

Wascana Centre 2023 Master Plan Review and Renewal Public Participation, February 2023 Phase 1: Project Introduction

Welcome to this first public event for the Wascana Centre 2023 Master Plan Review and Renewal. This is an opportunity to engage the team led by the Provincial Capital Commission as the overall project moves towards completion.

This evening we will review the previous Master Plan, and learn from you the issues we should consider as we move forward—what you would like to see, possible improvements to include, or problem areas to address.

Feedback

We welcome your feedback on our work to date. Please use an Issue Sheet to record your comments. You can leave it with us in the collection box provided, or send your feedback by e-mail or mail by Friday February 24, 2023.

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We invite the public to participate in the preparation of the 2023 Master Plan.

Wascana Centre is many things to many people and home to many private and public functions and natural elements.

It is the home of the Provincial Legislature, the University of Regina, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, the Conexus Performing Arts Centre, the Saskatchewan Science Centre, the waterfowl and grassland reserve and many others. These sites combine to create a unique place which is both the site of urban development and the major recreational asset of Regina. This much-loved place is the result of implementing a series of updated “100 year” master plans from 1962 to the present day.

The Master Plan deals with the physical situation and gives guidance about the quality of future development. It does not deal with everything that happens in the Centre.

For example, it is not a maintenance plan, nor an operational or management plan. It deals with what kinds of uses would be appropriate in the Centre, and where they should go – physical things such as buildings, landscape features, roads, paths, parking, gardens and fields.

It also deals with where built facilities should NOT go; places reserved for open space and ecological protection. It is not specific about when proposals get implemented, although it can propose priorities. This should be kept in mind when making recommendations about what the plan should contain.

Get Involved

Comments and suggestions about the content of the 2023 Wascana Centre Master Plan are invited through four phases of public engagement at critical stages of the plan’s development, and throughout the process by completing a questionnaire and issue sheets.

The panels on display today show the Plan as it stands today; that is, the 2016 Plan updated to include approved amendments since then.

A Questionnaire and Issue Sheets are available here and in the 2023 Wascana Centre Master Plan website. The panel and PowerPoint presentations associated with each phase will also be posted as they are prepared.



ON GOING INPUT AND ENGAGEMENT

2015-2022 Projects
Revise Site Plan
Modify Digital Model

Updated Principles
Site Plan Options
Updated Model

Principles
Demonstration Plan
Digital Model
Draft Report

Final Draft Report

Final Approved Report

Inform how the public can participate
Consult the public on key topics and issues

Gain the public’s input and ideas on the draft vision and objectives for the Master Plan
Review planning principles and pillars

Review and invite public feedback on the initial Master Plan draft

Review the updated Master Plan draft
Collect public comments

PCC Board of Directors review and approve Master Plan
Public notified upon approval and posting

This is the eleventh sequential Master Plan for Wascana Centre. These plans represent a level of continuity in the development of a place which is extremely rare in Canada and indeed, the world.

Wascana Centre as a place encapsulates much of the history of the province, from prehistoric times as the bottom of a great inland sea, through early Indigenous settlement, farming settlement, the expression of great aspiration in the government of the land, the carving of a treed oasis and recreational area, to the current foresighted vision to meet five noble purposes, followed by their implementation over the last fifty years or more. This update of the Master Plan seeks to continue that vision, tailored in small but relevant ways to the needs of today, as its predecessors have done in increments over the years.

The Master Plan is a tool that is central to the operation of the Provincial Capital Commission. The role of the Master Plan is to ensure that ongoing development, both landscape and institutional, furthers the vision upon which Wascana Centre was founded - the seat of Government, education and research, cultural arts, recreational opportunities and conservation of the environment. To the founders, the importance of the Master Plan merited its inclusion in *The Provincial Capital Commission Act*, which governs the operation, development and financing of the Centre. *The Act* stipulates the contents of the Master Plan, and also the scheduling and procedures for its periodic review and renewal.

The Five Purposes (Pillars)

Development within Wascana Centre can serve one or more of only five purposes:

- the development of the seat of government,
- the advancement of the cultural arts,
- the enlargement of educational and research development opportunities,
- the improvement of recreational facilities, and
- the conservation of the environment.

Contents of master plan

5-1 The master plan may contain:

- (a) a statement of the objectives for the future development and conservation of Wascana Centre;
- (b) statements of policy with respect to:
 - (i) the development and use of land under the commission's jurisdiction;
 - (ii) the conservation and improvement of the physical environment of the capital region, including Wascana Centre;
 - (iii) the provision or undertaking of service facilities, improvements and landscape construction within the capital region, including Wascana Centre;
 - (iv) the development of transportation, electrical and communication systems within Wascana Centre;
 - (v) the management and preservation of historical resources, forested areas, natural areas, wildlife and waterfowl areas and water storage areas within the capital region, including Wascana Centre;
 - (vi) the relationship between the areas within Wascana Centre and adjacent developments; and
 - (vii) any other matter that the commission considers advisable;
- (c) a statement of guidelines for land use and the development of improvements by persons and participating parties;
- (d) plans showing the concept or detailed design for particular sites or areas under the commission's jurisdiction; and
- (e) a statement of the development priorities or a capital works forecast of the commission.

(Excerpt from Part 5 Master Plan. The Provincial Capital Commission Act, 2017)

