

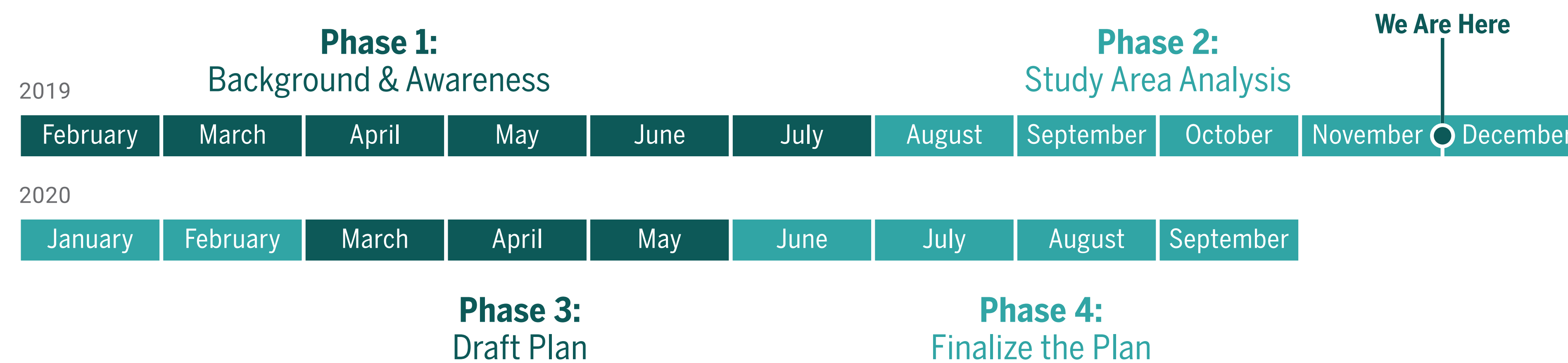
ABOUT THE PROJECT

Rocky View County has begun the process of reviewing the Bearspaw ASP. The project will seek to review and, where necessary, revise the objectives for the Plan area. In considering a vision for the community, the County will promote a balance between residential and non-residential land uses, and will investigate various land use scenarios for Bearspaw, based on public input and the findings of technical studies.

Engagement Process

We are currently in **Phase 2** of the project. Through this engagement we will use your feedback to confirm the Draft Vision and Principles that were established in Phase 1.

Join us in 2020 for the next phase of engagement.



Thank you for your participation!

For information visit www.rockyview.ca/bearspawASP

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



Find the speech bubble icon throughout the room and provide your feedback today!

Provide your feedback on:

- › The draft Vision
- › Types of development you would like to see in Bearspaw
- › Identify important areas for conservation

Take the online survey

Available from November 25 to January 6, 2020 at www.rockyview.ca/bearspawASP

Sign up for project updates

Visit www.rockyview.ca/bearspawASP to find out about future opportunities to participate.

AREA STRUCTURE PLAN

What is an Area Structure Plan?

An Area Structure Plan (ASP) is a statutory document approved by Council that sets out our community's vision for the future and provides a framework for getting there.

Why is it important?

Between 2006-2018, the Bearspaw community has **grown by approximately 34% from 4,803 to 6,442 people**, and continues to face considerable development pressure. The Bearspaw ASP will outline future land use, transportation, environmental protection, emergency services, general design, and utility service requirements. It will guide the community to accommodate and provide for future growth in an environmentally and fiscally sustainable manner.

What will it do?

The Area Structure Plan will:

