

As Saskatoon continues to grow, new infrastructure will be needed, and aging infrastructure retrofits will be required that complement conservation of valued natural areas and living assets. By strategically weaving green infrastructure into the urban fabric, the City will be positioned to provide essential municipal services in a way that respects nature, heritage and culture.

The Green Strategy is structured using a phased approach:

- **Phase I** – Our current situation: Existing state of Saskatoon’s Green Network (**complete**)
- **Phase II** – Where we’re heading: Vision for Saskatoon’s future green network (**in progress**)
- **Phase III** – How to get there: Action and Implementation Plan (**upcoming**)

BACKGROUND

SEED

PHASE 1:

Our current situation

Phase I established a baseline inventory of current green infrastructure that can become part of Saskatoon’s Green Network.

The baseline inventory developed a framework for exploring and expanding upon the vision for a desired state in Saskatoon. The Green Strategy vision is also comprised of 10 Guiding Principles and 32 Key Findings that highlight vulnerabilities and opportunities for a green network.

Subject matter experts in environment, culture, and development provided feedback on the baseline inventory and framework at a City-led workshop.

Feedback from the workshop was used to inform the [Green Infrastructure Strategy Baseline Inventory Report \(May 2018\)](#).

PHASE 2:

We are HERE

Where we’re headed

Phase 2 is refining our vision for Saskatoon’s future Green Network. The visions of the 5 lenses (Biodiverse, Accessible, Sustainable, Integrated and Connected) have identified a series of emerging priorities such as green space renewal, carbon sequestration, and storm water management. This phase will determine where there is significant existing green infrastructure and where green infrastructure components and functions could be strengthened or developed.

Two separate but related initiatives, (Natural Area Standards, Urban Forest Management Plan) were identified as priorities in Phase 1, and are currently under development.

Engagement on the emerging priorities for Phase 2 is underway with internal and external stakeholders, and has included an interactive public event during the Nature City Festival.

This feedback will be used to refine the emerging priorities and their level of importance in a to report to Council. Engagement opportunities will be posted on our website at: saskatoon.ca/green-strategy-engage.

GROWTH

BLOOM

PHASE 3:

How to get there

Following feedback and approval of the Green Network Desired State, Phase 3 will develop the long-term action plan, with a corresponding 3-5 year implementation framework for the Green Strategy.