

Meewasin Northeast Swale, Phase 1 Trails and Fencing:

- **What is the Meewasin Northeast Swale?** It is a channel scar which extends 26 km from Peterson's Ravine through the R.M. of Corman Park and Aberdeen. It is an ancient river channel which contains one of the largest unbroken prairie and wetlands in Saskatchewan. The greater swale is approximately 2,800 hectares. The Meewasin Northeast Swale Master Plan includes the first 300 hectares, which is within city limits.
- **What is the Meewasin Northeast Swale Master Plan?** It is an approved Master plan for the Meewasin Northeast Swale, which is planned to be implemented in 5 phases in concert with adjacent development. The overall goal of the master plan is to balance human use with conservation. The full master plan is available on the Meewasin website.
- **What does Phase 1 include?** Phase 1 includes a **trail system and amenities in the Recreation Zone**, and **wildlife friendly fencing** along the Aspen Ridge Greenway/ Ecological Core edge.
- **What is the Recreation Zone?** The Recreation Zone is approximately 49 hectares in size, and commences at the corner of Fedoruk Drive and Central Avenue. Is it an area that is ecologically sensitive, and intended to be utilized for passive recreation and self guided tours.
- **What is the Ecological Core?** The remainder of the swale within city limits is referred to as the 'Ecological Core', which has been less impacted by human activity. It will have more controlled access and support passive recreation, research and education.
- **What work is being done in the Recreation Zone?** 2.1 kilometers of trail network will be built in the Recreation Zone. The trail will be **3 meters** wide, and constructed of **granular material**. There will be **4 access points** along Fedoruk Drive into the Recreation Zone, including **seating nodes, waste receptacles, wayfinding signs** and **interpretive panels**.
- **What is wildlife friendly fencing?** It is a perimeter / access control fence that will help to protect the ecological core of the Meewasin Northeast Swale. The fence will allow safe passage of wildlife overtop and underneath the fence - used at Grasslands National Park, and recommended by Meewasin's resource conservation team.

- **When will this work be done?** Construction is set to start July 2017, which includes installation of the trails, benches, waste receptacles and signage. The goal is to complete construction by October 2017.
- **Is there lighting?** No. The master plan proposed no lighting along the trails within the swale. Artificial lighting can interfere with natural sleep, eating and mating cycles of plants and animals.
- **Who will be doing the work?** Meewasin's construction crew will undertake the work along with subcontractors.
- **What is being done to ensure the environmental protection of the sensitive ecosystem during construction?** Meewasin's **resource management team** will be working closely with the construction crew to monitor construction activity.
- **What types of users are designated to use trail network in the recreation zone?** All legitimate users are welcome, including pedestrians and bicyclists. The 3 meter multi-use pathway allows for this. Motorized vehicles are not permitted at any time.
- **Are dogs permitted in the Recreation Zone?** Yes, **on leash only** will be allowed in the recreation zone. There will be signage and city bylaws enforced. The Meewasin Northeast Swale Master Plan proposes that the ecological core be a no-dog zone (future development).
- **How is the site connected to the adjacent neighborhoods?** There will be pedestrian access points at the intersections of Zary Road (Evergreen neighborhood), Konihowski Road (Silverspring neighborhood), as well as at the corner of Fedoruk Drive and Central Avenue. Future trails will connect to the Aspen Ridge neighborhood.
- **How will the construction of Central Avenue, and Fedoruk Drive impact the Recreation Zone's trail users?** Adjacent development may impact access at certain times. These impacts are unknown at this time.
- **How was the alignment of the trail determined?** Trails are proposed in areas showing previous human impacts and disturbances, while accommodating all ages and abilities. More sensitive natural areas were avoided.
- **How is this project being funded?** Meewasin has received specific funding from **the City of Saskatoon** for this project.

Meewasin Northeast Swale Phase 1 Trails Implementation Map:

