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### **BACKGROUND**

With the maturation of the city and continuous use of the surrounding river valley parks, it became evident that a policy was necessary to ensure that these natural resources were maintained and appreciated before they were abused or misused as sewers and garbage dumps.

In 1989 the government of Alberta announced that Calgary was one of eleven municipalities that would be eligible to receive funding for the development of urban parks which in turn prompted the creation of this policy.

The policy evolved from extensive public participation program that included input from over 2000 special interest groups and individual citizens. It identifies five individual segments of the river valley system which citizens are now committed to preserving, enjoying and understanding its natural and historical heritage.

The five individual segments are known as:

- a) Bow River West
- b) Bow River Centre
- c) Bow River South
- d) Elbow River
- e) Nose Creek

### **PURPOSE**

The focus of this policy is the long term enhancement of the riverine environment. It strikes a reasonable balance between the preservation and protection of natural resources, and the use and the enjoyment of the river valley park by all Calgarians. It provides a workable blueprint for the development, management and preservation of one of the city's most valuable resources.



This policy confirms the fact that the river system along the river valley is comprised of three park types. These park types are: a) Preservation b) Naturalized and c) Manicured. The policy defines feasible boundaries, recommends uses and associated facilities appropriate to each park type.

**POLICY**

[See attached policy document](#)

**PROCEDURE**

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**AMENDMENTS**

Effective 2016 February 01 Parks became Calgary Parks