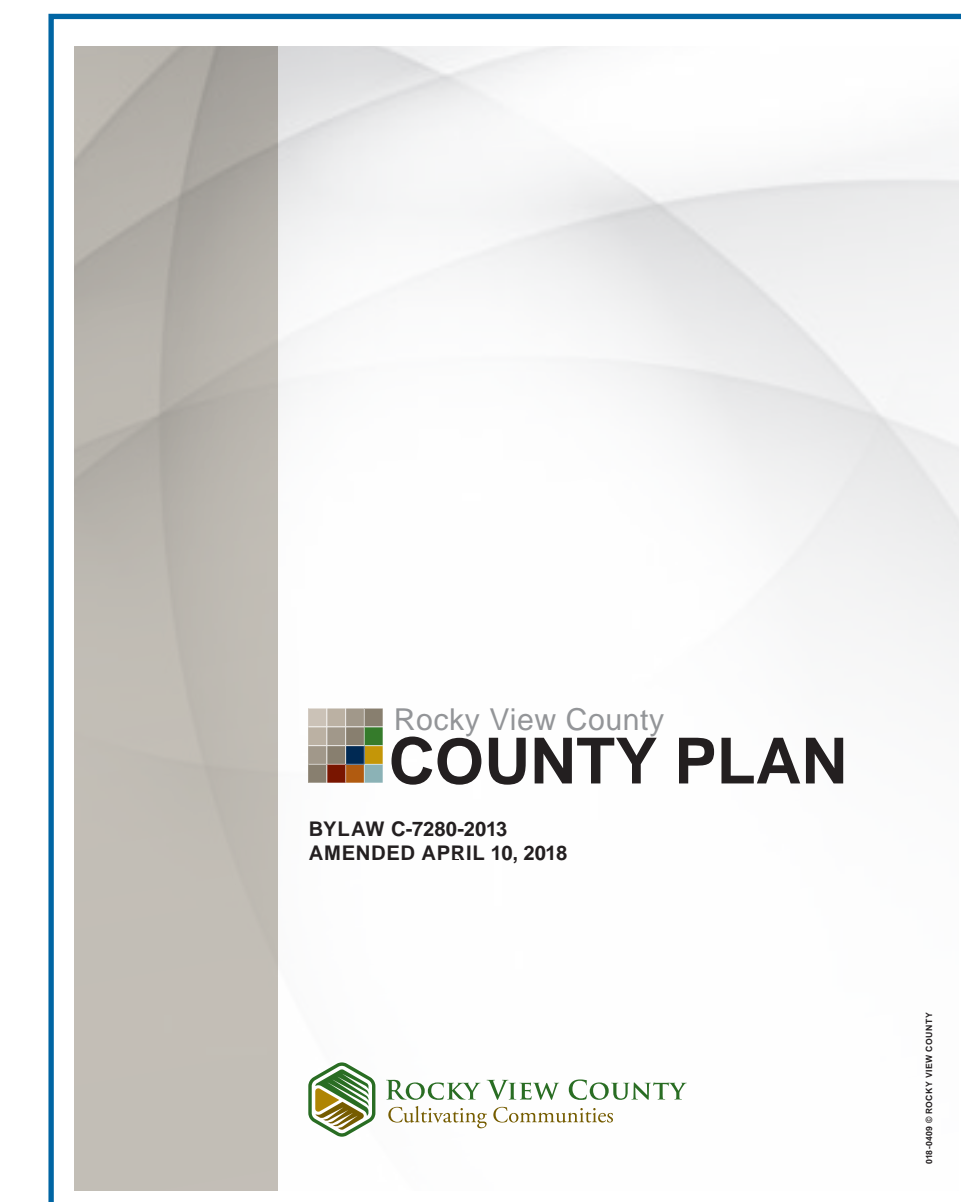
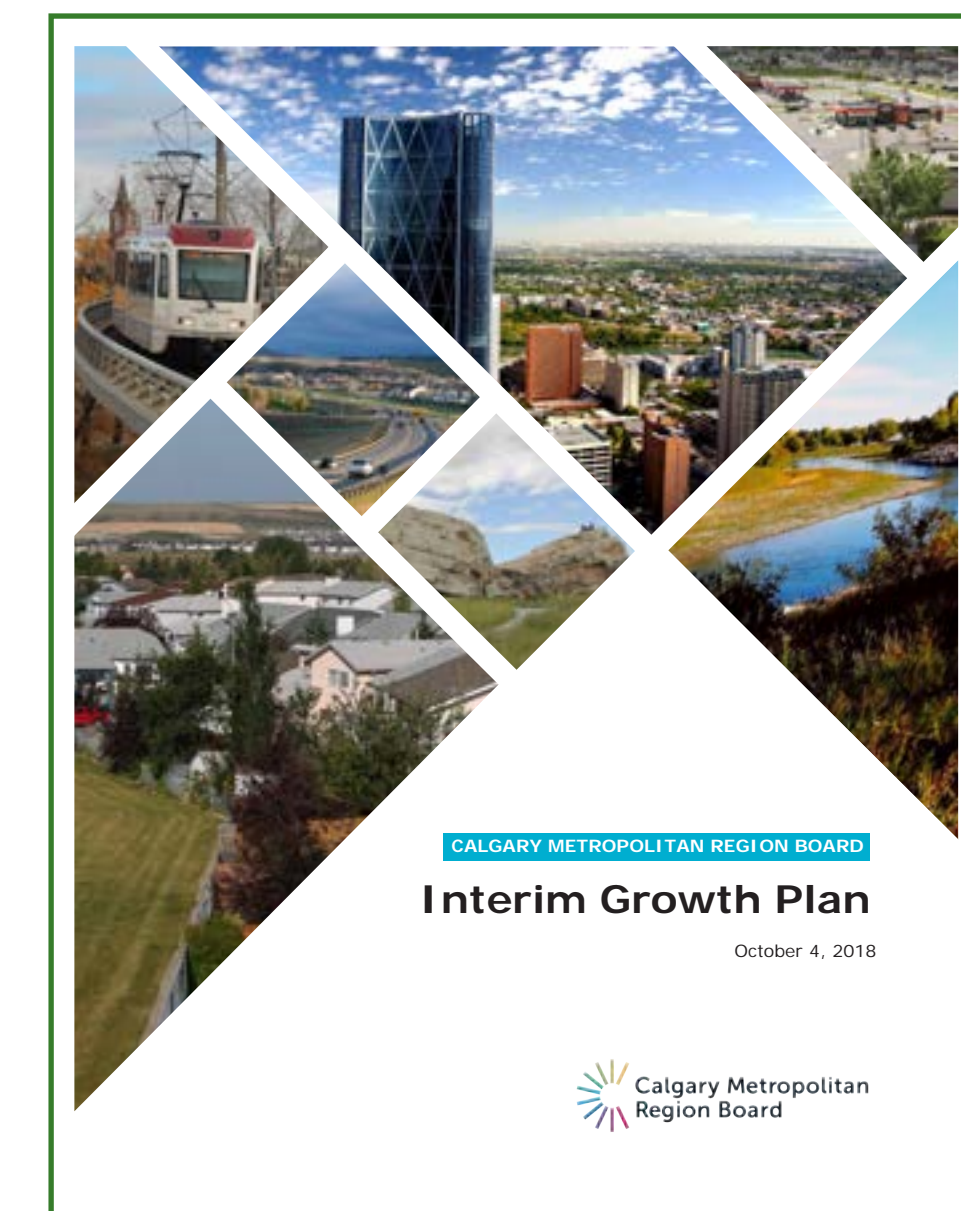
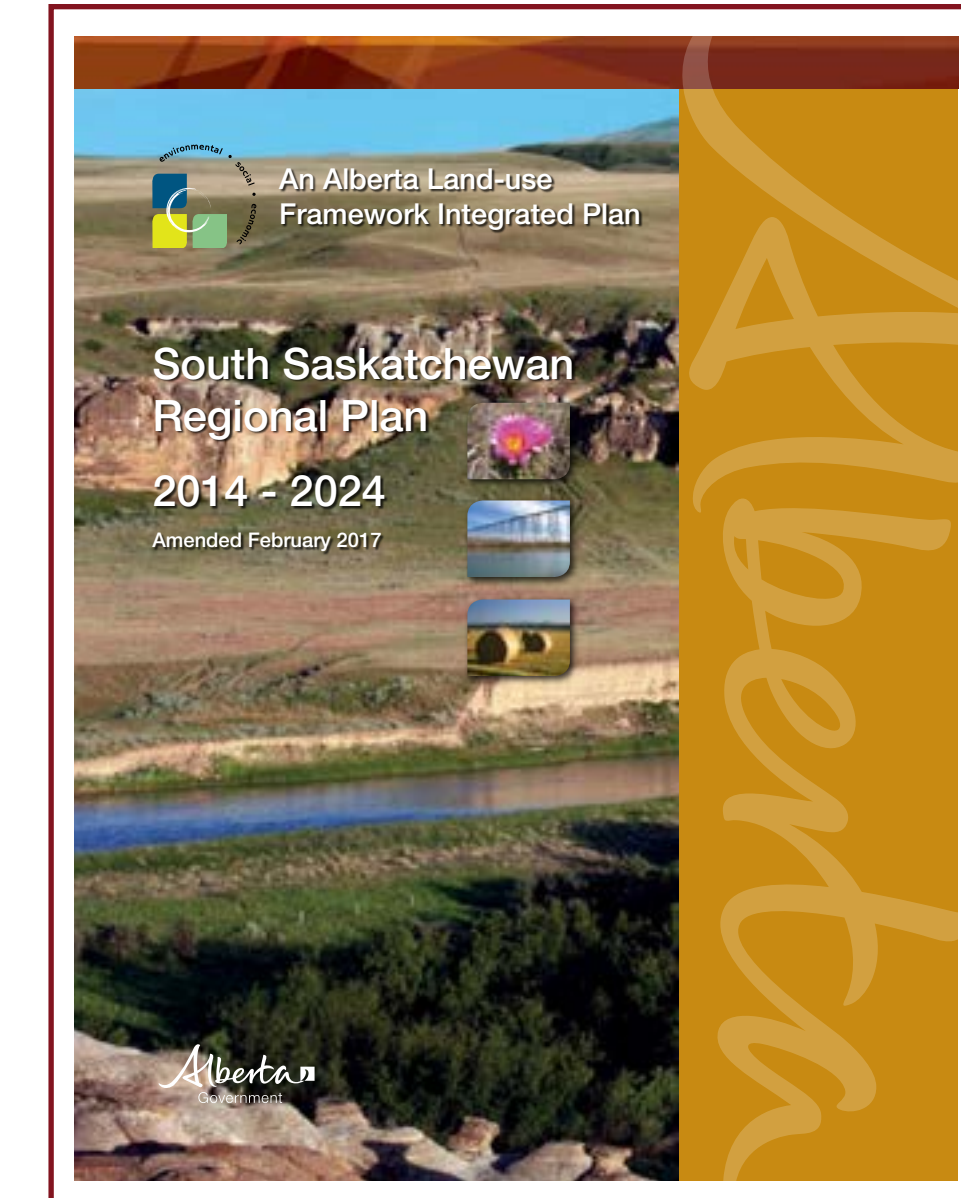
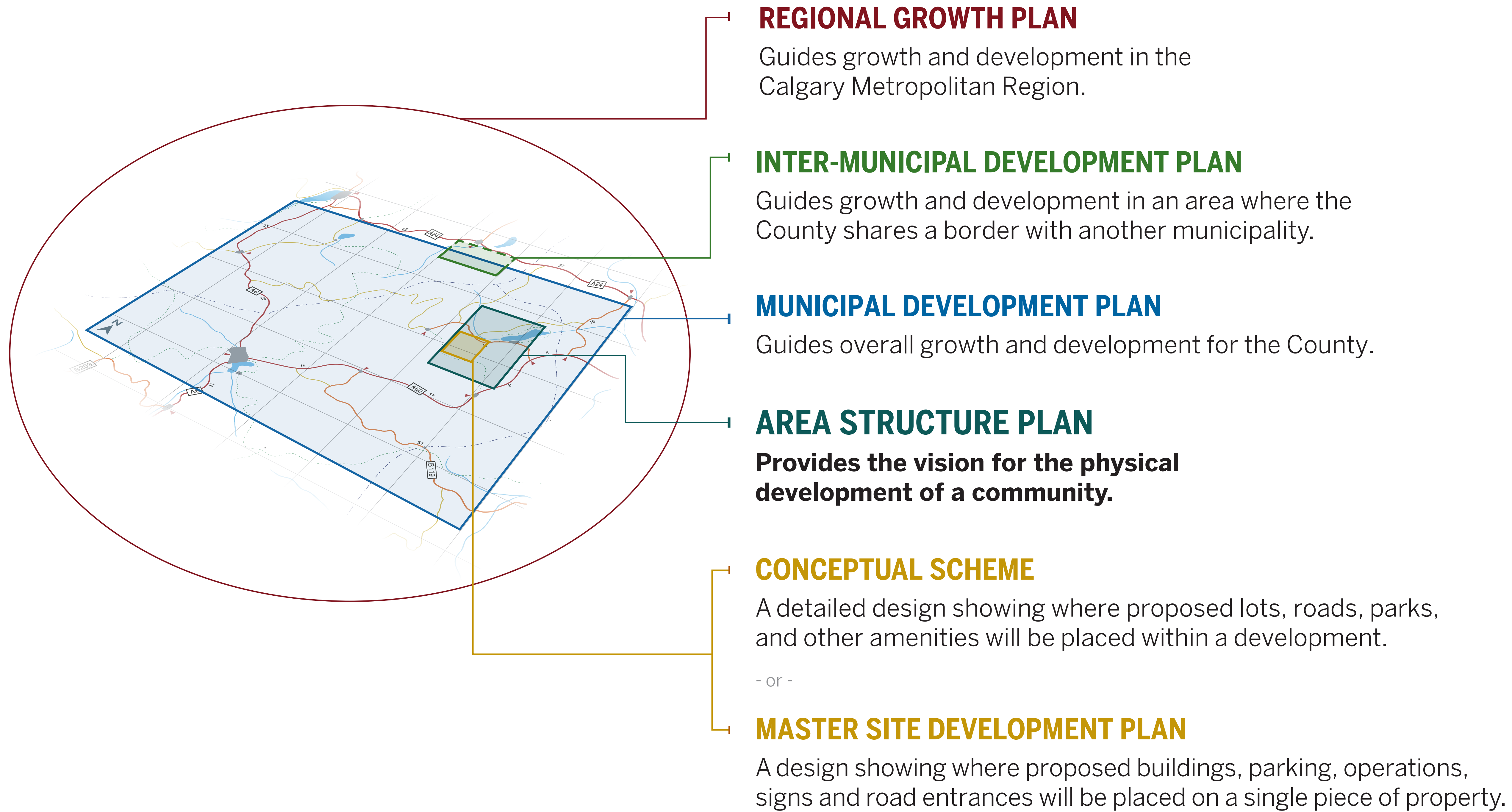
- › Respect the values of the community;
- › Reflect current conditions and future growth projections;
- › Set out a vision for growth and development that improves our quality of life while protecting what we love; and
- › Align with the important larger scale plans adopted after the original Bearspaw ASP.



