

Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Update

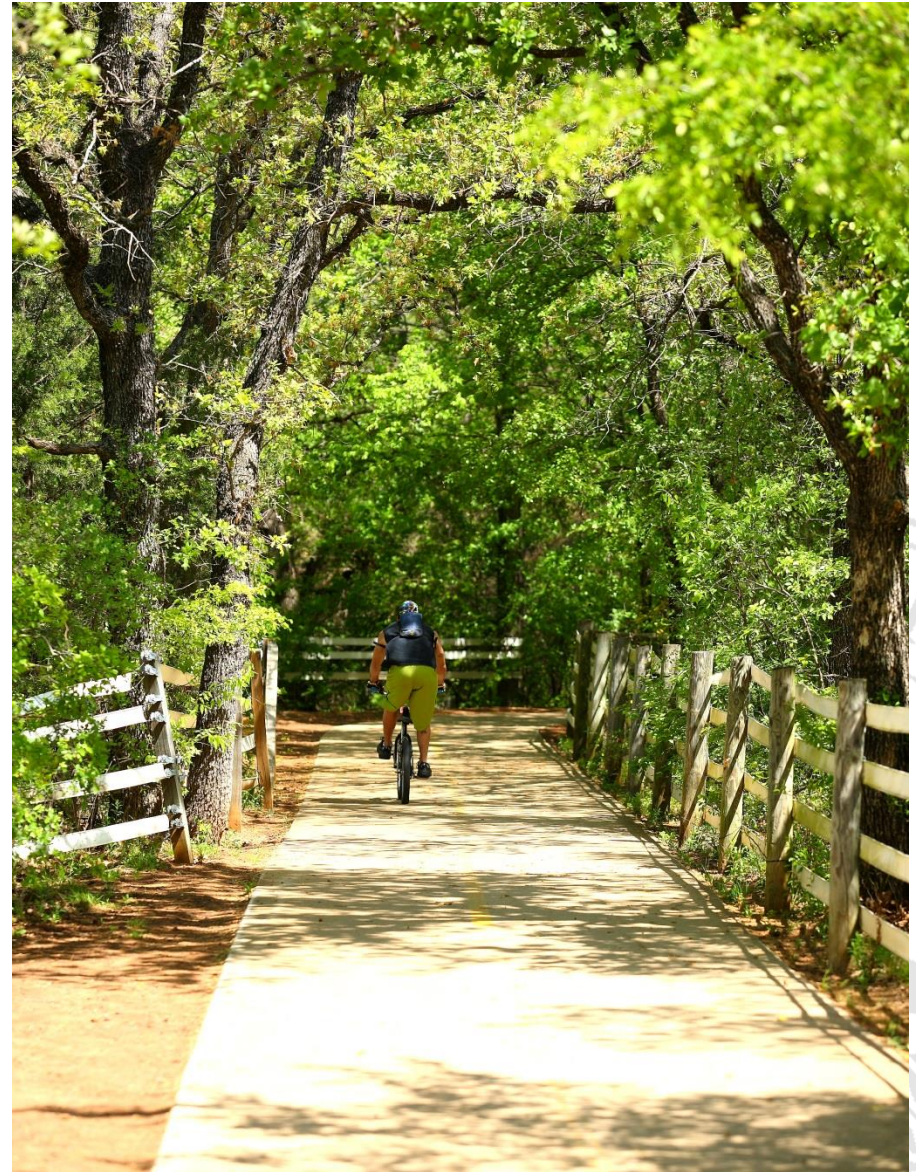
Public Input Meeting & Joint Work Session of
the Keller City Council, Parks & Recreation Board, Keller
Development Corporation, and Planning & Zoning Commission



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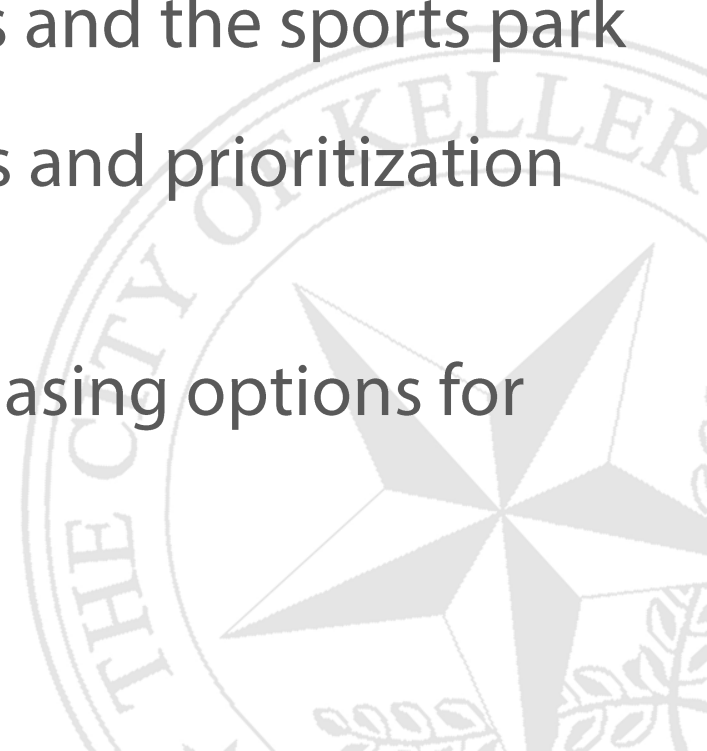
Tonight's Agenda

- Purpose of the Parks and Open Space Plan Update
- Public Input Process
- Hike & Bike Trail Plan
- Park Concept Plans
- Next Steps
- Public Input Breakout Sessions



Purpose of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Update

- Build on 2007 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and other adopted plans
- Identify critical opportunities, especially in three of the city's undeveloped park areas and the sports park
- Identify key trail plan refinements and prioritization criteria
- Focus on implementation and phasing options for strategic use of city resources



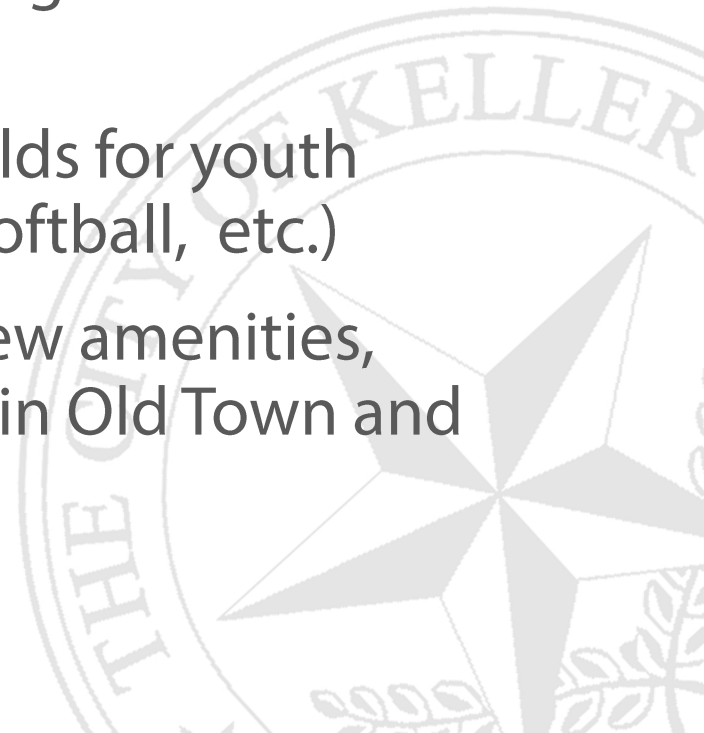
Public Input Opportunities

- Stakeholder Meetings
(Dec. 2013/Jan. 2014)
- Public Meeting No. 1
(Feb. 2014)
- Online Resident Survey
(Feb-March 2014)
- Joint Work Sessions
(July 2014, Sept. 2014)



