

City Council Work Session Handouts

October 19, 2015

- I. Review and Discuss the Huffhines Art Trails
- II. Review and Discuss the Master Plan for the Spring Creek Nature Area Expansion
- III. Review and Discuss the Sherrill Park Golf Course #1 Renovation Update
- IV. Review and Discuss the State Constitutional Propositions

Huffhines Art Trails
October 24-25, 2015
10 am-6 pm
Huffhines Park
Richardson, TX

Produced by the City of Richardson
Community Events Division

City Council Presentation
October 19, 2015

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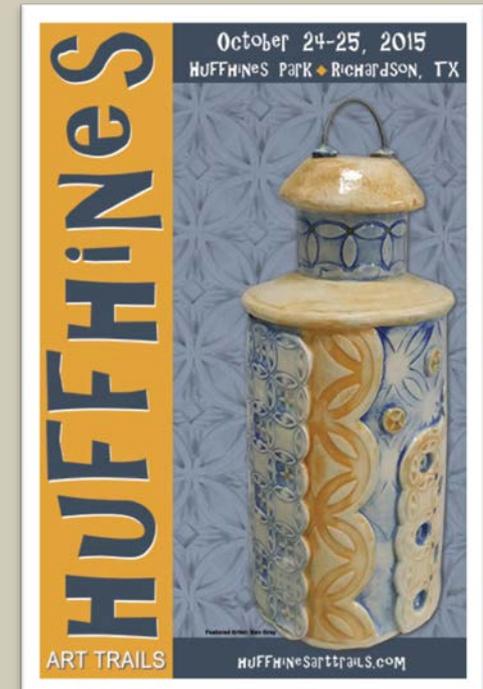
HISTORY

- Richardson tradition for 39 years
- Created in 1976 to provide local artists and craftsman a venue to promote and sell their work
- Annually on the 4th weekend in October
- Variety of Contemporary and Traditional Crafts
- Live entertainment, food, activities and fall photo ops



MARKETING

- Dallas News Ads
- Posters
- Press Releases
- Website
- T-Shirts



FEATURED ARTIST: NAN GREY ALLEN, TEXAS



ART



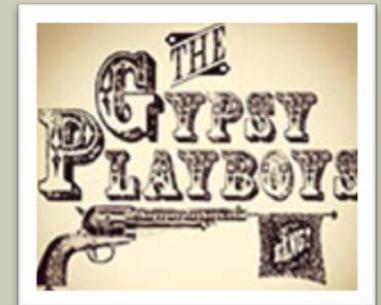
ART



ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday's Line Up

- 11:00 Melva Smith School of Dance
- 12:30 The John Adams Group
- 2:30 Marc Toussaint Combo
- 4:30 The Gypsy Playboys



ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday's Line Up

- 10:45 Darin Kobetich
12:30 Brown and Wild Reister
2:30 La Pompe
4:30 Chaz Marie



CONCESSIONS

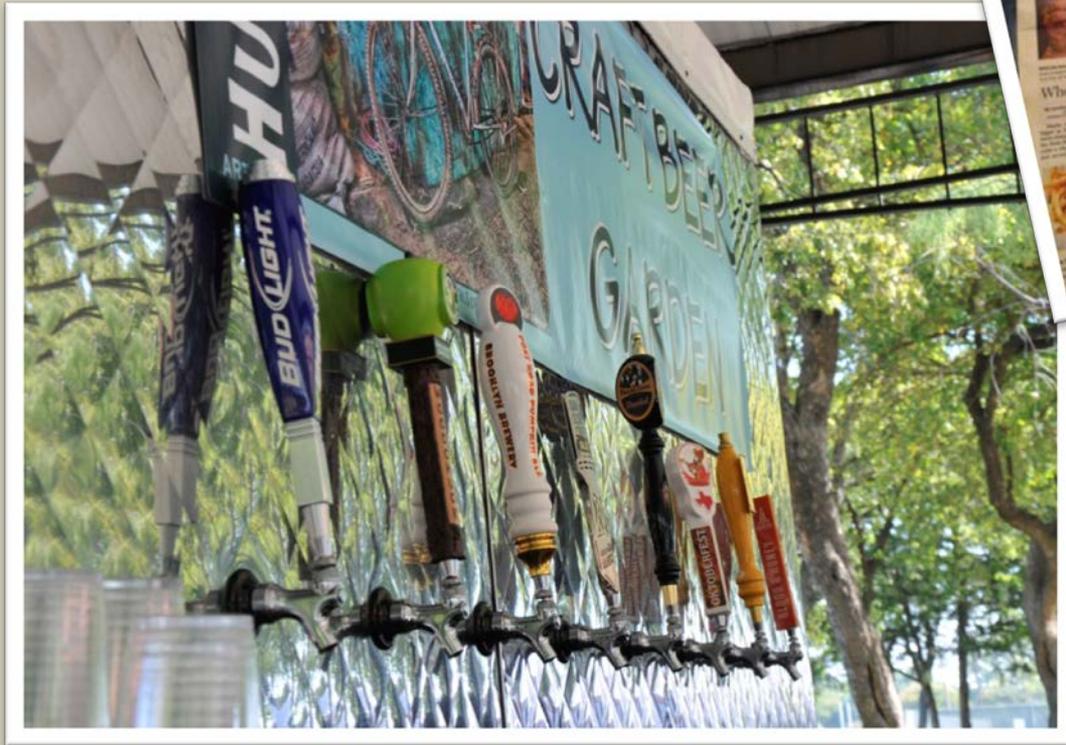
- Conway's Corndogs
- Texas Twist
- Hillbilly Kettle Corn
- Wound Up Café
- Bunch Of Nuts
- Old Guys BBQ
- i Fratelli's Pizza
- Kona Ice
- Taste of Cuba



