



Strathcona County Council Presentation

October 22, 2019

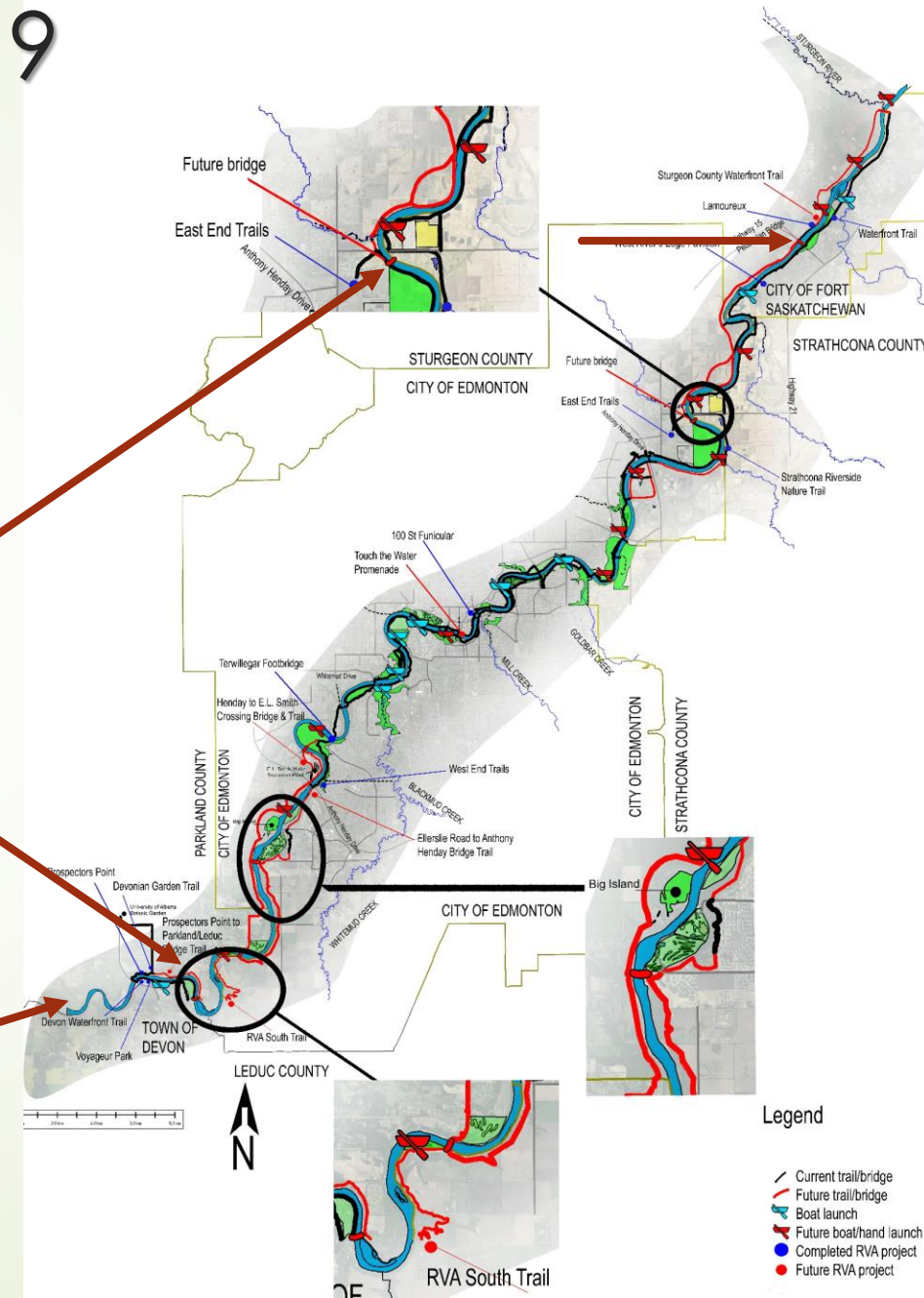
A photograph of a dirt trail winding through a dense forest of green trees. The trail is made of light brown dirt and is flanked by lush green foliage and trees. The scene is bright and sunny, with dappled light filtering through the leaves.

