



# PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City of Dripping Springs

Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX

Tuesday, September 01, 2020 at 6:00 PM

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## Agenda

### MEETING SPECIFIC VIDEOCONFERENCE INFORMATION

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### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

**Commission Members**

Robbie Zamora, Chair

Eric Russell, Vice Chair

Matthew Fougerat

Paul Fushille

Eric Henline

Wade King

Matthew Zarbaugh

Amber Ballman

**Staff, Consultants and Appointed/Elected Officials:**

Parks & Community Services Director Kelly Schmidt

Senior Planner Amanda Padilla

City Secretary Andrea Cunningham

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**MINUTES**

- 1. Discuss and consider approval of the July 6, 2020 Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes.**

**BUSINESS**

- 2. Public hearing, consideration and recommendation regarding an Amendment to the Dripping Springs City-Wide Trails Plan Map.**
  - a) Staff Report
  - b) Public Hearing
  - c) Amendment
- 3. Discuss and consider recommendation regarding a Request from the Dripping Springs VFW & American Legion for the placement of Parking Barriers at Veterans Memorial Park, commonly known as the Triangle.**
- 4. Discuss and consider recommendation regarding the location and installation of a Cactus Garden Memorial Monument or an Interpretive Panel Design at Founders Memorial Park.**
- 5. Update regarding POSAC and Rathgeber Natural Resource Park.**
- 6. Update regarding the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.**

**REPORTS**

*The following updates relate to the planning and administration of the City's Parks & Recreation Program. No Action to be taken.*

- 7. Parks & Community Services July & August 2020 Report**  
*Kelly Schmidt, PCS Director*
- 8. Parks July & August 2020 Revenue & Expense Report**  
*Gina Gillis, City Treasurer*

## **PARKS STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*The following updates relate to the administration of the City's Parks. No action is to be taken.*

- 9. Charro Ranch Park Committee**  
*Commissioners Paul Fushille and Matt Fougerat*
- 10. Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee**  
*Commissioners Wade King and Matthew Zarbaugh*
- 11. Founders Day Memorial Park & Pool Committee**  
*Commissioners Eric Henline and Amber Ballman*
- 12. Sports & Recreation Park Committee**  
*Commissioners Eric Russell and Robbie Zamora*
  - a) Lighting Project Status Update
- 13. Veterans Memorial Park Committee**  
*Commissioner Robbie Zamora*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

### **Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings**

October 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

December 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

### **City Council Meetings**

September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (Workshop 6:00 / Regular Meeting 6:30)

September 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURN**

## **TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION & POSTING OF MEETING**

*All agenda items listed above are eligible for discussion and action unless otherwise specifically noted. This notice of meeting is posted in accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes. Annotated. In addition, the Commission may consider a vote to excuse the absence of any Commissioner for absence from this meeting.*

*Due to the Texas Governor Order, Hays County Order, City of Dripping Springs Disaster Declaration, and Center for Disease Control guidelines related to COVID-19, a quorum of this body could not be gathered in one place, and this meeting will be conducted through videoconferencing. Texas Government Code Sections 551.045; 551.125; and 551.127.*

*I certify that this notice of meeting was posted at the City of Dripping Springs City Hall and website, [www.cityofdrippingsprings.com](http://www.cityofdrippingsprings.com), on August 28, 2020 at 12:15 p.m.*

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*City Secretary*

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## Parks & Recreation Commission

### Regular Meeting Minutes July 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was held Monday, July 6, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. via videoconference at City Hall Council Chambers located at 511 Mercer Street, Dripping Springs, Texas.

#### I. VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

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## II. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

### Commission Members present were:

Robbie Zamora, Chair  
 Eric Russell, Vice Chair  
 Paul Fushille  
 Eric Henline  
 Wade King  
 Matthew Zarbaugh (left meeting at 6:15 p.m.)  
 Amber Ballman

### Commission Members absent were:

Matthew Fougerat

### City Staff/Appointed Officials present were:

Kelly Schmidt, Parks & Community Services Director  
 Amanda Padilla, Senior Planner  
 Brent Luck, Parks Planning Consultant  
 Keenan Smith, TIRZ Project Manager

With a quorum of the Commission present, Chair Zamora called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## III. PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

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No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

## IV. MINUTES

### **A. Discuss and consider approval of the June 1, 2020 Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes.**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Russell to approve the June 1, 2020 Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes. Board Member Ballman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

## V. BUSINESS

### A. **Public hearing and recommendation regarding Parkland Dedication requirements for the Heritage Development approximately 190.317 acres, situated in the Philip Smith Survey, Abstract No. 415, Hays County, Texas.**

Applicant: Alex Granados, Kimley- Horn & Associates

#### *1. Presentation*

Peter Verdicchio with SEC Planning presented the item.

#### *2. Staff Report*

Brent Luck presented the staff report which is on file.

#### *3. Public Hearing*

Pam Owens, Hannah Dalton and Carolyn Vogel spoke during the Public Hearing and expressed concerns regarding park construction, trails and trail construction, residential buffers, wildlife preservation and drainage and flood control; and the desire to work collaboratively with the developer regarding the parkland dedication property.

#### *4. Heritage Parkland Dedication*

A motion was made by Vice Chair Russell to recommend City Council approval of the Parkland Dedication requirements for the Heritage Development approximately 190.317 acres, situated in the Philip Smith Survey, Abstract No. 415, Hays County, Texas. Board Member Ballman seconded the motion which carried 4-0-1-1, with Board Member King abstaining and Commissioner Henline recusing.

### B. **Public hearing and recommendation regarding Parkland Dedication requirements for Sawyer Ranch Phase 2 Development approximately 6.6989 acres, situated in 290 SAWYER RANCH Subdivision, Lot 2A, ACRES 6.6989.**

Applicant: Cristina Cordoba and Brian Estes, Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc.

#### *1. Presentation*

Christina Cordoba and Mario Castillo presented the item.

#### *2. Staff Report*

Brent Luck presented the staff report which is on file.

#### *3. Public Hearing*

No one spoke during the Public Hearing.

#### 4. Parkland Dedication

A motion was made by Commission Henline to recommend City Council approval of the Parkland Dedication requirements for Sawyer Ranch Phase 2 Development approximately 6.6989 acres, situated in 290 SAWYER RANCH Subdivision, Lot 2A, ACRES 6.6989. Vice Chair Russell seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

**C. Presentation and discussion regarding Rathgeber Natural Resource Park and TIRZ project funding submissions to Hays County Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission.**

Keenan Smith presented projects submitted to PSAC for TIRZ Projects, and Kelly Schmidt presented projects submitted for Parks Projects.

No action was taken regarding this item.

#### VI. REPORTS

*The following updates relate to the planning and administration of the City's Parks & Recreation Program. No Action to be taken.*

Reports are on file and available for review upon request.

- A. Parks & Community Services Monthly Report**  
Kelly Schmidt, Parks & Community Services Director
- B. Parks Monthly Revenues & Expenses Report**  
Gina Gillis, City Treasurer

#### VII. PARKS STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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- A. Charro Ranch Park Committee – No updates to report.**  
Commissioners Fushille and Fougerat
- B. Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee – No updates to report.**  
Commissioners King and Zarbaugh
- C. Founders Day Memorial Park & Pool Committee**  
Commissioners Henline and Ballman

Commissioner Henline requested staff research agreements regarding the placement of containers at the park and see what the Commission can do about removing/relocating the containers.

- D. Sports & Recreation Park Committee – No updates to report.**  
Chair Zamora and Vice Chair Russell



- E. Veterans Memorial Park & Triangle Committee – No updates to report.**  
Chair Zamora

### **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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The Commission did not meet in Executive Session.

### **IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**A. Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings**

August 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.  
September 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.  
October 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

**B. City Council & Board of Adjustment Meetings**

July 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (6:00 Workshop / 6:30 Regular Meeting)  
July 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.  
August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (6:00 Workshop / 6:30 Regular Meeting)  
August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

### **X. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Russell to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ballman seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



# Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Department Staff Report

Item 2.

**Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting:** September 1, 2020

**Project Planner:** Amanda Padilla, Senior Planner

## Item Details

**Project:** Amendment to the Dripping Springs City-Wide Trails Plan Map

**Request:** Staff is requesting to update the City-Wide Trail Plan to add a trail approved in the Town Increment Reinvestment Zone Project Plan on Old Fitzhugh Road, a trail connection to the Heritage development north on Mercer, and changes to reflect installation of Trails.

## Overview

It is customary as a City grows to make needed updates to the Official City-Wide Trails Plan Map. With the submittal of new development applications, the City became aware of the need for Trail Connections along Old Fitzhugh Road and Mercer St. As well as the need to update the map to show City trails that have been constructed within the last couple of years.

City Staff has made the following changes (Individual explanations will be below):

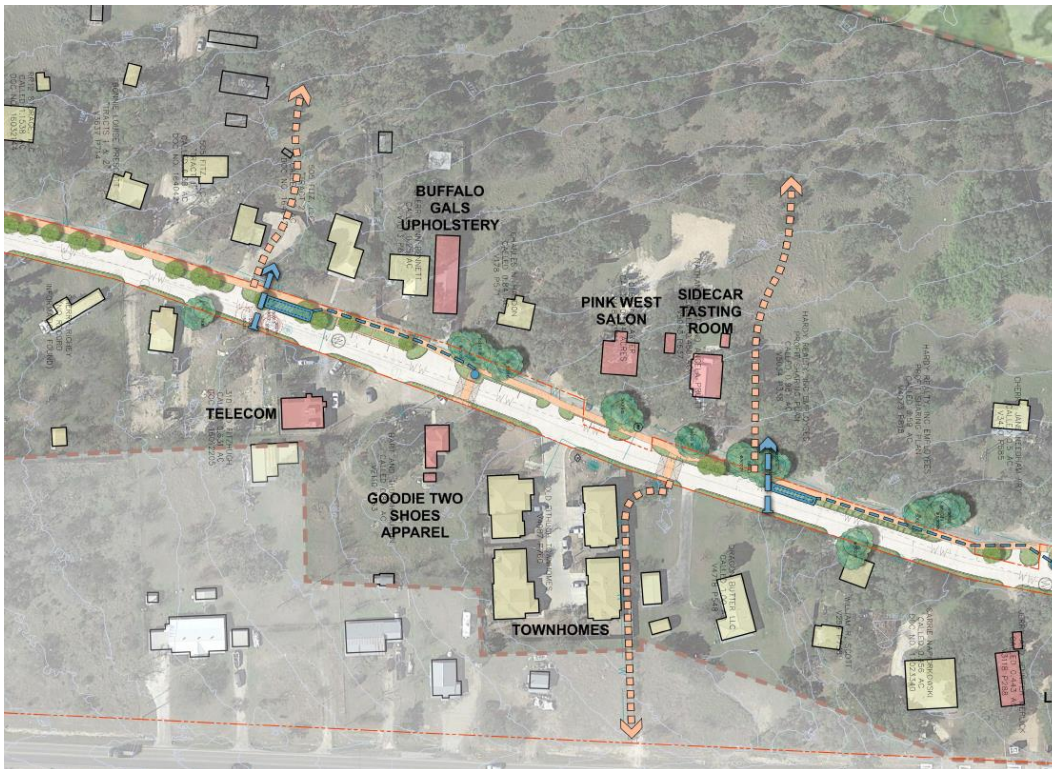
1. Changed the overall layout of the Official City-Wide Trails Plan
2. Added two (2) Old Fitzhugh Road Trail connections
3. Added one (1) trail connection to the Heritage Subdivision on Mercer St near City Hall
4. Updated the trail in Dripping Springs Sports and Recreation Park
5. Changed the symbol for previously proposed trails that have been constructed from “proposed trails” to “existing trails”

### **Change #1. Changed the overall layout of the Official City-Wide Trails Plan**

The Layout for the Plan has been changed slightly to allow for a larger map extent.

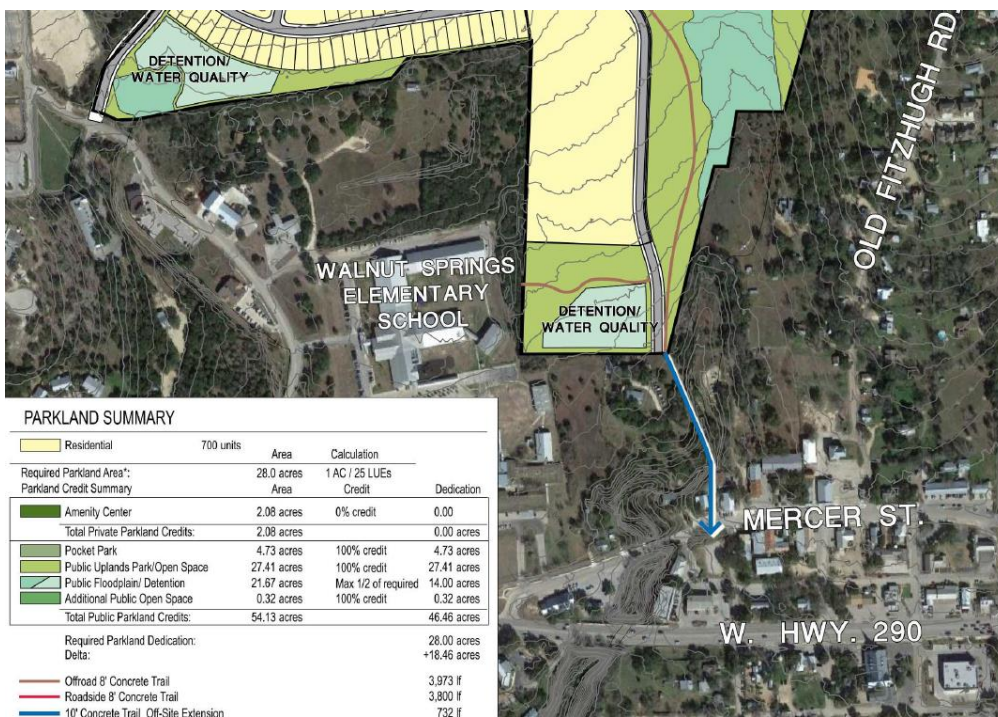
### **Change #2. Added two (2) Old Fitzhugh Road Trail connections**

In April 2017, The TIRZ board approved four priority projects: Old Fitzhugh Road, Town Center, Triangle Development and Downtown Parking. The Dripping Springs City Council approved the Old Fitzhugh Road Concept Plan on August 21, 2018. This plan seeks to preserve the rural character of the current street while improving traffic flow, pedestrian access and safety, and drainage issues. The Old Fitzhugh Road TIRZ Project shows two (2) trail Connections that would lead to the Heritage Subdivision Development, that is intended to have internal sidewalk/trails. As well as a connection from the Old Fitzhugh Historic District to Founders Park Road. Staff wanted to reflect this on the City-Wide Trail Plan.



**Change 3. Added one (1) trail connection to the Heritage Subdivision on Mercer St near City Hall**

In 2017 the City approved the Planned Development District No 5: Heritage Subdivision. The Subdivision is located North of Mercer Street and West of Old Fitzhugh Road. The Development Proposed 595 Single Family lots. The Planned Development District shows future connections to Mercer Street. City Council recently approved the Heritage Development Parkland dedication based on the Parks and Recreation Commission’s recommendation, which showed a future trail connection to Mercer Street. Staff wanted to reflect this on the City-Wide Trail Plan.



**Change 4. Updated the trail in Dripping Springs Sports and Recreation Park**

Staff wanted to reflect on the City-Wide Trail what trails currently existed at Dripping Springs Sports and Recreation Park.

**Change 5. Changed the symbol for trails that were marked “proposed trails” to “existing trails”**

As the City has been growing the City has been able to gather grants to construct “proposed trails” or encourage developers to construct “proposed trails”. Staff wanted to reflect this on the City-Wide Trail to give Citizens and City Council an accurate depiction of the Trail System within the City.

**Summary**

The above changes were made to accurately depict the City’s inventory of trail and future connectivity of trails. The changes also align with the City’s Comprehensive Goal of Livability and Quality of Life. **Staff is recommending approval of the Amended City-Wide Trails Pan.**

**Public Notification**

Notice is not required for the Parks and Recreation Commission hearing but a legal notice advertising the public hearing was placed in the Dripping Springs Century-News for the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council Meetings, notice was placed on the City Website.