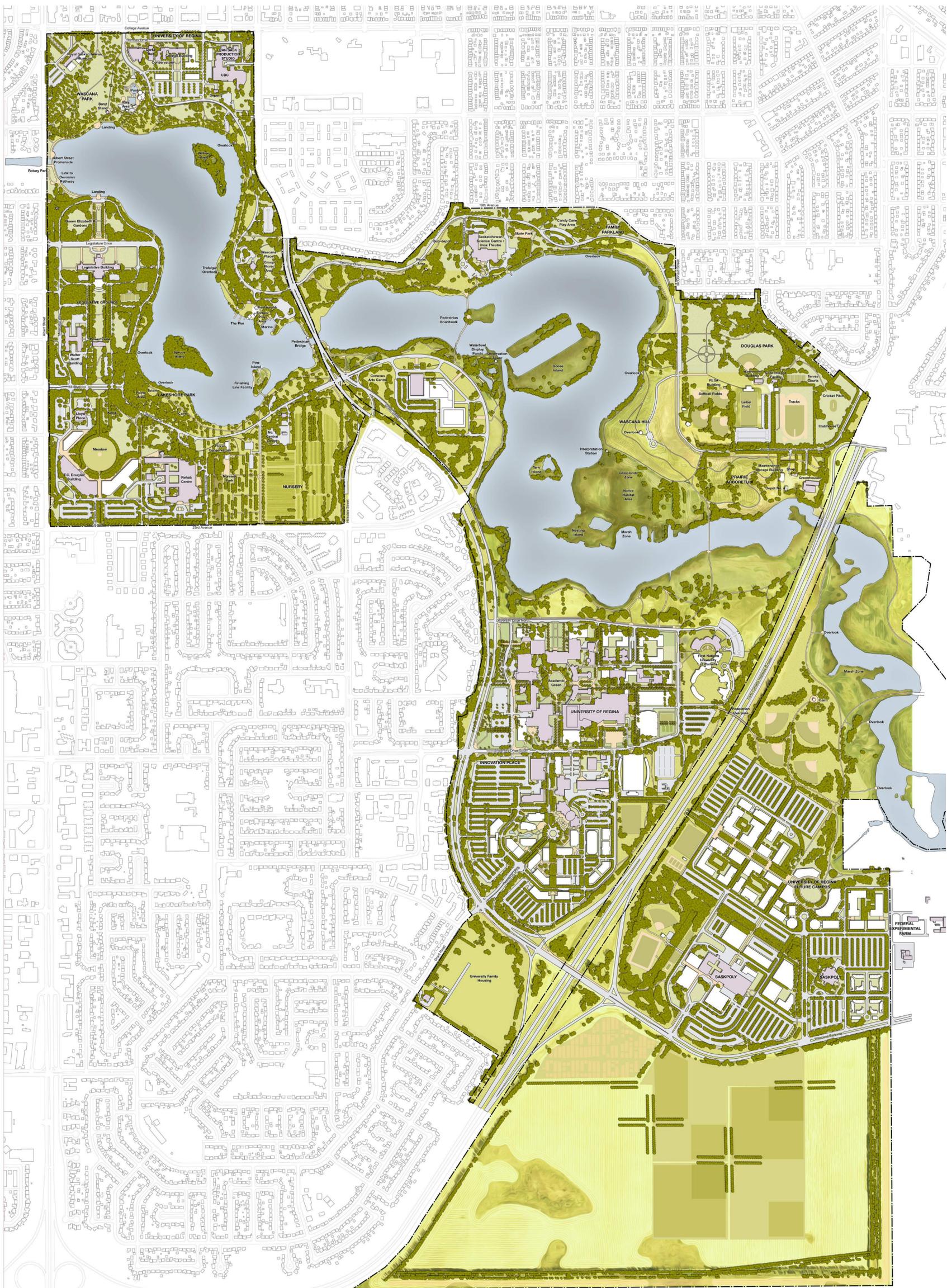
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South of College Avenue / The Legislative Grounds / Wascana Headland

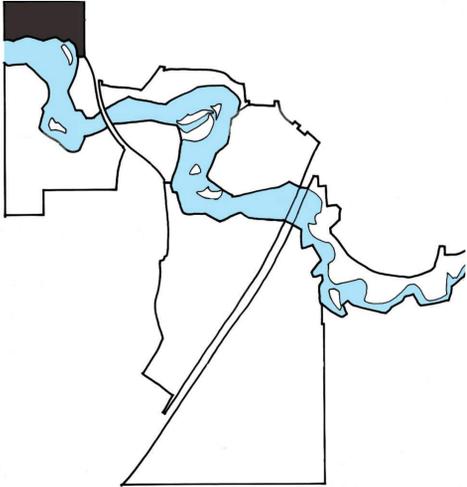
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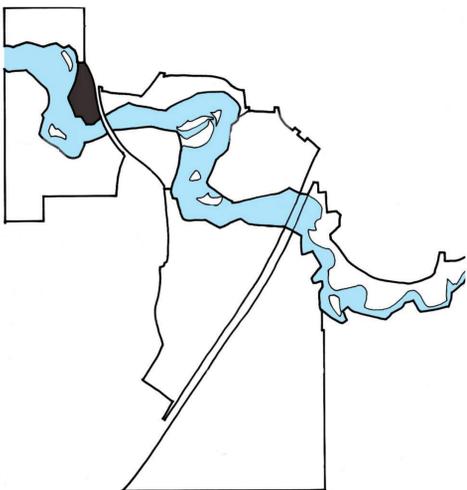
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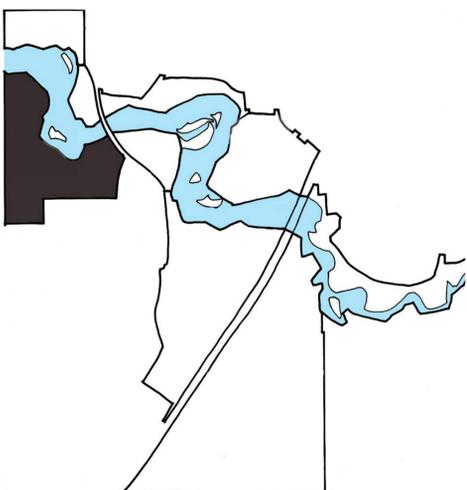
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The Legislative Grounds



