued to exist and MAINTAINED BETTER. As a skinny tire cyclist this is an important connection to points east.
- » really! concept 2 should not even be considered - this is a ravine, natural habitat not for humans with paving!!
- » Need to bring back more natural environment to our city
- » Option 2 seems like it has less risk for ticks, mosquitos, etc.
- » Need to stop cutting grass in areas that don't need to be cut, it's insane.
- » users would probably also want some mowed areas but it doesn't all have to be like that right?
- » Although there is an increase cost at the start, I do believe the long term benefit and reduce long term costs, make option #1 the best choice.
- » Ok with keeping plateau parks manicured, as well as the proposed off leash area. other areas should be restored.
- » Concept two is ugly...it looks like pedestrian highways
- » “Native grass and shrubs” are incredibly ugly!!! They make areas look like unkempt weed patches we should be ashamed of!
- » more environmentally friendly
- » Preserve natural vegetation, yet provide benches - not all people can walk or stand for a long time, your design need be inclusive of elderly and disabled!
- » Definitely - natural with less maintenance is how it should always have been
- » Please #1 #2 looks like the suburbs, not a park.
- » Concept Option 2 is over-kill.
- » Option 1 has greater biodiversity value, which is more in line with the park's vision.
- » More natural.
- » Just give permission for community partnerships. This can be done to build community rather than patronize and alienate community
- » showcase the natural beauty of the area. no need to have too many manicured landscaped areas.
- » the natural habitat is more interesting and fits in with the idea of a nature reserve
- » Better for cyclists

- » Why would you not want less asphalt
- » I value habitat and biodiversity
- » my experience with the second concept now being used above The Royal Glenora Club is not good, as maintenance by the city of the grass areas has been poor.
- » Increase biodiversity and beauty with natural vegetation! Grass is horrible!
- » This is to be a natural park so leave it as natural as can be so people can see and enjoy nature.
- » Low cost
- » More natural experience
- » I prefer use of native grass.
- » Some class can be done on trials.. some more natural than others. Safety reasons it is easier to watch and ensure safety for walker if path area is cleared so no criminal activity is given a more chances to success.
- » Hands down, I like the natural vegetation restoration.
- » Native grasses absolutely. There are so few places where these can be appreciated. Maintenance is less.
- » Isn't there a middle ground on this one?
- » Both options are acceptable, but Option #2 looks nicer.
- » STOP with the unnecessary expense and urbanization of a river valley natural environment!!!
- » natural environment is better
- » Increase habitat and biodiversity value.
- » #1 has lower environmental impact
- » more natural look, better biodiversity, less maintenance
- » I prefer concept 1 and it's value on the environment. As well, it sounds like it will be easier and less costly to maintain.
- » I am picturing the mosquitoes. I am already being eaten alive this year. Shorter grass gives them less places to lay in wait for me to jog by.
- » Stop promoting foreign grass species. Better integration with natural habitat.
- » More natural.
- » Cost and much more ecologically sustainable.
- » Definitely 1 is the best option. Who wants to look at manicured grass and pavement?! What would be the point of being in the river valley?! Also, the environmental cost is very high to option 2.
- » I strongly support restoring natural habitat. We don't need more manicured landscape ? that goes against the goals I support for these areas.
- » Lower impact - more natural experience
- » There's no point in trying to increase biodiversity of cyclists are allowed to speed through these areas. Keep it as it is, or ban bikes.
- » natural and lower costs...
- » go with the more natural scene - the whole purpose of getting close the to river is to get away from the manicured lawns
- » mix of the two would be ideal
- » Save maintenace \$s.
- » Increased biodiversity and naturalization is preferable to manicured grass. Because the City has cut back on negation control (spraying for weed control) many parks are over run with dandelions. (e.g. Gallagher Park, many boulevards etc.).
- » People using parks should understand that the park is natural, and not just a golf course style lawn.
- » in the long run - lower costs
- » Maintain area as a natural habitat.
- » The paved path makes for easier mobility. There are many opportunities for wilderness trails throughout the ribbon of green.
- » More natural
- » Manicured and maintained green space ALWAYS looks better and more befits a large city! Plus, it helps to keep the mosquito population down.
- » the city cannot afford either
- » I prefer natural grasses.
- » native grass is better.
- » Manicured grass areas are a waste of time and money to maintain.
- » Here is a better idea. Less manicured will reduce maintenance costs. This park will never be "NY Central Park". Any additional spending will not increase the usage until people feel safe.
- » more natural
- » I would like to see a combination of both concepts. Like the best of both worlds
- » Let's keep the costs down
- » less enviro impact
- » Let this happen with community.
- » Seems like the obvious choice
- » Both are acceptable, neither are significantly desirable given the location. Both could be pursued in different areas of the Park. There is negligible practical increase in biodiversity; this is a "textbook" example rather than a realistic increase. Placing grasslands here is ideological rather than founded in good science. OTOH there is very limited use of those manicured grass areas for active recreation and I see no reason most areas past the picnic area near the amenity building couldn't be converted to grassland especially given a potential reduction in maintenance costs.
- » Nature looks great and happens to be cheaper.
- » Native grass and shrubs are fine.
- » would like some elements of natural areas instead of manicured lawn areas
- » More functional as a multi use space
- » Less cost and more natural the better.
- » Would like to see a bit more mowed areas for concept 1
- » Leave it as is.

- » The focus should be on “re-naturalizing” rat creek with public use / access being a distant second place consideration.
- » It enhances the river valley rather than takes away from it
- » The grass is being cut now. Keep it that way.
- » Better usability.
- » Dandelion & weed oontrol.
- » naturalized is always better!
- » being more natural looking is better
- » I prefer concept 2 due to the open space. If the native shrubs allows for this then go for it! The breaks in the walk from small trails to open “meadows” or “glens” is one of the best parts of the park
- » Because it will bring back the natural environment that is there
- » Probably more of a combination of 1 & 2. I would like to see the green space shown in the concept 2 image to remain as a manicured grass area for higher visibility, but the rest of the trail can be restored with natural shrubbery & grasses.
- » KEEP IT NATURAL
- » No opinion
- » Less grass for city to cut
- » Prefer more natural setting of #1
- » option 1 is actually achievable. option 2 will quickly degenerate into an expanse of dandelions and thistle and we will never get what we paid for.
- » It feels like it would be more natural and restorative for the people using the area.
- » Option 2 is better for human activity soccer etc
- » just get rid of burdock , cut the grass, especially alongside of lower dirt trail.
- » less environmental impact and in the long run less expensive to maintain
- » we have manicured lawns in the residential areas - this space is to get away from that en experience a natural environment
- » This concept is best.
- » More natural, in keeping with the wilderness feeling of the park.
- » Key words: “ecologically sensitive/responsible.” I am always amazed when a natural space is altered so people can have a “better view of the river.” It’s a natural space which means you can go elsewhere for a “natural view” - like 100 ave and 116 st - 124 st. Lots of high rises and views of the river.
- » more sensitive to the natural features and ecology of the area
- » Option 2 does not leave enough off leash dog trail distance. There should be a way to access the off leash area from the parking lot using off leash trails.
- » Has play elements but requires less disturbing of what already there.
- » Keep the area as natural as possible.
- » I prefer the focus on ecological preservation and restoration in Concept Option 1, and appreciate the efforts to reduce ecological disturbance along the River Edge. I also really appreciate the efforts to make more areas accessible for people with physical and visual impairments.
- » Prefer less amenities
- » Off leash dog park.
- » Less invasive
- » No playground please. Children can learn to play where there is no playground that needs to be maintained and monitored (just an added expense). Please have the entire park allow on-leash dog walking and do not limit that at all. Playgrounds in this city tend to not allow dogs, so I don’t want a playground anywhere in this area.
- » large gatherings can be in borden park get rid of off leash dog park wind breaks for any time of year are good idea water stations great idea meeting space partners groups who are they go somewhere else
- » Concept #1 seems to have more river access, which is very important to me. Currently there are some areas where you can scramble down to the river. Once there, there is really beautiful wading space. One of my best memories in the river valley is stopping at one of these spots while on a family bike ride on a hot day and soaking our feet in the river. Unfortunately now my parents are not physically capable of doing the steep scramble to access the water. I think the use of stairs, stepping stones etc to expand access to these areas should be a major priority.
- » I prefer option 1, it seems more natural
- » I don’t know what the parking situation is with concept 2 but making a large picnic area without parking for lots of vehicles really doesn’t work for me.
- » I like the restored meadow the best in this area, as it will keep the traffic down. However, there are often homeless people camping in the bushes in this area, so this change might encourage more homeless...
- » passive and naturalized much better or why want to ‘get back to Nature’, go to any other City park or rec area

Compare the two concept options.

Park Use + Amenities

CONCEPT 1

- » Again, I'd prefer environmental sensitivity to recreation opportunities.
- » All the Park Use & Amenities that needed.
- » Again, I prioritize ecological conservation. Though option 2 doesn't seem too bad. My major dislike about option 2 is the off leash area.

- » Plenty of off-leash already. Need to maintain the natural beauty of the river valley where possible and I think the more passive recreation is the key.
- » More naturalization improvements
- » I like the idea of keeping the off leash area as is (option#1). I do not like having an informal picnic area or fire pits (option #2). Dawson Parks has those elements now and they are not used. I feel it is best to remove them. Why waste money on something that is not being used? I am opposed to a playground completely. Children should be able to play and enjoy nature without a human made structure. There are school grounds and parks throughout the city where children can play on playgrounds. More is not needed. Let children use their imaginations more!
- » I actually like both.
- » I again like the first option, as it does not entail a large amount of change to the existing park, but enhances and restores what is already there. No matter what the city does for viewpoints, ect. you will continue to have encampments throughout the river valley. This is a social issue, that will not be solved by enhancing viewpoints. Perhaps the money that we save in not doing option #2 could be used for the larger picture, of housing and mental health.
- » concept 1 provides enough amenities to balance bringing people to nature, while respecting the ecological sensitivity of the area.
- » Less impact on the environment.
- » I like this one better as it seems less intrusive to the natural areas.
- » Say no to bookable site and the rather more intensive usage ideas in concept #2
- » More natural and basic.
- » The focus is on ecological preservation and restoration
- » Option one appears to have a smaller footprint.
- » We enjoy the park for its natural spaces rather than manicured feel or formal amenities - other parks nearby like Louise McKinney with large structures and amenities that fill those needs. As mentioned in another response, the extended length of the off-leash park is important to us and we would not like the shorter loop - would be more likely to drive further away to Terwillegar for example. Like the increased accessibility to the river but don't see a need for formalized access as again, that will be available in Louise McKinney.
- » Option #2 is very intrusive to the idea that the city is trying to preserve the river valley, the natural habitat and create the idea that within Edmonton there is an area that is accessible by foot/bike only to enhance the experience of being able to go to the river valley and experience a true outdoor environment within the city.
- » In nature more is not better. The more we put in the. Less the natural experience exists and detracts from a piece of nature in our city
- » this concept works better with keeping the area natural but the off leash area needs to be reduced I have found the offleash area in hermitage is not safe for rollerbladers, walkers (including seniors) and bicyclists. Off leash areas need restrictions and not near these other users. Concept one has too big of an off leash area
- » seems more "natural"
- » Natural
- » I see no reason to omit the essential preservation work that should be done prior to amenities
- » less obtrusive dog paths and no off leash areas.
- » Less busy
- » Why is the paved trail off-leash? Dogs can be unpredictable and difficult to avoid for someone on a bike. This is an amenity only for dog owners. I dislike the picnic areas in Option #2 as picnic areas seem to result in a lot of litter. Minimal infrastructure, well-maintained recreational surfaces, logical amenities such as viewing areas, boat launches and fishing areas, and segregated off leash areas are what this park needs.
- » Concept 1 sounds as if it will present a more natural environment.
- » I prefer the focus on ecological preservation and restoration.
- » I think the proposed developments are significant enough to increase usage and accessibility and to impose minimal disruption on the natural elements of the area. I am in favour of off-leash dog areas.
- » as per previous feedback, general recreational desires for amenities do not belong in a sensitive river valley environment. there are plenty of other areas for such!!
- » Concept one aligns better with what I would like to see for the park.
- » sensitive to the natural areas in the park
- » I like the more natural play areas.
- » Both seem good my fear is option 2 will convert this area into a party place and I really do not want to see grad parties taking hold of nature
- » I prefer to see more natural settings and less development.
- » I still like the fact that concept #1 - recreational activities that are sensitive to the natural areas in the park. The focus is on ecological preservation and restoration. Concept #2 encourages more recreational and amenity based activities in a sensitive environmental area. This does not respond best to my values and priorities.
- » Still the issue of numbers of people the area can accommodate.
- » I prefer Concept Option 1 but is there a way you can still reduce the temporary encampments without having to go to the more intense development of Option 2?

- » I support less development and a commitment to restoring what already exists rather than a program of introducing new development and “enhancing” what already exists.
- » Less disturbance
- » Natural approach
- » Simpler is better. No off leash area. Keep the natural play areas simple and easy to maintain.
- » Too much development with concept 2
- » less impact on environment
- » Keep area as natural looking as possible
- » there are plenty of other parks in Edmonton to accommodate recreational and amenity based activities. this is one of the few parks for off leash, I would like to see the entire park off leash, that would make it better.
- » Again, number 1 seems more nature based
- » there's too much recreational activities as it is, don't need more.
- » Leaves it more natural.
- » Feedback was clear that the preference was for a more natural state. More amenities means more taxes which are too high already. Again what are the estimated costs of these two visions? We are not signing any blank cheques.
- » Prefer less amenity based activities.
- » I prefer option 1 because it basically leaves the off leash area alone along the river. Dogs would have a larger open area to run and play. Out of all the options I think this one would be more agreeable to meet my needs.
- » Concept 2 is inaccessible during winter for dog owners.
- » Please see previous comments
- » Option 1 shows the route that I use each day.
- » What I like about the dog trail where it is, is that the bugs can somewhat be avoided. putting the trail in the wooded area would make it challenging for me and my dogs.
- » Would prefer to see a bit more of a lighter touch, meaning less formal recreational opportunities in order to maintain a more natural environment.
- » Providing infrastructure enhancements/improvements should be oriented toward improving the existing experience, rather than creating Dawson/Kinnaird as a “destination” park (considering access and environmental constraints as well as the existing, positive, user experience).
- » Concept 2 is trying to cram too much stuff into the park. It cannot be all things to all people and still protect the environment.
- » Concerned that Option 2 will encourage traffic congestion in the park.
- » still with the keeping things natural theme
- » Both concepts have benefits, but the restrictions for the dog walkers is too much in concept 2. Also, what is the plan for the homeless community that lives in the park. Cleanup

- of the mess left by them is already slow, and with more amenities is there a plan to work with this community if more move into the park?
- » There is way more space for my dog to run
 - » Much prefer the smaller ecological impact of Option1, along with fewer infrastructure/maintenance requirements. Keep the park natural and keep the costs low. Dog owners are the primary users of the park - why spend money trying to push them aside???
 - » This concept looks like you didn't change the size of the off leash area - good. But you could add the loop of concept 2 for off leash. The more off leash the better.
 - » Concept #1 better reflects my current use of the space. I also prefer maintaining a more natural landscape as described in that concept.
 - » Either would be fine,
 - » This plan results in less change and impact to the river valley.
 - » We do not need more playgrounds, let this area stay as natural and quiet as possible
 - » again more eco friendly
 - » This is already we well used park for its natural beauty - so the focus on preservation and restoration seems in keeping with current and future needs.
 - » There are many other river valley parks with more amenities, more natural with some use is better
 - » The symbols on the maps are too small to read. We certainly hope that washroom and drinking water facilities will be built on the east end of the park. Not everyone can hike to Dawson Park to use the washrooms. Remember you want to make this park usable for all (eg: physically disadvantaged and the elderly!).
 - » prefer minimal development.

CONCEPT 2

- » Two less change
- » Again option two offers better connections between the city and the river valley.
- » I prefer the second concept's focus on recreation and amenities.
- » Paved options are more accessible for people in wheelchairs and those with strollers. Nicer than gravel or something similar.
- » I cycle thru the river valley on a regular basis and I am amazed at the number of people of all nationalities picnicking and using the fireboxes in Hawerlak and Emily Murphy. They have to drive. To have upgraded picnic sites within walking distance of a highly populated area would be a great asset to the City.
- » It seems to give more space to view and use the park.