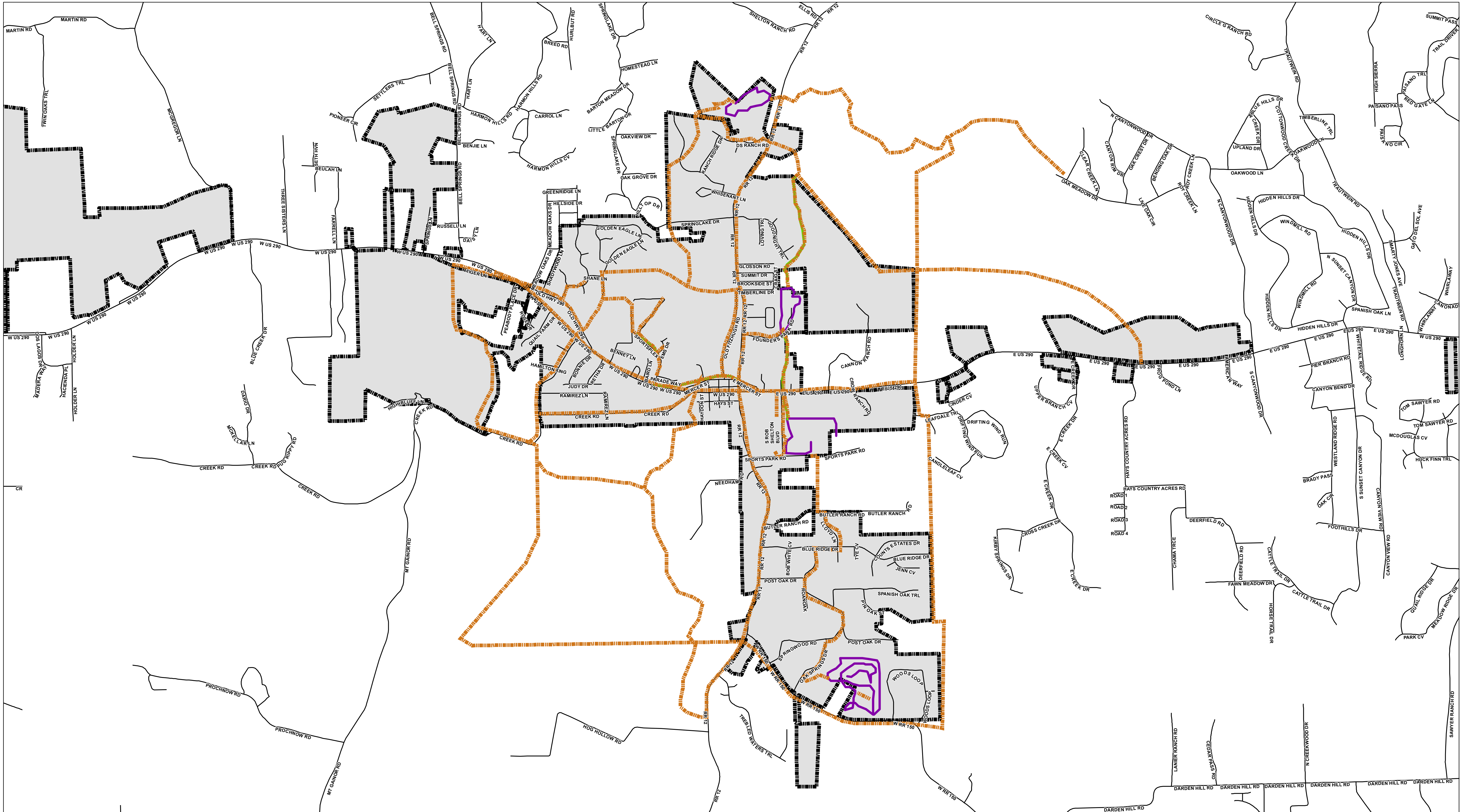
**Meetings Schedule**

- September 1, 2020 – Parks and Recreation Commission
- September 22, 2020 – Planning and Zoning Commission
- October 13, 2020 - City Council Meeting

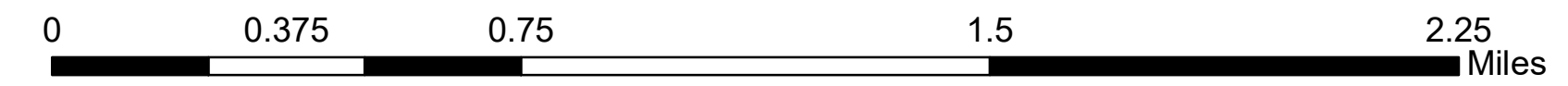
**Attachments**

- Exhibit 1 – Amended City Wide Trail Plan – July 9, 2019
- Exhibit 2 – Updated City Wide-Trail Plan – August 26, 2020
- Exhibit 3 – Old Fitzhugh Road TIRZ project
- Exhibit 4 – Heritage Subdivision Parkland Dedication

Recommended Action:	Recommend approval of the City-Wide Trails Plan Map
Alternatives/Options:	Recommend denial of the City-Wide Trails Plan Map
Public Comments:	None received at this time
Comprehensive Plan Element:	Comprehensive Plan Goals: Livability/ Quality of Life (Implement City-Wide Trails) The City should continue its work to expand these facilities as funding is available.



- Legend**
- Completed Trails
  - - - Proposed Trails
  - Park Trails
  - City Limits



1 inch = 1,500 feet

## City of Dripping Springs, Texas Official City-Wide Trails Plan Map

July 9, 2019



This is to certify that this is the City-Wide Trails Plan Map of the City of Dripping Springs, Texas, accepted by Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ by the City Council of the City of Dripping Springs on July 9, 2018.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

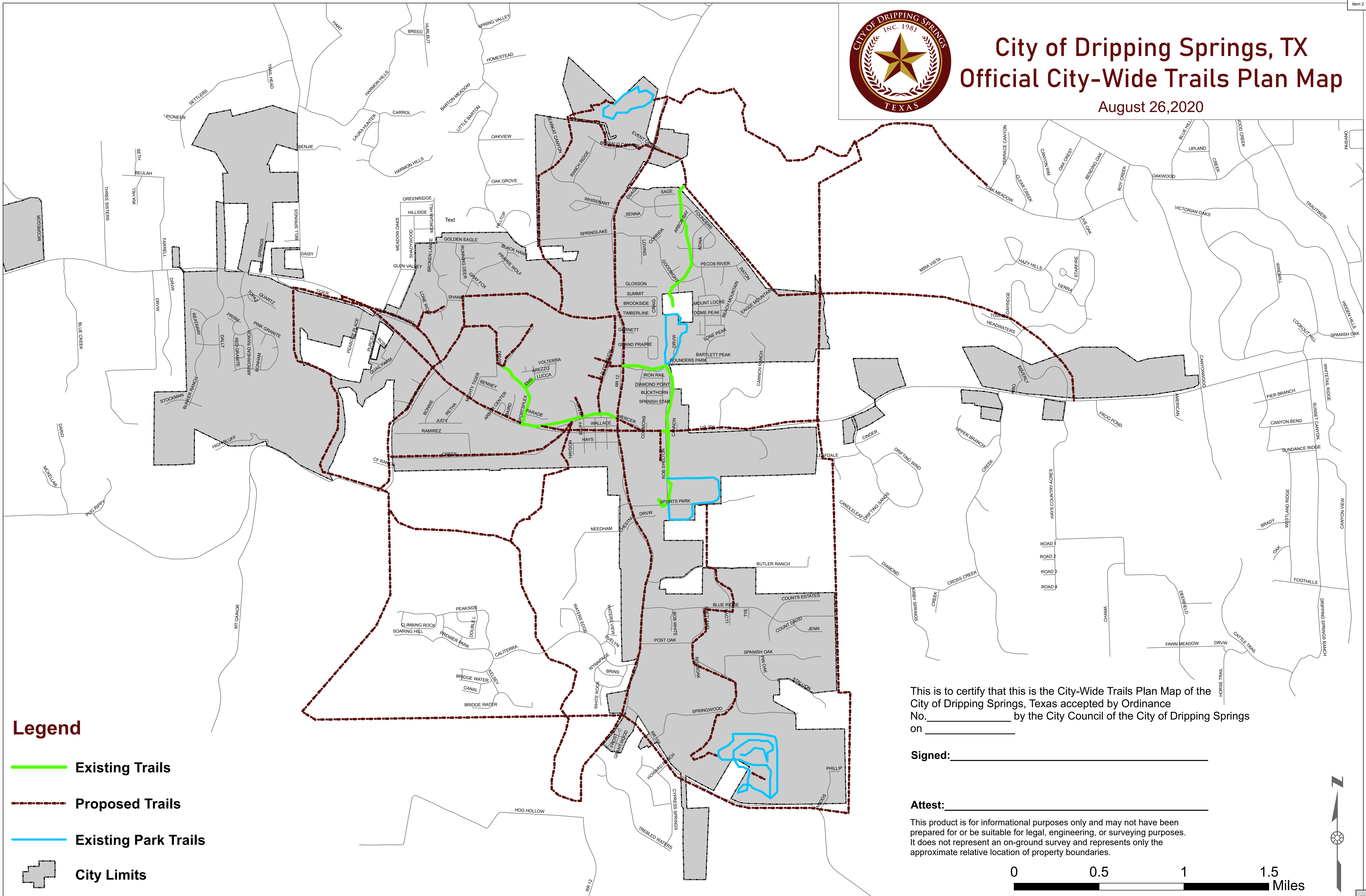
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# City of Dripping Springs, TX Official City-Wide Trails Plan Map

August 26, 2020



## Legend

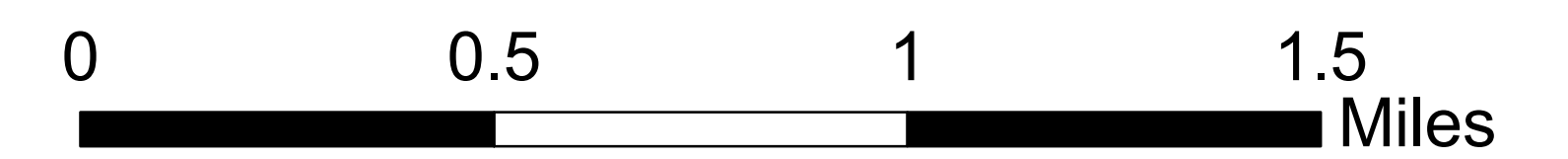
-  Existing Trails
-  Proposed Trails
-  Existing Park Trails
-  City Limits

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# TIRZ PRIORITY PROJECTS

## OLD FITZHUGH ROAD

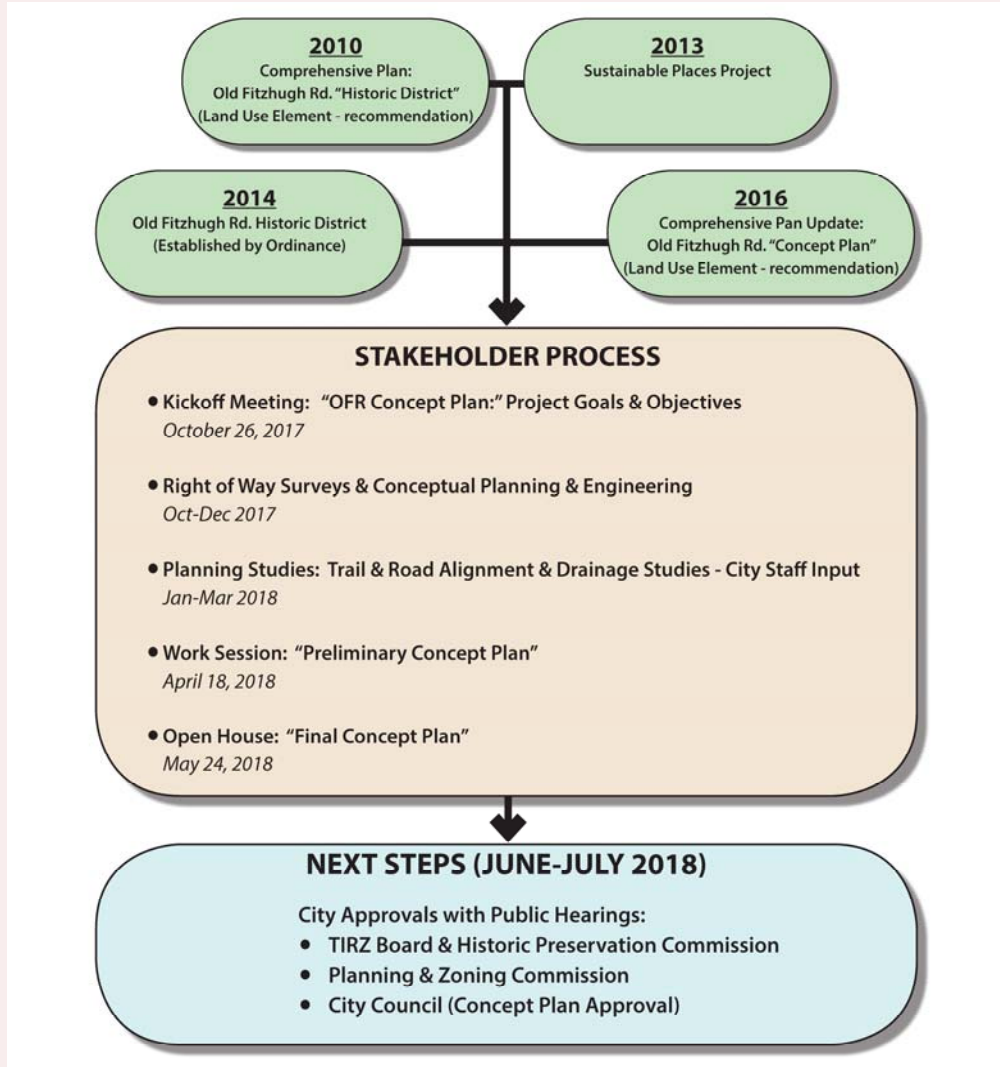
### FINAL CONCEPT PLAN



*Presentation to  
TIRZ Board  
DRAFT May 31, 2018*

# Old Fitzhugh Road

## Policy Background & Planning Process

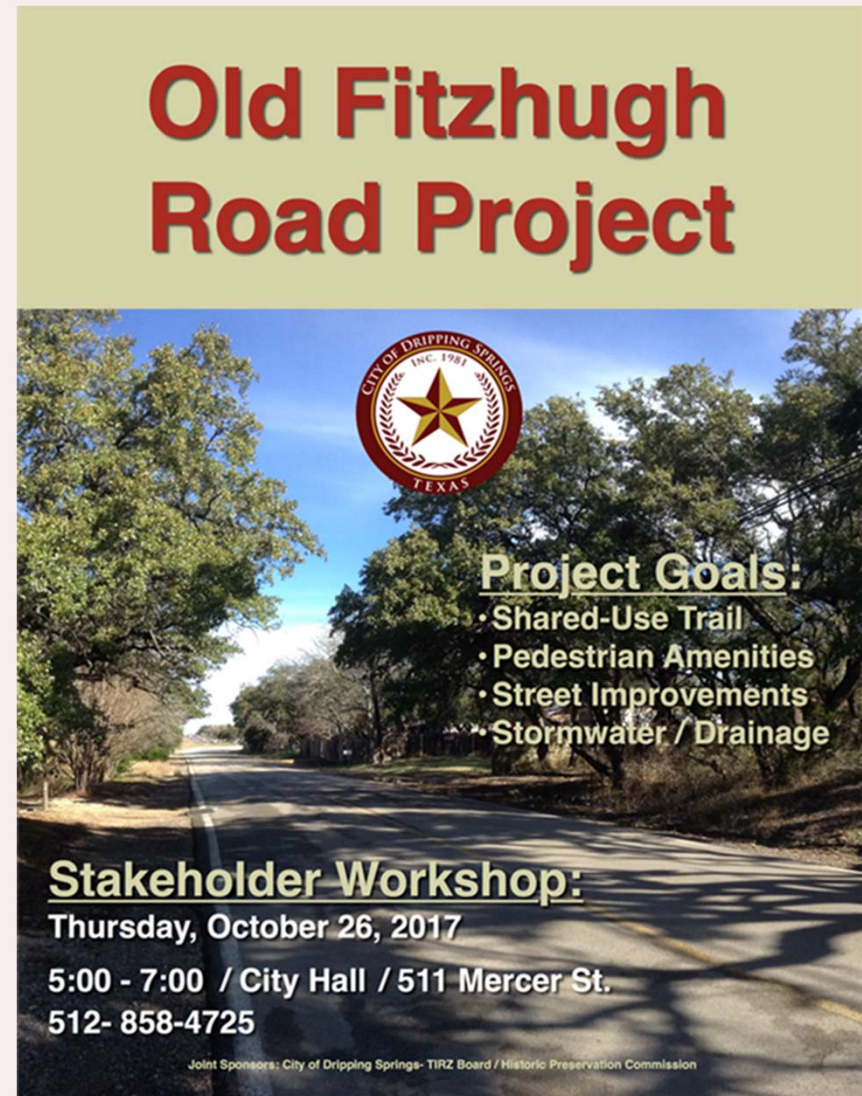




# Old Fitzhugh Road

## Project Kick-Off Goals

- Shared-Use Trail
- Pedestrian Amenities
- Street Improvements
- Stormwater / Drainage



**Old Fitzhugh Road Project**



**Project Goals:**

- Shared-Use Trail
- Pedestrian Amenities
- Street Improvements
- Stormwater / Drainage

**Stakeholder Workshop:**  
Thursday, October 26, 2017  
5:00 - 7:00 / City Hall / 511 Mercer St.  
512- 858-4725

Joint Sponsors: City of Dripping Springs- TIRZ Board / Historic Preservation Commission

# Old Fitzhugh Road

## Stakeholder Input (October 2017)

**QUALITIES TO PRESERVE**

TREES  
 ECLECTIC LOCAL SHOPS  
 SMALL TOWN/COUNTRY FEEL  
 OLD HOMES/HISTORIC BUILDINGS

**CHALLENGES**

NARROW IRREGULAR ROW  
 DRAINAGE  
 UTILITIES  
 ROUGH ROAD SURFACE  
 LACK OF COMMERCIAL IDENTITY  
 SPEEDING TRAFFIC  
 POOR LIGHTING  
 ON-STREET PARKING  
 OVER-COMMERCIALIZATION

### TOP 3 IMPROVEMENTS DESIRED

	Number of Responses			
	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	TOTAL
SIDEWALKS	4	3	2	9
TRAFFIC CALMING	3	1	2	6
CURBSIDE PARKING	2	0	2	4
LIGHTING	0	1	1	2
MIX OF RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL	0	1	1	2
TRAIL	1	0	1	2
TREES	0	1	0	1
RAIN GARDENS	1	0	0	1

# Old Fitzhugh Road

## Stakeholder Input (April 2018)

The image displays six informational posters for the Old Fitzhugh Road Project, each featuring images of different infrastructure options with red and green dots indicating stakeholder preferences. The posters are:

- Curbs:** Includes options like CURB & GUTTER, STANDING CURB, GRANITE CURB, RIBBON CURB, and STONE CURB.
- Drainage & Water Quality:** Includes options like STRUCTURED RAIN GARDEN and SHALLOW BIOSWALE.
- Traffic Calming & Crossings:** Includes options like PRESERVE EXISTING TREES, SPEED TABLE CROSSWALKS, LIVE OAK TRAFFIC ISLAND, SPEED CUSHIONS, and CENTER ISLAND.
- Shared Use Path:** Includes options like EXPOSED AGGREGATE, PERVIOUS PAVERS, DECOMPOSED GRANITE, and ASPHALT.
- Lighting:** Includes options like POOLS OF TRAIL LIGHTING, TREE UPLIGHTING, MERCER STREET LIGHTING, DECORATIVE LIGHTING, and PATHWAY LIGHTING.