Conexus Arts Centre / Family Parkland / Douglas Park

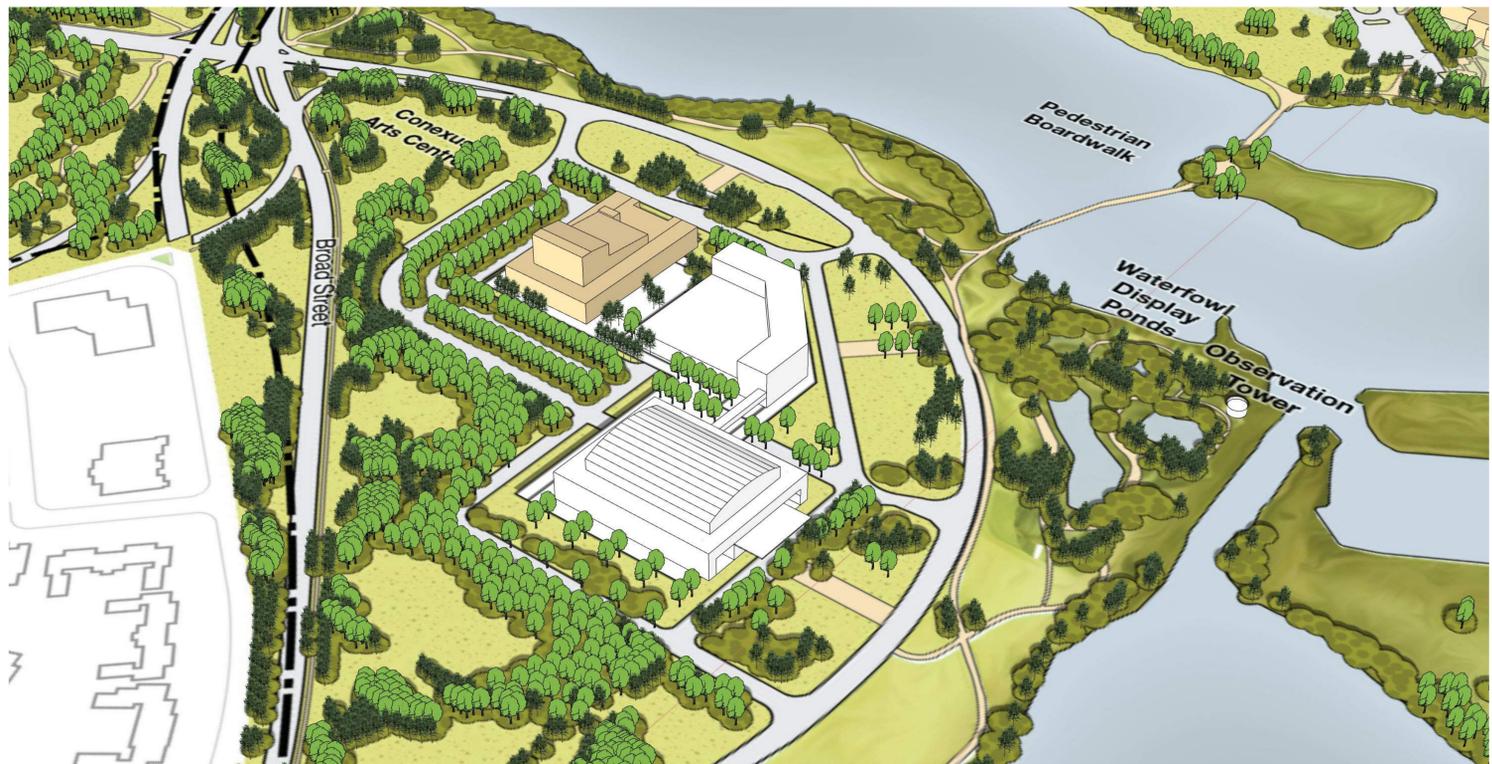
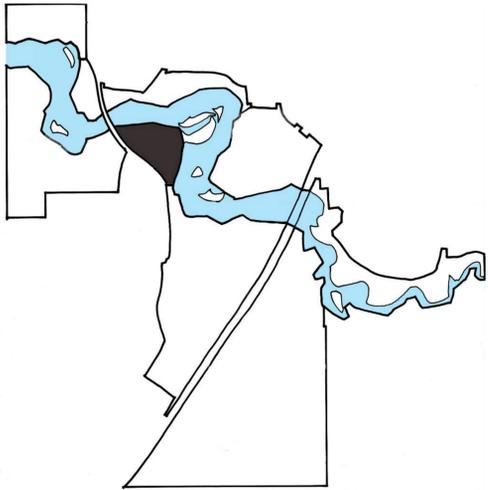
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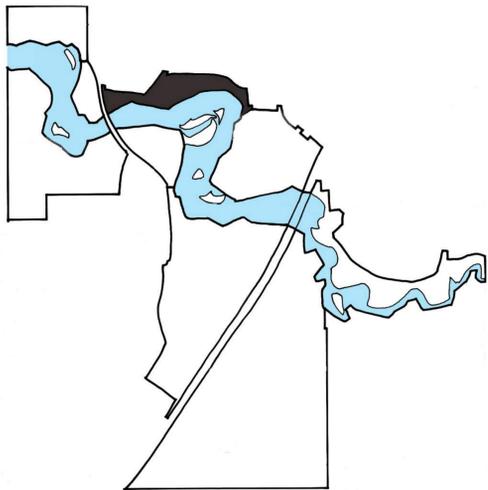
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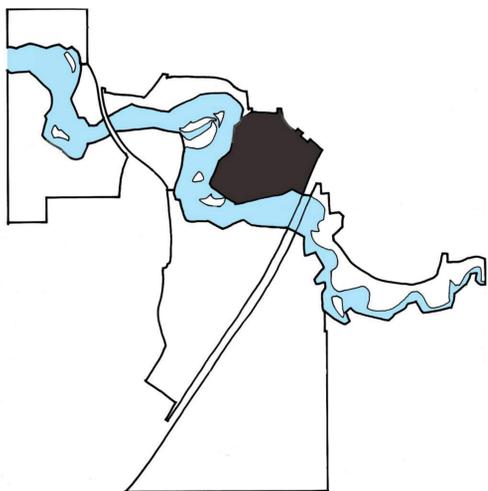
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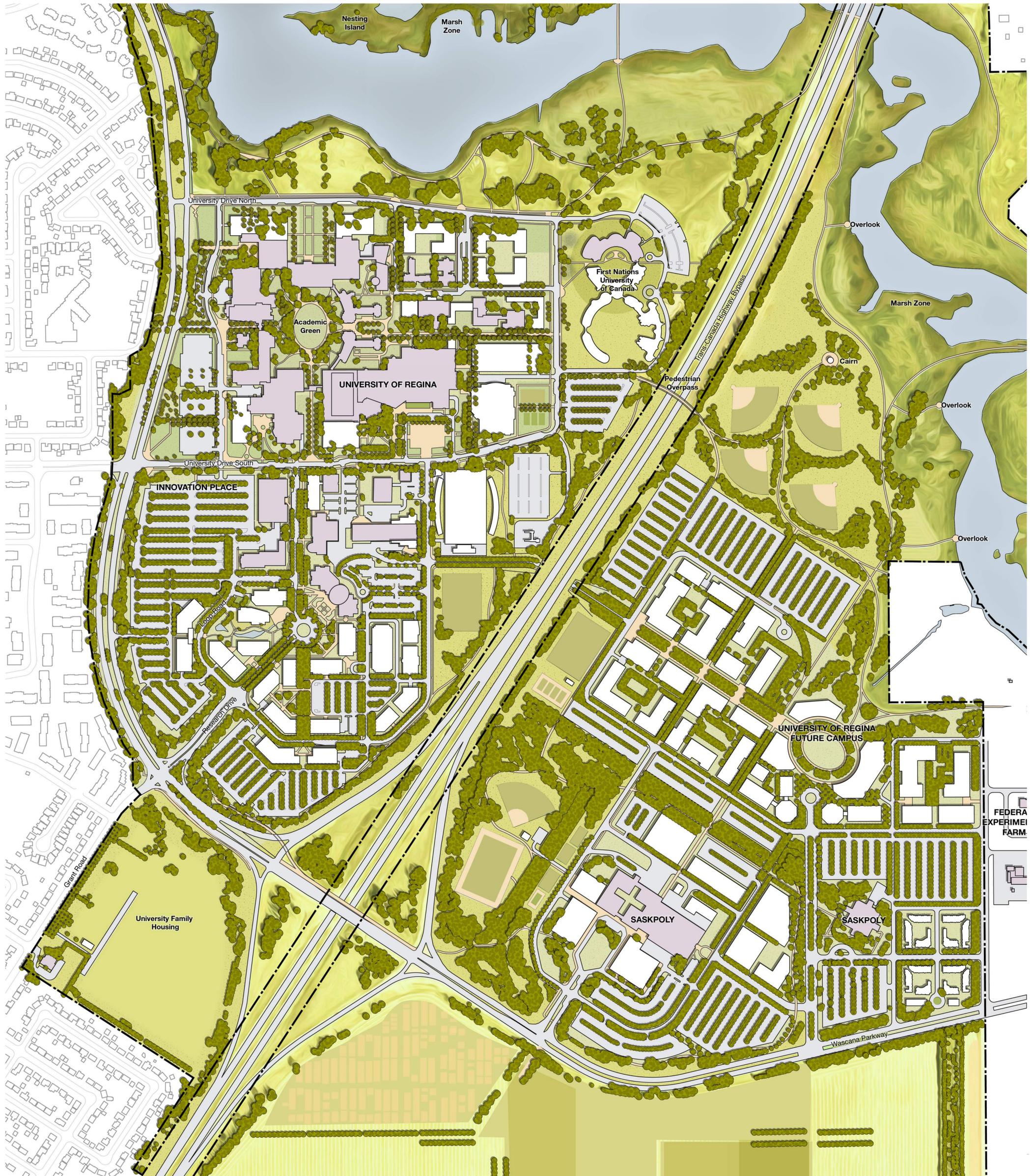