i Fratelli
PIZZA



SPOTLIGHT ON THE COURTYARD



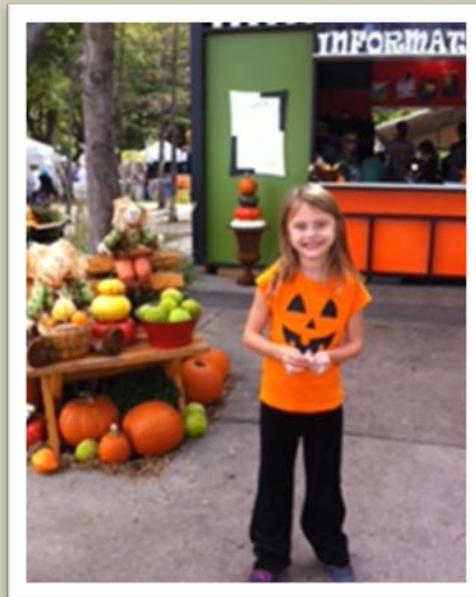
FAMILY FUN



PLEASE CIRCLE ONE ANSWER.

- How many scarecrows can you count in the park?
12 20 26 or more
- What are the round green things in the basket called?
fennel balls horse apples Granny Smith apples
- What is the name of the flat tree?
Texas Apple Tree Bois d'arc Horre Apple Tree
- Did you find Hay-man, the giant scarecrow? Guess what size his blue jean coveralls are. _____
- How many wheelbarrows can you find in the park?
1 3 5
- Find the Hay Maze and go through it. How many bales of hay were used to construct the maze?
100 130 175 200 or more?
- How many park benches can you find? _____
- Can you guess how many pumpkins are used to decorate the park? _____

Turn this form in at Hallowee Headquarters and pick up your treat!



WHAT'S NEW FOR 2015

- Yarn Bombing by Ricochet15
- Pottery Demonstration
- 43 New Artists
- Expanded Food Court



See you
on the
trails!





SPRING CREEK NATURE AREA

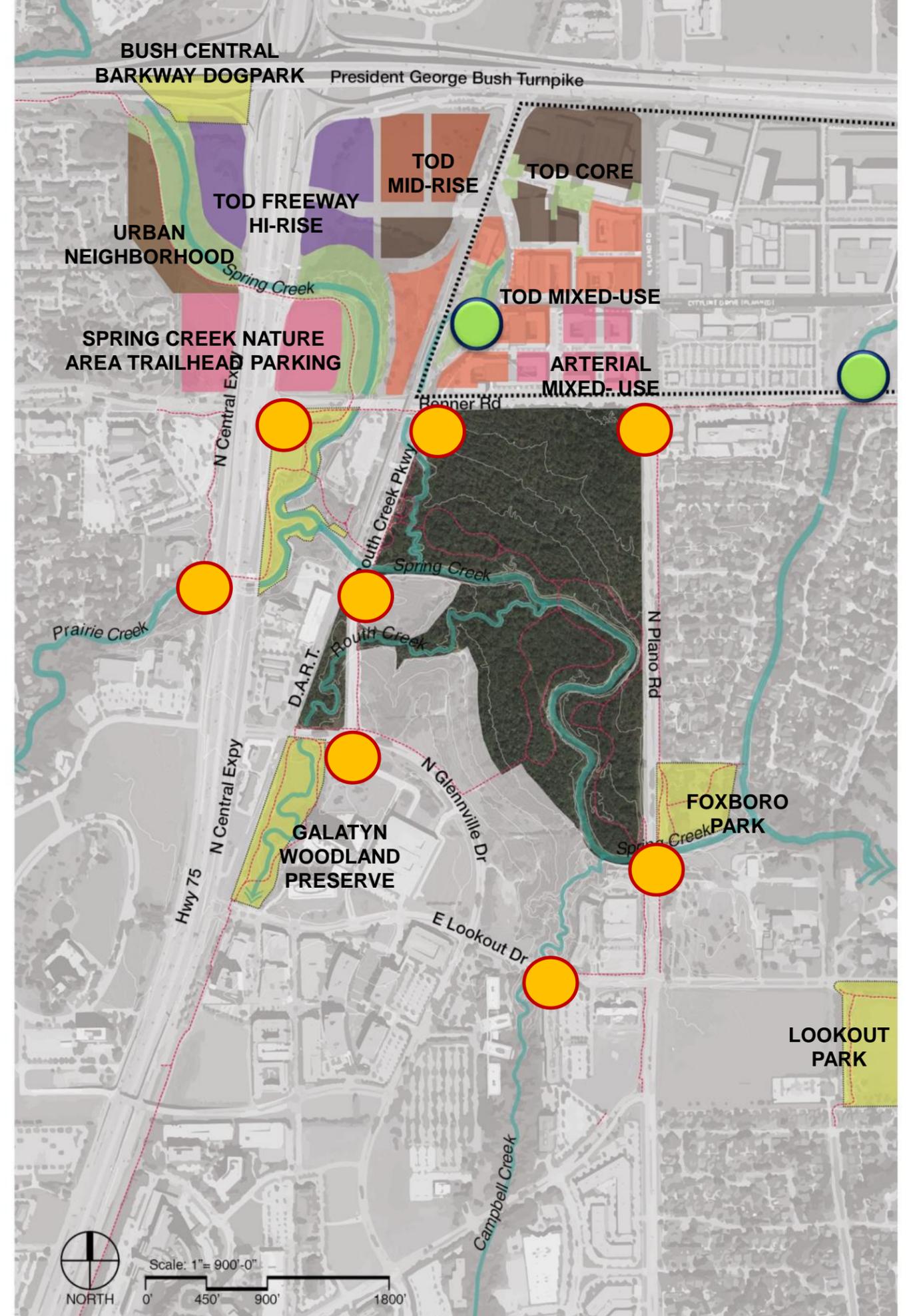
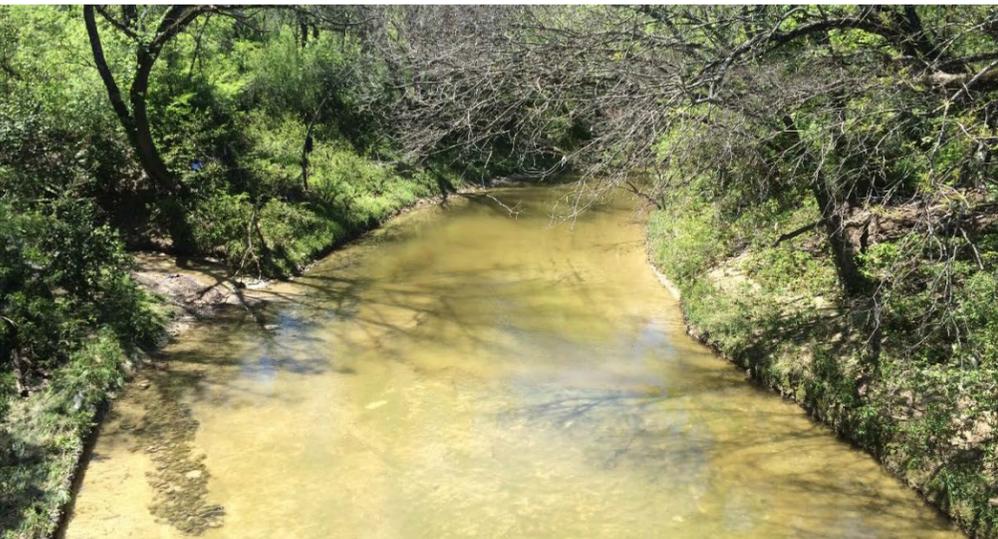
PROPOSED MASTER PLAN: CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION

City of Richardson, Texas
October 19, 2015



studio**Outside**

CONTEXT



- FUTURE PARKS
- SCNA PRESENCE & CONNECTIONS OUTSIDE PARK

SPRING CREEK NATURE AREA EXPANSION

-  A. SCNA Prior to Land Purchase (49.8 acres)
-  B. SCNA Expansion (57.3 acres)
-  C. Adjacent COR Property (14.9 acres)





MIXED UNDERSTORY



SPRING CREEK HYDROLOGY

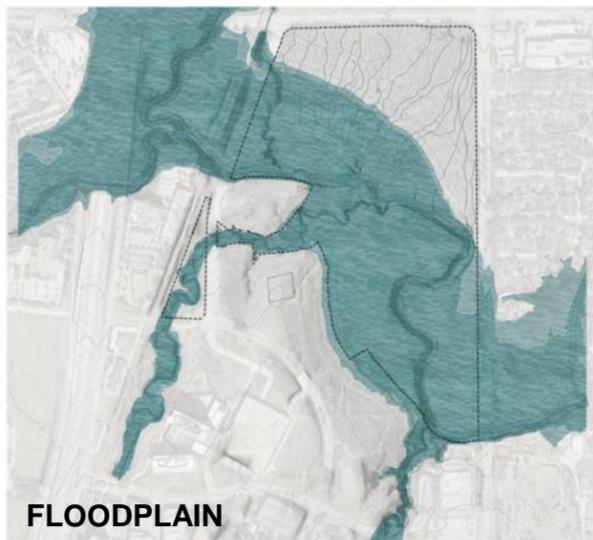
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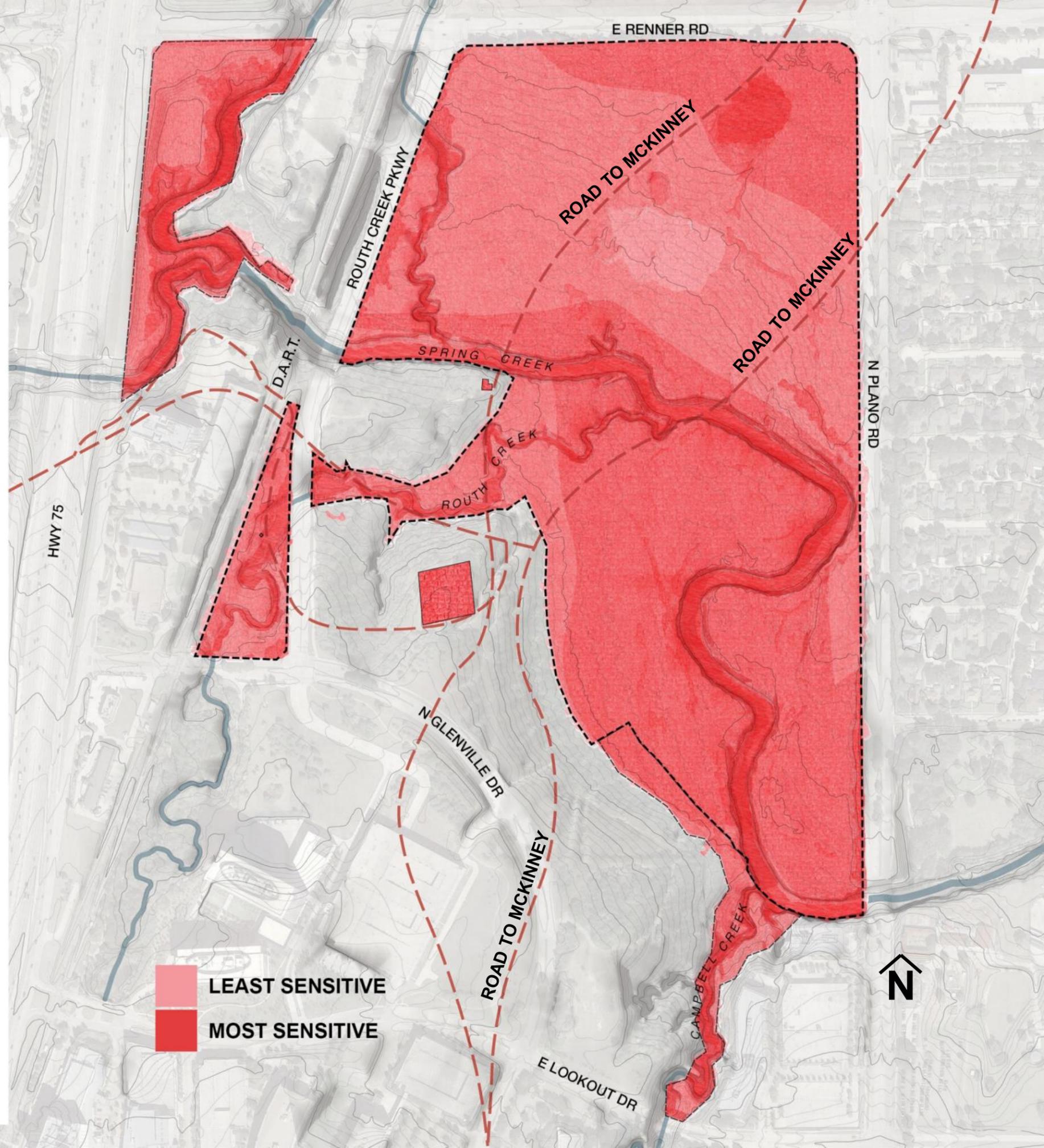
