

	Sustainable Okotoks	
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Policy Statement:

Okotoks prioritizes, protects, conserves and restores our environment and creates strong community connections to nature.

1. Natural resources and natural places are preserved and protected.
 - 1.1 Urban and natural spaces are integrated.
 - 1.2 Land use maximizes the potential of the natural environment.
 - 1.3 Neighbourhoods have interconnected networks of open spaces that include existing or enhanced natural and conservation areas or are a response to natural features.
 - 1.4 Environmentally sensitive lands are preserved and protected.
 - 1.4.1 Conservation of environmentally sensitive and valuable areas including the Sheep River Valley, wetlands, riparian areas, wildlife corridors and natural vegetation is championed.
 - 1.5 Energy efficiencies and low-carbon environments are created to improve the health of our environment.

2. Okotoks is recognized locally, regionally, nationally and internationally for its environmental stewardship.
 - 2.1 An environment is fostered where citizens and businesses actively contribute to reducing the ecological footprint.
 - 2.2 Land Use and infrastructure provide the foundations for sustainable growth.
 - 2.2.1 Careful neighbourhood design allows residents to live, work and play in place.
 - 2.2.2 Higher density housing is clustered and located with mixed uses and public transit.
 - 2.3 Infrastructure is designed for resiliency and adaptable to alternative energy sources and servicing.

Service Level Descriptions:

Within the description and context noted below, the following service levels will be adhered to:

- utility services are provided with an environmental lens;
- development services including planning and engineering;
- operations services including management of parks, open spaces and sensitive lands

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Service	Service Level Descriptions	Service Level
Eco Services	To protect and support the environmental health and vibrancy of the community's natural assets and resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate the Eco Centre as a centralized site where residents can bring yard waste, recycling, hazardous waste, electronics, and other goods for proper disposal during their hours of operation which is Tuesdays to Saturdays. • Educate users for waste initiatives and water consumption issues. • Provide turf management including weed/pest control by alternatives to chemical means. • Provide urban forest services. • Record and report on corporate environmental initiatives including education programs and events. • Operate the Conservation Educator Program. • Provide environmental rebate/incentive programs.
Development Services	In support of the conservation of the community's environment and to mitigate the impact of growth and development in the built environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer the Land and Corporate Properties Program including administration and acquisition for capital and infrastructure projects that align corporate objectives with strategic goals. • Provide inspections and issue construction completion and final acceptance certificates. • Provide long range planning services, growth management, and master planning. • Provide current planning services for development.