Each poster also features the text "OLD FITZHUGH ROAD PROJECT Dripping Springs TIRZ Priority Projects" and a logo at the bottom.

# Old Fitzhugh Road

## Constraints

- Right-of-way ranges between 45 and 55 feet in width.
- Some property lines come to the center of the street.
- Existing trees within ROW will limit some options.
- Run-off sheet flows from east to west across roadway and adjacent properties.
- Some overhead electric poles will need to be moved.

# Old Fitzhugh Road



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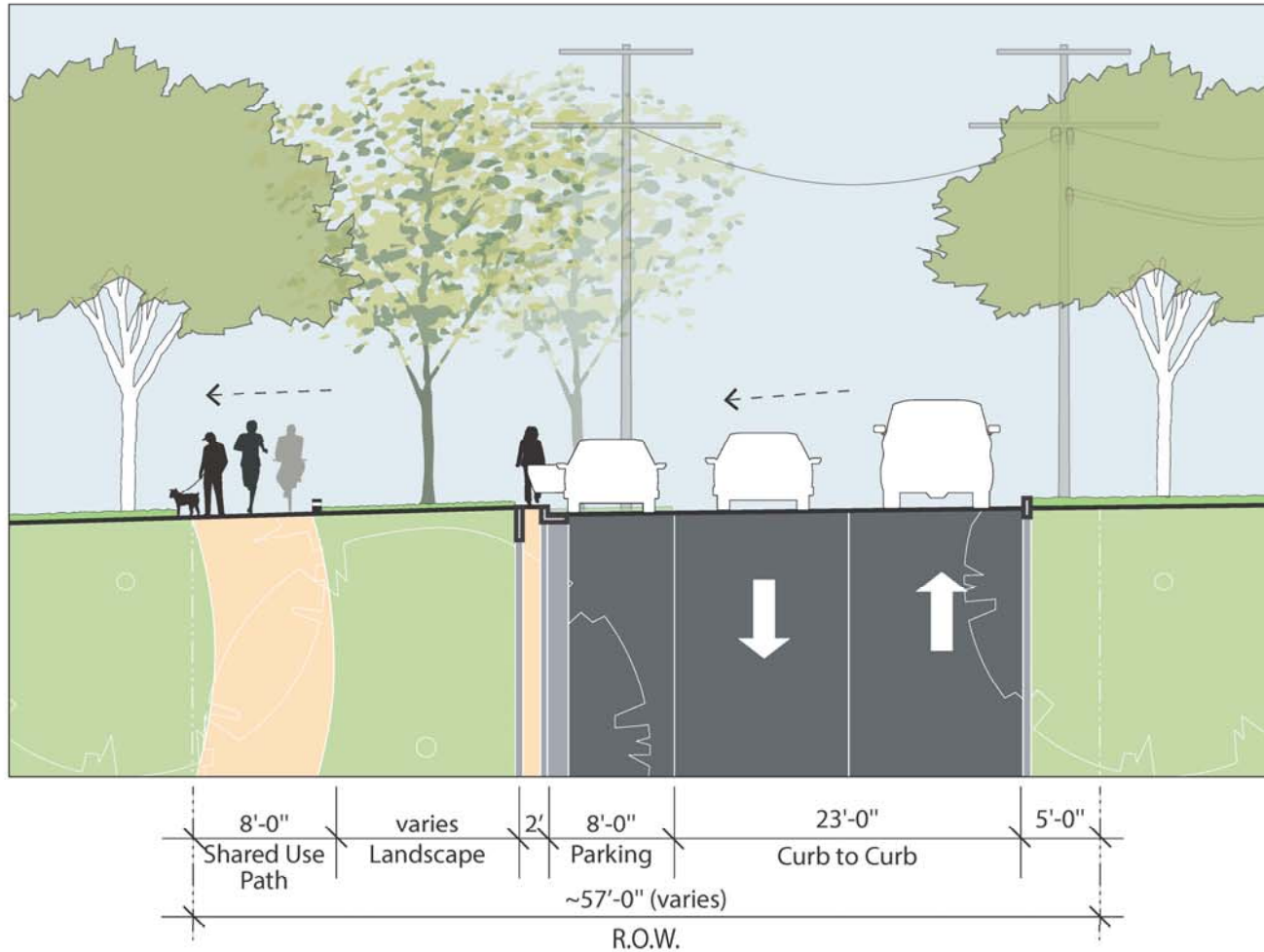
## Conceptual Solutions & Strategies

- Enhance rustic 2 lane road with needed improvements.
- Shift Roadway alignment to accommodate Shared Use Path on the West side of the roadway.
- Create community connections along OFR and to the east and west with future trail extensions.
- Improve drainage, water quality, and roadway elements.
- Develop pedestrian, lighting, parking, and landscape solutions.



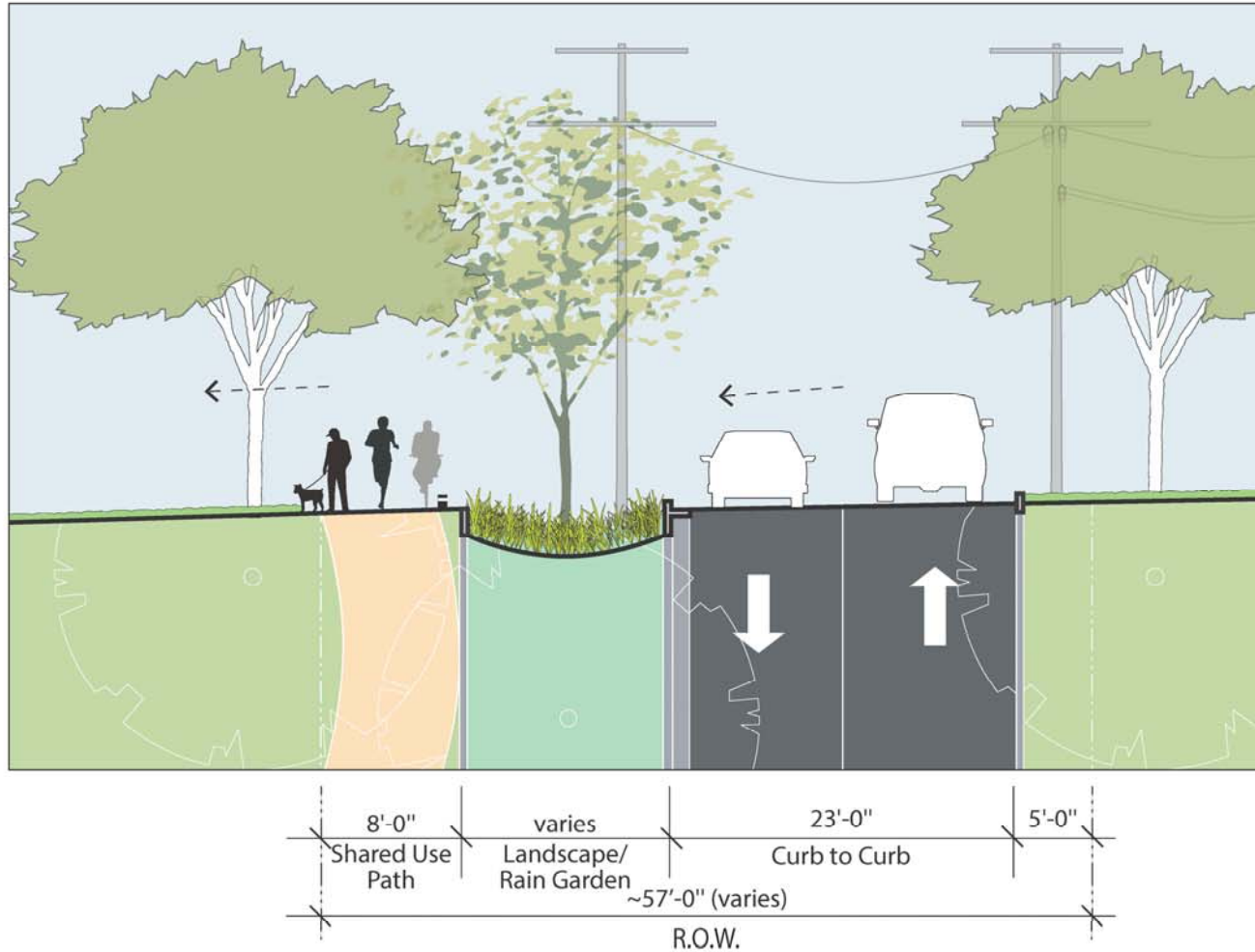
# Old Fitzhugh Road

## Section A Condition 1: Typical with Parking (Looking North)



# Old Fitzhugh Road

## Section A Condition 2: Typical without Parking (Looking North)



# Old Fitzhugh Road

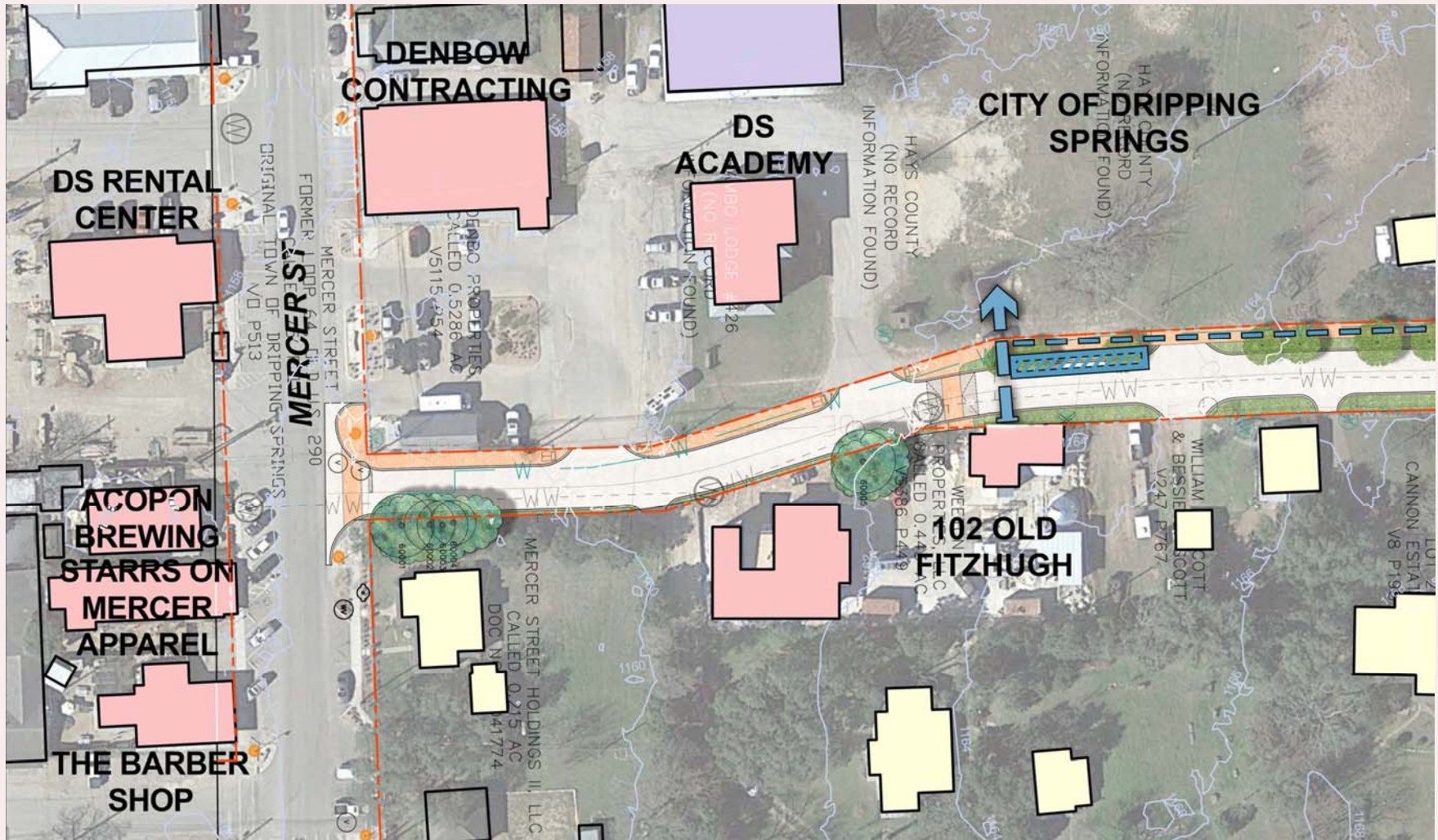
## Overall Concept Plan



- COMMERCIAL
- RESIDENTIAL
- INSTITUTIONAL
- OLD FITZHUGH ROAD HISTORIC OVERLAY: CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, 2017
- POTENTIAL TRAIL
- POTENTIAL STORM DRAIN OUTFALL
- STORM DRAIN LINE
- RAIN GARDEN
- STORM DRAIN INLET
- NEW TREE
- EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN
- EXISTING TREE TO BE RELOCATED OR REMOVED
- SPEED TABLE / PED CROSSING

# Old Fitzhugh Road

## Plan Detail at Mercer Street



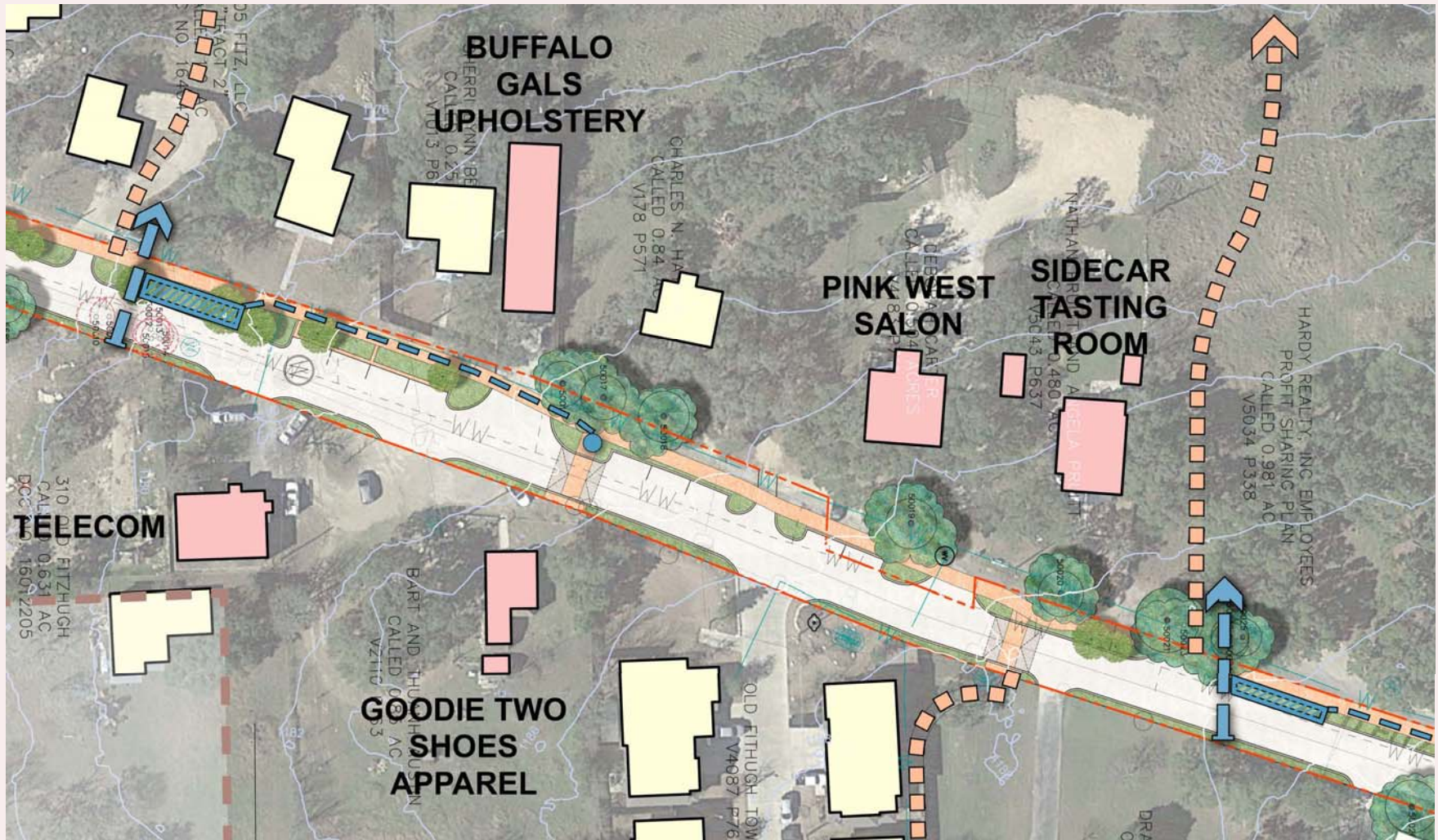
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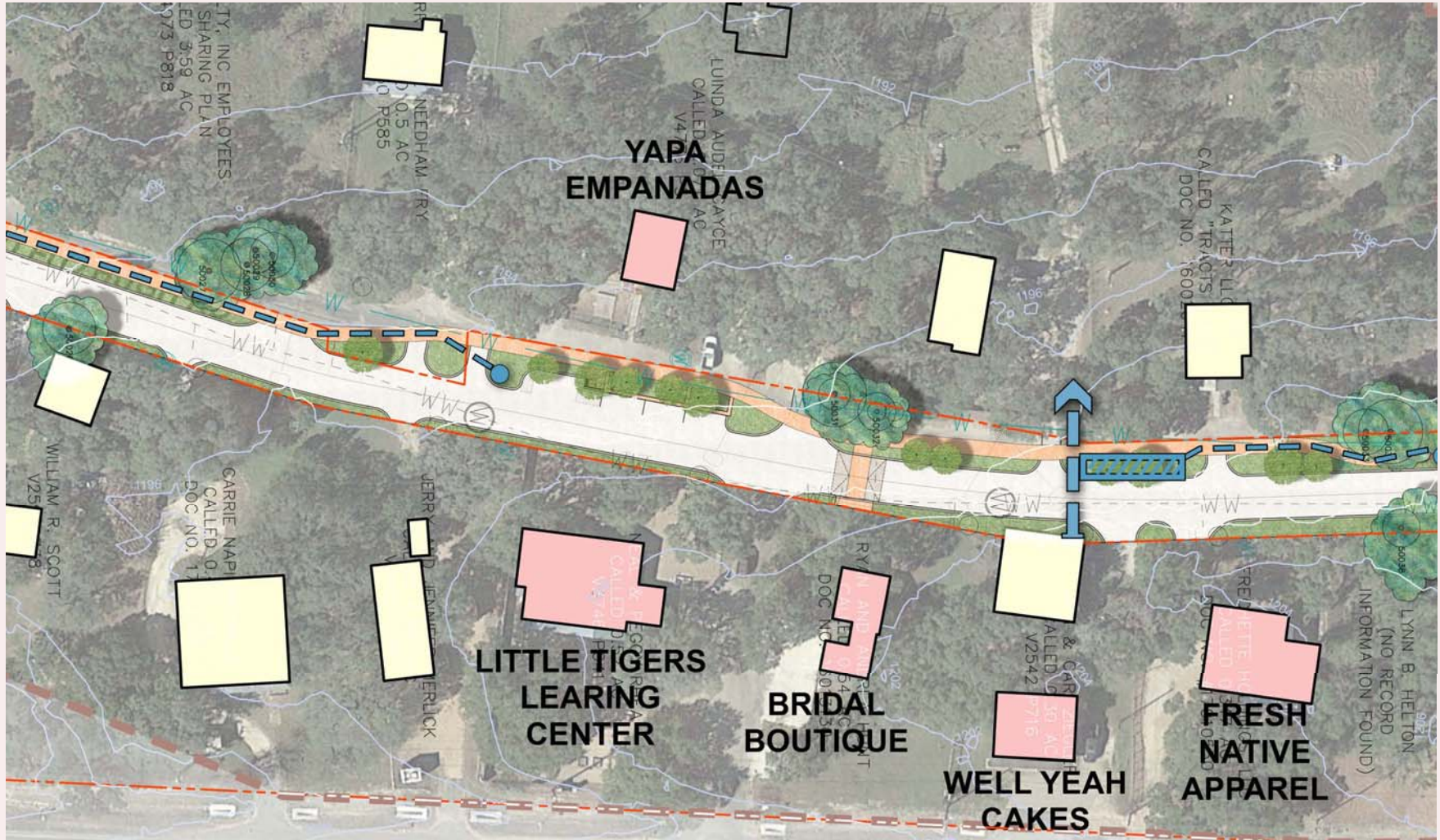
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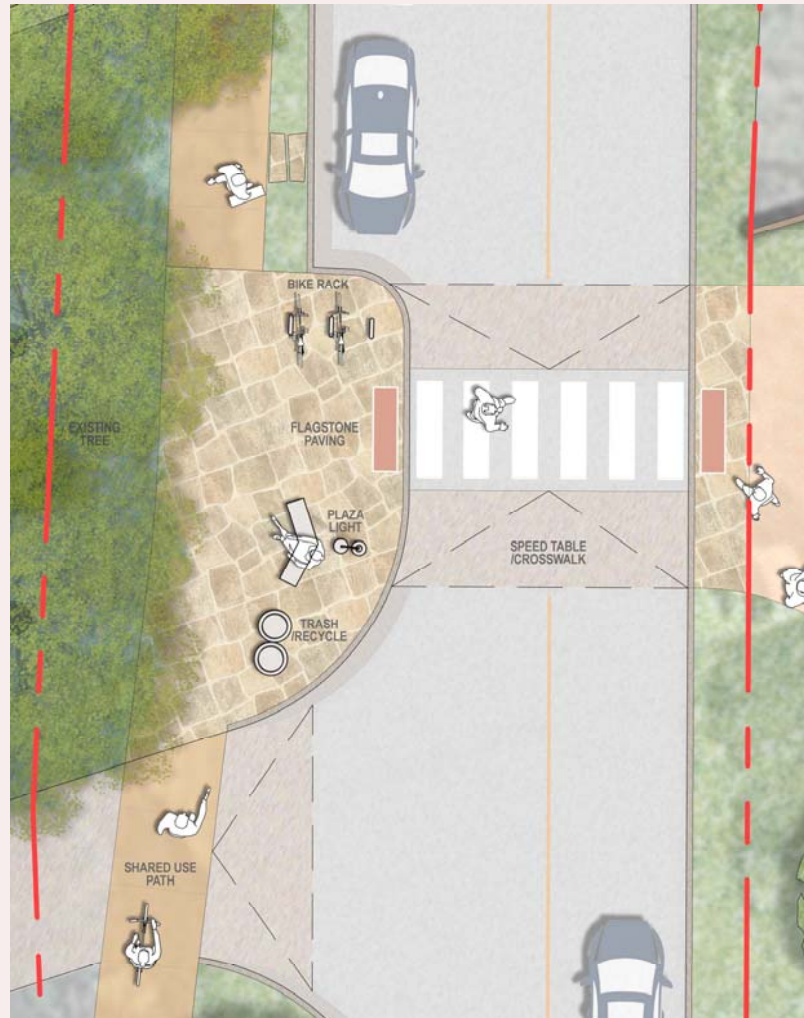
## Plan Detail at RM 12





