



# Riley Communities Local Area Plan PHASE 2 – January 2023







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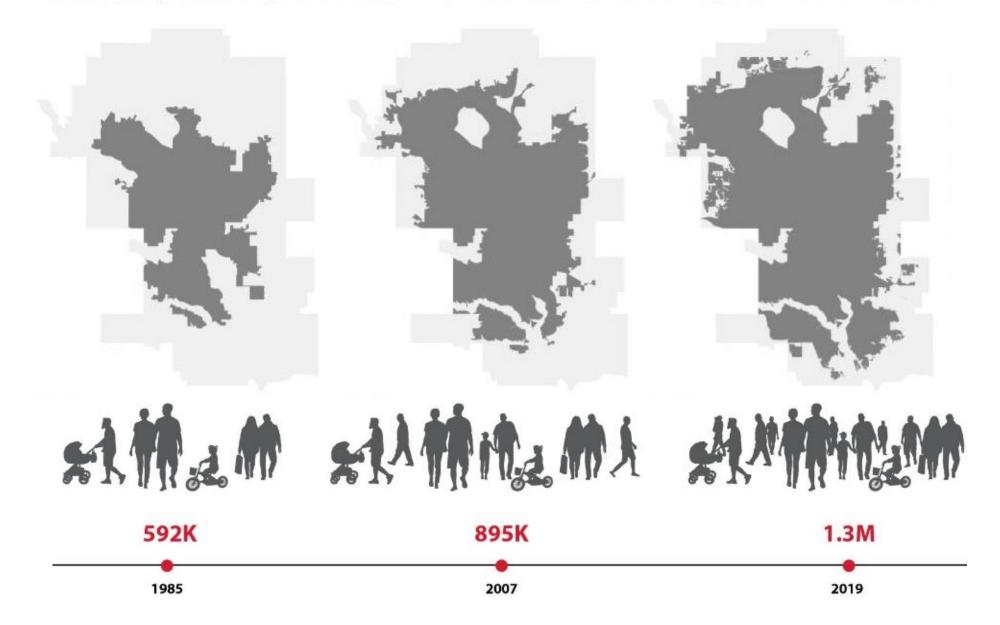


# **Project Introduction**





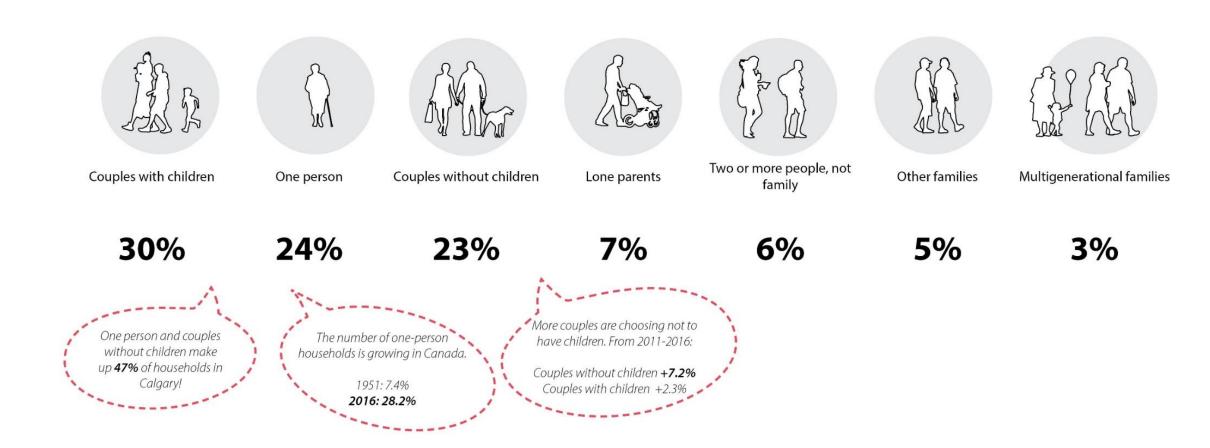
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## **Local Area Plan Overview**

# 1

### **Chapter 1: Visualizing Growth**

#### **Vision & Core Values**

Identifies the vision and core values for the evolution of the area

# 2

### **Chapter 2: Enabling Growth**

#### **Development Policies**

 Provides direction for growth that makes sense based on local/specific direction to realize development in the area

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### **Chapter 3: Supporting Growth**

#### **Amenities & Infrastructure Policies**

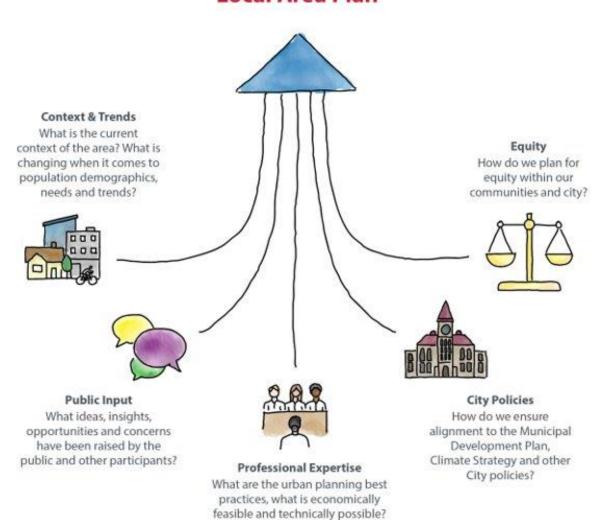
 Outlines current and future physical and social investment goals and priorities





