

# Exploring the Green Elements of CodeNEXT



# 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

food

air quality

property values

erosion control

shade

water supply

recreation

education

water quality

beauty

climate regulation

habitat

hazard mitigation



**protect**



**cool**

THE TRUST  
for  
PUBLIC LAND

CLIMATE-SMART CITIES



**absorb**



**connect**

# protect.

Highland Mall

buried creek

An aerial photograph of a large, modern, light-colored commercial building with a flat roof and several rectangular volumes. In front of the building is a vast, mostly empty parking lot with white parking lines. A few cars are scattered in the distance. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. A thick, teal-colored wavy line graphic starts from the bottom right corner and curves towards the center of the image, partially overlapping the parking lot and the text 'buried creek'.

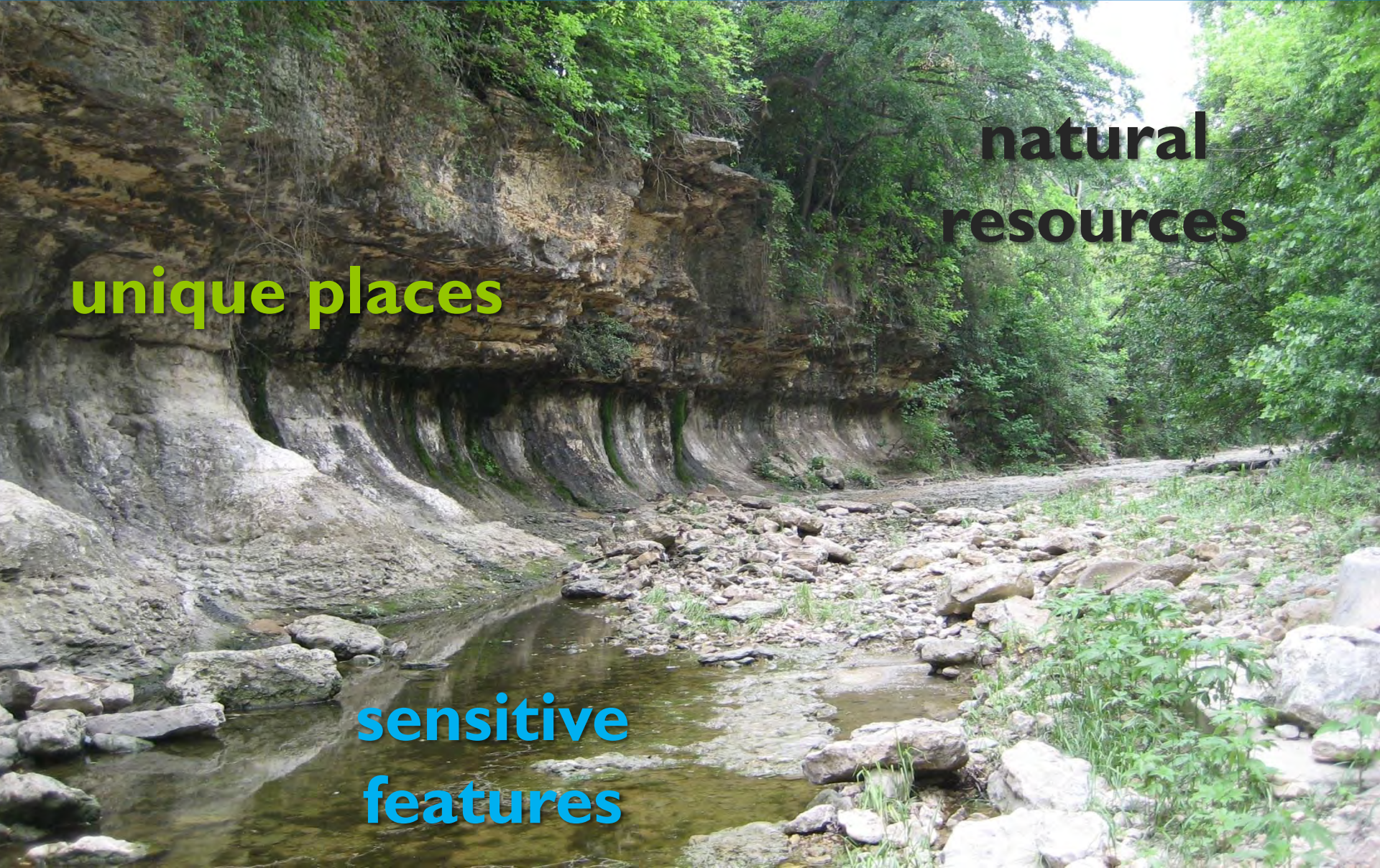


**protect.**

**unique places**

**natural  
resources**

**sensitive  
features**



**protect.**



**flooded  
structures**

**protect.**

**community space**

**floodplain**

**health and safety**

Cherry Creek

**absorb.**

**potable irrigation**

**stormwater runoff**



# absorb.

rainwater  
harvesting

infiltration

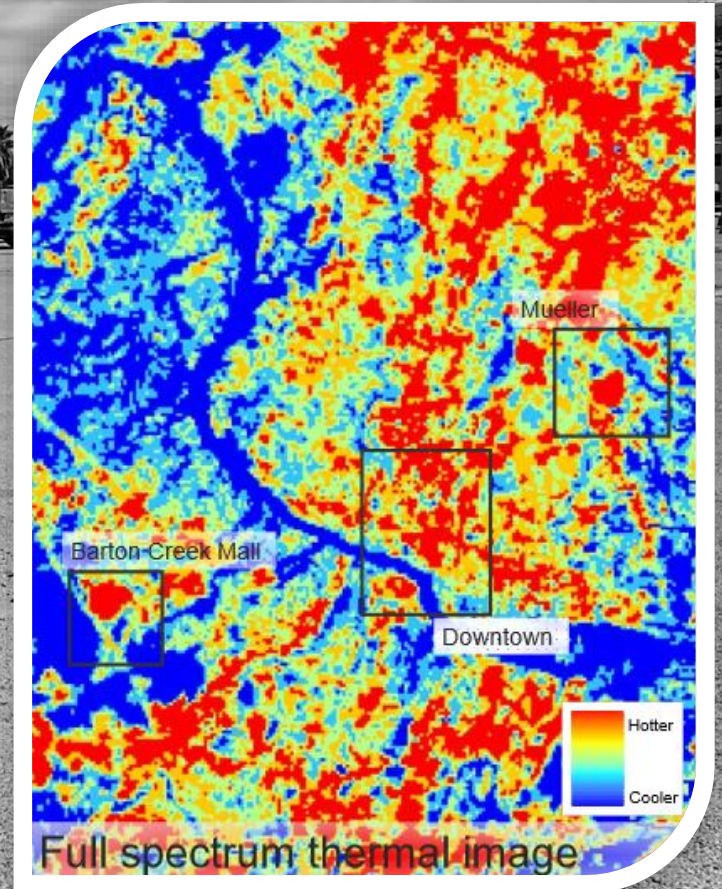


**cool.**



**urban heat island**

**asphalt**



**cool.**

**green roof**

**shade  
trees**

**landscape**



**connect.**



**no space for trail**

**mowed  
channel**



**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 (1<sup>st</sup> reading)
- March/April: City Council (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> reading)

# Get Involved!

- [austintexas.gov/codenext](http://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

## Draft LDC: Review and Comment

City of Austin

Land Development Code



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