



# DOUGLASDALE PARK HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN

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## WHAT WE HEARD REPORT

An overview of the project, engagement activities, range of input received and the themes that were raised.

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## Land acknowledgement

The city of Calgary sits on fertile land where two rivers meet, where Indigenous Peoples have been gathering for thousands of years, sharing knowledge and storytelling, and planning for future generations. The traditional names for this place we know as Calgary are Moh-kins-tsis, Wîchispa Oyade, Otos-kwunee and Guts-ists'i - the land that has given so much to so many.

Calgary is located on the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta. This includes the Blackfoot Confederacy, made up of the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations; the Îlethka Nakoda Wîcastabi First Nations, comprised of the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations; and the Tsuut'ina First Nation. Calgary is also homeland to the historic Northwest Métis and to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3. We acknowledge all Indigenous urban Calgarians who have made this city their home. Together, their spiritual and practical relationships to the land create rich lessons for our life as a community.

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## Introduction

### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide a comprehensive and transparent summary of the feedback, opinions, and insights gathered from interest holders, participants, and the public regarding the Douglasdale Park Habitat Management Plan.

It aims to distill and present the key themes, concerns, and recommendations expressed by Calgarians, ensuring their voices are heard and used to inform decision-makers, plan development, and future actions. By documenting the perspectives and sentiments of those who have contributed, this report facilitates informed decision-making, fosters accountability, and promotes effective communication and collaboration.



### Project Overview

The Urban Conservation portfolio of Calgary Parks and Open Spaces is seeking to develop a 10-year habitat management plan (HMP) for the Douglasdale Park located along the Bow River in SE Calgary.

The project will be led by the Habitat Management section of Urban Conservation and will draw on the skills and expertise of various city staff throughout the management planning process.

### Project Objectives

The final deliverable of this project is the creation of the Douglasdale Park Habitat Management Plan report, with accompanying maps and figures (as per the Habitat Management Plan Framework, Calgary Parks and Open Spaces 2022.)

### Project Alignment

This work will provide the direction necessary to achieve the Douglasdale Park Habitat Management Plan. The guiding document for the plan is the Habitat Management Plan Framework (2022).

## Engagement Scope and Overview

Engagement ran from April 2 – May 6, 2024. We invited participants to provide insight on what they valued and what their concerns were for the Douglasdale Park natural area.

### Engagement Objectives

The purpose of this engagement was to:

- Better understand, past, present and anticipated future park usage and associated issues/usage impacting the natural environment.
- Understand the areas that are important to the community.

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

- Understand what environmental areas were most concerned about and why.
- Provide opportunity for community members, the public, Rights Holders, etc., input into shaping the Douglasdale Park Habitat Management plan.
- Grow knowledge of and support for the management plan implementation period.
- Participants, community members, etc., feel they have been given ample opportunity to share their ideas and perspectives.
- Participants feel an increased sense of pride and stewardship towards the Douglasdale Park Habitat Management Plan.
- Participants feel they have a better understanding about the decision-making process that went into the Douglasdale Park Habitat Management Plan.

## Who We Engaged With

In collaboration with the project team, the Engage Resource Unit conducted engagement with the following groups:

- General public
- Community associations
- Ward 11 Office
- Special interest groups:
  - Calgary River Valleys
  - Community Groups

## How We Communicated Engagement Opportunities

	Format	Description	Audience
	Engage Portal Page	<a href="https://engage.calgary.ca/DouglasdaleHMP">https://engage.calgary.ca/DouglasdaleHMP</a>	General Public
	Social Media	Posts on The City's Facebook page	General Public
	Email	Emails to interested and impacted parties.	e.g., Calgary River Valleys, Bird Friendly Calgary, Nature Calgary



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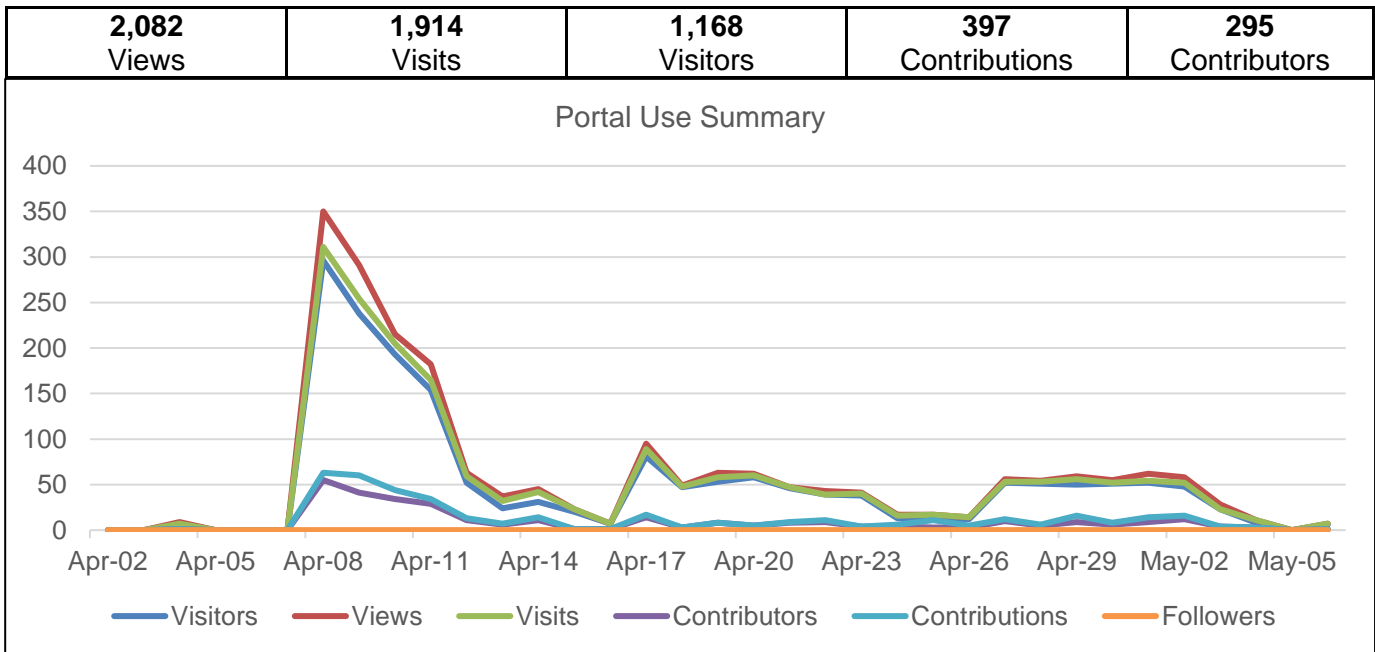
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## What We Asked

Engagement with the public took place from April 2 to May 6, 2024.

