Welcome to the St. Albert Annexation Open House

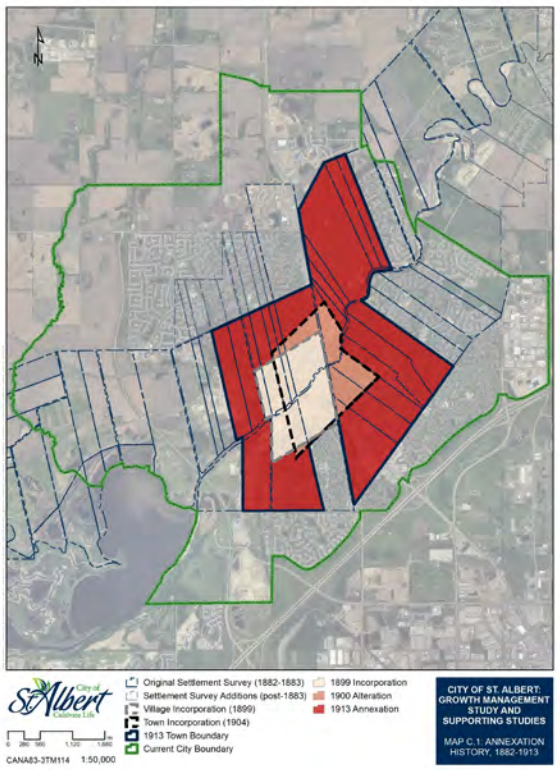
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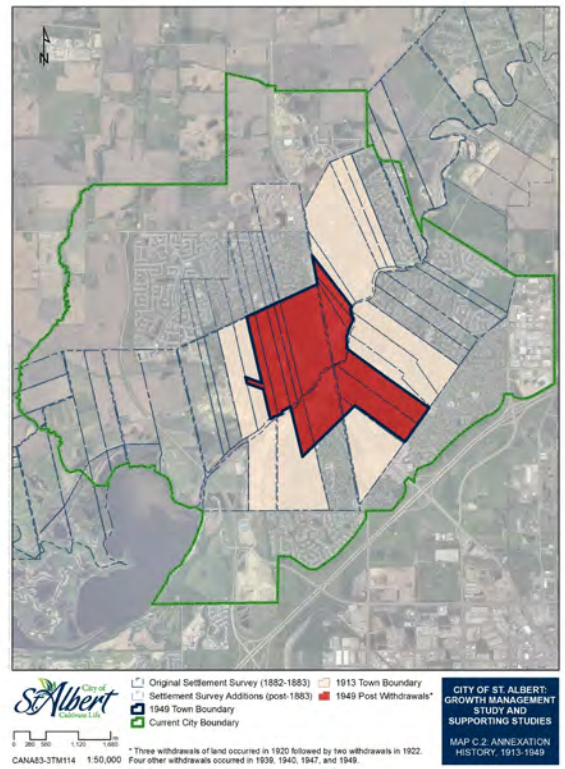
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Annexation History (1899 to 2007)

