# Exploring the Green Elements of CodeNEXT

Grow Green Professional Training

March 3, 2017

# What is CodeNEXT?

- CodeNEXT is the City of Austin initiative to revise the Land Development Code
- The goal of CodeNEXT is to revise our land use standards and regulations to:
  - ✓ Preserve and enhance the best qualities of our communities
  - ✓ Be fair, predictable, and easy to use
  - ✓ Align with Imagine Austin's vision, policies, growth concept map, and priority programs

# Land Development Code

Guides how land is used

- WHAT can be built
- WHERE it can be built
- HOW much can be built

integrate nature
into the city

**“green infrastructure is strategically planned and managed networks of natural lands, parks, working landscapes, other open spaces, and green stormwater controls that conserve and enhance ecosystems and provide associated benefits to human populations.”**

***imagine austin***

# ecosystem services

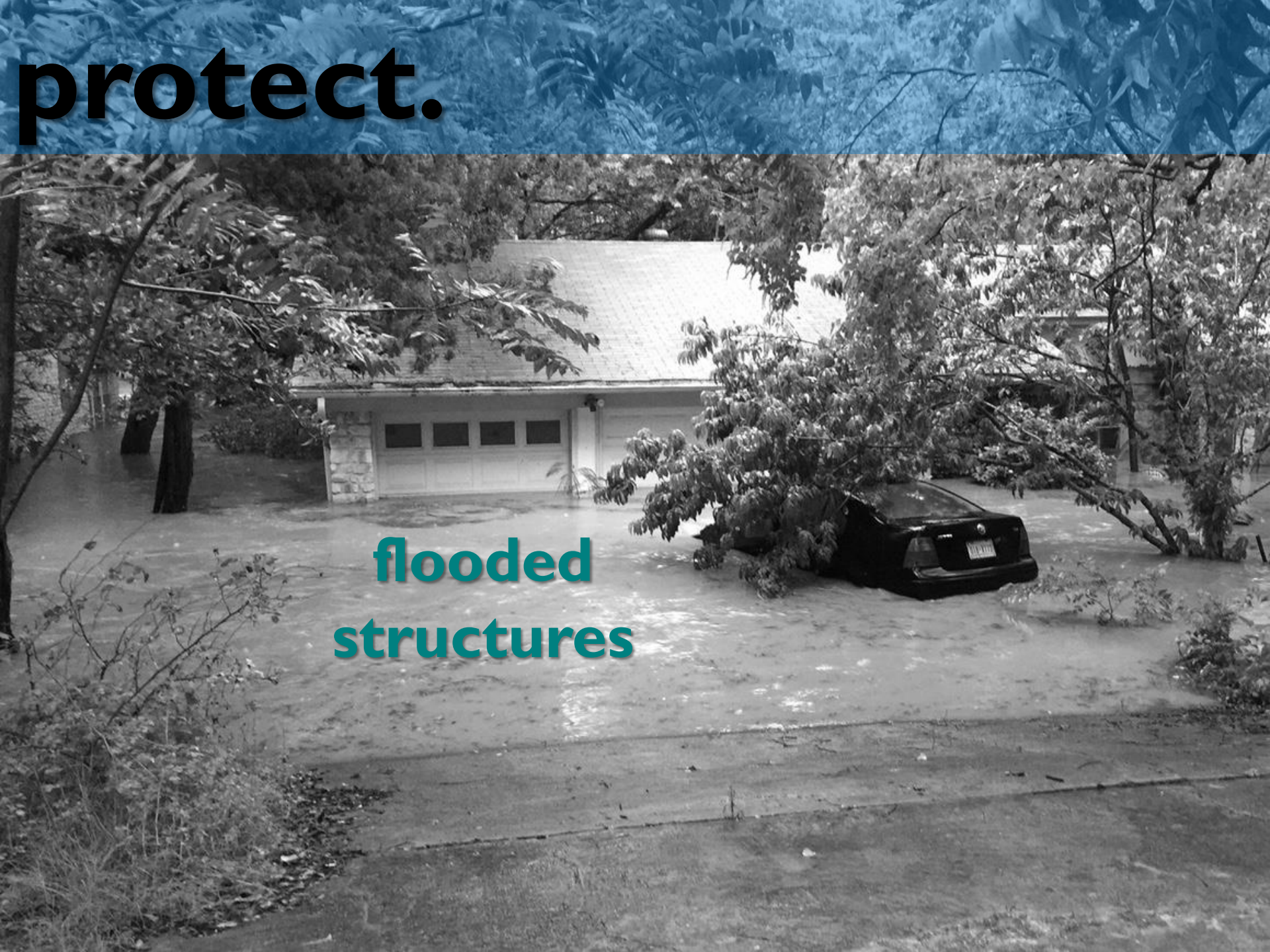
the benefits of nature to households, communities, and economies