- » I like the concept of it being able to be booked by groups, having this as a multi use area and accessible to all parts of the natural area. And in concept one I didn't like that there was a clear distinction of clearing natural vegetation in the area.
- » Less intrusive
- » I like the idea of decreasing informal encampments as I've seen lots of crazy stuff in this area
- » Focused on people's activities
- » they both seem really good, it is hard to pick. I do like the second option though which discourages homeless people from living in the park, which is a huge problem right now.
- » Much better use for off leash
- » "eyes on the street"
- » I like the notion of doing ANYTHING to reduce the level of informal encampments. Safety is my #1 priority. I also like the references to winter comfort for visitors. I do use this part system 12 months of the year. Winter comfort ... particularly if it provides a water (drinking fountain) station and washrooms.
- » Vegetation clearing is not an option for me. One of the reasons to go the park is to see nature as it is. Minimal signage should be allowed. The less formal and citified a park is the better it is. People go camping to get out of the city. A park should help you feel more away from the city and closer to nature. There are off-leash parks now. I don't think they should be part of a park. Dog should be allowed on leash.
- » The Edmonton Dragon Boat Racing Club is a fantastic partner association in the valley and keeping them in Dawson Park helps add users and activities to the area.
- » Great
- » I do like a few of these extra amenities, particularly enhanced viewpoints and the extra facilities in the amenity building.
- » This is city not a nature preserve. Why set up parkland here and make people drive in from suburbs - suggest we condo over the downtown, couple towers here, parking etc. Housing for the homeless makes more dense that duck habitat for here - keep that out of the suburbs.
- » People will use parks with active recreation opportunities. Passive recreation means more of the same - Option 1 gives the City license to do what they have been doing, which is nothing good. Option 2 brings people to the river. Option 2 provides options for many people oriented activities.
- » it makes the park a destination vs an area to walk through
- » Formal viewing areas are a great benefit, and enhanced winter comfort would be appreciated.
- » Concerned about the expansion of the amenity building and related vehicle access
- » At least there are some reasons to frequent the area. Viewing decks are a good plan, as is washrooms and the picnic area.
- » separate area for off-leash reduces potential interaction
- » not quite sure why this needs public consultation/feedback.
- » It overs more usage.
- » Giving people various things to see, do with family and pets by not leaving the city is great.
- » Off leash
- » It would be nice to see at least one other smaller washroom facility at the farther west end of the park. I really like the smaller version in Whitemud Park (by the Equine Centre), something similar to that.
- » similar to above.
- » Dogs have rights but police can monitor small location more easy and still dogs go in and come out same location.. simple really.
- » Both option have washrooms but option #2 has more bicycle trails so it is better.
- » The proposed developments are better suited to accommodate the typical levels of use of the park area.
- » It provides more accessibility for people of all abilities. Viewpoints, stairs and other access options will create a more user friendly experience. Huge fan of the suspension bridge idea.
- » Ease of access, focus on safety of usage of the natural areas
- » Can't distinguish the icons on these maps.
- » This option seems to make it easier for people who do not live nearby, who might want to go to the river to plan an afternoon or a day at the parks. What about more parking spaces for people outside the area?
- » But please, could we get another washroom closer to Ada Blvd?
- » I like the terracing.
- » I like the idea of partner use of meeting room. Winter use also appeals to me.
- » Picnic tables in Jasper view point would have to be secured like the benches. Otherwise they will end up at the bottom of the cliff. - where one is now. everything else is great.
- » Option 2 seems to reach an appropriate balance between protection and utilization. The proximity of the playground near the off-leash area encourages safe and appropriate use by families in one location. I see no loss of natural areas by enlarging the picnic area, although a smaller picnic area by Jasper Viewpoint may not be necessary? Single picnic tables should not impact natural areas so long as they are kept to Plateaus.
- » i think these improvements would encourage individuals and families to become more active in use of areas and more enjoyment
- » I like that this concept encourages variety of use & attempts to address the encampment issue
- » Would like to be able to enlarge the map. Hard to look at on the computer in its current size. Is there potential for storage for external groups in either of these options?

- » Well, it looks like the off-leash area in option 1 is miles away from Dawson (the icons are very difficult to see on a desktop screen, so it's hard to tell for sure). One thing I don't like about option 2 is that a fishing area is being introduced further east along the trail from Dawson. This is a safety hazard, given the number of lures and hooks that get lost and left behind at other fishing spots along the river. I think it should be where the one in option 1 is so that the city can take more responsibility for ensuring that it is clean and well-maintained.
- » lower level of development is preferable
- » Concept two is more inclusive of the Edmonton population and provides greater opportunities for more people to actually use the park. However I think it needs to be stronger by including a blanket statement stating that all areas will be physically accessible to all citizens.
- » It's important that our river valley be able to be used year round in a winter city and not be surrendered to "informal encampments" and Option 2 does a better job of furthering that objective.
- »
- » Glad the offleash area is less intrusive to other park and trail users... too many issues with unruly dog owners who feel and act as if the entire area belongs to them, presently in this park. Also owners get upset & angry if u question why their dogs nip at u

ON THE FENCE

- » I don't feel that I should have to pay for dog bags. Dog parks should be paid by private businesses or scraped altogether.
- » I couldn't tell the difference - the icon symbols were too small to read on the maps.
- » We have great parks as is. Stop this project. It is too much regulation
- » these maps are too small as are the symbols to read if you're not 18
- » I think the river valley should be left as is. It is developed enough already.
- » I'm all for paving the paths with pure gold, if it is privately funded. I don't want my tax dollars to go to "fixing" something that isn't broken and is minimally used by a very small portion of the population.
- » I can only see a very small off leash section in concept 2 and it does not look large enough to actually go for a walk. As a dog owner, runner and biker I prefer parks to be off leash if possible and this park is well away from major roads so it is perfect for off leash
- » your architects have some grand notions.. who pays
- » no off leash dog trails.
- » Sad sad to kick current tenants out of the city house. Do they want to go? It is so inviting and animating. They join bird watching they host parties They participate in friends of Kinnaird and used to host meetings. Not nice. #2 is terrible #1 is less terrible
- » Again, bicyclists have ruined the experience for walkers. Give them their own trails and keep them off the pedestrian trails.
- » Should keep the whole park off leash as it currently is.
- » The point about 'reduce the level of informal encampments' is offensive and specifically targets the homeless people in Edmonton. This tactic further stigmatizes and marginalizes an already vulnerable segment of our community. The issue really is, how to reduce/eliminate homelessness. Isn't not about hiding this segment of the community from those of us who are privileged. Park use is not about entitlement.
- » Prefer concept #2 with the off-leash areas removed. Dogs should always be on leash in this area.
- » The city cannot afford either
- » Leave the park alone. It is a busy off leash dog park.
- » Neither seems to provide for parking - even without your proposals to increase the use of Dawson park the lone parking space is currently at about 65% during peak hours of usage
- » I is bad 2 is really bad Halt the process
- » I think just having washrooms and a bottle fill station is best. Maybe a small area for a park.
- » The park is great the way it is. I do not support the loss of any off leash areas in the park.
- » There are not enough washrooms for patrons on the east side nearest to Ada Blvd side - how can one possibly make it to use the washroom so faraway? Please try to think of people how many are going to go through there / have you ever been to west edmonton mall and it's busy and you need to go to the bathroom? the idiot planners did not think like a regular person or a staff member working there they put them in the most inaccessible and hard to reach places. By the time an old person or a little kid gets there they will make a mess in their pants. So make more washrooms accessible please with fountains for drinking water and wooden benches without bars to rest on and put your feet up if you have to .
- » Once again, there is no need to reduce the current off-leash dog walking areas.
- » The park is perfectly fine the way it is. I take my dog to Dawson park every single day, its part of his lifestyle. I don't want any changes made to the trail layout. MAY I SUGGEST ADEQUATE SIGNAGE FOR CYCLISTS SO THEY ARE AWARE OF TRAIL RULES INCLUDING SPEED LIMITS, MANDATORY BELLS, ETC MY LITTLE DOG IS BARELY SAFE THERE BECAUSE OF PACKS OF CYCLISTS RACING THROUGH.

- » I am against reducing the space provided for off-leash. I have a very active dog and use all of the existing off-leash area, especially the fields for interaction with other dogs. Signage needs improvement to ask cyclists to proceed at safe speed and ring bells on approach.
- » i don't want more people coming into this park. it provides a reduced stress level with less people. hard to benefit from nature and quiet mental rejuvenation when dodging bikes and dogs and listening to boisterous picnickers.
- » We don't need new view points. We don't need new viewing decks. We don't need playgrounds. we don't need "to formalize access to the river." We don't need new boat launches. This is all very depressing. Just leave our natural park alone.
- » both concepts have their benefits. One question would be: is the area east of rat creek mouth going to remain off leash? Its a good area for off leash as it allows the big dogs access to the river and there is not as much traffic for them to run people over. I don't see much improvement by making a dog loop as there are already trails that are not off leash if you want to avoid the dogs. I lean more to concept 1 with more picnic table/bench areas scattered throughout the park in open areas. (although I'm sure this then becomes a homeless issue).
- » These maps / legends are difficult to read and understand. The legend makes the "existing" and "proposed" look exactly the same. The changes to the off leash area are not clearly defined. Where are the proposed trail closures?
- » To preserve the natural areas, but option two suspension bridge is growing on mw
- » natural materials would have less of an impact and there is already a paved path and bridge so less pavement is more in these areas.
- » I prefer natural and aggregate surfaces over paved surfaces, and appreciate that the options in Concept Option 1 are chosen to create minimal ecological impacts.
- » As a colourblind person I found these maps on the verge of unreadable. But from what I can gather option 1 has more natural surface trails which I find more enjoyable for running and mountain biking on than aggregate surface trails.
- » Prefer the access to off leacsh area
- » Habitat conservation is more important that increasing paved surface trails, in my opinion.
- » I dont like the idea of removing the off leash dog park unless another one is already in the works in the same area.
- » I would prefer less paved paths. I also like the dog off-leash area idea.
- » I prefer the option that encourages the maintenance and reclamation of natural ecological spaces
- » less paved - less open for domestic animals - less human impact
- » Concept one allows for more use by all types of people in Edmonton
- » Off-leash area should remain in the existing corridor. Many people with small children or strollers, and elderly people take their dogs to this park. It would be very difficult for these individuals, or those with disabilities to navigate the River Valley Slopes, particularly in the winter months. This area is very treed, shady, buggy, muddy, and hilly. Runners, walkers, and bikers can engage in these activities in almost any area of the city, whereas there are extremely limited options for dogs to be off-leash. I have heard a few complaints from runners about dogs; however, they stem from individuals who are clearly frightened of dogs. These individuals can easily choose to run somewhere else.
- » Off leash is a key feature that is important to me to maintain.
- » Too much pavement in #2. I Prefer to see more aggregate and natural paths, as seen in option #1. Also, do not like moving the off leash area which is proposed in #2
- » I really dislike the idea of making the park on-leash only except for only a certain area. The beauty of this area, is that you are able to go for a walk with your dog and not be in a fenced in area. I don't believe that the park visitor experience needs to be improved. For those that do not

Connectivity + Circulation

CONCEPT 1

- » Keep dogs out of the Park.
- » It seems environmentally preferable to have as few paved surfaces as possible.
- » Less intrusive
- » as a mountain biker who enjoys to bring her dog single track riding, the increase in natural trails and large off leash area entices me to continue to use the park.
- » Lower impact but still allowing a range of trail types for different user groups
- » Keep it as natural as possible.
- » I prefer natural and aggregate pathways. There is already one wonderful paved trail that acts as a connector--for me, additional trails in the park would be for exploring and spending time in nature, and I would prefer natural and aggregate paths for that. The only thing I like better about option 2 is the nature trail from Ada Blvd on the north side of the ravine.
- » i dont think there really needs to be more paved trails, that is expensive and gravel will do fine for mountain biking. Protecting and moving existing trails from erosion is more of a priority.
- » I prefer more natural trails.

currently use the River Valley (and I have many friends like this), these changes will not entice them to go. You either enjoy the outdoors and are active that way or you are not. The idea that we need to make everything a “controlled, safe experience” is ridiculous. I hate visiting areas, that have been made “accessible to all” and now have a paved walking path. That will take away from the beauty of Edmonton’s River Valley, and the River Valley is what makes Edmonton unique and a place I want to live.

- » As mentioned previously, Supportive of the footbridge of option 2 and potentially the off-leash area instead of the meadow, but not the off-leash loop.
- » I don’t think we need to pave a bunch of trails. Let’s improve the ones that are existing - they show us where people want to be. We need to be extremely sensitive to the trees and their roots.
- » better signage
- » I have used this off leash park before and there are a lot of people who like walking their dogs there. I do not agree with getting rid of this off leash park at all.
- » Are these the same as the concept one and two in the first section? If so, #1 is the better, less invasive option.
- » Trail activities are encouraged in areas that are already disturbed and new alignments are chosen to create minimal ecological impacts.
- » The less vehicle access or dog access given the better we protect the river valley and wildlife and the carbon foot print.
- » Both are excessive. Goat trails are a reality. People rabbits and coyotes build them. No need to add any trails.
- » It provides all of the necessities and more. It provides better for keeping some our outdoor space closer to what nature provided
- » prefer the more natural trails. some paved trails are too wide with the additional clear cut areas on each side of the trail
- » The health of the great North Saskatchewan River is paramount to Edmontons well being. It is important that we leaf by example and maintain the Eco system before we turn attention to wants. Having two large dogs I know the benefits of off leash parks but I believe the city has ample options as is.
- » Paved and improved tails are paramount and no off-leash dog areas
- » Paved, aggregate, and natural trails are balanced in Option #1, providing a variety of recreational surfaces. Paved surfaces are adequate in Option #1 but become too urban in Option #2.
- » Off leash
- » Option #2 seems less like a natural area to rest and enjoy than Option #1. And I really don’t like the idea of a moved and enhanced off leash area.

- » River valley’s natural state should be protected as much as possible. The need to make all aspects of the city open to such development must be reviewed for its reasoning. there are plenty of other spaces for recreation such as off leash and picnics.
- » Please leave the off-leash dog area where it is now. Dogs need access to the river. Put the bikes somewhere else if there is a conflict.
- » minimal ecological impacts
- » I prefer the non-paved trails.
- » Less development is better for the natural connectivity of the park (as opposed to the human connectivity)
- » I still prefer concept #1 - the trails seem less intrusive to the environment. Do we really need more paved areas in a green space? I think building a suspension bridge will affect the environment more in concept #2.
- » Really difficult to see. Existing vs. proposed map features are virtually indistinguishable.
- » More natural.
- » Concept 2 looks like the off-leash trail/area will be removed. I am totally against this. We pay for licencing of a pet, we do not leave paper/trash all over, we pick up after our pets and now you are closing the off-leash area. No.....
- » Previous comment about off leash area. I remembered that this is above the river valley at the end of a residential area. Nevertheless my comments still hold about the amount of land and the number of people Concept #2 will potentially draw. Concept 2 has too many trails. The city already has a problem with people making their own mountain bike trails. This will invite ecological degradation.
- » Concept 2 involves unnecessary disruption to the environment. I prefer Concept 1.
- » Less disturbance to natural features - more accommodation to natural features.
- » More natural
- » like the idea of natural paths, less disruption to nature. I don’t like the idea of off leash parks. Even being a dog owner I have run into too many issues especially when off leash and on leash areas are in the same area...
- » environment over entertainment
- » Don’t try to limit the dog walkers or Mtn Bikers, work with them! Will be very hard to close trails!
- » There should be consideration of low cost maintenance over the life time of the park, rather than high cost maintenance amenities.
- » May as well limit the damage already done to the parklands, and users will go off-trail in either case.
- » Dog parks
- » the off leash is the most used and important part of the park and is used all year round. the slopes are manageable in the winter since they are not too steep. Many dogs walkers have babies in strollers and even some of the senior dogs are in strollers. Concept 1 accommodates these people.

