

Northeast Swale Working Group Issue Actions Summary

This document summarizes each of the identified issues the Northeast Swale Working Group was tasked with addressing. Under each theme, issues have been identified. The report or correspondence that raised each issue is listed in brackets. Each falls under one of the following items:

- The Swale Watchers document “Twelve Main Points for City-Responsible Protection of the Swale” (Twelve Points);
- The Swale Watchers document “Protecting the City of Saskatoon’s (City) Northeast Swale: An ACTION UPDATE for City Council” (Twelve Points Update);
- Direction from the SPC on Transportation - September 11, 2017; and
- Direction from the SPC on Transportation - August 15, 2017.

Swale Boundaries

Identified Issue:

Include Petursson’s Ravine and Central Avenue Crossing within the Swale as indicated in the Meewasin Valley Authority (Meewasin) Northeast Swale Master Plan (Twelve Points – #1).

Action – Information Sharing

Petursson’s Ravine and the Central Avenue Crossing were identified as natural areas through the University Heights Sector Plan amendment, approved by City Council on October 7, 2013. These areas are identified as natural areas based on the boundaries laid out through the Northeast Swale Development Guidelines (which also identifies these lands as within the Swale boundary).

Next Steps for the Swale Working Group: No further action required.

Identified Issue:

Ensure that the University Heights Neighbourhood #3 (UH3) area is either not developed, or that the current design is scrapped and redeveloped as a model-sustainable community as suggested in Moriyama's 100-Year Plan. The current plan does not support designated environmental reserve lands that should be in excess of the minimal 10% for parks, playing fields, etc., and does not allow for an efficient public transportation plan (Twelve Points – #10).

Action – Information Sharing

There is currently no design for UH3. Saskatoon Land, the lead developer of this area, is currently in the process of developing a design and a Concept Plan for the area but they do not anticipate having a plan to submit to the Administration for review until late 2023 at the earliest.

Next Steps for the Swale Working Group: No further action required.

Stormwater Management

Identified Issue:

Ensure the stormwater handling systems do not allow contaminants to enter the adjacent wetlands. They are experimental, so careful monitoring will be needed, especially since regulations for the Pesticide Use Policy and the Wetlands Policy are not in place (Twelve Points – #11).

Identified Issue:

Manage Storm Water from Surrounding Neighbourhoods outside the Swale (Twelve Points Update).

Action - Information Sharing

A discussion on stormwater management occurred at the NSWG meeting on January 28, 2020 and a summary of Stormwater handling systems for the areas directly adjacent to the Swale was shared with the Swale Working Group.

Next Steps for the Swale Working Group: No further action required.

Regional Connection

Identified Issue:

Ensure that environmental protection policies are coordinated and adopted with the P4G group through the Saskatoon North Regional Study for the entire Swale region (Twelve Points – #12).

Action – Identification of Existing Initiatives

A summary of the work currently underway regarding the coordination of policy between the City and our regional partners, was provided at the January 31, 2018 Swale Working Group meeting. This included updates regarding:

- P4G Regional Plan – Green Network Refinement Study
 - Natural Area Assessments are underway.
- Official Community Plan Redesign
 - Policy is being updated to ensure alignment between the OCP and the P4G.

These initiatives were discussed and it was determined that there was no additional actions or discussions required from the Swale Working Group.

Next Steps for the Swale Working Group: No further action required.

Conservation of Biodiversity

Identified Issue:

Establish Conservation of Biodiversity as a priority for the City (Twelve Points Update).

Action – Identification of Existing Initiatives

A summary of the work currently underway regarding the conservation of biodiversity by the City was provided at the January 31, 2018 Swale Working Group meeting. This included updates regarding:

- Green Infrastructure Strategy
 - Which has identified Ecological Integrity, which includes biodiversity, as a guiding principle.
- Official Community Plan Redesign
 - Proposed updates will included wording to reflect the Green Infrastructure Strategy Guidelines Principles and Policy No. C02-036, Environmental Policy, both of which address the conservation of biodiversity.

These initiatives were discussed and it was determined that there was no additional actions or discussions required from the Swale Working Group.

Next Steps for the Swale Working Group: No further action required.