

CONSERVATION PRIORITIES?

We envision an Edmonton region where natural area systems are valued, preserved for future generations and play a key role in the social, economic and environmental life of the residents of the area

EALT focuses its securement and stewardship efforts on properties that include:

- Large, natural shorelines (lakes, rivers)
- Prairie remnants
- Unique topographical features
- Major corridors or linkages
- Large woodlands
- Important cultural sites
- Areas within or adjacent to natural core and linkage areas

Also of particular interest is select farmland, particularly non-active farmland that can be managed for early successional habitat; also blocks of farmland abutting existing protected open space property

We are also interested in large blocks of unfragmented forest or forest blocks abutting existing protected unfragmented forestland

We also consider smaller patches of wild land. As well as forming stepping stones between larger sites "these islands of nature are most important for the young who live in surrounding or adjacent neighbourhoods" (Richard Louv)

