

Meeting Objective

Identify potential opportunities and challenges for protecting riparian areas using parkland dedication, transfers of development rights, and redevelopment.

Meeting Agenda

- Introductions [5 min]
- Summary of feedback from last meeting [10 min]
- Present topics for breakout session [15 min]
 - Parkland Dedication
 - > Transfers of Development Rights
 - > Redevelopment
- Breakout Session Discuss potential opportunities and challenges for each topic [70 min]
- Full Group Review Summarize potential opportunities and challenges for each topic [20 min]

Summary of Feedback

Discussion Group Topics:

- Parks, Trails & Environmental Impacts
- Subdivision/Development Patterns
- Transportation/Connectivity

Summary of Feedback

Common Ground:

• Incentives

Ex: Increased Credits, Cost offsets, Design flexibility

• Flexibility

Ex: Lot size, Set backs, Road & ROW width/geometry

- Comprehensive Buffer Function
 Ex: Revegetation requirements, Trail design criteria,
 Maintenance Agreements
- Coordination

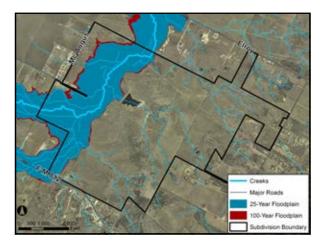
Ex: COA Purchase Open Space, Coordinate regs with County

Parkland Dedication Ordinance

- Required for residential subdivisions and site plans with 3 or more dwelling units
- Option 1: Dedicate land
 - > 5 acres for every 1,000 residents
 - > 50% credit for 100-year floodplain (no credit for 25-year)
 - > Up to 50% credit for privately-owned and maintained parkland that is open to the public
- Option 2: Payment instead of land
 - > \$650 per dwelling unit
 - > Used for the acquisition or improvement of parks that will benefit the residents of the development
- At discretion of Parks and Recreation Department

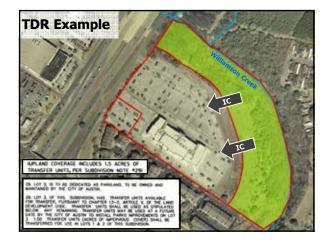
Parkland Dedication Ordinance

- How might future parkland acquisition support community goals for trails & watershed protection?
- Potential options
 - > Allow partial credit for areas in the 25-year floodplain [stakeholder suggestion]
 - > Develop the "Critical Areas Map" to identify high priority corridors



Transfers of Development Rights (TDR)

- Developments in watersheds outside of the Barton Springs Zone may increase impervious cover by transferring development intensity
- In Suburban watersheds:
 - > 20,000 sq. ft. of IC can be transferred to the uplands for every acre of creek setback dedicated fee simple to the City
 - Also provisions for CEF setbacks, golf courses, & wastewater irrigation
- Can be used on the same tract or another off-site tract
 - > Receiving tract must be within one mile of the transferring tract
 - > Must plat tracts concurrently & transfer all development intensity
 - > File a restrictive covenant that runs with transferring tract



Transfers of Development Rights (TDR)

- How do we encourage more developments to take advantage of this tool?
- Potential options
 - > Allow transfers for upland floodplain areas
 - > Increase impervious cover credit for transfers
 - > Allow different types of credit (e.g., smaller lot sizes, increased height) instead of just impervious cover
 - > Adjustments to streamline process

Redevelopment

- Current Redevelopment Exception exempts project from requirements of 25-8 Subchapter A (Water Quality) if:
- > Impervious cover is not increased
- $\succ~$ Water quality controls are provided for the redevelopment
- Meets additional requirements for neighborhood plan compatibility and vehicle trips
- Otherwise compliance with all of 25-8 Subchapter A is triggered (e.g., creek buffers, cut & fill, CEFs, etc.)
- Sites within the Drinking Water Protection Zone may only redevelop 25% of existing impervious cover
- Separate option for the Barton Springs Zone requires ponds and/or off-site mitigation to meet intent of SOS



Redevelopment

- How can we encourage redevelopment projects to reduce encroachment of the creek?
- Potential options
 - Add a provision to prevent <u>increased</u> encroachment of creek setbacks (language already included in BSZ Redevelopment Exception)
 - > Allow additional impervious cover under exception (up to zoning or watershed limit) in exchange for restoring a limited creek setback
 - > Extend a version of BSZ Redevelopment Exception to the rest of the Drinking Water Protection Zone

Breakout Groups

- 1. Find a table
 - > Tables will discuss all three topics
- 2. Write down your ideas
- 3. Be as specific as possible
- 4. 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 6
4. Improved Stormwater Controls	Jan 20, Feb 3, 17
 Mitigation Options (DDZ) + Rule Simplification & Flexibility 	Mar
6. Draft Ordinance	Apr
Boards & Commissions	May – June 2012
City Council	August 2012

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