Family Parkland



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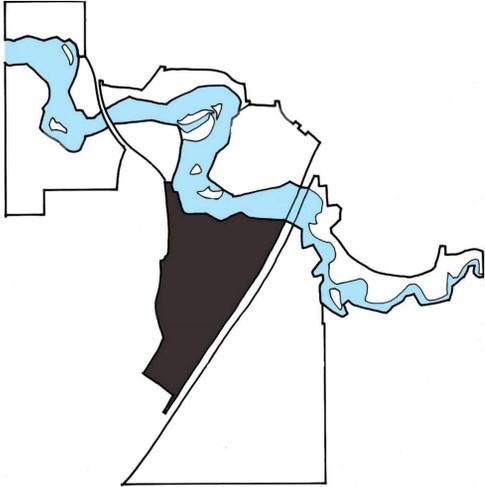




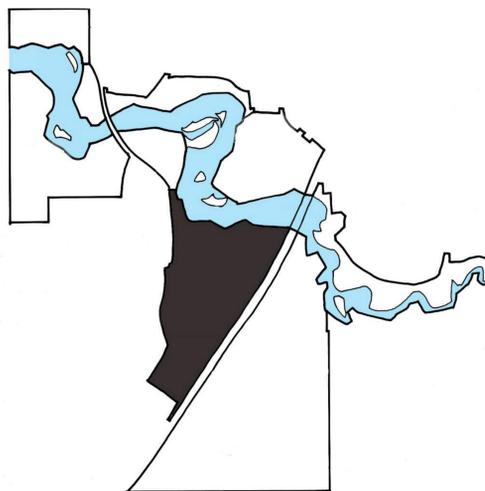
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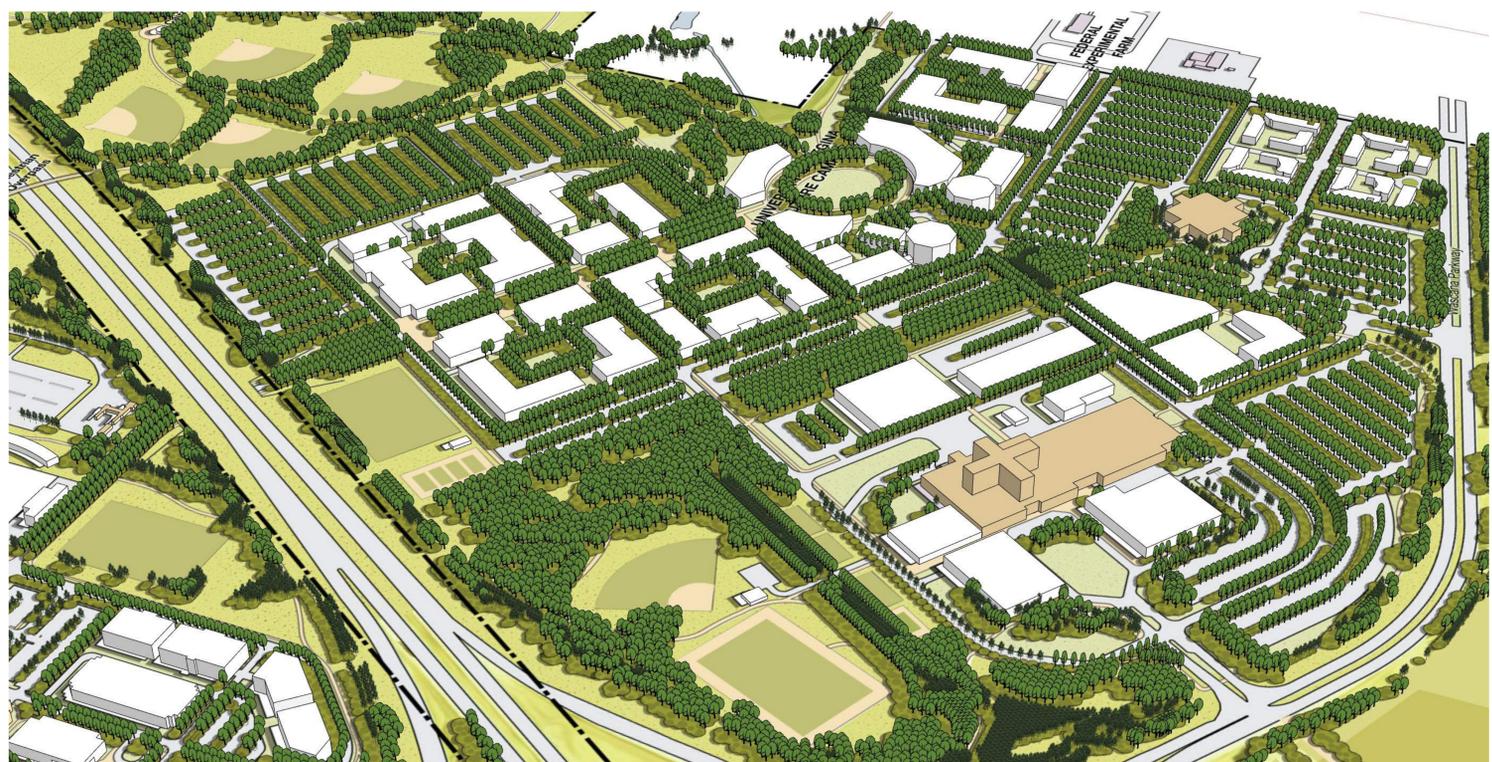
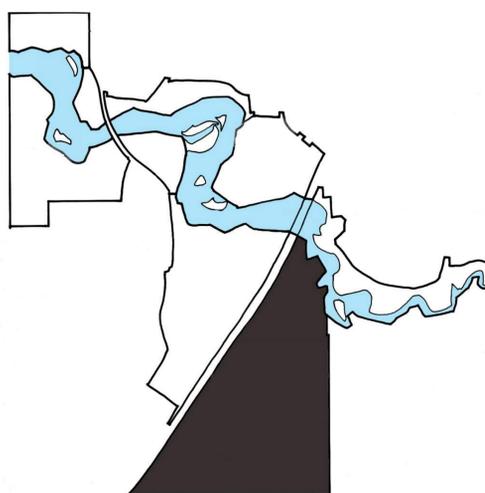
University of Regina Main Campus

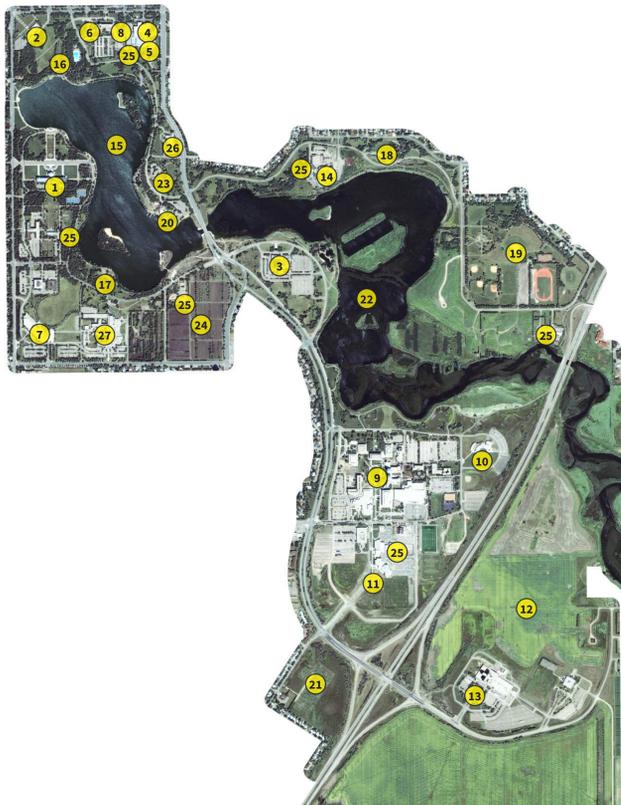


Research Park



Wascana East





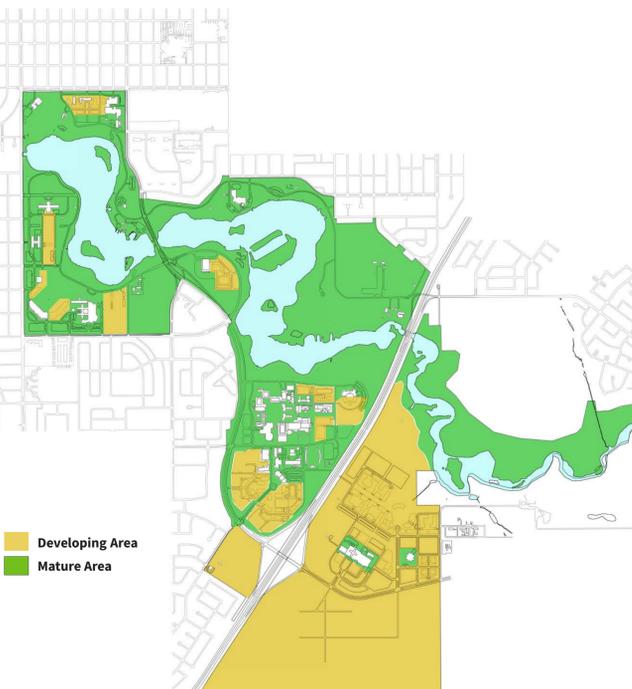
1 | Main Components

- Development of the Seat of Government**
 - 1. Saskatchewan Legislative Grounds
- Advancement of the Cultural Arts**
 - 2. Royal Saskatchewan Museum
 - 3. Performing Arts Centre (Conexus Art Centre)
 - 4. Canada Saskatchewan Production Studios
 - 5. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
 - 6. Darke Hall and Conservatory
 - 7. MacKenzie Art Gallery
- Enlargement of Educational and Research Opportunities**
 - 8. U of R College Avenue Campus
 - 9. U of R Main Campus
 - 10. First Nations University of Canada
 - 11. Innovation Place
 - 12. U of R Future Campus
 - 13. Saskatchewan Polytechnic
 - 14. Saskatchewan Science Centre / Imax Theatre
- Improvement of Recreational Opportunities**
 - 15. Wascana Lake
 - 16. Wascana Park
 - 17. Lakeshore Park
 - 18. Family Parkland / Candy Cane Play Area
 - 19. Douglas Park
 - 20. The Marina
 - 21. Community Gardens
- Conservation of the Environment**
 - 22. Waterfowl Park
- Operation of the Centre**
 - 23. Wascana Place
 - 24. Nursery
 - 25. Work Depots
- Non-conforming Use**
 - 26. Queen Building (DND)
 - 27. Wascana Rehabilitation Centre