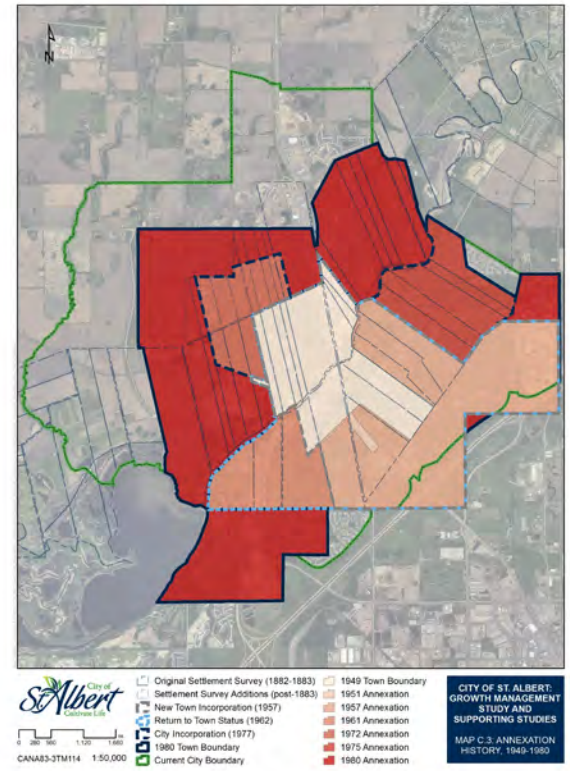
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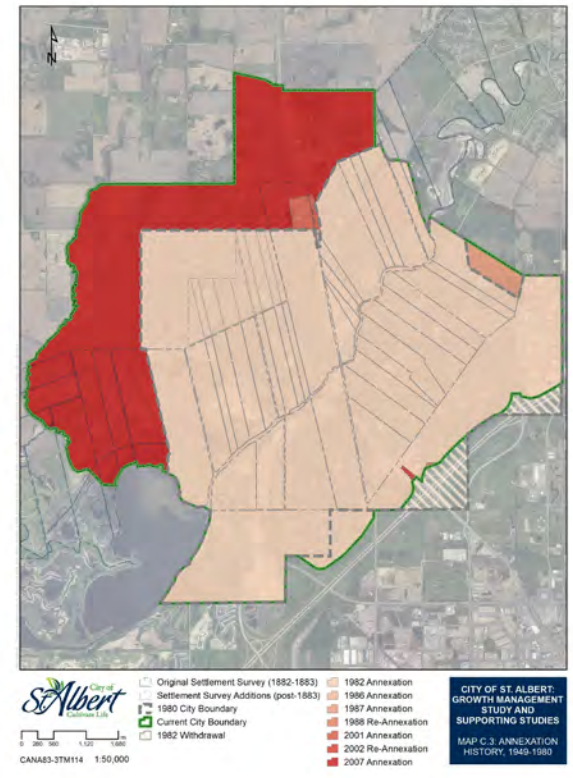
1913 to 1949



1949 to 1980



1980 to 2007



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FAQs #1

What is annexation?

Annexation is the process by which there is a change in municipal jurisdiction, transferring land from one municipality to another. In this annexation process, it is about land currently governed by Sturgeon County being transferred to the jurisdiction of the City of St. Albert. This process will not change the ownership of the land.

Who makes the decision about the annexation?

Annexation is a provincially regulated process, with the Municipal Government Board recommending the final decision to the Government of Alberta. Sturgeon County and the City of St. Albert are working together to ensure the annexation addresses the concerns of each municipality and their residents. This collaborative process is being used to help ensure a positive outcome for all who are impacted.

What is the Municipal Government Board (MGB)?

The Municipal Government Board (MGB) is an impartial and independent board established by provincial legislation to make decisions about matters such as annexation. They prepare a report and a recommendation is forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and then to the Lieutenant-Governor, who will make the final decision.

Journey Towards Next Annexation (2007 to present)



2007 — St. Albert annexes 1,373 ha (3,393 ac) of land from Sturgeon County



2009 — Capital Region Growth Plan is prepared, designating St. Albert and adjacent lands as a Priority Growth Area for future urban growth

2010 — City surpasses 60,000 people; 2010 municipal census records a population of 60,138, an annual change of ▲1.4% since 2008

2014 — City's 2014 municipal census records a population of 63,255, an annual change of ▲1.9% since 2012



2016 — City's 2016 municipal census records a population of 64,645, an annual change of ▲1.1% since 2014

2017 — Sturgeon County and St. Albert collaborate on the preparation of a Joint Growth Boundary Study to explore the long-term growth requirements of both municipalities

Current Stage

2018 — St. Albert initiates Growth Management Study and Supporting Studies project to inform future annexation application

2008 — City's 2008 municipal census records a population of 58,601, an annual change of ▲1.3% since 2005

2012 — City's 2012 municipal census records a population of 60,994, an annual change of ▲0.7% since 2010

2015 — Sturgeon County and St. Albert collaborate on the preparation of a Joint Infrastructure Review covering Sturgeon Valley and lands adjacent to St. Albert



2017 — Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan is prepared, assigning Metropolitan Tier policy to St. Albert and adjacent lands to accommodate future urban growth



2017 — Sturgeon County and St. Albert enter into a memorandum of understanding for the City to annex a maximum potential area of approximately 2,180 ha (5,387 ac) of land