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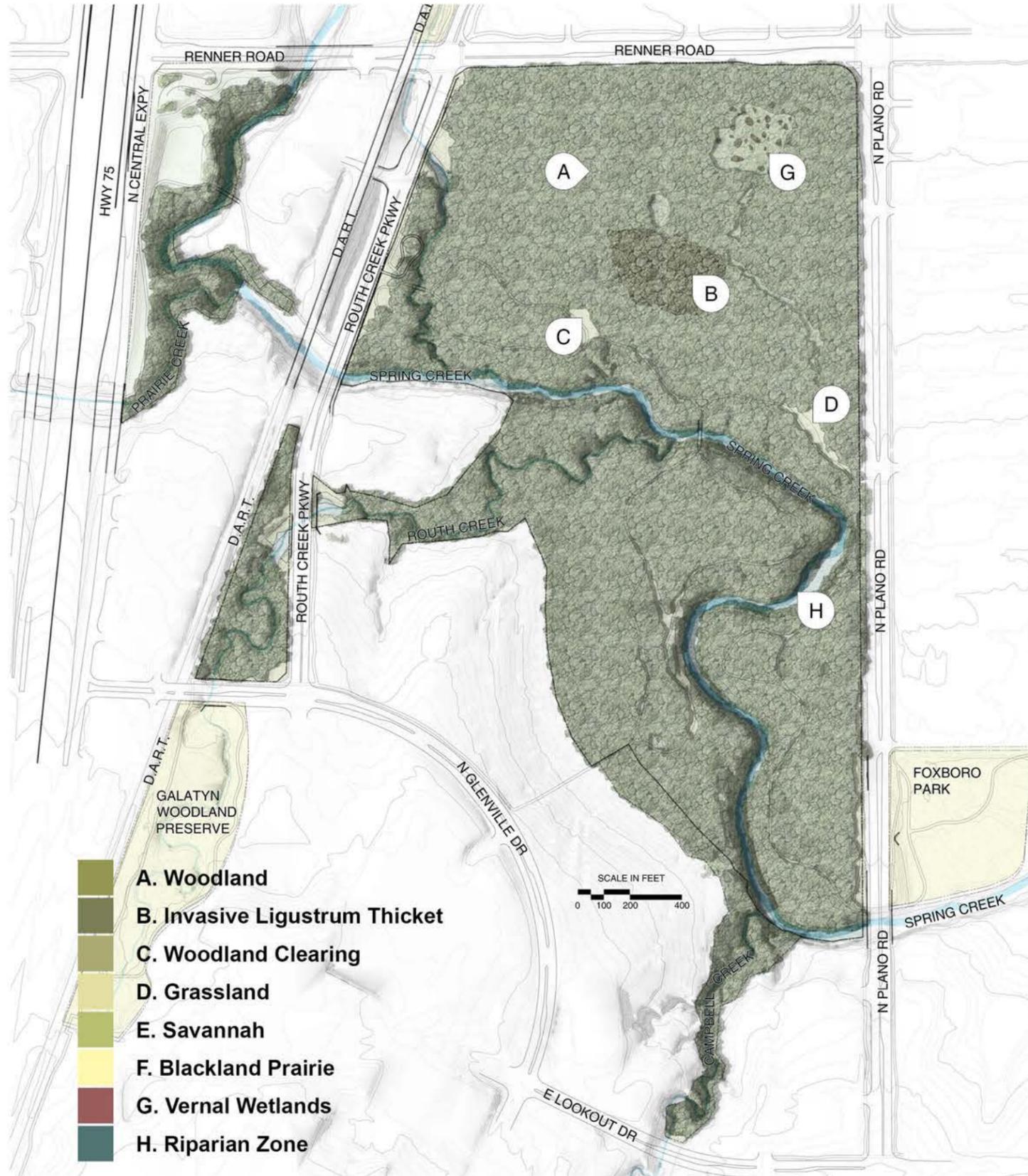


FLOODPLAIN



HABITAT RESTORATION

EXISTING CONDITION



PROPOSED HABITAT & ECOTONE RESTORATION



PROPOSED TRAIL NETWORK

PROPOSED TRAILS

- A. SCNA Main Loop (1.58 mi)
- B. Perimeter Trail (1.08 mi)
- C. SCNA Discovery Trails (1.47 mi)
- D. Connector Trails
- E. Central Trail
- F. Galatyn Woodland Preserve Trail (0.29 mi)