Public Input Highlights

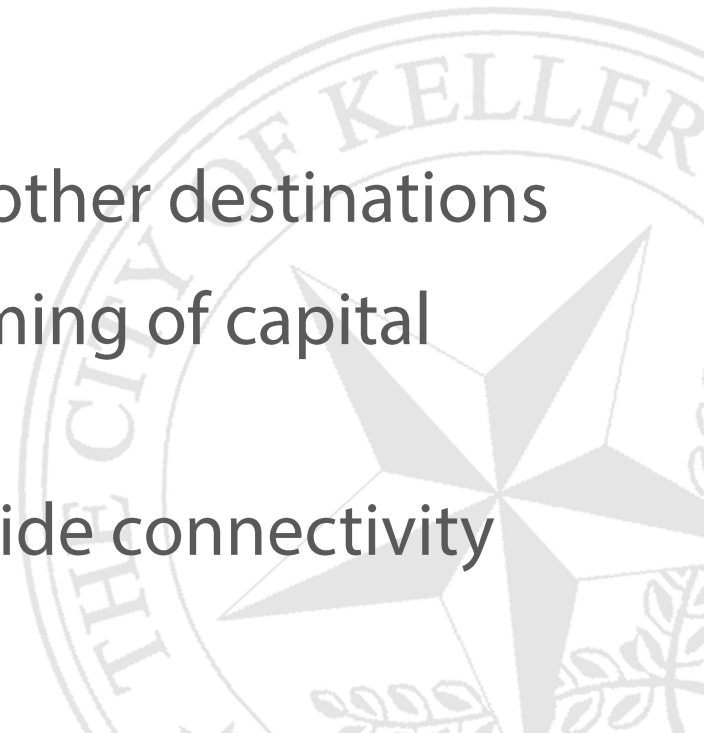
- Focus on maintaining and improving existing park facilities while also developing new amenities
- Strong support for additional trails, including regional trail connectivity with adjoining cities
- Interest in maintaining and enhancing natural habitat/open space areas
- Provision for more practice areas/fields for youth organized sports (soccer, baseball, softball, etc.)
- Strong interest in and support for new amenities, including a dog park, a park/square in Old Town and community gardens



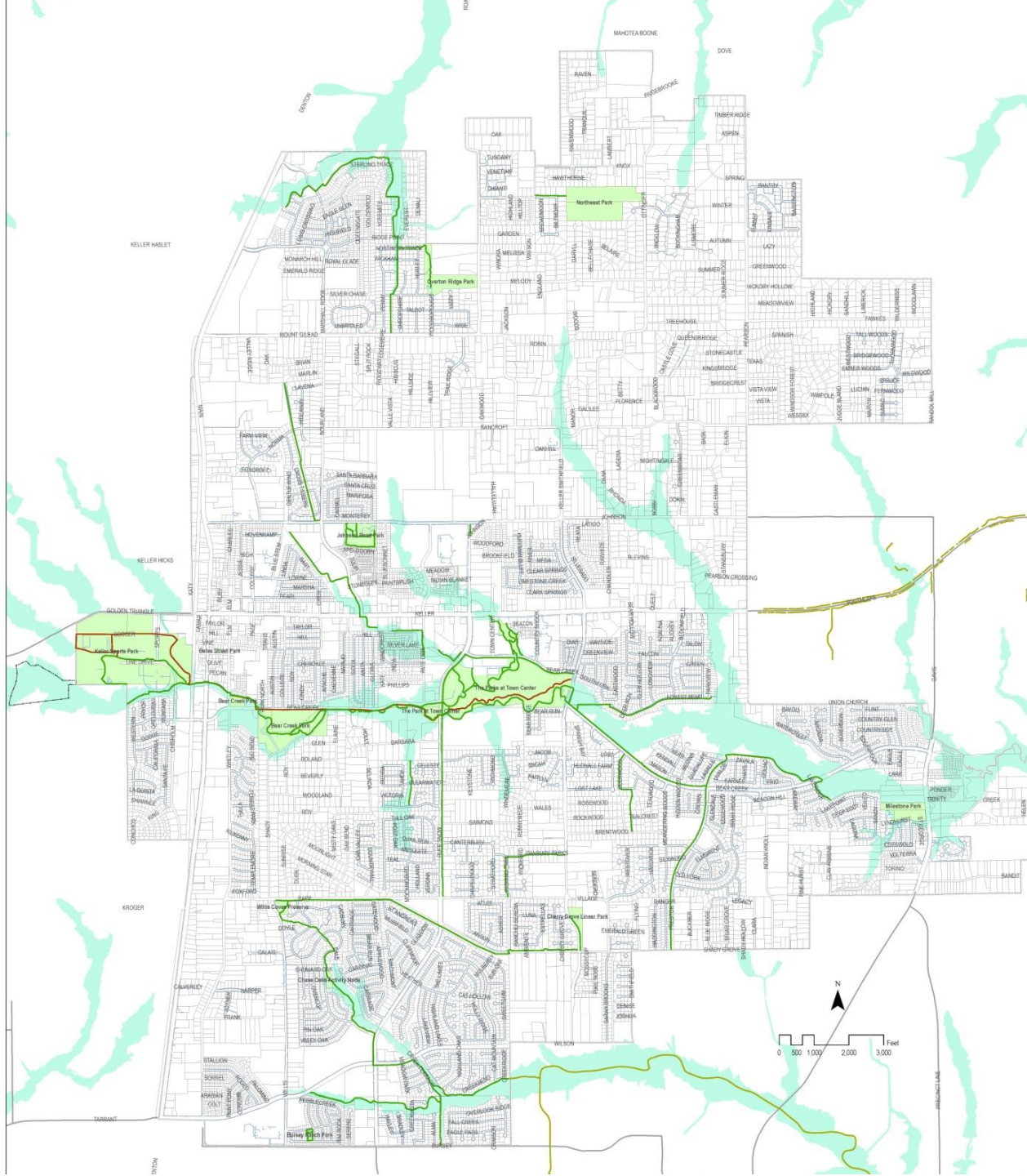
Hike & Bike Trail Plan Update Process

Detailed evaluation of 2007 Plan routes based on:

- Existing easements or right-of-way
- Existing development context (established neighborhoods or undeveloped property)
- Connections to regional trails
- Location of schools, parks, and other destinations
- City's Thoroughfare Plan and timing of capital projects
- Availability of sidewalks to provide connectivity



Existing Trail Network

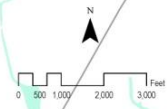


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Existing Trails & Sidewalks

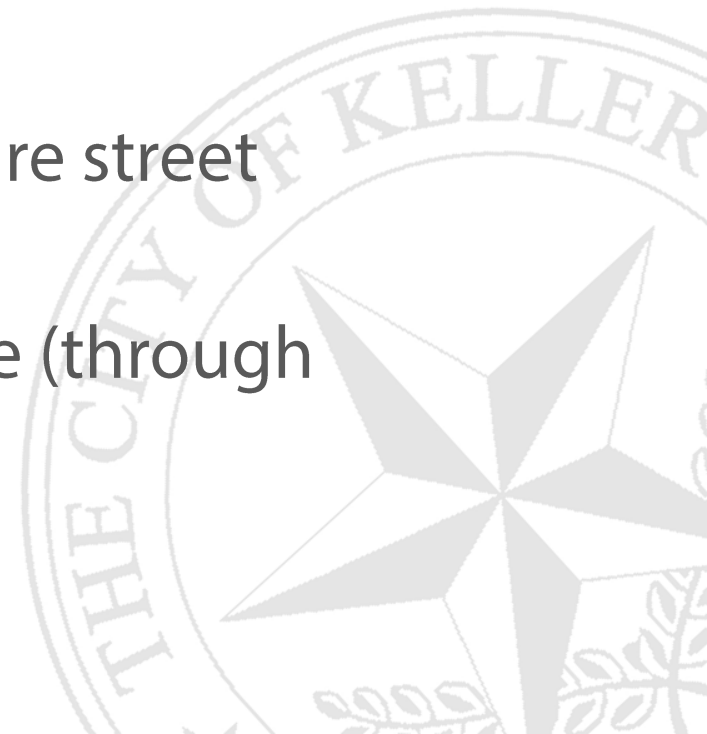
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- Sidewalks