# Old Fitzhugh Road

## Activity Plaza & Traffic Calming



# Old Fitzhugh Road

## Recommended Materials, Treatments, & Elements

### Shared Use Path

EXPOSED AGGREGATE



EXPOSED AGGREGATE WITH FLAGSTONE



### Lighting & Pedestrian Amenities

MERCER STREET LIGHTING



PATHWAY LIGHTING



### Drainage & Water Quality

ARMORED CURB INLET



STRUCTURED RAIN GARDEN



### Curbs

STANDING STONE CURB



STONE CURB WITH GUTTER



### Traffic Calming & Crossings

SPEED TABLE CROSSWALKS



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# Old Fitzhugh Road

## Stakeholder Input (*May 2018*)

- Parking: Maximize on-street parking opportunities.
- Signage: Provide stronger business district identity along RM 12.
- Rain Gardens: Ensure that rain gardens can be maintained.
- Drainage: Address drainage issues at the RM12 intersection.
- Materials: Support for the proposed range of materials.
- Website: Post the plan online.
- Implementation: Identify funding and project schedule.



# Old Fitzhugh Road

## NEXT STEPS

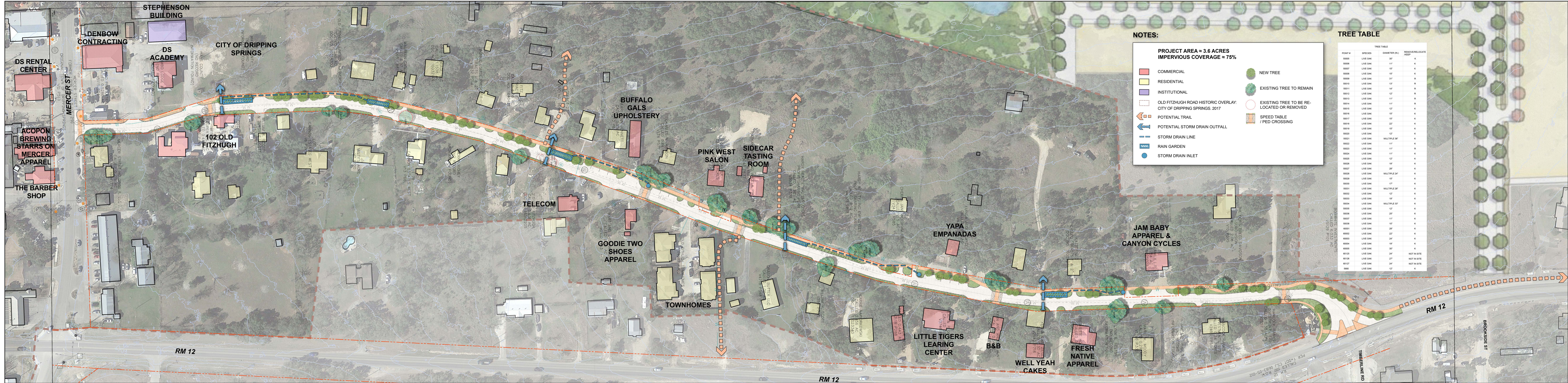
1. Finalize Plans & Conceptual Budget
2. TIRZ Board, Historic Preservation, Parks, Transportation, & Planning & Zoning Commissions
3. City Council (Concept Plan Approval)



### **NEXT STEPS (JUNE-JULY 2018)**

#### City Approvals with Public Hearings:

- TIRZ Board & Historic Preservation Commission
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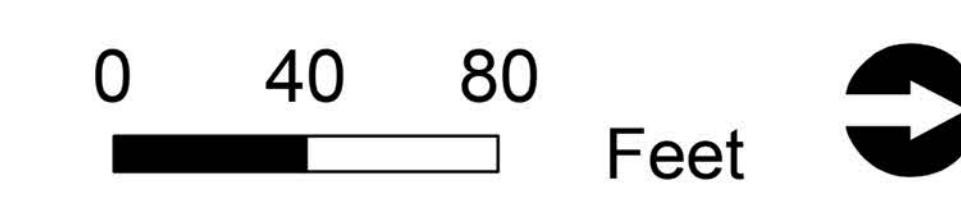
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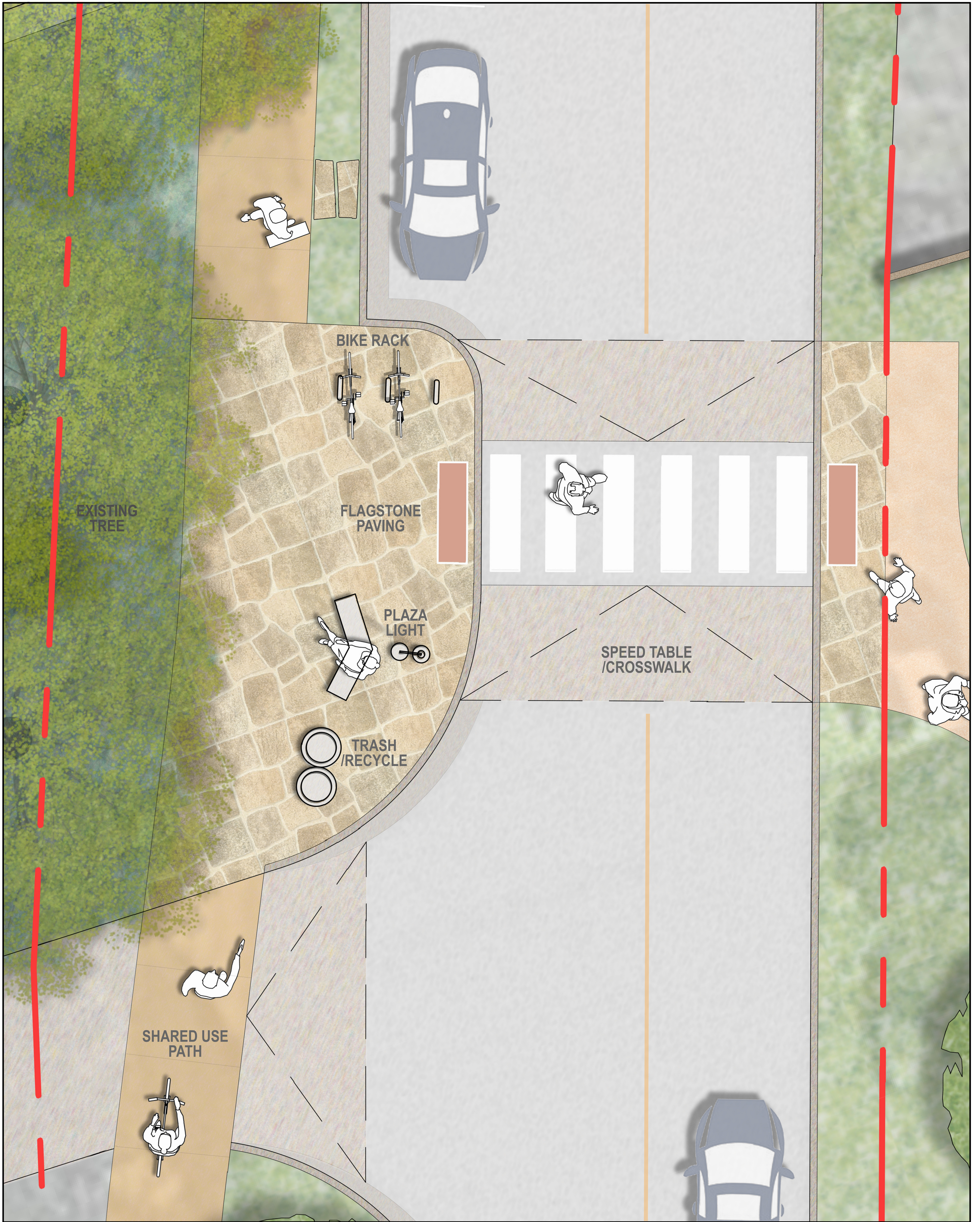
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**TREE TABLE**

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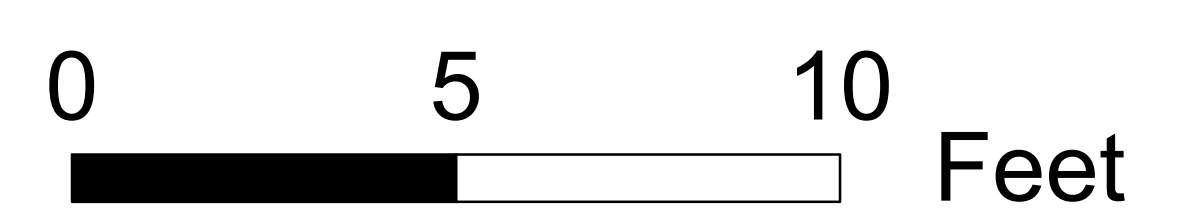
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ILLUSTRATIVE VIEW  
 COMMERCIAL NODE CROSSING  
**Dripping Springs - Old Fitzhugh Road**

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# Curbs

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**CURB & GUTTER**



**STANDING CURB**



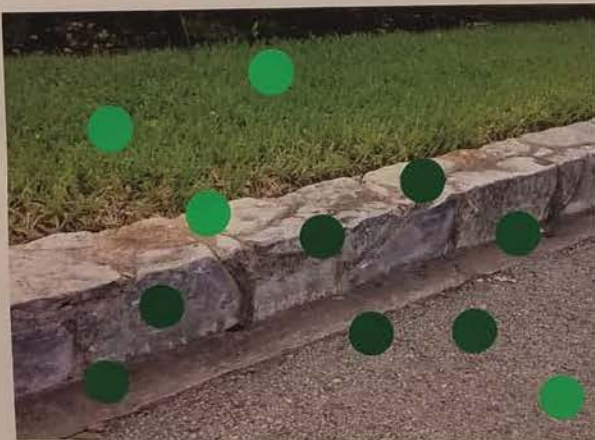
**GRANITE CURB**



**RIBBON CURB**



**STONE CURB**



# Drainage & Water Quality

Item 2.

## STRUCTURED RAIN GARDEN



## SHALLOW BIOSWALE



## ARMORED CURB INLET



## CURB INLET WITH GRATE



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**Dripping Springs TIRZ Priority Projects**

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# Shared Use Path

Item 2.

### EXPOSED AGGREGATE



### PERVIOUS PAVERS



### DECOMPOSED GRANITE



### ASPHALT



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# Traffic Calming & Crossings

### PRESERVE EXISTING TREES



### SPEED TABLE CROSSWALKS



### LIVE OAK TRAFFIC ISLAND



### SPEED CUSHIONS



### CENTER ISLAND



# Lighting

Item 2.

