



Meeting Objective

What code & criteria changes can we include in the Watershed Protection Ordinance to achieve our City vision as reflected by the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan?

Meeting Agenda

- **Introductions [5 min]**
- **The Vision – Alignment with the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan [10 min]**
- **Discuss examples of potential incentives & barriers to implementing the vision [15 min]**
- **Breakout Session – Identify potential incentives & barriers for the following themes: [70 min]**
 - Parks & Trails
 - Subdivision/Development Patterns
 - Transportation/Connectivity
 - Environmental Impacts
- **Full Group Review – Summarize potential incentives & barriers for each theme [20 min]**
- **Next Meeting – Focus on Parkland Dedication, Transfer of Development Rights, & Redevelopment**

The Vision: Imagine Austin Priority Programs

- **Create a green infrastructure program to protect environmentally sensitive areas and integrate nature into the city.**
 - **Create a comprehensive network of parks, waterways, greenways, trails, green streets, natural areas, and other “green” features (e.g., a healthy urban forest) throughout Austin.**
- **Sustainably manage our water resources.**
- **Change Austin’s development regulations and processes to promote a compact & connected city.**

The Vision: Imagine Austin Priority Programs

- **Develop and maintain affordable housing throughout Austin.**
 - **Promote affordable housing throughout Austin by continuing to encourage diverse housing types and reducing regulatory barriers**
- **Create a “Healthy Austin” program.**
 - **Promote nutrition, healthy food, and local food sources**
 - **Create a network of separated bicycle, walking routes, and trails**

The Vision: Growth Concept Map

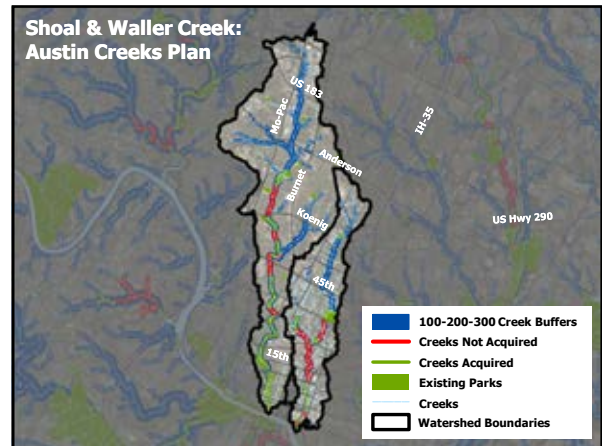
- **Protects existing open space and natural resources such as creeks, rivers, lakes, and floodplains.**
- **Promotes infill and redevelopment as opposed to typical low-density “greenfield” development.**
- **Focuses new development in mixed-use corridors and centers accessible by walking, bicycling, and transit as well as by car.**
- **Provides parks and open space close to where people live, work, and play.**



Creating a Vision for Eastern Creeks

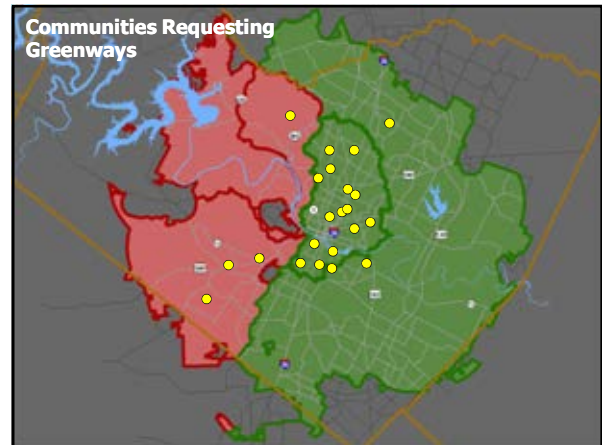
- **Identify uniqueness of place: what is your community's essential DNA?**
 - Alan Greenberger, City of Philadelphia
- **Eastern creeks historically degraded by agricultural practices**
- **Challenge of creating vision of restored riparian corridors**
- **Imagine Austin Priority Action:**

"Restore trees and vegetation along degraded waterways"



Communities Requesting Greenways

1. Blunn: Stacy Park & Blunn Creek Preserve	12. Oak Hill: Multiple
2. Boggy: Cherrywood Green	13. Shoal: Anderson Trail
3. Boggy: Oak Springs wetlands	14. Shoal: Arroyo Seco
4. Boggy: Willowbrook	15. Shoal: Greenbelt upstream of 45th Street
5. Bull: Spicewood Springs	16. Slaughter: Circle C/ La Crosse trail connection
6. Carson: Montopolis	17. Tannehill: Bartholomew Park
7. Country Club: Mabel Davis to Roy Guerrero	18. Tannehill: Ridgetop
8. Fort Branch: Springdale Park	19. Waller: UT Greenbelt & Trail
9. East Bouldin: Greenbelt	20. Walnut: Copperfield
10. Lady Bird Lake: Hike & Bike Trail on south bank	21. West Bouldin: Bouldin Meadows and COA WPD Tract
11. Little Walnut: Heron Hollow	Note: Partial List



Themes for Discussion: Incentives & Barriers

1. Parks & Trails
2. Transportation/Connectivity
3. Subdivision/Development Patterns
4. Environmental Impacts





- Breakout Groups**
- 1. Parks & Trails**
 - > Trail placement
 - > Parkland dedication
 - 2. Transportation/Connectivity**
 - > Skinny streets
 - > Stream crossings
 - 3. Subdivision/Development Patterns**
 - > Single-loaded streets
 - > Lot width/size
 - > Density
 - > Low-Impact Development (LID)
 - 4. Environmental Impacts**
 - > Trail impacts in riparian zones
 - > Wildlife habitat
 - > Critical Environmental Features (springs, wetlands, etc.)

- Breakout Groups**
- 1. Find a table**
 - 2. Feel free to move around any time**
 - 3. Write down your ideas**
 - 4. Be as specific as possible**
 - 5. Summarize ideas to share with the group**

Adoption Schedule

Stakeholder Meetings	Sep 2011 – April 2012 (Meetings approx. every two weeks)
1. Creek Protection:	Sep 9, 23, Oct 7
2. Floodplain Protection:	Oct 21, Nov 4, Dec 2
3. Development Patterns & Greenways:	Dec 16 – Jan
4. Improved Stormwater Controls:	Feb
5. Mitigation Options (DDZ) + Rule Simplification & Flexibility	Mar
6. Draft Ordinance:	Apr
Boards & Commissions	May – June 2012
City Council	August 2012
Travis County Commissioner's Court	Fall 2012

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