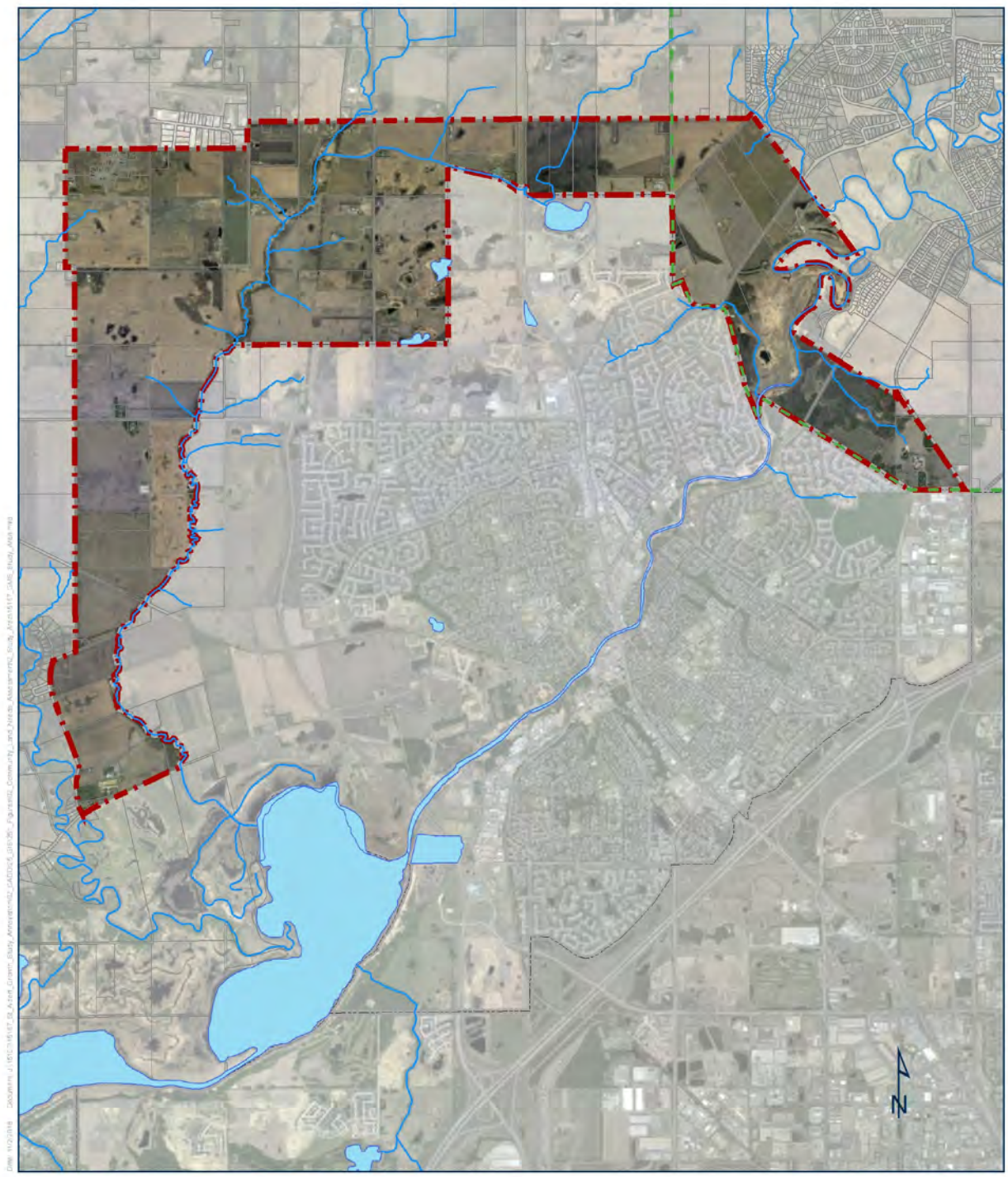


2018 — City's 2018 municipal census records a population of 66,082, an annual change of ▲1.1% since 2016

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Maximum Potential Annexation Area (MPAA or Study Area)



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Municipal Boundary
Maximum Potential Annexation Area (MPAA)
Sturgeon Valley Area Structure Plan
Parcel
Watercourse
Water Body

0 0.2 0.4 0.8 1.2 1.6 km

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CITY OF ST. ALBERT: GROWTH MANAGEMENT STUDY AND SUPPORTING STUDIES

MAP C.5: STUDY AREA

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FAQs #2

Why is this annexation occurring?

