

Welcome

Planning and implementation work continues for Confederation Park improvements. In February 2016, The City informed the community of the following work scheduled to begin spring 2016.

- Additional lighting
- New park furniture
- Construction of missing link pathway connection

This work is on schedule and crews will be in the park this summer.



2016/2017 work in Confederation Park

In alignment with the Confederation Park Management Plan and the consultant's feasibility report, Calgary Parks will be moving forward with several initiatives. Work includes:

- replacing the playground near 30 Avenue N.W. with a natural play space;
- repurposing the unused parking area west of the washrooms;
- creating public art murals inside the pedestrian tunnels at 14th Street and 10th Street;
- enhancing the plantings adjacent to the single flag to showcase a rose garden in the historic form of the Confederation symbol;
- relocating the kidney-shaped planting bed east of 10 Street N.W. to accommodate a small, grassed amphitheatre for daytime seasonal performances;
- removing invasive vegetation along the lagoon edge;
- installing a deck at the lagoon to address erosion;
- adding interpretive and way-finding signage.

Repurpose unused parking area

The parking stalls west of the public washrooms are no longer in regular use, and we are considering ways to repurpose this site.

Using the large sheet of paper and markers provided, please tell us how you would use this area (ex. a social gathering space with tables, an area for food trucks, etc.).

Feedback will be taken into consideration in developing the final design for this site.



Public Art murals

The City will work with youth artists to create decorative murals inside both of Confederation Park's pedestrian tunnels at 14th Street and 10th Street.

Young Calgarians between 12-17 years old who register with the ***Street Art Program for Youth*** will work with two professional artists to develop the mural artwork. **Registration for the Confederation Park murals will begin in spring 2017.**

We are working with the Rosemont Community Association and a member of the heritage community to select the artists who will lead the creative process to develop the murals.