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- Keller Parcel Lines
- Keller Public Parks
- FEMA 100-yr Floodplain

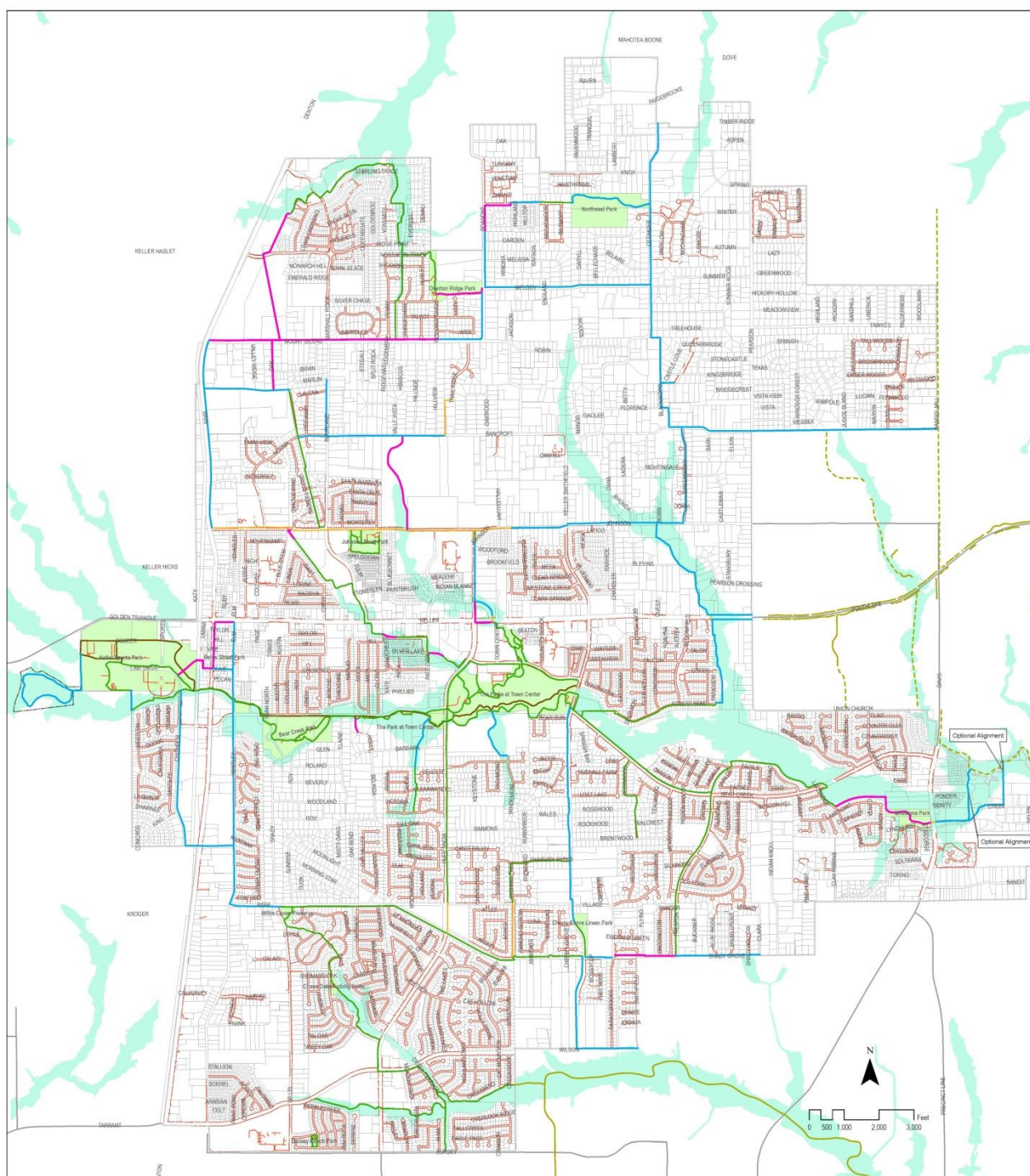


Trail Plan Phasing Criteria

- Current private development projects in the pipeline
- Strategic linkages (less than ¼ mile)
- Potential to partner with future private development projects
- Potential to implement with future street improvement projects
- Alternative connectivity available (through sidewalks, etc.)



Trail Plan - Phasing



Legend

Trail Priority (includes expanded sidewalk segments)

- High (5.5 mi.)
- Medium (19 mi.)
- Low (2.3 mi.)
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- Proposed Adjoining City Trails

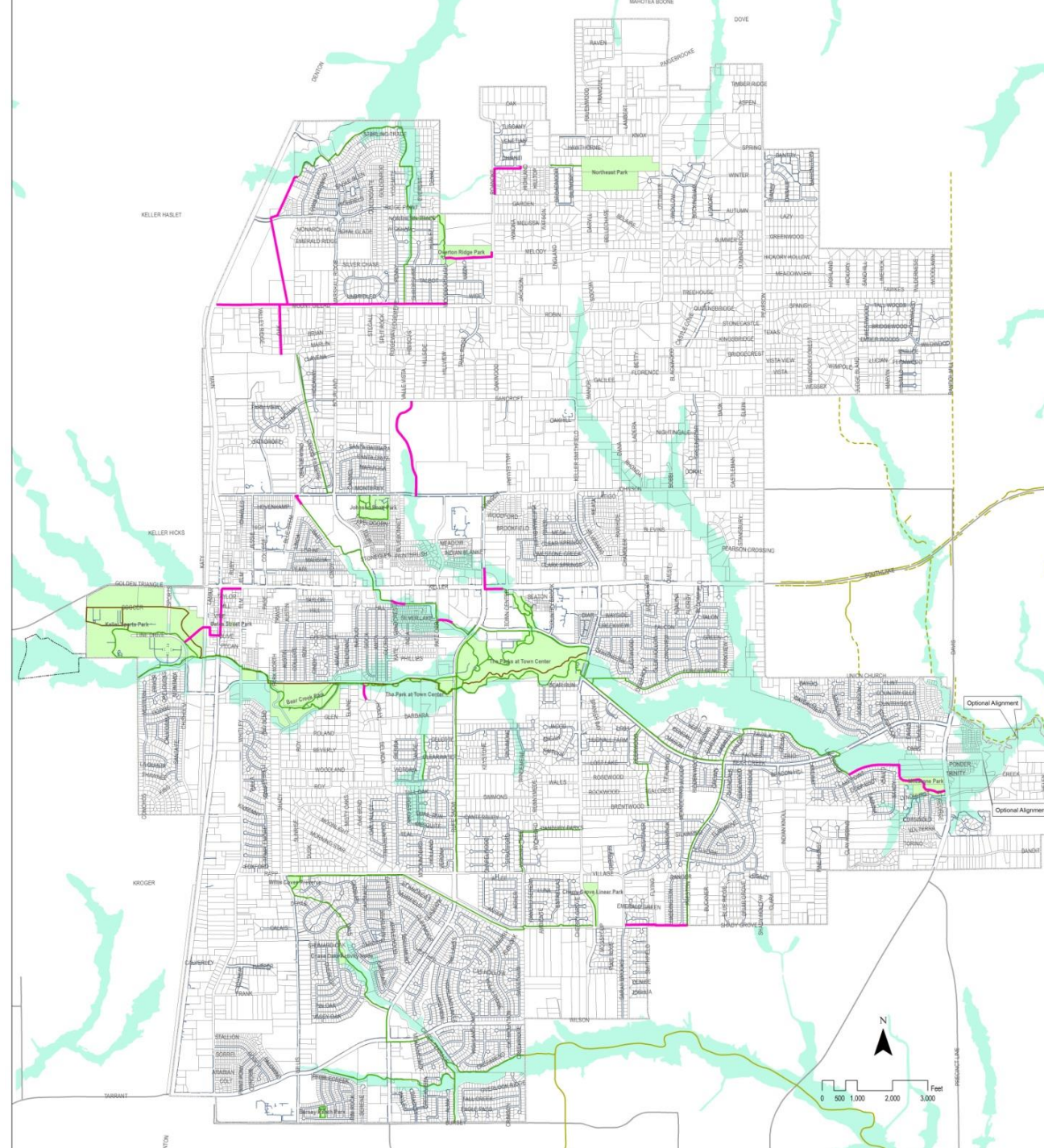
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Trail Plan – Phase 1