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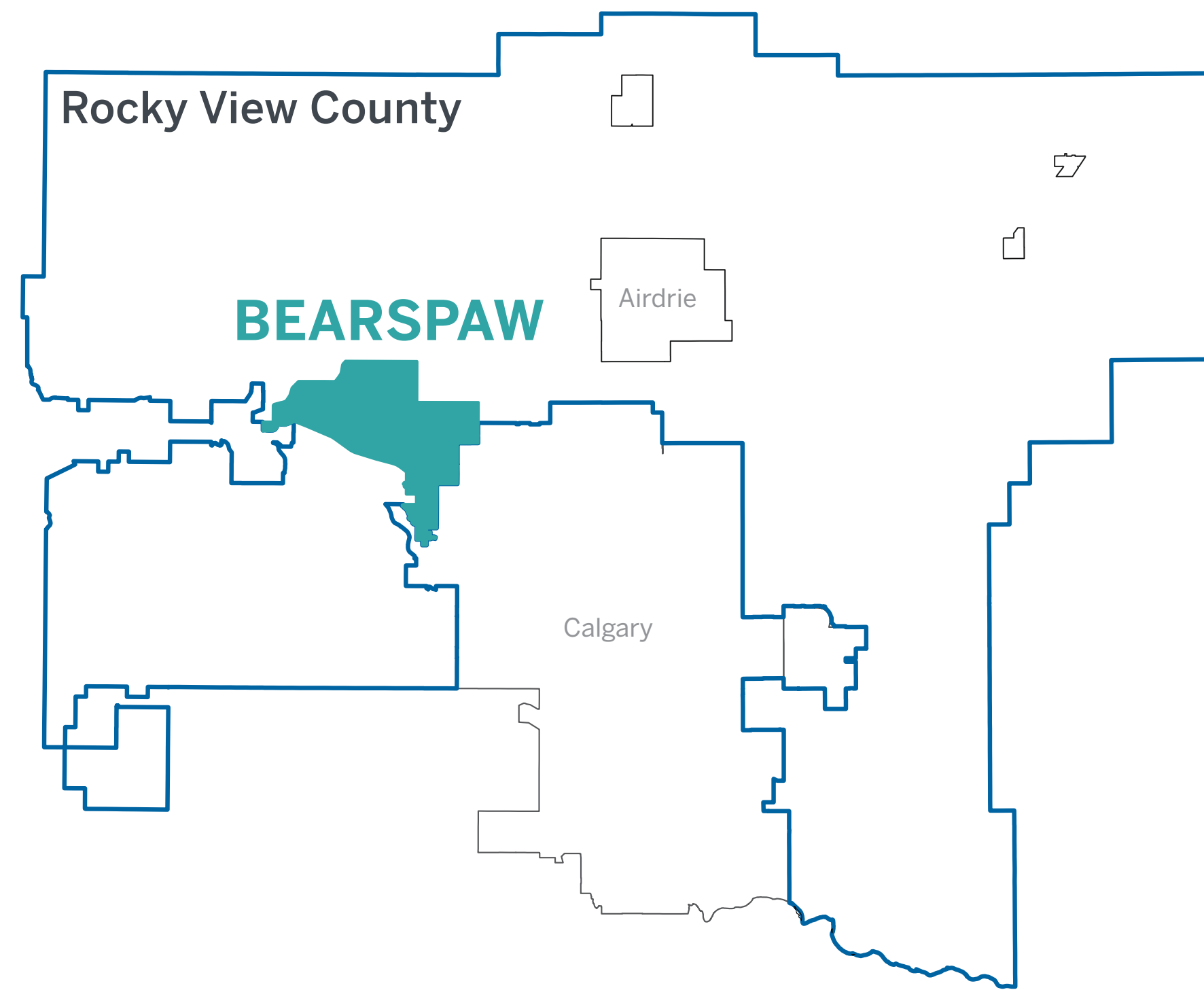
RELATED PLANS & POLICIES








There are a number of plans that determine how land is used in Rocky View County. The diagram below illustrates the Bearspaw Area Structure Plan's relationship to other plans.