For more information please visit calgary.ca/streetart

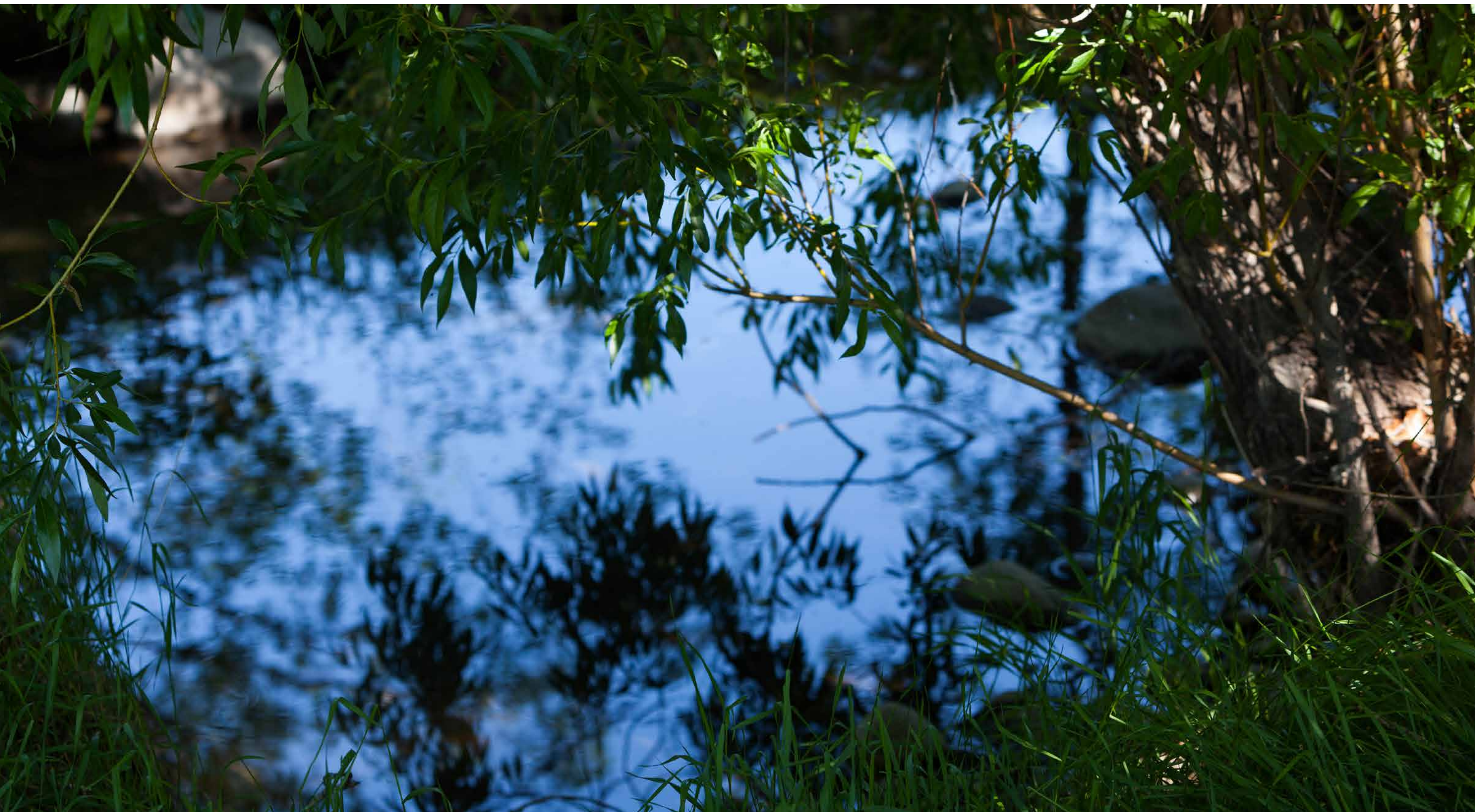


Example of mural artwork: *Flowers for Aeron* by AJA Loudon, 2016 lead artist for The City of Calgary Painted City Street Art Program for Youth

Help us design a natural play space for Confederation Park

The playground near the 30th Avenue N.W. parking lot is due for life-cycle replacement. This timing provides an opportunity to introduce a natural play space.

Natural play spaces use natural elements like sand, water, wood, landforms, plants and boulders. These elements allow kids to interpret, on their own, how to play and use the different pieces to discover and create. Natural play spaces inspire active, creative outdoor play and connect people to nature.



>> Take a look at some of these images for ideas.



>> Step 1

Find a Playground Activity Table and either complete the exercise here at the session or pick up a hardcopy to complete the activity at home.

>> Step 2

To complete the activity here, use the dry-erase markers and magnets provided and design the kind of natural play space you'd like to see in the park on the large magnetic drawing board. You can draw and/or place the magnets directly on the illustration. Alternatively, you can pick up a hardcopy to complete at home, and email us a photograph of your design at [**parks@calgary.ca**](mailto:parks@calgary.ca)

>> Step 3

Natural play spaces are made up of three major parts:

1. Earthworks (the topography/shape of the land)

Examples:

	Hills		Pit		Open space
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2. Vegetation (the type of plant life)

Examples:

	Coniferous tree		Fragrant flowers		Tall grasses
	Broadleaf tree		Edible shrubs		

3. Play Items (the materials or articles that are embedded or loose within the play space)

Examples:

	Rope		Logs		Sand
	Culvert pipe		Stump		Slide
	Twigs		Timber (4x4)		Boulder
	Large sticks		Dirt		Water
	Wooden instruments		Wooden bucket		Artboard
	Pine cones		Bark chunks		Wood chips
	Pile of leaves				

>> Step 4

The parts and examples from Step 3 can be used as individual pieces, or can be combined to make a play structure. **For example:**



Don't forget to label your play structure ideas, and add descriptions if you want, so we can clearly identify what they are.

