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**City-led engagement overview**

The City-led engagement strategy was developed to facilitate multiple touch points and ensure inclusivity for all who wanted to provide input and learn about the project. Both in-person and online opportunities were offered for the general public to get involved and provide input in the project. Targeted stakeholder engagement was also undertaken in the drafting of the policy document. Over 80 individual meetings were held with these groups in addition to stakeholders being offered the opportunity to review and comment on the draft area structure plan document.

Stakeholders that we engaged with included; general public, Government of Alberta, Foothills County, various environmental groups and land trusts, special interest groups, impacted and adjacent landowners, school boards, adjacent community associations and Ward 12 Council office.

Feedback collected from all stakeholders was used by The City to further analyze and refine the proposed land use concepts and develop policy direction.

**What we heard/ what we did**

Citizens provided a diversity of comments through the engagement program and circulation process. The main themes identified are highlighted in the chart below including a response in how this feedback was addressed by The City to inform the final policy document.

<b>What we heard (Issue or opportunity identified)</b>	<b>What changes were made and/or response to the issue identified</b>
Citizens expressed a strong desire for making it a destination for all of Calgary as a day use area. Some specifically asked for direct road access to the day use space, similar to Fish Creek Park.	A Bow River Access Site and Day Use Area has been identified in The Plan's proposed Land Use Concept to provide opportunities for social, recreational, economic and environmental sustainability.
Citizens saw great value in the day use areas and the pathway connections. There was a desire for more day use areas, a boat launch and off leash dog area.	The Plan encourages opportunities to explore access to the bow River for watercraft launch and egress. Safe, public access for all users to day use areas is to be accommodated.
Citizens had mixed views about retail, specifically given the proximity to Seton. Some did see the need for more retail whereas others wanted to see it limited.	Local commercial, retail uses are identified within the higher intensity Neighbourhood Activity Centres for three of the four Neighbourhoods.

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Overall there was a strong support of the pathway network.	Regional pathways and continuous green corridors are proposed, both along the escarpment and within the Bow River valley, to support the open space network.
No development or preservation of the lands within the Bow River valley.	Environmentally significant natural areas have been identified within the Bow River valley and have an Environmental Open Space Study Area overlay included until further studies are undertaken to determine preservation or developability of the lands. Policies have been included, should development occur in the river valley, it should be sensitive and slope-adaptive.

### Detailed engagement program results:

- Stakeholder Visioning Workshop, Thursday, February 22, 2018
- Public Open house, Wednesday, June 20, 2018, Cranston Residents Association.
  - 31 people attend this session and received 97 comments.
- Online survey from Jun 20 – July 8, 2018
  - 6,620 unique visitors to the webpage and received 141 individual comments.
- Landowner meetings
  - 80 plus meetings held throughout the project.
- Government of Alberta
  - 3 meetings with Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) to discuss: Crown Land, Boat Launch, Heron Rookery, Flooding.
- Foothills County
  - 5 meetings held to review concepts and the draft policy document.
- Other key stakeholders
  - Over 40 stakeholders were circulated the draft policy in September 2018 and 4 responses were received.

### Full engagement reports

The What We Heard Reports with verbatim comments can be found [here](#)