



Mabel Davis District Park

Community Meeting:

Addition of an Off-Leash Area

Community Meeting

June 27, 2011





Agenda:

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| ■ 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm | Presentation |
| ■ 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm | Questions & Answers |
| ■ 7:15 pm to 7:30 pm | Wrap Up and Next Steps |

**Please save all questions for the Q&A portion so we may
stay on schedule**

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Purpose

The purpose of this community meeting is to gather feedback on the addition of an Off-Leash Area (OLA) through an open forum of discussion.



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Guidelines

- Listen
- Raise your hand to be recognized
- Be respectful of others
- Avoid personal insults or discriminatory statements
- Stay on task – respect the mission and the agenda
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Introductions:

- Meeting Facilitator
- Parks and Recreation Planning Staff
- Park Manager
- Watershed Protection
- Off Leash Area Advisory Committee (OLAAC)

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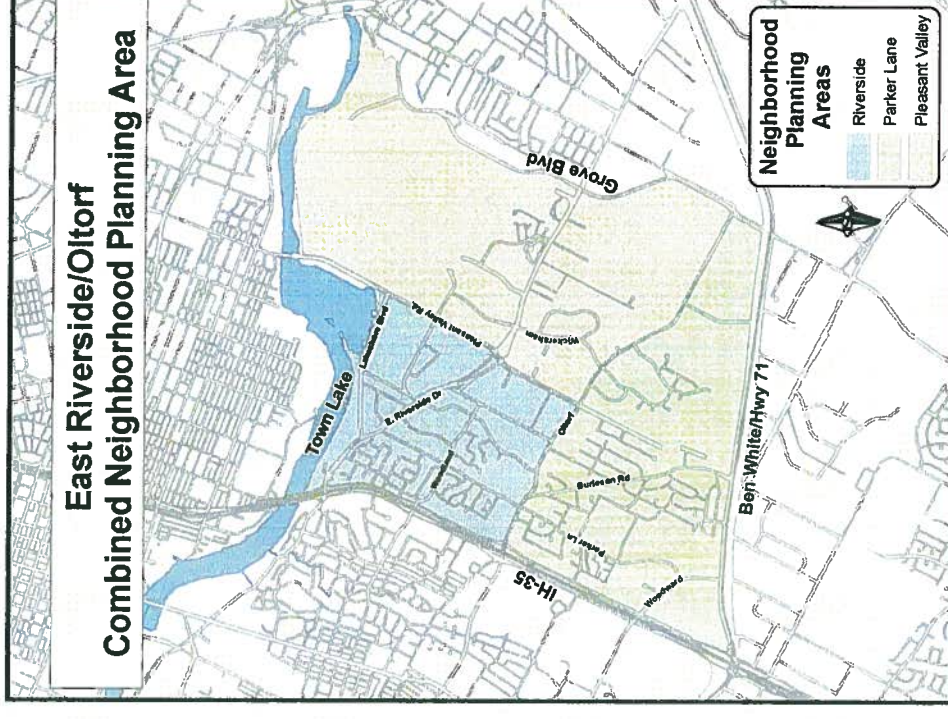