TRAIL HIERARCHY OF MATERIALS



CRUSHED STONE



BOARDWALK



NATURAL SURFACE

PROPOSED MASTER PLAN

 TRAILHEAD

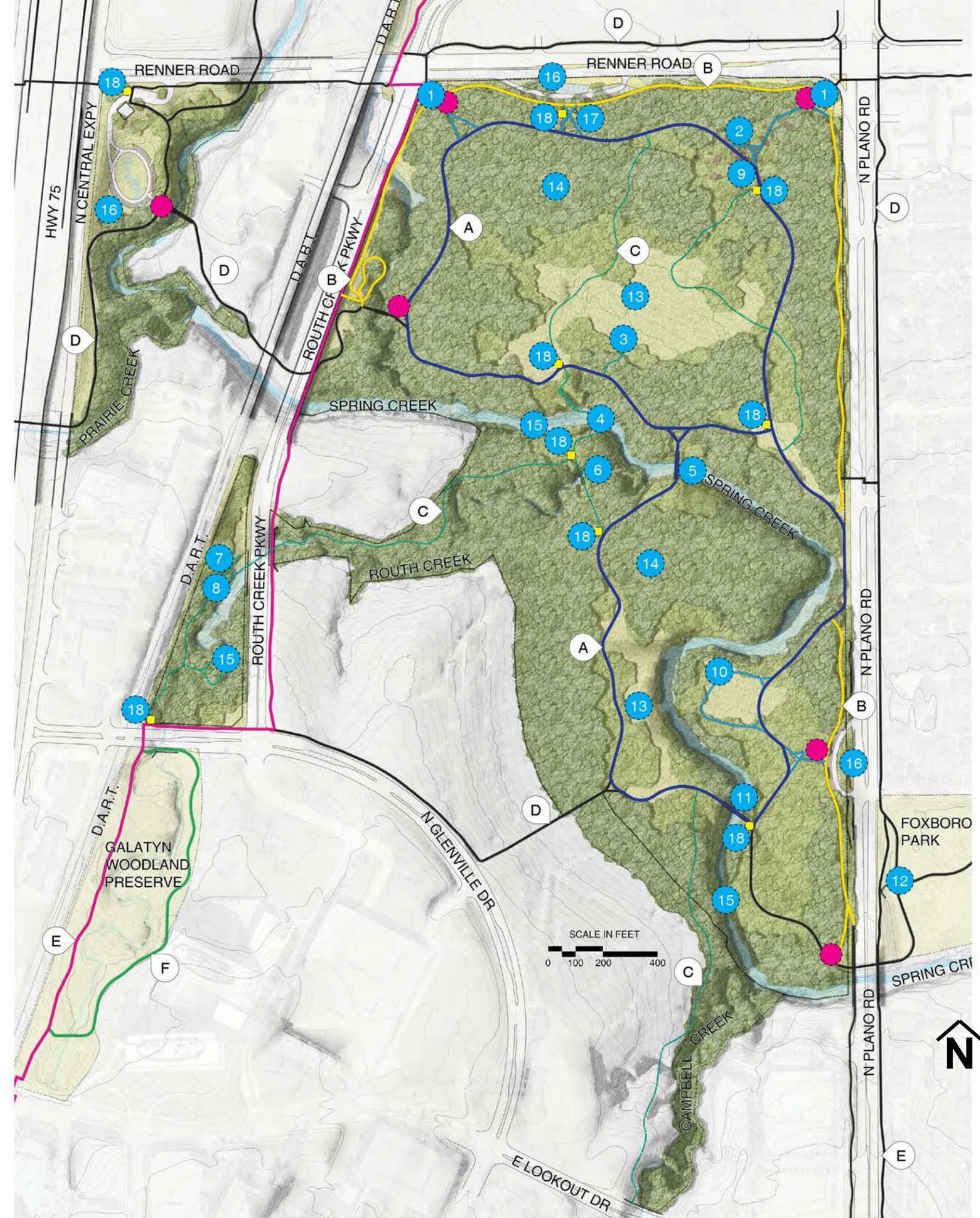
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PROJECT ELEMENTS

1. Renner Road Trailhead Entrances
2. Vernal Wetlands Boardwalk
3. Birding Blind
4. Low-Water Crossing
5. Spring Creek Bridge North
6. Upland Discovery Trail Bridge
7. Routh Family Interpretation Node
8. Routh Family Spring Box
9. Outdoor Classroom
10. Nature Point
11. Spring Creek Bridge South
12. Foxboro Restroom
13. Restored Blackland Prairie
14. Upland Woodland
15. Riparian Corridor
16. Parking Options
17. Restroom
18. Trail Amenity Node
(Bench, Signage, etc. - final design to be determined)