Both the City of St. Albert and Sturgeon County are facing growth pressures.

Starting an annexation process now enables sustainable, long-term community planning as well as planning certainty for residents, municipalities, developers, and landowners in a manner consistent with the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan. The annexation provides enough land for the City's long-term residential and commercial growth needs.

How much land is being considered for annexation?

The City of St. Albert and Sturgeon County jointly determined a potential maximum area of approximately 2,180 ha (5,387 ac). This is the maximum area that the annexation process is investigating. However, the MGB will make the final recommendation to the province on the amount and location of the lands annexed, which may be less than the study area.

Annexation Process

Background Analysis

City of St. Albert and Sturgeon County collaborate on preparation of Joint Infrastructure Review and Joint Growth Boundary Study

Notice of Intent to Annex

City Council passes a resolution to submit a formal Notice of Intent to Annex to Sturgeon County, the Municipal Government Board (MGB), and other local authorities

Growth Management Study

City initiates a Growth Management Study and other supporting studies to inform its forthcoming formal Annexation Application

Current Stage

Public Participation

City facilitates multiple rounds of open houses throughout the Growth Management Study project to solicit input from affected owners and the public

Negotiations and Mediation

City of St. Albert and Sturgeon County continue negotiations throughout process, entering into mediation if necessary

Formal Annexation Application

City of St. Albert submits a formal Annexation Application (including a Report on Negotiations and Consultation)

Municipal Government Board (MGB) Review

MGB reviews the Annexation Application and then advertises the proposed annexation to affected owners, the public, and affected authorities

No Objections

Objections Received

MGB Public Hearing

The MGB will hold a Public Hearing to listen to concerns and issues

MGB Report and Recommendation

MGB prepares a report and makes recommendations to the Minister of Municipal Affairs

Provincial Decision

Provincial Cabinet considers the MGB's report, and an Order in Council is issued if annexation is approved in whole or in part

Notification of Decision

MGB notifies affected parties of decision

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FAQs #3

What is a Growth Management Study (GMS)?

In an annexation context, a Growth Management Study (GMS), or more simply a growth study, projects an urban municipality's future growth over a specified time horizon, estimates how much land will be required to accommodate that growth (both inside and outside of the municipality's current boundaries), and recommends the best directions in which to grow based on a comprehensive opportunities and constraints analysis.

St. Albert's GMS will project three different future growth scenarios over a 50-year horizon to 2070. It will contemplate different types of growth (i.e. residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional) at a more sustainable tax revenue split. It will also provide an assessment of the City's future land needs beyond its current boundaries. The GMS will incorporate regional land use policy and density targets, and recommend growth directions informed by supporting technical studies including:

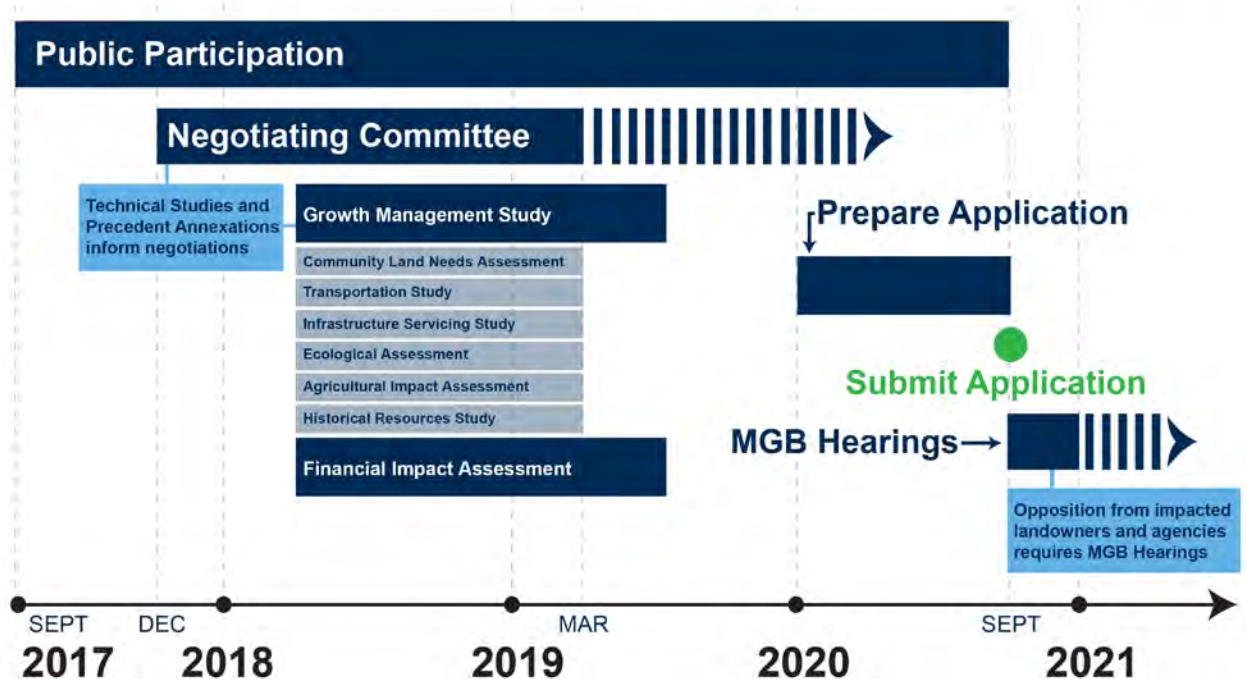
- Community Land Needs Assessment;
- Transportation Study;
- Infrastructure Servicing Study;
- High-level Financial Examination;
- Ecological Assessment;
- Agricultural Impact Assessment; and
- Historical Resources Study.

FAQs #4

What is a Financial Impact Assessment (FIA)?

A Financial Impact Assessment (FIA) for the purpose of an annexation application determines the financial impacts associated with growth within an urban municipality's current boundary and recommended expansion areas over a 25-year period. Informed by a GMS or growth study, the assessment includes forecasted costs, recoveries, assessment, and tax impacts associated with the combined area of the current municipality and the expansion areas. For St. Albert, the FIA will consider the impacts of annexation on: (1) the City of St. Albert; (2) Sturgeon County; and (3) landowners within the expansion areas recommended in the City's GMS.

How do the GMS, FIA, and other supporting studies fit into the annexation process?



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FAQs #5

Who is negotiating on behalf of each municipality?

Sturgeon County and City of St. Albert Councils are negotiating terms of the annexation, which will be provided to the MGB for their consideration.