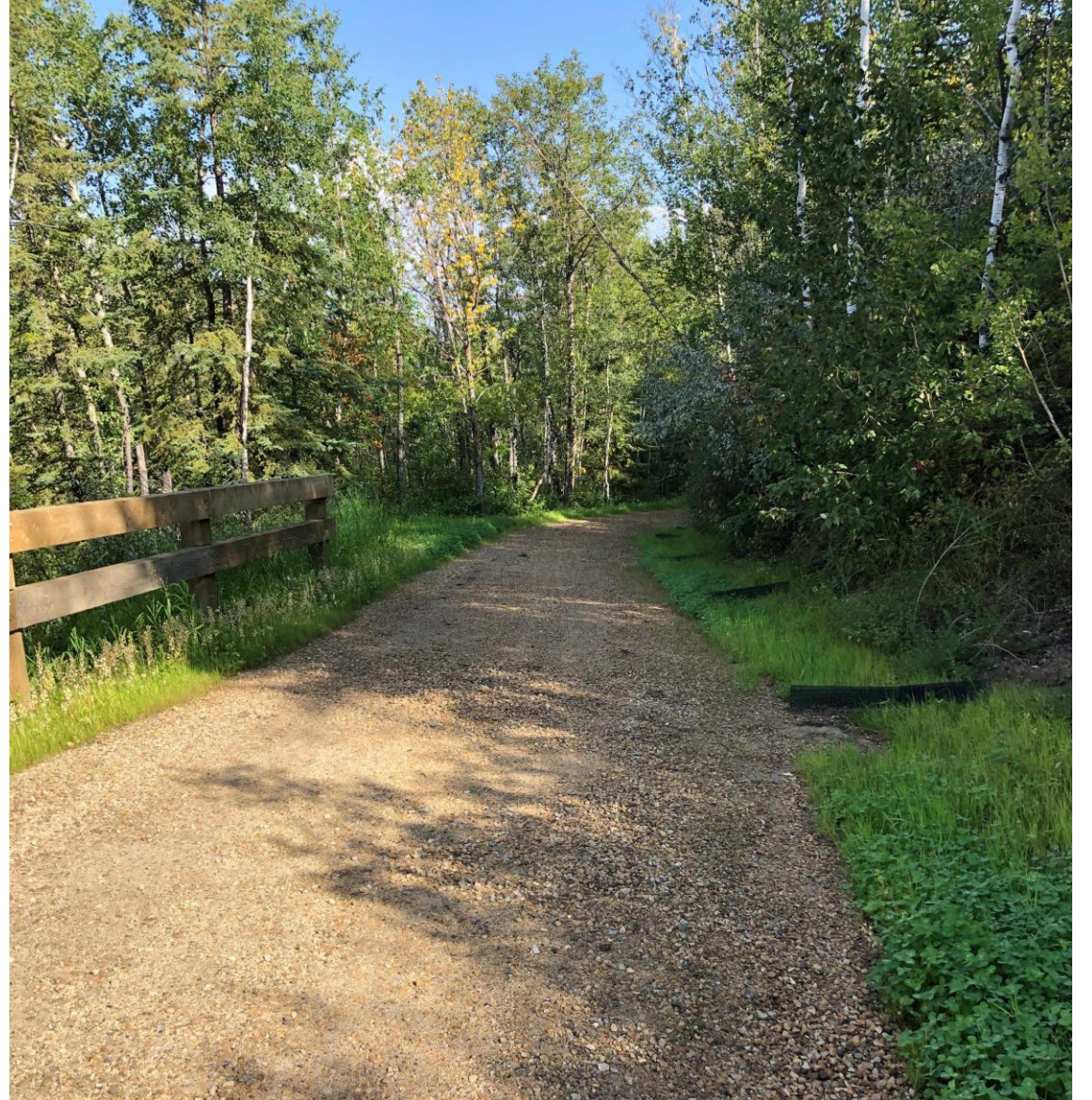
AGENDA

1. Work completed in 2019
2. Plans for 2020
3. Trail Naming

WORK COMPLETED IN 2019

1. Highway 15 bridge now under construction, connecting Fort Saskatchewan and Sturgeon County – completion 2021
2. A Feasibility Study on a pedestrian bridge at Quarry Ridge is underway that will connect east Edmonton to Strathcona County/Fort Saskatchewan. Anticipate this project advancing in 2020
3. The RVA was able to access private land to complete 3 km of trails in Devon from Battery Creek to Rabbit Hill ravine.
4. Great progress has been made on Parkland County riverside trail from Prospectors Point to RR 261





EPCOR RiverFest

- We held our third annual EPCOR RiverFest on August 10th
- Approximately 2,600 people floated in 2 locations – Edmonton and Devon
- Combined land and water attendance was approximately 6,000 people, however ticket sales were slightly down from 2018
- The RVA RiverFest Steering Committee is conducting a review to determine the RVA's role in EPCOR RiverFest in 2020

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PLANS FOR 2020

- We are awaiting word from the Provincial Government that we have qualified for the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program* (ICIP) Grant.
- We have been given a timeline of late October to learn of our grant status.
- This would fund our Phase II Capital Program, 11 projects for a total cost of ~\$70 million.
- A project of interest to Strathcona County, beyond the footbridge, is what we refer to as “the last mile”. This is a trail from the trailhead of Township Rd 540 at the river to Range Rd 232. It may wrap behind the new nine holes of Legends golf course or it may be beside Township Rd 540.
- Our next step, if advanced, is completing the federal application process, and we have been told we may expect those grant dollars available for use for the 2020 construction season.





TRAIL NAMING



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1. It has always been intended the completed trail would be named and marked. This is a picture of Riverside Nature trail with a simulated trail marker.
2. However, before we can proceed, we need all seven shareholder's support in advancing one name for the entire trail, and in doing our part for Indigenous reconciliation, give the trail an Indigenous name.
3. We would ask Council to provide feedback to the RVA through their representative, and if all municipal shareholders are in agreement, we will advance this initiative in 2020.



THANK YOU