# Developing a Local Area Plan







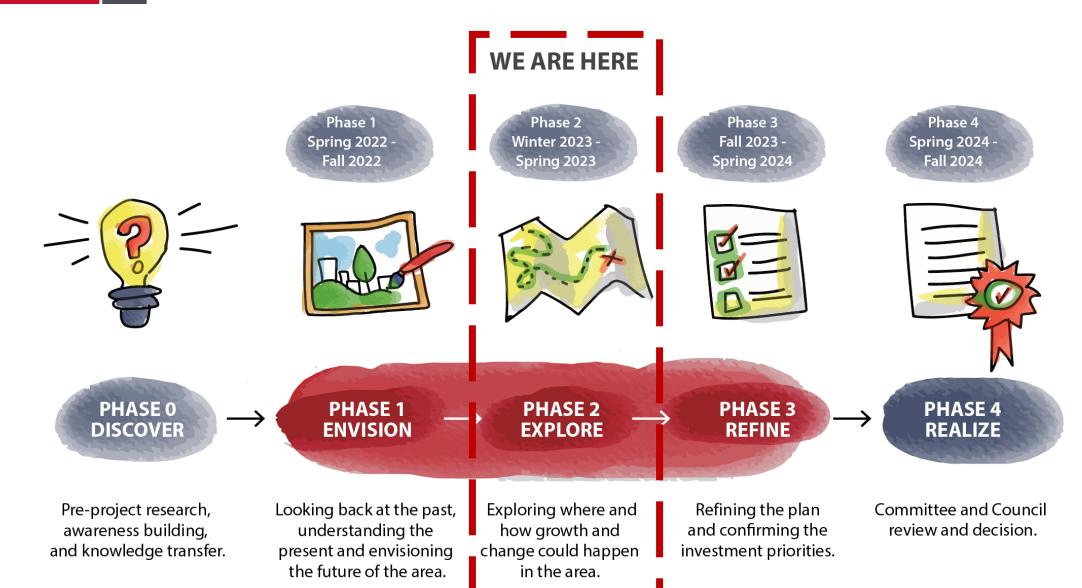
## **Opportunities and Limits of Local Area Plans**

A local area plan CAN	A local area plan CANNOT
✓ Convey a long-term vision for the area	X Make development happen
✓ Help guide future development	X Stop development from proceeding while the plan is being created
✓ Include information about future improvements needed and/or desired to support future development	X Allocate budget
	X Include / duplicate policies that exist in other City bylaws, policies, etc.
✓ Be updated: it is a statutory document but also a living, dynamic document that is meant to be updated/amended as local conditions and circumstances change	X Be considered a preservation plan or a set-in-stone contract



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# **Project Timeline**





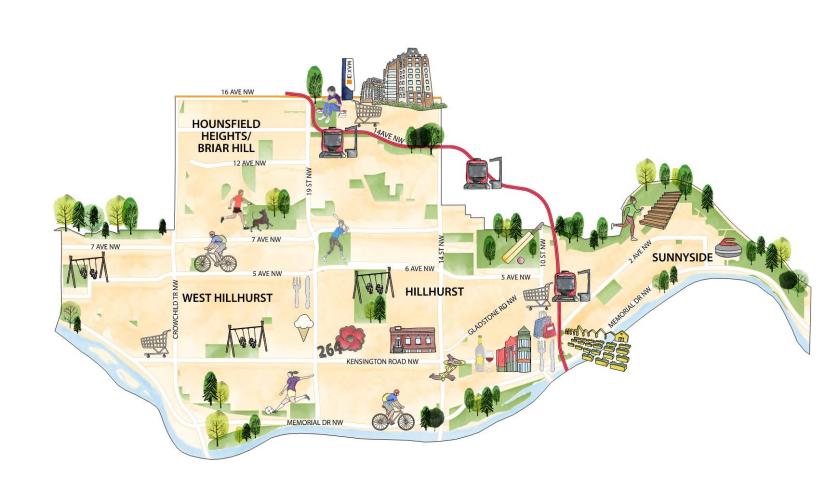
# What We've Done So Far: Phase 1 Recap





# Calgary What Has Happened So Far

- Draft and Refine Chapter 1
- Create a draft Vision and **Core Values**
- Identify draft Focus Areas for Growth Map
- Draft an interim version of Chapter 2



Situated near the Bow River and the Downtown Core, the Riley Communities of Hillhurst, Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill, Sunnyside, and West Hillhurst will continue to grow and build upon the unique assets and histories of the area. The variety of housing, amenities, attractions and mobility options will form a foundation to further the area as one of the most vibrant parts of the city. The area will see continued improvements and investments that enhance the diverse experiences and quality of life of those that live and visit.