- » Please - do not add paved trails! Keep it natural!
- » Leaves more area without development. I like keeping the east side of the ravine with no formal access. Leave it more natural.
- » Prefer the off leash dog area remain where it is currently.
- » More off leash the better. There are not many off leash areas so do not make it smaller.
- » The proposed separate dog trail may be good, but if the cyclists used the current paved vs the current granular trail which as a dog walker I prefer there should be fewer conflicts; also as a further whine are the cyclists allowed the whip along the trail at top speed?
- » I don't want cyclists on the trail
- » All of the same reasons I used in my last response apply. Concept 2 completely takes away the dog park. And the replacement does not seem accessible in winter, also it is narrower with no open spaces for dogs to run, these narrow spaces will cause conflict between dogs. Also they need access to the river to stay cool in summer. Having dogs on leash in the main areas is more dangerous because dogs are more likely to be leash-aggressive. Concept 2 is pushing the dog owners out of the park even though we are the most frequent users, having this park is important for the dog community because it is made up of regulars which makes better relationships between the dogs and other park users. This is the only central dog park - if you take that away where will we go? We need an accessible space too. Coming here and having to walk my two giant dogs on leash would be a nightmare, there is too much stress on them and fights would be bound to happen, the community is better when we can all exist together - not separated into confined spaces. Please consider the wellbeing of the community and the impact of evicting the majority of the park users.
- » I prefer Concept 1 again due to keeping the area as natural as possible. Although a the bridge across the ravine would be wonderful for commuting.
- » My main priority is around the ability to walk my dog off-leash. Since I use the park every day, rain or shine, no matter what the season, at different hours of the day, I feel that it is good use of the park area. The user conflicts I've noticed tend to happen between dog walkers and a small subset of runner/cyclists with a specific predisposition against dogs and who refuse to accommodate them. Although I feel it would be ideal to separate the two groups, I would rather share than lose access to the majority of the park. Signage should be clear about speed limits.
- » It is very important that the off leash dog walking areas be maintained. It makes no sense to move them up. A dog is going to run to the water and it will be difficult to control. Also keeping dogs on the narrower paths will just cause more congestion and conflict with bikers.
- » I do not support increasing the amount of granular and/or paved trail in these parks. There is already sufficient access to all areas of the park and the existing paved and granular trails are underused and under maintained. The City would better spend available funds to improve use of the existing trails (e.g. fund ski grooming to create a Goldbar/Capilano/Riverside/Dawson/Downtown ski track and partner with the mountain bike community to expand/enhance/maintain single track).
- » Natural trails enhance the river valley and are its key defining points. More paved areas take away from this. The river valley should have as natural trails as possible so that cyclists, people of various activities can have as many different experiences and levels of difficulty as possible from beginning to advanced.
- » The wording for the first bullet point under program in Option 2 is confusing. It simply states that the off-leash area will be moved and replaced by something else, but doesn't clearly define if that all-season loop will be off-leash. If it's getting moved into Kinnaird, that will be terrible because that's the least safe place of the park and I don't want to have to take my baby there to have my dog off-leash.
- » Addresses user conflicts.
- » In both options there seems to be a lack of involvement of persons who have disabilities and their ability to use the walkways with ease. Using gravel or wood chips can be a barrier for wheelchairs, walkers and individuals who use canes or crutches.
- » Again- I like the idea of leaving more of this natural, and not having major construction that can impact ecosystems.
- » I do like the off-leash use of the corridor, but the trails are nice off-leash as well. I use the park year round, in rain and snow. I identify the cyclists do not want to worry about the dogs, but the vast majority of cyclists are seasonal. After 2.5-3 months the cyclist numbers are very few, so it seems unfair to restrict park users year round for others for a seasonal increase of one demographic.
- » I chose option one because the off leash for my dog spots are the same and improving the signage is important for everyone not just dog owner but for everyone
- » minimize ecological impact and taxpayer expense! Keep the off-leash where it is. The dog owners are FAR AND AWAY the most frequent year-round users of the park! Particularly in winter...
- » Primary use is off-leash dog walking. Concept #1 suits that use for effectively.
- » Prefer off-leash area as it exists
- » Against #2 because: moving off-leash to slope removes use of river for cooling off in summer and open fields for play; slope area is unsafe due to remoteness and homeless population; slope area would be more difficult to access in winter.

- » The reduced off leash area in plan 2 is a deal breaker for me.
- » Prefer the off leash remain in the mobility corridor.
- » Do not reduce dog area. Natural surfaces for trails
- » No more pavement...it's supposed to be usable parkland not parking lots!!!!
- » more eco-friendly and more dog friendly and safer for dog walkers.
- » Keeping the park available to all users while allowing the off lease park to remain is an important driver of community connections. Increasing connections while leaving this in its relatively natural state is great.
- » Offleash walking that is easily accessible is a priority for me
- » Concept Option #1 is less disturbing to the park mandate. There is no need to move the present off leash dog area as it presently is adjacent to the parking area.
- » Wish to preserve maximum off-leash dog walking. Cyclists cause far more conflict than dogs by passing too close, too fast and without bell or voice alerts.

CONCEPT 2

- » seems to open up area more.
- » Again, better connections to the city and and neighboring parks is important. I feel option two offers better opportunities to pass through the park on my way to somewhere else - a benefit to the non vehicular commute that should not be overlooked.
- » I like both concepts but slightly prefer the second one.
- » The paved trail is an integral link from the downtown for cyclist to access the rural roads in the County of Stathcona
- » I like the "Approach" description.
- » It seems better use, more access from Jasper Ave and connectivity to other parks. I think the trails and connecting to other parks is important.
- » The stairs at 89 St. under the bridge are needed
- » The maps and associated legends are very difficult to read. I like what appears to be increased cycling options in Options 2.
- » it sounds like option #2 is more sensitive to the natural features and ecology of the area
- » It should be off leash for dogs to restrictive thinking
- » paved trails support active transportation (for those who do not ride mountain bikes to commute to work) while also making the trails more accessible to those using wheeled mobility aids
- » I like that the off leash area (at least appears to be) more contained. I agree that ecologically sensitive areas should be protected. I like the small ecological footprint.
- » Great
- » I like making the entire park on-leash
- » off leash dogs are removed trust stair cases will be accessible to strollers walkers wheel chairs and scooters lots of olds lots of youngs
- » Better access to the park area from more places along the park. More people would be able to use it!
- » Natural and aggregate surfaces, as preferred by Option 1, are awful to use. Given the City's history of maintenance I imagine they will become unusable muddy messes within a couple of years. With Option 2, there are more all season trails, which can be used more. Suspension bridges are cool. Worth seeing.
- » Creating a dog park is very much needed here. The existing off leash area is narrow and impossible for dogs to use which creates frustration all around. Improved natural pathways is great. Some elements could be left out though,
- » Keeping the dog park contained is a good idea.
- » The more natural the area the better.
- » new entrances and trail improvements. yay.
- » As a dog owner, I appreciate more off leash parks as long as the environmental aspect remains at the top of the required list.
- » Paved trails wide enough to let service vehicles drive and repair park site as required.
- » Connecting the different parks makes them easier to use as a thoroughfare rather than just as a recreation area.
- » I think paved trails would be easier to maintain
- » It is favourable to separate the off-leash dog walking area from the multiuse paved trails.
- » Less off leash
- » Again this allows all people to enjoy the areas without offending anyone.
- » I'm glad to see the many spots for interpretive signage & directional signs.
- » More activities will be available with more people using the park area.
- » the dogs have rights too.
- » Option #2 has more bicycle paths.
- » Connects to the existing path and has a new walking bridge which I always liked and brought out of area visitors to for a walk
- » A combination might be best, but I really like the idea of the suspension bridge connecting the Virginia Park to Viewpoint Park. I also like the stairs from the Ada Blvd. viewpoint in Option 1.
- » Easier access for all through paved access trails
- » Option 2 seems more accessible from various parts of the city.
- » While I will be sad to lose much of the offleash area, I will be delighted at the extra amenities.
- » Not so many new trails though. It does not need to be all or nothing.
- » I like this better, but get rid of the bridge
- » More appealing
- » The dog park makes this my clear choice.

- » I'm not convinced that new paved surfaces are entirely required, but the added trails are appropriate and welcome. Closing the entrance trail from Riverdale should not be needed until future flooding eliminates safe access using the existing trail. The final proposal should address where hillside mountain biking is welcome and encouraged in Edmonton, as these changes do not encourage mountain biking in this area. That may be a missed opportunity, depending upon resources elsewhere in the city and their proximity to central Edmonton.
- » new connection from Ada Blvd, new entrances plus new staircase better experience for families
- » I like the trails being a mix off aggregate & paved to encourage variety of use. Also like that off leash dog areas are limited
- » I interpret concept 2 as an enhancement of concept 1, with more trails and improved access. Is the distinction between the two concepts in the number of users that the park is designed to accommodate? Shouldn't a growing city plan for additional user pressure anyway? Perhaps concept 2 should be considered as a future phase of concept 1 rather than a distinct concept.
- » I think the paved trails allow more citizens to access the park (parents with strollers, seniors, cane, walker, wheelchair etc) As long as there are still some gravel paths for those that want to bike or walk deeper in nature, everyone wins. With the additional entrances and bridge this option has more connectivity
- » This one appears to provide a higher level of connectivity to the surrounding neighbourhoods.
- » concept option 1 does not respect the trail as a part of the bicycle transportation network (it is an essential link for cyclists to access certain parts of the city quickly and safely). Concept 2 provides the proper type of trail surfaces and removes the of-leash areas which are dangerous for people due to distractions and conflict with animals and trail users (runners, walkers, cyclists)
- » The inclusion of some hard surface greatly expands the usability of the park spaces for young families (something the city is trying to encourage in our older neighborhoods) and for those with mobility issues. The ability to keep dogs on-leash when on the trails is a huge advantage over option 1.
- » Looking for natural park area for running, cycling and hiking as well as picnics close to home.
- » I like the loop off leash area

ON THE FENCE

- » There is no proper explanation where is off leash park on both concepts. First concept stated that off leash area at "Mobility corridor" the same time there is no marks for mobility corridor on the legend nor on the map. Second

concept will move off leash park without pointing its new location at all. Leave off leash parks as is! We do not need any changes

- » No off-leash park, no pavement, no "new" natural trails. Where is the natural space? Wildlife/ecology needs enough physical space to thrive. Cutting what little is there into a myriad of trails doesn't make sense, if the goal is being "ecologically responsible."
- » I think the river valley should be left as is. It is developed enough already.
- » I think all the changes are cost prohibitive but given this will go ahead public bathrooms must be available to visitors.
- » Both need to be less intrusive to the area.
- » Choice number 1 is better because it is less invasive. However closing the river trail at the mouth of rat creek is not acceptable.
- » I personally don't believe anything needs to be done, at all.
- » Its too hard to see the difference between existing and proposed trails so I can't give an informed response.
- » The diagrams are difficult to tell what the differences are, so this is a pretty complicated question to answer in this format.
- » Boring!
- » No off leash park. The suspension bridge is a great idea. The staircase off the Aida Blvd lookout is a great idea. Make the bikers slow down on shared trails. I am so sick of bikers coming at me from behind at unsafe speeds.
- » Both seem unrealistic in terms of \$\$\$
- » I dont' understand the legends the proposed and existing have the same colors and lines. there is no distinction between the two ???Not clear. Poorly designed legends...
- » They do not appear to be significantly different to me, my suggestion is to opt for the most cost effective which is likely option 1.
- » It is not apparent on either legend which are the bike trails. As noted previously, bicycle traffic is the most dangerous and disruptive element to general public usage because the area is used as intensive cross-county training. Cyclists tear up the trails, race past pedestrians with little clearance or warning. I am in favour of more walking trails.
- » Segregate cyclists from pedestrians; the two don't mix. Dogs should be on leash at all times because of the wildlife in the river valley.
- » The whole thing should remain off leash for dogs.
- » Dogs should be on-leash in this area at all times.
- » The city cannot afford either.
- » All season trail loops are not used. All season dog parks are used all seasons. Leave the park alone, leave my taxes alone. There are plenty of parks with plenty of themes for everyone.

- » Our dog loves to go down and swim in the river, both of these concepts would not allow this. As I have said before as far as I am concerned this is discrimination to people with dogs. I'm sure that with a little cooperation from everyone that we can all share and enjoy the entire park.
- » I'm having difficulty understanding your map and terms of use - I am a regular user of this park and I am sure there is a large number of us senior citizens who have no intention of trying to go up and down hills in the summer and more so in the winter months. As far as "user conflict" goes I have seen ONE incident involving one uncontrollable big dog in the past 5 years - I have not seen any disagreement between walkers and bikers.
- » Truly this plan demonstrates top down community invasion rather than bottom up community engagement. Universal access taken far too far. Switch back to the river? If a wheelchair group really wants it they will approach city and see if it can happen. Same for meadow. If a native plant group needs space they will approach city. Same with investing more in blind trail. The one blind person I know never used it. She used the paved trail. This is expensive development for imaginary users. It is too much too fast. Go organically if community wants something and has a vision. Too complex to do too much in one odd vision.
- » These maps don't outline where the dog off leash areas will be moved to or changed. This is my main purpose for using this Park...it is a wonderful space to allow my dogs to have some fun, while being in the heart of the city. I also run, bike and walk the paths daily.
- » Still no plan for motorist visitors, if these are to be entrances off Jasper Ave the daytime families and night time drinkers will increase,
- » For urban dog owners, there is a lot of value in the off leash areas provided by Dawson Park as it currently is. It would be an enormous loss to city residents who live near Dawson and use this area to enjoy with their dogs, who are important members of our families. Having the mobility corridor remain off leash is great, but when residents visit this park multiple times per week, it's nice to have access to some of the other trails, especially in the summer when shade is needed. I cannot support either option if it means losing the ability to walk along trails in Dawson Park with my dog off leash. Remember that there really aren't many places in the city where you can walk off leash with your dog. There are some where your dog can go free, but dogs, by nature, want to walk with their owners. Off leash areas where there are really no places for people to walk do not provide much benefit to either people or dogs. Dawson is unique in providing inner city residents with this experience. I think people will let their dogs off leash anyway, but will enjoy the experience less knowing they shouldn't.
- » there are good things and bad things about both - Perhaps a third choice would be more viable. I like the idea to have a dog park however, it should be fenced in so dogs cannot escape the enclosure and be at large. There should be a small fee charged to use this area and the dog owners should be assigned a punch card system to get in and out of the gated area and it could be a station for park rangers or animal care and control or peace officers to be around at to monitor and educate on an ongoing basis. The idea to have aggregate and clay trails makes perfect sense, these are good for walking and running only though, not for cycling. If the plan involved both side by side it is better - Check out Calgary and see how nice their pathway system along the river is. There are needed signs to communicate which are the cyclists/wheel pathways and/or walk or run or hike or dog walk ways. More fountains and Public Toilets and rest area seating (not steel please) - Steel seating is too hot in summer and cold in winter notice how unused these are in the transit centres. Public Toilets are a necessity. Unless we are supposed to go to the bathroom in the bushes? I think to pick something with balance is important - don't go out of budget excessively and do too much. I think making a path out of a disturbed area is good because it is already favoured by the people. Also providing more cycling paths is best for the environment. I can cycle 35 km a day if I have to, but it is more manageable for me to cycle half that amount and do it more often. I would really enjoy better access to the cycling trails - so please put lots of focus into this and use the rubber from the recycled tires if it makes for better asphalt because the quality of the asphalt on some of the biking trails is horrendous. So please use the best and make a good base underneath so it doesn't degrade too quickly and break apart from the freeze thaw cycles. I don't like having people walking dogs on the same trail
- » The current off-leash dog walking areas are not creating conflict and do not need to be moved.
- » Again - both are great ideas - but DO NOT change the off leash area, keep it as is. We do not want it smaller. We can share with cyclist - it would be nice if they used their bells
- » I enjoy the current set up of the park, my dog absolutely loves going there each and everyday. I've gone to the park with my dog literally everyday since I got him at 8 weeks, over a year ago. I cannot imagine why a bunch of aggressive cyclists could run us out of 1 of only a couple dozen confined spaces for our dogs to play freely across the city. NO CHANGES PLEASE WOOF WOOF!!!!!!!!!!!!
- » I like the park configuration as it is with the exception of having continuity of the upper dirt trail. I don't like going up on Jasper Avenue to get across the little ravine. please maintain the grass and trees and dirt/gravel trails. put a cross country ski track in the winter time. fill in the 'puddles' to smooth out the gravel trails for easier running.