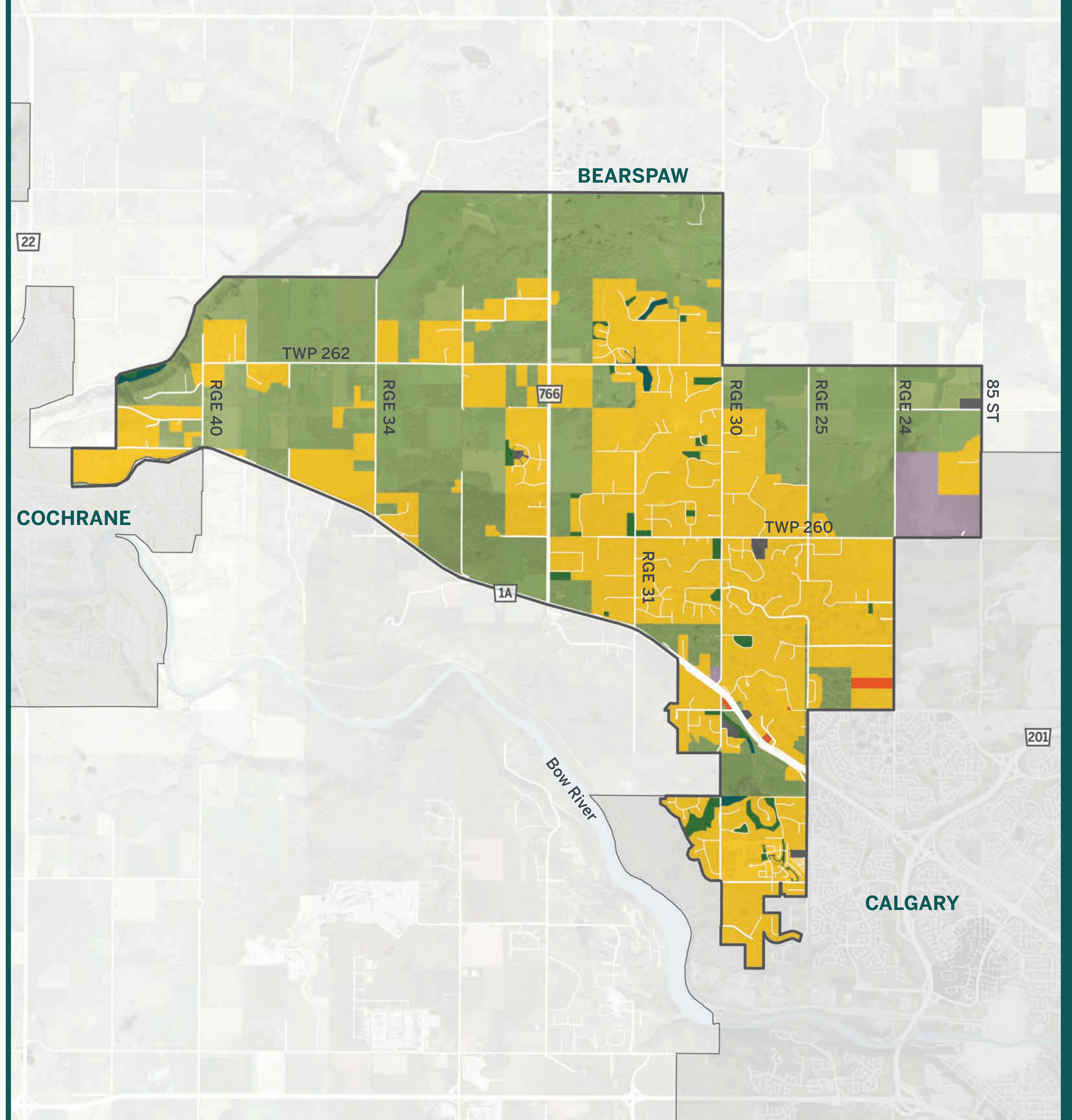


EXISTING LAND USE

This map shows the current land use designations for parcels in Bearspaw.



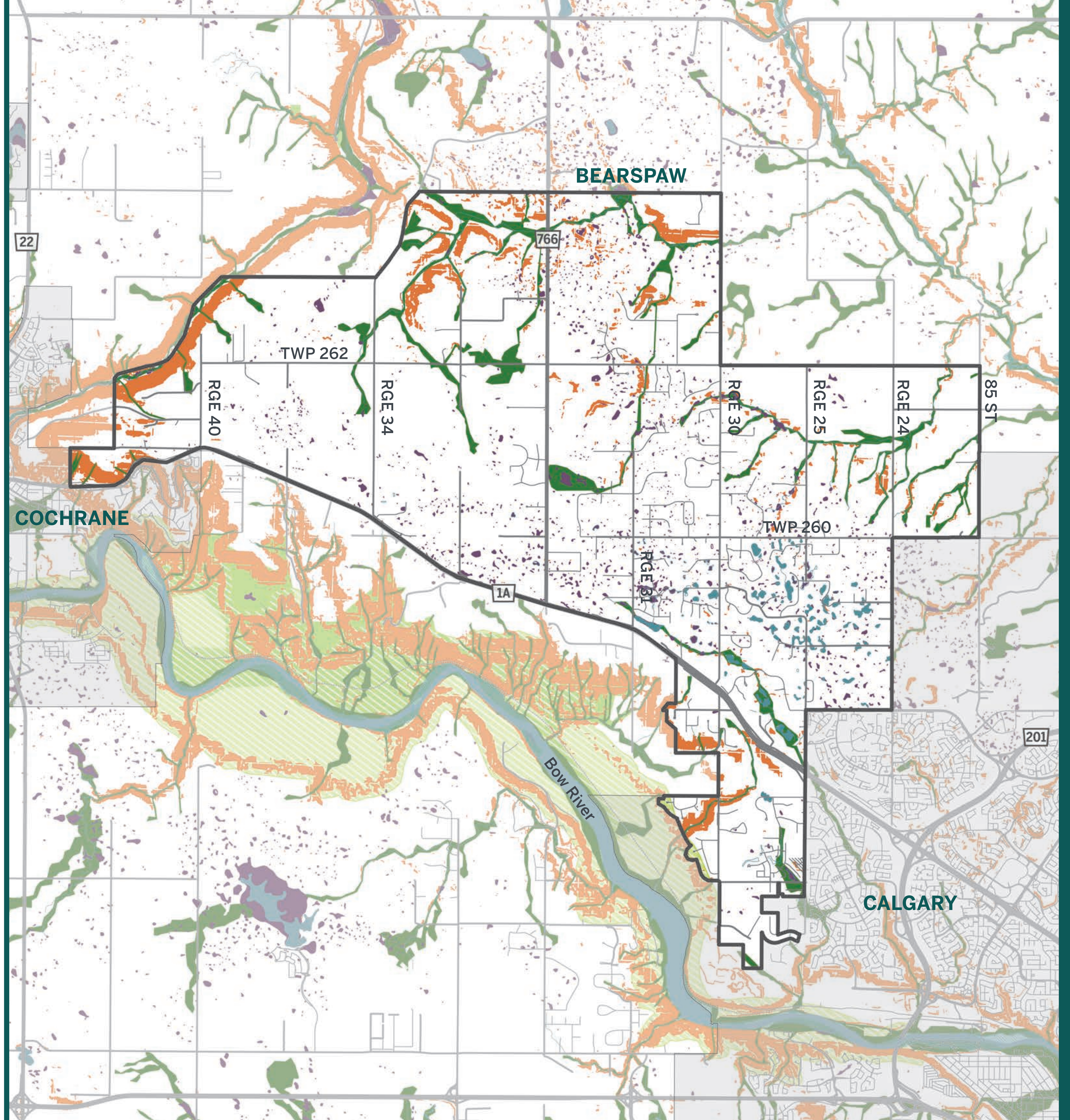
-  Residential
-  Business + Commercial
-  Agriculture
-  Industrial
-  Public Services
-  Municipal Reserve
-  Environmental Reserve



ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES

Bearspaw contains many environmental features that have innate ecological value and provide habitats for wildlife. The ASP provides potential to protect these important environmental features.

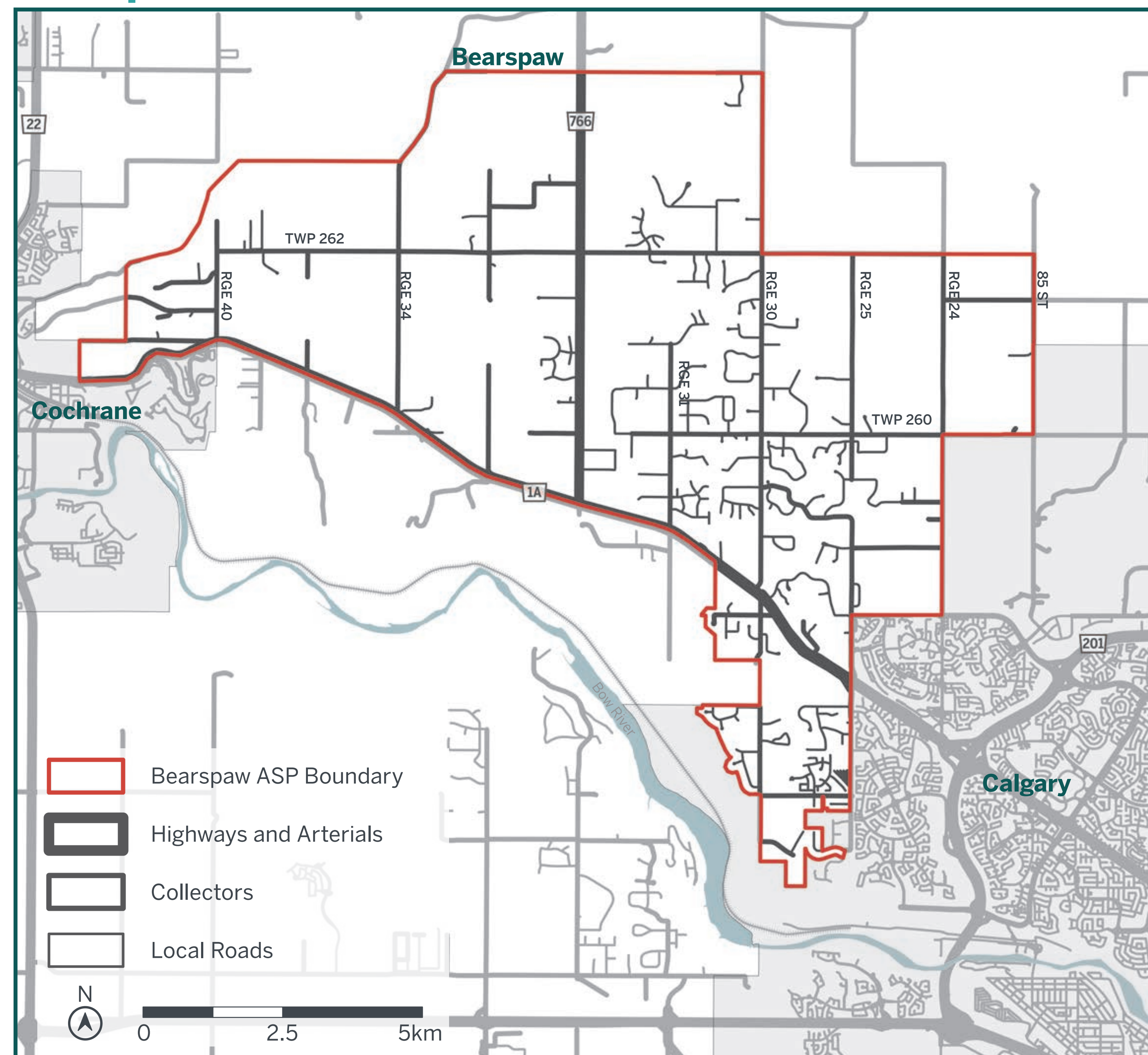
- Waterbodies
- Floodway
- Wetlands
- Riparian Vegetation
- Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park
- Key Wildlife and Biodiversity Zone
- Slopes 15%+



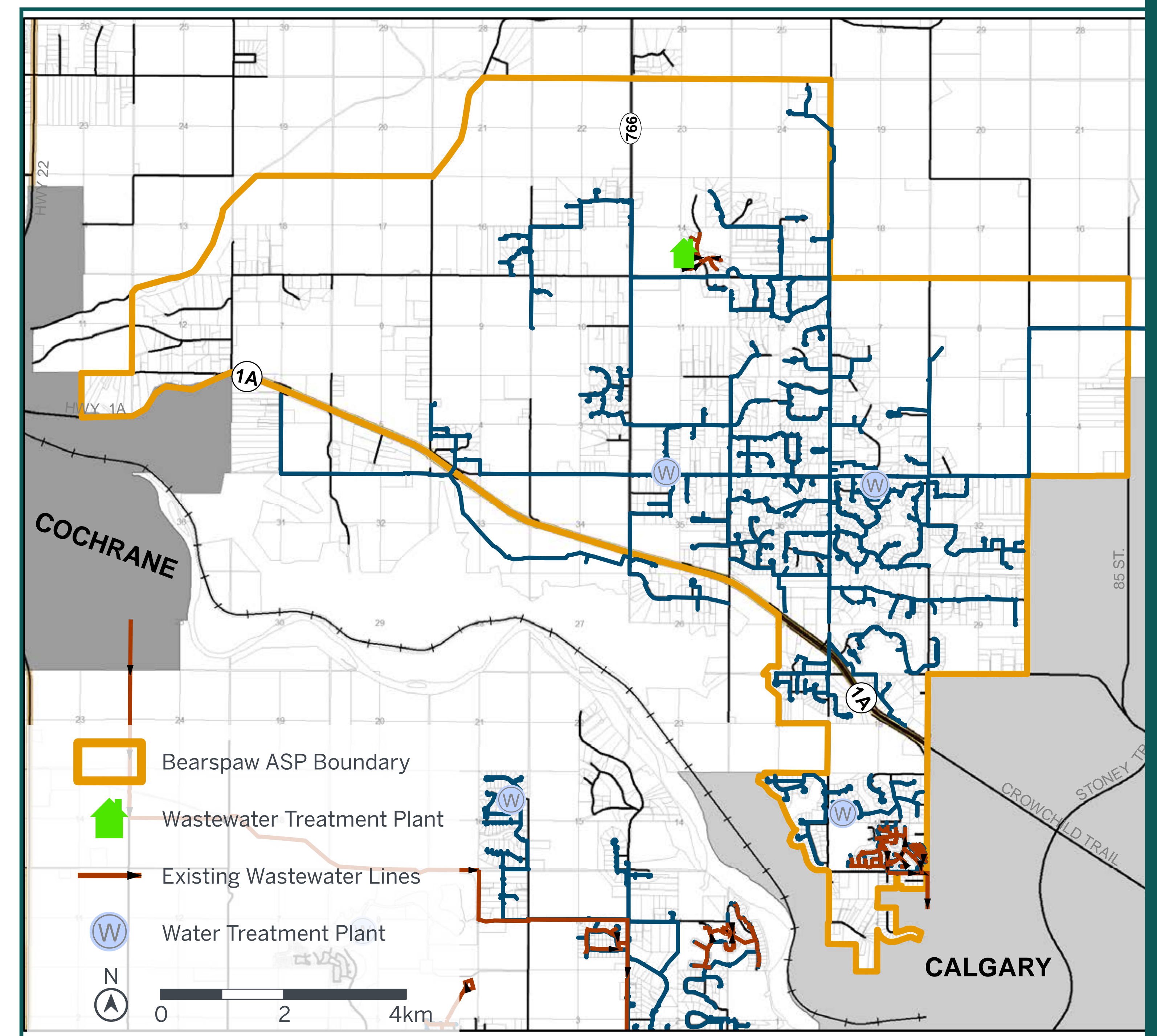
EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Potential upgrades to HWY 1A are in collaboration with Alberta Transportation. New developments will be required to provide for necessary upgrades to the transportation network. The availability of servicing will inform the land use strategy.