## Draft Core Values



#### **Housing Choice**

Expand the range of housing options in the Riley Communities to meet the evolving needs, life stages and household compositions of Calgarians. Ensure that as new housing is developed, it suits the evolving context of each of Riley's individual communities.



#### Moving to and through the Riley Communities

Support and provide increased ways to move to and through the Riley Communities that emphasize safe, accessible and efficient movement. Prioritize walking, transit and active modes as key ways to move around the Riley Communities and to surrounding destinations by building upon existing infrastructure such as the Red Line LRT system, regional pathway system and pedestrian network.



#### Parks, Recreation and Open Space

Expand and enhance the inventory of parks, recreation facilities, natural areas and public spaces throughout the Riley Communities, including the McHugh Bluff and spaces along the Bow River. Focus on providing a range of parks and recreation spaces near all living in the Riley Communities.

## **Draft Core Values**



#### Climate Resilience

Improve long-term climate resiliency and reduce vulnerability to localized climate-related hazards such as flooding along the Bow River, heavy rainfall and extreme heat. Achieve this through supporting low-carbon lifestyles and area-specific improvements that mitigate the impacts of severe weather events and expand the urban tree canopy.



#### **Aligning Improvements to Growth**

Enable continued mixed-use development along Main Streets and corridors such as 10th Street N.W., 14th Street N.W., Kensington Road and 19th Street N.W. as well as transit-oriented development around the Sunnyside and Lions Park LRT stations. Facilitate the creation of public amenities that support growth and change and further enhance the sense of place within these communities.



#### Safe and Accessible Communities

Promote community safety and accessibility for all. Ensure that safety and accessibility are key considerations in public realm improvements, new building design, and in considering improved transportation options.



# What We Are Looking At Now: Phase 2 Key Focus



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### **Two Scales of Growth**

#### **Small-Scale**







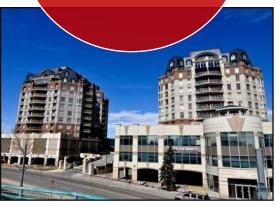


#### Moderate-to Large-Scale





### What We Want Your Feedback On!







# **Potential Focus Areas for Growth**





# What We Need Input On: Phase 2 Engagement Questions





# Focus of Phase 2 Engagement

#### **Topic 1: Riley Communities Draft Vision and Core Values**

**Question:** Please review the draft Vision and Core Values. When thinking about the Riley Communities and how the area could evolve over the next 30 years, do the Vision and Core Values resonate with you? Please share your thoughts and let us know what you would add and / or change

and why?









**Climate Resilience** 



Moving to and through the Riley Communities



Aligning Improvements to Growth



Parks, Recreation and Open Space



Safe and Accessible Communities



## Focus of Phase 2 Engagement

#### **Topic 2: Potential Focus Areas of Moderate-to-Large Scale Growth**

**Question:** Please look at the Focus Areas for Growth Map, specifically what is outlined in pink (potential additional focus areas for growth). Would you add additional or remove any of the areas that are being proposed in pink for moderate-to large-scale growth? Please tell us where and why.





## Focus of Phase 2 Engagement

#### **Topic 3: Small-Scale Growth (Three Storeys or Less)**

**Question:** What opportunities and challenges exist when thinking of welcoming a variety small-scale homes into the plan area?

#### Small-scale growth - Three storeys or less

A small-scale home is any structure that is three storeys or less containing one or more units with individual exterior entrances. Small-scale homes include single-detached homes, semi-detached homes, duplexes, rowhouses, triplexes, fourplexes, and other forms that share those same characteristics. Basement or backyard suites could be included in all small-scale homes except triplexes and fourplexes.





















## **Next Steps**

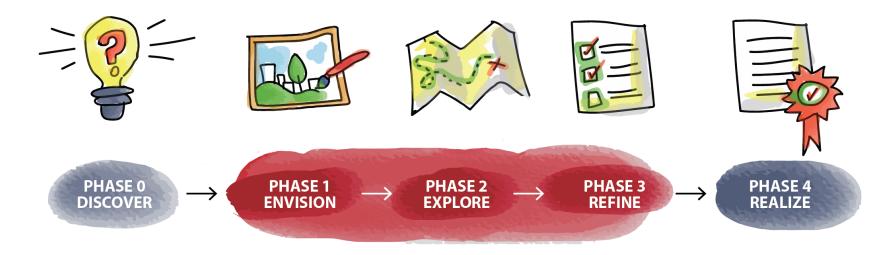
Phase 2 (Explore) launches January 17, 2023 and runs until February 12, 2023

#### **Public Sessions** include:

- Virtual Event: Wednesday, January 25 from 7-8:30 p.m. (register online)
- In Person: Saturday January 28 at Hillhurst School from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Virtual Event: Tuesday, February 1 from 6:30-8 p.m. (register online)
- Virtual Event: Thursday, February 9 from 7:30-9 p.m. (register online)

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