- » We don't need new trails. I do not like this focus on "connectivity and circulation" at all because it takes away from what I enjoy with this park, which is the sense of escape and wilderness in the city. I HATE the idea of a new trail for dog-walking. What we need instead is to welcome dogs off-leash on all trails, and to allow them off-leash only in an enclosed area (which could be on the flat land above and just east of the Rat Creek storm water outflow area). This would not only decrease user conflicts (and the dogs' own safety), it would be far better for the wildlife--which is one of the main reasons for visiting this park.
- » Off-leash dog walking area remains in Mobility Corridor. Improved signage and natural or constructed barriers reduce user conflict. All other areas in the park are on-leash. ? New natural trail proposed in the River Valley Slopes for pedestrians and cyclists. This minimizes ecological impact. New natural trail in Kinnaird Ravine creates an access point from the north side of the park to the river from Ada Blvd. Alignment was chosen to create a ravine experience for hikers and cyclists with a small ecological footprint. ? Two new park entrances are proposed along Jasper Avenue, as well as a new staircase with outlook platforms under the Latta Bridge. and maybe the bridge too better, easier access, with more trails, and least amount of development.
- » Plan1 seems to be a protective plan by restoring to a more natural setting.
- » Off-leash dog park should not be a paved trail - that is hard on dog paws (as the asphalt gets very hot and can burn paws)
- » concept 1 seems to manage nature and ecology better
- » restore, preserve, allow for better wildlife flow with reduced human impact. Focus on WILD - people do not go to the mountains because they are tame and 'a green mall'!
- » better protection of sensitive areas
- » Preference to keep off-leash dog area in the existing corridor (see previous points).
- » Better design for environmental protection and restoration of areas for wildlife corridors.
- » Better protection of natural environment
- » It appears to be more natural in appearance - less mowed areas.
- » People will do what they want, regardless of what they were told not to do. By creating natural barriers in option one you gain the desired effect of preservation by physical keeping people out of certain areas.
- » Option #2 has some benefits, however overall Option #1, is better. Option #2 appears that it will be too manicured and groomed, with much more maintenance (Lawn mowing). The beauty of this area is the natural raw component that it has. If people are looking for manicured areas, then they can go to other city parks, where that already exists.
- » Ok with keeping proposed off-leash area from concept two with mown grass instead of native grass. Also ok with keeping previously disturbed area on the periphery of the park (at the top of the river valley, as mown grass.
- » People aren't bright enough nor care enough that you will "educate" them on proper park usage. You need to enforce the protection of some natural areas.
- » Less human activity directly relates to less damage to the natural areas.
- » Again appears less invasive. Dogs don't need to be off leash on trails. An off-leash park is enough. Rough sleeping should be highly discouraged
- » i like
- » The focus is on ecological restoration and enhancing wildlife habitat
- » Option Two is less desirable because it has more maintenance. There is no point having to mow non-native grass that is prone to weeds. Replanting with native grasses will be lower cost in the long run.
- » The focus is on ecological restoration and enhancing wildlife habitat. Natural heritage interpretation, educational programming and passive recreation are proposed as compatible park uses. Is this not we are striving for?
- » less human intervention, conserve this natural area
- » I like the replanting of native vegetation.

Nature + Ecology

CONCEPT 1

- » Seems to be the more natural approach and better for environmental and wildlife protection.
- » I like the native grass restoration
- » Hippy dippy
- » Prefer this option as less interference. Appreciation of nature doesn't need to be on the order of "a swarm of locusts".
- » Way too much mowing in option 2! I much, much prefer the focus on planting native species and promoting wildlife habitat in option 1.
- » The strip by the river is not preserving anything. Sad.
- » more sensitive to the natural features and ecology of the area
- » Activity in Kinnaird Ravine needs to be restricted to trail activity. Informal encampments / rough sleeping should not be allowed at all anywhere in the park to preserve the delicate ecological balance. Invasive species should be removed regardless of option chosen.
- » I like the less manicured areas.
- » I prefer the active ecological restoration efforts in Concept Option #1 to the reduced impact efforts in Concept Option #2, particularly the focus on native species and fish habitat.
- » Prefer more natural vegetation
- » Great

- » Any approach geared more towards the environment and wildlife will be my preference
- » Good balance between preservation of nature and recreational development.
- » Less human involvement
- » Again, concept 1 seems the most natural.
- » I am encouraged by the restoration activities, especially in riparian zones in Option #1. However, I also like that Option #2 focuses on moving higher intensity recreation to areas of the park that are already disturbed. It would be great to combine the two.
- » I am in favour of preserving natural habitat with indigenous flora. Kinnaird is one of the most natural areas in the river valley and so is unique in that respect.
- » as per all previous commentary
- » Minimize human activity in the park. This park is a jewel and should be left as natural as possible. Keep off-leash area where it is now, otherwise how will people with kids, in wheel chairs, etc be able to enjoy a walk with their dogs?
- » ecological restoration and enhancing wildlife habitat.
- » option 2 will allow a slow but steady degradation of the park especially that city will not put enough of park wardens in place to monitor AND intervene.
- » I prefer native grass and shrubs rather than areas which need to be mowed regularly
- » I just feel concept #1 takes into the impact more and tries to let the area be used without affecting wildlife and natural areas as much. I feel like concept #1 will be sustainable and not result in as much effect on the environment. Let's be honest - depending on public education is not the most effective way to deal with sensitive environments and the impact humans have.
- » At the risk of sounding snobbish, the homeless camps in my area (Mill Creek) result in garbage, ecological disturbance and run-ins with often intoxicated persons when using the park. Anything being done to mitigate this would be welcome in any park area.
- » More natural, more ecologically diverse.
- » Option 1 would provide children with the most opportunities to experience nature and natural plant and animal species.
- » I support Concept 1 in concert with other City initiatives to assist vulnerable people.
- » Human impact is minimized in areas of etiological sensitivity - educational information available
- » Natural focus
- » Simpler and returning to native plants.
- » Do not favour a larger off leash dog area. My experience is that off leash dog areas become dead zones.
- » Prefer restoration of environment
- » The river valley is at risk with increased development (e.g. the high rise east of the convention centre). Steps need to be taken so that the river valley doesn't turn in a 'ribbon on concrete'.
- » Returning some of the park to its natural state should provide for a longer term strategy and lowered overall maintenance.
- » Eliminating invasive species
- » the wildlife that lives there wouldn't be affected by the changes. there are a few coyote packs that live there and they can be quite dangerous if they feel threatened. Keeping dogs closer to the river and in a more open space is safer for everyone.
- » there's still access to the river for the dogs, concept 2 is awful
- » Less human activity. More protection and restoration of the river valley's natural ecosystems.
- » dog off leash area
- » Please see previous comments
- » I have no opinion about the vegetation.
- » Although I prefer the more intensive management of park use promoted in concept 2 I prefer the habitat/ecological restoration approach presented in concept 1. I doubt that park users will observe the master plan and will continue to use the park as they do now, so the park should be designed to mitigate impacts rather than alter user behaviour.
- » Again, would prefer to see a lighter touch ..
- » A program to protect existing natural/ecological features while improving the existing user experience should be the focus here. There are many other large, formal, maintained park spaces in the area (Goldbar, Rundle, Louise McKinney) that are well positioned to serve as regional destinations and do not have the same ecological sensitivities.
- » Same as before, concept 1 protects the environment better.
- » Do not want dog-off leash area to be moved.
- » This plan to limit human impact is great, but it seems to only speak to park users and does not address the homeless community that has an immense impact on the park. Is there a mitigation strategy for working with the homeless community? And how will the park be maintained with the waste brought into it by this community?
- » I chose option one the area for the off leash dog park is kept the same
- » preference for a more naturalized approach and maintenance of off-leash areas.
- » KEEP DOG PARK SAME
- » This plan results in less impact on the river valley.
- » keeps the park in a more natural state
- » The openness to dogs and dog walkers is a large attraction to this park - the natural environment draws the community in for recreational walking. Bikes enjoy the space along with others.
- » Greater conservation elements

- » This is the best choice.
- » dogs have pavement all over the city. the point of taking your dog to a park is to let them get some gravel/dirt/grass under their feet. Protect the sensitive areas but don't take the park experience away from pets or their owners. Good points in each option but neither seems ideal. A combination of the two is more appealing.

CONCEPT 2

- » Option two maintains a better balance between preserving natural spaces while ensuring human connectivity to the park and river valley.
- » I like both options but lean towards the second one.
- » bringing back the fish and getting rid of the culverts should be a priority.
- » slope stability must be the priority if any of this is long term sustainable/.
- » allows for fuller use of river valley
- » both are good
- » As with the previous examples, getting people invested in the area is, I believe, the best way to ensure long-lasting public commitment to the park space. So, allowing more activity will led to a greater use and, ultimately, to greater protection
- » Option #1 has too much off leash dog activity for my liking. I like that this is more contained in option #2.
- » Dogs should never be allowed to be off leash in a park area. If there were no loose dogs there would be no need for barriers, which take away from the park essence. This seems like it would be a quite but family friendly park where everyone can experience nature up close.
- » I think this concept does well to balance the need to preserve the natural habitat while also creating opportunities for users to experience the habitat in a low impact manner.
- » I would like to see viewpoint park maintained as mown grass and trees.
- » More development the better, Put duck habitat in remote, suburban areas, this is within sight of an LRT station, built at tremendous expense.
- » Option 2 allows access to the river's edge, however what troubles me is that this Option does not state that the crackheads and homeless will be removed as in Option 1.
- » concept 2 is a good balance between brining people to the park while restoring habitat and promoting ecological diversity.
- » more people friendly
- » The north hill of the park looks like it requires some environmental protection. From what I remember it is a mess with lots of dirt and little vegetation.
- » Like the fish idea
- » many more reasons are offered to actually use and enjoy the park
- » I have done a lot of nature sightseeing and having the areas as nature intended is a great thing so that wildlife and humans can be together.
- » this approach seems to give greater consideration to the environment and enhancing the ecology of the area.
- » More costly but there is always some one who works for the city to watch people cut grass and keep eye on things.. Police are not the only ones who can report.. city workers and I mean city not lowest bidders contractors for grass cutting.. they are not trained to report issues. City workers are..
- » Both options are acceptable.
- » this seems realistic to maintain
- » Concept 2 seemed less restrictive. Too many rules are hard to enforce.
- » Number 1 seems too restrictive and would be hard to enforce. It would take away from exploring the river valley.
- » #2 all good except. There are many people who prefer to camp rough in Kinnard Ravine. By more hikers and skiers in the ravine, they may consider alternate accommodations. Could some of the springs under commonwealth stadium that have been directed into the Rat creek outlet be redirected into the rat creek ravine. (Kinnard) It would enhance the water flow and cut down on the misquitoses.
- » While I would accept Option 1 if restricting park access, Option 2 is preferred as it establishes a balance. The idea of restoring the picnic area around the Dawson Park amenity building is unreasonable if people are welcomed to use the park. I am concerned about off-trail use in Kinnaird Ravine and welcome land management that encourages people to stay within designated trail areas, including active restoration efforts.
- » Good balance between acceptability, variety of use & environmental stewardship
- » more lpgical
- » moving the off-leash area away from the mobility corridor is essential for human and animal safety and comfort.
- » it fits better with the needs of the people and sounds to be a better solution.
- » Again, these are not natural areas that need to be preserved, they are some of the more disturbed river valley areas in the city. Instead of reclaiming them, further damage to the river valley overall should be minimized by introducing or channeling activities here that if done successfully would reduce the stress on those river valley areas that have remained less disturbed.
- » Same as before, more amenities and space required for cyclists, runners and picnickers without interference by dogs
- » I prefer the off leash option

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- » city is for people, not rabbits.

- » Are these parks for people or dogs.
- » Stop wasting taxpayers money!
- » Sorry, really can't tell the difference.
- » I think the river valley should be left as is. It is developed enough already.
- » keep park as pristine as possible. Keep the off leash dog areas out of the river valley. If you can afford a dog you can afford to pay for a place for them to run. Maybe we could know down commonwealth and rebuild rat Creek.
- » get rid of dogs they can frolic else where deer don't like them public education is key at all times
- » Leave it alone. Seems pretty natural to me.
- » Both are good ideas. Maybe you could incorporate both ideas into one.
- » difficult to determine the difference.
- » Decrease human impact? Then why bother ...save money and leave it the way it is.
- » I do not agree with or trust the baseline data and there is so much to take in here I feel the process is unfair. Is there going to be a workshop with local experts. I looked at the sensitivity report briefly and found it wanting. This whole process needs to slow down and perhaps needs to be halted so things can be considered in phases in more detail
- » I prefer concept 2; however, it does not feel like it would be accepted or followed by park users (i.e., it is too nature-forward)
- » No preference.
- » Dogs should be on leash at all times for the safety of the walking public and wildlife. Dog owners, regardless of what they say, are NOT responsible. Bicycles should be on their own separate trails.
- » Whole park should remain dog off leash
- » Dogs should be on-leash.
- » The city cannot afford either
- » I would like to see more trees planted under Option 1. Gravel path should be unseen from the paved path.
- » Your current signage is damaged by the homeless population why do you believe adding more "interpretive signs" is sustainable. The proposals will increase maintenance costs significantly, not substantially increase usage, and not substantially increase ecological preservation (The river is thousands of miles long). Ecological preservation while ignoring it is within a city is hubris.
- » Access to river and more space for off leash dogs is important
- » It's supposed to be and should remain a people's park not something that restricts access to an unwarranted degree -
- » You talk about native plants but with so much soil disturbance I would pretty much bet net effect with be less natives and more "weeds" or plants that like disturbed soil

- » Neither option gives dogs access to the river. They need to cool down in the water during summer, Perhaps instead of banning them from the river you can build something to make access easier so that they don't disturb slopes but can still go for a swim,
- » Would like more mowed grass than is planned for Concept 1
- » Hard to say as I have no idea where the River Valley Slopes area is and it's not clear where dogs will be allowed off-leash. Why can't dogs stay off-leash in the mobility loop in both options? Given the volume of people who use that as an off-leash area vs. the volume of people without dogs in that area, it seems only sensible to continue to have that as an option for either plan moving forward.
- » I am all for restoration, but DO NOT change the off leash areas
- » Totally against reducing the off-leash area and moving it. Also against improved sight lines if it involves cutting down trees.
- » some homeless like to sleep in the park...
- » What is "enhanced fish habitat"? I don't like off-leash dog walking anywhere in the park. Dogs should be off-leash only in an enclosed area, and should be welcomed off-leash everywhere else. There is no point in trying to restore the ecology of the park at all if dogs are allowed to run free through it. (And I love dogs.) I DO like ecological restoration. But too little area is identified as sensitive in the map.

Safety + Maintenance

CONCEPT 1

- » I think this concept provided a better balance between safety and leisure
- » It doesn't allow dogs.
- » lower costs and a more simplified approach.
- » See more cost-effective
- » seems more involved
- » Less maintenance
- » Keep it as natural and basic as possible. There's a theme going here!
- » I don't like the idea of additional lighting in the park. I also like the lower maintenance needs in option 1. (I think your images are switched on this question)
- » The minute you put in lighting, you have a problem. Light pollution impacts many species and, conversely, it encourages people to enter the park. When it's dark, night creatures thrive and the human ones tend not to go into the very dark areas. Lights in the park encourage unsafe activities. Perhaps people could learn that it's not safe to go into a park late at night and, for the most part, it's not safe to go downtown in certain areas after dark as well.
- » less maintenance needed
- » the consideration for staff and volunteer safety seems more effective here but both options are fine

- » Use of native vegetation.
- » Lees intrusive and less maintenance out of taxpayers pockets.
- » I have never felt unsafe when visiting the River Valley. I strongly support the Housing First program and like the idea of outreach workers connecting with clients and supporting homeless populations. I would like clarification around the intended methods proposed in addressing temporary encampments in park areas, as I would not support any approach that involved forceful displacement of homeless people guised as a safety measure, especially when homeless populations are particularly vulnerable and more likely to be the victims of violence rather than the perpetrators.
- » Designs that require less maintenance will be better in the long run
- » Vegetation clearing is never a good idea. Maintenance is fine (1) but clearing (2) is not what I'd support and would be quite upset if i saw the city cutting down healthy trees
- » I prefer this one as it will be both lower impact and conceivably more economically efficient to manage.
- » I'm not really seeing the difference but to me, less is more.
- » No amenity building
- » thank you for including outreach workers and using dark sky recommendations. please get rid of dog park I love doggies but deer get rid of dog trailsdon't plus higher maintenance costs more
- » I honestly can't tell the difference between the two maintenance concepts. concept #1 has been used as the more natural ecological option and I prefer that option
- » Dark sky approach - and if really talking about 'improve well-being of all park users' then acknowledge the needs of non-human 'park users', both flora and fauna
- » more naturalization
- » More natural
- » I really like the idea in Option #1 of working with Outreach workers and communities. As I said earlier, the camps in the River Valley are a societal program. Increasing the manicured and lit areas/maintenance, only either moves the societal issue of mental health and homelessness or puts it further off the radar of the community. Working collectively with Rangers, Outreach workers, & communities will help everyone involved. Not just those looking for a manicured portrait for their weekend coffee
- » I own a dog and I would be the first to celebrate if the City stopped all future development of dog parks. If you want to walk your dog in a dog park, go to one that already exists.
- » less maintenance
- » Forest understory is habitat. Clearing of understory makes for safety???
- » less cost for operating
- » I think concept 1 feels less invasive. It might be necessary to move to concept 2 if the impression of safety doesn't improve.
- » A focus on ecological restoration and habitat protection calls for lower impact park operations and safety measures.
- » Again, lower human footprint in park is more inline with its vision.
- » Prefer the more natural feel.
- » The activities and natural area management in Concept 1 generally require a lower level of maintenance. A focus on ecological restoration and habitat protection calls for lower impact park operations and safety measures. PERFECT PERFECT
- » better - but reduce trail markers - we don't need so many - they do not appear to be placed strategically
- » I'm not sure I understand the difference between the two concepts. The first look better but I'm not sure.
- » prefer money to be spent on restoration of natural habitat instead of infrastructure
- » Cut on cost
- » I am in favor of limited maintenance requirements. The ravine should be a place for River enthusiast seeking peace, quiet and nature.
- » Lower maintenance!
- » Off leash
- » Actually, it's hard to make this decision. They both look good. Except, more garbage bins please.
- » Again option 1 will be more natural as well as more cost effective.
- » there seems little difference but #1 seems to require less expenditure by the city.
- » Increased usage by the public is the most effective and natural control for safety. More park personnel in the area is not necessary or conducive of a "natural spaces" feel.
- » as per previous comments. it is inevitable that increased use by the variety of intended users will destroy the natural beauty of this area.
- » Please leave the park as close to how it is now, maybe add another washroom near the pic nic tables
- » a lower level of maintenance. A focus on ecological restoration and habitat protection
- » low maintenance options are preferable
- » Concept #1 appears to be more environmentally friendly as well as less costly and easier to maintain. Both seems to address safety.
- » Both will increase safety - but I feel this additional measures in option 2 go above and beyond what is necessary.
- » More natural, and therefore less costly. Things such as interpretive signs, regulatory signs and trail markers are all subject to vandalism (which has already occurred on the few signs that are in that region already), and minimizing the number of such items will be less costly in the long run.