### POOLS OF TRAIL LIGHTING



### TREE UPLIGHTING



### MERCER STREET LIGHTING



### DECORATIVE LIGHTING



### PATHWAY LIGHTING



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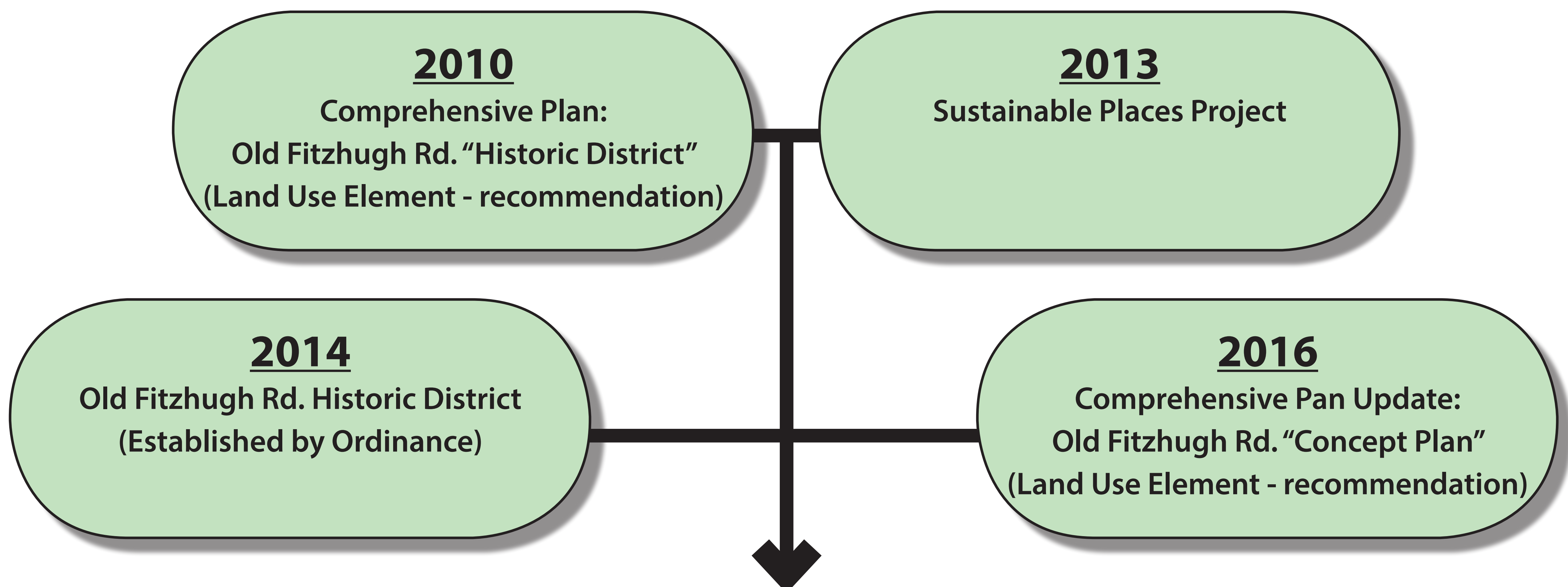
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# Old Fitzhugh Road Planning Process

## POLICY FRAMEWORK



## STAKEHOLDER PROCESS

- **Kickoff Meeting: "OFR Concept Plan:" Project Goals & Objectives**  
*October 26, 2017*
- **Right of Way Surveys & Conceptual Planning & Engineering**  
*Oct-Dec 2017*
- **Planning Studies: Trail & Road Alignment & Drainage Studies - City Staff Input**  
*Jan-Mar 2018*
- **Work Session: "Preliminary Concept Plan"**  
*April 18, 2018*
- **Open House: "Final Concept Plan"**  
*May 24, 2018*

## NEXT STEPS (JUNE-JULY 2018)

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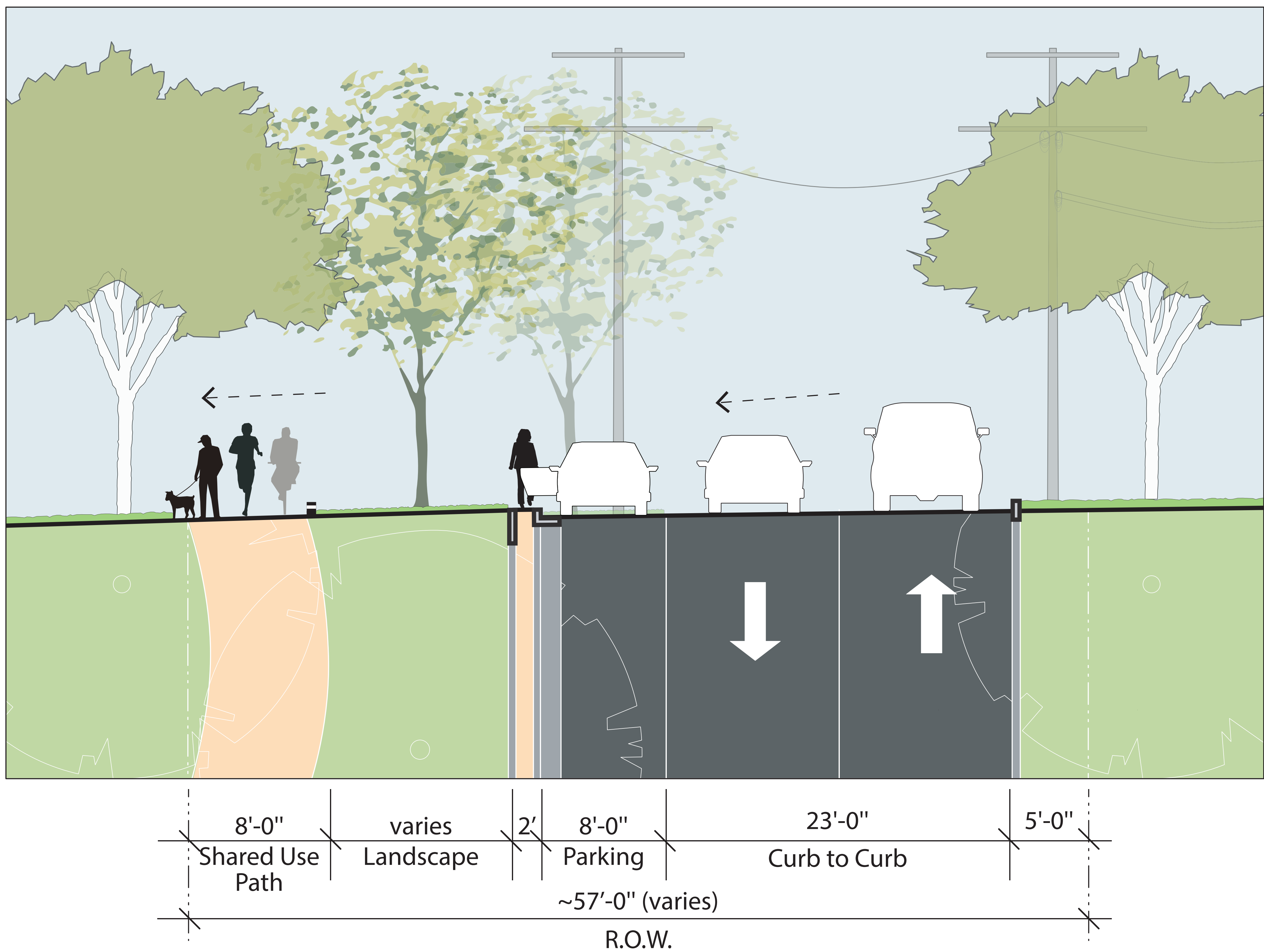
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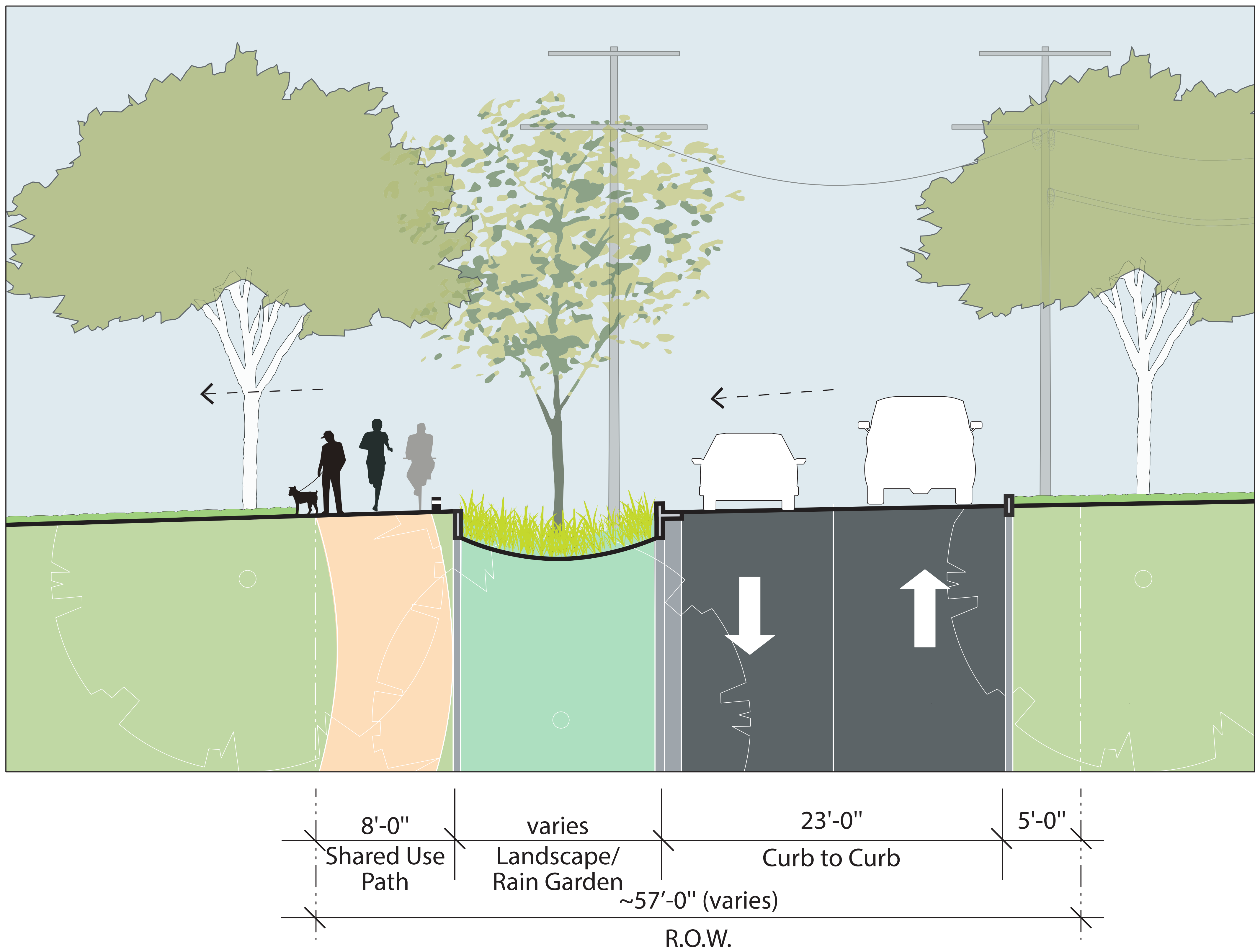
## Traffic Calming & Crossings

SPEED TABLE CROSSWALKS





SECTION A CONDITION 1: TYPICAL WITH PARKING (LOOKING NORTH)



SECTION A CONDITION 2: TYPICAL WITHOUT PARKING (LOOKING NORTH)

**OLD FITZHUGH ROAD PROJECT**  
**Dripping Springs TIRZ Priority Projects**



# Old Fitzhugh Road Stakeholder Input

## TOP 3 IMPROVEMENTS DESIRED

	Number of Responses			
	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	TOTAL
SIDEWALKS	4	3	2	9
TRAFFIC CALMING	3	1	2	6
CURBSIDE PARKING	2	0	2	4
LIGHTING	0	1	1	2
MIX OF RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL	0	1	1	2
TRAIL	1	0	1	2
TREES	0	1	0	1
RAIN GARDENS	1	0	0	1

### QUALITIES TO PRESERVE

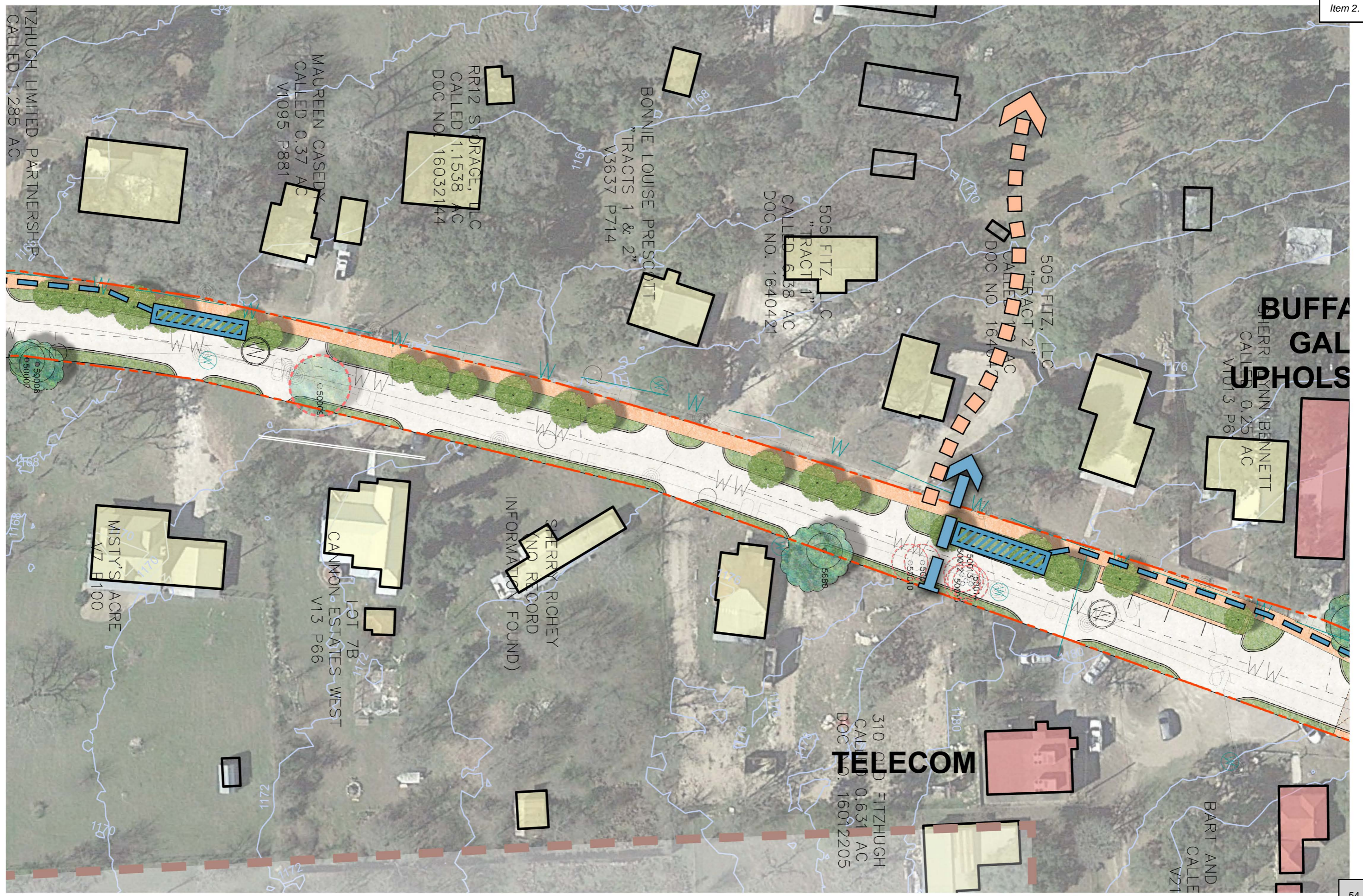
TREES  
 ECLECTIC LOCAL SHOPS  
 SMALL TOWN/COUNTRY FEEL  
 OLD HOMES/HISTORIC BUILDINGS

### CHALLENGES

NARROW IRREGULAR ROW  
 DRAINAGE  
 UTILITIES  
 ROUGH ROAD SURFACE  
 LACK OF COMMERCIAL IDENTITY  
 SPEEDING TRAFFIC  
 POOR LIGHTING  
 ON-STREET PARKING  
 OVER-COMMERCIALIZATION



