



Recommendations

- > Develop a detailed signage plan that includes four types of signage: entry feature, educational/interpretive, trail marker, regulation.
- > Provide benches at appropriate intervals along escarpment trails and at designated river access points along the Elbow River. Remove benches from Restoration Zones.
- > Encourage the public to make donations for park amenities or landscape elements in memory or celebration of loved ones. Memorial trees can be planted in clustered locations consistent with the Design Development Plan.
- > Locate garbage receptacles at major and minor entry points, all parking lots, picnic areas, playgrounds, off-leash areas and other gathering places. Provide a second dog waste disposal receptacle at the River Park off-leash area.
- > Upgrade lighting along the spine trail in River Park with an attractive and energy efficient LED standard.
- > Upgrade the existing washroom at Sandy Beach to current standards for waste treatment and accessibility.
- > Update and replace playground equipment at Sandy Beach as needed.
- > Reconfigure picnic areas at Sandy Beach to better accommodate smaller family groups, and refurbish the existing picnic shelter.
- > If Riveredge is opened for shared public use, fence and secure areas where camp equipment and facilities are located. Partner with camp operators to create new amenities to encourage off-season/ winter use. Consider an additional picnic area to accommodate larger groups.
- > Improve access and add an interpretive trail to the Lower Reservoir to encourage stewardship and legitimate park uses, and discourage unwanted uses.
- > Create an interpretive trail within the Ecological Park to enhance public understanding of stormwater management.

Key Features

- ① Entry + Regulatory Signage
- ② Lifecycle Maintenance for All Season Restroom at Sandy Beach
- ③ Upgraded Playground at Sandy Beach
- ④ Reconfigured/Upgraded Picnic Area + Picnic Shelter at Sandy Beach
- ⑤ Potential Off-Season/Winter Amenities at River Edge
- ⑥ Fencing at Riveredge to protect camp assets
- ⑦ Interpretive Trails at River Park and the Lower Reservoir
- ⑧ Dog Waste Disposal Receptacles

See other display boards for additional recommendations related to Park Amenities.

Rationale

The amenities proposed in the Draft Plan are designed to support existing patterns of use. New amenities are suggested to educate, or to encourage appropriate park use in the off-season /winter, or in underused areas of the park. The public suggested many locations for regulatory and educational signage to promote responsible behavior in the park; but cautioned that too much signage can detract from the park experience. The Draft Plan recommends the development of a detailed signage plan to provide an information/wayfinding system that is coordinated, efficient and environmentally appropriate. Existing furnishings (benches, picnic tables, playground equipment, etc.) will be replaced as needed. A large receptacle for dog waste that can be mechanically lifted (because of the heavy weight) at River Park is necessary. The existing receptacle for dog waste is often filled and is unsightly. The Draft Plan proposes an additional large receptacle be placed near the parking lot, and that both receptacles be designed (landscape screening and fabrication) to be more attractive.