	Engagement Opportunity	Audience	Format, Date, Location	Participation
	Engage Portal Page	General Public Interest groups	April 2 – May 6, 2024 <a href="http://www.engage.ca/DouglasdaleHMP">www.engage.ca/DouglasdaleHMP</a>	1,618 visitors 397 contributions
	Pop-ups/Ambassador Walks	General Public Interest groups	Douglasdale Park (April 13) Douglasdale Park (April 25)	21 12



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## The Portal Page (main)

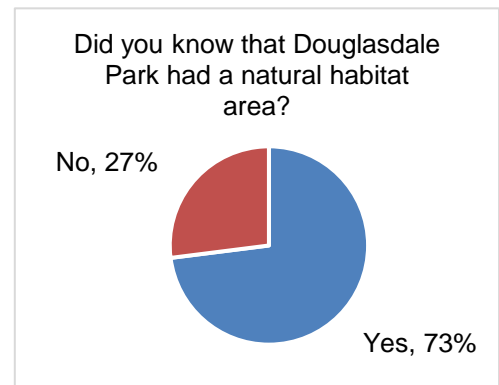
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1. Question & Answer was divided into five sections:
  - i. Tell us about yourself
  - ii. Values
  - iii. Management practices
  - iv. Future thinking
  - v. Parting thoughts
2. Social Mapping Tool – participants were asked to note concerns and usage of the Douglasdale Park on a map of the area.
3. Ask an Expert - participants asked a question, and a subject matter expert (SME) provided a timely

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### The Portal Page

The following is an overview of the feedback gathered from the Engage portal page: <https://engage.calgary.ca/DouglasdaleHMPHMP>



### Question & Answer

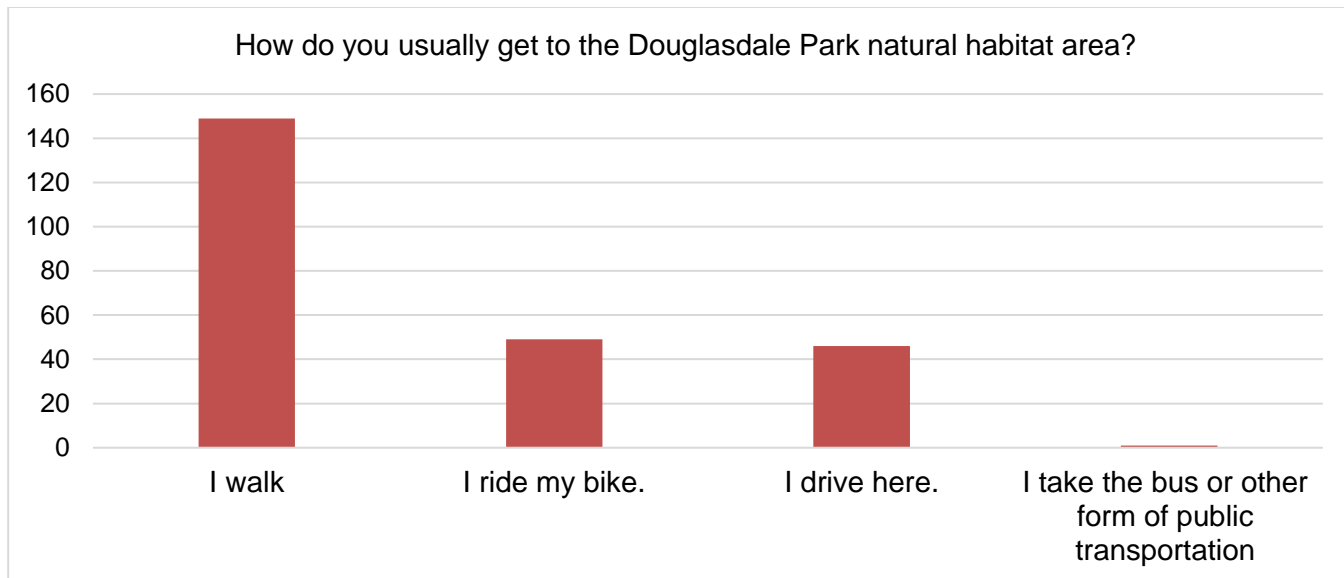
#### **Question 1. How do you usually get to the Douglasdale Park natural habitat area?**

Most participants get to the area by walking (140), followed by riding their bikes (49) and driving here (46) with the lowest number taking the bus or other form of public transportation (1)

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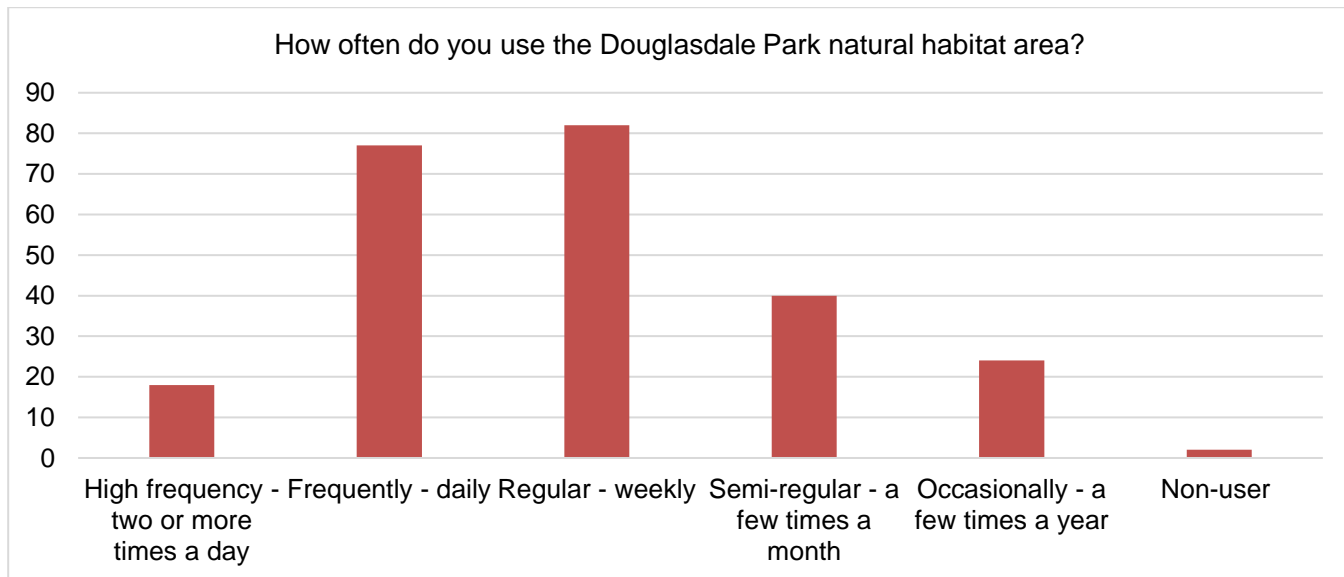
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## Question 2. How often do you use the Douglasdale Park natural habitat area?

