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## **Meewasin Receives Funding from Community Revitalization Fund**

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Meewasin is excited to announce that numerous trail enhancing projects will be completed as Meewasin has received a generous contribution from the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF). The CCRF is a two-year, \$500 million national infrastructure program to revitalize communities across Canada. Not-for-profit organizations, municipalities and other public institutions, and Indigenous communities can apply for funding for projects that aim to revitalize downtown cores and main streets, reinvent outdoor spaces, create green infrastructure and increase the accessibility of community spaces.

“Our government is pleased to contribute to revitalizing key sections of the Meewasin Trail. These trails are used by residents and visitors in Saskatoon as they walk, run and bike through urban and open prairie landscapes in and around the river valley. This investment through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund will help rebuild tourism amenities to attract visitors and provide better outdoor recreation opportunities for residents.”

- *The Honourable Daniel Vandal, Minister for PrairiesCan*

***The funding for Meewasin supports important enhancements in Meewasin Park and Kinsmen Park East including surface upgrades, new amenities and new lighting for safety.***

The funding of \$506,715 will support numerous projects that will assist in enhancing the river valley experience to the community.

The goal of Meewasin is to enhance the trail network to improve user experience and access, accommodate user volumes, and mitigate safety risks while enhancing natural features as much as possible. Andrea Lafond, CEO of Meewasin says, “Meewasin continues to plan for improvements to the Meewasin Trail and we are excited to showcase the upcoming projects. Meewasin would not be able to implement these enhancements without the ongoing support and donations from the community and organizations in the Saskatoon region. This contribution from the Federal Government is greatly appreciated to support our trails enhancements.”

**For more information, contact**

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### **About Meewasin Valley Authority**

*The Meewasin Valley Authority exists to ensure a healthy and vibrant river valley, with a balance between human use and conservation by:*

- *Providing leadership in the management of its resources;*
- *Promoting understanding, conservation and beneficial use of the Valley; and*
- *Undertaking programs and projects in river valley development and conservation, for the benefit of present and future generations.*

*There are 67 square kilometers of land and over 105+km of established trail, which has seen up to 2.24 million trail visits per year, in the Meewasin Valley. The area also features sites that help people to connect to nature through experiences such as Beaver Creek Conservation Area, the Meewasin Northeast Swale, Saskatoon Natural Grasslands, the River Landing Spray Area, and the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @Nutrien Plaza. Meewasin is a non-profit organization that relies on donations and volunteers for sustainability. To get involved or learn more visit [www.meewasin.com](http://www.meewasin.com)*