Transportation



Water and Wastewater



PHASE 1 ENGAGEMENT

This panel summarizes the feedback received from the Phase 1 Open House, Coffee Chats, and several individual letters and emails.

Development and Density

Residential Lot Sizes

- › Supportive of country residential lots (2-4 acres).
- › Expressed that higher densities should be adjacent to existing developed areas and match existing development patterns.
- › Indication that cluster development may be useful to enable natural area preservation.
- › General desire to allow for seniors development, to encourage aging in place.

Commercial + Industrial Development

- › Supportive of local commercial uses that preserve the character of the area.
- › No appetite for larger-scale regional commercial areas.
- › Many felt that aggregate extraction is not appropriate in the Bearspaw Glendale area

Servicing and Transportation

Servicing

- › Consensus that new development should be accountable for itself, with any servicing infrastructure, stormwater conveyance, and transportation upgrades.
- › Ensure that new developments have access to comprehensive servicing solutions, and new systems must be adequate and paid for by the developer.

Transportation and Pathways

- › Many respondents expressed concern about road and traffic safety. Suggested solutions included:
 - › Pathways will increase connectivity between communities and increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists.
 - › Increase corridors without signals to maintain ease of use.

Nature and Rural Character

Bearspaw / Glendale Character

- › Peace and quiet, rural lifestyle, natural environment, and sense of community.
- › Future development must reflect this existing character.

Environment and Wildlife

- › Respondents highlighted the importance of protecting wildlife, open space, and key environmental features.
- › Expressed the importance of continuity of these natural areas, not only to retain the rural nature of Bearspaw/Glendale, but to protect natural habitats as well.
- › Protection of agricultural lands was another key consideration.

DRAFT VISION

The following vision has been developed based on the feedback you shared in Phase 1.

Bearspaw will offer a rural lifestyle where nature and the agricultural character of the area is respected. Sensitive development will safeguard Bearspaw's natural environment and prioritize watershed, wildlife, and wildlife habitat.

Bearspaw will facilitate growth that provides residents and visitors with safe access to local services, open spaces, community focal points, and one another, in a financially and environmentally sustainable manner.

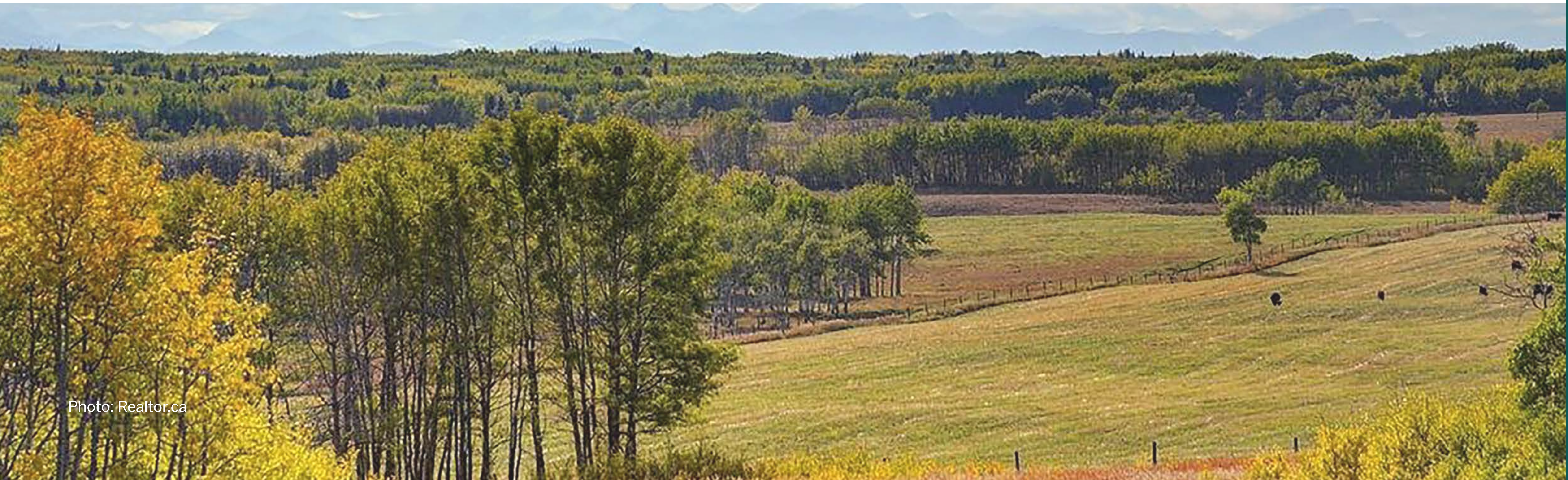


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DRAFT VISION

Do you agree with the draft vision?

Please place a sticker in the category below that best fits your opinion.



Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Neutral

Somewhat Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Is anything missing?

Place a sticky note below to share your thoughts.

If you disagree, how could the vision be improved?

Place a sticky note below to share your thoughts.

DRAFT GOALS

The following goals have been developed based on the feedback you shared in Phase 1.

Land Use Strategy

- › Allow developments that support Bearspaw as a distinct and attractive country residential community with pockets of appropriate commercial services, while balancing and protecting the character of the Bearspaw community.
- › Promote a strong sense of place by preserving heritage assets and expanding community focal points, open space connections, and recreational opportunities.
- › To conserve and enhance valued landscapes including views, wildlife habitat, natural areas, slopes, coulees, wetlands, and riparian areas.
- › Ensure an ordered approach to development through the implementation of well-defined land use areas, together with appropriate transition between land uses.

