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## Land-use framework goals

*Edmonton...* The *Draft Land-use Framework* identifies three desired outcomes that must be achieved to meet Alberta's long-term economic, environmental and social goals. For each outcome, the framework outlines provincial objectives that must be reflected in all regional land-use plans.

### **Outcome: Sustainable prosperity supported by our land and natural resources**

- Develop Alberta's natural resources in a way that optimizes value for the broadest number of Albertans and reduces waste.
- Ensure reasonable and timely access to these resources.
- Promote innovation, value-added diversification, global competitiveness and the balanced and responsible use of natural resources as crucial to sustaining the momentum of Alberta's economy.
- Effectively balance and manage the interests of surface users and surface and subsurface developments.
- Ensure that land and resource use promotes diverse industries, stimulates environmentally sound economic activity and leaves economic opportunities open for future Albertans.

### **Outcome: Healthy ecosystems and environment**

- Maintain or enhance the life-supporting capacity of air, water, land and biodiversity and sustain the natural resources that form part of the environment.
- Respect the intrinsic value of nature.
- Maintain and/or enhance soil and soil fertility.
- Protect the quality and quantity of ground and surface water.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution, minimize waste and maintain the biodiversity and abundance of native species and their natural habitats.

### **Outcome: Livable communities and recreational opportunities**

- Focus settlement development and land use on efficient use of land, infrastructure, public services and public facilities.
- Identify and protect significant historical resources and manage potential impacts effectively. Parks and protected areas are valued as natural landscapes that allow people to enjoy their connection to the natural world.
- Communities are prepared to respond to and adapt to a changing climate and environmental events (e.g., floods, drought).
- Engage stakeholders in planning processes to improve the quality of land-use decisions and build confidence in the decision-making processes.

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