The highest number of participants (82) use the area on a regular basis, followed by frequently/daily basis (77), then semi-regular use (40) followed by occasional users (24). High frequency users were lower (18) and lastly non-users (2).

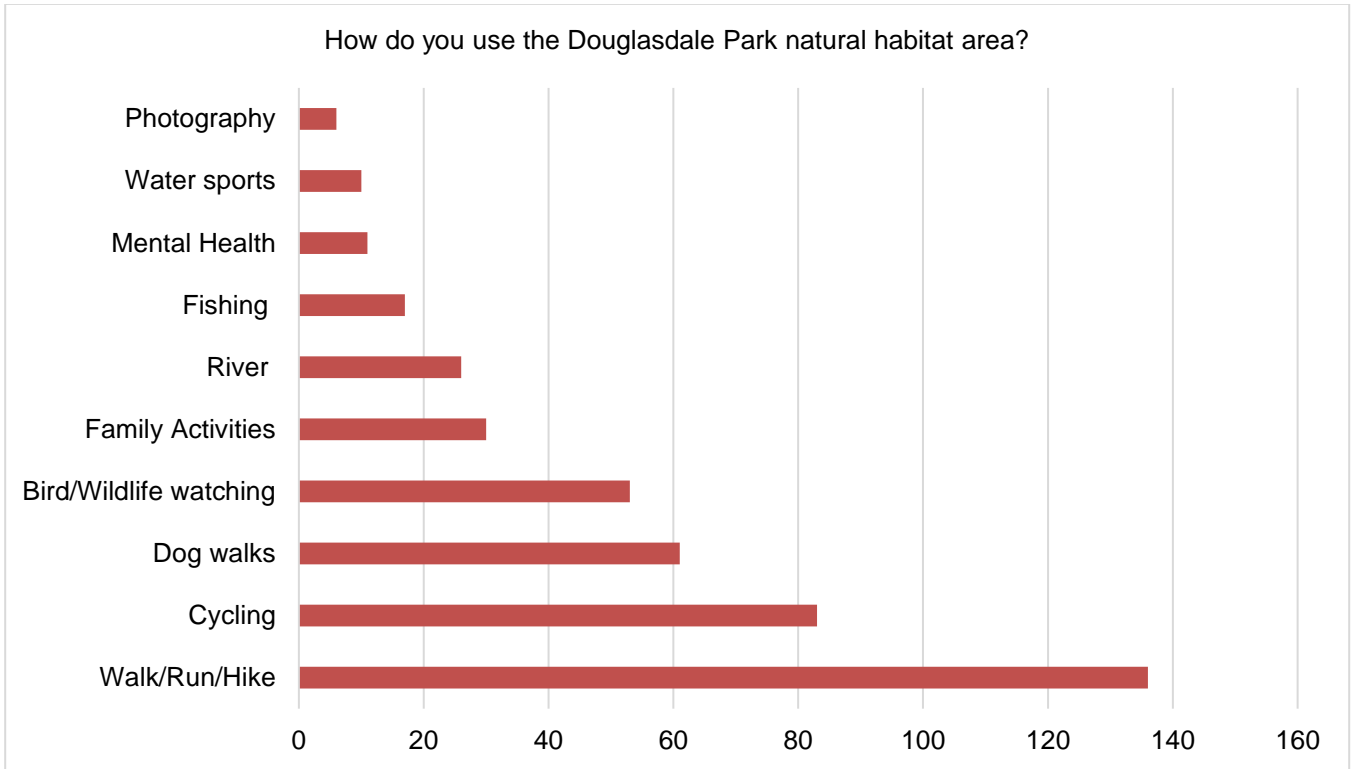


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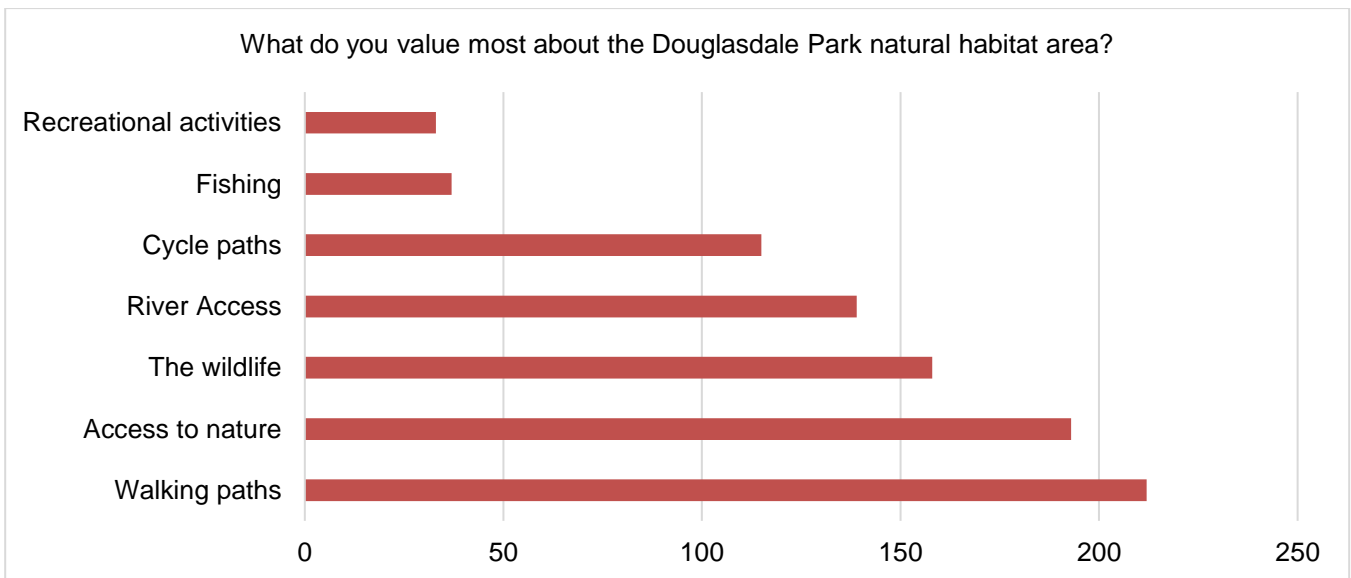
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Question 3. How do you use the Douglasdale Park area?



