



RIVER ACCESS SITES - Site Criteria

Through engagement processes, the following criteria have been identified as being important in a river access site, and were used to evaluate any potential river access sites:

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| Land Ownership/Stewardship | Sites must be actively managed by The City or it is likely that The City could enter into a long term land agreement. Sites that are owned by The City, but leased long term to another party (eg civic partner) are not considered unless the leasee expresses interest. Similarly, sites where will eventually be turned over to The City, but are currently held by another party (eg Developer, or Province) are only given future consideration. |
| Environmentally Sensitive Area | Environmentally sensitive sites, identified through the Riparian Strategy and Riparian Action Program, are given great consideration. Often it is better to avoid healthy areas and instead put access sites on areas that have already been damaged. |
| Access via Road/Transit | Safe access has been given consideration. Sites that would require major transportation modifications in order to safely get on or off a major roadway (especially with a trailer) are generally eliminated. Access that requires use of private roads was also a factor that eliminated some sites. |
| Parking | Sites must have adequate existing parking, or ability to expand parking. Some sites, particularly in inner city, do not have parking but have been included as it may be possible to use transit or for residents to walk to the site. |
| Slope | Sites must not exceed 8% slope. Some sites could possibly be excavated to obtain this slope, but would be less preferable. |
| Pathway Interface | It is inevitable that most sites will be located near the river pathway. Mitigations must be available to limit potential user conflicts or collisions. |
| User Conflict | Sites that are near areas with other conflicting uses, particularly off leash areas are avoided in order to minimize user conflict. Sites near neighbouring residences require engagement. |
| Washroom Facilities | Sites must have the ability to have at least portable washrooms |
| Garbage and Recycling Cans | To eliminate litter, all sites must be able to contain an appropriate number of litter and recycling cans |
| Picnic Tables and Benches | The ability to place an appropriate number of picnic tables and benches is required |