PROPOSED MASTER PLAN



PARKING OPTIONS



TRAILHEAD



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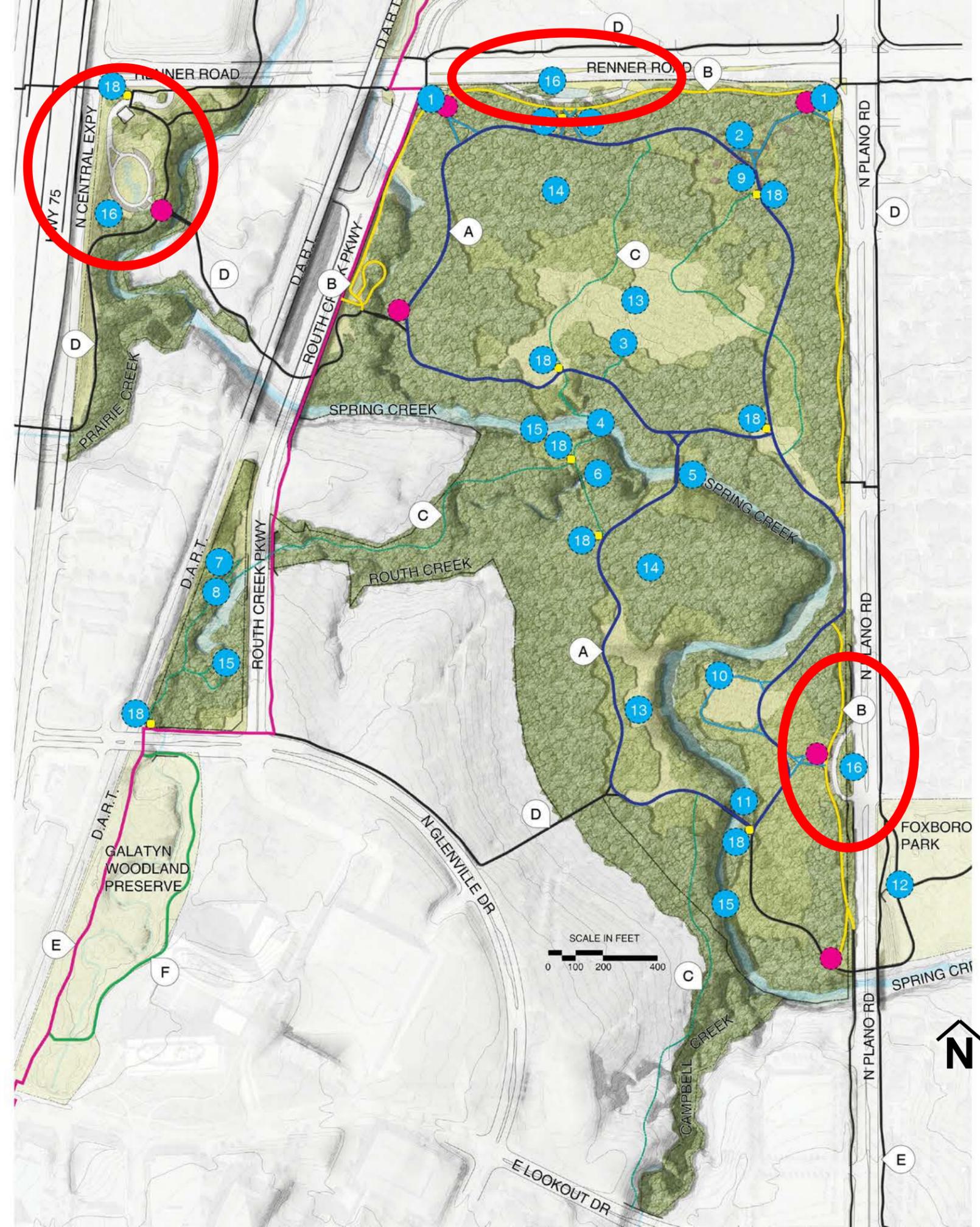
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PUBLIC INPUT MEETING: September 19th



PRIMARY COMMENTS

- Parking should be visible for access & safety.
- Design makes riparian areas accessible.
- Re-affirm focus on safety.
- Expand nature educational opportunities and programs like the Richardson Urban Naturalist program.
- Provide opportunities for volunteers to be active in supporting the health and well-being of Spring Creek Nature Area.





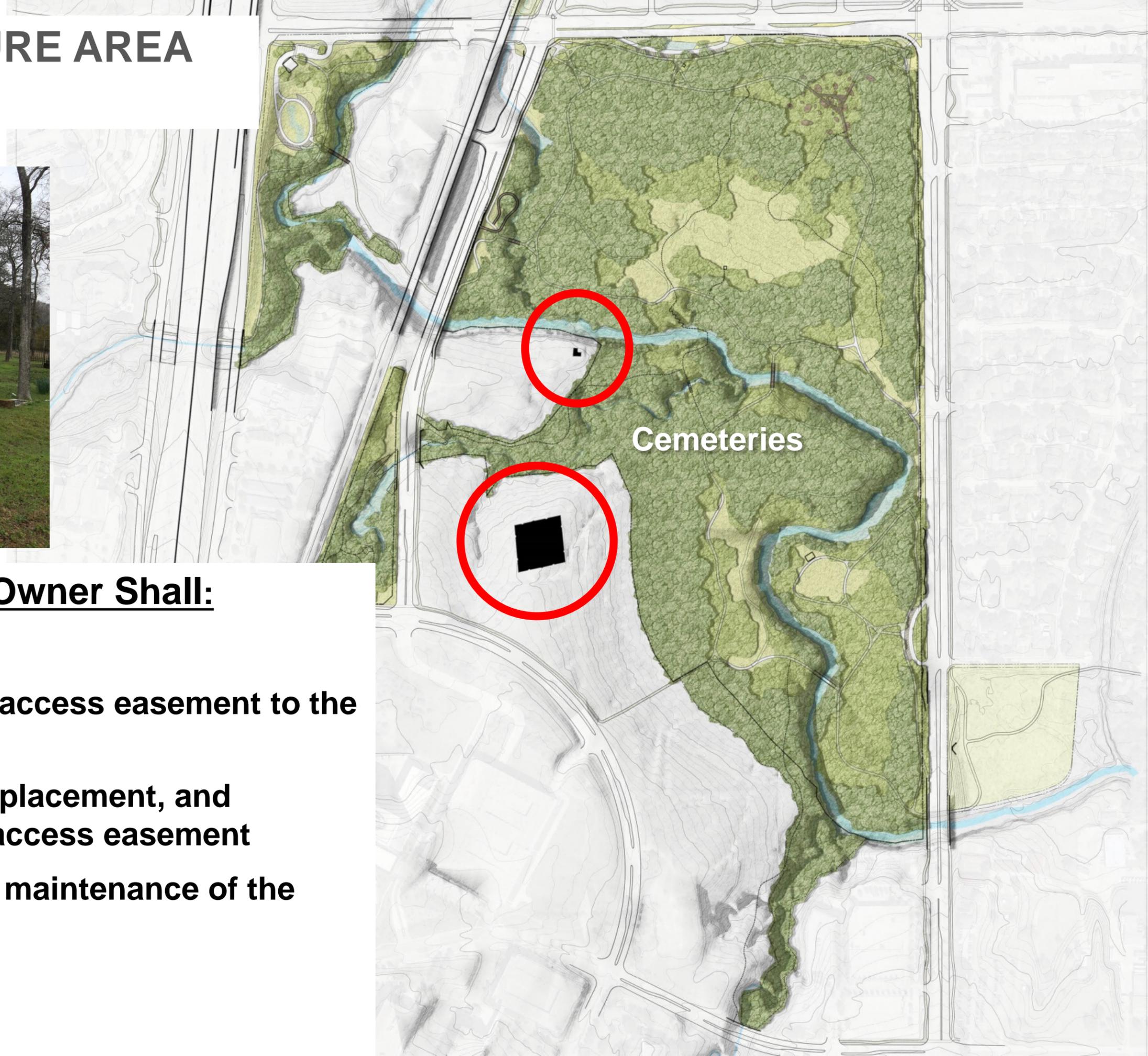
- **Project Phasing:** Identification and grouping of critical project elements, sequencing based on funding and development impact
- **Additional Funding Strategies:**
 - Philanthropic Donations
 - Sponsorships
 - Grants
- **Management Strategy / Operational Budget:** Develop management and budget strategies, and volunteer stewardship efforts
- **Programs:** Identify nature based program opportunities and expand existing programs like the Richardson Urban Naturalist series