Question 4. What do you value most about the Douglasdale Park area?



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Participants were able to select as many activities and features of the park as they wished and were not asked to rank them; 245 people responded to this question. Almost all included the walking paths as one of the things they valued most about the park (212). Douglasdale Park's easy access to nature (193) and wildlife (158) were also highly valued. River access (139) was also valued by many participants, though only a handful (37) selected fishing as something they valued most about the park. Recreational activities were included in the list of things participants valued too, but by the fewest number of people who answered this question during the engagement (33).

### **Question 5. Would you mind telling us a bit more about the answer you chose in the previous question?**

When asked to elaborate on their choices in question 4, the most common theme by far centred around Douglasdale Park's location. Being close to nature and seeing wildlife within the city and having easy access close to home was important. The theme of health and wellness also emerged in their comments, specifically how the park contributes to their mental and physical health. Specific activities came up a lot in their comments within this theme, with cycling and dog walking a common part of participants' routines, along with spending time with family.

Theme	Sample Comments
Being Close to Nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- I enjoy the feeling of being surrounded by nature but within the city.</li><li>- Enjoy having nature nearby. More comprehensive than a walking path. E.g, river bank, beaver ponds, nesting geese and other fowl, etc. More extensive than a "green space" inside a housing community. Does not require access improvements, but requires natural features protection from overuse.</li><li>- Close to nature without being Banffized</li><li>- I love being able to see Kingfishers, eagles and other birds and animals when I am walking, running or cycling through.</li></ul>
Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The access to nature and ability to walk in the area is extremely important to my wellbeing</li><li>- Park is quiet and an oasis in the middle of the city. It is calming to not have to listen to cars, or worry about interacting with them in the park. It is also nice to see people out walking, having picnics etc.</li><li>- Access to a beautiful natural area provides critical relaxation and stress relief to area residents</li></ul>
Physical Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The closest natural area around us, open space to breathe deeply and enjoy the outdoors. I run and bike along the path multiple times a week and bring my kids to walk the pathways and wander through the natural area, can enjoy a picnic there.</li><li>- It's such a beautiful area with so many things to see at any season of the year. My wife and I both grew up here and now our children get to do the same, ride</li></ul>

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	<p>the same bike trails and fish the same river I did with there grandfather and see all the rich wildlife that this park has to offer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Every morning, I go for a run in the park. Then I walk my dog in the park. These walks are typically at least 10km. I also go in long walks with my mom after work. I use it every day and will continue to do so as long as I can. It's wonderful to get outside, see the birds, see the deer, and soak up the beautiful landscape we are so lucky to have outside our doorsteps.</li></ul>
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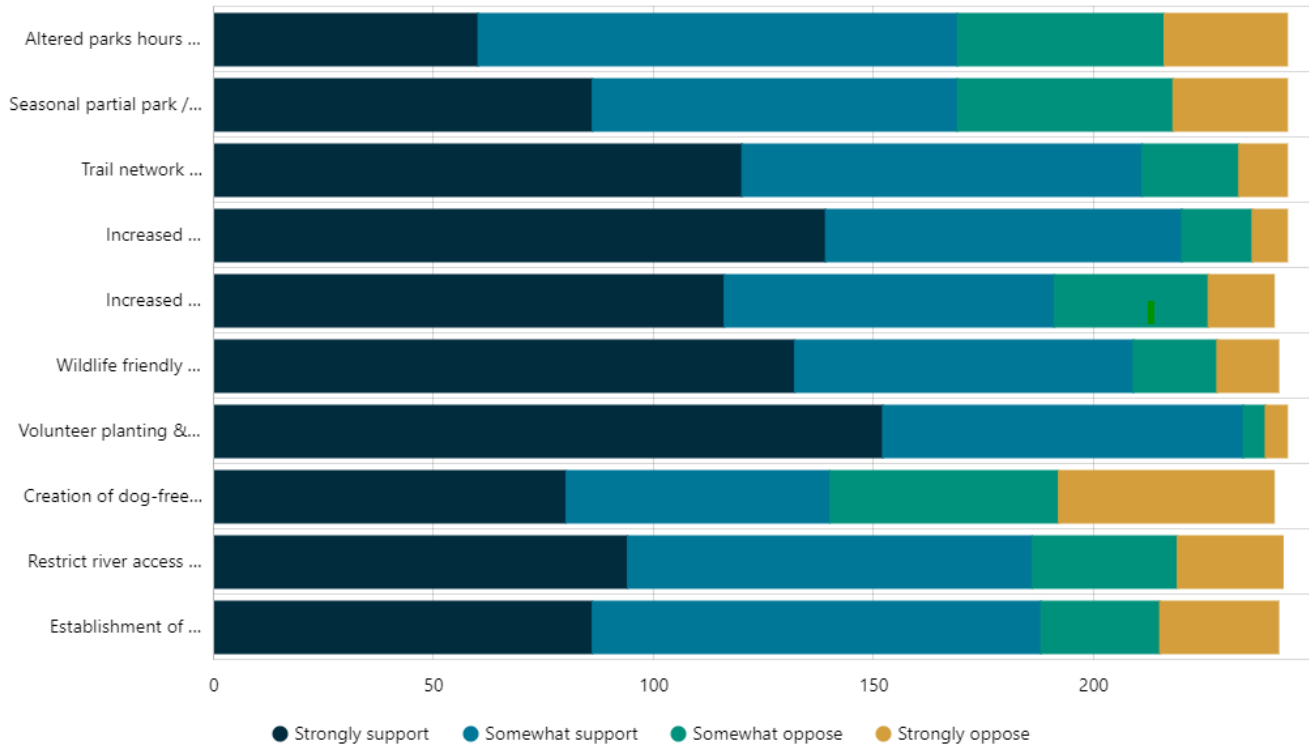
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**Question 6. Rate your level of support for the potential use of the following habitat management practices in the Douglasdale Park.**