- › Support the County's goal of achieving financial sustainability through rational extensions of development and diversification of the tax base.
- › Ensure that new development aligns with the direction of municipal and regional policies and plans.
- › Collaborate and engage with landowners throughout the planning process to build consensus on new development.

Intermunicipal Cooperation

- › Collaborate with government agencies, adjacent municipalities, and other stakeholders to address regional growth.

Community Character and Appearance

- › Complement the character and appearance of Bearspaw through high-quality design that:
 - › Preserves and enhances the existing landscape, sightlines, and natural environment;
 - › Recognizes and blends with the immediate surroundings and vistas;
 - › Supports efficient use of land and encourages provision of accessible public spaces.
- › Provide for attractive and high-quality gateways into the Bearspaw community along the Highway 1A corridor, at Lochend and Bearspaw Road intersections, and along 12 Mile Coulee Road.

Is anything missing? How could the goals be improved?

Place a sticky note below to share your thoughts.



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Housing

- › Respect the existing built environment, but explore the use of alternate forms of residential development, such as cluster, seniors housing and mixed-use development.
- › Establish a framework for the sensitive and orderly infilling of fragmented residential lands to provide for efficient lot sizes that are reflective of a country residential community.

Environment

- › Demonstrate sensitivity and respect for environmental features, particularly through protection of wildlife corridors, the existing groundwater resource, and drainage patterns within the watersheds of the Bow River, Big Hill Springs, and Nose Creek.

Business

- › Ensure sustainable and sensitive growth of the business areas in a way that is supported by market trends, desired growth size, and limitations of servicing.

Agriculture

- › Support agricultural uses where desirable and effective. Support diversification of agricultural operations as a means of retaining an agricultural land base.
- › Promote the development of smaller agricultural operations within residential, community, and business areas to maintain the rural character of Bearspaw.

Aggregate Extraction

- › Collaborate with residents and the aggregate industry to identify criteria for potential aggregate extraction applications in the Plan Area.

Transportation Network

- › Promote a well-designed and safe transportation network that maximizes local and regional connectivity for residents, motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists.
- › Mitigate the impacts on existing residents from traffic and new forms of residential development.
- › Collaborate with neighboring municipalities and provincial agencies to promote a safe and efficient regional transportation network.

Servicing

- › Provide for potable water, waste water, and storm water infrastructure within the Plan in a safe, cost effective, and sustainable manner.

Is anything missing? How could the goals be improved?

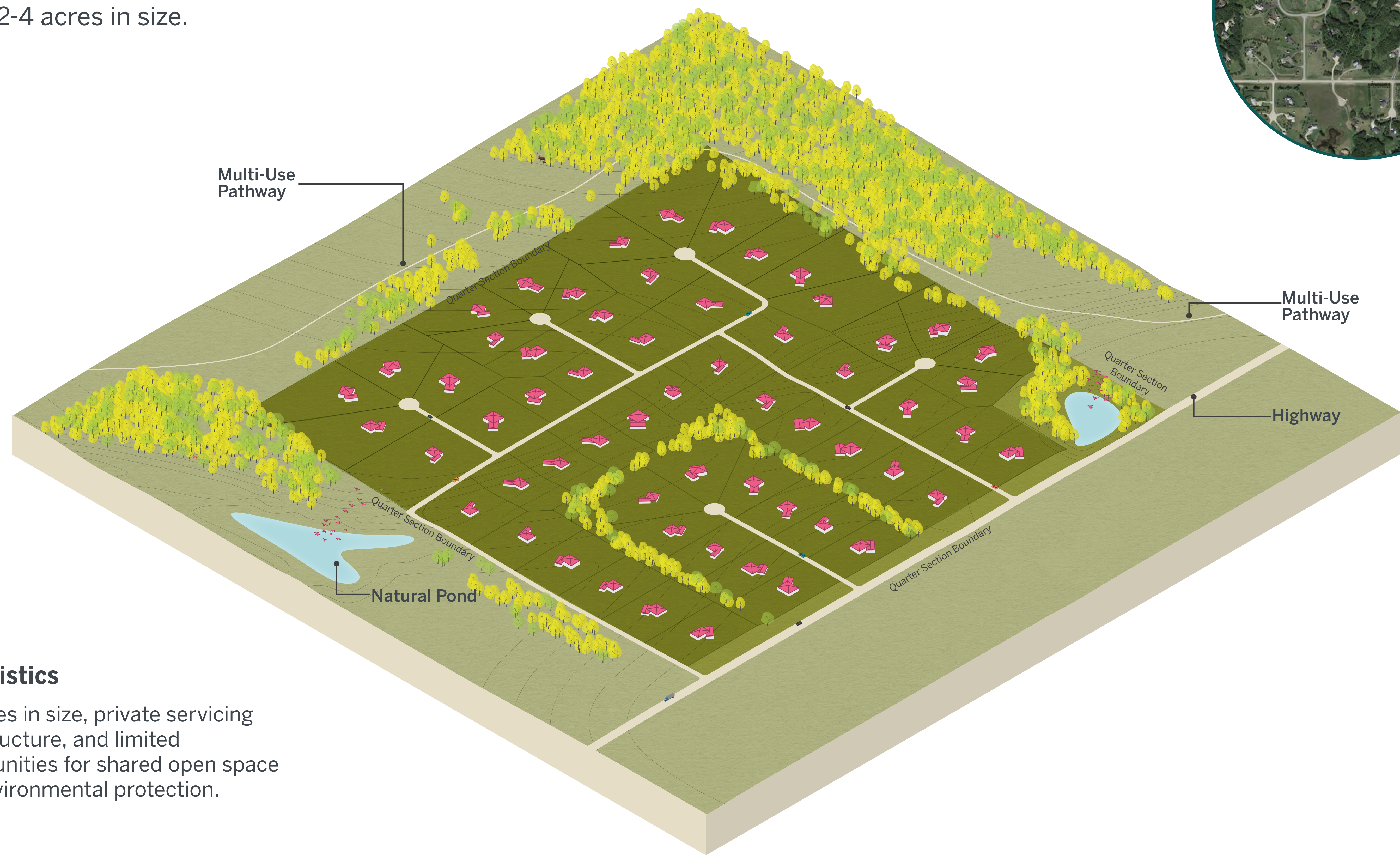
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COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL

Portions of Bearspaw have typically been developed with lots 2-4 acres in size.

Bearspaw R & Burma Rd



Characteristics

- 2-4 acres in size, private servicing infrastructure, and limited opportunities for shared open space and environmental protection.

I support this type of development.

Please place a sticker below.

I have concerns about this type of development.

Please place a sticker below.



Why?

Use a sticky note to share your thoughts.

Why?

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CLUSTER HOUSING

Sensitive integration of housing with natural topography through grouping homes on smaller lots and preserving open space.

Blueridge Rise



Characteristics

- ▶ Natural and environmental areas are identified and preserved as shared open space. Dwellings on smaller parcel sizes than County Residential, with comparable density.

