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# PLANNING COMMISSION SITE PLAN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: SP-2013-0317D PLANNING COMMISSION DATE: 03/25/2014

PROJECT NAME: Walnut Creek Influent Bank Stabilization

**PROPOSED USE:** Protection/stabilization of existing utility pipes

ADDRESS OF APPLICATION: 7113 FM 969 Road

**AREA:** 303.615 acres

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**EXISTING ZONING:** P and LI-NP

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** A bank stabilization project to protect large-diameter utility pipes and improve the water quality of Walnut Creek.

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the conditional use permit. The site plan will comply with all requirements of the Land Development Code prior to its release.

The applicant is proposing to stabilize the banks and protect existing utility pipes with associated improvements. This site is zoned P (Public), and is greater than one acre in size; therefore, a Conditional Use Permit is required, according to the Land Development Code {Section 25-2-625}.

#### PREVIOUS PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

AREA STUDY: East MLK Combined NPA WATERSHED: Walnut Creek

APPLICABLE WATERSHED ORDINANCE: Current/ Comprehensive watershed ordinance

CAPITOL VIEW: Not in View Corridor

T.I.A.: Not Required

PROJECT INFORMATION:

**ZONING:** P and LI-NP

MAX. BLDG. COVERAGE: \*/75%

MAX. IMPERV. CVRG.: \*/80%

MAX HEIGHT: \*/60'

REQUIRED PARKING: NA

EXIST. USE: Undeveloped/pipelines

LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION: 3.08 acres

PROPOSED BLDG. CVRG: NA PROPOSED IMP. CVRG: NA PROPOSED HEIGHT: NA

PROPOSED HEIGHT: NA PROVIDED PARKING: NA

**PROPOSED USE:** Undeveloped/pipelines

\*P zoning development standards to be determined by approval of a conditional use site plan [25-2-625(D)(2)]

# **SUMMARY COMMENTS ON SITE PLAN:**

Land Use: The applicant proposes to stabilize a segment of the creek bank of Walnut Creek that is located 550 feet south of FM 969. This stabilization will protect an existing 84-inch wastewater line and 30-inch air line that serve the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. These lines run parallel to the creek bank, and the 30-inch line is exposed. The project will use rock armoring, fill, and vegetation to stabilize the bank, cover the pipe, and help improve the water quality of Walnut Creek. More than adequate parking is provided with the existing site. The site plan will comply with all requirements of the Land Development Code prior to its release. Staff recommends approval of the conditional use permit

**Environmental**: The site is in the Walnut Creek watershed, which is within the Desired Development Zone. There is no increase in impervious coverage beyond what is existing and no known Critical Environmental Features are located within the limits of construction.

Transportation: Access is available from FM 969

**SURROUNDING CONDITIONS:** Zoning/ Land use North: P, LI (Park, undeveloped, and mobile homes)

East: P (Utilities)

South: P and LI-NP (Utilities, then manufacturing)

West: LI-NP, then SF-3-NP (Undeveloped, then single-family residential)

StreetR.O.W.SurfacingClassificationFM 969100'100'Major arterial

# **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:**

Austin Heritage Tree Foundation

Austin Independent School District

Austin Monorail Project

Austin Neighborhoods Council

Bike Austin

Del Valle Community Coalition

East MLK Combined Neighborhood Association

East MLK Combined Neighborhood Contact Team

FRS Property Owners Association

Homeless Neighborhood Association

Real Estate Council of Austin, Inc.

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**SEL Texas** 

Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group

Super Duper Neighborhood Objectors and Appealers Organization

### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REVIEW AND EVALUATION CRITERIA**

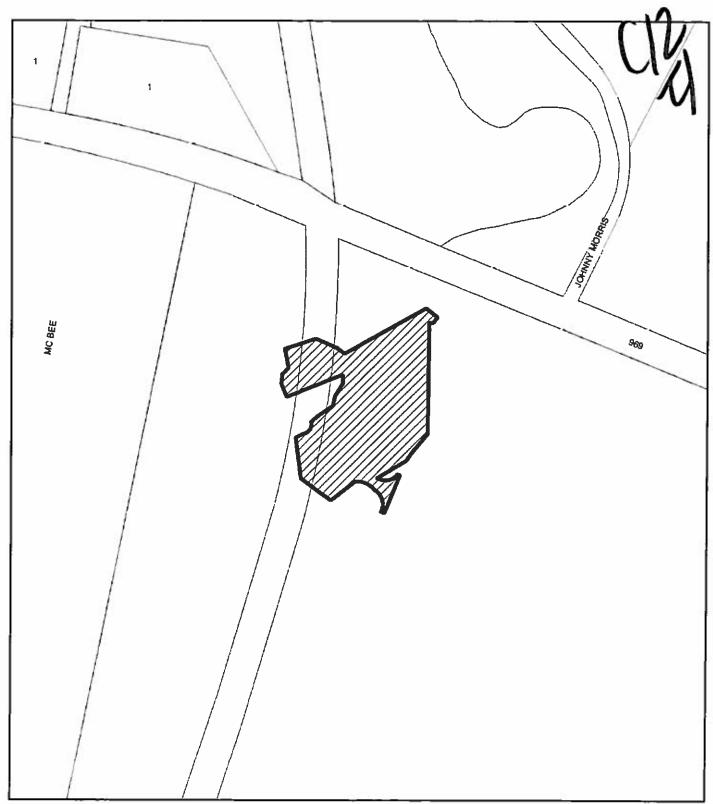
The following evaluation is included to provide staff position on each point of the conditional use permit criteria. Section 25-5-145 of the Land Development Code states: "The Commission shall determine whether the proposed development or use of a conditional use site plan complies with the requirements of this section.

