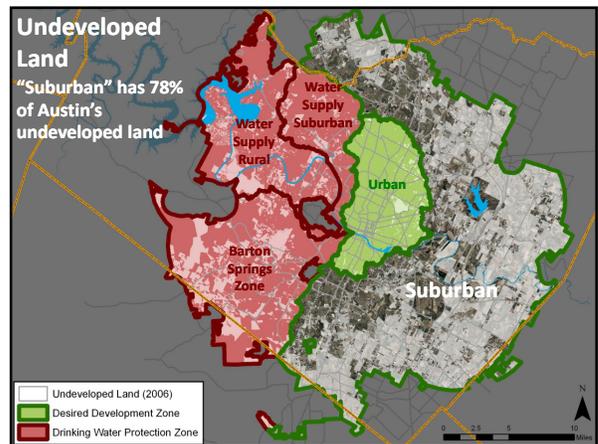
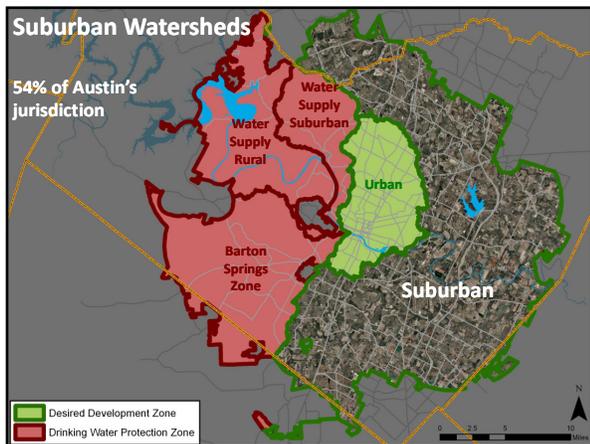
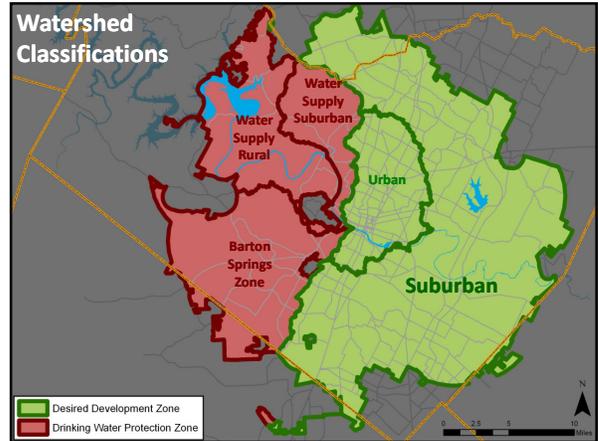
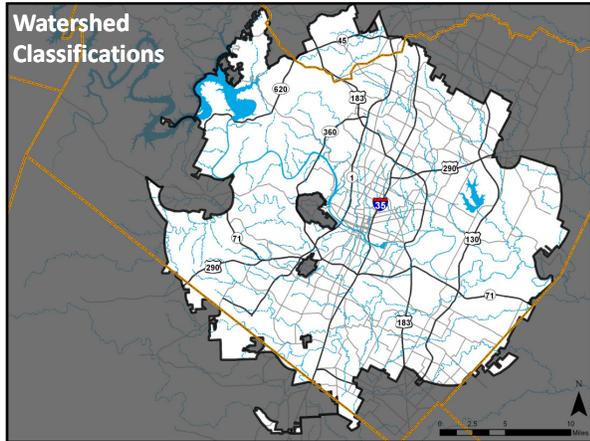


