About

The Enhanced Landscape Maintenance (ELM) program is a community-initiated program that fosters connectivity, community pride and enhances the visual esthetics of a neighbourhood.

Parks Operations maintains over 8000 hectares of parkland and natural areas in Calgary to a standard service level.

In 2002 there was an increase in community interest as well as support from Council for partners to develop a partnership allowing Partners to maintain and enrich the greenspace within their community and as a result the ELM program was formalized.

When a community enters the program, it allows them to become stewards of the greenspaces, boulevards, pathways or parks within their Neighbourhood – essentially partnering with Parks in the Service Delivery Continuum.

A participating ELM community, through their stewardship, ensures the following are completed:



What isn't covered under ELM?

Infrastructure enhancement or maintenance (e.g. Community Entrance Signage, pathways, building/shelters, playgrounds) is not a permitted use of funds within the ELM program.

Any private land enhancements, including tree planting are also not permitted.

How does a community participate and fund the ELM Program?

If a community chooses to participate in the program, they enter into a legal agreement called a Landscape Maintenance Agreement. There are two funding models for the program:



Caveat
on
Title

Homeowners pay
into a Residents' or
Homeowners'
Association fund
through a caveat on
their property title.

In addition to the community generated funds, The City provides an annual operating grant equal to the Council approved budget for maintenance activities within the defined green spaces.

These funds are calculated based on the baseline services performed in the community prior to becoming an ELM community.

Who are the participating ELM Partners?

Caveat on Title	
ELM Partner	Zone
Auburn Bay Residents Association	6
Country Hills Shoreline	4
Country Hills Town Square	4
New Discovery Homeowners Association	1
Hamptons Homeowners Association	3
Hawkwood Uplands Homeowners Association	3
Kincora Residents Association	3
McKenzie Towne Residents Association	6
New Brighton Residents Association	6
Quarry Park Land Owners Association	6
Redstone Homeowners Association	4
Rocky Ridge Ranch Homeowners Association	2
Skyview Ranch Homeowners Association	4
Springbank Hill Homeowners Association	1
Tuscany Residents Association	2

Special Tax Levy	
ELM Partner	Zone
Christie Estates Residents Association	1
Citadel Community Association	3
Diamond Cove Homeowners Association	6
Douglas Quarry Community Association	6
Douglasdale Maintenance Association	6
Edgemont Community Association	3
Hawkwood Community Association	3
Patterson Residents Association	1
Royal Oak Estates Homeowners Association	2
Scenic Acres Community Association	2
Valley Ridge Community Association	2

For more information on the Enhanced Landscape Maintenance program please visit Calgary.ca/ELM or contact:

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