2 | Land Use Pattern



- 1. Institutional development
- 2. Athletic facilities
- 3. Passive Recreation
- 4. Special Features
- 5. Research/Viewing areas
- 6. Authority Management areas
- 7. Urban Reserve
- Picnic Areas and Playgrounds



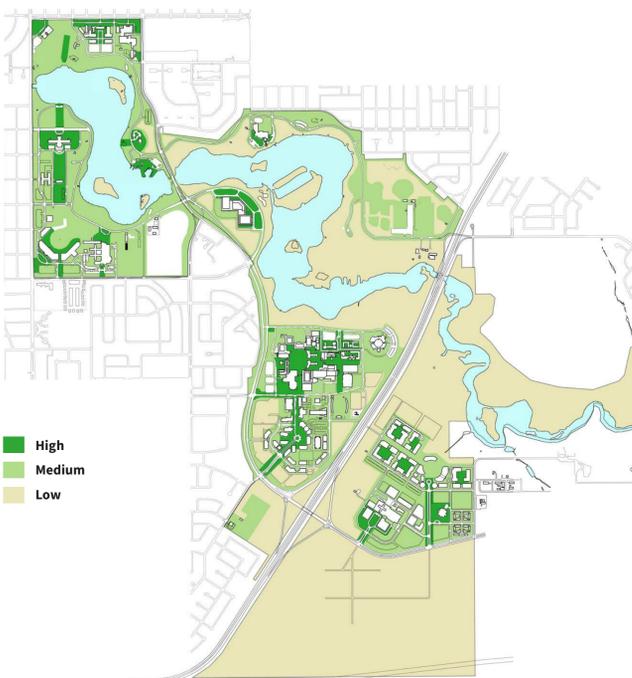
3 | Mature & Developing Areas

- Mature Areas:**
 - Large areas of Wascana Centre identified as "mature" in that buildings, infrastructure and landscapes are established and have a clear function and identity.
 - Mature areas may evolve, but future landscape and institutional development should be limited to careful insertions and modifications that protect existing assets while meeting new needs and priorities
- Developing Areas**
 - Significant parts of Wascana Centre, particularly to the east and south, remain largely undeveloped.
 - Developing areas will eventually be required to accommodate institutions, parks and other uses when specific programs have been established.

4 | Landscape Character



- Romantic landscape
- Prairie Landscape
- Road grid creates view axes



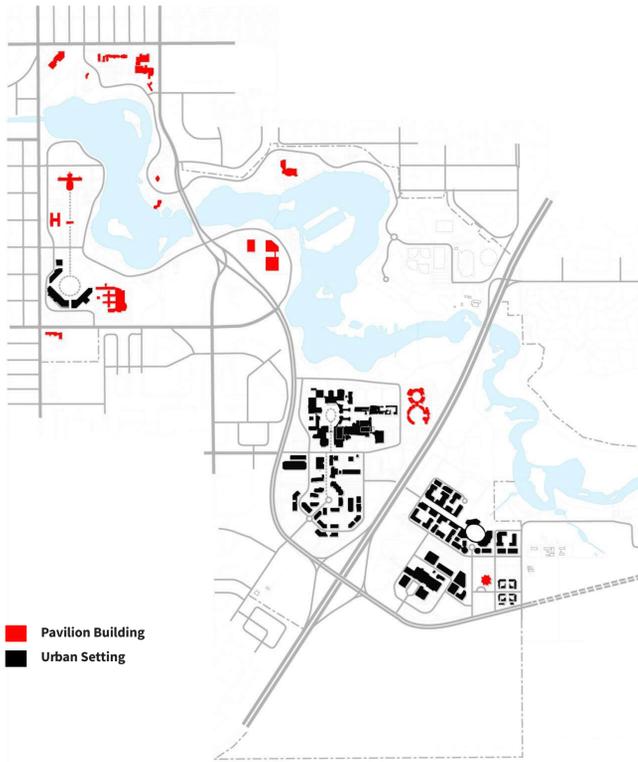
5 | Landscape Management

- High**
 - Visually prominent or demanding functional requirements.
 - May include: entrances and immediate settings of major institutions, key edges along city streets and sports fields.
 - Strategies include: regular lawn mowing, soil tilling, plant pruning, irrigation and fertilizing.
- Medium**
 - May include: parking lots, picnic areas, pastoral parkland, buffers and windbreaks.
 - Strategies include: reduced lawn mowing, turf substitutes, minimal irrigation and fertilizing and use of drought-tolerant plants.
- Low**
 - New and existing landscapes that should be developed as self-sustaining (or nearly) prairie landscapes.
 - May include: marsh habitats, and relatively extensive open grasslands, and where appropriate cultivated grasses and wildflowers similar to and combined with available species of the remnant native grasslands existing along the upper reaches of Wascana Creek.