#### A conditional use site plan must:

- 1. Comply with the requirements of this title; Staff response: This application complies with the requirements of this title.
- 2. Comply with the objectives and purposes of the zoning district; Staff response: This application complies with the objectives and purposes of the zoning districts and overlays.
- 3. Have building height, bulk, scale, setback, open space, landscaping, drainage, access, traffic circulation, and use that are compatible with the use of an abutting site; Staff response: This application is compatible with the abutting sites in all of these cases. No building construction is planned with this project.
- 4. Provide adequate and convenient off-street parking and loading facilities; Staff response: Adequate parking and loading facilities exist at the site.
- 5. Reasonably protect persons and property from erosion, flood, fire, noises, glare, and similar adverse effects; Staff response: The proposed project does not contribute to any of these adverse effects. The proposed project will further protect from erosion.
- 6. For conditional use located within the East Austin Overlay district, comply with the goals and objectives of a neighborhood plan adopted by the City Council for the area in which the use is proposed. Staff response: The proposed project is not in the East Austin Overlay district.

#### A Conditional Use Site Plan May Not:

- 1. More adversely affect an adjoining site than would a permitted use; Staff response: The site plan will conform with all regulations and standards established by the Land Development Code. This proposed site plan does not more adversely affect an adjoining site than would a permitted use.
- 2. Adversely affect the safety or convenience of vehicular or pedestrian circulation, including reasonably anticipated traffic and uses in the area; Staff response: Access is limited into the site, and surrounding vehicular circulation in the area of the project is not anticipated to have any detriment to safety or convenience.
- 3. Adversely affects an adjacent property or traffic control through the location, lighting, or type of signs; Staff response: No signage or lighting is proposed that would affect adjacent properties or traffic control.





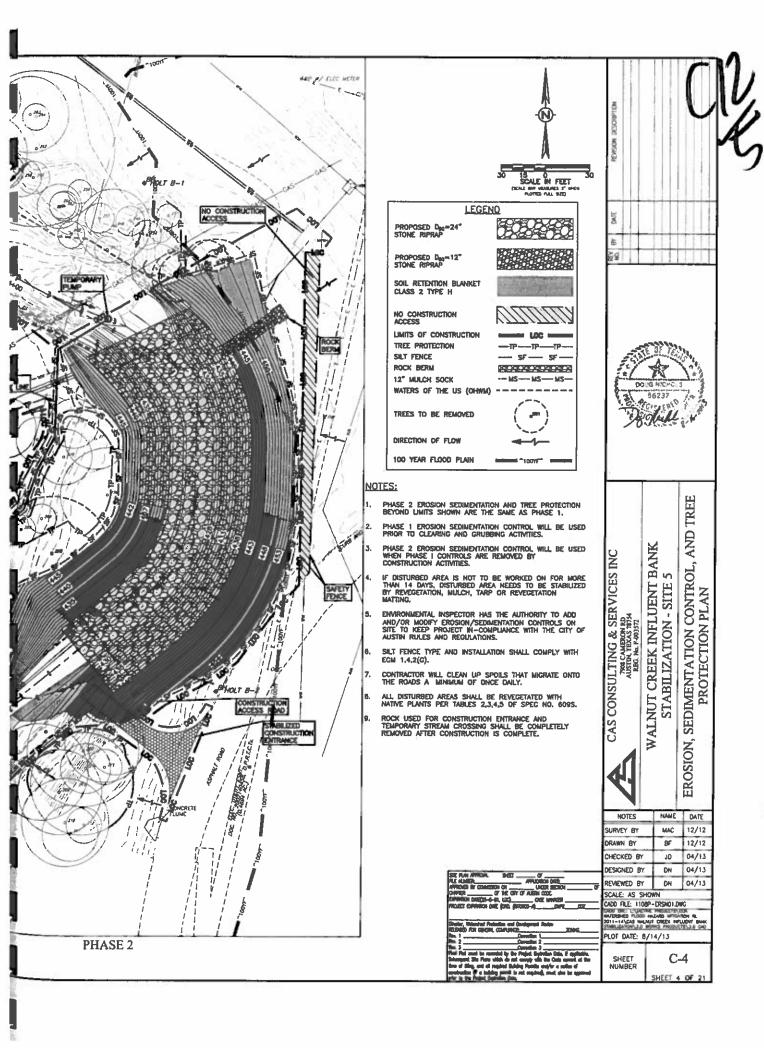
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Base Map

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Photograph #1

View of the exposed 30-inch air-line along the bank of Walnut Creek.





Photograph #2

View of Walnut Creek near the project area, the exposed 30-inch air-line is visible in the background.



# 2.0 PROJECT AREA MAP

The following map is an aerial overview of Walnut Creek. The proposed bank stabilization will occur along the banks of Walnut Creek, near FM 969, and the storage and staging area is planned at the southern end of the WC WWTP.

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