

Green Network Program

Green infrastructure implementation in 2020-2021 has progressed through capital funding. To consider it an ongoing civic program, sustainment of green infrastructure work through a Green Network Program was presented as a growth item in the operating budget for 2022-2023, and funding was approved as part of the 2023 plan to develop, sustain, and operate the Green Network Program. A program plan for this work is under development and will include the core responsibilities as outlined in the table below.

Green Network Program – Core Responsibilities	Description	Short-term priorities
Program Management	<p>Coordinates Green Pathways initiatives including reporting, scheduling, communications, and engagement.</p> <p>Provides support for capital projects within the Implementation Plan including acquiring resources and coordinating the efforts of team members.</p> <p>Provides subject matter expertise for other Departments.</p>	Lead business case development for initiatives, as outlined in Green Pathways.
Equity and Inclusion	Ensures that equity and Triple Bottom Line outcomes are embedded into all green infrastructure programs.	Coordinate with the City’s reconciliation, equity, diversity, and inclusion (REDI) team to embed equity into the initiatives.
Research and Data Management	Oversees data, studies, and progress towards performance measures.	Continue building existing research partnerships with the University of Saskatchewan and other partners.
Education and Communications	Oversees a communications plan to broadly support implementation and increase awareness of green infrastructure and the green network.	Through Initiative 4.1.1, develop a communications plan for Green Pathways and in alignment with program-specific education and communications.
Partnerships	<p>Supports existing partnerships such as with Meewasin and the University of Saskatchewan. Develops and maintains partnerships with the community, partner organizations, rights-holders, other levels of government, and other stakeholders.</p>	<p>Continue partnership building with Meewasin in alignment with the City-Meewasin Master Agreement.</p> <p>Work with the Indigenous Initiatives Department to build relationships and partnerships with Indigenous communities, organizations, Elders, and Knowledge Keepers.</p>

<p>Funding</p>	<p>Leads funding applications and monitors opportunities for programs and initiatives. This includes preparing, administering, and reporting as part of a funding cycle.</p>	<p>Oversee implementation of externally funded projects and ensure reporting and other funding requirements are delivered. Monitor and apply for additional federal funding opportunities.</p>
<p>Community Grant</p>	<p>Oversees the green network component of the City's Environmental Cash Grant (approximately \$10,000 per year).</p>	<p>Through Initiative 4.2.1, maintain the current green network component of the Environmental Cash Grant and seek opportunities for promotion and expansion.</p>
<p>Monitoring and Reporting</p>	<p>Monitors progress towards the Green Pathways vision and reports regularly on outcomes and progress towards performance measures. Progress reports to occur every 2 years in alignment with business case submissions.</p> <p>Leads regular updates of Green Pathways every 5 years. The first scheduled update is 2025.</p>	<p>Provide regular progress reports to City Council.</p> <p>Update the City's Environmental Dashboard to include progress towards the interconnected green network.</p>