6 | Understorey Management



- Windows to the Centre
- Windows to the Lake
- View Corridors



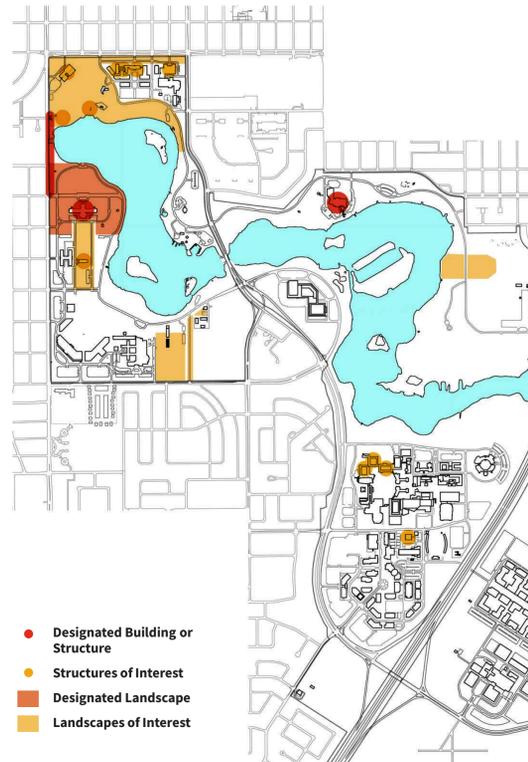
7 | Building Pattern

Pavilion Buildings

- Standalone structures like the Legislative Building or the Royal Saskatchewan Museum.
- Set in expansive landscapes.
- Reinforce the extent and importance of open space at the Centre.

Urban Settings

- Compact groups of buildings, like the University of Regina.
- Create defined corridors and open spaces between the buildings.
- Evoke images of compact prairie towns set in an expansive landscape setting.



8 | Heritage

Designated Building or Structure

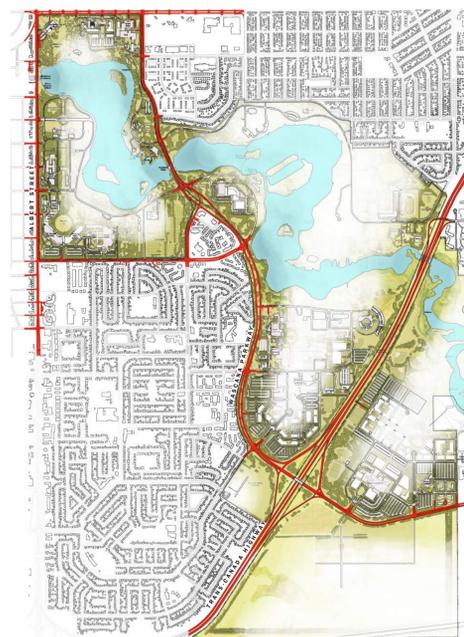
- Legislative Building,
- Albert Memorial Bridge
- SaskPower Regina Powerhouse

Designated Landscape

- Legislative Grounds

Buildings, Structures and Landscapes of Interest

- Locations identified in 2016 will be considered as part of the review and may change



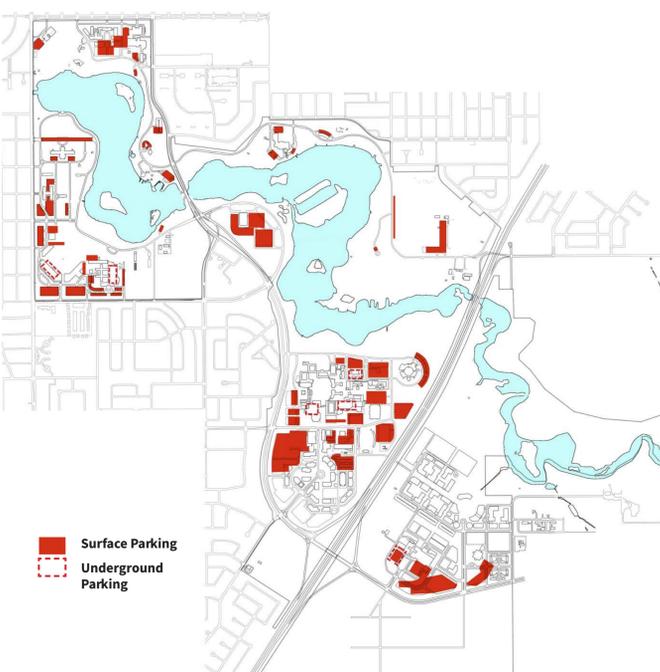
9 | Roads Through Wascana

- Trans-Canada Highway
- Wascana Parkway / Broad Street
- Albert Street



10 | Scenic Drives

- Attractive uncongested continuous recreational drives
- Wascana Drive
- Lakeshore Drive
- University Drive
- Wascana Parkway



11 | Parking



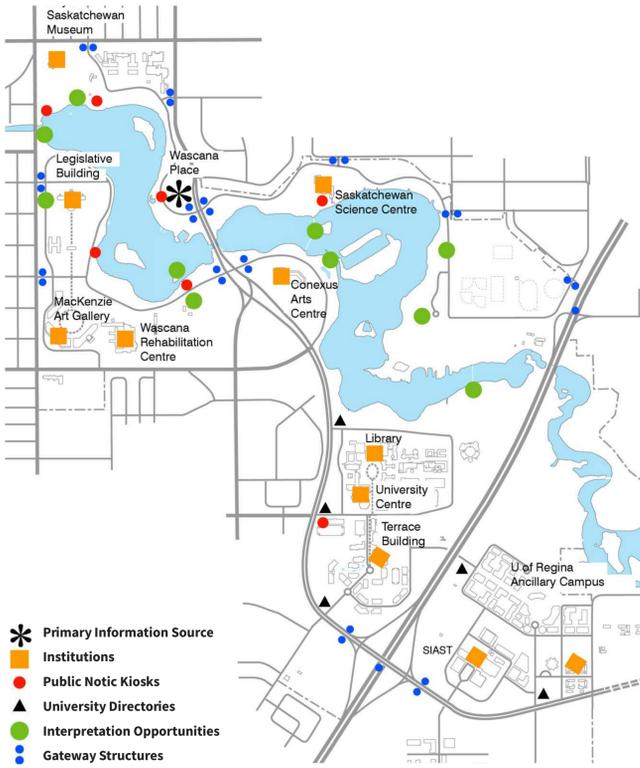
12 | Trails

Pedestrian Trails

- West Lake Loop
- East Lake Loop
- East Lake Pedestrian Crossing: Science Centre / Conexus Arts Centre; University of Regina / Douglas Park
- Pilot Butte to Sask Poly and to university