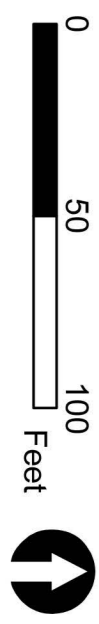


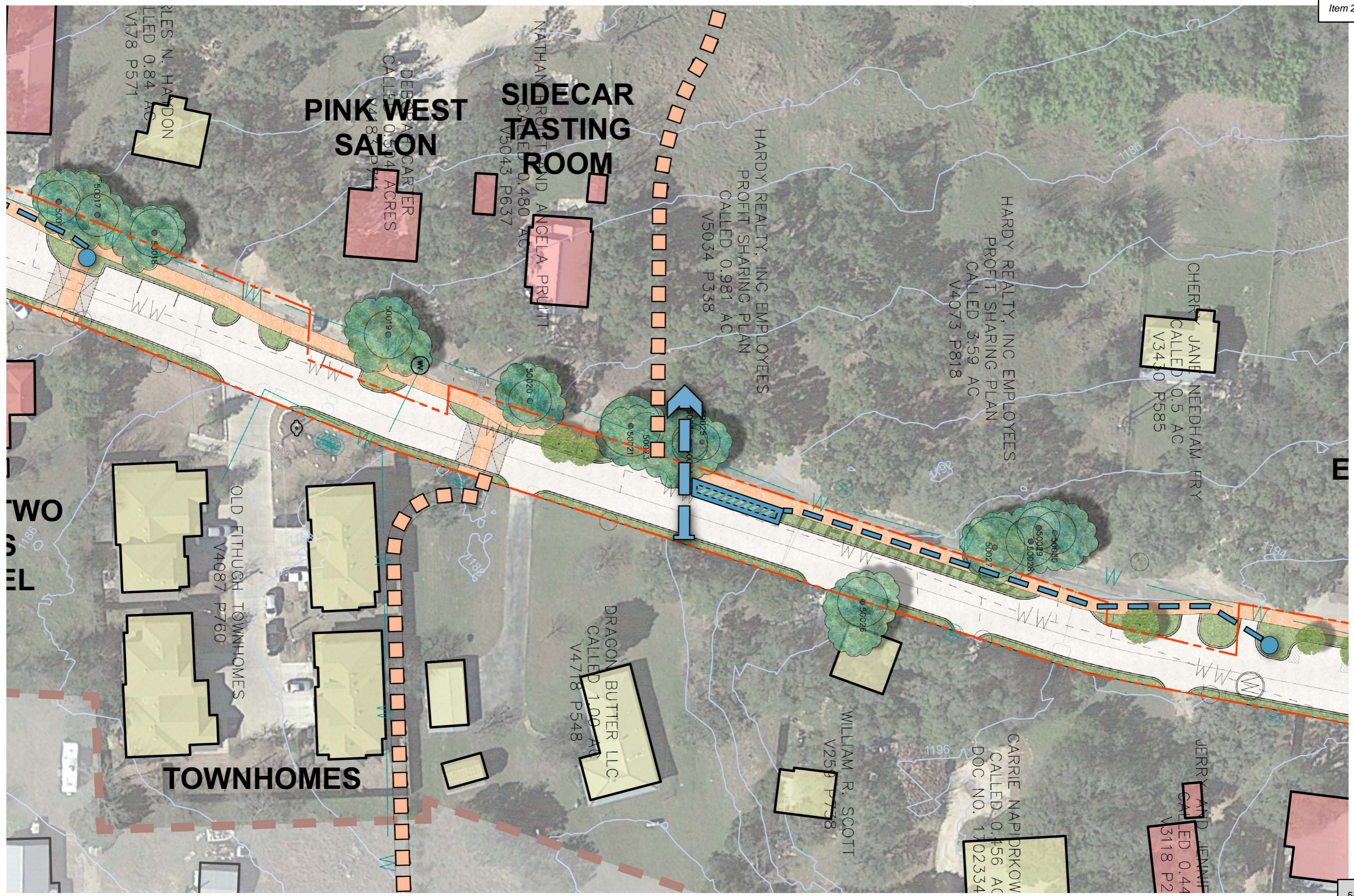


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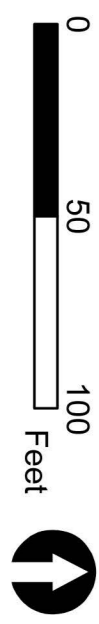
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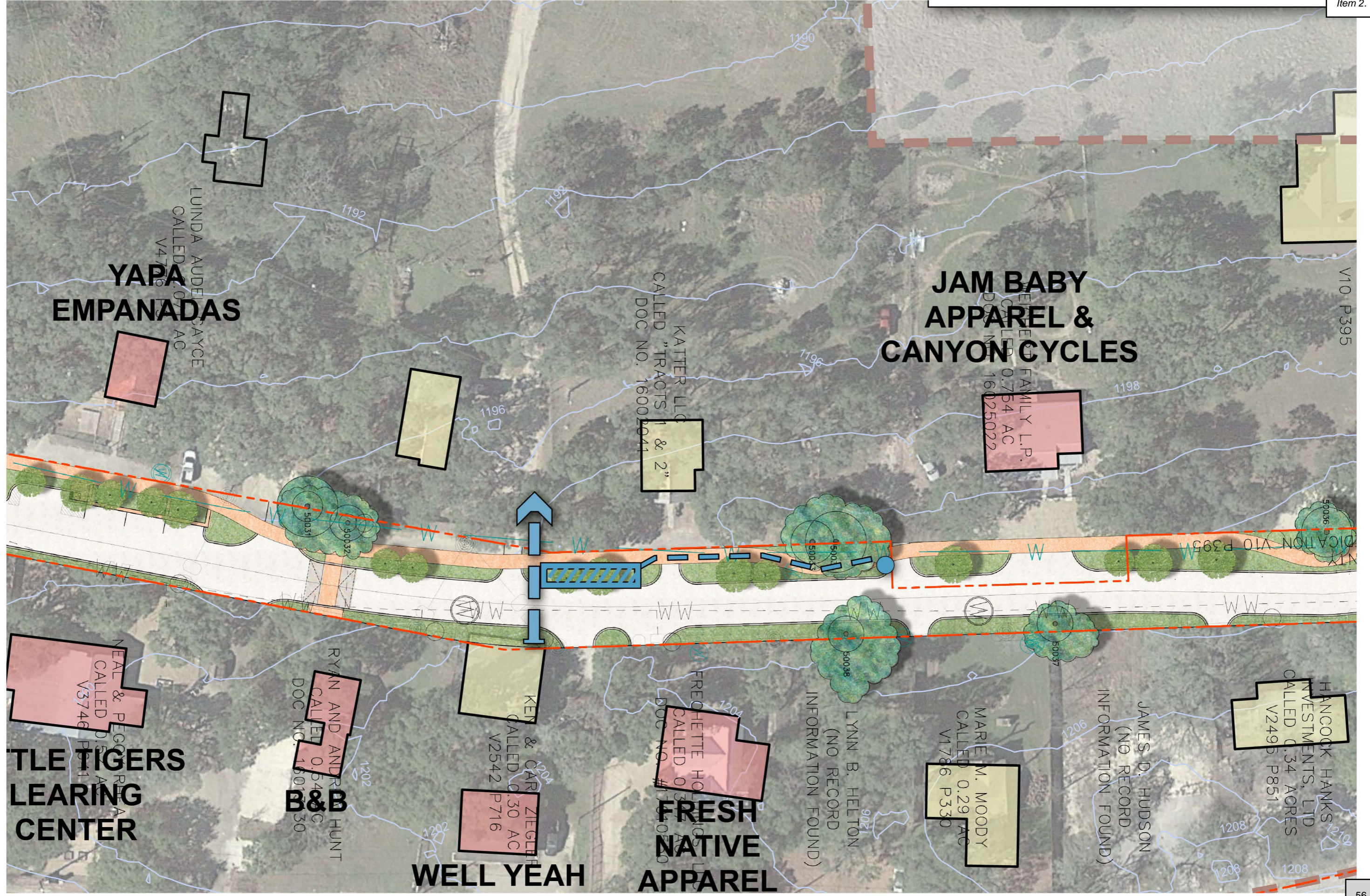
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**JAM BABY  
APPAREL &  
CANYON CYCLES**

**YAPA  
EMPANADAS**

KATTER LLO  
CALLED "TRACTS 1 & 2"  
DOC NO. 16002041

MEHREZ FAMILY L.P.  
CALLED 0.754 AC  
DOC NO. 16025022

LUINDA AUDEI  
CALLED 0.07 AC  
V4778

HANCOCK HANKS  
INVESTMENTS, LTD  
CALLED 0.34 ACRES  
V2495 P851

JAMES D. HUDSON  
(NO RECORD  
INFORMATION FOUND)

MARIE M. MOODY  
CALLED 0.29 AC  
V1786 P330

LYNN B. HELTON  
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FRESH  
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APPAREL

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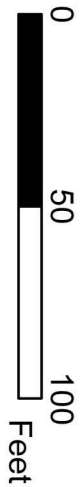
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THE TIGERS  
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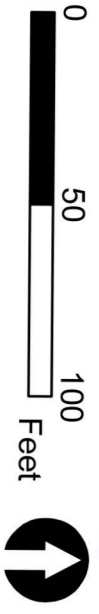




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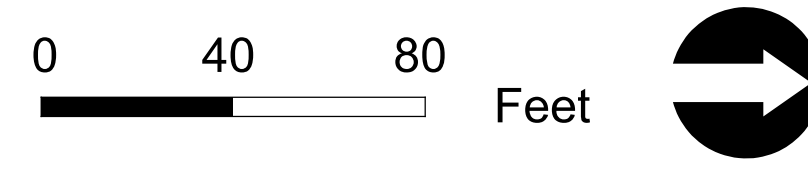




**LEGEND**

- PROPOSED ROADWAY CENTERLINE
- - - - - EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY
- - - - - EXISTING PROPERTY LINE
- - - - - EXISTING OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
- - - - - EXISTING WATER LINE
- - - - - EXISTING WASTE WATER LINE
- EXISTING GUY WIRE
- EXISTING ELECTRIC PEDESTAL
- EXISTING WATER METER
- EXISTING FIRE HYDRANT
- EXISTING WASTE WATER MANHOLE
- EXISTING WASTE WATER CLEANOUT
- PROPOSED TREE
- EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN
- EXISTING TREE TO BE REMOVED

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**Dripping Springs**  
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# CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

PHYSICAL: 511 Mercer Street • MAILING: PO Box 384 • Dripping Springs, TX 78620  
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July 21, 2020

Alex Granados

Kimley-Horn & Associates

[Alex.granados@kimley-horn.com](mailto:Alex.granados@kimley-horn.com)

RE: City Council Approval Issued July 14, 2020  
Application for Parkland Dedication  
Location: Sportsplex Drive

The City of Dripping Springs City Council met on July 14<sup>th</sup> and approved your proposed Parkland Dedication for the Heritage Development for approximately 190.317 acres to be situated in the Philip Smith Survey Abstract N. 415, Hays County Texas. This vote passed 5-0 in July 14<sup>th</sup> on the consent agenda. Attached is the Parkland that was approved.

Best Regards,

Amanda Padilla, City of Dripping Springs Senior Planner



Total Residential Units: 700 units  
 Parkland Requirement: 28 acres (1 AC / 25 LUEs)

<b>Parkland Credit Summary</b>	<b>Total Area</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Dedication</b>
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**Heritage West** – Dripping Springs, Texas  
April 22, 2020

**PARKLAND AND OPEN SPACE CALCULATIONS**

**Property Overview**

Heritage West is a residential community located along Ranch Road 12 within the City of Dripping Springs. The property is approximately 189 acres zoned for 700 residential units.

The property is characterized as typical Hill Country with moderate hills and topography. The property is covered with a mix of cedar (Ashe Juniper) and live oak and cedar elm hardwoods. Natural drainage corridors bisect the property, draining north to southeast in two locations, creating two upland areas.

The Founder’s Ridge Parkland and Open Space Plan consists of a combination of private and public parkland and open space. The centerpiece of the private parkland component will be a 2 Acre Private Amenity Center. This site will be located within a future phase of the project and set along a natural drainageway.

The Amenity Site is directly linked to the public parkland along the upland open spaces and floodplain greenways. The public parkland will provide an 8’ concrete trail with access to additional public parkland and trails connecting off-site to Mercer Street, per the project’s offsite road and trail agreement. The remainder of the open space will be native areas, with some additional footpaths, for the enjoyment of residents.

Additional public parkland dedication is located within neighborhood pocket parks. These parks will provide additional improvements such as irrigated landscaping and turf, seating areas, passive recreation and concrete sidewalks.

**Parkland Calculations**

The following is a summary of parkland requirements and the parkland provided within Heritage West. The calculations are intended to support the Parkland and Open Space Exhibit.

**I. Parkland Required by City of Dripping Springs’ Code of Ordinances**

1. Required  
One (1) acre of parkland per 25 living unit equivalents (LUE’s), satisfied by cash or land.
2. Criteria
  - At least one parcel to be dedicated must be of acceptable shape and contain a minimum of 20% of the total parkland acreage to be designated.
  - No more than 50% of the total acres to be dedicated shall be within floodplain or critical water quality zones.



**II. Parkland Required by Planned Development District Ordinance N.1220.124**

1. Neighborhood Pocket Parks are included in the parkland dedication
2. Amenity Center areas intended for exclusive use of the HOA are not included as part of the parkland dedication.
3. Per Exhibit C of the PDD, water quality ponds, utility easements and off-street trails are permitted in parkland.
4. Shared use path/multi-use path/off-street trails must be concrete, except that multi-use path may be asphalt.
5. A maximum of 14 Acres of the 28 Acres of required parkland may be comprised of water quality and detention and stream setbacks for drainage.
6. Open Space dedicated for parkland shall be publicly accessible. Parkland and improvements in the parkland, including trails, shall be conveyed to and permanently maintained by the homeowner association (HOA) or other responsible non-city entity.

**III. Proposed Parkland Compliance Program**

1. Public Parks

A total of 53.13 acres of physical land is being dedicated to the City as public parkland, which equals a total of 46.46 acres in parkland credit. The parkland is comprised of the upland open space, floodplain / detention, additional open spaces and pocket parks. Within the public park that is oriented northwest to the southeast through the middle of the property, a public 8' concrete trail will provide a connection to the City's master trails system. This will include a future off-site extension to Mercer Street with a 10' concrete trail. It is the Applicant's intent and vision to preserve and maintain the natural character of these areas, as this character is what draws many to the Hill Country.

As shown in The Parkland and Open Space Exhibit, the public parkland area will include:

- Meandering 8' Public Regional Trail (with revegetation in disturbed areas following construction)
- Trailheads (Including 1 trailhead sign, a pet waste station and enhanced landscaping and connections with public roadways)

2. Private Parks

The 2 acre Amenity Center site will be privately maintained by the H.O.A. This facility shall not count toward the public parkland credit, due to its being exclusively used by its residents.

**IV. Parkland Calculation Summary**

Parkland Dedication Requirements: Based on parkland calculations required by the City of Dripping Springs Code, Heritage West is required to provide 28 acres of total parkland.

Proposed Parkland Credit: As shown in the Parkland Exhibit, a total of 49.98 acres of physical land is being dedicated toward the City's parkland, with a total of 42.31 acres being credited toward the public parkland requirement. This totals a surplus of 14.31 acres of public parkland credit.



Total Residential Units: 700 units  
 Parkland Requirement: 28 acres (1 AC / 25 LUEs)

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**I. Maintenance**

The Parkland and Open Space Plan for Heritage West includes a 2.0 AC private amenity center, public pocket parks, public upland/open space parks, 8' & 10' concrete public trails and native open spaces. All public and private parkland and open spaces will be maintained by the community's Homeowner Association (H.O.A.) The off-site regional trail connection will be maintained through a two (2) year maintenance bond by the HOA, per the Offsite Road and Trail Agreement. After the two (2) year period, the City will be responsible for ongoing maintenance. The H.O.A. will maintain the on-site public trails and parks to conform with the maintenance level of the community. The H.O.A. will be established prior to selling homes and will be funded through a community fee. This fee will be used to maintain parks, open space trails, entry feature monuments and public areas within H.O.A. access easements.

**Phasing**

Heritage West will be a phased residential community. The improved private neighborhood park will be built and enjoyed by residents within the Phase 2 development. Additionally, the public 8' concrete trail will commence with the construction of Phase 2 of the Community.

The remaining open space will be dedicated to the City simultaneously with the adjacent platted residential lots.



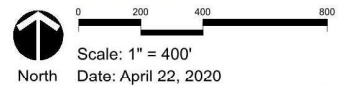
**PARKLAND SUMMARY**

Residential	700 units	Area	Calculation	
Required Parkland Area*		28.0 acres	1 AC / 25 LUEs	
Parkland Credit Summary		Area	Credit	Dedication
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Required Parkland Dedication:				28.00 acres
Delta:				+18.46 acres
Offroad 8' Concrete Trail				3,973 lf
Roadside 8' Concrete Trail				3,800 lf
10' Concrete Trail Off-Site Extension				732 lf

\*One (1) acre per 25 Residential Living Unit Equivalents

**PARKLAND EXHIBIT  
HERITAGE**

**MI HOMES**  
DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS







**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
**PO Box 384**  
**511 Mercer Street**  
**Dripping Springs, TX 78602**

**Submitted By:** Kelly Schmidt, Parks & Community Services Director

**Council Meeting Date:** September 8, 2020

**Agenda Item Wording:** **Discuss and consider recommendation regarding a Request from the Dripping Springs VFW & American Legion for the placement of Parking Barriers at Veterans Memorial Park, commonly known as the Triangle.**

**Agenda Item Requestor:** VFW & American Legion Representative

**Summary/Background:** Often when events are held such as the Farmers Market, Christmas on Mercer, Founders Day and the like, the east corner of Veterans Memorial Park lawn area is negatively impacted. That area of the park gets inundated with overflow parking and if it has rained prior the lawn and the amenities therein (flagpole holders) get damaged.

The VFW & American Legion representatives met with Parks and Community Services Director Schmidt, City Maintenance Director Rice and Public Works Coordinator Reed at the site to review and go over their dilemma and request. As a solution, it was suggested by staff that we protect the area with a natural parking barrier and utilize surplus stones from Dripping Springs Ranch Park to block off the wood be parking and prevent further damage.

**Commission  
 Recommendations:**

**Recommended  
 Council Actions:**

**Attachments:**

**Next Steps/Schedule:** Notify requesters and assist with stone barricade selction



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
**PO Box 384**  
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**Submitted By:** Kelly Schmidt, Parks & Community Services Director

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**Commission Meeting Date:** September 1, 2020

**Agenda Item Wording:** Update regarding the Approved Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Parks and Recreation Budget

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Kelly Schmidt

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**Summary/Background:** PRC members worked through 3 budget workshop and review meetings prior to submitting their recommendations to Council for the FY2021. The mayor has the authority to accept those recommendations or amend the final budget presented to Council for approval.

Some recommendations and priorities for the PRC in FY2021 did not make it to the final approved budget. Staff is updating PRC so they have a clear understanding of the projects that have been budgeted for 2021.

**Staff Recommendation:** None

**Attachments:** 2020 – 2021 Council Approved PRC Budget

**Next Steps/Schedule:** None

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REVENUE	FY2020	FY2021
TXF from Parkland Dedication - <i>Parkland Dedication funds are allocated for Capital Improvements only.</i>	\$ 269,700.00	\$ 172,200.00
TXF from Landscaping Fund	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
TXF from Contingency Funds General	\$ 39,734.00	
TXF from Contingency Funds DSRP	\$ 15,500.00	\$ -
TXF from General Fund		
S&R Donation	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Sponsorships & Donations		\$ 15,000.00
<i>Seasonal Activity Guide -\$5000</i>		
Aquatics Program Income	\$ 47,470.00	\$ 33,950.00
<i>Swim Lesson Revenue - \$24,950</i>		
<i>Pool Daily Entrance Fees - \$6000</i>		
<i>Aquatics Programs -\$1500</i>		
<i>Pool Season Passes - \$1500</i>		
Pool & Pavilion Rental	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 13,900.00
<i>Tiger Splash - \$10900</i>		
<i>Pool Party Packages - \$1600</i>		
<i>Pavilion Rental - \$750</i>		
<i>Pool Rental - \$800</i>		
Park Rental Fees		\$ 1,650.00
<i>General Revenue - \$900</i>		
<i>Sports &amp; Recreation Park - \$300</i>		
<i>Triangle Rental - \$450</i>		
General Programs & Events	\$ 46,475.00	\$ 48,825.00
<i>Coyote Kids Day Camp - \$46,475</i>		
<i>Tween Scene - \$1100</i>		
<i>Tot-Time - \$250</i>		
<i>Red Cross Class Offerings - \$1000</i>		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$432,879.00</b>	<b>\$302,025.00</b>
EXPENDITURES	FY2020	FY2021
<b>Other</b>		
Park Consultants	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Dues, Fees & Subscriptions		\$ 2,719.06
<i>Activenet In-House &amp; On-line Software Use Fee -1.2854% - \$1229.06</i>		
<i>Dues-\$1490</i>		
Parks & Community Services Activity Guide	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
<i>2020 - \$5000 (\$2500 sponsorship + \$2500 Public Relations)</i>		
<i>2021 - (FA&amp;Winter 2020 /SP&amp;SU 2021) \$5000 sponsor</i>		
Pool Operations (for 2021 moved to new Seasonal Category)	\$ 75,000.00	
<i>Lifeguards &amp; Head Lifeguards- \$40601</i>		

