



CodeNEXT: Parks and Open Space

**Presentation to the Land and Facilities
Committee of the Parks Board
February 8, 2016**



STEP 1:

IMAGINE AUSTIN PRIORITY TEAMS

Code Diagnosis 2014

- **Compact and Connected** – Trails and mixed uses
- **Healthy** – Active recreation, food access, pocket parks
- **Green Infrastructure** – Requirements for landscaping and watershed that affect the ability to site new parks



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Code Diagnosis 2014

- **Community Character Manual– Section 3-8**
- Defines a range of open space types found in the City using park type language from the 2011 Parks Long Range Plan
- Consultants would like us to add more park types such as greens, squares, and plazas to allowed types.

<ftp://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us/GIS->

Data/planning/CodeNext/Community_Character_Manual/ALDC_CCMManual_Ch3_ComponentsOfPlace.pdf



STEP 2:

PARKLAND DEDICATION CODE Ordinance Changes 2014-2016

- Earlier decisions on land vs. fee in lieu / parkland deficient map
- Increased credit for private parkland to incentivize more recreation spaces
- Increased fees and land
- Clearer procedures for staff and developers



STEP 3:

SOUND CHECK 2015

Discussions with Opticos

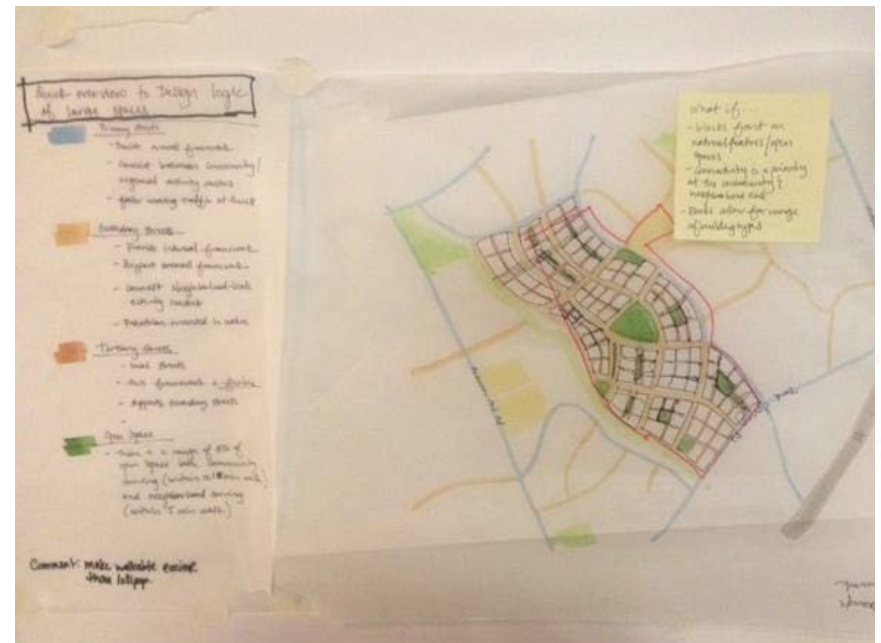
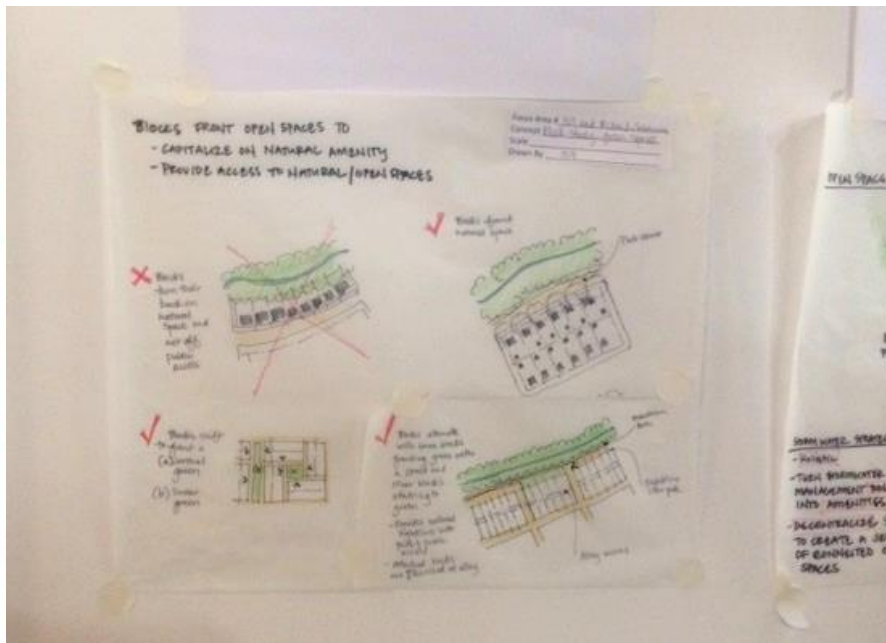
- Provided comments on open space concepts
- Provided examples of difficulties of siting parks in infill (they are studying those)
- Explained parkland dedication ordinance changes