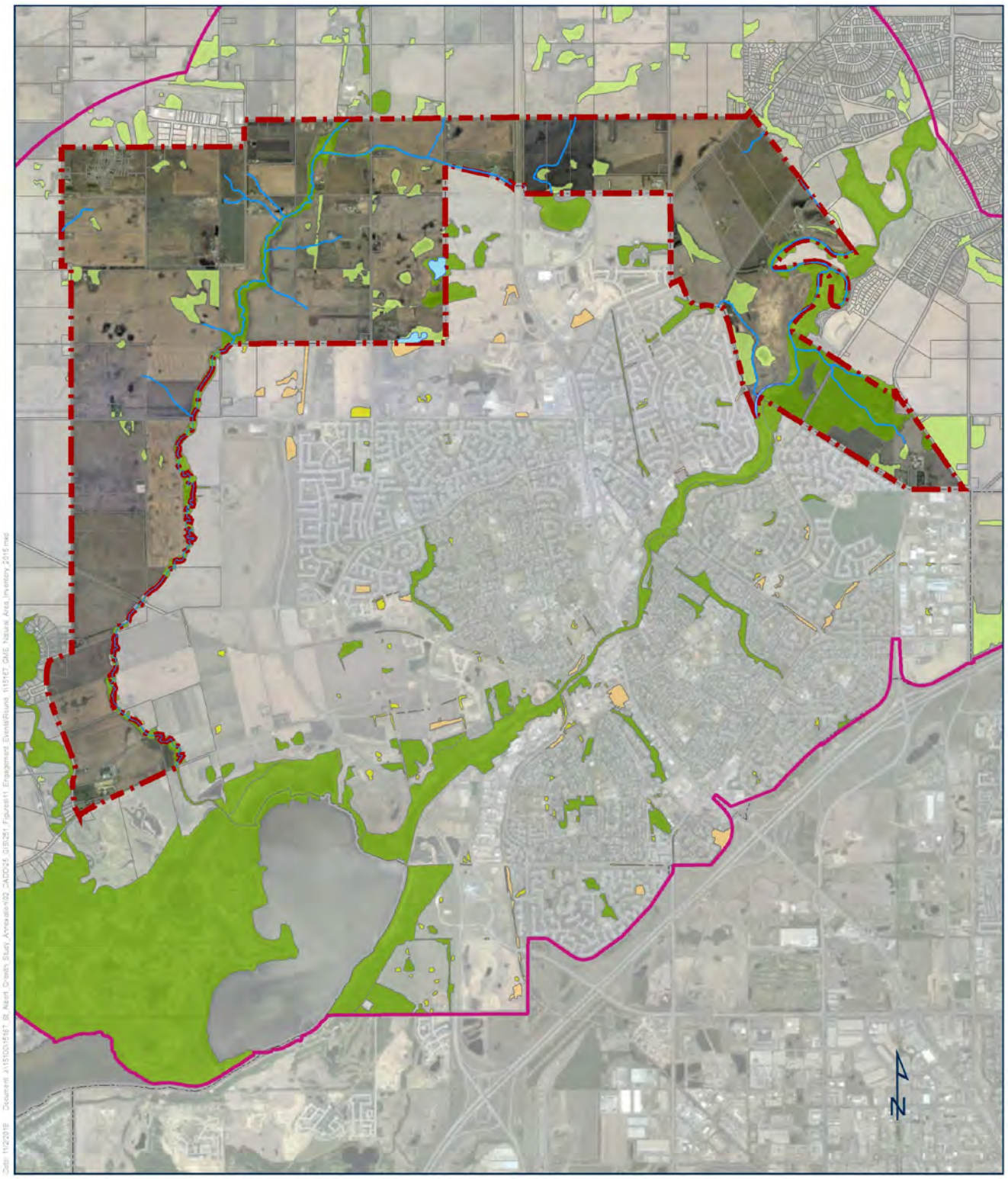
How long will annexation take?

Several factors will influence the timeline, as all annexations must follow a process as set out by the *Municipal Government Act*. It is anticipated to take a minimum of three years to complete the work required for the final submission to the MGB. The Board will then render a decision, the timeline of which depends on the complexity of the proposed annexation and support from impacted stakeholders. It is estimated that an annexation process generally takes between two and five years.

Is annexation the same as expropriation?

No — annexation involves the transfer of lands from one municipal jurisdiction to another. It does not involve a municipality acquiring private lands, as is the case with expropriation.

Ecological Features in MPAA



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FAQs #6

I am a resident of St. Albert. What does this mean to me?

