



2024 to 2027 Business Plan

Service: Parks and Natural Areas Planning and Design

\$7.23

Annual cost for the
average rate payer
(2024 to 2027)

0.19%

Of the 2024 to 2027
City of London Net
Property Tax
Supported Budget

Who we are:

- This service provides professional and technical services for the planning, engagement, design and construction of new and existing parks, pathway systems and public spaces throughout London.
- This service supports development approval and Environmental Assessment processes, neighborhood improvement programs, growth, life cycle renewal and service level improvement capital projects.

What we do:

- This service supports neighbourhoods by providing attractive recreation opportunities, making places more livable and inclusive, and by helping them to be better linked with other neighbourhoods.

- This service enhances quality of life and makes the community a more attractive place to live, move to and locate businesses. Careful planning and management of London's Park system contributes to the protection of London's natural heritage system, critical wildlife habitat and species at risk populations, while providing sustainable opportunities for all Londoners to access and benefit from experiences in nature.

Why we do it:

- **Mandatory** – Planning and design of parks and open spaces is a component of the City's responsibilities under the Planning Act and the Provincial Policy Statement to promote the provision of parks, recreation, natural areas and access to waterfronts to meet the needs of people of all ages and abilities.

The following table provides an overview of the budget for this service:

Budget Summary (\$000's)	2024	2025	2026	2027	2024 to 2027 TOTAL
Gross Operating Expenditures	\$1,585	\$1,653	\$1,696	\$1,739	\$6,673
Other Revenues	-\$0	-\$0	-\$0	-\$0	-\$0
Net Tax Levy Supported Operating Budget	\$1,585	\$1,653	\$1,696	\$1,739	\$6,673
Total Capital Expenditures	\$15,581	\$12,673	\$11,649	\$13,055	\$52,958
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE's)	12.4	12.4	13.4	13.4	N/A

Reflects 2024 to 2027 adopted City budget as of December 1, 2025.

Linkage to the 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan

This service supports the following Strategic Areas of Focus in the 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan:

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| ✓ |  | Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion | |  | Economic Growth, Culture, and Prosperity |
| |  | Housing and Homelessness | ✓ |  | Mobility and Transportation |
| ✓ |  | Wellbeing and Safety | ✓ |  | Climate Action and Sustainable Growth |
| |  | Safe London for Women, Girls, and Gender-Diverse and Trans People | |  | Well-Run City |

Environmental, Socio-economic Equity and Governance (ESG) Considerations

Environmental, Socio-economic Equity and Governance Profile for this service:

Environmental:

- Ensures the dedication of parkland and natural areas for the protection of London's natural heritage system, critical wildlife habitat and species at risk populations, and provides opportunities for all Londoners to access and benefit from experiences in nature which is proven to increase appreciation and stewardship.
- Constructing and maintaining multiuse pathways provides Londoners with a choice to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by riding bikes, walking, consistent with goals outlined in London's official plan and mobility master plan.

Socio-economic Equity:

- Provides accessible and equitably distributed parkland with attractive recreation opportunities, making places more livable and inclusive, and by helping to link neighbourhoods together.

Governance:

- The planning and design of parks and open spaces is a component of the City's responsibilities under the Planning Act and the Provincial Policy Statement to promote the provision of parks, recreation, natural areas and access to waterfronts to meet the needs of people of all ages and abilities.

The following section provides an overview of the key activities this service plans to undertake from 2024 to 2027 to implement the Corporation's 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan, as well as an overview of the risks and challenges the service is expected to experience during this period:

Service Highlights 2024 to 2027

- We will continue to expand and enhance the Thames Valley Parkway (TVP) to link all areas of the City.
- We continue to enhance neighbourhoods by improving parks, adding community gardens and making parks and natural areas more accessible.
- We will build and improve sport and recreation amenities throughout the community, guided by the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Risks and Challenges Anticipated in 2024 to 2027

- The approval of Bill 108 and associated changes to the Planning Act have impacted how the City acquires parkland through development processes. Updates to the City's Parks & Recreation Master Plan, London Plan and Parkland Dedication Bylaw are ongoing to ensure full dedication of lands as permitted by the Planning Act.
- With the Springbank dam being removed, the high-level former river shoreline is erosion prone, and infrastructure may be at risk.
- Ongoing monitoring and management of invasive plant species remains a priority.

Other reference information and links:

- 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Available by request at recreation@london.ca or 519-661-5575.
- One River Environmental Assessment – Available by request at recreation@london.ca or 519-661-5575.
- Mobility Master Plan - Available by request at recreation@london.ca or 519-661-5575.

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