PARD Long Range Plan (LRP) and East Riverside Oltorf Combined Neighborhood Plan

Recommendations

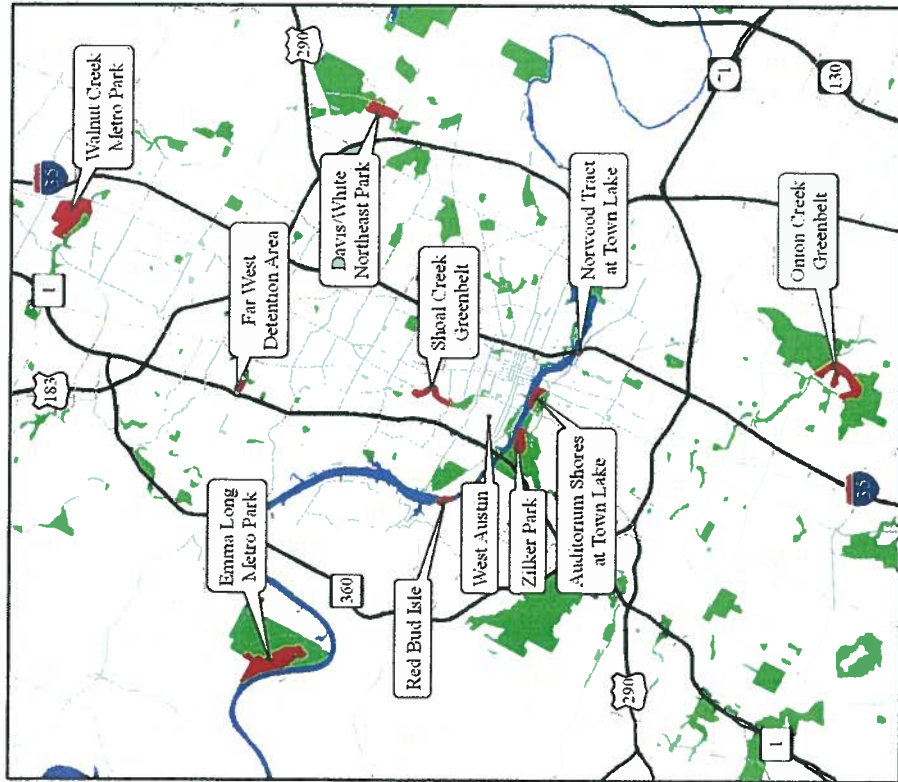
- Long Range Plan – 2010:
 - Evenly distribute off-leash areas (OLAs) throughout the city

- East Riverside Oltorf Combined Neighborhood Plan
(for Mabel Davis District Park) – 2006:
 - R94.10 Fenced dog park
 - ✓ Skate Park
 - ✓ Seating Area
 - ✓ Picnic tables
 - ✓ Restroom facilities





11 Existing OLAs



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Off-Leash Dog Areas 2011



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 Off-Leash Dog Areas
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- Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park
- Emma Long Metropolitan Park
- Far West Detention Area
- Red Bud Isle
- Davis/White Northeast District Park
- Portion of Shoal Creek Greenbelt
- West Austin Neighborhood Park
- Zilker Metropolitan Park
- Auditorium Shores at Lady Bird Lake Metropolitan Park
- Norwood Tract at Lady Bird Lake Metropolitan Park
- Portion of Onion Creek Greenbelt





Off-Leash Area Advisory Committee (OLAAC): Role & Accomplishments

- Developed site assessments of each 11 OLAs
- Worked with staff to develop guidelines for new OLAs
- Continual efforts to work with PARD staff to establish Park/OLA-Adopters for each OLA site
- Promote education and outreach to OLA users on various etiquettes, health and safety related information
- Work on fundraising efforts for site improvements to existing OLAs

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Yett Creek Park Community Meeting

Austin Parks and Recreation Department

June 13, 2011





Agenda

- 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Presentation
- 6:30 pm to 6:45 pm
Questions and Answers
- 6:45 pm to 7:15 pm
Group Discussion
- 7:15 pm to 7:30 pm
Additional Comments

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• Yett Creek Park





Introductions

- Parks and Recreation Planning Staff
- Watershed Environmental Resources Management
- Public Works Neighborhood Connectivity
- Off Leash Area Advisory Committee

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Meeting Guidelines and Goals