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Open Space concepts – block configuration



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Open Space concepts – dual use of watershed infrastructure

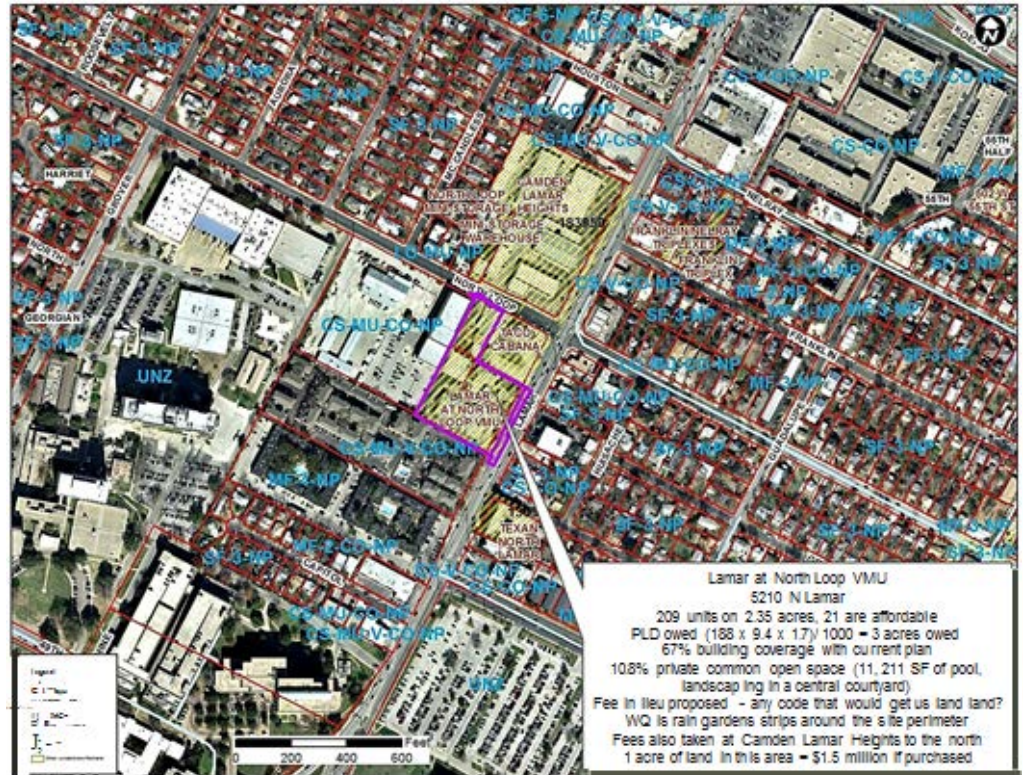


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Infill parks – Examples of development cases



STEP 4:

OPEN SPACE AND THE CODE 2016

- Opticos hopes to address the following:
 - 1) Diversity of park type options
 - 2) Percentages of parkland provided in relation to the site (ie. 15% cap)
 - 3) The relationships of buildings on a site to the park space (ie. buildings should front the park space to activate it, rather than have the backs of buildings or other leftover features frame it)



STEP 4:

OPEN SPACE AND THE CODE 2016

- Involvement:

- Code Advisory Council (CAG) meets monthly – Public Comment first item on agenda
- Feb. 22 CAG discusses their work plan for public outreach and discussion
- March 7 CAG discusses Built and Natural Environment

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Questions & Discussion

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