- » Lower costs it looks like. More sustainable in the long run.
- » #1 seems to best balance the measures needed for safety with the value of providing a natural space in the area.
- » I support the idea of “lower impact park operations and safety measures.” I do not feel that Edmonton is a dangerous city, so I do not support creating a public perception that parks are unsafe. I feel there is no need to do much to ensure safety, provided the City is attending to other policy areas.
- » Less invasive
- » These inner city parks need high security and should be staffed by parks staff during the day and patrolled by police at night.
- » Simpler is better. Increasing maintenance costs for the buildings is something that the city does not need to be spending their money on. Trying some European ideas of public bathrooms that are locked unless you deposit a euro in them. This should decrease the mess as it would limit the facilities access.
- » lowest impact
- » Less expense!
- » I like the proposed vestibule for use by park and outreach workers. The Night Sky lighting proposal has merit.
- » Less maintenance and manicuring of the area will increase the appeal of the natural parts of the park, and some extra trees don't decrease my sense of safety.
- » this concept looks safer
- » I would like to see some vegetation management in the shrubs on the bank near the Dawson Park parking area. Much of that is invasive species and many people live in the dense shrubbery, making the Park feel less safe. I support having space for maintenance, and outreach workers in this park.
- » lower level of maintenance.
- » They both seem the same to me,
- » See previous comments
- » Both options look equally as safe. I have no opinion.
- » Can't really tell the difference between the 2
- » Same as question before.
- » More natural and in line with what I feel defines the river valley
- » Better approach to native vegetation,
- » Once again, concept 1 is better for the environment.
- » I support lower maintenance for the park.
- » Option 2 is overkill.
- » Concept #1 sounds fine, but suggest a lit area where dog owners congregate, that is illuminated until about 7pm during winter. There's no need to pave the slope trail as described in #2.
- » Again this results in less impact to the river valley. Also I really like the idea of community involvement.
- » Natural park. Lighting will be disruptive and disturb animals

- » longer opening and closing hours for amenities. cross country ski track on dirt path in winter. get rid of the burdock.... cut the grass - all of it so it doesn't infringe on us while we run on the dirt paths.
- » again, keeps the park more natural
- » I don't feel unsafe in this park - there are always lots of people walking their dogs and enjoying the natural environment.
- » Less maintenance requirement and more natural is better
- » This concept requires less maintenance.
- » Do not want lit pathways or any lighting beyond parking area.

CONCEPT 2

- » does not appeal to vagrants.
- » I like the first concept's lower level of maintenance and, therefore, hopefully lower costs. Yet I like the second concept's efforts to address temporary encampments.
- » Safety is a concern with the poor reputation of the Stadium LRT there will have to be increased patrol presence either thru the police or park rangers.
- » I believe Concept #2 will be considerably more expensive on a yearly basis but if we are removing homeless people from their “homes” in the river valley then the extra amenities are necessary. I have very serious concerns about clearing for sight lines. In my experience the people clearing and/or cutting, tend to be over zealous. This is still park area.
- » I see that for safety and since lighting will be dark sky friendly, maybe two is better than one.
- » Great
- » Forget snow clearing - waste of time and money here.
- » Lighting on the pathways should be a priority! I would even propose camera security in the parks too. People could use this at night and security would become a problem!
- » Option 1 implies that the City will do nothing about the homeless and crackheads. The only way for the park to work is to have people using it as in Option 2.
- » The city needs to increase its maintenance programs across the city. ensure lighting is designed to respect dark skies, and the ecological areas.
- » Less likely to end up an unkept weed infested area. “Natural” areas in Edmonton tend to look unkept unless other parts require regular attendance by staff for maintenance.
- » It looks like concept 2 focuses more on safety but I don't know how necessary that is in this park, it's already very open and busy
- » more lighting along the pathways is desirable
- » No question that this represents a safer alternative for using and enjoying an urban park
- » To have a place to go and see nature at anytime will require the safety and maintenance that is stated. People and nature need to be safe at all times.

- » I like the amenity building and having access to it with garbage cleaning year round. And I like that Option #2 discourages temporary encampment in the park.
- » More winter friendly.
- » While I'm aware of the increased cost, paved trails allow wheel chair users, those with reduced mobility and parents with strollers greater access. This is important to me.
- » I like the idea of less artificial light
- » The lighting in options 2 would make me feel safer. Better trail lighting would also encourage dog walkers to use the park in the dark winter months.
- » Number 2 sounds like more care will be given to the park
- » Because of the spruce bud worm there are many more dead, dead and hanging, and fallen trees in Kinnard park than 20 years ago. These are a fire hazard. Selective clearing could be done through out the ravine. The more people the better, with the encouragement to follow the rules laid out in the signs.
- » I like the idea of more garbage cans and maintenance. Also I feel that the trails should be maintained yearly and cleared of snow.
- » Please keep lighting to a minimum that is absolutely required for a majority of users to feel safe; the picnic and play areas are dubious examples of areas that need to be lit and could be reviewed. Snow clearing should be kept to "commuter" routes that link parks and areas together, rather than all paved trails. The off-leash dog trail should also be cleared sufficiently for the human users of that trail. Regular maintenance is key to the long-term enjoyment of the park by most users.
- » I like the increased presence in the park & lighting
- » Like the snow cleared paved trail
- » Can you please add emergency phones - the ones with the lights that flash when you push them and that actually work - to either one of these plans? As someone who walks alone a lot, with my dog, in the evenings, this is one thing that actually makes me feel safer when walking in low-light and more isolated conditions. I can at least make a plan for what I would do if feeling threatened and know exactly how far I need to go to get help. Increasing the line of site in Kinnard is a good idea, but not terribly helpful when the light is low; plus, we know from many well-documented events that bystanders or onlookers are not that likely to do anything to help if there may be a problem.
- » it is meeting the needs of the people
- » The first option seems to ignore the uses that are naturally drawn to the areas. The second - more appropriately - seems to respect and enhance the potential for those uses to be enjoyed by more citizens for longer periods of the year.
- » It enables maximum use of this area for recreational pursuits. Please clear areas along paths so less mosquitoes interrupt our day, more space allows more sun

ON THE FENCE

- » These parks well maintain without spending more money. Stop this project!
- » Cant really see too many major differences
- » I think the river valley should be left as is. It is developed enough already.
- » The dichotomy that between safety and ecological restoration is frustrating. I think a option that focuses on both is possible, perhaps by eliminating the infrastructure / capital investments and focusing on enforcement.
- » I strongly support the objective of controlling encampments in the park. I have concerns with the amount of ongoing maintenance/cleaning required with both options. This needs to be kept manageable. Too, I don't support plowing trails just for dog park users. Whaat??? Would prefer to see the paved trail track set for cross country skiing.
- » As before
- » I can't see the difference...
- » Unsure of preference.
- » So much wrong with these statements and premises. The city needs to get out of the parks so people can enjoy them. The city is the worst invasive species! More infrastructure worsens safety as it makes people think parks are safe and creates expectations.'Oh this is something the city is responsible for. I should expect safety.' No, parks are not safe. They are dark. Protective Coyotes with pups live there. Bees can sting us. Rape can occur. People need to bring friends to parks to be sate. People need to learn safety. Parks are not safe green malls.
- » Not sure which I like better
- » Prefer option #2, but dogs should always be on leash.
- » The city cannot afford either, and changing plants will not improve the safety. Grow up!
- » Prepare a plan which decreases maintenance costs, not increase them. There are already plenty of outdoor venues for everyone. Why attack the downtown dog park.
- » Why not have the trail lit in the evening up to say 10 pm. I'm sure someone in city planning could suggest light poles of a design that would blend into and with the concept of a park got the people
- » Parks as a "safe place" seems an odd concept.
- » I do not like the idea of moving vegetation for "better sight lines". If people feel unsafe, use a different park.
- » Increased maintenance of the shelter would be nice as it is often quite messy and has a foul odour. Also, the maintenance again does not speak to the care of the park as a result of the homeless population. If this was in concept 1 I would have picked it.
- » Both look good, I like the idea of lights, and snow clearing on paved trails. Again DO NOT change the off leash area.
- » Can't pick out the difference.
- » Either would be fine

- » I am okay with the vestibule for park rangers and outreach workers if they need it. I do NOT like the idea of creating sight lines. This approach will destroy the wild feeling of the park--and wild parks are one of the most important therapies for maintaining physical and mental health. So see the wild park as already a solution to mental health issues and homelessness. I see no need for additional lighting in the parking lot. I run through the river valley nearly every single day, year-round, on my own. In over ten years, I have NEVER had a problem. The one safety measure I think this project needs to focus on is repairing and maintaining the emergency phones. I never carry a cellphone when I run and I know many people do not do so either. We need those phones to be working.
- » Provides opportunities for winter use while preserving much of the park
- » yes please to warm up space
- » This area is wonderful in the winter as well, again Option #1 appeals to my fiscal responsibility as a tax payer and allows for the enjoyment of the river valley in the winter.
- » although I am supportive of the natural playground with a winter play focus adjacent to a non-expanded amenity building .
- » let's focus funding on smaller winter amenities while we allow the winter city concept grow and expand among the public.
- » Off leash path
- » Less intrusive to natural areas
- » Even when infrastructure is provided, I am not sure people make good use of it in winter.
- » Maintains natural feel.
- » During the winter months, a smaller building footprint in Concept 1 provides shelter and comfort indoors as a warm up space and encourages outdoor-based activities to enjoy. Although we can try to make winter in Edmonton more bearable on those cold and windy days, common sense should prevail for people and we should be concentrating on the least disturbance in the river valley year round.
- » Yes we are a winter city, however 85% or more of our population is not looking to be out in the parks during winter
- » Like the warm up space
- » I am in favor of the least disturbance to the plants and animals
- » More than enough new infrastructure. Gas fire pits only please as wood burning fires are a major polluter.
- » I enjoy snow shoeing and cross country skiing activities in the winter and this park is not ideal for either. So I prefer Option #1, which has a smaller warm up building but should meet the needs for walkers and the occasional winter picnicker.
- » I am not sure of the differences between option 1 or 2. I am in favour of tobogganing hills and anything that encourages use of the park during the winter as it is very underused.
- » as per all previous.
- » I do not like the idea of a new off-leash dog area, keep it where it is now
- » Least interruption to natural habitat.
- » Concept 1 embraces winter without going over the top
- » Not a fan for events in city parks
- » lower cost, less maintenance, these are my priorities
- » Concept 1 seems to provide a greater variety of activities with less impact on the environment. It's still my favorite.
- » More natural, although the idea of the toboggan run in Concept 2 is appealing.
- » For the reasons I have given previously.

Winter Use

CONCEPT 1

- » The first concept allows for more casual usage of the park.
- » Less of a foot print
- » It's winter - fewer people are outside, no need to spend on "outdoor" infrastructure.
- » Keeping it natural and basic.
- » Why is the Winter Garden (on the legend for option 1) not explained? It's also not really clear which area it is on this map.
- » your legend for option 1 doesn't have the symbol for outlook
- » Keep the people out as much as possible. Build an ice rink on tennis courts at Borden Park and use facilities we already have.
- » I prefer the smaller building footprint of Concept Option #1.
- » Great
- » While building structures would provide wind shelter in winter, i think more structures might start to jeopardize the natural integrity of the park.
- » I believe this may be a better option as it focuses more on 'activity' and a little less on higher maintenance gathering points.
- » less invasive
- » As few buildings as possible please - first of all, it is less expensive to maintain (property taxes in Edmonton are already breathtakingly high)
- » get rid of dogs bring 4 legged cats in insteadogs can experience winter elsewhere large events can go else where like hawrelak park borden park
- » the map in both concept #1 and #2 are identical. I prefer concept #1 as it promotes the natural ecology of the area.
- » allow the natural quieter activities for Nature at winter to occur with minimal human impact not only to minimize impact but also to teach what this season means for Nature.
- » more outdoor use while allowing for places to get warm
- » Again, I believe that dog walkers are the primary users of this space. A warm-up space would be beneficial.