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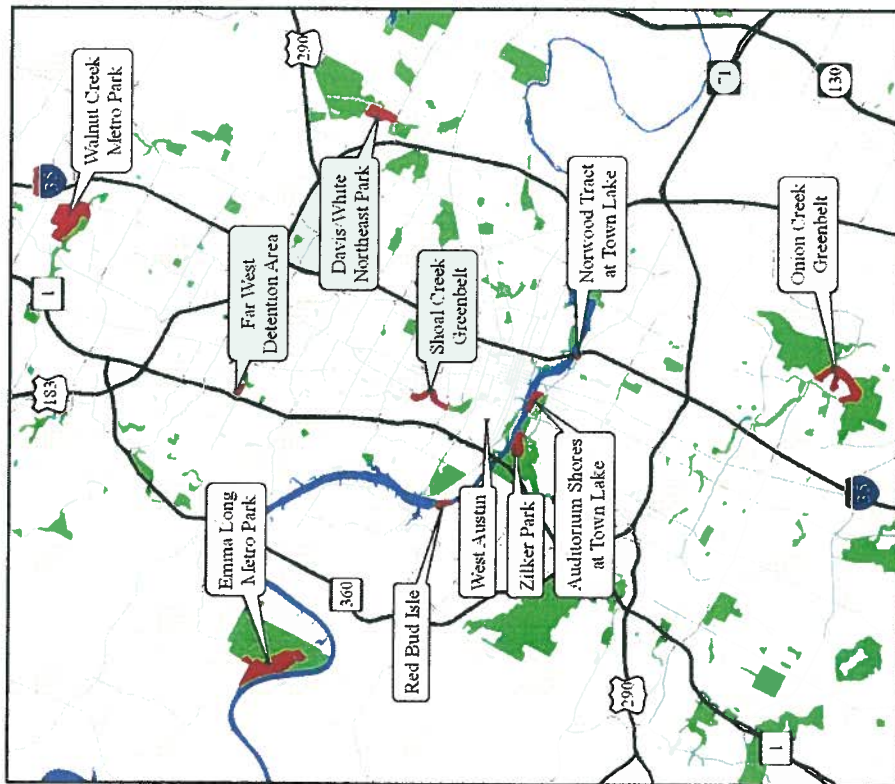
PARD Long Range Plan

- To develop off leash area that are evenly distributed throughout the city; Currently city has 11 Off Leash Areas (OLAs)
- To develop an Off Leash Area Advisory Committee (OLAAC)
 - Developed site assessments of each 11 OLAs
 - Developed guidelines to develop new OLAs
 - Working with PARD staff to develop Adopters for each Off Leash Area (OLA)
 - Promotes education and outreach of users of the OLAs
 - Work on fundraising efforts for improvements to existing OLAs





Off Leash Areas



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Off-Leash Dog Areas 2011



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- 11 Existing Facilities
 - ☐ Walnut Creek Metro
 - ☐ Emma Long Metro
 - ☐ Far West Detention Area
 - ☐ Red Bud Isle
 - ☐ Davis White NE Park
 - ☐ Portion of Shoal Creek Greenbelt
 - ☐ West Austin Park
 - ☐ Zilker Park
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Why Yett Creek Park



