

Village of Webberville request for 31 acres of Austin ETJ

Environmental Commission

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Subject Tract

- ETJ release area is fully within Colorado River floodplain
- Whole property is about 111 acres; majority is already in Webberville ETJ (80 acres)
- Access to site is through Webberville
- No development is planned for portion of site with City of Austin ETJ

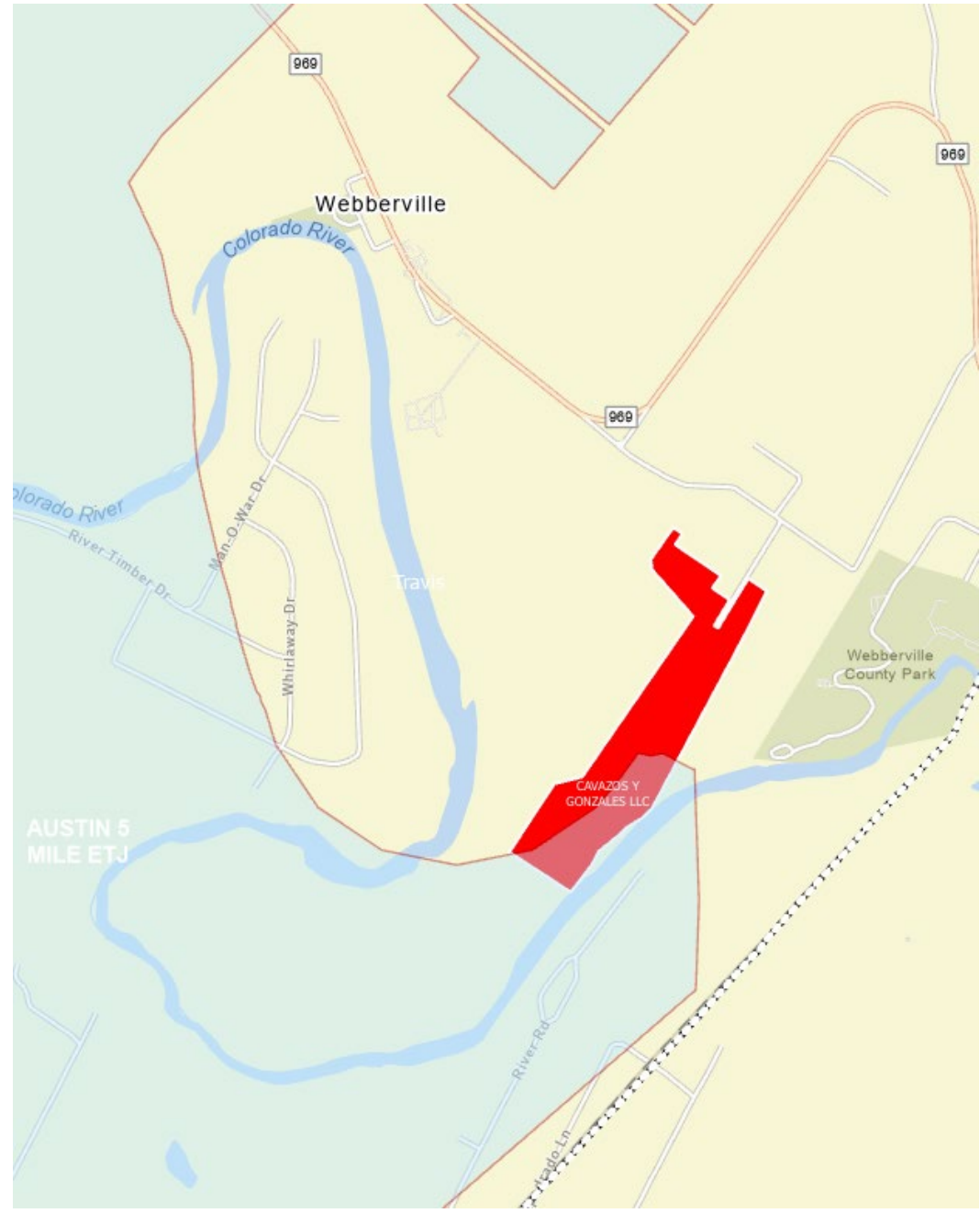
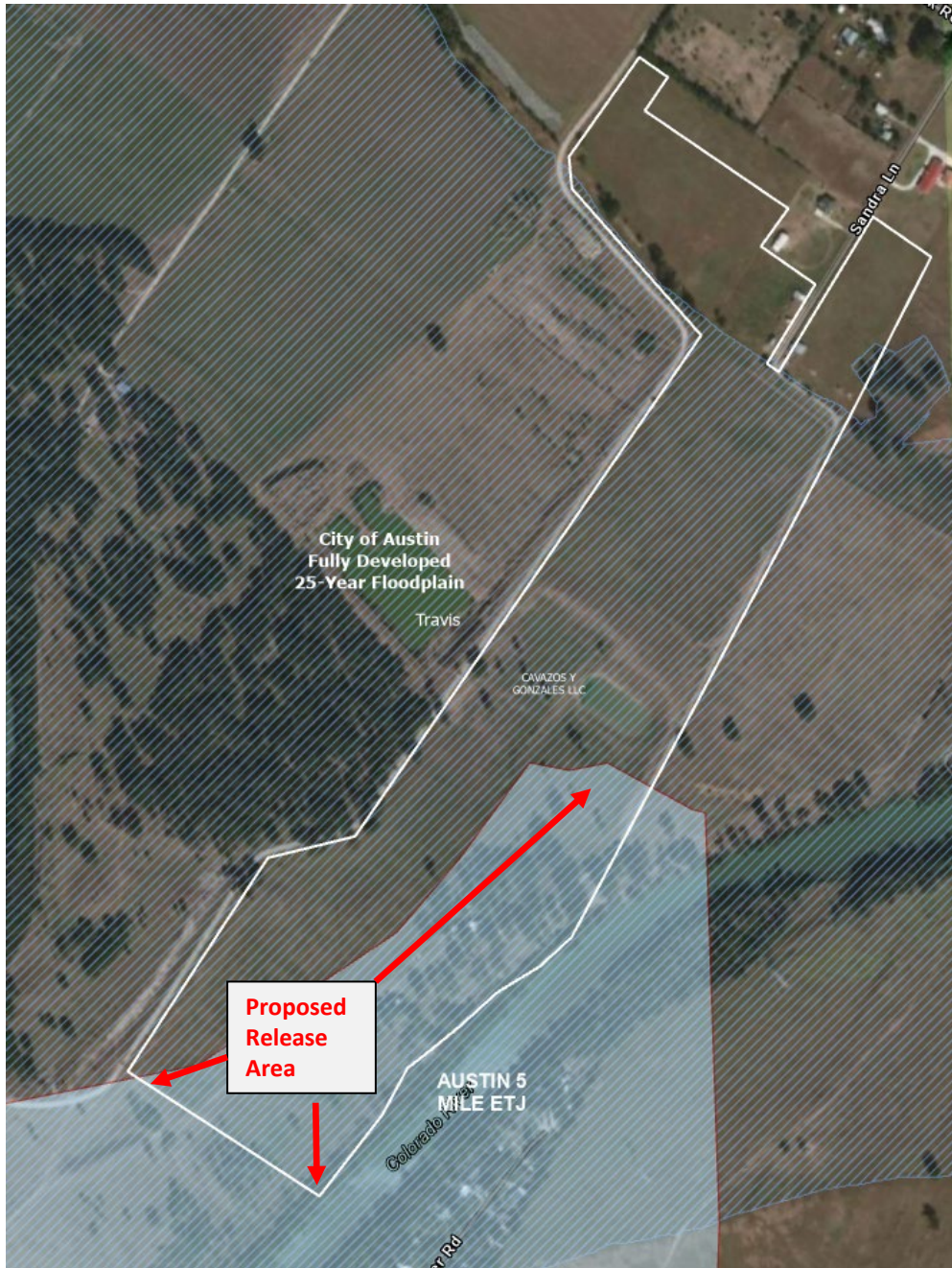
Background

- In accordance with the City Council adopted policy regarding ETJ adjustments, requests for ETJ release are typically reviewed by staff from several city departments and evaluated in terms of:
 - Annexation potential
 - Environmental impacts
 - Impact on infrastructure investments
 - Long-term effects of cumulative ETJ releases
 - Hardship or extenuating circumstances

Environmental Impact Review

- Generally, the Austin City Council looks for equivalent environmental protection to be provided on land released from the City's jurisdiction
- City staff assessed the area in terms of its environmental sensitivity, and evaluated regulations that would apply should the release be granted





Summary

- ETJ Release Request
 - Request from property owner, supported by Village of Webberville, for release of 31 acres of ETJ in east Travis County
 - Webberville regulations for this site were found to be comparable to Austin in terms of environment and floodplain
 - Location 4.5 miles from Austin full purpose jurisdiction makes annexation not feasible in long term
 - Release would accommodate streamlined development review regulations
- **The Environmental Commission is asked to make a recommendation to support the ETJ release request**