- » I prefer option 1 because it will leave the space more natural and provide a more beautiful winter setting that would encourage me to go to the parks in the winter.
 - » Concept 1 is more complementary to the overall intentions of these areas.
 - » Again - less invasive
 - » Simpler is better...I don't think that the city should take on additional costs for "natural park areas". I don't think it is the city's responsibility to provide dog waste bags and warm up areas.
 - » I don't think ad hoc or programmed activities are a priority
 - » Again, smaller and simpler is better, to encourage the type of use and growth a natural park would support.
 - » this concept just makes more sense. there's less chance of slipping and falling on the off leash trails
 - » concept 1 is safer, less chance of falling on the ice, concept 2 could be some law suites from dog owners falling on the sloped trails
 - » I support dogs off leash being limited to the Mobility Corridor. The two concepts appear similar.
 - » off leash dog areas
 - » smaller footprint
 - » Please see previous comments
 - » Not much different between the two, other than firepits, which I feel both options can accommodate.
 - » Dog walkers are the biggest users of the park in Winter - they should be allowed on the maintained path. Moving them to the higher paths will be a problem unless the city plans to plow them.
 - » Less money should be spent on formal infrastructure to enhance the winter experience. Available funds would have the most impact if used to provide groomed ski tracks which loop and connect the downtown with other groomed areas (Goldbar, Capilano, Riverside). Winter facilities to support day use (pavilion improvements) would be a good use of resources as well. Minimal trail clearing should be provided to support reduced winter use for running and cycling (fat bikes do not require grooming) while providing opportunity to enhanced winter activity alternatives (x-country skiing and snowshoeing).
 - » Facilities are little used in the winter - unless there are heated facilities the visitors will continue to be hikers and dog walkers - with some cyclists,
 - » Since concept 1 specifically mentions that the off-leash area will have increased garbage cans, I'd like to point out that that would actually be beneficial throughout the park, even in on-leash areas. Dogs poop on and off-leash and the distance between garbage cans in this area is significant. It may also cut down on other litter in the area if the cans weren't spaced out so much.
 - » I support a smaller footprint on the park and believe Edmontonians are hardy. Any sort of "warm. up structure" is appreciated and does not need to be large and elaborate.
 - » Do not want off-leash area moved.
 - » Option one Will maintain the off leash dog park and increased signs
 - » Dog walkers are the primary winter users of the park. Given that there are no plans to track-set the park for skiing, that will continue to be the case. Concept#2 makes ZERO sense in this context...the majority of the space will be unused and you will have angered the majority user of the space.
 - » Against #2 because: slope trail will be more difficult to access, even if paved; paving that trail removes the natural feel, and adds cost of paving and clearing in winter; slope trail isn't safe for women in winter due to remoteness
 - » There is something positive to be said for a bracing winter walk through Dawson Park and surrounding areas. Concept 1 seems to be the more encouraging vision.
 - » allows the park to continue to be well used by dog walkers in the winter, and therefore also safer for other users
 - » We use this almost daily for dog walking year round and don't see the need for more indoor space - this is a winter city! A nature play environment with picnic tables will encourage extended outdoor use by winter lovers.
 - » Winter access is great as it is now! Less amenity is better
 - » The smaller space in this concept is acceptable as meetings or larger gatherings can be held at community league locations and in similar venues such as Legion or school buildings.
 - » Prefer more natural winter wilderness experience.
- CONCEPT 2**
- » support larger events
 - » I like the second concept's expanded opportunities.
 - » It may encourage more people to get out in winter.
 - » more paved trails clear in the winter! yes pls!
 - » I have concerns with the amount of maintenance required to plow paved trails. Would like to see less (or no) plowing and more track setting for cross country skiing.
 - » I do not agree with increased signage. It's no different than being in the city. Option #2 is more family friendly and more cost effective. I am not totally in favour of the enlarged pavilion when there is a larger amenities building. Perhaps it is unnecessary to have the larger pavilion.
 - » More development the better.
 - » Option 2 is about bringing people activities and allowing for groups to gather.
 - » I like the off leash plan
 - » We continue to work to get Edmontonians outside in the winter. If this will work then build it.
 - » temporary fire pits are a nice idea
 - » fire pit for warming
 - » I like the idea of fire pits.
 - » This allows people to see nature all year round. Hopefully will have more people come out.
 - » Dog park

- » This approach may encourage more public participation.
 - » Option #2 accommodates more people.
 - » Greater accessibility for winter use
 - » Natural play areas are positive.
 - » Dog parks
 - » 2 seems better, but again, winter is very dark after 4:30 which is when most people get off work. Good lighting would increase usage. Even a farm yard light in the dog meadow would be great.
 - » This sounds very promising but am a bit unsure what larger events in winter are. Will they be user friendly for all or just family orientated? My children are grown so I hope there would be events I could participate in
 - » the signs should discourage all access to the ice on the river. It doesn't matter how cold it is the current makes the ice unstable. Last year the river did not freeze from 81 street to past the Capilano bridge. Very different than most years.
 - » Safe tobogganing is an excellent expanded use in the area, although minimizing the footprint would be appreciated. Winter play areas for children are also welcomed, keeping in mind that outdoor travel times to/from the area limits its future use.
 - » would encourage more people to get outside and enjoy park during the winter months
 - » Larger amenity building will encourage more winter use. Limiting off leash area will mean less dog poop left in the snow all over the park
 - » I think warming areas, covered areas (from wind) and shelters are critical if you want to attract users in the winter.
 - » I am always looking for free activities to do with my kids in the winter that is outside
 - » Option 2 seems to offer more opportunity to take part in winter activities while Option 1 seems designed to further a "look but don't touch" approach even though outdoor participation in various activities is recognized for its value.
 - » Just allows more use of this space for both dogs and other users
 - » Dog off leash option is better
- ON THE FENCE**
- » Get rid of the dog areas.
 - » to me it seems not a lot of thought was put into the winter part of this plan. You put both plans together and that is a start of a plan. Will cross country skiing be allowed. I am just underwhelmed with these plans
 - » Stop it!
 - » That's funny. Winter parties and events in ecologically sensitive areas. Who are we kidding here?
 - » I think the river valley should be left as is. It is developed enough already.
 - » I don't have a preference for one over the other
- » The Winter Design Guidelines and Policy points listed at the top seem to focus more on projects that are traditionally urban. I would suggest that applying these principles to a natural landscape might not translate into encouraged winter use in the same way. I prefer option #1. I think option #2 would result in more "winter use".
 - » ice trails!
 - » Don't want you to use my money for vanity projects until the real needs of the city are taken care of.
 - » Both are good concepts.
 - » I don't understand the difference. I like to use the top (easternmost point) for cross country skiing in a loop in the winter, so I'd like to still be able to do that.
 - » NOT SO CONCERN FOR WINTER except for washrooms.
 - » So much wrong with this. You don't create winter colour. You help people appreciate the play of red osier dogwood on fading smooth brome. You lets kids rattle the seed heads of Wild liquorice. All this expense means no money for immediate programming jobs or people to empty trash cans or come clean up on occasions. The city is doing well currently in Dawson, why regress. Informal tobogganing currently occurs at an area you are putting in trees! Not cool. Plan 1 is better but still does not get it or understand park baseline use.
 - » I find it very difficult to use these maps and legends.
 - » Too much emphasis on dogs! What about the feces and urine left on the snow to look at and step into? Concept 2 is better if you take the numerous dog related activities out of it.
 - » A large pavilion for people to warm up in serving tea, coffee and hot chocolate would be welcome. Off leash dogs have no place in public parks.
 - » Prefer concept #2, but dogs must remain on leash throughout the park.
 - » The city cannot afford either
 - » Any warm up shelters will be taken over by the homeless people. Not in favour of this.
 - » The current park is well used in the winter time. Any further development will not increase usage. Only dog owners are in any park in the winter. Winter is dark and cold and does not lend itself to "winter activity". At best you will get some activity if it isn't too cold a few hours on weekends in the winter. Not worth the investment and maintenance you are proposing.
 - » I like concept 2 better but with more off leash areas.
 - » Both seem a step in the wrong direction. Winter use is actually actively discouraged by certain elements I doubt people can even understand this plan it is so hugely different than current park and the rationale for most elements is hard to follow. This seems a paper exercise by people that do not understand current users.

- » Concept 1 says off leash area stays as is but visuals don't match, new dog loop seems it will be steep and narrow with no wide open spaces for running or room to avoid conflicts.
- » Not enough off leash space.
- » I won't use it in winter.
- » Concept 1 does not match the comments below it. The comments state the off-leash area will be through the corridor, but the image does not dictate this. The idea of a warm up spot sounds nice.
- » Again you are making the off leash area smaller - Do NOT do this. This area is used by more dog walkers yearly than any one else.
- » the dog park is perfect the way it is. perfect.
- » snow clearing on paved trails is good. lay a track for skis on the dirt trail too... we need to be able to connect with this park from the other side of the river ie. ski thru riverside golf course and have ability to exit at the end to connect to either capilano bridge or onward to goldbar.
- » I don't want any more lighting, nor any more infrastructure. I want to be able to go into this park and see the northern lights in winter.
- » I lean towards prioritizing ecological concerns over park amenities. For example, I would much prefer the wildlife meadows and winter gardens on the plateau rather than an off-leash area. I also like the idea of protecting native trees. However, I also like the idea of more nature trails, and the trail along the north bank of Rat Creek is exciting to me. I notice that both options provide new park access points, which I think is important. I particularly like the Kinnaird ravine trail connection to Stadium station.
- » off leash areas don't mesh well - not all owners are responsible and not all dogs are stranger friendly all the time
- » Concept Option #2 means no ecological preservation. The River Valley as a natural space is one of the few things that distinguishes Edmonton from other faceless cities.
- » I prefer any concept that places importance on the natural habitat over anything else.
- » Concept 1 because it promotes habitat protection. It has fewer park amenities and addresses safety and maintenance concerns in the park. Concept 2 focuses too much on new amenities and not enough on the natural components.

Which approach to concept development best aligns with your values?

Concept 1

- » I'm tired of dog crap all over this city. They don't need to be in our parks bothering wild life.
- » more practical and affordable
- » Concept 1 focuses more on conservation so I prefer it; that said, we do need more off-leash dog areas in the city.
- » Option one gives me the sense that the area will be kept in a more natural state and limit use to more simplified uses. For example, a small hand launch seems better and helps keep pollution from vehicles out.
- » I'm worried that enhancing the off-leash dog areas will encourage MORE off-leash dogs through the sensitive areas in Kinnaird Ravine. This already happens, despite signage, and increasing the facilities seems like it would only encourage more people.
- » More hippy
- » Two is overly dog-focused, which could conflict with other uses, and there is existing dog park already nearby.
- » The less interference, the better. Natural habitat cannot and should not be "glammed up". If a person cannot handle the natural and responsibly, they don't belong there. Natural habitats are few and far between in the city and they will never be "all things to everyone". Let's leave them natural with responsible stewardship for those who truly do appreciate nature.
- » Concept Option #1 much better fits my expectation of what a park should be. This shouldn't be an area with more services, buildings, off-leash dog areas or bridges. I don't believe parks have manicured anything. This is a park that should show people what Alberta really looks like, habitat, wildlife, natural. It should not be another recreational area with boat launches. There must always be access to public bathrooms.
- » While I like the off leash park as I agree it may help keep dogs from being off leash everywhere. Better enforcement could do this too
- » If people want off leash dog areas let them buy a farm. Option 1 maintains as much of park in natural state as possible and still leaves an area for homeless to camp.
- » I feel like Concept Option #2 compromises habitat protection for the sake of park amenities, which does not correspond with the vision I support. I strongly prefer Concept Option #1.
- » I prefer parks with more nature less amenities
- » Incorporates more natural approach; less development
- » I highly disagree with access for buses and boat trailers. These two parks are relatively small in comparison with other parks in the Edmonton and having vehicles of this nature with more access creates too much disruption in and around the park itself.
- » It's simpler and still includes everyone that wants to use the space. And it has a treehouse. More treehouses are amazing.
- » I like the more 'natural option', especially in the middle of the city where a little more nature would be welcome to make it a more refreshing get-away.

- » The first option has less impact on the environment and natural elements.
- » Lee invasive to the natural area.
- » Leave pets at home leave vehicles at home and take public transit, forget parking lots for buses and boat trailers
whats riparian mean braille trail yes manicured no signage yes human powered boats only
- » option #1 gives more ecological protection, which I think will be more valuable as the city grows
- » I like the peaceful nature of this park. Having a dog park etc. would be nice in the sense that it's a lot closer amenity than the valley zoo off-leash area, but I'm concerned that the bridge and the off-leash area will substantially increase the amount of people in this area, reducing the reason I enjoy this park.
- » less human impact
- » More natural protection with plenty of access and reasonable use.
- » While I like some of the unique concepts in both plans, I choose #1 because I feel it better keeps the natural integrity of the park. The parts of the river valley that I love the most are those that are most natural and have as little of a human footprint as possible. One concern I have with #1 is the potential loss of the off leash area. As a someone who has lived and used the area with my dog for 10+ years, I appreciate Dawson Park as a place for people to get outdoors with their dogs and enjoy the river valley and other out in the park (dogs and humans). While my dog may not be around much longer to enjoy the park, I would love to see other's get to enjoy the park in a way my dog and I have for the majority of her life.
- » I'm not near enough these parks to benefit from the improved picnic and play areas. I use this park more as a natural area, passage way by bike and recreation by mountain bike. Natural areas are more important to me
- » The extra infrastructure needed in phase two is unnecessary. Phase one focuses more on restoring what is already there, which is what I believe should be done. Keep the natural areas natural. We are surrounded by infrastructure after all.
- » I like option #1, although saying that, I want to ensure that it remains an off leash park for dogs. I like the idea that its restoring the current habitat and not adding more to it. I do not like Option #2, as parking lots for buses, boat trailers, ect. will only increase the humans negative impact on the area with more garbage and other environmental impacts. I believe that Dawson and Kinnard are beautiful as they are currently and other than a few tweaks, the park is lovely as it is.
- » There is too much development in concept option two in my mind. That being aid, there could be more done than in option one, specifically I am supportive of the new pedestrian bridge and I could be on-board with the off leash area instead of the restored meadow. However I do not think a second off-leash loop is needed as well as the expanded amenity building and related parking lot/vehicle access.
- » We have enough development in the river valley like play areas and dog parks. Into the future I would prefer we save a few real undeveloped natural areas. Places where as a parent if you are too poor to take your kids out of the city to go camping you can take them to a couple of areas in the city that can give a similar experience.
- » Less human impact on the environment. No dogs please! Keep dogs away from water bodies.
- » As an avid kayaker I prefer the first option only because it has a boat launch. Option two overall seems to be a better option in that there are multiple entrances to really allow people to explore the river valley more easily
- » Is more aligned with the environmental aspect.
- » #1 appears simpler and more natural and, I'm assuming, less expensive.
- » More back to nature.
- » To me, it is important to be able to access the river valley from the road with a bike. I am also open to turning part of the area into an offleash area. I don't see the need for expanded picnic areas or play areas.
- » promotes habitat protection and restoration
- » I would like as little human intervention as possible to keep it "natural"
- » It is hard to pic, they both have great features. I like the meadow winter gardens in choice one and the suspension bridge in choice two.
- » # 1 presumably will cost less.. Until we find a money tree lets consider the tax payer
- » Option Two is not desirable for a number of reasons. The human footprint is really extensive in option two. Plus I do not believe an off leash dog park to be a good fit with the park's objectives. Off leash dogs disturb birds and wildlife, and there are too many irresponsible owners who do not pick up their dog's poop. Option One is better because it has more green space, which will make for better wildlife habitat. This, in turn, will be more enjoyable for people going there to find serenity.
- » Like the maintenance of a more 'natural' and less manicured feel in the park. Although the multi-use conflicts with the off-leash park and the other users along the full length of the trail can be annoying, if the park had a smaller off-leash area we would be more likely to go to different off-leash parks further away - we like the current size of the off-leash area.
- » In order to preserve our river valley the natural habitat preserve the peacefulness and quietness that people are seeking by using this area, there should be no vehicle access

dog's allowed no boating launch of any kind. This area should be accessible by walking or bike trails only if we are truly wanting to preserve and protect the area. There are many other options for vehicles and boats for the carbon print that they leave

- » we have enough dog parks. I am a dog owner and am amazed and mortified at the sense of ownership/priority for dogs and exclusion of people by dog owners in areas that have dog access. Parks are for all people and we must share. They do not belong to one group or another.
- » This is the most "natural" and most conducive to many people. It is not geared to one particular segment of use.
- » Concept 2 has too much off-leash area. The suspension bridge would be neat but expensive.
- » I like the idea of a natural area with access but not the dog off leash area.
- » Protecting the river valley.
- » More natural do we really need another off leash dog park
- » I believe the health of the River is essential to the success of the city. Habitat protection and restoration should be our priority!
- » Does not include off leash dog areas. Dogs are not citizens and those that own them need to respect the rights of citizens who like to use public areas without molestation created by dogs and without the feces that they leave behind.
- » Option #1 provides a more appropriate level of development. I dislike the off-leash dog areas of Option #2; it is an amenity only for dog owners. One amenity that I think should be included in Option #1 is the new suspension bridge.
- » Concept1 sounds as if the area will be more natural as well as a more cost effective alternative. Washroom facilities should be provided whatever the option.
- » I am not a fan of adding another off leash area, especially in such a high traffic park. In keeping with my feeling of Kinnaird as a sanctuary and Dawson park as a relaxation area/cycling through route, I think Option 1 meets my expectations. Also, I do not want a suspension bridge in the area.
- » there are multiple options for parks, off leash areas and picnics that do not require such impact to maintaining the river valley's current state.
- » if there is going to be a new loop to resolve conflicts, please put bikes on the new loop instead of dogs, as dogs need to have some access to the river, especially during the summer
- » Promoting habitat protection and restoration is important. Dog parks don't fit that purpose.
- » i see no need to spend money on a suspension bridge or additional trails
- » Concept #2 - I do not like vehicle access to the park and a parking lot access for buses and boat trailers leads to a greater impact on the area and leads me to think there will

be less 'connecting and enjoying' nature as there will be large amounts of people and noisy parties instead. While it promotes usage, it does not seem to take into consideration the environment or habitat value for wildlife. Seems less green area. Concept #1 - promotes enjoying nature and preserving the site. Use comes across as being more calm and less hectic or noisy. Less impact on the habitat of wildlife. Seems like there may be less 'problems' socially and environmentally. Comes across as less busy than the second concept, more enjoyable and calming. More connection with nature and promotes stewardship, while the second concept seems to promote use.

