

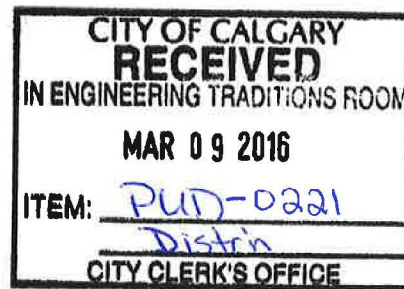


Calgary River Valleys champions and engages the public in the protection, appreciation and stewardship of Calgary's rivers, creeks, wetlands and watershed resources

We are the voice of our rivers.

March 1, 2016

Mr. Steven Snell
Business and Policy Planner
Parks, Planning and Development
City of Calgary



President
Steve Meadows

Dear Mr. Snell,

Vice President
Michael Kenny

Re: Ecological Inventory Framework

Secretary
Bill Morrison

Calgary River Valleys appreciated the opportunity to contribute to development of the Ecological Inventory Framework. The importance of this framework cannot be overstated for providing direction in the evaluation of lands at the Area Structure Plan stage of development as well as informing the Master Drainage Plans. The Ecological Inventory Framework provides opportunities to pursue the values set out in a number of documents directed and approved by City Council including, but not limited to, the Municipal Development Plan, Biodiversity Strategy, Riparian Strategy, Urban Parks Master Plan, and Open Space Plan, with regard to protection of habitat and ecological function, provision of an open space system, and ultimately contributing to the quality of life for Calgarians.

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Members of Calgary River Valleys are pleased with the clarification that Ecological Inventory Reports will be public. Transparency of process and accessibility of reports is essential in order to give the public understanding and confidence in how the findings and recommendations of the studies/ reports translate into policies and land use concepts set out in the Area Structure Plans as well as recommendations for further study that can be expected at the Land Use Amendment/Outline Plan stage.

Coordinator
Patty Munkittrick

There are Calgary River Valleys members and partners who remain concerned about some elements of the Ecological Inventory Framework including issues that were included in our letter to City Parks dated November 30, 2015 that remain outstanding. We have been advised that both the Ecological Inventory Framework and the New Community Planning Guidebook are "living documents" and Calgary River Valleys looks forward to the opportunity to offer ongoing input and refinements that will contribute to clarity and continuous improvement of these important policies and land use planning tools.

We understand that you are reporting to Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development to provide an update on the Environmental Open Space Work Program. We look forward to seeing your report.

