Phase I Capital Program: Project Overview

Phase I Capital Program included 12 capital projects that were identified as priorities by the RVA and its municipal shareholders. The Phase I Capital Program focused on increasing connectivity and access to the river valley.

Project Type	Description
Primary Trail and Trail Refurbishment (Devon Riverfront Trails)	This project brought existing informal trails to a primary trail standard and added new primary trails to create approximately 10 km of trails in the river valley. The project also included a staircase from street level into the river valley and two trailheads at Voyageur Park.
Trailhead Refurbishment (Parkland County – Prospector's Point)	This project included a trailhead refurbishment at Prospector's Point, along with upgrades to informal trails linking Prospector's Point to new trail construction projects in Parkland County.
Secondary Trail (Parkland County – U of A Botanic Garden Trail)	This 6 km trail connects Prospector's Point to the University of Alberta Botanic Gardens through a combination of secondary trails and wooden boardwalks.
Secondary Trail (Parkland County – Prospector's Point Trail)	This project included construction of a trailhead and approximately 1 km of trails that connects to Prospector's Point and the University of Alberta Botanic Garden Trail.
West End Trails (Edmonton)	Approximately 5 km of primary and secondary trails built to provide linkages along the river in Southwest Edmonton. A primary trail links to the Terwillegar Pedestrian Bridge. A secondary trail connects the West Anthony Henday Bridge to Terwillegar Park.
Terwillegar Pedestrian Bridge (Edmonton)	This 280 m pedestrian bridge spans the North Saskatchewan River, linking Edmonton's River Valley Oleskiw on the north bank to Terwillegar Park on the south bank. The bridge is the world's second longest stressed ribbon suspension bridge.
Mechanized River Valley Access (Edmonton Funicular and Lookout)	This initiative included the development of a funicular and elevator from Edmonton's downtown core into the river valley, enabling barrier-free access to the valley and existing trail system.
East End Trails (Edmonton)	This project included the construction of approximately 14 km of primary and secondary trails in the east end of Edmonton on both the north and south sides of the river, creating connections to the existing Corporal Ainsworth Dyer Bridge and Anthony Henday East Bridge.
Boat Access (Edmonton)	This project included hand launches and docks at four locations in Edmonton, including the refurbishment of one motor boat launch. These river access points provide safe and efficient access to the river, and include parking, comfort stations, and waste receptacles.
Secondary Trail (Riverside Nature Trail – Strathcona County)	This initiative included an upgraded trailhead and construction of 5 km of secondary trail that extended the existing Riverside Nature Trail and provided a trail connection to Fort Saskatchewan.
Primary Trail (Fort Saskatchewan)	This initiative included upgrades to trailheads and approximately 13.5 km of primary trails and several interpretive nodes, viewing platforms, and a staircase into the river valley. This trail project also enabled connection to Strathcona County.
Secondary Trail (Sturgeon County)	This project included construction of a trailhead and approximately 3 km of secondary trail.