NEXT STEPS



EXPLORE EDUCATE ENGAGE

SPRING CREEK NATURE AREA CEMETERIES



Private Property Owner Shall:

- Provide a dedicated public access easement to the cemeteries
- Provide perpetual repair, replacement, and maintenance of the public access easement
- Provide perpetual care and maintenance of the cemeteries



Sherrill Park Golf Course Course #1 Renovation

City Council Presentation
October 19, 2015



Course #1 Improvements

- Based on needed improvements for Course #1 and the recent renovations made at other area courses, the City Council directed staff to prepare for a renovation of Course #1 in the 2014/15 fiscal year.
- Contractors included:
 - Weibring / Wolfard Golf Design: developed a master plan and scope of work for the renovation project
 - Mid-America Golf & Landscape: General Contractor for construction
 - Golf Maintenance staff
- Major construction challenges were snow and ice in February and 27 days of rain in May



Master Plan Goals & Objectives

- Create environment for optimal playing conditions
- Create a course with heightened interest to attract new patrons and conduct attractive golf tournaments
- Update infrastructure to improve appearance and functionality
- Increase maintenance efficiency & water conservation



Course #1 Improvements

- Key areas of improvements
 - New turf on the greens converting from Tif Dwarf to Mini Verde
 - Added additional tee boxes and reshaped existing tees
 - Bunker reshaping and design
 - Cart path renovation
 - Pruned all existing trees and removed all dead trees
 - Planted 113 new trees
 - Improvements to the irrigation lake and drainage improvements
 - Installed a new bridge for holes 2 and 3



Greens

- All the greens were enlarged to their original size.
- Rebuilt and Re-designed greens 4, 5, 14, and 18



Before: Hole #16



After: Hole #16

Tee Boxes

- Reshape tee boxes from oval to square tees.
- Added additional tees and rebuilt settled tees



Before: Hole #12 Tee Box



After: Hole #12 Tee Box

Bunker Design and Reshaping

- Reduced the sand flashing to improve maintenance efficiency
- Replaced drainage and added white sand
- 27 Bunkers before and 31 Bunkers after renovation



Before: Hole #16 Bunker



After: Hole #16 Bunker

Cart Path Improvements

- Replaced approximately 60% of aged and deteriorating cart paths



Before: Cart Path Hole #10



After: Hole #8 Cart Path & Tee Box



Irrigation Lake and Drainage

- Removed 13,000 cubic yards of silt in the irrigation lake for more water conservation



After: Hole #3 Irrigation Lake



New Bridge

- Installed a new bridge on holes 2 and 3 for better water flow in the irrigation lake



Before: Lake edge at #3 Tee, shows sediment build-up



After: Bridge raised and lake dredged

Course #1 Opening

- Course #1 Preview Tournament was held October 17
- Course #1 Began taking tee times on October 18
- First Tournament (Dallas Police Association) scheduled for Thursday, October 22 with 320 players using both courses

1997 Renovation Opening



2015 Renovation Opening



Summary

- Provide citizens and patrons of Sherrill Park a high quality golf experience.
- The commitment the City Council and staff have made to this project is greatly appreciated.

Looking at State Farm Skyline from Clubhouse across Hole #18 Green



November 3, 2015 Constitutional Election Amendments Proposed



Richardson City Council Worksession
October 19, 2015

Overview

- Review the seven State of Texas Constitutional Amendment propositions that will proceed the City of Richardson's four bond propositions and 83 charter amendment propositions on the Fall 2015 ballot.
- State law prohibits a city from supporting or opposing any election measure.



Proposition 1 – SJR 1

- “The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property. ”

Proposition 1 Summary

- Raise the amount of a homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000 on ad valorem taxes for public school purposes beginning January 1, 2015.
 - Does not affect city property tax revenue.
 - School tax bills that go out before November 3rd are provisional bills that assume approval.
- Grant an additional, corresponding exemption for a person 65 or older or disabled.
- Require the state to offset any school property tax revenue losses resulting from the additional homestead amount.
- Legislature may prohibit political subdivision from repealing or reducing current, adopted exemptions before the end of the 2019 tax year

Proposition 2 – HJR 75

- “The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect.”

