

### THE PARKLANDIA PROJECT- UPDATE

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- Initiated in 2013
- Coordinated every year since
- Staff are preparing for January 2018

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# **ABOUT THE PROJECT**





- Educational Program about Local Government and Planning
- Fulfills curriculum requirements
- Offered to local grade six classes
- Coordinated by Parkland County
- Supported and run by teachers
- Classroom Session
- Video Lessons
- Final Project



## **FINAL PROJECT**





## **AWARDS**

- 2014 Alberta Professional **Planners Institute Award of** Excellence and was featured in in the APPI Planning Journal (Spring 2015, Issue 15).
- 2015 Canadian Institute of Planners Award for Planning Excellence for New and **Emerging Planning Initiatives** and was featured in Plan Canada (Fall 2015, vol. 55 no. 3).



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PARKLAND COUNTY

This category recognizes the new and emerging planning initiatives that supplement or precede

more traditional planning efforts and are help-

ing to shape our communities. Examples may

tood systems planning or culture planning.

et émergentes en urbanisme qui viennent

include planning for healthy communities, local

Cette catégorie souligne les initiatives nouvelles

compléter ou précéder des projets d'urbanisme

plus traditionneis, et qui visent à contribuer

au développement de nos collectivités. Des exemples peuvent inclure la planification de collectivités saines, la planification de systèmes

alimentaires locaux ou encore la planification

de ragriculture.

JURY COMMENT | Parklandia was conceived to introduce school-aged children to the concepts and principles of land use and municipal planning and to the planning profession as a whole. Through a three-month-long program, Grade Six students in Parkland County, Alberta, participated in the development of a project in Parklandia, a fictitious community which struggled with the competing interests of the development community,

The Jury viewed this Parkland County submission as an excellent example of engaging the elected officials and stakeholders. and exciting young minds through planning, who in turn engage their parents and other

members of their community. This tool is innovative and is applicable across the country. This project is educational curriculum rather than a typical planning document.

COMMENTAIRE DU JURY | Le projet Parklandia a été conçu pour initier les enfants d'âge scolaire aux principes et aux concepts de l'utilisation des terres, de la planification des villes et de manière plus générale à la profession d'urbaniste. Dans le cadre d'un projet étalé sur trois mois, des écoliers de sixième année du comté de Parkland (Alberta) ont participé à la conception d'un projet dans Parklandia, une collectivité fictive aux prises avec les intérêts

concurrents de promoteurs, des représentants élus et des parties intéressées. uncontenne un protonomente, une representante enue et une perture intervenent. Le jury a estimé que cette présentation du comté de Parkland constituait un bel exemple de projet pour intéresser les jeunes et les motiver autour d'un projet lié à l'urbanisme qui, à

son tour, pouvait attirer l'attention de leurs parents et d'autres membres de la collectivité. Cet outil apporte des éléments nouveaux qu'il est possible d'adapter où que ce soit au Une outen apporte des elements nouveaux qu'il est preside à songret, ve que de son sur pays. Cette présentation est davantage un projet pédagogique qu'un simple document sur

l'urbanisme



# **SCHOOL PARTICIPATION**

Parklandia Participation		
January 2014 Schools	Classes	Students
Blueberry School	2	53
Duffield School	1	28
Ecole Meridian Heights School	1	33
Muir Lake School	1	37
St. Thomas Aquinas	2	27
Total	7	195
January 2015 Schools		Estimated
Blueberry School	1	22
Seba Beach School	1	22
Connections for Learning	1	22
Muir Lake School	1	22
Forest Green School	1	22
Total	5	110
January 2016 Schools		Estimated
Ecole Broxton Park School	1	22
Connections for Learning	1	22
Blueberry School	1	22
Forest Green School	1	22
Total	4	88
January 2017 Schools		
Connections For Learning	1	10
Seba Beach School	1	7
Forest Green School	2	35
Blueberry School	3	64
Total	7	116
Grand Total	18	509



### LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PLAN – 2040 AND BEYOND

One Parkland: Powerfully Connected

Responsible Leadership

- The program is a collaborative effort between County departments, the School Division, neighbouring municipalities, and Mayor and Council.
- Through educational outreach, the Program fosters open and transparent engagement.
- Students learn about many aspects of local government and leadership. Students can gain an interest in complete communities at a young age becoming engaged and informed residents.





# CONCLUSION

### "LOVE LOVE LOVE PARKLANDIA project and working hand in hand with the County of Parkland!"

-Teacher comment



