Meeting Objective

What code & criteria changes can we include in the Watershed Protection Ordinance to achieve our City vision as reflected by the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan?

Meeting Agenda

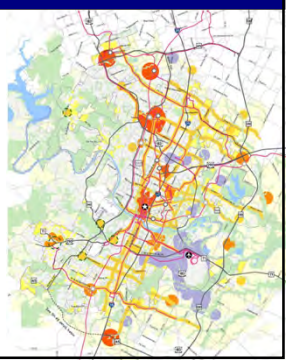
- **Introductions [5 min]**
- **The Vision – Alignment with the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan [10 min]**
- **Discuss examples of potential incentives & barriers to implementing the vision [15 min]**
- **Breakout Session – Identify potential incentives & barriers for the following themes: [70 min]**
  - Parks & Trails
  - Subdivision/Development Patterns
  - Transportation/Connectivity
  - Environmental Impacts
- **Full Group Review – Summarize potential incentives & barriers for each theme [20 min]**
- **Next Meeting – Focus on Parkland Dedication, Transfer of Development Rights, & Redevelopment**

The Vision: 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.**

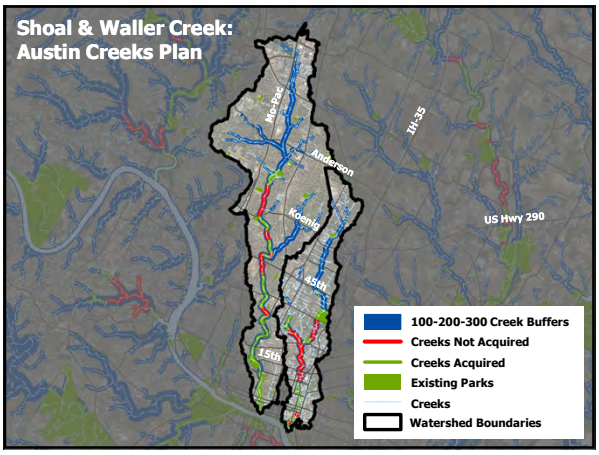
The Vision: Growth Concept Map

- 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 accessible by walking, bicycling, and transit as well as by car.
- Provides parks and open space close to where people live, work, and play.



Creating a Vision for Eastern Creeks

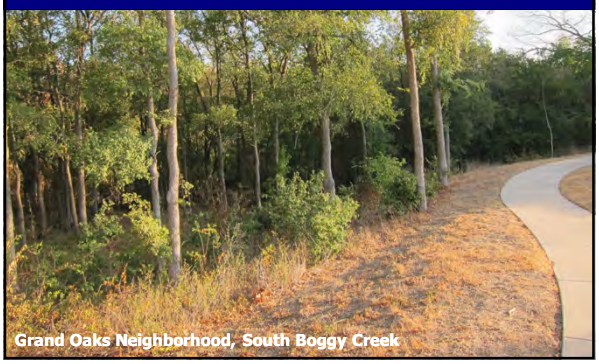
- **Identify uniqueness of place: what is your community's essential DNA?**
  - **Alan Greenberger, City of Philadelphia**
- **Eastern creeks historically degraded by agricultural practices**
- **Challenge of creating vision of restored riparian corridors**
- **Imagine Austin Priority Action:**
  "Restore trees and vegetation along degraded waterways"



Themes for Discussion: Incentives & Barriers

1. **Parks & Trails**
2. **Transportation/Connectivity**
3. **Subdivision/Development Patterns**
4. **Environmental Impacts**

Trail Placement in Riparian Areas


Grand Oaks Neighborhood, South Boggy Creek

Skinny Streets

Shoal Crest Ave., Shoal Creek

Single-Loaded Streets

Willowbrook Reach, Boggy Creek

Breakout Groups

1. **Parks & Trails**
   - Trail placement
   - Parkland dedication
2. **Transportation/Connectivity**
   - Skinny streets
   - Stream crossings
3. **Subdivision/Development Patterns**
   - Single-loaded streets
   - Lot width/size
   - Density
   - Low-Impact Development (LID)
4. **Environmental Impacts**
   - Trail impacts in riparian zones
   - Wildlife habitat
   - Critical Environmental Features (springs, wetlands, etc.)

Breakout Groups

1. **Find a table**
2. **Feel free to move around any time**
3. **Write down your ideas**
4. **Be as specific as possible**
5. **Summarize ideas to share with the group**

Adoption Schedule

Stakeholder Meetings	Sep 2011 – April 2012 (Meetings approx. every two weeks)
1. Creek Protection:	Sep 9, 23, Oct 7
2. Floodplain Protection:	Oct 21, Nov 4, Dec 2
3. Development Patterns & Greenways:	Dec 16 – Jan
4. Improved Stormwater Controls:	Feb
5. Mitigation Options (DDZ) + Rule Simplification & Flexibility	Mar
6. Draft Ordinance:	Apr
Boards & Commissions	May – June 2012
City Council	August 2012
Travis County Commissioner's Court	Fall 2012

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