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BUSINESS / COMMERCIAL



Local Commercial



Example: The Heart of Bragg Creek, Café

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Regional Commercial

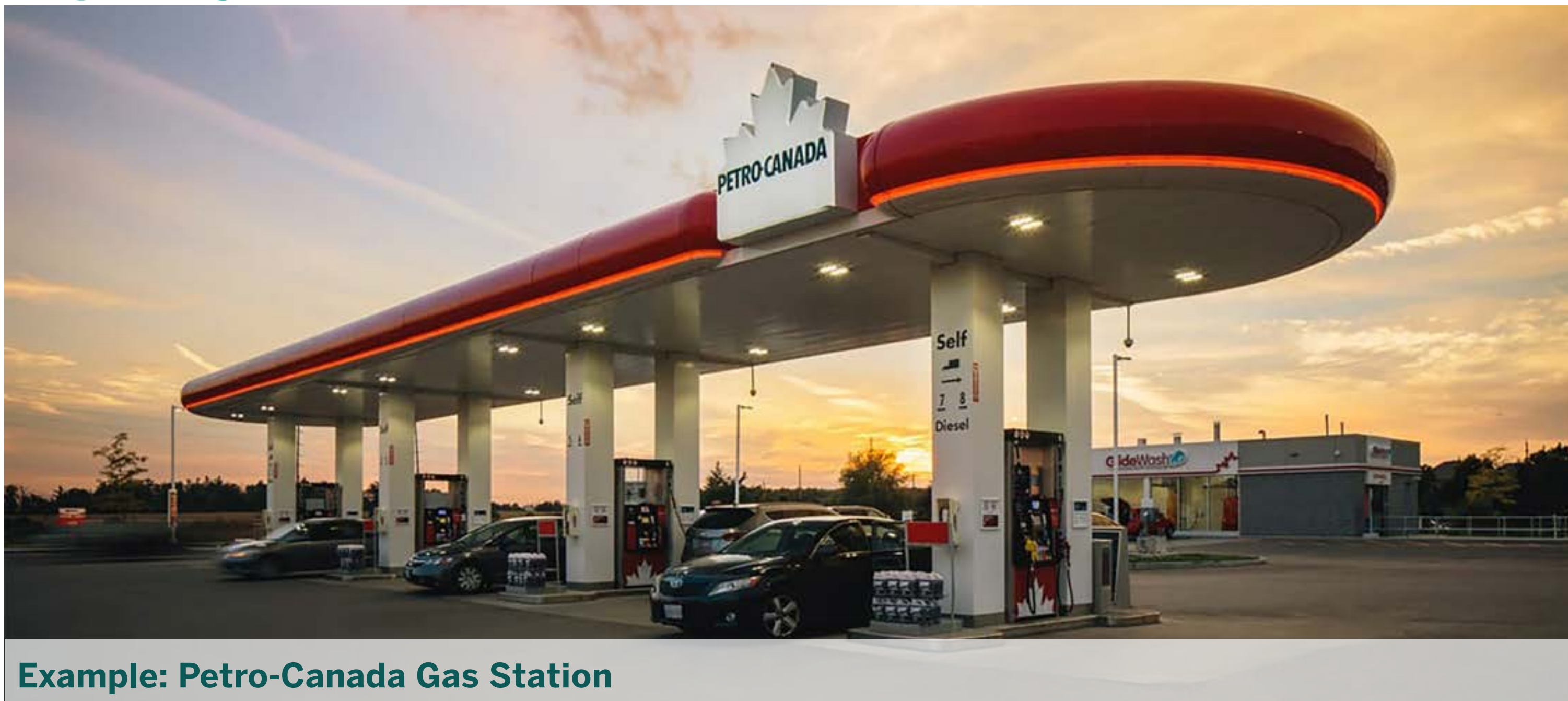


Example: Ikea, Deerfoot Meadows, Calgary

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Highway Business

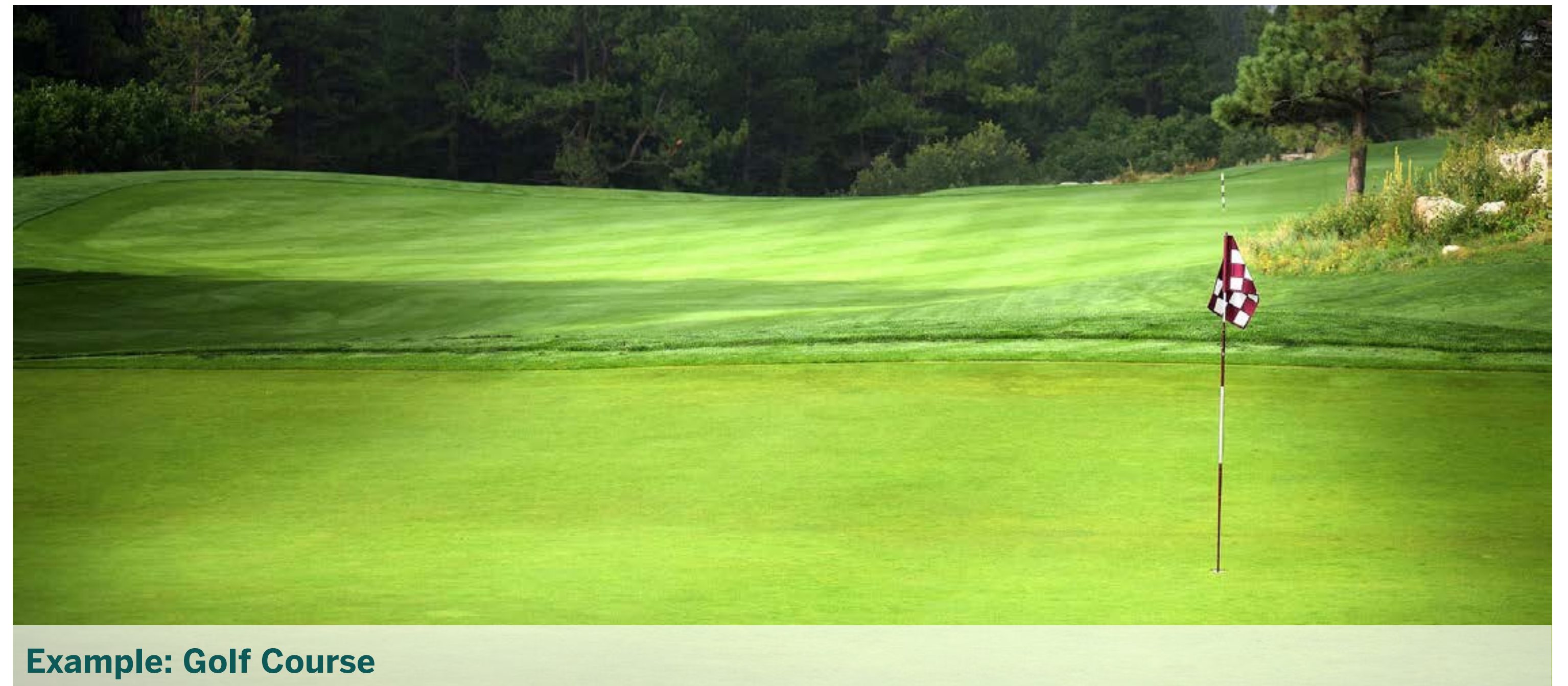


Example: Petro-Canada Gas Station

I support this type of development.

Please place a sticker below.

Recreational Business



Example: Golf Course

I support this type of development.

Please place a sticker below.

Is anything missing?

Place a sticky note below to share your thoughts.

This area should be conserved because...

Environmental Features

Please use the **green** sticky notes to identify areas of environmental value.

Recreational Opportunities

Please use the **pink** sticky notes to identify areas of recreational value.

Agricultural Value

Please use the **orange** sticky notes to identify areas of agricultural value.

Other

Please use the **blue** sticky notes to identify areas of other value.