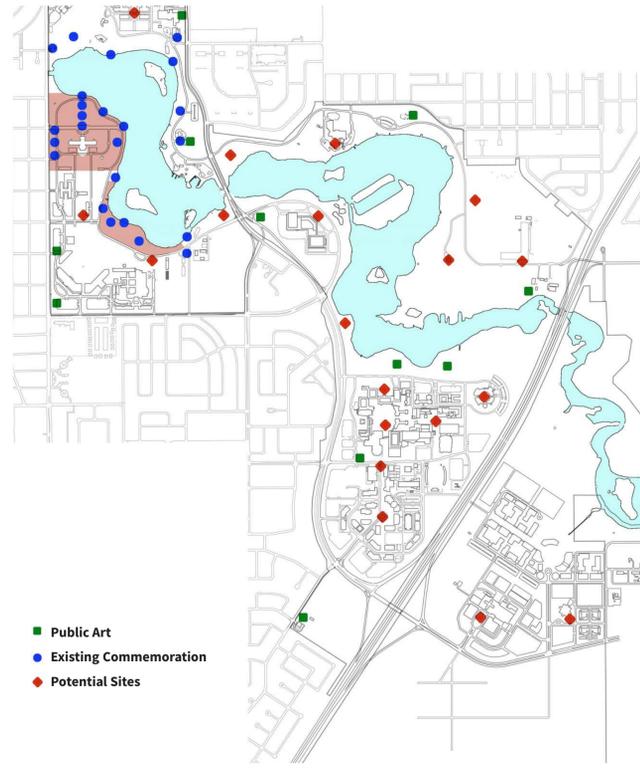
Bicycle Trails

- North Shore Route
- South Shore Route
- Connect to Devonian and Pilot Butte Trails



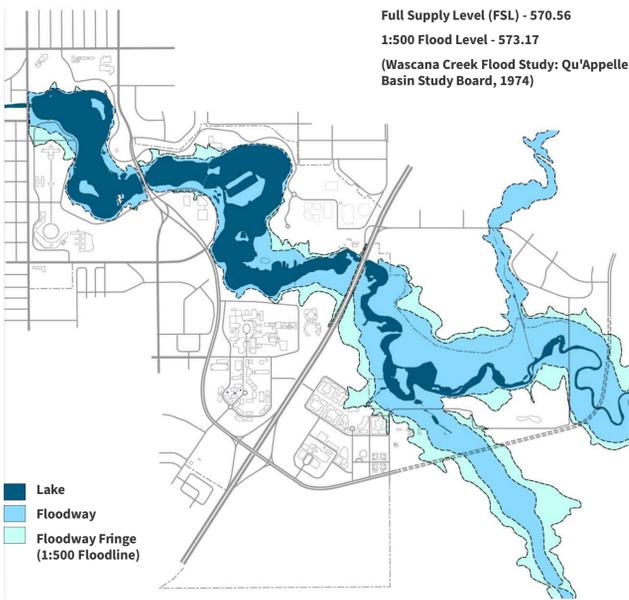
13 | Information Systems

- Effective information helps users find places in the Centre and encourage an understanding of the goals and principles.
- Wascana Place is the primary source for information for residents and tourists and provides maps, brochures and information about the Centre's past and current planning intentions.
- Institutions provide information about their specific features and activities; should provide general information about other places within Wascana Centre.
- Public Notice Kiosks are designed to permit notices and posters to be mounted by the users themselves.
- Interpretative opportunities are crucial for increasing awareness of the historical and ecological character of Wascana Centre.
- Gateway structures should mark important entrances to the Centre.
- Signage identifies individual roads, facilities, features and places. Wayfinding Strategy has been updated since 2016 and will inform approach within this update.



14 | Commemoration & Public Art

- Needs careful placement
- Quality of the works should match the quality of the sites
- Indiscriminately placed
- Express prairie culture
- Represent the culture of the indigenous people
- Potential Sites should be considered as part of ongoing efforts to match installations with their site and surrounding.



Flood Control

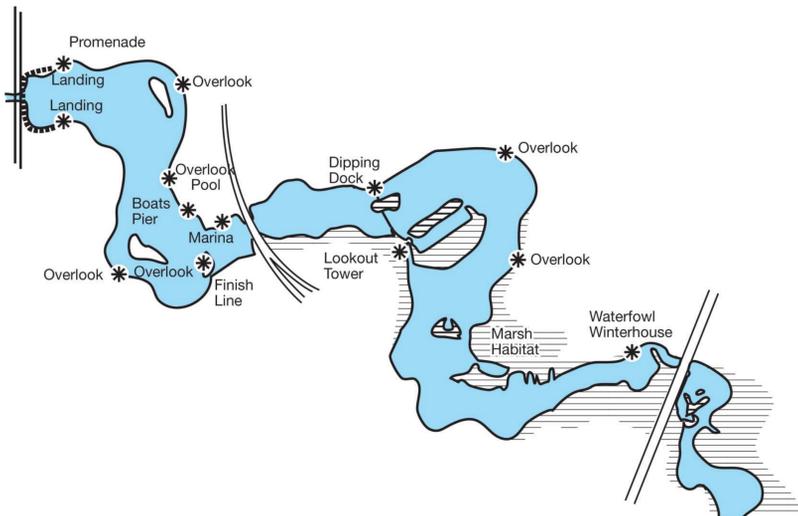
- Floodway: No structures or landforms may obstruct flood water flows
- Floodway Fringe: Buildings, planting and other elements require flood proofing



Irrigation

- Sustainability requires limit to irrigation
- Water conserving /maintenance
- Reduce water dependence

Land-based Facilities



Wildlife Preservation

- Educational resource
- Shoreline vegetation management plan
- Interpretive facilities
- Winter ecology program



Wascana Centre Master Plan Issue

The Master Plan is concerned with the physical aspects of Wascana Centre—the placement and organization of buildings of various functions, the service infrastructure, and the landscape of roads, paths, vegetation and open spaces.

Use this sheet to identify an issue that should be addressed in the 2023 Master Plan:

Name of Issue:

Information about the issue:

Recommendation:

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Opinion re: Wascana Centre 2023 Master Plan

The Master Plan is concerned with the physical aspects of Wascana Centre --- the placement and organization of buildings of various functions, the service infrastructure, and the landscape of roads, paths, vegetation and open spaces.

Please answer three questions:

What place or feature do you like most about Wascana Centre?

What place or feature would you like to see improved at Wascana Centre?

What additional features would you like to see in the Wascana Centre 2023 Master Plan?

Are there any additional purposes (pillars) you would like to see included for land use within The Provincial Capital Commission Act?

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