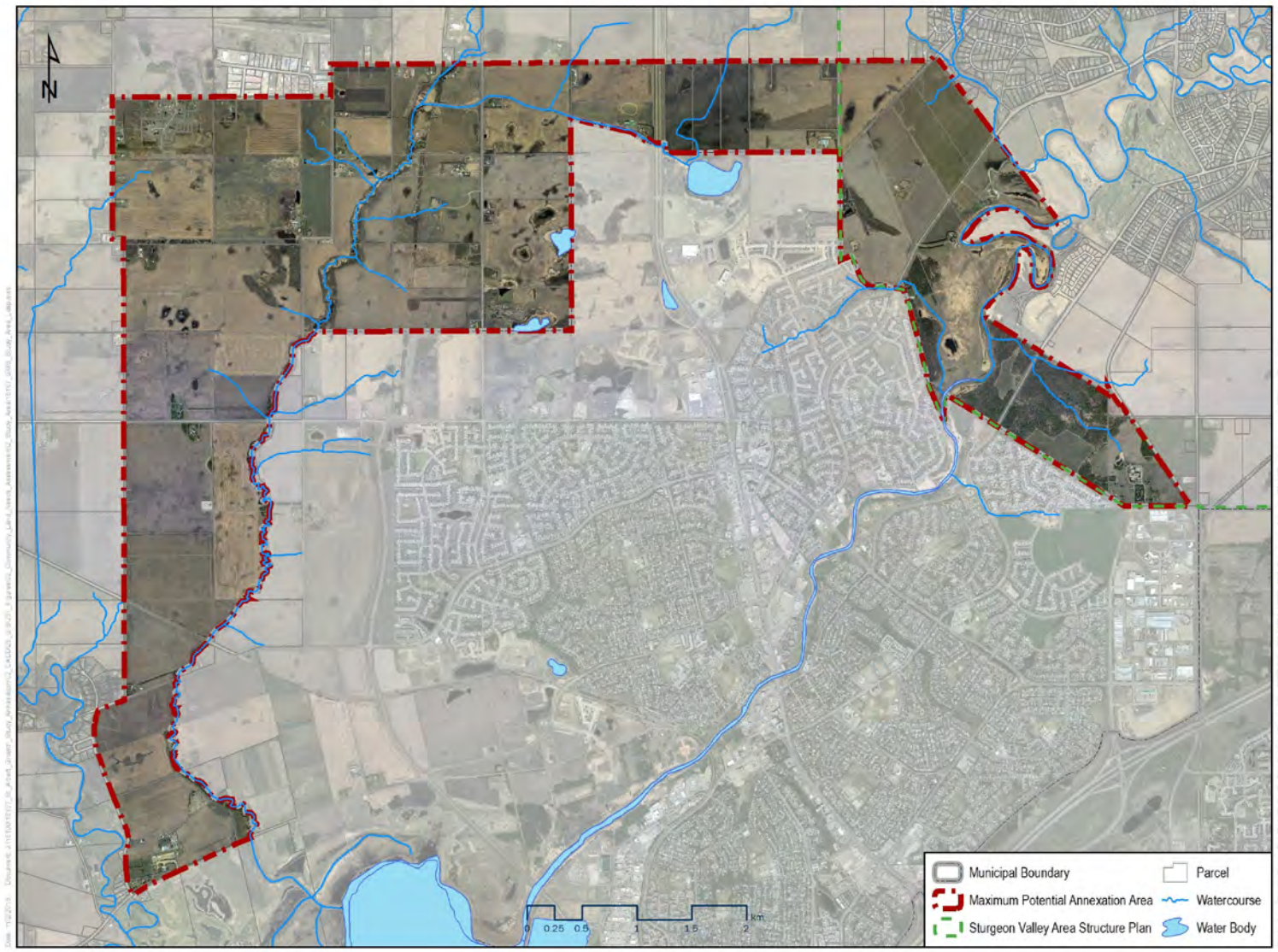
St. Albert is a growing community. The proposed annexation will provide additional land for the City to accommodate future residential, parks, public services, commercial, and industrial development.

I am a resident of Sturgeon County and I live in or own land in the annexation area. What does this mean for me?

If you live in or own property within the proposed annexation area, it is possible that your land may change jurisdiction from Sturgeon County to the City of St. Albert. This means your land will be governed by the City, future servicing will be provided by the City, and your taxes will be payable to the City. Further details regarding municipal services will be discussed through the annexation process; however, it is anticipated that residents will initially continue to receive the same level of service currently provided to them by Sturgeon County, should their lands become part of St. Albert. Details regarding taxes will be decided through the Annexation Negotiating Committee, which consists of three elected officials and the CAOs from each municipality. More information will be available at landowner open houses.

All impacted landowners will be sent an information package to the address registered on title and the address registered with the County for your tax notice.

Have your say



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FAQs #7

How can I participate in the process?

The City of St. Albert is committed to providing numerous opportunities for residents and stakeholders to be fully informed. Future public open houses will be scheduled as the process advances. The City has set up a webpage to share information and opportunities to provide feedback and ask questions: **stalbert.ca/annexation-sturgeon.**

How can I stay informed?

Updates will be posted on the City's website. Notices for upcoming open houses will be advertised in the local papers. All impacted landowners will be notified by mail of upcoming opportunities to provide input and feedback. People can subscribe to the electronic newsletter to receive updates by visiting the City's website at **stalbert.ca/annexation-sturgeon.**

Where can I find more information on annexation?

To learn more about the annexation process, you can also visit Alberta Municipal Affairs' website at **http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/abc_MGB_annexations**

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