

## Naturalization Fall 2026

### What We Heard Report Summary: Keswick and Glenridding

**PROJECT UPDATE:** City-led planting in Keswick, Glenridding and Glenridding Ravine is paused for 2026, pending further technical review. This engagement summary captures feedback heard during engagement.

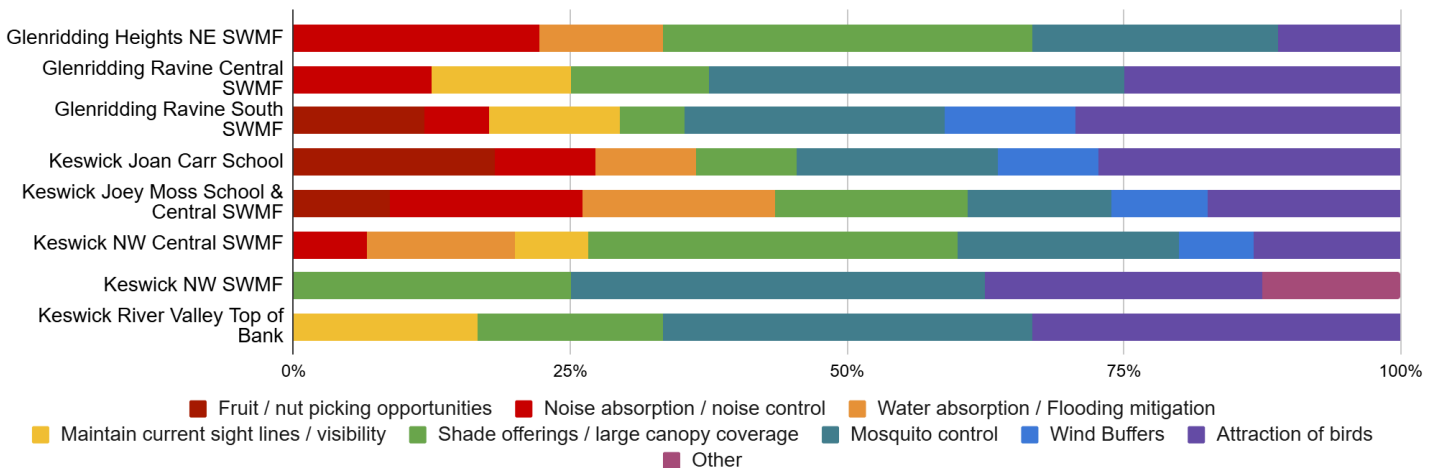
#### Introduction

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 April 13 to May 3, 2026 feedback was gathered on eight 2026 naturalization planting sites in Keswick and Glenridding. Twenty-one respondents provided 32 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 for naturalizing this site?



One respondent provided feedback through the 'Other' option and cited weed control on City properties as a priority.

## 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                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Glenridding Ravine South SWMF</b>               |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| → High winds from the west                         | → Planting will reduce the high winds by providing a windbreak through planting a variety of trees and shrubs.                                                                                               |
| <b>Keswick Joan Carr School</b>                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| → Part of this area may be used as a sledding hill | → The planting area will be pulled away from sledding slopes to ensure it does not interfere with those activities.                                                                                          |
| <b>Keswick Joey Moss School &amp; Central SWMF</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| → High wind from the north and west                | → Planting will reduce the high winds by providing a windbreak through planting a variety of trees and shrubs.                                                                                               |
| <b>Keswick NW Central SWMF</b>                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| → High volume of dogs in the area                  | <div>→ A mowed buffer strip will continue to be maintained on either side of the pathway to provide pets with areas to explore.</div> <div>→ Tree selection and placement will consider usage by pets.</div> |
| <b>Keswick NW SWMF</b>                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| → A high volume of weeds develop here              | → Before and after we plant, we will ensure proper weed control is performed to ensure plant survival.                                                                                                       |

## 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.