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INFORMATION REQUEST (IR) - Northeast ASP Regional Trail

Requested by: Councillor Korotash

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Confidential Response: No

QUESTION

The Northeast St. Albert ASP makes several references to a regional trail and/or wildlife corridor linking the Sturgeon River all the way to Carrot Creek. Could administration please provide additional information in terms of what is envisioned and how it is to be achieved?

RESPONSE

The Northeast St. Albert ASP contains lands annexed from Sturgeon County in 2022. The remaining annexation lands adjacent to this Area Structure Plan (ASP) have yet to be studied and adopted through the ASP process. Until such time as an ASP is adopted and approved, future development of these lands is guided by the Municipal Development Plan (MDP). Other existing ASPs do not identify potential trail linkages to this area, as they are geographically separated from the City's northeast.

However, Administration has been working to support a safe and efficient transportation network, providing a full range of attractive and healthy options for moving around, through St. Albert's Mobility Choices Strategy. As part of this strategy, Administration is planning for a future recreation trail and wildlife corridor linking the existing Red Willow Park system and Sturgeon River, along the north shore of Big Lake, north along Carrot Creek (located on the west side of the City), crossing the northernmost parts of the City (through the 2022 annexation lands), and then looping east before returning to the Sturgeon River and the existing trail system. This work builds on the existing Red Willow Park West Master Plan (2018) and is intended to inform long term land use and capital planning as the City expands into the annexed lands.

Potential Trail Alignment and Timing

A tentative alignment of a trail has been identified (see Map 1) and will be refined through future work with new ASPs, Neighbourhood Plan creation, future engagement with the public, interest holders and Indigenous partners, and coordination with other City Departments.

The trail alignment depicted on Map 1 is conceptual and aspirational, intended to illustrate a desired long-term vision and support future land use planning discussions. The timing of a complete northern trail system remains uncertain and is influenced by several factors beyond the City's control, including future growth patterns, landowner decisions, development timelines, and the completion of

future ASPs. While planning and refinement work will continue this fall and over the coming years, trail construction is not anticipated in the near term and will depend on when the lands are developed, dedicated, or otherwise secured for public use.

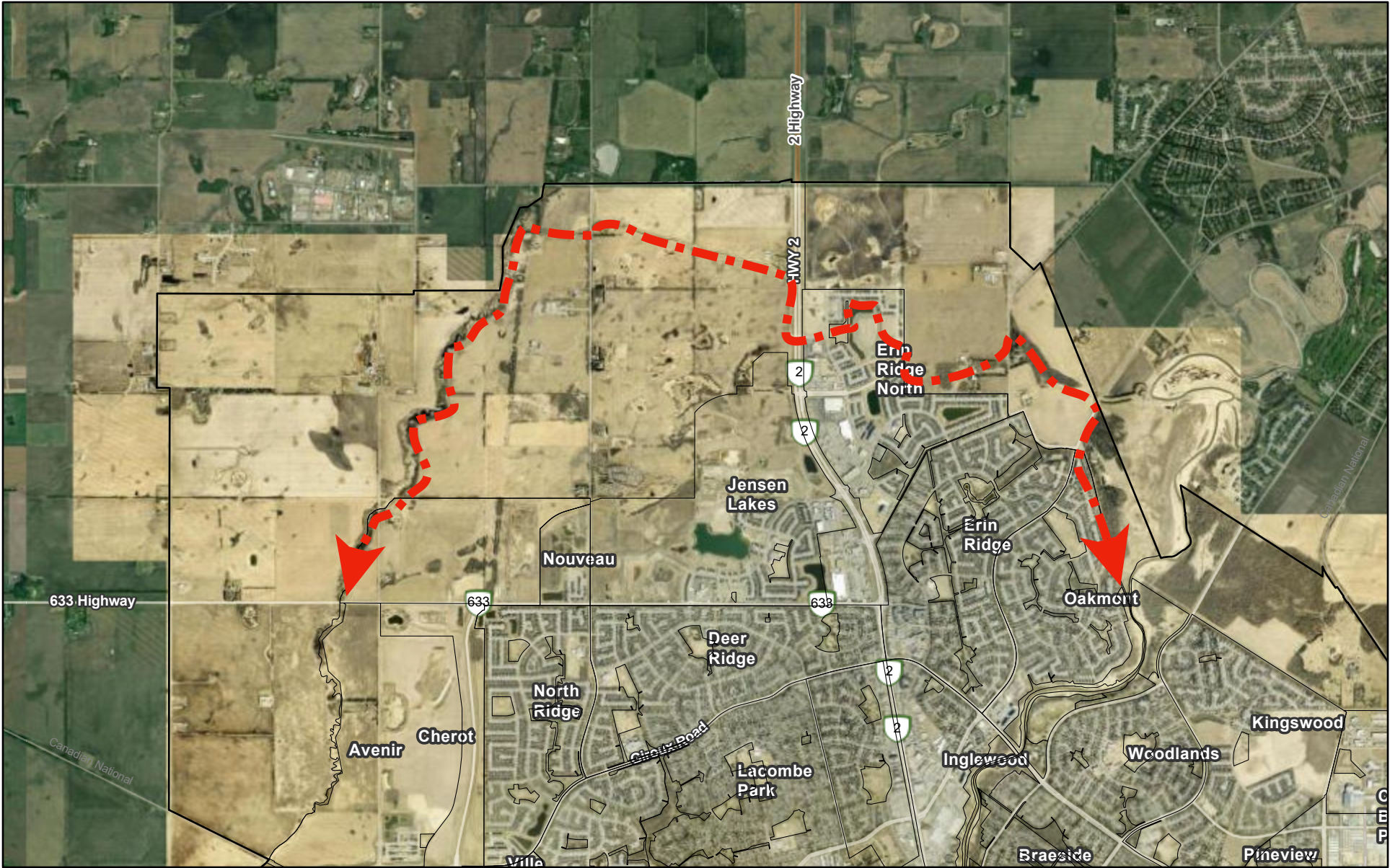
Constraints

Completing a trail project of this magnitude is subject to many factors. As significant portions of the required land have not yet been acquired or identified through approved ASPs, the alignment may change as planning, development, land acquisition, and funding opportunities evolve. A combination of funding, and other land acquisition tools may be required to fully realize this project in the future. It should be anticipated that the future trail network may include utilization of park space, public utility lots, and sidewalks to enable connectivity.

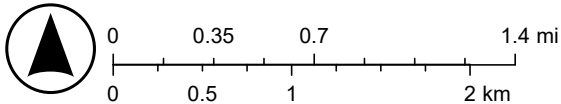
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Map 1

Red Willow Park - Annexation



- City Boundary
- Parks
- Area Structure and Redevelopment Plans (ASP/ARP)



Open Data, City of St. Albert, Esri Canada, City of St. Albert, Parkland County, Earthstar Geographics
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