- » I feel that this Option 1 keeps the park area more natural.
- » I don't dislike #2 except for the dog zone being too close to the trails. I have had repeated problems with dogs running off leash on the new paved path from the Hawrelak footbridge to the rowing club. Can this small ribbon of parkland and narrow ravine sustain the number of people that will come given the density of housing/highrises on Jasper ave above it? Particularly if dogs are allowed more freedom.
- » Seems less expensive. Concept 1 should include off-leash areas. Off-leash areas should have minimal costs.
- » Vision 1 aligns better with the concept of the park area as a place to get away from busy human activity. There are enough off-leash dog areas - we don't need another. Plus Dawson-Kinnaird is a cycling corridor and bicycles and loose dogs are a dangerous combination, which I know from personal experience. In both plans I disagree with a trail connection to the Station Station. This station is probably the most dangerous from a personal security standpoint and making these parks even more accessible to those nefarious individuals that hang around that particular station is not in the citizens' best interests.
- » I want to see more river valley parks "promotes habitat protection and restoration", so I agree with Concept 1. I'm not in favour of adding amenities to the valley, so I'm not in favour of Concept 2.
- » It focuses on preserving the natural environment of the river valley.
- » More "natural" and less disruptive of natural environment.
- » Habitat restoration is key.
- » I do like some of the options in #2, however it goes too far... more is not always better. And natural is always better than man built. More natural paths are good, however do people really use them or will the venture out on their own and go off trail. More access is good, however too many is too much. Keep it simple.
- » Too much development with Concept 2.
- » I support preserving the natural environment and its own functions (from which we benefit) rather than converting them to limiting recreational use.

- » As far as I can tell the only additions to Option #2 is the suspension bridge and the off-leash dog areas. I like the idea of a suspension bridge, but not being a dog owner, I have absolutely no interest in the off leash area. I see a lot of irresponsible dog owners, who don't pick up dog excrement, so I not a big fan of supporting these people.
- » Number 2 sounds too busy. It seems to be taking away from the beautiful natural river valley
- » it's just the better plan
- » I would like to see estimates of what either option would cost. I prefer the less is more under Option 1 which creates less disruption I hope. Riverdale residents are suffering enough with the Funicular & LRT construction.
- » I prefer few amenities and restoration instead. I also prefer the current off leash dog area. Dogs and their owners make up a huge proportion of park users based on my frequent use of the park. I would like the park to continue similar to the way it is now rather than have a bunch of new structures and man made items put in place.
- » Like the pedestrian bridge in option 2 but the off leash dog park should remain as is.
- » For people, option one is my choice, but as a dog walker i'd like to know how this plan would affect our enjoyment of the area. We like shade and access to water- my dog likes to chase sticks in the river.
- » I prefer less infrastructure changes
- » This park is very important to dogs in our community. If you restrict their access to the larger green areas and river or reduce the amount of space they have to exercise and play in then there will be more conflicts between dogs and they will not enjoy the park. Same with the owners. I use this park for exercise for myself and my dogs. It's mostly regulars who come here and therefore safer to take my rescue dogs because they're more familiar with the people and space. Dogs need access to the river in summer as to not overheat, also dog owners need an accessible path. The proposed area for concept #2 is not accessible and would be very difficult to navigate in winter. It's also narrower which would cause the dogs stress and create more conflict. This is the only dog park that's along the river valley and centrally located. Taking that away from the community would be unjust. Please consider the wellbeing of the dogs and owners. We don't have anywhere else to go where we can have what we have here.
- » I feel like option 2 brings the city into the river valley, to me the best part of our river valley is the ability to escape the city.
- » I primarily use the park to walk my dog and would rather have access to the river where he can cool off during the really hot days.
- » I believe concept option #1 supports a balanced approach which prioritizes ecological protection while also providing key enhancements to support an improved user experience. It supports safer and more responsible park access while acknowledging the limitations to increasing use from a practical, environmental and economic perspective.
- » The less development the better. Leave the parks as close to natural parks as possible, focusing on efforts on sustainability and erosion control.
- » Again, parks like these should be protecting the environment.
- » Option 2 adds too much more development and infrastructure which. Not every part of the city has to offer something for everyone. Option 1 sounds much more appealing with less parking, access, and room for people to enjoy nature rather than more parking lots and 'amenities'. Less is more, in this case.
- » I think it is critical to invest in the restored habitats and decrease the amount of "stuff". Leaving a lot of these areas as natural as possible is a great touch.
- » As one of the many off-leash dog walkers who currently already enjoy the park as-is, I cannot abide by any decision to reduce the off-leash area to a couple tiny "dog loops". Expanding park options should not come at the price of reducing already available services such as the current off-leash area.
- » I am a dog owner and I don't have a back yard along with other down town dog owners. I use the dawson park for my dog to burn off engery and play with other dog. I know dogs need space to run and the space that is purposed in the second option is not enough space for the dogs that use this area. Edmonton is getting fewer and fewer places for dogs to fun free. I do not think that the erosion of the trails is not from the dog alone. There are wild animals out there and floods that have happened over the years.
- » My choice for Option1 comes down to three main values. Firstly, I think option two is infrastructure and cost heavy, and I don't see a return on investment (i.e., I don't think you'll get enough ADDITIONAL recreation to make it worthwhile). Secondly, as a runner, cyclist, and dog owner who uses the park for ALL it's amenities, I have SELDOM seen any conflict between users. Additionally, most of the users of the off-leash allow their dogs access to the river for swimming and to cool off. Even if you TRY to separate the users the dogs are going to cross the multi-use path to access the river anyway. In other words, I don't think that proposal#2 stands a reasonable chance of keeping dogs and other users separate. Thirdly, I prefer option #1 for it's less intrusive and more natural vision. The natural spaces of the park offer great places for people and wildlife to roam together. We don't need more mowed lawns and trails and facilities to maintain!!

- » Suspension bridge in #2 might be useful, but off-leash dog loop not necessary if better signage and cyclists ride at safe speed and ring bells. I would be against #2's better sightlines because it would mean fewer trees.
- » The off lease area is severely limited in the 2nd plan. This is an unacceptable restriction in my opinion. I have a large breed dog that enjoys romping through the park as it stands. I am a responsible owner and have a well trained and behaved dog. I pick up his feces because I respect the parklands and the rules around it. The smaller footprint for the offleash areas in plan 2 are fine for small breed pets but not the larger breeds. My dog enjoys the larger grassed areas where he can chase balls and play with other dogs. Also being an older citizen I enjoy the opportunity to walk with my pet off leash for many kilometres.
- » Would like to see the area where the 2 walking trails (paved and unpaved) along the river bank of the park as off-leash.
- » Can't compare because dog area not mentioned in concept 1, but just want a park with a bathroom, no more infrastructure in the area there has been enough
- » I use and appreciate the off leash park and do NOT want to see the size decreased.
- » less infrastructure that won't be maintained anyways. want to keep dog off-leash area as is, not restricted at all. need washrooms open longer, specifically earlier in the summer and later in the winter. i want the burdock mowed so no burrs for our pets and ourselves. i don't want the toxic smell of pressure treated wood after a rainfall. i don't want wood chips on the walking or running or cycling paths.
- » I am assuming concept option one leaves the existing off-leash dog area where it is currently. I believe that especially in the winter, this is the safest path for dog walkers. This dog park serves several large communities and the dog walking community provides a good presence in the park enhancing safety for all users.
- » This is a lovely natural park with picnic tables (which are used but not heavily) and common space. The trails encourage walking and enjoying nature.
- » More natural
- » We are against the use of Jet or motor boats on the river. Too many of the boats now on the river are piloted by people who seem to be drinking alcoholic beverages. Though it is the responsibility of the City police to monitor the river traffic, they are never on hand to check these boaters. Either you cover all bases or remove this aspect from the plans. The motor boats present a hazard to canoes and kayaks due to wake turbulence. There are no mandatory controls regarding motorized craft maintenance that will insure against pollution to the river.
- » Prefer the park to remain more of a wilderness area, with less development, and isolation from Jasper Ave.

Concept 2

- » Concept Option number two is preferred due to the increased connection to the city - People can get into and out of the park with greater ease - And I think that is important for our river valley network as a whole.
- » There are more choices with the second concept, which makes it more appealing.
- » The concept of better access to the water. And I am assuming upgrades to the amenities means better public washrooms and water fountains. Possibility of upgrade to parking area to allow for a couple of food trucks
- » I believe that concept 2 will give people better use and wanting to use area better especially with the use of trails and being able to picnic. This is why i think it is a better choice.
- » I think there needs to be more amenities and features to attract people to the park. It feels very under utilized right now.
- » more recreation abilities and a user friendly space.
- » I value naturalized spaces but I understand there are needs for other users of the river valley that may differ. Overall am supportive of responsible access to the river valley that minimizes impacts but allows appreciation and recreation for all Edmontonians.
- » people focused
- » seems more structured and will provide more of a destination than the other. The inclusion of specific off leash areas is good to limit the effects of dogs, which people will bring to the park regardless.
- » I like the fact that option 2 creates a recreational experience
- » Increased access; better boat launch
- » have to balance preservation of our beautiful river valley while allowing maximum user access. Our valley is not meant for the few
- » Multi purpose and has more opportunities for a wider group of people to use the park
- » I like the idea of the winter garden area in Concept #1, but also like the idea of more entrances and the suspension bridge. Could they both be done?
- » Both have beneficial ecological elements (naturalization, etc) - but I prefer #2 since it will encourage people to come to the park as a destination and linger for the day rather than the other which feels like it enhances the space more for moving through it. Lingering (BBQs, picnics, etc) will help keep "eyes on the street" and increase public safety in the area
- » I am NOT a fan of off leash dog parks ... because, in my experience, too many users of these areas have uncontrolled and poorly trained pets that harass pedestrians, chase bikes, etc. That said, I like #2 because of

the suspension bridge idea. Regardless of which option, the choice MUST include drinking (water) fountains and secure all year toilet facilities.

- » I enjoy the winter garden option as well
- » meets multiple needs
- » Off-leash dog spaces.
- » The point is to get people to use the park so sports areas and playground would do that.
- » The area is meant to allow accessibility to the river area. This means making the area have more amenities. Ensure the expanded amenity building is able to support the Edmonton Dragon Boat Racing Club.
- » Great
- » More development is better, Suggests a condo tower or additional parking for LRT
- » We need more off leash areas. Also better access is always good!!
- » I am not a dog owner but from walking in the parks I think that they all should allow areas where dog owners can recreate. I like that new features include vehicle and pedestrian entrance and signage. What is confusing is that if the launch is for hand launching crafts - why have parking lot access for buses and boat trailers. If that means trailers for commercial businesses hauling crafts, please say so.
- » I'm not a fan of the additional off leash dog parks, these are difficult for other trails to navigate and I think sufficient off leash opportunities exist in the City already. Like the suspension bridge addition to option 2.
- » It allows more use by more groups The only thing I would add to the second concept is the restored meadow and winter garden
- » Off-leash dog area is essential. I visit this park weekly and there are by far more dog owners utilizing this park than people utilizing it for any other recreational pursuits.
- » It provides more opportunities for the community and has some cooler features
- » Concept Option #2 builds the possibilities of the area while Option #1 maintains what is currently available (and largely unused).
- » I like the first one two but any off leash areas are always appreciated.
- » I like the idea of having another off leash dog park with a nice walking loop in it.
- » Concept 2 offers more destinations and attraction nodes.
- » Understanding there needs to be a balance between the ecological values and the recreation values, I see parks along the downtown edge to be used more heavily and should find ways to draw people. I like the additional entrances. A boat launch in this area is great, for those who have boats. I don't see much or anything new to draw people in. Is there a destination feature? Why will people

come here - to "recreate"? Nothing new or interesting from my perspective - conventional park improvements, if you ask me.

- » Provides more options for access to river valley and ravine
- » As a cyclist, I like this option because it provides a suspension bridge and therefore makes new opportunities for a bicycle loop. I do not agree with the off-leash dog area because I find it creates a conflict with cyclists.
- » More active areas for public
- » Option 1 does not address the off leash dog areas.
- » option #2 seems better as it has more access points
- » better connectivity and 'urban' choices
- » This has what everybody can use at different stages. This gives people various things to see and do at various locations.
- » Like it
- » this seems designed to accommodate more activities and more people, which I find desirable.
- » Dogs need a place to run and play.. and it is a natural location and enforceable.
- » Second option would allow for more people to have access to this wonderful space
- » I believe option #2 includes toilet facilities.
- » The off-leash dog areas are the key point for me.
- » Both option look fine the second seems nicer to bring visitors to for a nice and quiet walk than brooding thru grass and fallen tree trunks which 1 look more like.
- » More fun.
- » I like the additional entrances and pathway in the north. I also love the idea of a pedestrian bridge connecting Virginia Park to the View Point park area. It's an underutilised park with such amazing views of the City, I don't think many people even know about it.
- » #2 seems more accessible to all, and has a more open and inviting layout
- » I prefer Option 2 - without the dog off leash space. I feel there are sufficient areas in the city that accommodate this need.
- » More off-leash areas give dog owners somewhere to let their dogs run without disturbing other areas.
- » A greater variety in off-leash areas is needed downtown. Social areas for pets... There are so many human parks, areas but safe areas for off-leash dogs are few and far between.
- » There should be trail upgrades. We need a solution to the tyranny of the cyclists on all park paths in Edmonton. Speed limits mean nothing. The cyclists assume that they have right of way and all others must GET OUT OF THEIR WAY. Our trails should be wider. There should be enforcement of reckless cycling and too fast cycling. By the way we often see ski-skaters going down the middle of Hardisty Drive and Capilano Crescent. We should not allow this, as well as running and jogging on roadways. Why is this allowed?

- » I have used the off leash area at Dawson for years. There are significant challenges with cyclists and people who simply don't like dogs. I would like to see a few more bathrooms.
 - » Though I would not mind having the naturalized meadow instead of the dog off leash area for the viewpoint plateau area
 - » More entrances make sense. The dog park is essential. But I don't like the suspension bridge at all.
 - » More appealing and usable
 - » A combination of both would be ideal
 - » You must accommodate the dog walkers, they are the largest user group of the park after the homeless folk!
 - » A little more development than option 1 would increase use of the parks, but I think that option 2 goes a little too far in the addition of the dog park and the increase in size/scope of the boat launch area eliminates much of the natural park features. I like the idea of the suspension bridge.
 - » More dog parks...
 - » As a user of the current off leash area, I want to continue using this park.
 - » I like most of the ideas in Concept two, but I do not support more dogs off leash areas. Too much conflict with dogs and walkers, dogs a wildlife.
 - » I like the dog off leash area defined in Viewpoint park. I like the suspension bridge. It will draw a lot of people to the ravine and encourage them to explore the other trails I like a stair from Jasper to the Barker's folly trail (the gravel trail that starts on 82 st.) at 78 St. I like opening up the mouth of the rat creek. the only caution is cost. also like an extended warming station at Dawson Park. and all the signage.
 - » I appreciate the better managed off-leash areas, as the Park is heavily used as an off-leash location. Increased access is greatly appreciated, but is only one step in increasing usage by those living along Jasper Avenue. The treehouse should be well used, and I look forward to an improved amenity building in the Park.
 - » with the increase of population the new changes would encourage families to use the parks
 - » I like that the dog off leash area is specified & limited. I've had too many encounters with erratic off leash dogs while riding my bike with my kids, & also annoyed with dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs all over the park.
 - » My understanding of concept 2 is that it is essentially an enhanced version of concept 1 but with more trails and improved access. It is difficult to find contrast between the two. Is the distinction in the number of users that the two concepts would accommodate? Shouldn't a growing city expect and plan for more park use anyway? Given that concept 2 appears to be an enhanced version of concept 1 would it be more appropriate to characterize concept 2 as a growth phase based on concept 1?
 - » More things to do. Becomes a destination you can stay at for a while. I like the increased access (paths, signage) Are the two new entrances off Jasper Ave and the suspension bridge going to be accessible?
 - » This option appears to have more features in it for persons with disabilities however would still like to see a bit more information about these features and to be clear that Universal Design principles are being utilized throughout the whole process to ensure that the resulting option will follow the concept of the 'accessible journey'. Meaning that all persons can access the site, move through the site and leave the site all on their own without major assistance.
 - » As a dog owner I'm happy to see that off-leash areas will be considered in this plan. As well I like the enhancement to family areas that are being proposed. I believe this to be a more balanced plan & keeps with the natural environment that this park presently offers.
 - » number two sounds better to allow more access and not so regulated. People need to be educated though and need to respect the area and the other users of the parks and pathways.
 - » Option two seems to provide more options for individuals and better access for individuals with limited mobility. It also provides options for pet owners
 - » The off-leash area is the main reason I go to this park. In 30 years, I had never been to this park until I got a dog. Wake up, Edmonton. We need more, not less, dog-friendly areas.
 - » Option 2 allows more and better personal connections to the river valley to be made through enabling appropriate uses and providing for access to them.
 - » Looking for more natural spaces to run, hike and cycle as well as a separate space for dog owners to enjoy as well.
 - » It has off leash dog areas
- Neither**
- » remove undergrowth and low cover to leave camping areas visible. otherwise it will always be a hangout place for the poor.
 - » I know both parks very well as an almost everyday user. Both concepts offer only one big change for park users: get rid of off leash dog parks. No more new things added. I am very against both concepts. It is a waste of taxpayers' money. Stop it!
 - » I think the river valley should be left as is. It is developed enough already.
 - » We do not need a play structure - children need to learn to play in nature as it is - and not to have play structures and water parks installed at every single green space. Off leash dog park is not necessary as long as the river remains open to all leashed dogs for walks with their humans. I want the area to remain as natural as possible and a play area for

children is not natural...that needs to go. I want an area where I can safely walk my dog on-leash, no need for off leash parks.

