Building upon our strong history of shared stewardship of the land

The draft South Saskatchewan Regional Plan is a forward-looking and comprehensive blueprint to ensure our continued success over the next 50 years. We need to work together to maintain a good quality of life, while continuing to thrive within the capacity of our finite landscape. By working together as Albertans, including municipalities, industry, irrigators, landowners, ranchers, and recreationists, we can build a plan that recognizes existing innovative ideas and practices, continues to support growth, and balances the needs of our economy, environment and society. We all have a role to play in defining the future of southern Alberta.

Conservation efforts by the agriculture sector through:
- Continued stewardship
- Continued improvement in irrigation efficiencies
- Beneficial management practices

Continued consultation and inclusion of Aboriginal peoples in land-use planning

Managing linear footprint by industry will help support biodiversity:
- Access management
- Integrated Land Management for Energy and Forestry

Diversity of recreational and tourism opportunities through:
- Recreation-industry co-existence
- Recreation best practices
- Access management and trail development

Municipalities can support regional outcomes by promoting:
- Water and land conservation
- Conservation of agricultural lands
- Preservation and promotion of cultural heritage
- Recreational opportunities

Continued support from our partners will be key, including:
- Watershed planning and advisory councils, watershed stewardship groups, and others
- Clean Air Strategic Alliance and local airshed groups
- Land trust organizations
- Private landowners
- Industry
- Public

Vision for the South Saskatchewan Region

Southern Alberta is a diverse, healthy, vibrant and prosperous region where the natural beauty of the mountains, foothills, farmlands and prairies are managed so that citizens feel connected to the land and its history. The region is a thriving place that offers a wide range of opportunities to residents and visitors alike. Social, economic and environmental values are effectively achieved with shared stewardship and an integrated approach. The quality and integrity of the landscape is sustained through the use of science, innovative thinking, traditional aboriginal and community knowledge, recognizing the interests of all Albertans.

The draft South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP) is an integrated resource management approach which looks at the relationship between all of our activities, along with natural events, and the challenges facing the region, and sets the stage for robust growth, vibrant communities and a healthy environment over the next 50 years.

The draft SSRP was developed over two phases of consultation with Albertans, including aboriginal people, a wide variety of stakeholders, municipalities, government and advice from the South Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council.

The third phase of consultation designed to gather Albertans’ input on the draft SSRP begins October 29 with community conversations in Pincher Creek and Medicine Hat. For more information go to www.landuse.alberta.ca
**CONSERVATION AREAS**

- **Wildland Provincial Park**
  - Don Getty Expansion
  - Bow Valley Expansion
  - Bluerock Expansion
  - Mt. Livetone (Change from Natural Area)
  - Beehive (Change from Natural Area)
  - High Rock
  - Bob Creek Expansion
  - Livingstone Range
  - Castle

- **Heritage Rangeland**

- **Public Land Use Zone**
  - Castle Conservation Area

**RECREATION AND PARK AREAS**

- **Provincial Park**
  1. West Bragg Creek Expansion
  2. Gooseberry Expansion
  3. Elbow River Expansion
  4. Elbow Falls Expansion
  5. Little Elbow Expansion
  6. Sheep River Expansion
  7. Chinook Expansion
  8. Syncline Expansion
  9. Cypress Hills Expansion

- **Provincial Recreation Area**
  10. Sibbald Lake Expansion
  11. Crownest Lake
  12. Coleman

- **Public Land Recreation Area**
  13. Spruce Creek
  14. Trout Creek
  15. Cessar’s Flats
  16. Beaver Creek
  17. Atlas
  18. McGivray
  19. Tent Mountain
  20. Lynx Creek Flats
  21. Upper Castle Flats

**Private Lands**

- **White Area**
  - Agriculture, settlement and multiple uses
  - Continue to respect property rights

**Grasslands**

- **Green Area Public Land**
  - Headwaters protection
  - Watershed management
  - Maintain biodiversity
  - Recreation
  - Timber production
  - Resource development

**Eastern Slopes**

- **Green Area Public Land**
  - Consistent management of Green Area - public land use areas
  - Legislatively protected conservation areas
  - Enhanced protection for the Castle

**Management Intent**

- **Restoring flood-damaged areas**
- Designate recreational lands

**Over the next five years**

- **Concurrent management of**
- Recreation and access management plans
- Incorporate existing integrated resource plans

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- **Consistent management of**
  - Green Area - public land use areas
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- **Linear footprint management plan**
- Explore existing conservation areas

**Beyond five years**

- **Consistent management of**
- Recreation and access management plans
- Incorporate existing integrated resource plans

**Regional Outcomes**

- **Grow and Diversify Economy**
- **Maintain Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functions**
- **Manage Air Quality**
- **Manage Watersheds**
- **Build Sustainable Communities**
- **Increase Recreation and Preserve Cultural Heritage**
- **Aboriginal People Included in Land Planning**

**Across the Region**

- **Cumulative effects management**
- **Economic growth**
- **Coordinated municipal planning**
- **Enhanced stewardship ethic**
- **Air Quality Management Framework**
- **Surface Water Quality Management Framework**
- **Continue flood hazard mapping**
- **Land-use policies**
- **Support development of municipal flood hazard mitigation plans**

**Endangered Species**

- **Grizzly bear**
- **Lynx**
- **Mountain caribou**
- **Roseate tern**
- **Western great egret**
- **Red-cockaded woodpecker**
- **Wood bison**
- **Western pond turtle**
- **Boreal owl**
- **Charcoal chub**
- **Boreal woodland caribou**
- **Prairie crocus**
- **Gymnopilus**

**Over the next five years**

- **Immediate**
- **Beyond five years**
- **Beyond five years**

**Grow and Diversify Economy**

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- **Castle**

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- **Explore existing conservation areas**

- **Build upon strong history of shared stewardship and conservation of the land**
- **Greater recognition of stewardship and conservation efforts of landowners and leaseholders (e.g. sustainable grazing practices)**

- **Expand and develop stewardship and conservation tools**

- **Biodiversity Management Framework**
- **Surface Water Quality Management Framework**
- **Continue flood hazard mapping**
- **Land-use policies**
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- **Consistent management of**
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**Over the next five years**

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**Recreation and Parks Areas**

- **Provide a variety of recreational experiences for a growing population**

**Management Intent**

- **Consistent management of**
- **Recreation and access management plans**

- **Enhance existing facilities**
- **Establish new facilities**

**Over the next five years**

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