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Swim Instructors - \$6306		
Pool Manager - \$10281		
Workman's Comp & Employment Taxes - \$7437		
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$ 80,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,719.06</b>
<b>IMPROVEMENTS (CIP)</b>	<b>FY2020</b>	<b>FY2021</b>
Cohesive Entrance & Wayfinding Signage - (all parks)		\$ 50,000.00
2021- Entrance/Naviagtion signs - \$40,000		
2021- Wayfinding signs throughout parks - \$10,000		
<b>General Improvements</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>
<b>Founders Memorial Park &amp; Pool Improvements</b>		
(P1 )Skateboard Park (half funding of \$550,000) \$275000		\$ -
<b>Pool Improvements</b>	<b>\$ 75,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,700.00</b>
2020- Pool Replaster - \$51,650 (\$49,500)		
2020-Pool Fence - \$19,750		
2020-Metal Picnic Tables -\$900 x 4 -\$3600		
(P1) 2021-Pool Deck Expansion w/ Sundeck overlay - \$43,000		
(P2) 2021- Pool Chemical system change from liquid to dry - \$8700		
(P3) 2021- Filtration System - Renovation - \$44,616		
(P4) 2021- Variable Frequency Drive & Pump Conversion - \$15,214		
2022-Change from 3 domestic propane heaters to 1 commercial grade natural gas Lochinvar Pool Heater - \$45000 -		
2022- Change Pool Complex lighting to LED		
<b>Founders Memorial Park &amp; Pool Improvements Total</b>	<b>\$ 75,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,700.00</b>
<b>Sports &amp; Recreation Park Improvements</b>		
(Contractual Obligation) 2020-Electrical Engineer Field Lights	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 54,000.00
2020-Phase I Soccer Field Lights	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -
2020-Trees Around Soccer	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -
2020-Trail Extension	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
(P1)2021- Basketball Court repaired/refurbished - \$6000		\$ 6,000.00
(P2)2021- Volleyball Court refurbished - \$2000		\$ 2,000.00
<b>Sports &amp; Recreation Park Improvements Total</b>	<b>\$ 221,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 62,000.00</b>
<b>Charro Ranch Park Improvements</b>		
2020-Ramp for Pavilion	\$ 200.00	\$ -
2020-Signage for Fen	\$ 200.00	\$ -
2020-Trail map for kiosk	\$ 300.00	\$ -
<b>Charro Ranch Park Improvements Total</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Veterans Memorial Park /Triangle Improvements</b>		

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2022- General - Welcome & Parking signage	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Veterans Memorial Park Improvements Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Dripping Springs Ranch Park Improvement</b>		
House Improvements	\$ 31,460.00	\$ 8,500.00
2021-Exterior Woodwork - \$5000		
2021-Paver walkway - \$1500		
2021-ADA Parking & Signage - \$2000		

<b>Ranch Park &amp; House Improvement Total</b>	<b>\$ 31,460.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,500.00</b>
<b>Total Improvements</b>		
<b>Total Improvements</b>	<b>\$ 328,660.00</b>	<b>\$ 172,200.00</b>
<b>PARK UTILITIES</b>	<b>FY2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
Portable Toilets - All Parks	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,780.00
<b>All Parks Utilities Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,780.00</b>
<b>Sports &amp; Recreation Park Utilities</b>		
S&R Park Water	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
S&R Electric	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,200.00
<b>SRP Utility Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,200.00</b>
<b>Veterans Memorial Park Utilities</b>		
Triangle Water	\$ 200.00	\$ 475.00
Triangle Electric	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 650.00
<b>Triangle Utility Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,125.00</b>
<b>Founders Memorial Park &amp; Pool Utilities</b>		
FMP Pool/Pavilion Water	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
FMP Pool/Pavilion Electricity	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
FMP Pool Network & Phone	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,200.00
<b>FMP Utility Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,700.00</b>
<b>Dripping Springs Ranch Park &amp; Ranch House Utilities</b>		
DS Ranch House Electricity	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 900.00
DS Ranch House Network & Phone	\$ 800.00	\$ 5,700.00
DS Ranch House Septic	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
<b>DSRP Ranch House Utility Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,350.00</b>
<b>Total Utilities</b>		
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 35,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 41,155.00</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>FY2020</b>	<b>FY2021</b>
<b>General Maintenance (All Parks)</b>		
General	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 250.00
Trail Washout Repairs	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00
Equipment Rental	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>General Maintenance (All Parks) Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,750.00</b>
<b>Founders Pool &amp; Park Maintenance</b>		
Pool Maintenance Repairs	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

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Trail Grooming	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Grounds Maintenance (Founders Park Lawn)	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,750.00
<i>2021- Grounds Contract - \$6,600/12 = 550/mo x 5 = \$2750</i>		
<i>2021-Arborist Certified Tree Work -\$2,000</i>		
<i>2021-Play Structure Mulch replenishment - \$3,000</i>		
General Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Founders Park/Pool Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,250.00</b>
<b>S &amp; R Park Maintenance</b>		
Grounds Maintenance (Lawn Maintenance)	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 10,020.00
<i>2021-Grounds Maintenance Contract - \$19,250/\$1604/mo x5 = \$8020</i>		
<i>2021-Arborist Certified Tree Work - \$2000</i>		
Trail Grooming	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
General Maintenance	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
<i>2021-General Maintenance - \$1000</i>		
<i>2021-Sports Fields &amp; Drive Fence Painting &amp; Repair -\$2000</i>		
<b>S &amp; R Park Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,020.00</b>
<b>Charro Ranch Park Maintenance</b>		
Demo Garden Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00
Grounds Maintenance (Lawn Maintenance)	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 8,395.00
<i>2021- General Grounds Contract - \$14,150/12=1179/mo x5=\$5895</i>		
<i>2021-Trail Grooming -\$2500</i>		
General Maintenance	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,350.00
<i>2021-Rainwater Collection Tank Maintenance-\$350</i>		
<i>2021-Kiosk Repair/Replacement-\$1500</i>		
<i>2021-Policy Signage repair/replacement- \$500</i>		
<b>Charro Ranch Park Maintenance Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,945.00</b>
<b>Triangle/Veterans Memorial Park Maintenance</b>		
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 500.00
General Maintenance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 300.00
<b>Triangle/Veteran Memorial Park Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>
<b>Dripping Springs Ranch Park Maintenance</b>		
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 8,729.00
<i>2021-Grounds Maintenance Contract - \$20,950/12=1745/mo x 5 = \$8729</i>		
General Maintenance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Ranch House Maintenance		\$ 350.00
<i>2021-Exterior Paint - \$12000</i>		\$ 12,000.00
<i>2021- Tree Removal &amp; Arborist work - \$2500</i>		\$ 2,500.00
<b>Dripping Springs Ranch Park Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,079.00</b>
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 69,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 69,844.00</b>

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SUPPLIES	FY2020	FY2021
<b>General Park Supplies</b>	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
<i>General - \$4000</i>		
<b>General Park Supplies Total</b>	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Program &amp; Events Supplies</b>		
11 Weeks of Coyote Kids Nature Day Camp @ \$200/wk	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,200.00
<b>Program &amp; Event Supplies Total</b>	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,200.00
<b>Charro Ranch Supplies</b>		
<i>General Suuplies \$200</i>		\$ 200.00
<i>Bird Seed Storage Box</i>	\$ 300.00	\$ -
<i>Bird Seed - Sponsor</i>	\$ 750.00	\$ -
<i>Events</i>	\$ 250.00	\$ -
<b>Charro Ranch Supplies Total</b>	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 200.00
<b>DSRP &amp; Ranch House Supplies</b>		
General Supplies		\$ 300.00
Network & Communications		\$ 1,803.00
<i>2021 - Staff Cell Phones -\$1803 (\$50/mo x3)</i>		
Furniture & Equipment	\$ -	\$ 250.00
<i>2021- Downstairs Printer - \$250</i>		
Consumable Supplies		\$ 250.00
<i>2021-Office Supplies (Printer paper, laminating sheets, etc.)-\$250</i>		
<b>DSRP &amp; Ranch House Supplies Total</b>	\$ -	\$ 2,603.00
<b>Founders Park &amp; Pool Supplies</b>		
General Supplies		\$ 3,375.00
<i>Desk Top Computer + Monitor - \$1200</i>		
<i>Office Supplies - \$300</i>		
<i>Swimming Pool Supplies - \$1000</i>		
<i>2021-Lifeguard/Swim Instructor Training - \$500</i>		
<i>Small Tools - \$375</i>		
*Pool Chemicals	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Pool Equipment		\$ 1,000.00
<i>General- \$1000</i>		
<i>(P1)2021-(3) Spectrum 12x12 Thermal Pool Blankets (5-yr) - \$10,925</i>		
<i>(P1) 2021-Bitter Root Triple winder reel 19' + cover (5-yr)- \$10,275</i>		
<i>(P1) 2021- Freight for all - \$1750</i>		
<i>(P1) 2021 - Off Load and assembly onsite (3 people) - \$1200</i>		
<b>Founders Pool Supplies Total</b>	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,375.00
<b>Sports &amp; Recreation Park Supplies</b>		
General SRP Supplies	\$ -	\$ 200.00
<b>Sports &amp; Rec Supplies Total</b>	\$ -	
<b>Total Supplies</b>	\$ 12,550.00	\$ 19,578.00



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<b>Seasonal Program &amp; Operations Personnel</b>		
Aquatics Staff		\$ 72,308.26
<i>Lifeguards &amp; Head Lifeguards- \$47,380</i>		
<i>Swim Instructors -\$6800</i>		
<i>Pool Manager - \$10281</i>		
<i>SUI &amp; Employment Taxes- \$4931.26+ \$162 (18)2916.00)</i>		
<b><i>Aquatic Staff Total</i></b>		<b>\$ 72,308.26</b>
Camp & Program Staff	\$28,000.00	\$ 33,105.00
<i>Camp Counselors - \$22800</i>		
<i>Asst Camp Director - \$5200</i>		
<i>Program Specialists - \$2000</i>		
<i>SUI &amp; Employment Taxes - \$2295.00 +\$162(5)= \$3105</i>		
<b><i>Camp &amp; Program Staff Total</i></b>	<b>\$28,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,105.00</b>
<b><u>Seasonal Staff Total</u></b>	<b>\$ 28,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 105,413.26</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 553,460.00</b>	<b>\$ 415,909.32</b>
	<b>-\$120,581.00</b>	<b>-\$113,884.32</b>

## PARKS

### Charro Ranch Park

Programs & Events Specialist Maggie Martin is working on updating the bird identification kiosk and interpretive trailhead kiosk as a part of her programs support scope. A schematic has been created for the new ADA ramp to the pavilion and is slated for construction in August by the DS Maintenance Crew.

Hays County Master Naturalists lead by Sue Harding have returned to Charro Park and are again hosting their monthly volunteer work groups.



### Dripping Springs Ranch Park

Improvements continue to occur at DSRP and the Master Naturalists & Gardeners have returned to continue their much needed and treasured partnership.

### Founders Memorial Park & Pool – Emily Long, Pool Manager

The month of July was a month of polishing lifeguard skills. Both during in services and during shifts, the lifeguards at Founders Pool worked hard to improve on their skills. In-services consisted of practicing rescues with social distancing protocols. These protocols included hands only CPR as well as the use of a BVM. Head Lifeguard, Mick Bailey led an in-service this month where he instructed scenarios involving sudden illnesses. Mick has ample experience with sudden illnesses because he is certified in Wilderness First Aid and Epinephrine. Mick embraced the opportunity to gain some additional leadership and teaching experience. Mick is studying Outdoor Recreation and Tourism at the University of Wyoming and is hoping to become a Rock-Climbing Guide after graduation. The lifeguards found his sudden illness training to be extremely helpful. Mick also brought the Hays County Fire Department out to the pool once again. With the help of the fire department, we preformed extractions from the water with and without a spinal injury. Each scenario also consisted of practicing CPR with a BVM and an AED out of the water. The lifeguards learned the importance of teamwork and urgency in a life-threatening situation. Huge thank you to Mick Bailey and the Hays County Fire Department!



**Rathgeber Natural Resource Park (Pending)**

Rathgeber Natural Resource Park was chosen as one of Hays County's Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission's Tier 1 projects for funding by the future November Parks and Open Space Bond Measure. Next steps consist of receiving the Rathgeber tract of land into the CODS Park System. Developing a conceptual operating budget that will reflect costs associated with bringing the park on-line and operating the park in phases. Important to begin the conversation around the park development plan and public input-process.

**PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION (POSAC)**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMMISSIONERS COURT**

The following recommendations are respectfully submitted by members of the Hays County Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission (POSAC) on July 28, 2020.

This document is a synthesis of the Powerpoint presentation to be made to the Court on above date and is meant to provide an easy visual overview of the projects submitted by various entities which were evaluated by the POSAC through the lens of the 2012 Parks, Open Space and Natural Areas Master Plan.

These project recommendations demonstrate a substantial need for additional resources available for parks and open space within Hays County.

The named projects below are presented by category and ranked within the tiers showing highest ratings from top down within each category. Included also are project sponsor and funding request. The numbering of projects relates to the attached project map.

TIER ONE PROJECTS ("very best"; highly recommend to fund at some level)	Amount Requested
<b>Open Space/Natural Areas/Trails/Water Quality/Habitat</b>	
1. Coleman's Canyon Preserve (WVWA)	\$ 2,600,000
2. Sentinel Peak Park & Preserve (Hays County)	10,000,000
3. San Marcos River Recharge Lands (SMRF)	4,380,000
4. Regional Park, water quality/trails, 1200 acres (Hays County/COA via HCC) <sup>1</sup>	10,000,000
5. Purgatory Creek: habitat, clean water preserve (HCC)	17,717,500
6. Rathgeber Natural Resource Park (City of Dripping Springs)	7,500,000

TIER TWO PROJECTS ("very good"; strong recommendation to fund at some level)	Amount Requested
<b>Urban Parks</b>	
9. Dripping Springs Regional Skate Park (DS Skate Park, Inc, non-profit)	\$ 550,000
10. Dripping Springs Town Center (City of Dripping Springs)	4,480,600
11. Patriot's Hall, near Dripping Springs (PatriotsHall.org; non-profit)	1,500,000
12. Nature Center at Blue Hole Park (City of Wimberley)	3,136,425
<b>Open Space/Natural Areas/Trails/Water Quality/Habitat</b>	
13. John Knox Ranch Preserve (John Knox Ranch/HCC)	2,500,000
14. Presa Grande, Sink Creek Watershed (Great Springs Project)	8,500,000
<b>Connectivity</b>	
15. Old Fitzhugh Road Trail (City of Dripping Springs)	1,305,000
16. Kyle Fajita Fields (City of Kyle)	14,520,000
<b>TOTAL Tier Two Project Requests</b>	<b>\$ 36,472,025</b>

<b>TOTAL TIER ONE &amp; TWO PROJECT REQUESTS</b>	<b>\$ 94,969,525</b>
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**Sports & Recreation Park**

DSYSA and DSASA resumed practices and games. Both DSYSA's Baseball and Soccer are utilizing the park 7 days a week to catch up from lost spring seasons.

The survey of Sports and Recreation Park was completed for the Sports & Recreation Park lighting project. EMA meeting to be held in August to detail the project at 75% planning completion.

**Veteran's Memorial Park & Triangle**

At this time Council has decided to not take any further applications for renting the Triangle to the public in the traditional sense. The Mayor and Council are reflecting on the park space west of the low water crossing and entertaining a use that could perhaps service multiple local business owners and the Dripping Springs Community at large in a greater capacity. The Farmers Market's location will not be impacted, and it will continue to be hosted at the northeast side of the park on Wednesdays. That side of the park and location will still be available for regular rentals.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Initiatives****Bird City Texas:**

Applications for the 2021 Texas Bird City designation process opened June 15, 2020 with a deadline of December 4, 2020 . An application committee was formed and consists of the following partners:

Hope Boatright – Destination Dripping Springs, Visitors Bureau  
 Maggie Martin – CODS Programs & Events Specialist  
 Paul Fushille – CODS Parks & Recreation Commissioner  
 Kelly Schmidt – CODS Parks & Community Services Director  
 Lisa Sullivan – CODS Communications Director  
 Amanda Pena Bustillos – Wild Birds Unlimited  
 Connie Boltz – Hays County Master Naturalists  
 Anne Forish – Hays County Master Gardeners

The committee divided up the extensive application requirements and will be meeting on several occasions during the next several months to support each other through the process of completing the application with the best information. The objective is to insure that our 2021 application accurately assesses and shares the past, current and future work that reflects Dripping Springs' dedication to the preservation and conservation of birds.

**International Dark Sky Association:** On going. Nothing to report.

**It's Time Texas:** On Going- prepping for next year.

**Keep Dripping Springs Beautiful:** On Going - Nothing to report.

**Scenic City:** On Going - Nothing to report.

**Community Outreach Volunteer Services**

Nothing to report for July. Covid still continues to impact normal operations. Beginning our planning for the 2021 volunteer season and creating organizational structure for on-going opportunities for recruitment of community volunteers.

**Banner Requests & Co-Sponsorships**

-Master Gardeners requested Co-Sponsorship for banner to be displayed at Triangle advertising their annual plant sale  
 -Empty Bowls 2020 requested Co-Sponsorship to advertise their virtual fundraiser.

### **Community Events & Programs – Maggie Martin, Programs and Events Specialist**

Our COVID- friendly camp, Coyote Kids in a Crate, wrapped up last week July 31st that included five weeks of thematic activities delivered to our camp families. The themes included: All Things Wings, Big Sky Fun, Outdoor Adventures, Rock-N-Roll, and Sun and Stars. The bags cost campers \$25 for residents and \$30 for non residents and cost about \$8 to produce brining the cost of each project to less than \$1.60. Each week contained at least five activities for 42 total campers and families to complete on their own with a guided zoom meeting held daily to discuss the activity and get them started. Zoom meetings were also a space for campers to get a dose of camp fun as we played games and shared our experiences. We had a group of 4 campers that returned weekly and have even committed to next year's traditional style camp. On the last day of camp awards were given out to campers and we received praise and gratitude for hosting a successful program.

### **Farmers Market – Laurel Robertson, Market Manager**

Following orders from Mayor Foulds, the DS Farmers Market returned to May's Phase II COVID restrictions on July 8: three-foot spacing between booths, eliminating all non-food vendors and live music at market, with picnic tables roped off to discourage shoppers from lingering at market.



