

Molonglo Valley

Structure Plan & Enquiry by Design, ACT

Project Type

Structure Plan

Date

2005

ESD Role

Sub-consultant to Annand Alcock Urban Design

Project Size

3000ha for 20,000 dwellings

Client

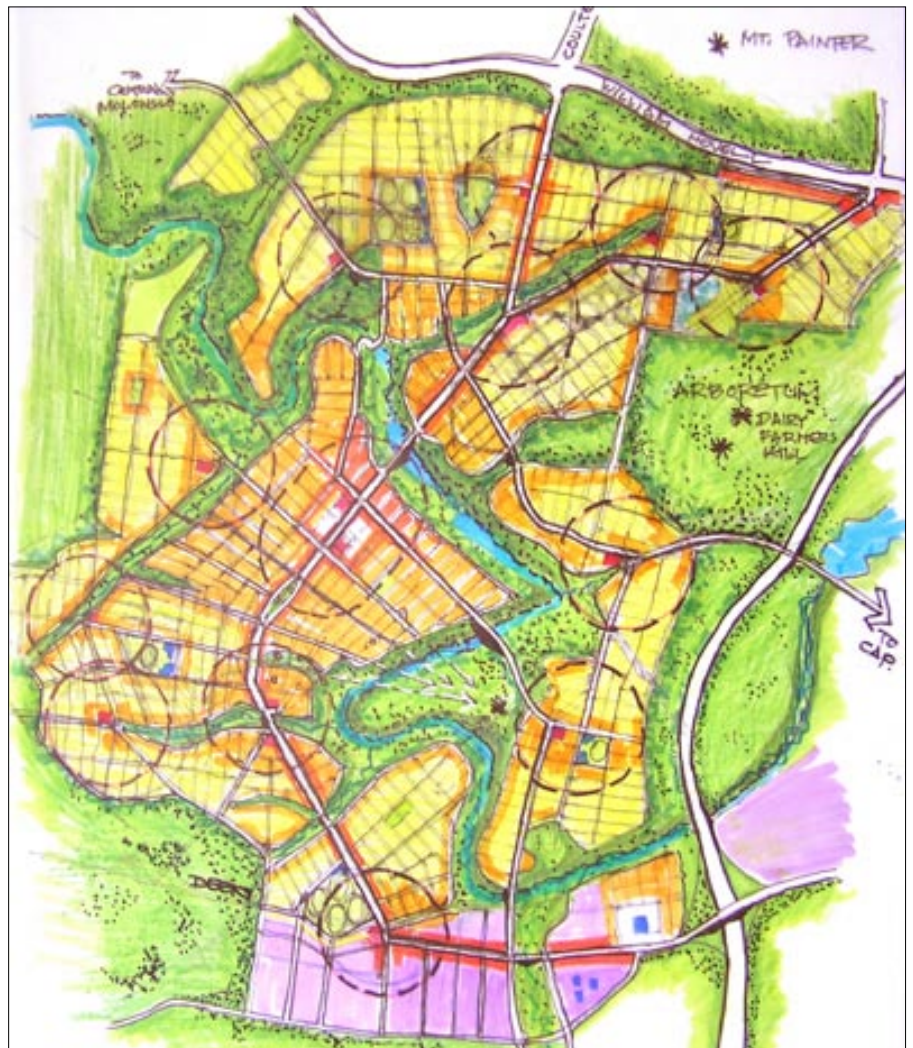
ACT Planning & Land Authority

Implementation Status

Structure Plan adopted 2006

Further Information

www.actpla.act.gov.au/molonglo



Molonglo Valley Structure plan.



View from the Molonglo Valley towards Canberra.



Former pine plantations in the Molonglo Valley.



View over a section of the Molonglo Valley showing charred remains of the pine plantations destroyed in the 2003 bushfires.

Just west of Canberra's central area, the Molonglo Valley covers about a thousand hectares of undeveloped land, which was mostly covered in pine plantations until the bush fires of 2003. Always anticipated as a growth corridor for Canberra, the bush fires accelerated this process.

ESD co-led the three-day Molonglo Valley Enquiry by Design Workshop for the ACT Planning and Land Authority, as sub-consultants to project leaders Annand Alcock Urban Design (AAUD) of Sydney. AAUD and ESD are co-founders of the Australian Council for New Urbanism. The design team worked with about sixty relevant stakeholders across this three-day workshop to develop several indicative plans, which AAUD has now refined into the approved Structure Plan for 30 years of growth.

The plan shown, designed by ESD, formed the basis of the approved plan, with a main town centre on a new lake, with several secondary centres and neighbourhoods. The plan orients streets and views to key landmarks in the area, as Canberra's original designer Walter Burley Griffin might have done, while also responding to today's urban sustainability design criteria.