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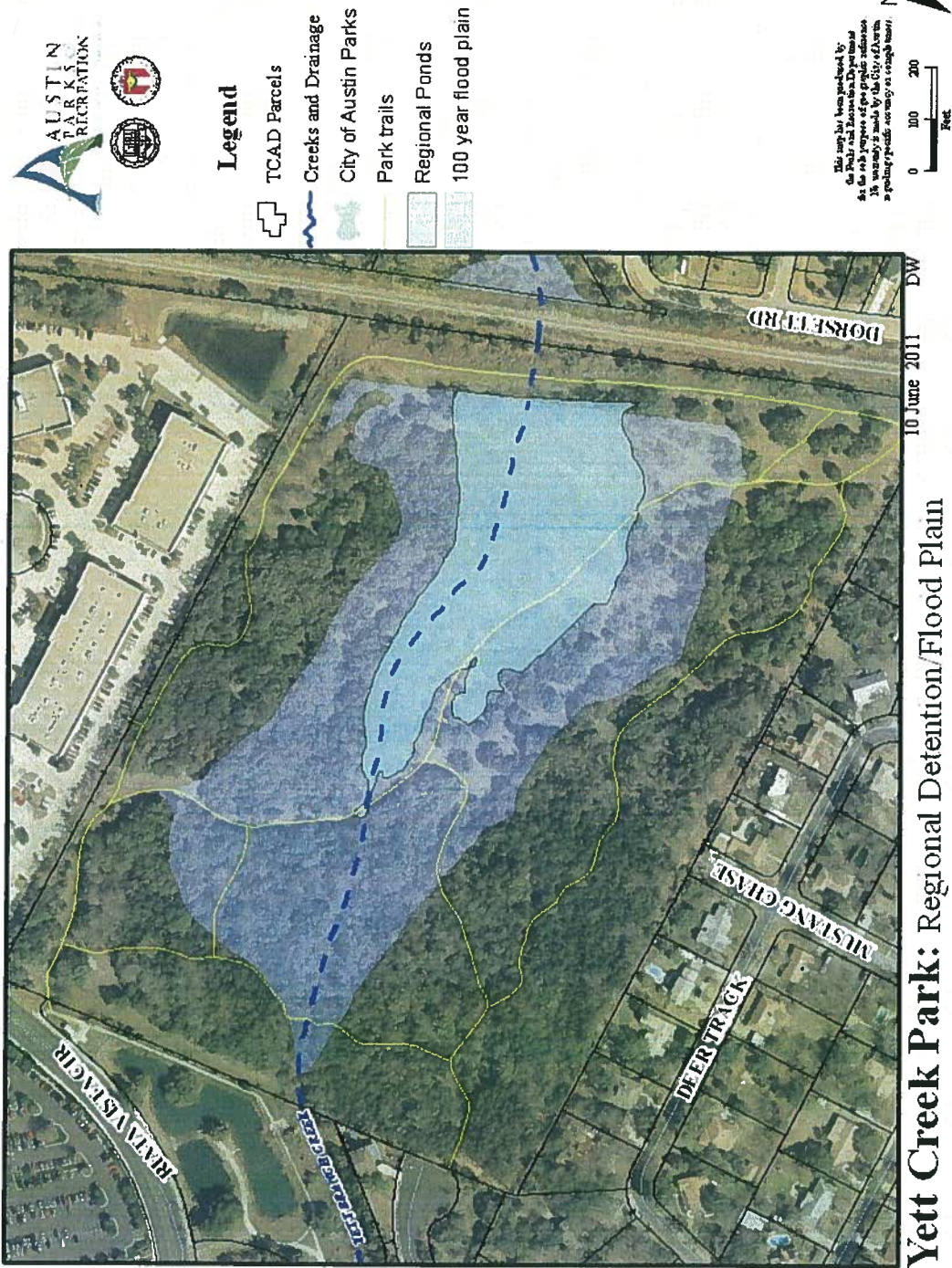
Why Staff is recommending Yett Creek Park for an Off Leash Area

- Compatibility with adjacent land uses
- No significant environmental sensitive features;
- Nearest Off Leash Area is more than 5 miles away;
- Park has limited recreational uses due to its function as a regional detention





Regional Detention/Flood Plain



Yett Creek Park: Regional Detention/Flood Plain

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Guidelines for a Sustainable Off-Leash Area

- **Sufficient distance from residential properties;**
- **50 to 300 feet from springs, or other critical environmental features;**
- **Design should:**
 - Be clearly marked and well signed;
 - Be equipped with mutt mitts, trash receptacles;
 - Have available parking;
 - Avoid accelerated erosion;
 - Encourage movement of people and dogs;
 - Comply with all City of Austin Codes;





Issues that have been expressed

- What Public Infrastructure will be considered? (ie... restrooms, parking facilities, drinking fountains, seating)
- How far will the off leash trail be from people's backyards? Will there be fencing?
- What impacts will the use have on the existing wildlife?
- Will people be parking on the residential streets in the neighborhood?
- What about the master plan the neighborhood create 7 to 10 years ago?





Group Exercise

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats Exercise

(30 minutes)

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Wrap up and Next Steps

- June 17 - Email summary of comments to attendees
- July 11 – Land, Facilities and Programs Committee
- July 13 – Off Leash Area Advisory Committee
- July 26 – Parks Board

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