Shoppers are now required by state law to wear face coverings while at market, unless they are under the age of two or have a medical condition. Farmers Market staff has been on the alert to spot people entering market without masks and offer them one from market supplies. This strategy has worked well most of the time.

Shopper numbers are still up (though not as high as during March and April); vendor attendance has remained steady at about 30 booths per market. The Salt Lick continues to be a contributing market member from their remote location on the southwest corner of the Triangle; Thai Gourmet pays the regular booth fee each Wednesday to deliver pre-ordered dinners from a designated spot in the parking lot.

In mid-July, PCS director Kelly Schmidt received unexpected news from City Administrators that Manager Robertson had worked nearly 1000 hours during the 2020 fiscal year and couldn't work more hours without paying into the Texas Municipal Employees Retirement system. (The City would be required to match those funds, also.) Their instructions were to immediately cut Laurel's hours to below the retirement trigger until the new fiscal year began in October.

Laurel worked the prescribed 19 hours for one week, then worked with Kelly to find a way to stay within the year's budget, while still devoting 25 hours per week to managing the market. She will maintain the 25-hour per week schedule through August, to be reviewed in September. (Laurel had previously requested, and will take, a two-week unpaid leave from Aug 10-21.)

In late July, the PCS team attempted to launch online vendor booth registration (instead of cancellation) using the City's ActiveNet software. Although the software had performed well in test runs, attempts at using it for online registration by vendors turned up many bugs in the system, so we have delayed its launch until we resolve the problems.

### **Marketing, Website, Social Media, Branding & Communications**

The PCS department continues to expand their website pages to encompass the resource as a tool to provide the full scope of services within the department's span of responsibility. Currently, the "Community Services" aspect of the department is lacking in web presence and ease of service access. Staff is in the process of creating an easier application process and information dissemination platform.

- Road closure requests
- Itinerant Vendor Permits
- Event Permit for events held on city property and events held within City Limits
- Co-Sponsorship Requests

### PARKS

#### Charro Ranch Park

ADA Ramp has been completed (Budget \$200). Charro Ranch Park was closed for 3.5 days to facilitate the budgeted and planned Oak Wilt mitigation. It took place the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August and has been completed under budget.



**Plan**



**Finished Product**

#### Dripping Springs Ranch Park



Tina Adams, Event Center Mngr

DSRP now has a sanctioned Advisory Board in place. Its members consist of Chair-Todd Purcell, Vice-Chair -Penny Reeves, Secretary- Pam Owens and members Mike Carroll and Terry Polk. Event Center Manager Tina Adams gave birth to a beautiful baby boy and has now returned to her post at the helm of the Event Center. In her absence Director Schmidt and the DSRP team managed to keep things on a solid improved trajectory. To that end, a new Event Center Coordinator was also hired-Emily Nelson.

The Event Center Coordinator vacancy was posted for two weeks from July 31, 2020 - August 14, 2020. The City received 30 applicants with a total of 6 invited to interview. Emily had been serving as the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center's temporary Customer Service Specialist. She was the only internal candidate that applied.



**Emily Nelson , Event Center Coordinator**

**Founders Memorial Park & Pool – Emily Long, Pool Manager**

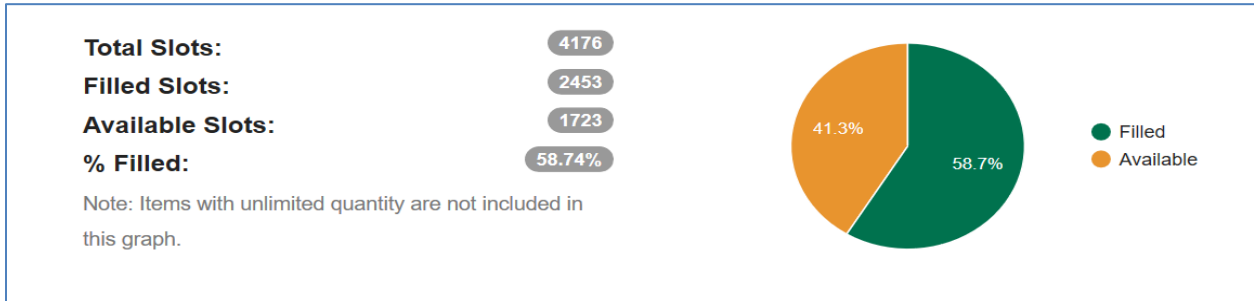


All in, the pool was open for 6 weeks this summer which was quite a short season compared to the normal summer season of May – September (which usually encompasses a month of just swim team usage). The month of August was met with Pool Manager Emily Long and her staff slowly returning to school throughout the last two weeks the pool was open. The pool closed on Sunday, August 16, 2020.

There was interest expressed by several lap swimmers toward continuing pool operations during the end of the summer and even year-round. Of the 4176 total available swim slots this summer, 2453 were filled meeting 58.74% of possible usage.

Emily Long, Pool Manager

A contactless admission policy was used this summer which took the burden of point of sale and daily cash reconciliations off the aquatics staff. Swimmers pre-registered for their swim slots and paid with credit card on-line. Staff thoroughly appreciated the operational format as it allowed them to know the bather load ahead of each swim session and that capacity would never exceed 25 swimmers.



Pavilion improvements included affixing the picnic tables to the slab base as well as ensuring an access aisle through the pavilion from the playground to the restrooms.



**Rathgeber Natural Resource Park (Pending)**

Director Schmidt will be working with the City Administrator, City Treasurer and City Maintenance Director to develop a preliminary operations budget to present to the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council soon. The park is anticipated to impact the 2022 budget.

Letters of support that have been received include the following:

- Hays County Master Naturalists
- Dripping Springs Independent School District
- Capital Area Boy Scout Council
- Dick Rathgeber & Freehold Communities

The following content is repeat from the July Director's Report.

**PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION (POSAC)  
RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMMISSIONERS COURT**

The following recommendations are respectfully submitted by members of the Hays County Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission (POSAC) on July 28, 2020.

This document is a synthesis of the Powerpoint presentation to be made to the Court on above date and is meant to provide an easy visual overview of the projects submitted by various entities which were evaluated by the POSAC through the lens of the 2012 Parks, Open Space and Natural Areas Master Plan.

These project recommendations demonstrate a substantial need for additional resources available for parks and open space within Hays County.

The named projects below are presented by category and ranked within the tiers showing highest ratings from top down within each category. Included also are project sponsor and funding request. The numbering of projects relates to the attached project map.

TIER ONE PROJECTS ("very best"; highly recommend to fund at some level)	Amount Requested
<b>Open Space/Natural Areas/Trails/Water Quality/Habitat</b>	
1. Coleman's Canyon Preserve (WVWA)	\$ 2,600,000
2. Sentinel Peak Park & Preserve (Hays County)	10,000,000
3. San Marcos River Recharge Lands (SMRF)	4,380,000
4. Regional Park, water quality/trails, 1200 acres (Hays County/COA via HCC) <sup>1</sup>	10,000,000
5. Purgatory Creek: habitat, clean water preserve (HCC)	17,717,500
6. Rathgeber Natural Resource Park (City of Dripping Springs)	7,500,000

TIER TWO PROJECTS ("very good"; strong recommendation to fund at some level)	Amount Requested
<b>Urban Parks</b>	
9. Dripping Springs Regional Skate Park (DS Skate Park, Inc, non-profit)	\$ 550,000
10. Dripping Springs Town Center (City of Dripping Springs)	4,480,600
11. Patriot's Hall, near Dripping Springs (PatriotsHall.org; non-profit)	1,500,000
12. Nature Center at Blue Hole Park (City of Wimberley)	3,136,425
<b>Open Space/Natural Areas/Trails/Water Quality/Habitat</b>	
13. John Knox Ranch Preserve (John Knox Ranch/HCC)	2,500,000
14. Presa Grande, Sink Creek Watershed (Great Springs Project)	8,500,000
<b>Connectivity</b>	
15. Old Fitzhugh Road Trail (City of Dripping Springs)	1,305,000
16. Kyle Fajita Fields (City of Kyle)	14,520,000
<b>TOTAL Tier Two Project Requests</b>	<b>\$ 36,472,025</b>

<b>TOTAL TIER ONE &amp; TWO PROJECT REQUESTS</b>	<b>\$ 94,969,525</b>
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**Sports & Recreation Park**

DSYSA and DSASA resumed practices and games. Both DSYSA's Baseball and Soccer are utilizing the park 7 days a week to catch up from lost spring seasons.

The survey of Sports and Recreation Park was completed for the Sports & Recreation Park lighting project. EMA meeting to be held in August to detail the project at 75% planning completion.

**Veteran's Memorial Park & Triangle**

Handwashing stations and an ADA port-a-potty has been added to the park.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Initiatives****Bird City Texas:**

Applications for the 2021 Texas Bird City designation process opened June 15, 2020 with a deadline of December 4, 2020 . An application committee was formed and consists of the following partners:

Hope Boatright – Destination Dripping Springs, Visitors Bureau  
 Maggie Martin – CODS Programs & Events Specialist  
 Paul Fushille – CODS Parks & Recreation Commissioner  
 Kelly Schmidt – CODS Parks & Community Services Director  
 Lisa Sullivan – CODS Communications Director  
 Amanda Pena Bustillos – Wild Birds Unlimited  
 Connie Boltz – Hays County Master Naturalists  
 Anne Forish – Hays County Master Gardeners

The committee divided up the extensive application requirements and will be meeting on several occasions during the next several months to support each other through the process of completing the application with the best information. The objective is to insure that our 2021 application accurately assesses and shares the past, current and future work that reflects Dripping Springs' dedication to the preservation and conservation of birds.

**International Dark Sky Association:** Lights Out! Campaign being driven by Maggie Martin & City Administrator Michelle Fischer. Proclamation to be presented at the next City Council meeting detailing the importance of a night sky and how artificial lighting negatively impacts migratory bird patterns. This acknowledgement aids in achieving Bird City requirements as well as celebrate our designation as an International Dark Sky city.

**It's Time Texas:** On Going- prepping for next year.

**Keep Dripping Springs Beautiful:** On Going - Nothing to report.

**Scenic City:** On Going - Nothing to report.

**Community Outreach Volunteer Services**

Nothing to report for August. Covid still continues to impact normal operations. Beginning our planning for the 2021 volunteer season and creating organizational structure for on-going opportunities for recruitment of community volunteers.

**Banner Requests & Co-Sponsorships**

-Nothing to report

**Community Events & Programs – Submitted by: Maggie Martin, Programs and Events Specialist**



**Bird City:**

In August, we have begun the planning of the Lights Out Initiative to support our Bird City efforts with the Chamber of Commerce. This program will be an online landing page as well as a PDF printout for our council members and community members to participate in. This is a pledge to turn off all exterior lights from 11pm-6am to decrease light pollution so birds can safely migrate during migratory months (August-October & March-May). When the pledge is signed participants will include their email giving us the opportunity to promote

*Maggie Martin, Programs and Events Specialist*

future birding events and programs. The proposed proclamation has been created and will be presented at the September 8<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and is sponsored by Taline Manassian.

Other Bird City requirements include: Native Plant Sale (second week of September at the Farmers Market), modify and improve existing habitats, program to leave dead trees where they lie, promoting the use of native plants,

I am currently working with the building department and Keenan Smith, the city Consulting Architect and commercial code enforcer to incorporate bird friendly language to Dripping Springs commercial building requirements as one of the requirements for Bird City.

We are continuing our work on the Charro Ranch birding station field guide. We have requested the help of the Dripping Springs Birding Club and Travis Audubon to help supply local photos and marketing materials to enhance the quality of the bird blind as well as support our local birders and photographers. We also have a volunteer girl scout who has requested to help work on the Charro Kiosk to earn her Silver Award! She will begin working on her project following the September 8<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting where she will present her project plan!

**Drip Drive In:**

The planning for the drive in is well underway. The event will be solely sponsored by Realty Austin. The event is set for Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and will be Halloween themed! At the drive in, you can expect all covid regulations to be taken seriously- social distancing will be enforced by required online registration and spacing designed to group people together. Location and movie selection have yet to be determined. We will be using Ultimate Outdoor Entertainment for our rental equipment and Swank for our movie licensing.

**Christmas on Mercer:**

We are so excited to be planning Christmas on Mercer 2020! Sponsorship letters have been constructed and are scheduled to be released the last week of August. The planning for COM has been different this year due to COVID and we have plans in place to uphold CDC recommendations: No live music, ½ of the usual number of vendors, no in person Santa, and virtual tree lighting. No refunds will be offered if the event cannot take place.

**Farmers Market – Submitted by: Laurel Robertson, Market Manager**

During August, Market Manager Laurel Robertson took a two-week (unpaid) break from market, leaving market operations in the capable hands of Market Assistant Maggie Martin and experienced volunteer Nikki Dahlin.



*Laurel Robertson, Market Manager*

Market operated on its new COVID normal (no musicians, extra spacing between booths, no craft and service vendors). As in past years, numbers of shoppers and vendors were smaller than during springtime and early summer but remained viable for both vendors and market operations.



The market team is gearing up to launch the online vendor booth registration (instead of cancellation) system in early September. After trial runs, several kinks in the software have been ironed out and good results are expected. It is expected that the new system will save hours off the manager's time each month and streamline the market signup system for vendors.

**Marketing, Website, Social Media, Branding & Communications**

The PCS department continues to expand their website pages to encompass the resource as a tool to provide the full scope of services within the department's span of responsibility. Currently, the "Community Services" aspect of the department is lacking in web presence and ease of service access. Staff is in the process of creating an easier application process and information dissemination platform.

- Road closure requests
- Itinerant Vendor Permits
- Event Permit for events held on city property and events held within City Limits
- Co-Sponsorship Requests and banners at the triangle requests

## City of Dripping Springs

## PARKS

## Income Statement

For the Ten Months Ending July 31, 2020

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	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
<b>Revenues</b>				
Transfer from Park Dedication	4,495.73	22,475.00	83,651.73	224,750.00
TXF from Landscaping Fund	0.00	741.67	0.00	7,416.70
TXF from DSRP	15,500.00	0.00	15,500.00	0.00
Daily Pool Entries	6,416.00	0.00	6,416.00	0.00
Programs	25.00	3,872.92	1,107.00	38,729.20
Swim Lesson Fees	0.00	0.00	833.70	0.00
Private Pool Party Fees	280.00	0.00	280.00	0.00
Park Rental Income	160.00	125.00	3,558.00	1,250.00
Park Donations	0.00	0.00	5,916.92	5,000.00
Pavilion,& Pool Rental	0.00	3,955.83	285.00	39,558.30
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>26,876.73</b>	<b>31,170.42</b>	<b>117,548.35</b>	<b>316,704.20</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Pool Management	4,077.00	0.00	7,011.00	0.00
Parks Consultant	0.00	416.67	0.00	4,166.70
Lifeguard	11,807.56	0.00	11,807.56	0.00
Lifeguard OT	9.30	0.00	9.30	0.00
Camp Staff	0.00	6,240.00	0.00	18,720.00
Founders Park/Pool Supplies	3,415.42	487.50	4,469.49	4,875.00
Sports & Rec Park Supplies	98.70	0.00	164.14	0.00
Pool Chemicals	0.00	583.33	2,482.79	5,833.30
Program Supplies	58.33	83.33	702.68	833.30
Pool Equipment	149.00	31.25	149.00	312.50
Charro Ranch Supplies	0.00	129.17	0.00	1,291.70
General Park Supplies	23.97	333.33	2,585.97	3,333.30
Parks Mileage	73.89	0.00	73.89	0.00
Park Dues, Fees, Subscriptions	30.07	0.00	85.33	0.00
Pool Training	342.00	83.33	342.00	833.30
Pool Phone & Network	986.80	66.67	1,169.02	666.70
Portable Toilets Parks	460.00	416.67	3,970.00	4,166.70
Founders Park/Pool Electricity	601.92	625.00	5,398.50	6,250.00
Sports & Rec Park Electricity	243.82	41.67	933.38	416.70
Triangle Electricity	38.25	166.67	424.19	1,666.70
DSRP House Network/Phone	187.39	66.67	1,051.30	666.70
DSRP Electricity	119.39	100.00	616.46	1,000.00
DSRP House Septic	0.00	62.50	0.00	625.00
Charro Ranch Improvements	0.00	58.33	0.00	583.30
Founders Park/Pool Improvmts	(368.02)	6,250.00	74,187.75	62,500.00
Sports & Rec Park Improvements	0.00	17,833.33	9,456.00	178,333.30
DSRP Improvements	267.87	2,621.67	24,613.74	26,216.70
DSRP House Furniture & Equip	0.00	0.00	1,710.88	0.00
General Parks Maintenance	0.00	666.67	61.81	6,666.70
Charro Ranch Maintenance	23.94	766.67	23.94	7,666.70
Founders Pool/Park Maintenance	254.17	750.00	7,342.97	7,500.00
Sports & Rec Park Maintenance	747.51	1,083.33	4,760.20	10,833.30
Triangle Maintenance	0.00	291.67	41.13	2,916.70
DSRP Maintenance	0.00	116.67	669.99	1,166.70

City of Dripping Springs  
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Income Statement  
For the Ten Months Ending July 31, 2020

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Founders Park Lawn Maintenance	950.00	541.67	3,800.00	5,416.70
Sports & Rec Park Lawn Mainten	3,550.00	825.00	9,850.00	8,250.00
Triangle Lawn Maintenance	0.00	458.33	400.00	4,583.30
Charro Ranch Lawn Maintenance	1,550.00	575.00	6,100.00	5,750.00
S&R Trail Maintenance	2,220.00	416.67	2,220.00	4,166.70
Pool Maintenance	469.07	1,291.67	851.28	12,916.70
Founders Park/Pool Water	365.95	291.67	3,875.45	2,916.70
Sports & Rec Park Water	1,375.25	1,083.33	14,145.66	10,833.30
Triangle Water	38.72	16.67	366.82	166.70
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>34,167.27</b>	<b>45,872.11</b>	<b>207,923.62</b>	<b>415,041.10</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$ 7,290.54)</b>	<b>(\$ 14,701.69)</b>	<b>(\$ 90,375.27)</b>	<b>(\$ 98,336.90)</b>