Management Practice	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
Creation of dog-free zones	33% (80)	25% (60)	22% (52)	20% (49)
Volunteer planting & stewardship events	62% (152)	34% (82)	2% (5)	2% (5)
Restrict river access to designated areas to mitigate bank erosion risks	39% (94)	38% (92)	14% (33)	10% (24)
Establishment of buffer (non-activity) zones along water bodies to protect riparian habitats	36% (86)	42% (102)	11% (27)	11% (27)
Wildlife friendly fencing to protect sensitive areas	55% (116)	32% (75)	7.85% (35)	6% (15)
Increased enforcement of by-laws and regulations	48% (116)	31% (75)	15% (35)	6% (15)
Increased educational signage	57% (139)	33% (81)	7% (16)	3% (8)

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Management Practice	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
Trail network planning and rehabilitation of less used trails to reduce habitat fragmentation	49% (120)	37% (91)	9% (22)	5% (11)
Seasonal partial park /trail closures for wildlife in sensitive areas	35% (86)	34% (83)	20% (49)	11% (28)
Altered parks hours to allow wildlife more time/space to use the habitat	26% (60)	45% (109)	19% (47)	11% (28)

## Question 7. Imagine five years from now. What is most important to you in the Douglasdale Park natural habitat area?

People who responded to the question thought it was important that park still give residents the feeling of being in nature. This theme overlapped with concerns about protecting the park from environmental damage, and wear and tear while keeping it accessible for people to enjoy. Improved maintenance and enforcement of bylaws appeared in many comments, as well as pathways and connectivity improvements.

Theme	Sample Comments
Natural Beauty and Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Places to explore and interact with nature, education and nature appreciation programs and signage to improve people's relationship and care for the environment</li> <li>- That it remains a free, open and accessible natural area with well maintained infrastructure.</li> <li>- "Rehabilitation and structural engineering to maintain both user and natural spaces. With the flooding that occurred in 2013, erosion has greatly impacted several locations of the pathway. While these have seen repairs, damaged sections can cause individuals to use other unmarked pathways and disturb natural habitats. I would want to see pathways better repaired, and to better protect sensitive habits from being disturbed by users of the park."</li> <li>- Restored, resilient naturalized areas, established climate change tolerant native vegetation, improved wildlife habitat and riparian areas through plantings and access restrictions, an unfragmented wildlife corridor connecting this natural area to other areas of the Bow River Valley.</li> </ul>
Concerns About Rule Breaking & Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Less fishing along the banks. Or enforcement of rules. These people come in groups of ten and spend all day fishing. There are hundreds sometimes and they leave their trash and typically don't have a permit and fish outside the season. It's a sensitive habitat and there is no respect. Also, there in the last</li> </ul>

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	<p>three years, I've found three dead birds strangled by fishing line. This has got to be stopped.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- With increased use over the past 16 years, I've seen more wear in the area. New paths through the natural areas etc. Would not like to see this trend continue. .</li> <li>- To allow as many people and their pets enjoy designated pathways while enforcing pet bylaws. Currently, dogs run at large, off-leash. At this time of year, red wing blackbirds are nesting in the wetland behind my house and dogs are let loose and chase/disrupt these birds. I have lived here for 29 years and have never seen any dog or cat enforcement. We get asked for our fishing licences, but pet owners have gotten quite out of hand.</li> <li>- I want it to be something where I am more afraid of a coyote than seeing a birds nest made of used needles.</li> </ul>
Pathways & Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I imagine it not so much different than what it is today, green, easy access, good pathways. We would like to see different pathways for cycles and pedestrians</li> <li>- The access to other neighbourhoods through the pathway, without having to use the streets.</li> <li>- Pathways for dog walking in the midst of trees and pathways along the river.</li> </ul>

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## **Question 8. Imagine 20 years from now. What is most important to you in the Douglasdale Park natural habitat area?**

When thinking about a 20-year timeframe, the theme of protecting the park was even more prominent in people's comments than in the 5-year timeframe. Comments showed concern about continued access and accessibility, as well as maintaining the area.

Theme	Sample Comments
Protection and Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- That the Park be just as it is now, a beautiful country setting with abundance of wildlife located right in the city of Calgary. It's beautiful now and needs to be maintained as is.</li> <li>- Continued protection of natural green spaces and stewardship of the space. This could be utilized by educational programs, and further protections/rehabilitation of the green spaces.</li> <li>- To continue being able to get that close encounters with nature , and that the water in the river continues to be there and not polluted</li> </ul>

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Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Preservation of the current natural areas, easy and open access, no overbearing rules, regulations and bureaucracy governing people's ability to access and enjoy the area</li><li>- [...] easy access to the river by all.. dogs allowed to walk with their owners and bikes riders are responsibly sharing the pathway with slower elderly walkers.</li><li>- For its continued ability to thrive but also for everyone to continue enjoying. My kids love watching our dog swim in the river and I think it would be awful to lose that ability.</li></ul>
Concerns About Cleanliness & Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Maintain pathways to discourage off-path activities</li><li>- This is a spectacular area that is vulnerable to fire and erosion, and human interference. Keep it clean and pristine.</li><li>- Well maintained pathways to safely walk by the river and more benches (shaded places to rest and watch the river)</li></ul>

## **Q9. Is there anything else you'd like us to know about the Douglasdale Park natural habitat area?**

People who answered this question used the opportunity to share more about things they love about the park, concerns about current conditions well as requests and recommendations for changes.

The most common concerns:

- Education and enforcement of Bylaws, especially regarding off-leash dogs harassing wildlife.
- Dangers posed by speeding cyclists.
- Damage by people going off trails and social disorder in general.

Common recommendations:

- More benches and picnic areas.
- Garbage cans and washrooms.
- Designated off-leash area.

