

## Naturalization Fall 2026

### *What We Heard Report Summary: Allard, Cavanagh and Callaghan*

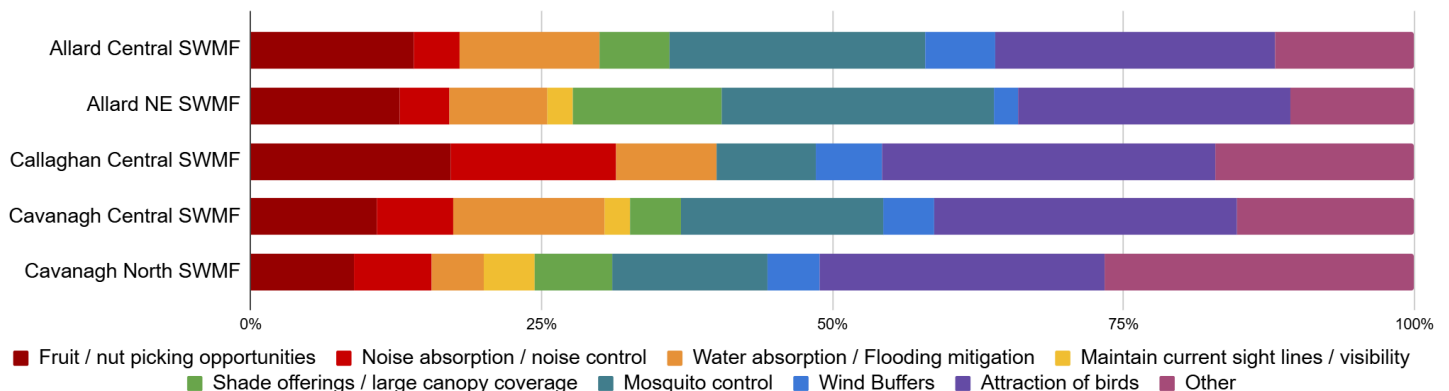
#### Introduction

The Naturalization Program supports the City's goal to expand our urban forest by planting two million new trees by 2030 and achieve 20% canopy coverage by 2071. This program offers numerous benefits including flood mitigation, increased biodiversity, lower maintenance costs and improved temperature regulation. From March 24 to April 12, 2026 feedback was gathered on five 2026 naturalization planting sites in Allard, Cavanagh and Callaghan. Twenty-seven respondents provided 75 contributions on the Engaged Edmonton integrated map survey.

#### Priorities for Naturalization: Results

Respondents were asked to prioritize a variety of options to help shape new naturalized sites.

##### What are your top priorities on naturalizing this site?



Twenty-nine comments were provided through the 'Other' option. Multiple comments contained identical wording.

- Prioritize planting trees and shrubs that are native to Alberta and the Edmonton region
- Support local animal species
- Planting that supports mitigating the impacts of climate change
- Weed control

#### Open-Ended Feedback and Actions

Respondents were asked to share additional information about site conditions and usage. Site-specific feedback is summarized below along with how the City applied insights to inform actions for the upcoming plantings.

| Respondent Feedback                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | City Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Allard Central SWMF</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Children are often seen walking across the frozen water in the winter, posing a risk to their safety</li> <li>→ Strong winds from the N/NE</li> <li>→ High volume of black knot in the area</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Planting will reduce access to the water by providing a vegetative barrier.</li> <li>→ Planting will reduce winds blowing in from the N/NE by providing a windbreak through planting a variety of trees and shrubs.</li> <li>→ Reduced planting of pincherry and chokecherry, which are vulnerable to black knot.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Cavanagh North SWMF</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Many trees were lost a few years ago due to beavers coming up from the nearby ravine</li> </ul>                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Planned planting will aim to replenish tree loss.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

### Next Steps

The City is finalizing technical plans to deliver sustainable, climate-resilient green spaces by integrating public feedback with ecological requirements, such as soil conditions and utility protection. Plans will reflect community-identified priorities, where feasible, while maintaining the program's long-term sustainability goals. Naturalization planting across the City is scheduled to begin in Fall 2026.

*Want to learn more? Please see [engaged.edmonton.ca/naturalizationplantingsites](https://engaged.edmonton.ca/naturalizationplantingsites) for the full What We Heard Report.*

The Naturalization Project Team would like to thank everyone who participated in this engagement process.