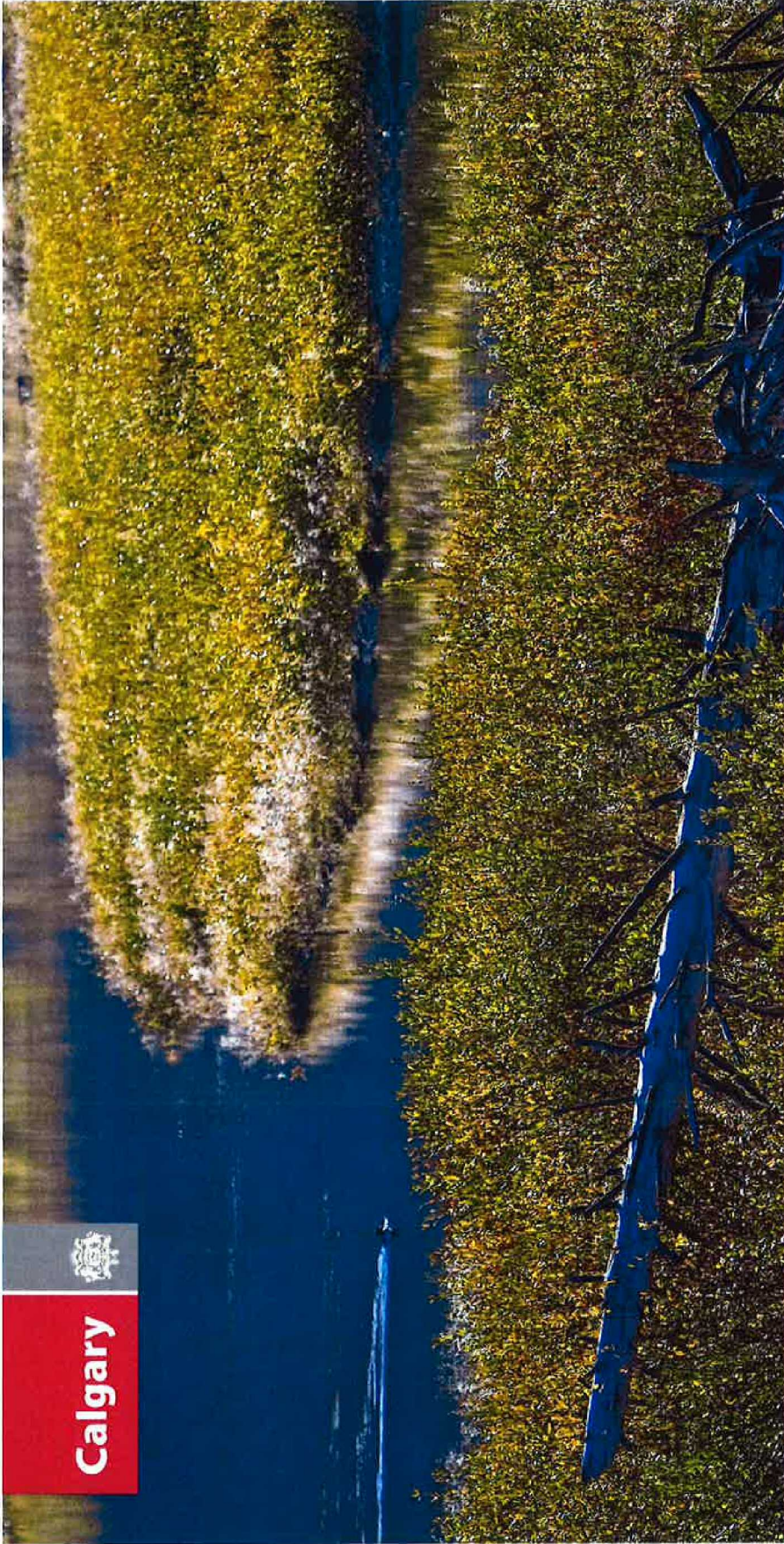
Sincerely,

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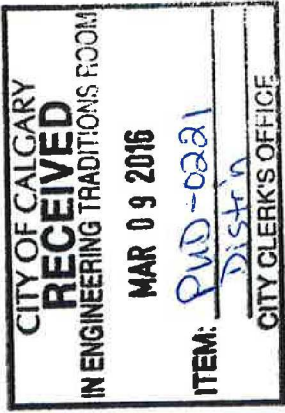


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Environmental Open Space Work Program Update



1. Amend EOS policy in Municipal Development Plan (New Community Guidebook)

- Amendments approved by Council
2015 December 07 (CPC2015-219)



2. Develop a technical framework for determination of EOS at the Area Structure Plan stage

- Report released January 2016 (available on www.calgary.ca)
- Consultation with development industry, professional groups and other stakeholders



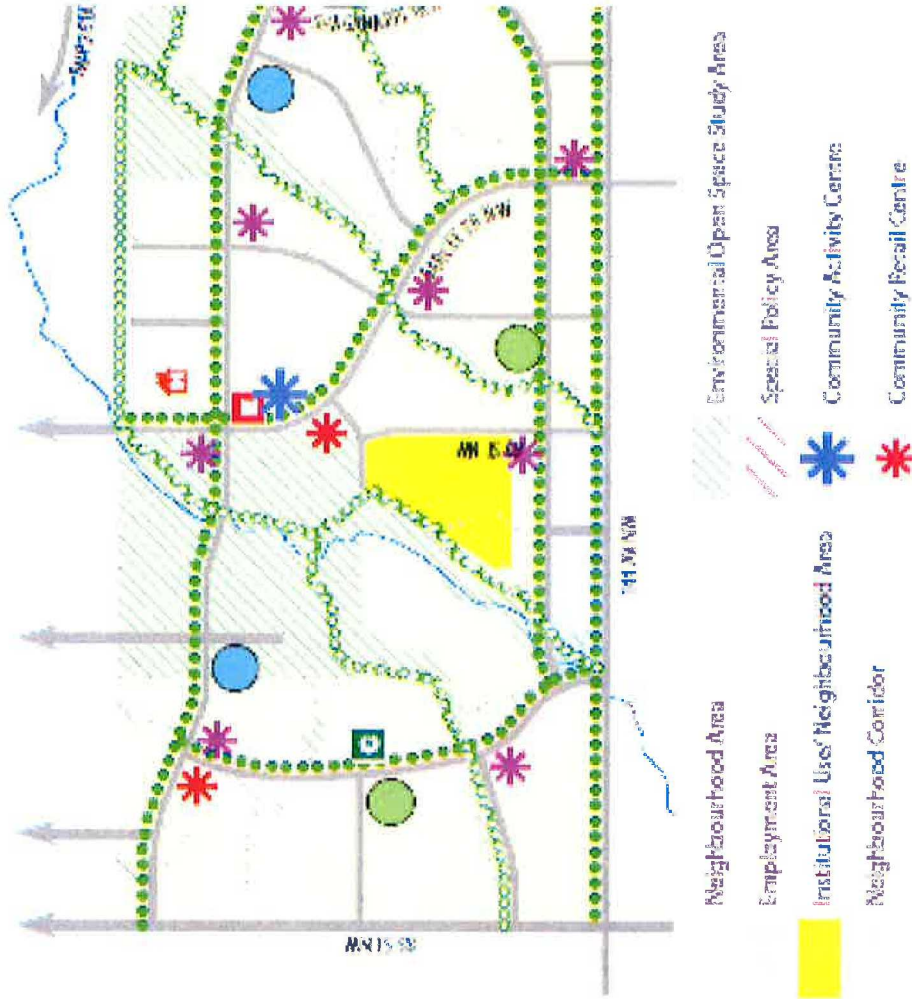
3. Clarify terminology relevant to Environmental Reserve (ER)

- The definition of ER in the Municipal Government Act is the purview of the provincial government
- The Ecological Inventory Framework consolidated City and Provincial definitions of relevant terminology (water course, wetland, etc)



4. Area Structure Plan (ASP) mapping standards

- Work was completed through refinement of mapping in six developer funded ASPs



Recommendation

That the SPC on Planning & Urban Development recommends that Council receive this report for information.