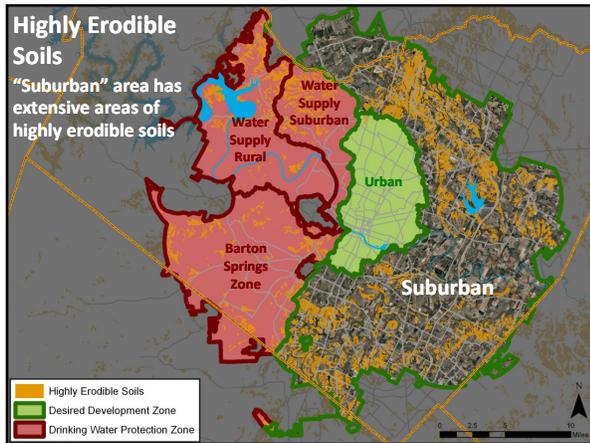
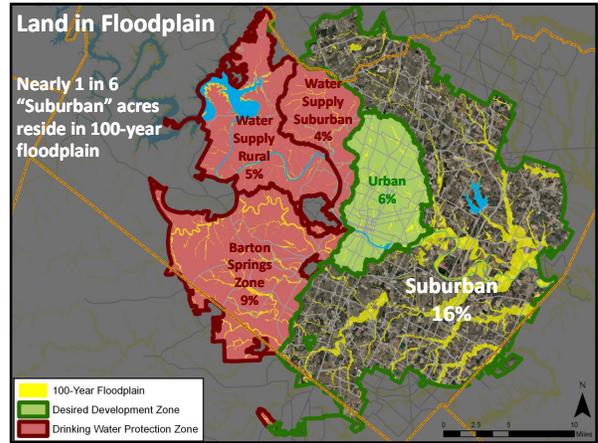
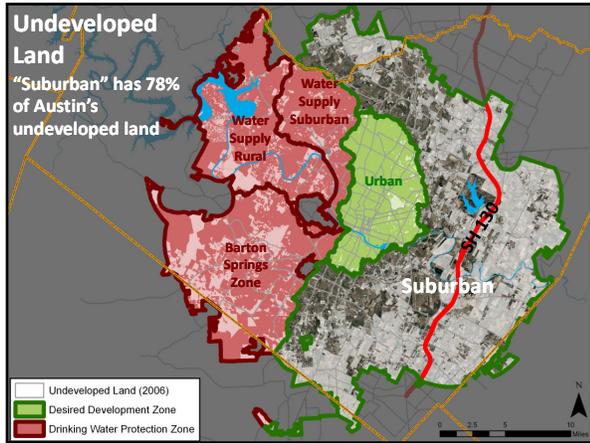


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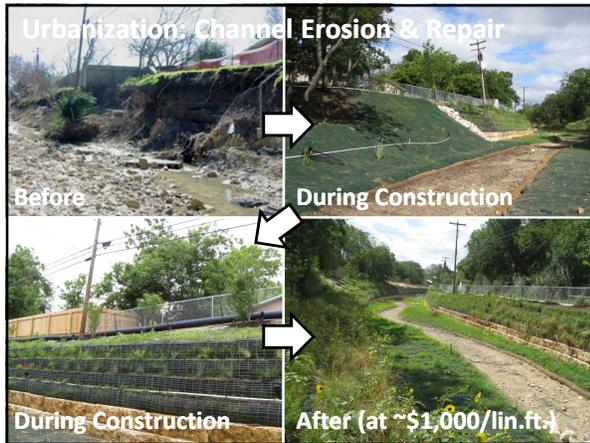
- Austin's Creeks & Watershed Concerns
- Council Directive for WPO
- WPO Schedule/Next Steps
- Coordination with Imagine Austin
- Questions

WPO = Watershed Protection Ordinance









Key Themes

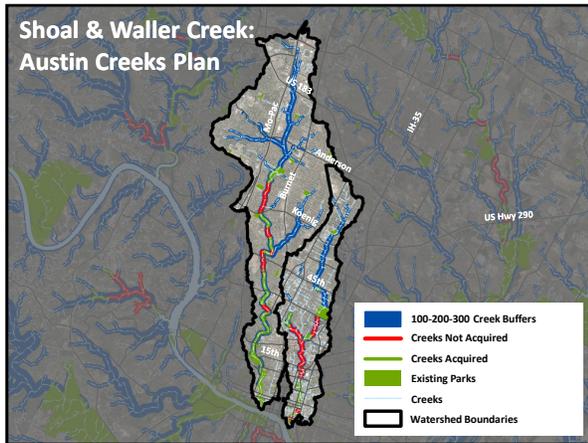
- Importance of riparian areas & floodplains
- Lessons learned in Austin & beyond: need best science
- Prevention is affordable; repairs are not
- Simplicity and complexity
- A sustainable future: green infrastructure; compact development; connectivity; health
- Balance environmental protection & development opportunity

Council Resolution

1. Creek Protection
2. Floodplain Protection
3. Development Patterns & Greenways
4. Improved Stormwater Controls
5. Mitigation Options
6. Simplify Regulations & Maintain Opportunity
7. Coordinate with Regional Partners

(Resolution #20110113-038)





Mitigation Options

"Explore better ways to regulate the modification of floodplains, including options for off-site mitigation for developments in areas that are planned for higher density developments."

Simplify Regulations

"Simplify development regulations where possible and minimize the impact of any changes on individual and collective abilities to develop land."