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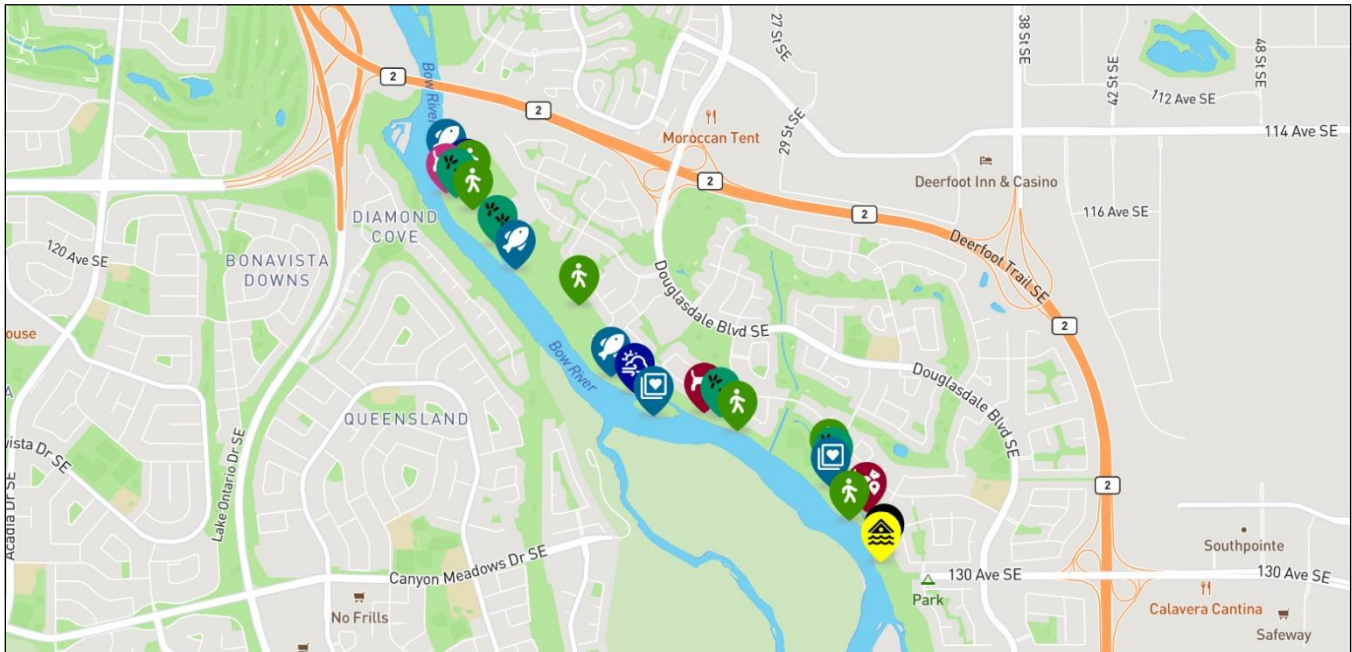
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## Social Mapping

### Social Map 1: How do you use the Douglasdale Area?



- Sometimes less crowds here to access the river for fishing
- Come to this area to spend time outside and connect with the outdoors
- Sometimes fish here
- Love bird watching here
- I bring my dog here to swim sometimes and stay away from the crowds at Sue Higgins
- We like walking here
- We bring our Beavers/Cubs/Scouts groups here for hikes, geocaching, skating, and love showing them how close their homes are to natural spaces
- Walking and running all the riverbank trails
- Walk my dog all over this area
- Quiet walk in woods
- Quiet reflection wellness area
- Wellness and fishing quiet time to enjoy outdoors
- Watch wildlife & appreciation of quiet environment
- Watch eagles and wildlife
- Cycling loop through area and over bridge to Fish Creek Park at least a couple of times a week during cycling season.
- Walk my dog around the area (north and south) daily
- Often walk along the pathway through this area
- Beautiful spacd

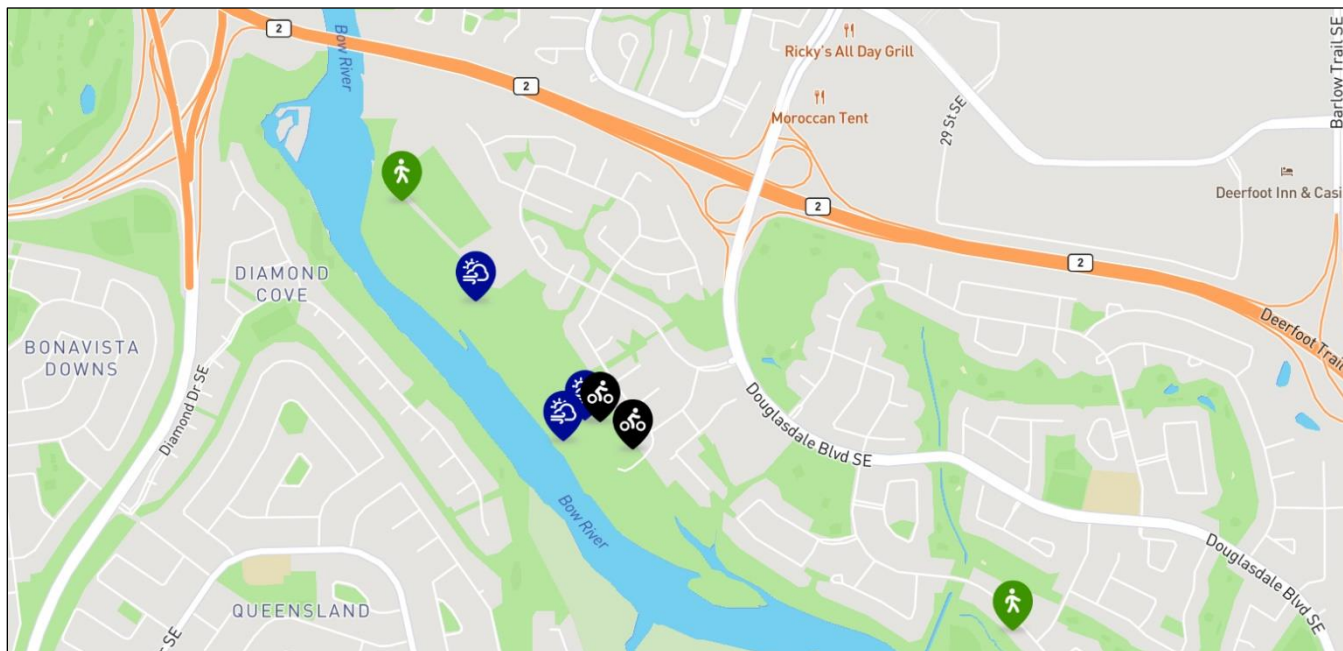
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- Nice for fly fishing!
- Regularly walk through this park

## Social Map 2: What are your concerns for the area?



- People making fire pits by the shore near the Douglasdale ball diamonds and the hill just south of it.
- Parks Canada doesn't seem to want to do anything about them as more and more keep showing up. 4 spots right now in that area. One day who ever doing them is going to burn the place down
- Too many motorized vehicles go way beyond the speed limit creating unsafe paths for cyclists and walkers.
- People ride their bikes fast through the forest and it disrupts the wildlife, destroys the grass, and creates dirt trails that are ever expanding.
- Protect park and natural grasses.

## Ask the Experts

**Question:** Why not have separate pathways for cycles and pedestrians? I would like to see separate pathways for bicycle users and pedestrians. When I am walking I have to keep moving to the side so they can pass me easily and safely.