>> Step 5

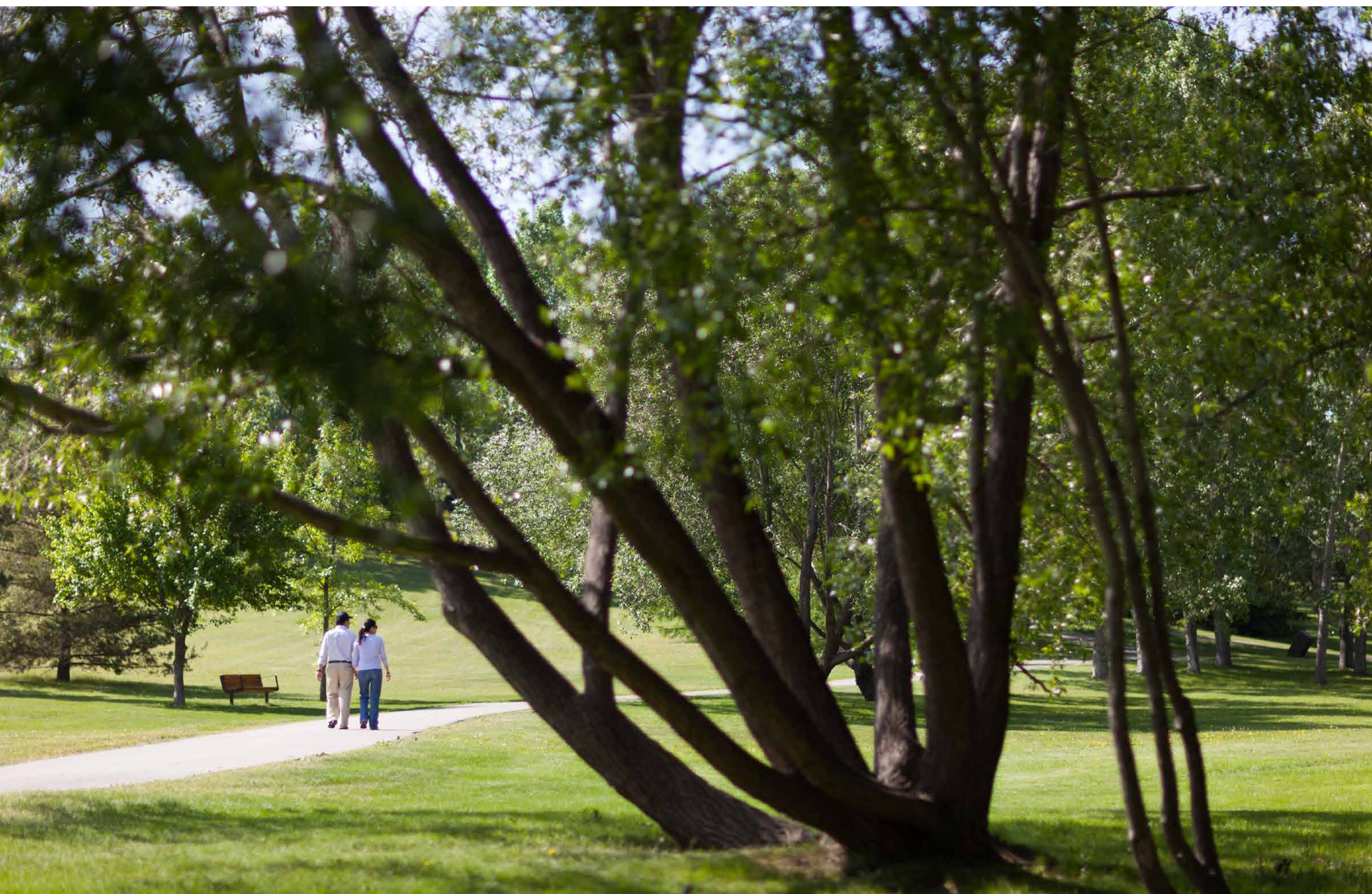
Ask a Calgary Parks representative to take a picture of your design.



Help plant willows and poplars

Native vegetation plantings will replace some of the invasive species that are being removed to help encourage the growth of native vegetation.

Volunteers are needed to help plant willow and poplar cuttings around the lagoon on Saturday, June 18 at 9 a.m. If you would like to participate, please register at calgary.ca/parks



A part of our history

Confederation Park is a recognized historic resource and is one of Calgary's significant cultural landscapes. This park was created to celebrate Canada's Centennial in 1967.

Community members, businesses and service groups throughout the city raised funds and contributions to support the development of this beautiful park.



How would you like to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary at Confederation Park?

2017 marks Canada's 150th anniversary and we want to hear your ideas about Canadian themed activities for a city-wide celebration at Confederation Park on July 1st, 2017. We are planning two events for 2017 – a winter skating party and a July 1st Canada Day celebration.

We are in the early planning stages, and we're looking for your celebration ideas for July 1st, 2017! As part of the celebration, we will be opening the time capsule that was installed in 1967.

Please write your celebration suggestions on the paper-wrapped table using the markers provided.



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Next steps

Public and stakeholder feedback from this session will be compiled and reviewed.

A what we heard report will be written and posted on calgary.ca/engage later in the summer.

Construction work will occur in the park throughout 2016 and in the spring/summer of 2017. Our goal is to complete as much of the work as possible to celebrate Canada Day in 2017.