ELEMENT	DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE			DRINKING WATER PROTECTION ZONE		
	Urban	Suburban City Limits	Suburban N. Edwards/ETJ	Water Supply Suburban	Water Supply Rural	Barton Springs Zone
Watershed Classification						
Minor	64 ac.	320 - 640 ac.	320 - 640 ac.	128 - 320 ac.	64 - 320 ac.	64/128 - 320 ac.
Intermediate	64 ac.	640 - 1280 ac.	640 - 1280 ac.	320 - 640 ac.	320 - 640 ac.	320 - 640 ac.
Major	64 ac.	over 1,280 ac.	over 1,280 ac.	over 640 ac.	over 640 ac.	over 640 ac.
Critical Water Quality Zone						
Minor	50 - 400 ft.	50 - 100 ft.	50 - 100 ft.	50 - 100 ft.	50 - 100 ft.	50 - 100 ft.
Intermediate	50 - 400 ft.	100 - 200 ft.	100 - 200 ft.	100 - 200 ft.	100 - 200 ft.	100 - 200 ft.
Major	50 - 400 ft.	200 - 400 ft.	200 - 400 ft.	200 - 400 ft.	200 - 400 ft.	200 - 400 ft.
Water Quality Transition Zone						
Minor	None	100 ft.	100 ft.	100 ft.	100 ft.	100 ft.
Intermediate	None	200 ft.	200 ft.	200 ft.	200 ft.	200 ft.
Major	None	300 ft.	300 ft.	300 ft.	300 ft.	300 ft.

Coordinate with Regional Partners

"Work in coordination with Travis County and neighboring communities to develop the above changes."

Key Ordinance Changes

Phase 1

- Stream Buffers
- Critical Water Quality Zones
- Floodplain Protections
- Water Quality Controls
- Erosion Hazard Protections

Phase 2

- Hydrology

Stakeholder Input

15 Information Gathering Meetings
10 Ordinance Review Meetings

Adoption Schedule

Council Resolution	January 2011
Stakeholder Meetings: Input	Sep. 2011 – April 2012
Staff develops Draft Ordinance	April – November
Brief the Environmental Board	December 5
Stakeholder Meetings: Phase 1 Draft Ordinance*	Dec. '12 – Apr 2013
Finalize Ordinance/City Department Review*	June
Boards & Commissions*	July
City Council	August/Fall
Travis County Commissioner's Court	Fall/Winter

* City staff also happy to meet with interested groups upon request. Phase 2 starts May 2013.

Imagine Austin Priority Programs

1. Invest in Compact & Connected

8. Align Code

3. Workforce Development

5. Creative Economy

2. Sustainably Manage Water Resources

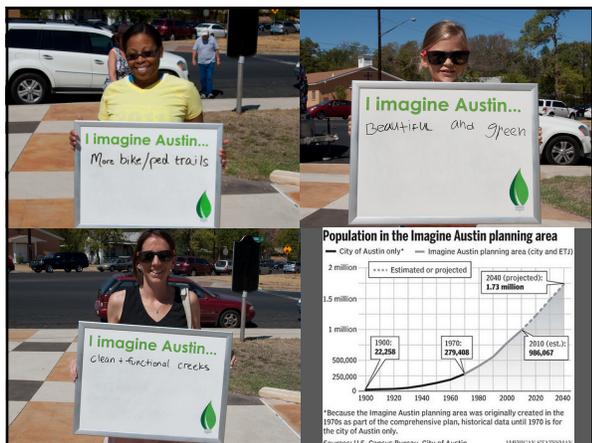
4. Green Infrastructure

6. Household Affordability

7. Healthy Austin

Imagine Austin Priority Programs

- Create a green infrastructure program to protect environmentally sensitive areas and integrate nature into the city.
 - Create a comprehensive network of parks, waterways, greenways, trails, green streets, natural areas, and other "green" features (e.g., a healthy urban forest) throughout Austin.
- Sustainably manage our water resources.
- Change Austin's development regulations and processes to promote a compact & connected city.
 - "Phase 3" of Watershed Protection Ordinance



Imagine Austin Growth Concept Map

- Protects existing open space and natural resources such as creeks, rivers, lakes, and floodplains.
- Promotes infill and redevelopment as opposed to typical low-density "greenfield" development.
- Focuses new development in mixed-use corridors and centers.
 - Environmental mitigation
 - Four centers located in the environmentally sensitive "Drinking Water Protection Zone."

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