Proposition 2 Summary

- 2011 constitutional amendment allowed a surviving spouse an exemption from property taxation as long as the spouse had not remarried.
 - Did not apply to surviving spouses of veterans who died before January 1, 2010.
- Prop. 2 would extend current homestead exemption to include the surviving spouse of a totally disabled veteran who died on or before January 1, 2010.
 - Estimated 3,800 surviving spouses of totally disabled veterans would now be allowed to claim exemption.

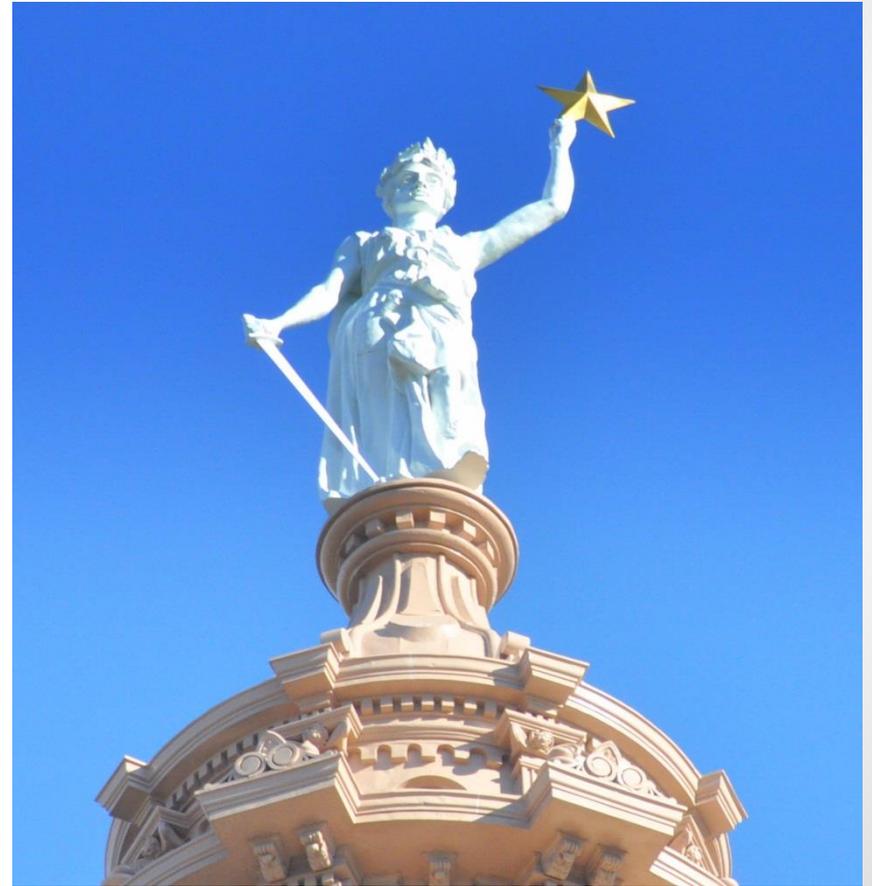
Proposition 3 - SJR 52

- “The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capital.”



Proposition 3 Summary

- Initial adoption of the Texas Constitution required the Comptroller, General Land Office Commissioner, Attorney General, and any statewide officer to reside at the capital during their terms of office.
- Proposition 3 would remove this requirement.



Proposition 4 – HJR 73

- “The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles.”



Proposition 4 Summary

- Texas Constitution prohibits lotteries and gift enterprises.
- 1989 amendment permits charitable raffles conducted by a qualified religious society, volunteer fire department, volunteer emergency medical service, or non-profit organization.
 - Proposition 4 would allow Legislature to include professional sports teams' charitable foundations.
- Authorizes charitable foundations to pay reasonable operating expenses with charitable proceeds.
- Raffles could only be hosted at the home venue of the professional sports associated with the charitable foundation.

Proposition 5 – SJR 17

- “The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance.”



Proposition 5 Summary

- 1980 amendment gave rural counties with less than 5,000 people the right to construct and maintain private roads if the county imposes a reasonable charge for the work.
- Proposition 5 would increase the population cap to 7,500.
- Increase intended to reflect population growth over the past 35 years.
- Would include an additional 21 counties.

Proposition 6 – SJR 22

- “The constitutional amendment recognizing the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws that promote wildlife conservation.”



Proposition 6 Summary

- Adds the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife using traditional methods to Texas Bill of Rights.
- Maintains this right is subject to regulations that conserve and manage wildlife.
- Not intended to affect existing laws relating to trespass, property rights, eminent domain, and municipalities' rights to prevent hunters from hunting in populated areas.
- Changes the Texas constitution to endorse hunting and fishing as the preferred method for managing and controlling fish and wildlife populations.

Proposition 7 – SJR 5

- “The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt.”



Proposition 7 Summary

- Dedicate a portion of revenue derived from state sales and use tax and tax imposed on sale, use, or rental of a motor vehicle to the state highway fund.
- Up to \$2.5 billion of sales tax, exceeding \$28 billion
 - September 1, 2017 – September 1, 2032
- 35% of revenue from sales and use tax on motor vehicles exceeding \$5 billion
 - Begin September 1, 2019
- Would only be used to construct, maintain, or acquire rights-of-way for public roadways.

Resources for State Proposition

Questions



- Texas Legislative Council
- House Research Organization
- League of Women Voters
- Legislative Reference Library of Texas
- VoteTexas.gov



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Early Voting Dates and Times and Richardson Locations

October 19th – October 23rd
Sunday, October 25th

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Dallas County:

Saturday, October 24th
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

October 26th – October 28th
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

October 29th – October 30th
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Collin County:

Saturday, October 24th 7:00
a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

October 26th – October 30th 7:00
a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Richardson Locations:

- Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Road
- Methodist Richardson Medical Center, 2831 E. President George Bush Highway

November 3rd Voting Day Information

Tuesday, November 3rd, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Numerous voting locations in Dallas County and Collin County:

- For Dallas County www.dallascountyvotes.org
- For Collin County www.collincountytx.gov