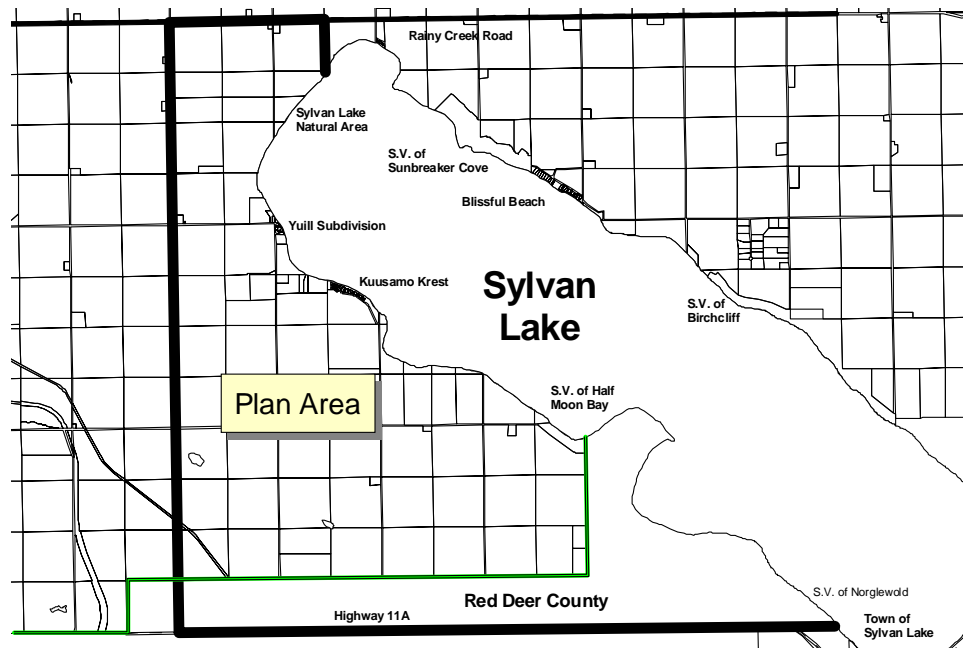




West Sylvan Lake Area Structure Plan

We are pleased to announce that the UMA Group, in partnership with The Co-Design Group, has been asked to assist Lacombe County and Red Deer County in the preparation of an Area Structure Plan for the west side of Sylvan Lake.



The two Counties will be working closely to develop a coordinated approach towards managing the growing pressures for development on this part of the lake. Major road and servicing infrastructure requirements will be addressed.

The UMA/Co-Design consulting team will be responsible for developing a "common vision" describing how future growth and development can be accommodated in a way that still protects the important values and qualities of the lake environment.

Work is set to get underway on the project very shortly. Both Counties recognize that there are many diverse interests and needs to be carefully considered. Representatives from nearby municipalities, provincial officials and various local user and interest groups will be invited to assist us in developing a much-needed planning strategy that will guide future decision-making. The success of this latest initiative will, of course, depend upon a great deal of cooperation and hard work if we are to overcome the differences and conflicts that have thwarted past studies, and which have certainly been evident at recent public hearings. It is hoped that the UMA/Co-Design team can create more positive working relations among the different stakeholders that will enable us to successfully complete this study.

County planners will incorporate the consultants' ideas and recommendations into an Area Structure Plan that is expected to be finalized this summer.

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