- » How about just leave it as things are?. How to Lower taxes would be a better concept for council to embrace.
- » I like option 2, but without the dog park and loop. Option 1 doesn't provide enough amenities for public to enjoy.
- » Again missing the point of what makes a great recreation area....put some amenities in!
- » Prefer #1 over 2 but really really honestly believe both are expensive detractions. Too much to even give meaningful feedback. Where to begin on how wrong the whole plan is. The starting point is sad as well as clearly the park folk don't know what is there or understand current use. Not to be too new age but I think a good starting point would be walks with current park lovers. More education about why any changes are mandated. Why? I am an older women and never feel unsafe in the park or at the dawson shelter. It is always clean. Sometimes I wish there was more patrol and help for homeless but that is not an infrastructure issue and in fact if you spend so much money on this park who will ever be able to afford parks or help for the homeless. Far far too expensive. Far to grandiose. Completely unnessisary.
- » Actually, a combination of the two would align best in my train of thought. What I like best with concept #1 is the restored meadow and winter garden. it would be nice to see expanded amenity building worked into the concept #1 as well. with #2 - I know it's important to have dog off leash areas, but they seem to over take parks. People are not as responsible as they should be with their dogs and thus having two dog off leash areas would, in my opinion, let the dogs take over making things not as pleasant for non dog people. SO, if I had to pick I'd go for option #2- WITHOUT 2 dog off leash areas, just one. And, sorry, but I see nothing but trouble with a treehouse play structure - not for kids, but with others with less honorable intentions.
- » Blycycle traffic is the single most disruptive element to the dirt trails and to other elements of social gatherings. Cycle must be restricted to pavement and distinction between pedestrian and cycling lanes well marked. Speed limits need to be posted for bikes. I am in favour of increasing pedestrian access to the Ravine (e.g., concept #2) although it will reduce wildlife activity. There will be fewer to no sightings of rabbits, coyotes, pileated woodpeckers.
- » Somewhere in between the two would be really great.
- » There are features in both that I really like: the naturalized playground, the restored winter garden, the new suspension bridge, more park space, and naturalized areas. I am not so can on manicured landscapes.
- » I see no accommodation for bicycles. Bikes have ruined the river valley for hikers and should be on their own trails allowing for walkers to enjoy the natural surroundings without having to dodge speeding cyclists.
- » The whole thing should continue to be off leash as it currently is. That's what I use it for and will continue too.
- » The park is perfect as is, the only thing it needs is more garbage cans and washrooms.
- » I prefer concept #2, but without the off-leash areas for dogs. Dogs should be on-leash in this area.
- » The city is far in debt and cannot afford either.
- » It is a great park the way it is! Focus spending on higher priorities such as road maintenance. The revenue from photo radar will dry up as commuters eventually bend to the yoke of the city. Increasing taxes is not sustainable.
- » I feel the off leash area is too small and constricting. Why don't you just do what Toronto does and fence off a grass area and call it an off leash park. I really love the fact that Edmonton has so many great off leash parks. It seems to me that the city is allowing the cyclist to have 90 percent of the parks and the dogs get around 10. I am very disappointed in what the city is proposing. If the city goes through with this plan I will never step foot in either park ever again. I agree with improving the park area but if you are going to discriminate against allowing people to let there dogs off leash, which in my opinion are the majority of the people that utilize these parks shame on you.
- » If I had to chose I would opt for #2 but I must ask "if it ain't broke why fix it " So much for a quiet tree lined walking trail in what is as close to a forest as one can get. In the middle of the city. The words "manicured" and "natural landscapes" create a bit of an oxymoron- I prefer natural - this is the river valley not Borden park. What is meant by "amenity buildings" are we looking at something like a macdonalds or a Tim hortons At least #2 has a dog walk included - I would venture a guess and say that at least 75% of the people using the trail are dog walkers - I personally use the off leash trail twice per day
- » Both are unrealistic and hugely expensive. If it aint broke don't make us taxpayers broke. What is reason for screwing with this park. It is nearly perfect. We had it messed up for years with sewer work.
- » There should be a hybrid. I like option 1 but it doesn't look like the paved trail remains. I think the current design is good it just needs upgrading - fix the pavement, and the picnic facilities at the entrance
- » What makes this particular park wonderful, is that the space is mostly untouched. Both concepts will disrupt the land, the wildlife and ultimately the usage of the space. I appreciate people would like to have more security, but I

dislike the idea of creating any new paths. Last year the city came in to update a path, re-gravel, but the gravel has eroded and quite frankly the path was fine the way it was.

- » My home backs on to Jane Salisbury Park and it is why I bought it. It is quiet, nature is free to roam and it is rarely used by anyone except people living in the immediate area who have dogs. I don't want it to turn into a noisy, family environment with a shelter. If worse came to worse, back to a meadow would be a choice.
- » Increased ravine access requires better parking solutions,
- » This is a bit confusing; my main reason for completing this survey is to provide input into the off-leash dog area. I like the idea of option 1, but since it doesn't explicitly say anything about an off-leash area, am I to assume that there wouldn't be one at all? Things that I don't like about option 2 are the parking lot for buses and boat trailers. There is already a lot of traffic (including pedestrians and cyclists) and adding larger and longer vehicles is just a recipe for congestion, confrontation, and increased noise. There's already a boat launch at 50th street (between Gold Bar and Capilano parks) which is close. That one is always a bit of a nightmare to navigate with dogs and kids and I'd hate to see the same thing happen at Dawson. I do think that the off-leash area is essential and would hate to see that eliminated or reduced. This is one of the more accessible off-leash dog parks in the city and is preferable over some of the other options that are close by. For example, the off-leash area that connects Gold Bar and Capilano park runs through the boat launch area and also along very popular fishing spots by the river. This means that there are often smelly fish carcasses and bait left out that dogs get into. I've had to take my dog to the emergency vet on more than one occasion because careless fishermen have left hooks and bait behind. The off-leash portion of these parks is also not accessible for people with mobility needs (i.e wheelchairs/strollers) as it is all dirt path. Finally, most of the other trails that connect west of Capilano marked that are labeled as off-leash are actually closed trails, reducing the length you're able to walk.
- » The first concept is okay, but I am unclear as to the status of the off-leash dog boundaries. I prefer the current state of off-leash freedom. The steps to the water need repairing and another set of steps to the water near the mouth of Rat Creek would be amazing
- » Both are great - but DO NOT change the off-leash dog area! There are more dogs in this city than children. This off-leash area is safe for dogs and no car traffic. Most off-leash areas in city are beside roads! The dog walkers use this path year round - no one else does!
- » I primarily use this space as an off-leash dog park and would argue that the majority of users are also dog-walkers. I'm unsure if concept #1 removes the dog park entirely (not clear from the map or description), and Concept 2 limits the off-leash area substantially. Based on these two concepts, I would say leave the park as-is.
- » Neither, Of course, I think the dog park is perfect the way it is. Don't spend my tax money. This turd needs no polishing.
- » Please: NO new trails. Period. We need to shift our focus toward restoration of the river valley and ecological stewardship education. Nor do I want new infrastructure in the park--we don't need it. The buildings and picnic areas are in excellent condition, and the dragon boat club is very happy with their current home and can share their boat launch. And for pete's sake, we DON'T need a "natural playground"--the whole point is that kids need to learn to appreciate nature itself! What I do want: more garbage cans, for the city to better maintain the paved trails that are already there, restoration of damaged areas, and more money for rangers who focus on both ecological education and outreach for homeless people.
- » Why does it have to be one way or another. Why lose the ability to play along the river's edge with your dogs in order to get a proper boat launch? Why not both? Also is encouraging the general public (that wouldn't normally river boat/float/paddle) to take whatever they have and launch it into a fast paced river instead of ponds and lakes that are already established in the city and surrounding areas? More picnic tables and benches throughout the park would be nice. Not everyone likes to congregated in bunches, some like more private spots. Also the designated picnic area is a long way away and probably rarely reached by those who enter on the east end of the park, which encourages people to drive to the west end of the park if they want to picnic, rather than walk from their houses to picnicking areas on the east end. Also why is there only 2 new entrances in option 1 and 4 in option 2? We still want it easier access for people to get into the park whether we want it more developed or not. Free Parking lots are necessary near any recreational area. Not everyone lives within walking distance and if they have to pay to park or get fined for parking on the street, they will use the park less and are we not trying to encourage people to use our beautiful outdoors. Why not develop the natural pathway from rat creek through the forest in option 1 as well as the other? If we are encouraging more people to use, then we could use additional trails. And both paths are in completely different sections so they don't over develop the natural habitat.

Online Map

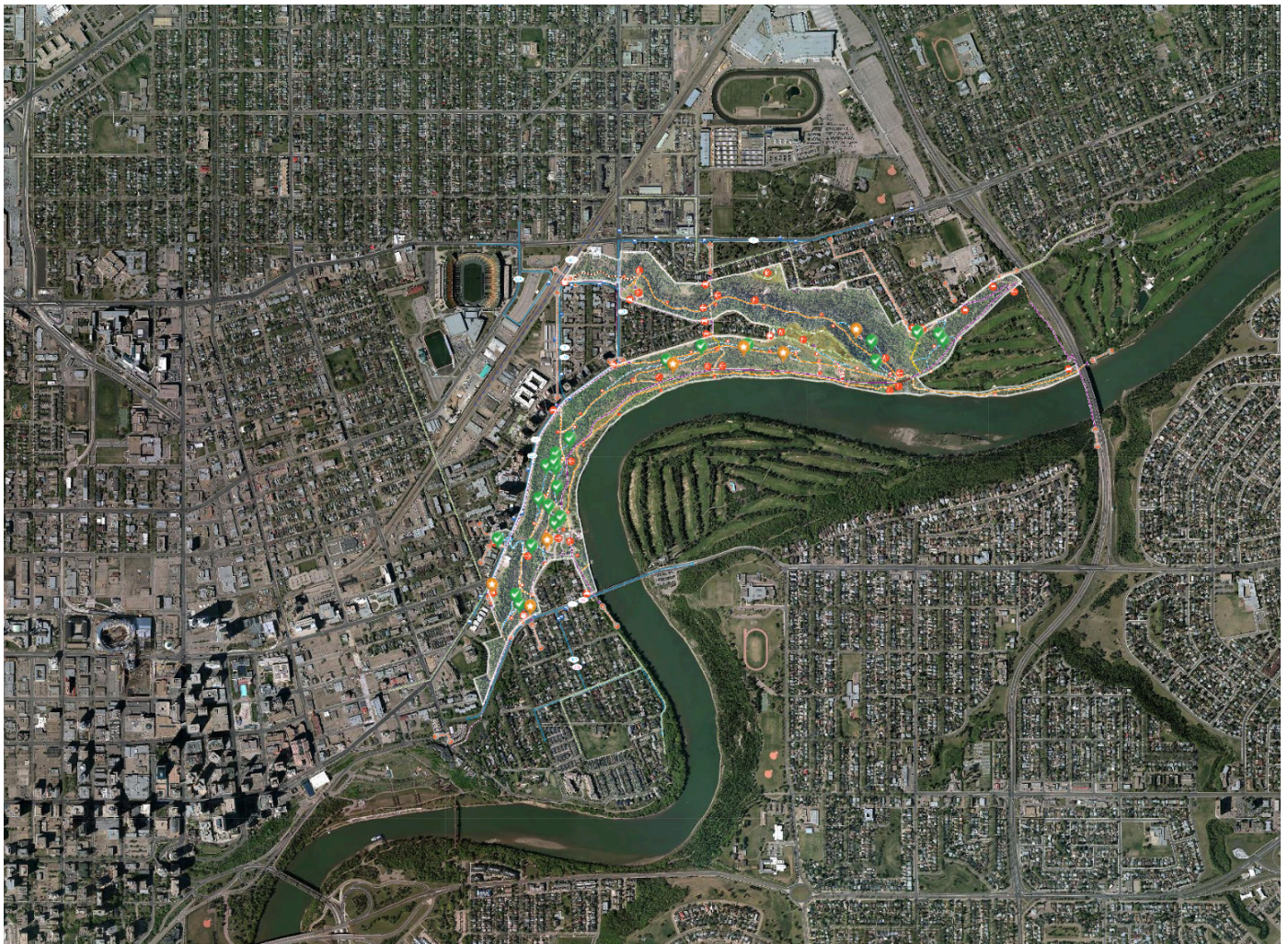
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Tallies and counts of park amenities are included in the Phase 3 What We Heard Report. The following is a listing of the comments that were posted with park amenity options in the activity.

The online map tool provided a way for participants to complete the “What do you think about the concept options?” spatial activity from home. People placed park amenities and comments on the map and were provided access to the environmental sensitivity analysis as a map layer for reference.



Park Use + Amenities

Like

CONCEPT 1

- » Playgrounds attract children. Now a visit to the park becomes an adventure rather than a boring chore the adults are making them do.
- » Supportive of the off-leash area in Option 2, including the playground and to keep this area manicured.
- » Supportive of the less developed structure here
- » Do not want to see and expansion of the parking lot, parallel parking along the dedicated entrance should be sued to provide any needed additional parking
- » really like the off-leash areas being moved away from the mobility corridor - its dangerous for both dogs and people with the current off-leash area.
- » Preserve current off-leash dog walking
- » Keep parking lot small, park entrance area undeveloped.

Needs Improvement

CONCEPT 1

- » No need to have off-leash dog trail all the way
- » Put off-leash trail on this side only
- » Supportive of the suspension bridge
- » Supportive of the dedicated entrance
- » Supportive of the terraced river-access, provides a unique spot to interact with the river that is rare in the river valley at this point in time.
- » Supportive of the year-round playground structure here
- » this entrance only serves the neighbourhood, residents should be able to use other access points.
- » Needs water station for dogs

CONCEPT 2

- » Not a fan of off-leash parks.
- » Add benches and lighting
- » Add benches and lighting.
- » Add lighting.
- » A suitable Public Art location.

Connectivity + Circulation

Like

CONCEPT 1

- » LOVE THIS!!! super awesome connector to other natural trails
- » What, specifically, are "Natural Surface Trails"?
- » completing the paved access in specific areas improves connectivity for walkers and people on bicycles (and it is a part of the bicycle network so this should be high on the list of considerations)

CONCEPT 2

- » Love this connection
- » Love this
- » Love this idea!
- » i like picnic and dog areas seperate.
- » there is a large cyoote den (wild dogs) close to that trail.
- » good idea. the more people the less camping.
- » more access from north side.
- » dog area could be returned to natural grass instead of mowed grass with dandelions
- » called the coal mine hill. Horse drawn wagons of coal would climb the hill and go down Jasper Ave to Edmonton.
- » mouth of coal mine is collapsed just below. just above creek.
- » ensure this is accessible to bikes!
- » ensure this is accessible to bikes!

Needs Improvement

CONCEPT 1

- » Why is there a ""Proposed Aggregate Path with Truck Access"" here?

CONCEPT 2

- » paving is not necessary
- » add connection here
- » need a wayfinding sign
- » Needs a wayfinding sign
- » Needs a wayfinding sign
- » Needs a wayfinding sign

Safety + Maintenance

Needs Improvement

CONCEPT 1

- » Add benches and lighting
- » create a viewing platform. Add benches an lighting.
- » Add benches and lighting
- » Add benches and lighting
- » add benches and lighting
- » Add benches and lighting, and a wayfinding sign

CONCEPT 2

- » Add benches and lighting.
- » Add benches and lighting.
- » Add benches and lighting.

