

Open Space Opportunities



Vision



- Protecting, preserving and promoting our beautiful and surprising natural spaces.

Guiding Principles

- Celebration of diverse community, culture and creativity
- Achieving strong community benefit
- Creating beautiful, surprising natural, uniquely built, and cultural spaces.
- Creating new recreational, cultural, historical, and civic infrastructure.



Community Outcomes

- Environmental Leadership
- Support the Well-being of Our Communities
- Thriving Communities
- Dynamic County Culture



Strategic Priorities

- Safe and welcoming community and natural spaces
- Enhancing greening and biodiversity
- A safe, affordable, accessible, well-connected County for people of all ages and abilities
- Increase community use of and access to the County's Open Spaces



Policy Framework

**Sturgeon Valley Park Master Plan
– circa 2008**

**Cardiff Park Rehabilitation &
Improvement Strategy – circa 2018**

**Sturgeon Valley Trails Plan – circa
2004**

**Open Space Plan for Sturgeon
County – circa 2016**

Open Space Plan

Forms the building blocks of all formalized open space guidelines including the following 5 critical areas:

- Environmental Guidelines
- Historical Guidelines
- Open Space Allocation & Management Guidelines
- Facility Development Guidelines
- Trail Guidelines

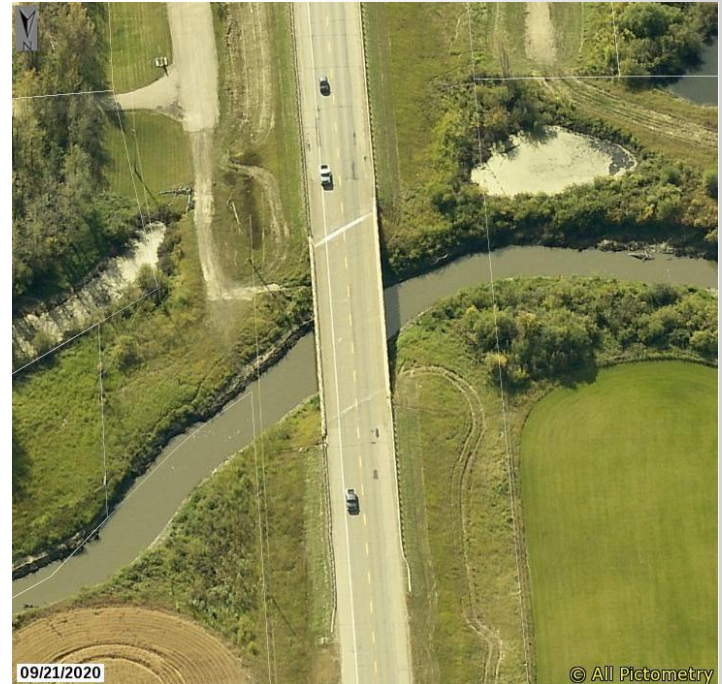
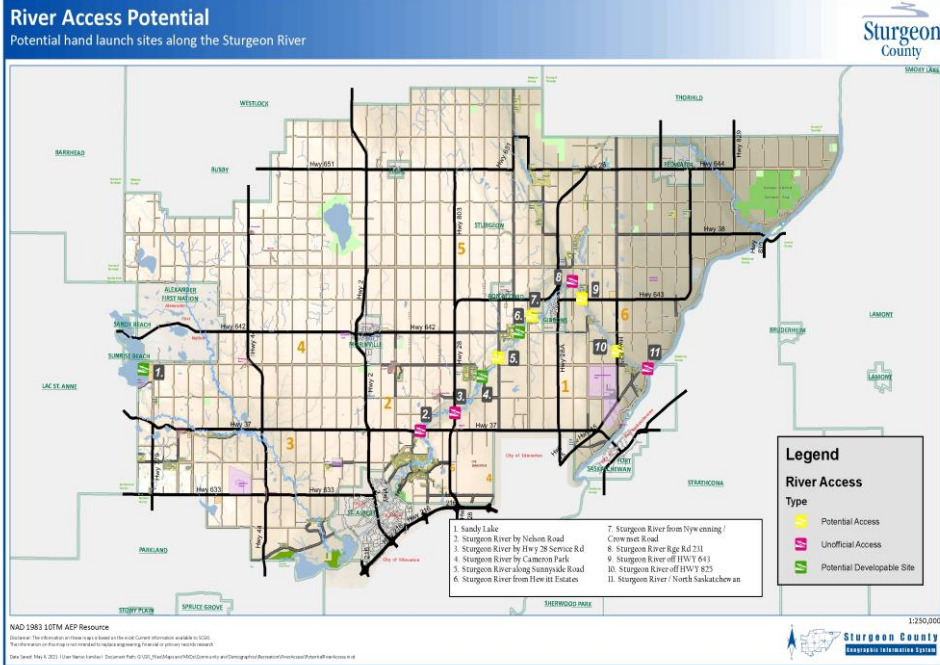


Open Space Plan Recommendations

- County Wide Parks
 - Update Master Plans
 - Implement phased Master Plan actions, specifically surrounding the Sturgeon Valley Master Plan & Cardiff Park Rehab, & Improvement Strategy
- Neighbourhood Parks
 - Develop inventory and implement recommendations on a multi year approach.
- Local Open Space
 - Evaluate existing parcels for alternative use/acquisition/disposition