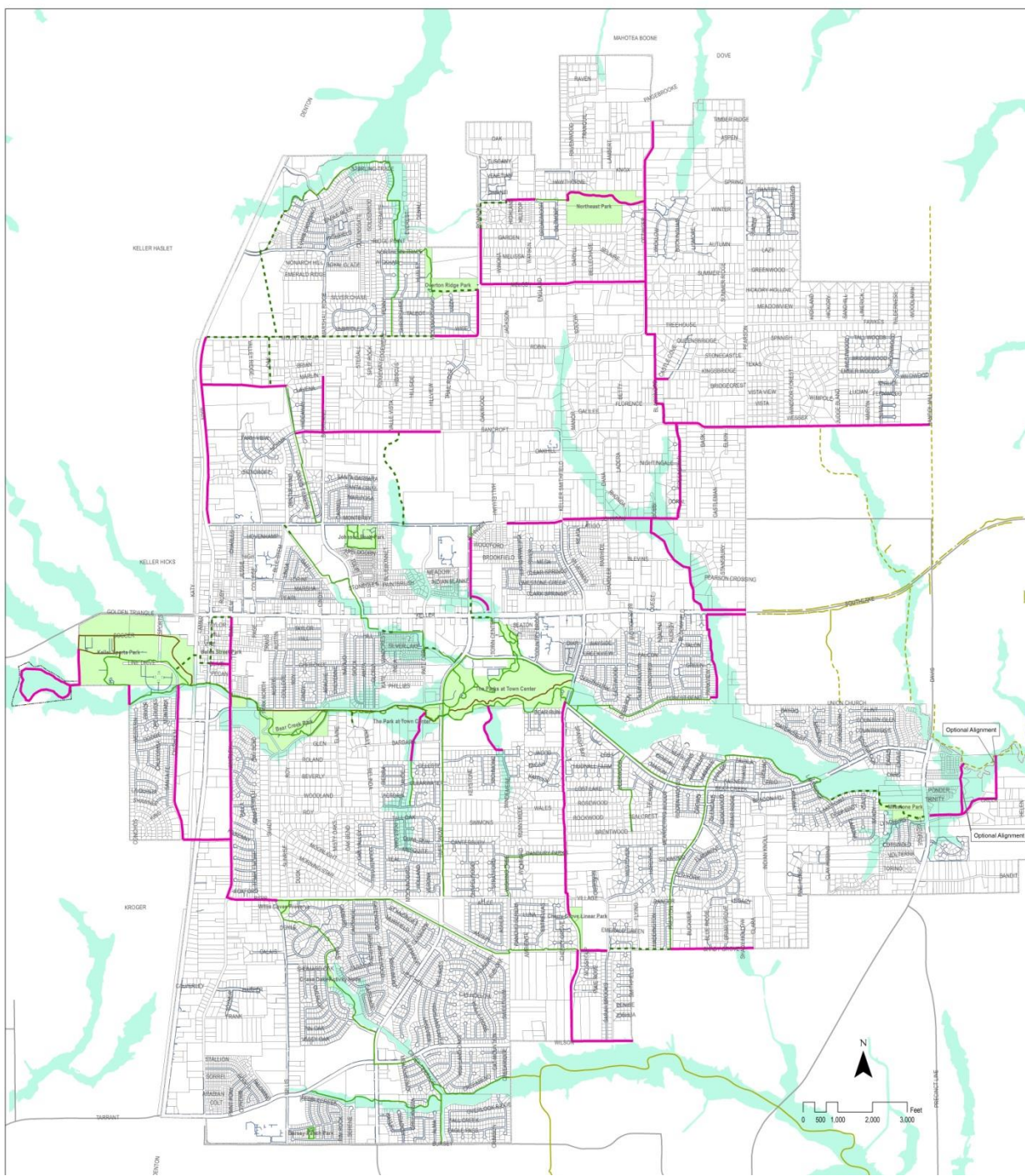
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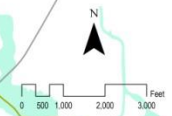
Trail Plan – Phase 2



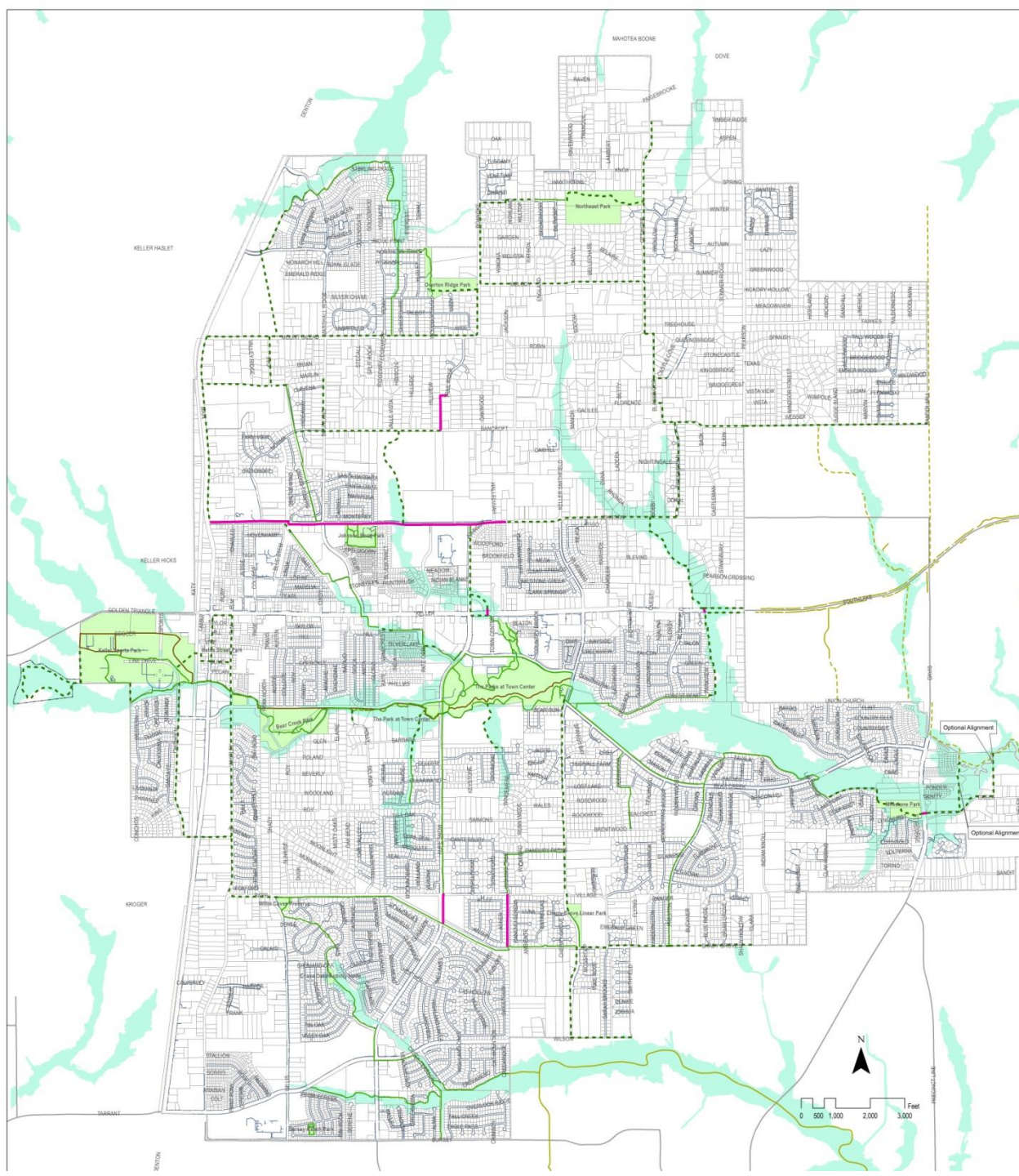
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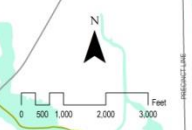
Trail Plan – Phase 3



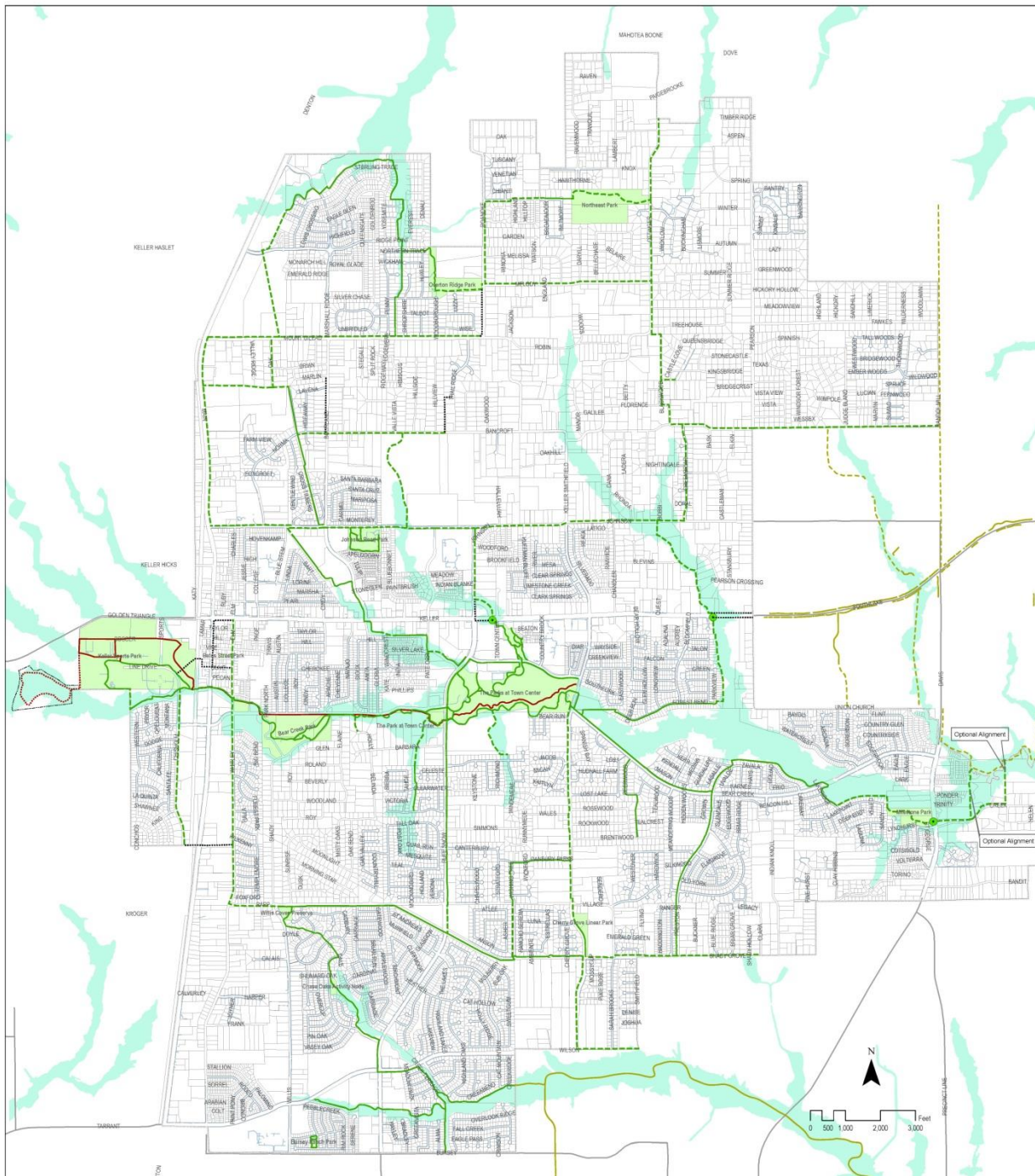
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- Low (2.3 mi.)
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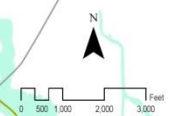


Trail Plan Ultimate Network



Legend

- Future Hike & Bike Trails (8' min. width) (24.5 mi.)
 - Trail Underpass
 - Future Equestrian Trails (1 mi. approx.)
 - Future Enhanced Sidewalks (6' min. width) (2.4 mi.)
 - Existing Sidewalks
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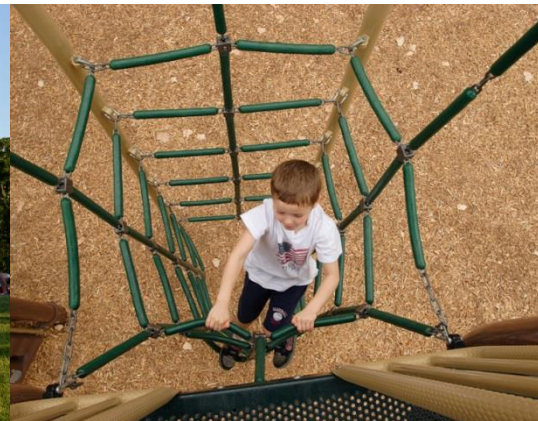
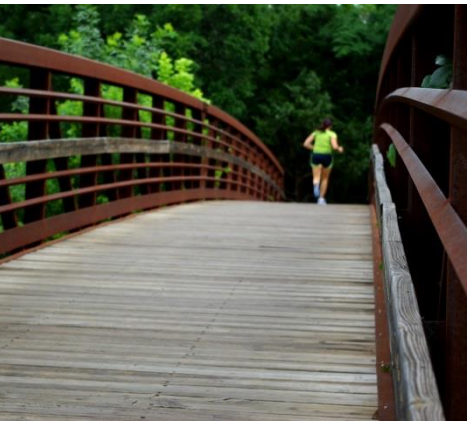
Park Concept Plans

Milestone Park

Overton Ridge Park

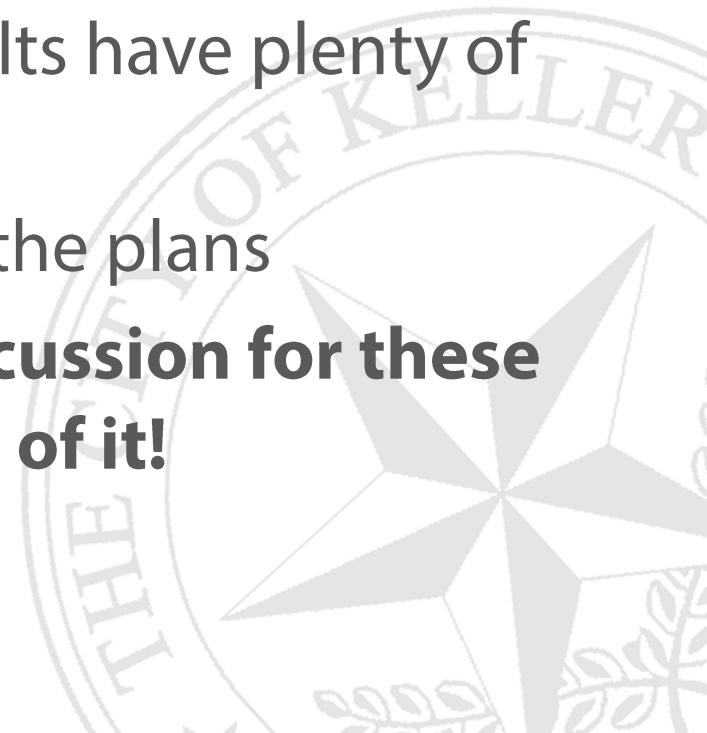
Northeast Park

Keller Sports Park



Concepts & Goals

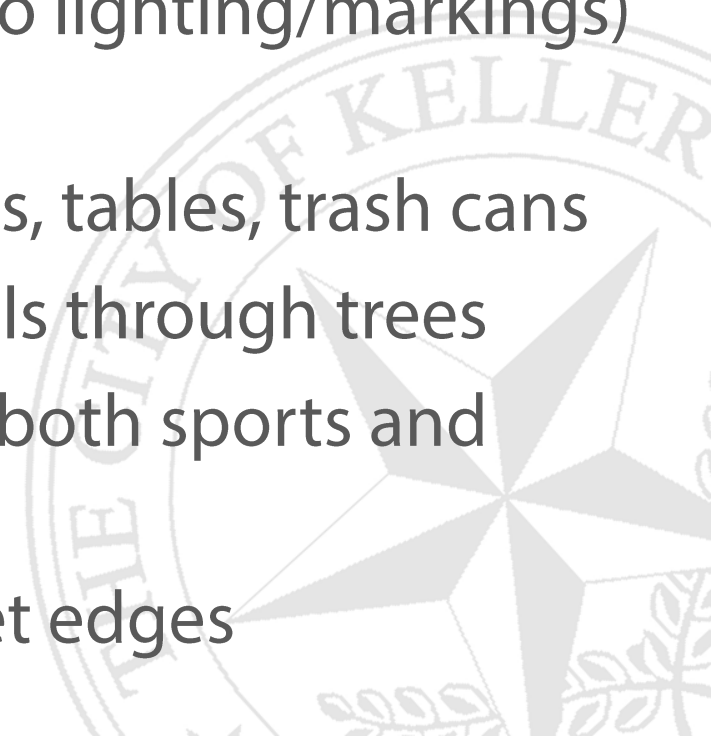
- Provide space for a wide variety of uses based on the needs assessment and community feedback
- Provide new, quality space in underserved areas
- Stay fiscally conservative and strategic
- Ensure that teens and young adults have plenty of recreation opportunities
- Address ADA access throughout the plans
- **This is the beginning of the discussion for these parks, thank you for being part of it!**



Milestone Park

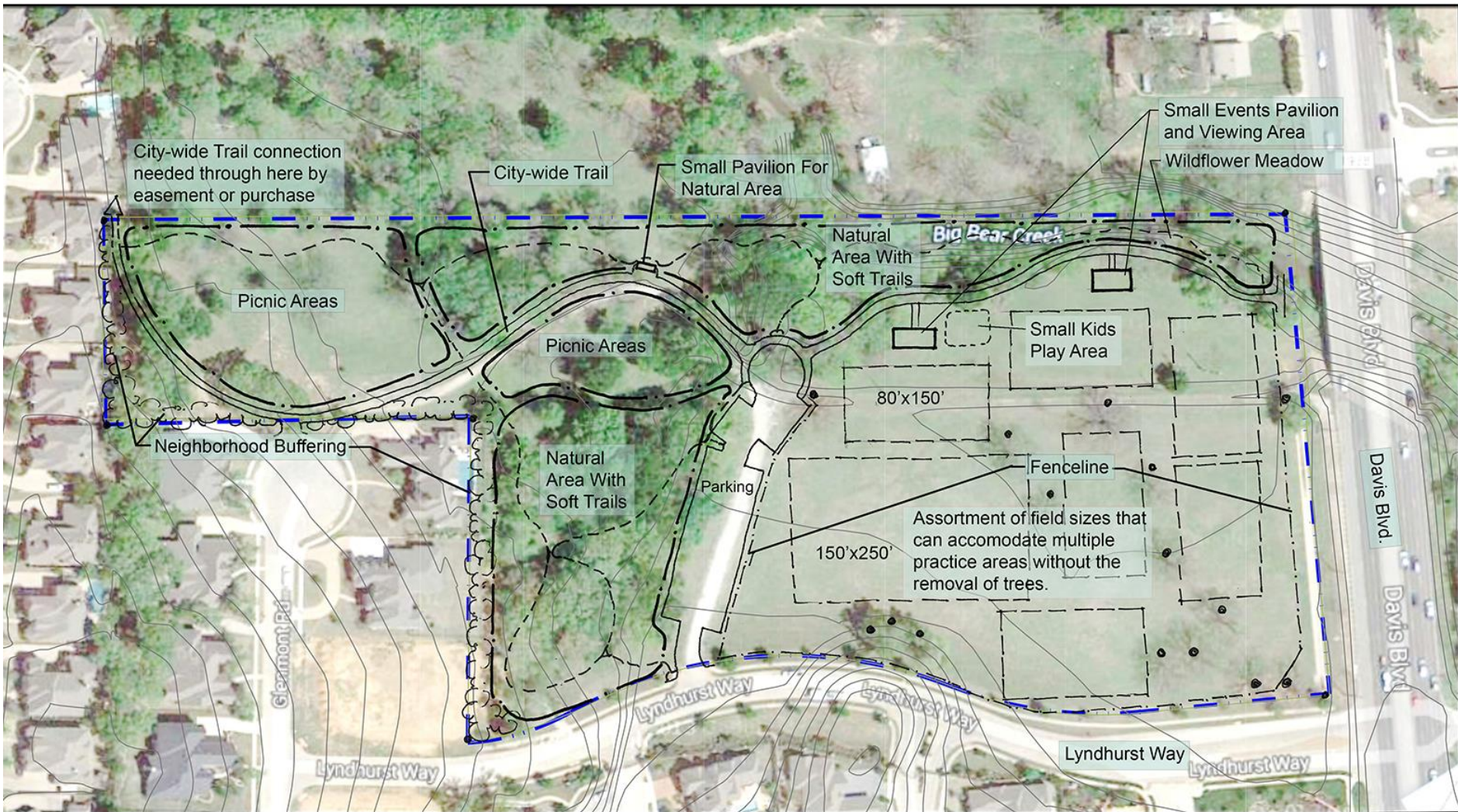
8757 Davis Blvd.

- Potential for a wonderful new trailhead for Big Bear Creek Greenbelt Trail
- Open woods and natural landscape for passive activities
- Potential for small practice fields (no lighting/markings) without tree removal
- Provide some furniture such as grills, tables, trash cans
- Bird watching, picnic areas, soft trails through trees
- Simple ADA accessible pavilion for both sports and natural landscape viewing
- Low rural-styled fence around street edges



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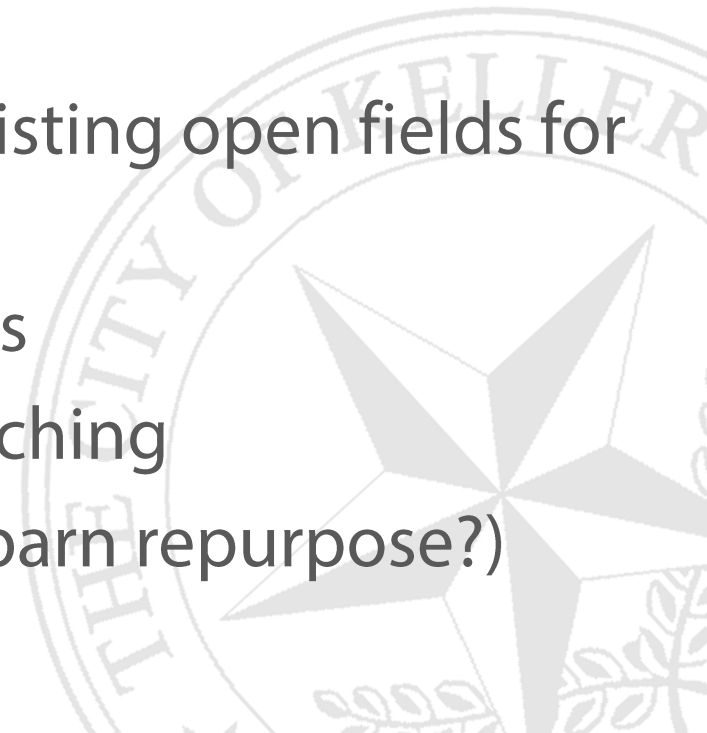
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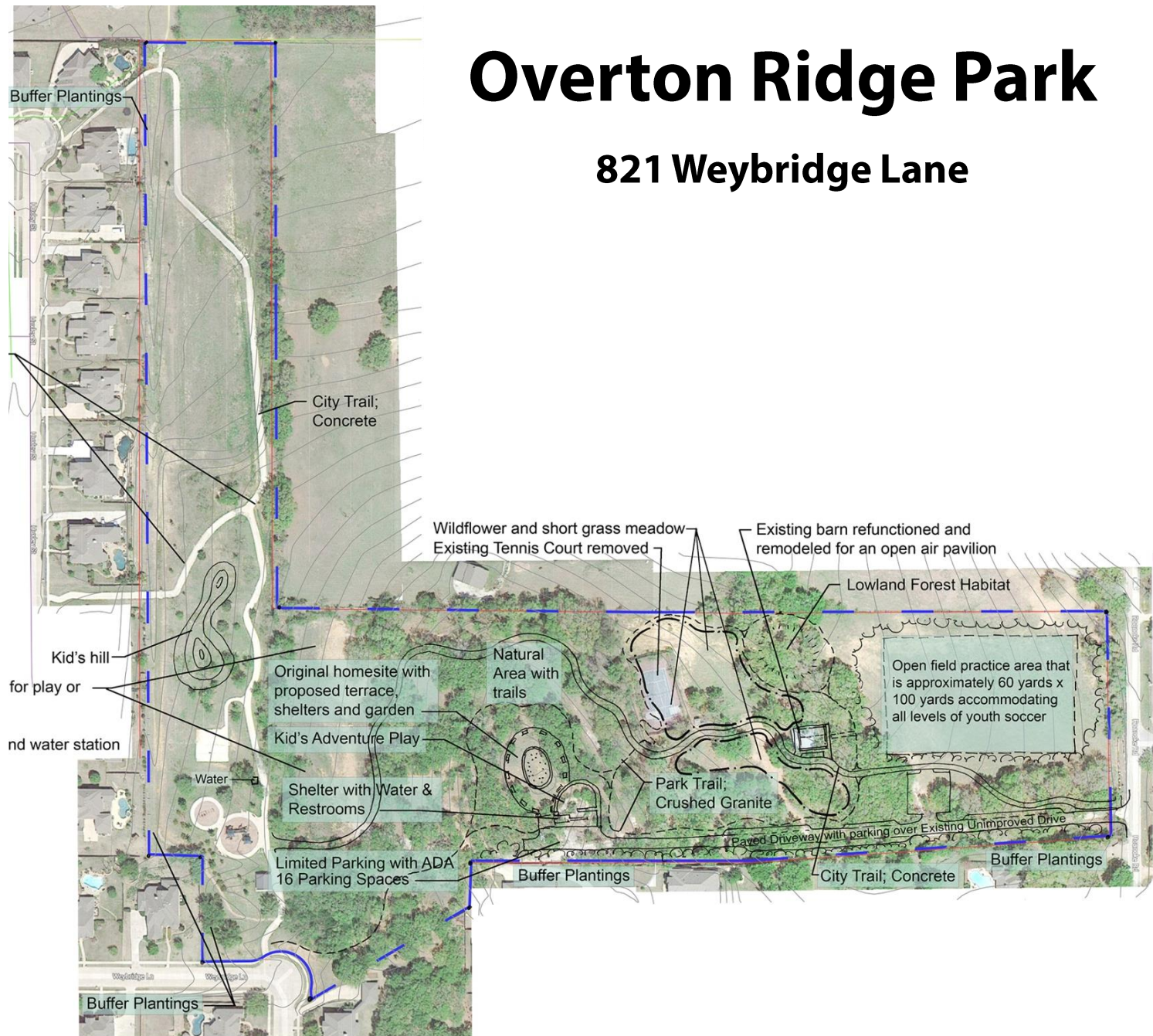
821 Weybridge Lane

- 12-acre expansion to existing park amenities
- Key citywide trail connection
- Wonderful views and important Cross Timbers ecosystem
- Beautiful natural landscape and existing open fields for sport practice, frisbee, picnics
- Potential for adventure play for kids
- Passive recreation such as bird watching
- Hilltop open-air pavilion (existing barn repurpose?)
- Kid's Hill



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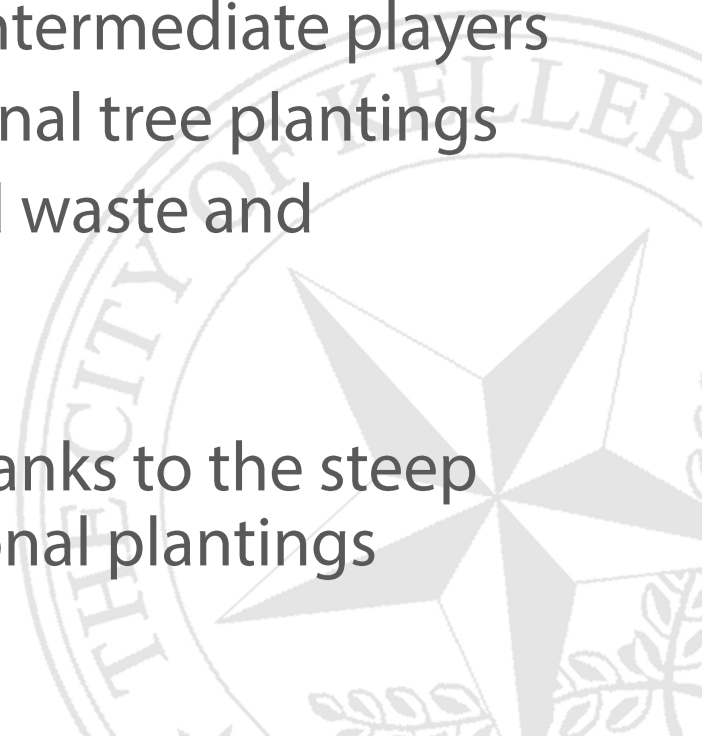
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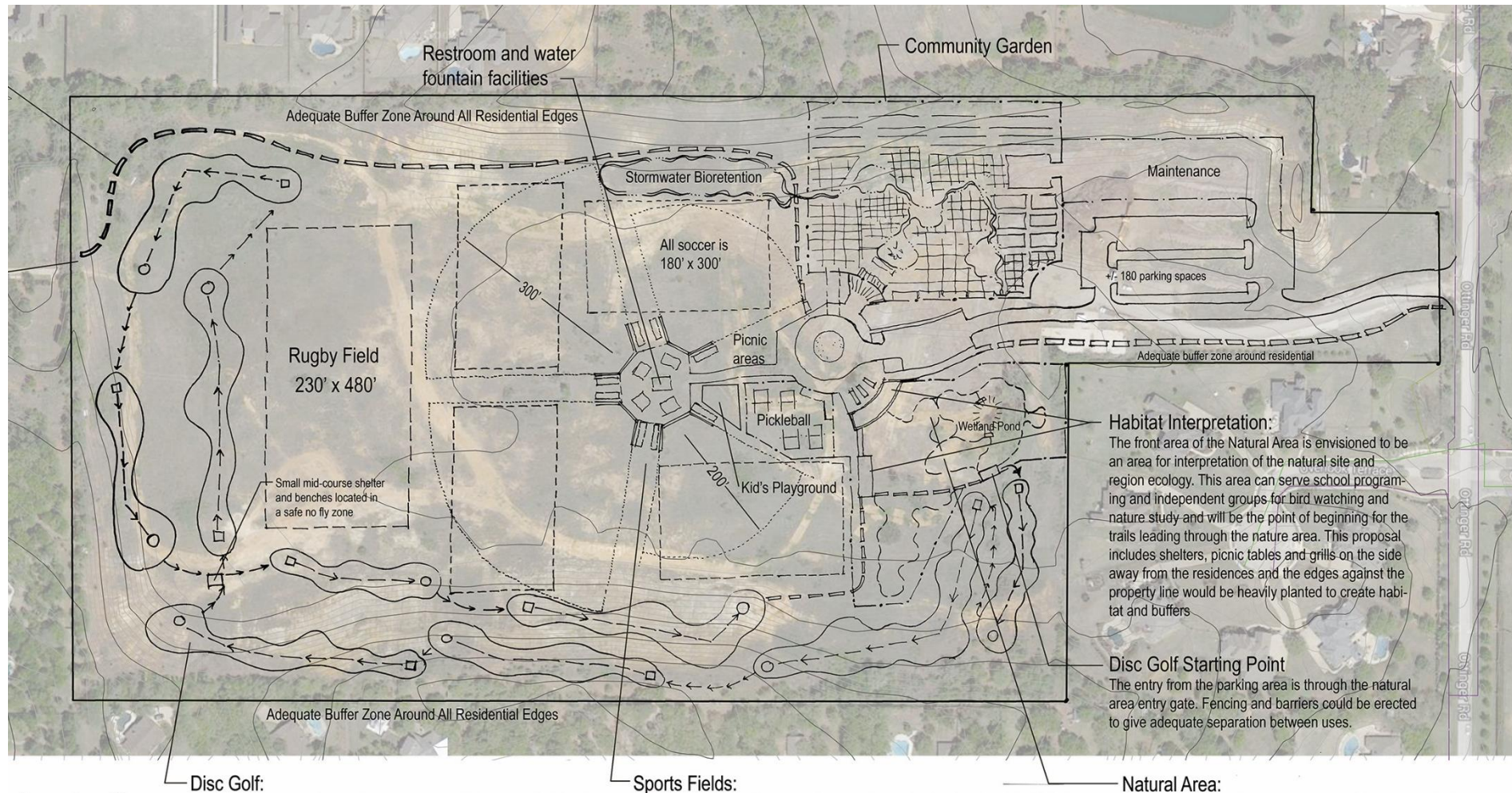
1792 Ottinger Road

- Important opportunity for recreation in underserved area
- Hike/bike trail and connectivity to citywide trail system
- Open fields for kite flying, picnics, open play & practice fields, including rugby (*NO* lighting/markings/fencing)
- Disc golf course for beginning and intermediate players
- Natural areas enhanced with additional tree plantings
- Community gardens leveraging yard waste and composting activities
- Pickleball, playground, picnic areas
- Natural buffering from neighbors thanks to the steep banks on the park edges and additional plantings



Northeast Park

1792 Ottinger Road



Keller Sports Park

265 Golden Triangle Blvd.

- Opportunity for public/private partnership as a central and signature feature
- Railroad underpass tying a central esplanade through the park to Old Town Keller businesses
- Re-imagined equestrian arena on the west 40 acres
- New and reconditioned ball and soccer fields
- Economic development through sports tourism
- Potential for sports park/Old Town bike sharing program
- Potential for second dog park, splash features for children
- Enhanced visitor and pedestrian experiences
- Comprehensive wayfinding and signage



Keller Sports Park

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West 40 Acres:
The new addition to the Keller Sports Park is constrained by floodplain and is mostly undevelopable. Being so, investment in this area should be strategic and minimal to avoid permitting issues, loss or damage potential. The City doesn't have much in the way of natural lands for the enjoyment of nature and this tract may serve that purpose. Equestrian trails are limited and with the arena and nearby equestrian trails, the addition of more equestrian trails and the relocation of the arena is a strategic and potentially high return investment that can also support the low impact and nature touring activities.

Phase One: General and maintenance trail construction, small simple open-air wood pavilions constructed along the pathway for nature stoop, placement of interpretive signage, picnic places. The trail would be a loop moving along both sides of the creek.

Phase Two: Once Ray White Road was constructed by the City of Ft. Worth, then a new entry point and small parking area can be constructed and the relocation of the arena placed on site.

Future Ray White Road

The SW most corner of this property may be a good location for a large dog park that is well secured. Concerns for the close proximity of large dogs and horses led this concept to show a more comprehensive fencing perimeter including a cattle guard across the road and isolating the dog section and associated parking completely from the horses. The arena and dog park would be constructed after Ray White Road was completed.



Emergency or Maintenance Entry

Secondary Entry

At the 377 intersection and the main park entry, create monumentation to signify the arrival and entry points. Work with the current corner owners for an easement for the improvements.

Set up a directional signage system that starts at this intersection. Corners of intersection to have monumentation or other design elements

City should seek to leverage the development of commercial uses toward creating a beer linkage between Old Town and the Sports Park. With big box development, ensure that the store has an appropriate image for this location as the gateway into Keller. The property perimeter should be inviting to pedestrian traffic.

East end of Sports Park. Explorade connecting to Bobas Street

Future I-4 underpass connection from the Sports Park to Old Town Keller. Path line up with Bobas St. Interim strategy for movement can be pedicels to move pedestrians back and forth to Old Town until the underpass can be constructed.

Walls on boundary. The portion of the Sports Park along the Big Bear Creek to the east portion of the property is subdivided and is limited by City of Keller. Maps and aerial interpretation.

Next Steps

- Individual project input meetings
- Finalized draft report
- Formal public hearing process
- Plan adoption – early 2016
- Design plans and construction schedules prioritized as part of the annual budgeting process through the Capital Improvements Program

Public Input Breakout Sessions

- Keller Sports Park – Council Chambers
- Northeast Park – Pre-Council Chambers
- Overton Ridge, Milestone & Trail System - Foyer