**Response:** There are limitations in terms of actual space available here to construct portions of pathway for each modal type to meet City specifications, as much of the land here is bordered by significant amounts of mature trees, steep slopes, Environmental Reserve (ER) lands, as well as the parking lot.

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**Question:** Why not have a portable toilet at the baseball diamond? With the increasing traffic, there are an increasing number of people using the bushes! There are lots of fancy public toilets on the west side of the river all through Fish Creek Park, but nothing on our side from Ivor Strong bridge to 22X bridge, and we get a lot of traffic. The ball diamond area is a natural spot for at least one on our side of the river..

**Response:** There are currently no plans to install portable toilets in the area. However, there is one located in the nearby parking lot, which is managed by the baseball league using the diamonds.

**Question:** Signs describing fauna and flora I find the signs describing the natural fauna and flora so insightful, as someone not familiar with local wildlife. I also find it confers a sense of awe learning about the unique habitat we are visitors of in the park. Is this something the city would consider adding to areas? Perhaps informative signs would also prevent visitors from littering and traipsing off trail.

**Response:** Yes, educational signage can be developed as part of the implementation of the management plan, thanks for the comment.

**Question:** Are there still plans for a boat launch in this area? I hope this has been dropped. There are so many boats floating by now! Even though I am a fisherman, I think the area is too small for all the traffic that would bring. And, there is little space for an expanded parking lot.

**Response:** There are no plans for a boat launch at the park. There are two hand launch sites at the park: one at the south end near the baseball diamond and the other further north near the bridge that crosses the Bow River to Fish Creek Provincial Park.

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## Park pop-ups (in-person)

### Park Pop-ups / Ambassador Walk-Shops

We held two in person pop-ups / walk-shops from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm on Saturday, April 13, 2024 and from 11:00 am to 1 pm on Thursday, April 25. Participants learned more about the Douglasdale Park Habitat Management Plan and provided feedback on areas of concerns.

### (Saturday, April 13, 2024)

- ~20 people showed up for the walk- mostly older folks 65+ and a 2 young couples, 1 child (3 years), 1 dog.
- Overall people were very supportive of a habitat management plan that protects and improves the health of the natural area.
  - Concerns
    - Installation of a boat ramp and increase in size of the parking lot – no plans for this and not park of the HMP.
    - High population of deer (eating plant in gardens) and beavers (recent tree fall) – will inform Parks wildlife technician of new the beaver activity.
    - Pathway – bikes going to fast on the path, hearing impaired can't hear bells, requesting increased enforcement of speed limits. Suggestion for separate path for pedestrians and one for bikes
    - Concerns over riparian area – compacted soils and lack of vegetation, lots of dogs and people accessing the river near the fish creek bridge.
    - Concerns over spotted knap weed on the gravel bar - citizens pull it in the summer.
    - Concern over off-leash dogs
  - Supportive of:
    - Educational signage, highlighting the significance of the natural area, flora, fauna, dos and don'ts for natural areas.
    - Restricting access to sensitive habitat in the natural area, e.g. fencing off some from the riparian area, more designated river access points.
    - More washrooms near baseball diamond, current ones get locked after baseball practices.
    - Using offenders for weed pulls at the park

### (Thursday, April 29, 2024)

- Members from **Adopt-a-Park** and **Disc Golf Calgary** are in attendance
- Another attendee visits the park daily and has been watching the eagles for 7 years
- Another attendee has been visiting for more than 30 years
- **Bald eagle nesting** is a concern, and the city should take proactive measures.
- Issues during **weekend baseball tournaments** include **garbage** and impact on **eagle fledglings**.
- Suggestions for **baseball season**:
  - Install **one-way traffic signs**.

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- Encourage visitors to **pack out trash**.
- Explore **learning opportunities** for birds and consider partnering with **Bird Friendly Calgary**.
- **Parking lot concerns:** Grating needed.
- **Nesting eagles** observed in various parks.
- **Cooper's Hawk nesting** (one possibly killed).
- **Seasonal closures**.
- **Shore area around the ball diamond**.
- Positive feedback on **fishermen** (scrap line gatherer) and a rescued goose.
- Appreciation for **Carburn Park Restoration**.
- Concerns about **off-leash dogs** and need for **more signage**.
- **Coyotes denning** near the baseball diamond and on the island.
- **Bald eagle fledglings:** 2 in 2024, 3 in 2023 (1 survived), 2 in 2022.
- Question about whether **wildlife signage** might create more problems.
- Presence of **nesting owls**.
- Consideration of **sounding boards in parking lots** and **learning apps**.
- Weekends busier with non-community members who may be less knowledgeable about the area.
- Generally positive feedback about **people**.
- **River bank cleanup** needed (planks, plastic netting, deadfall due to beaver wires).
- **Flower invasion from Queensland** (tall purple flower).
- Removal of **water bags from dead trees**.
- Concerns about **electric dirt bikes**.
- Threats to **herons, pelicans, and deer** from off-leash dogs.
- **Beavers** impacting younger growth and raising lagoon water levels.
- Interesting wildlife sightings, including a **moose**.
- **Bobcats** appearing in people's backyards.
- Request for **accessible garbage cans** (specifically near Fish Creek)

## Verbatim

All comments have been provided to the project team for consideration in decision-making for the project.

Personal identifying information and profanity have been removed but no other edits have been made. As a result, some of the verbatim comments may be considered offensive or distasteful.

## APPENDIX A: References

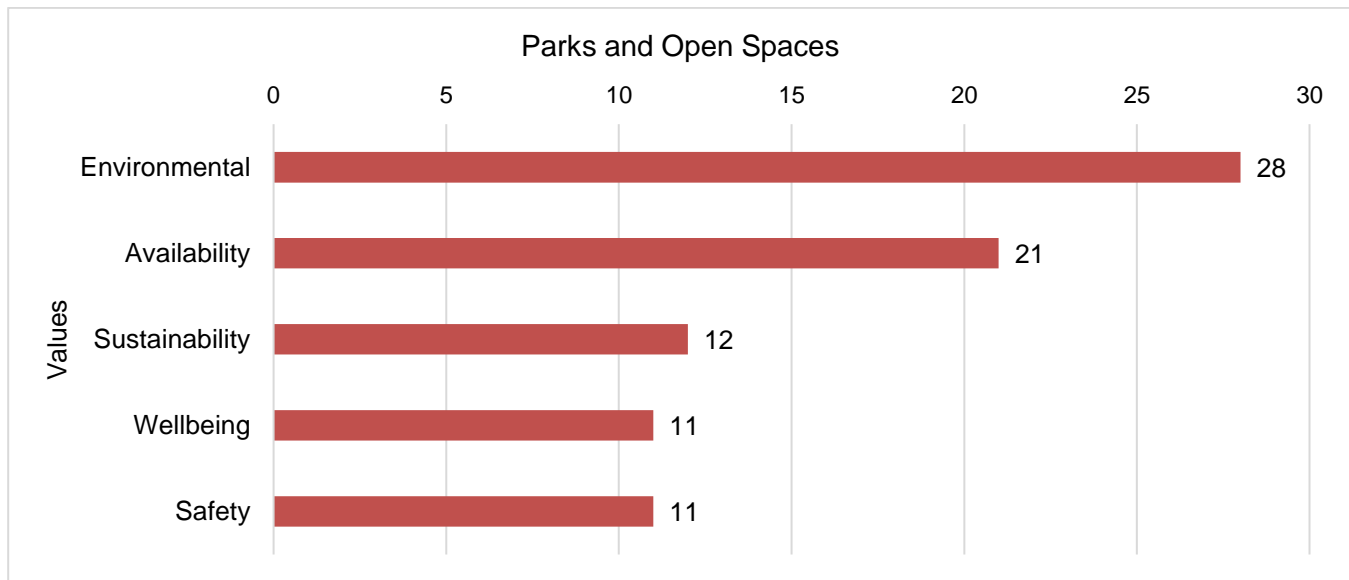
What We Heard Report – Service Plans and Budgets 2023 – 2026

### *Parks and Open Spaces*

Descriptions of the values you were asked to rank for this service are below:

- Wellbeing: Year-round opportunities for social interaction, community vitality, nature appreciation and leisure activities.
- Availability: Neighbourhood parks are readily accessible to all communities.
- Safety: Parks and open spaces are safe.
- Sustainability: Our natural environment is conserved through stewardship, planning and management contributing to urban resilience.
- Environmental: We recognize that healthy ecosystems are essential to our personal, community, and economic well-being.

The graphic below indicates the number of participants who ranked the values of Parks and Open Spaces as most important.



The graphic above is one way to show you the result of what is valued most from engagement. The table below is the ranking based on the average rank (1 to 5: one being the highest rank and five being the lowest rank) from all participants. Sharing the results in a different format helps us improve inclusiveness and understanding.

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Ranking	Value	Average Ranking
1.	Environmental	2.46
2.	Availability	2.60
3.	Sustainability	2.77
4.	Safety	3.23
5.	Wellbeing	3.25

The following are the most frequent themes identified regarding why Parks and Open Spaces and its values matter.

- Stakeholders want more access to parks and green spaces. They want more neighbourhood parks and less selling of existing green spaces (e.g., ball diamonds).
- A healthy city results in healthy lives. Stakeholders state that our green spaces improve our communities, our families, and mental and physiological health.
- Maintenance of green spaces is also seen to be essential to our communities. This includes but is not limited to the mowing of grass, the proliferation of weeds and invasive plants, and dying trees and bushes.

## What We Heard – Service Plans and Budgets 2019-2022 (phase 3)

Service	Current Service Level Recommendation	Sentiment we heard through engagement	Detailed explanation
Parks & Open Spaces	↔	↑	Generally we heard a preference for this service level to increase because it would help ensure good maintenance and provides good opportunity for social and recreational activities. Some comments indicate a desire for playgrounds for a wider age range and increased focus on safety.
Urban Forestry	↓	↑	Those who found this important indicated that trees improved quality of life, environmental value, and beautification. People supported the maintenance of old trees and supported watering of young trees so they take better. People did not support the reduction in planting new trees. They wanted to see more trees planted especially since they felt the tree canopy has not yet recovered from past weather events.

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## What We Heard – Service Plans and Budgets 2019-2022 (phase 2)

Line of Service	Verbatim Comment
Environmental Management	Avoid taking too much recreational areas (parks) in order to build buildings and stores, since that can affect wildlife and vegetation.
Environmental Management	Clean air, water are human rights issue. Future generations need to build up rather than out & it will help save money on the city of Calgary
Parks and Open Spaces	allows us to gather as families/communities
Parks and Open Spaces	Makes the world/life better!
Parks and Open Spaces	Makes life better & socializing @ dog park
Parks and Open Spaces	We need green spaces
Parks and Open Spaces	Open places crate a hub & opprotunity for people to meet & connect. Dog parks are needed ehre it is not simply a close small fenced area but bigger populations.
Parks and Open Spaces	The city needs more trees. The trees (that are planted) need to be <u>watered</u> .
Parks and Open Spaces	Leisure space to 'hang out' with family, friends, visitors, fellow immigrants.
Parks and Open Spaces	I like the parks because they are a place to play.
Parks and Open Spaces	The city gives us Parks and they will give us Parks for exersis [included drawing of a playground on a sunny day]
Parks and Open Spaces	To play and have fun. Relax in nature
Parks and Open Spaces	Protecting the wild life
Parks and Open Spaces	Park and open spaces for bikers, skater and more
Parks and Open Spaces	I like helping nature, plants and other living things.
Parks and Open Spaces	I think parks and open spaces are good because people love to have fun!
Parks and Open Spaces	Parks and open spaces are important to me because I love to play on parks. And they are important because they let us play outside more often.
Parks and Open Spaces	I like parks it is good because you can go for a run or walk and can enjoy! :)
Parks and Open Spaces	I think if you biuld a parc or take down a parc and put up a new one, always ask for opinions from the community. [included drawing of a heart]

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Parks and Open Spaces	Definetly we need more trees and green areas
Parks and Open Spaces	Increasing budget to Parks for community enhancement as current funding is way to low & HOAs unable to water & cut green spaces properly
Recreation Opportunities	Healthy living. Place for building community
Recreation Opportunities	Recreation is important to channalise youth energy
Urban Forestry	One of the best things about the city is the countless possibilities to experience outdoor activities in real, big parks as well as having a large presence of trees within city limits.
Urban Forestry	keeps our neighbourhood green and healthy
Urban Forestry	Partner with local agencies & non profits to support learning in different communities
Urban Forestry	Calgary has forestry so kids can learn safety
Urban Forestry	Calgary has urban forests for children to get new learning expeiriences.
Urban Forestry	More trees needed
Urban Forestry	More trees the better. I see areas on my street (saddlebrook Dr.) where more trees could be planted. City owned trees grow very slow. Are they planted in ideal soil conditions?
Urban Forestry	Please + trees