protect
cool
absorb
connect
THE TRUST for PUBLIC LAND
CLIMATE-SMART CITIES

# protect.

protect.
natural resources
unique places
sensitive features

# protect.



# protect.

floodplain
community space
health and safety
Cherry Creek

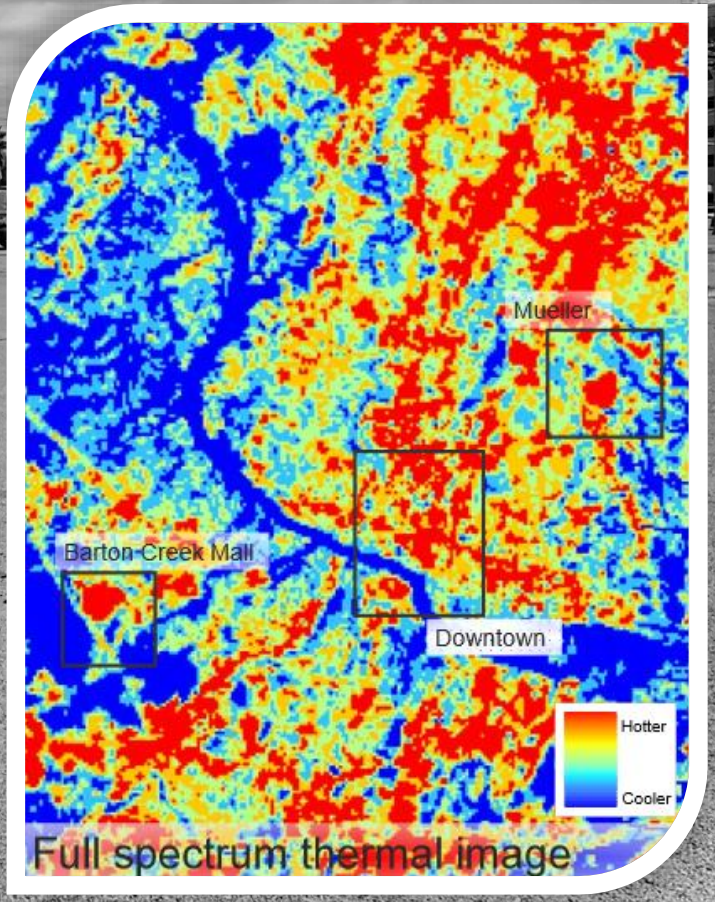
# absorb.

# absorb.

# cool.

urban heat island

asphalt



cool.
green roof
shade trees
landscape

# connect.

connect.
riparian zone
wildlife habitat
trail

# CodeNEXT Schedule

- January 30: Draft code released for public review
- April 18: Draft map released for public review
- September: Planning/Zoning & Platting Commissions
- December/January: City Council (1st reading)
- March/April: City Council (2nd/3rd reading)

# Get Involved!

- austintexas.gov/codenext
- Online survey
- Code comment tool
- Attend open houses/topic talks
- Sign up for email alerts
- Request a presentation
- Submit a Viewpoint paper

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