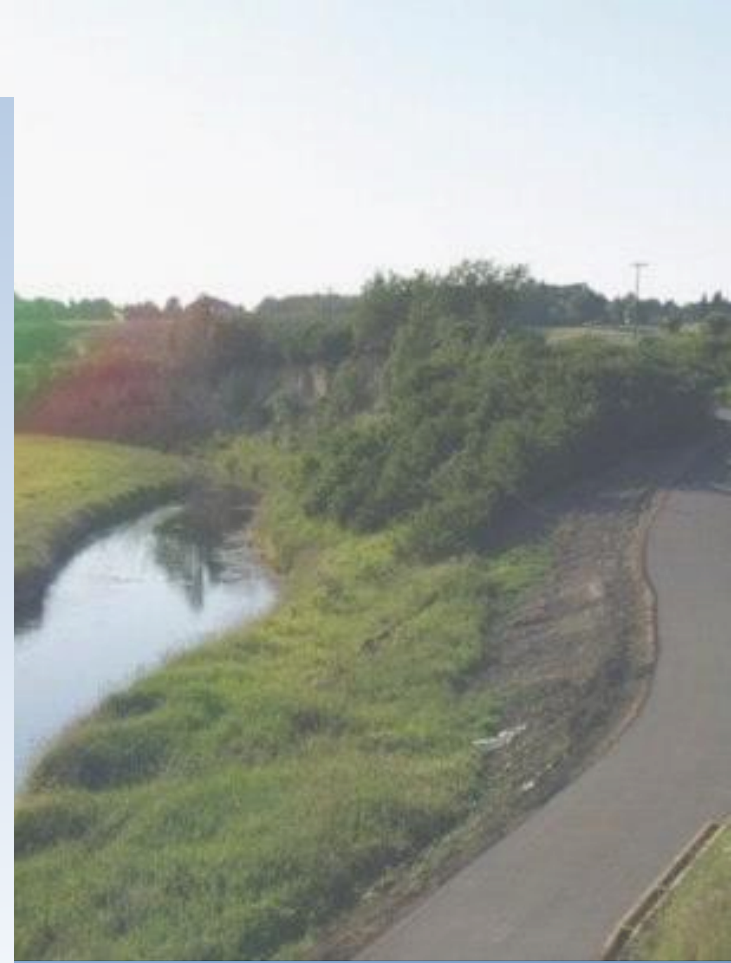


Future Potentials – Sturgeon River



Open Space Plan Recommendations

- Greenways & Trails
 - Develop trail systems (Over 24 segments identified)
- Natural Areas
 - Sandy Lake
 - Implement a staged recommendation plan
 - Redwater Sandhills
 - Provincial Partnership
 - Opal Staging
 - Improved Communication/Staging



Priority Actions – Motion Considerations



- That Council direct Administration to bring forward Open Space projects that could be advanced in 2021, not to exceed \$500,000, at the June 8, 2021 Council meeting.
- That Council direct Administration to bring forward an enhanced 5-Year Capital Plan surrounding Open Space Management by Q3 2021, based on Council's priorities for Budget 2022 deliberations.

Budget 2021



- Budget 2021 allocated funds to the following projects
 - Glory Hills Playground
 - Cardiff Park Improvements:
 - Winter Skating Ribbon; pave Red Ribbon Trail; parking lot, enhance naturalization plantings; day use picnic sites; & fishing dock
 - Sturgeon Valley Trail Gap Analysis – Trail Connectivity
 - Sandy Lake Environmental Assessment for potential staging
 - Redwater Assessment for potential staging
 - Pinewood Trail coordination
 - Temple Trail (Deferred)
 - Park site improvements for consideration in Crestview, Upper & Lower Manor, Bristol Oaks, Alcomdale, Villeneuve trails, and HOA partnerships in Hu Haven and Pinewood

Additional Considerations

Project	Description	2021/ 2022	Safe & Welcoming Community	Enhancing Greening & Biodiversity	Affordable, Accessible, Well- connected	Increase Community Use
Opal Staging	Partner engagement, MOU with Province; Feasibility Analysis	2021	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Sandy Lake staging	Natural Area Management Plan and Site Concept Plan	2021	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Redwater staging ATV	Partner engagement, MOU with Province; Feasibility Analysis	2021	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Redwater Staging Equestrian	Partner engagement, MOU with Province; Feasibility Analysis	2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Valley Subdivision Connection Div. 1	Trail Connectivity Gap Analysis and implementation plan	2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Temple Trail oversight	Ongoing representation on RVA to advance trail connection	2022	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Bellerose multi-use trail	Feasibility, grant funding application, tender and construction	2022	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Sturgeon Rd. multi-use trail	Feasibility, grant funding application, tender and construction	2022	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Cardiff – Morinville multi-use trail	Feasibility Analysis, seek out grants, tender and construction	2022	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Pedestrian Bridge over Sturgeon	Trail Connectivity Gap Analysis to locate site; Feasibility Analysis	2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sturgeon Valley Park improvements	Concept Plan update, and phasing of improvements	2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sturgeon River Canoe access	Feasibility Analysis	2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Local Park Site acceleration	Engagement; agreements; capital costs	2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cardiff Park Rehabilitation acceleration	Increase funds to Concept Design elements phasing plan	2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes