

An aerial photograph of a suburban area with a river. The map is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark green filter. White text labels various streets and landmarks. A dashed white rectangle highlights a specific area in the lower right. The main title is centered in large white letters.

# WOODY BRANCH PARK

## PUBLIC MEETING 2

TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND  
APRIL 3, 2025

SCAPE

# OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

**WELCOME!**

PS 156 Waverly and LS 392 Brooklyn, NY

We saw these barren asphalt schoolyards and we recognized an amazing opportunity to reinvent them as vibrant city parks.

Photo by: Joe Martinez



# About Us



Connecting everyone to the outdoors™

Access to the outdoors is a  
**fundamental human  
need and essential to  
our health and well-  
being.**

**PEOPLE NEED PARKS.**



**Since 1972,**

we have worked hand in hand  
with communities to connect  
millions of people to the benefits  
and joys of the outdoors.



From neighborhood parks to national parks, we've put more than

**9 million people  
within a 10-minute  
walk of a park.**



PROJECT TEAM

CLIENT TEAM



DESIGN TEAM



# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## WHAT

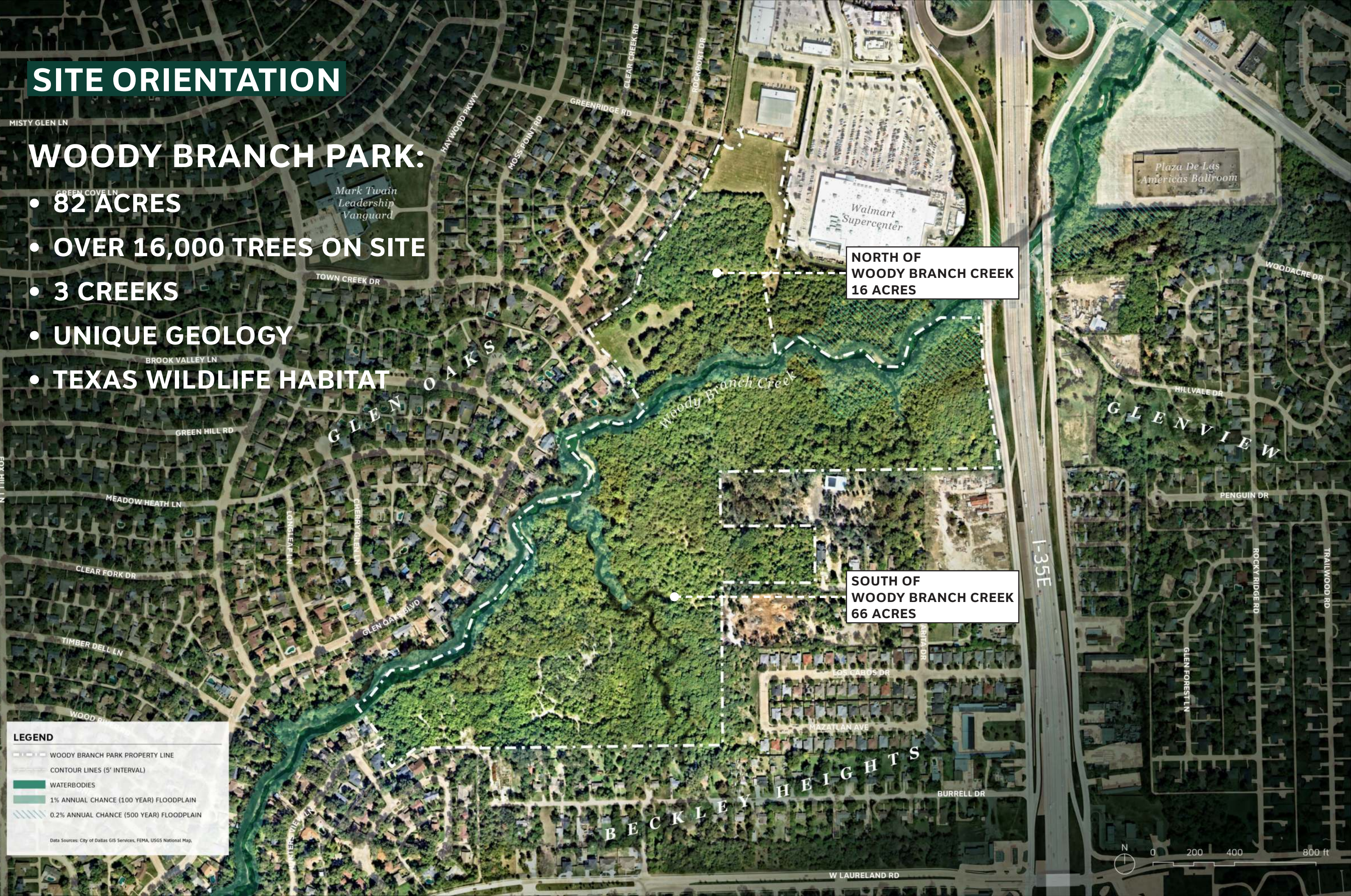
Woody Branch Park will provide a beautiful, **green community space that will serve the residents** in the surrounding neighborhoods and reveal little known creek and ecosystem to members of the public.

This study will involve two parts: a **master plan that establishes a vision** and plan for the park; an identified **phase one concept**.

# SITE ORIENTATION

## WOODY BRANCH PARK:

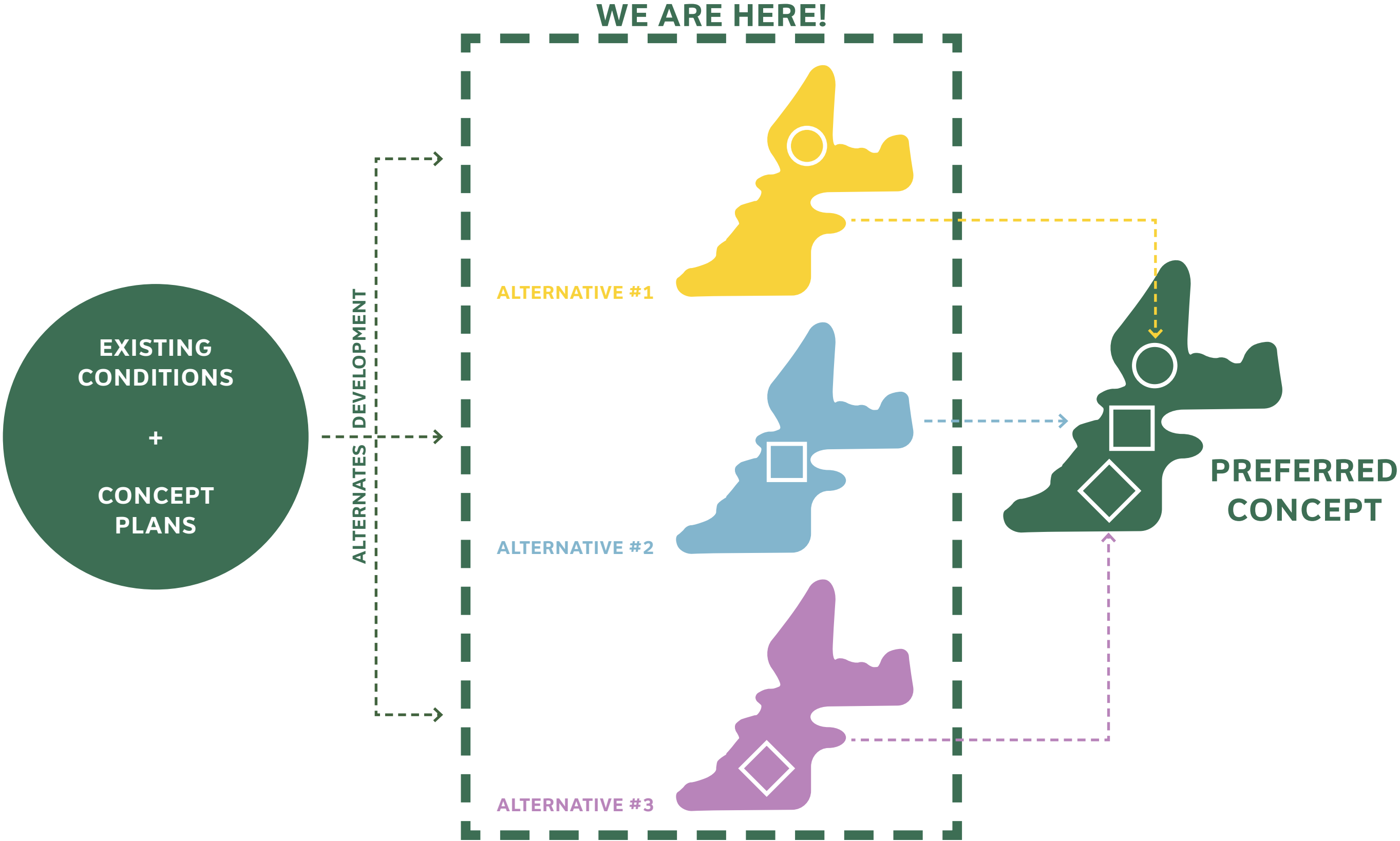
- 82 ACRES
- OVER 16,000 TREES ON SITE
- 3 CREEKS
- UNIQUE GEOLOGY
- TEXAS WILDLIFE HABITAT



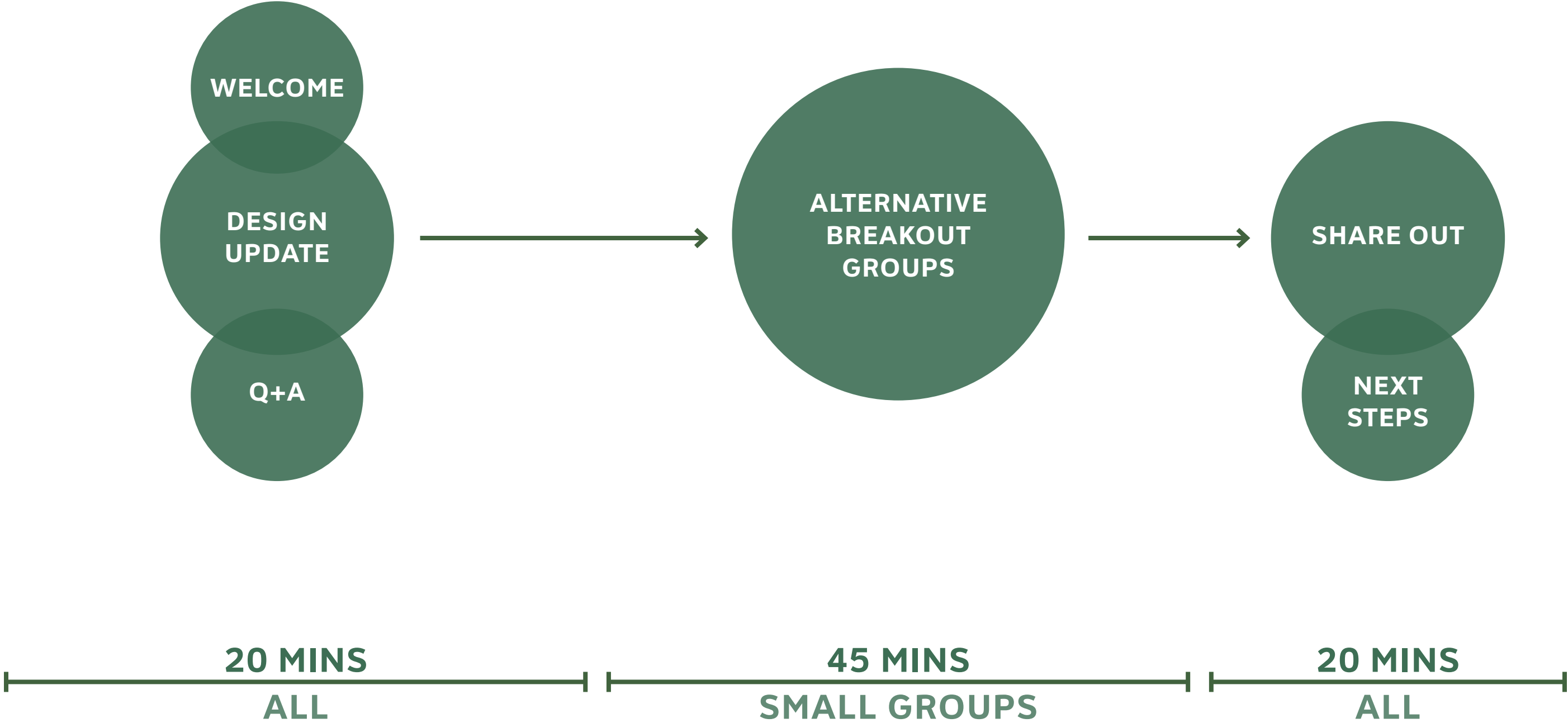
NORTH OF  
WOODY BRANCH CREEK  
16 ACRES

SOUTH OF  
WOODY BRANCH CREEK  
66 ACRES

HOW?



MEETING FORMAT



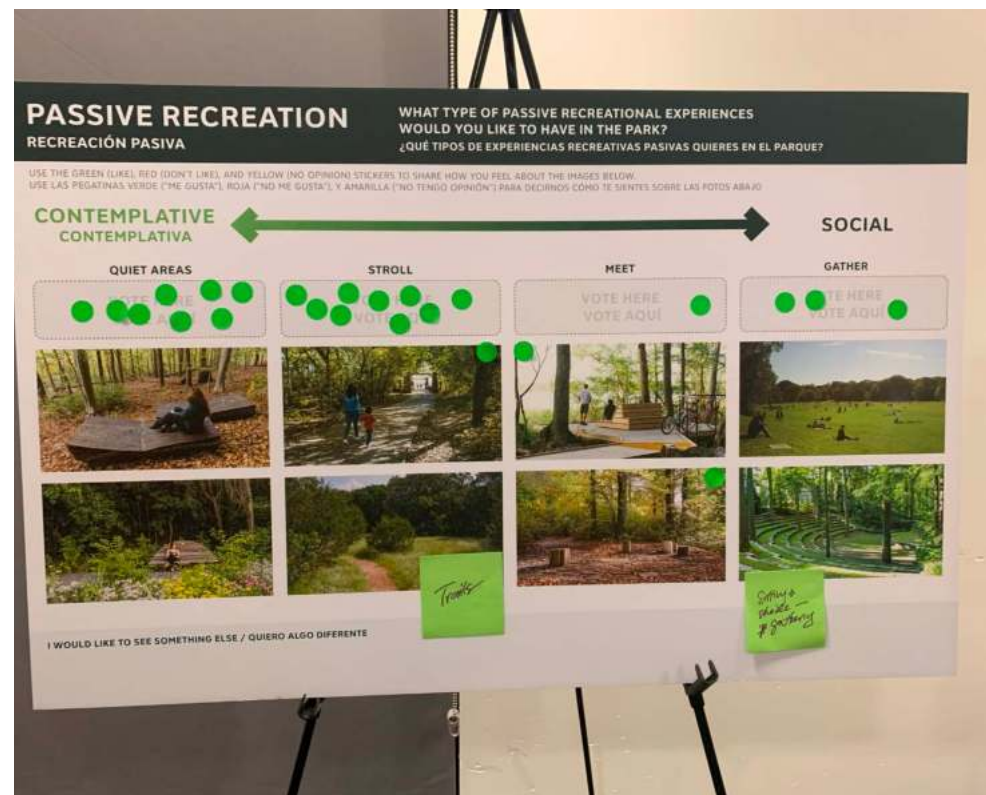
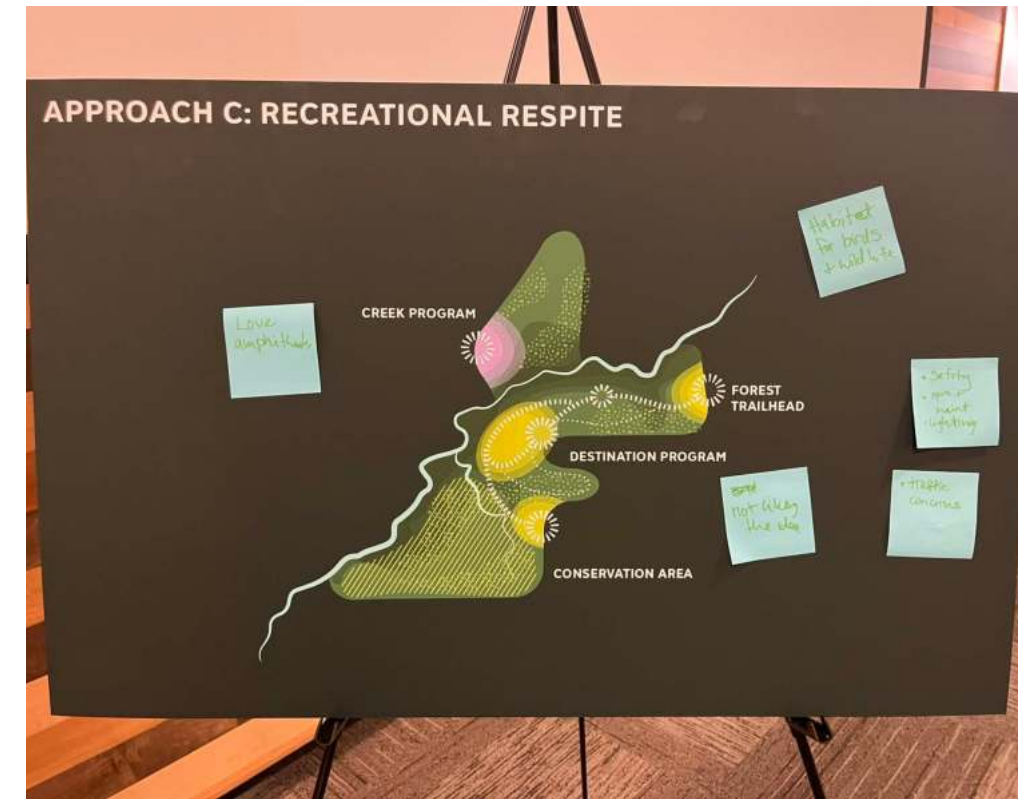
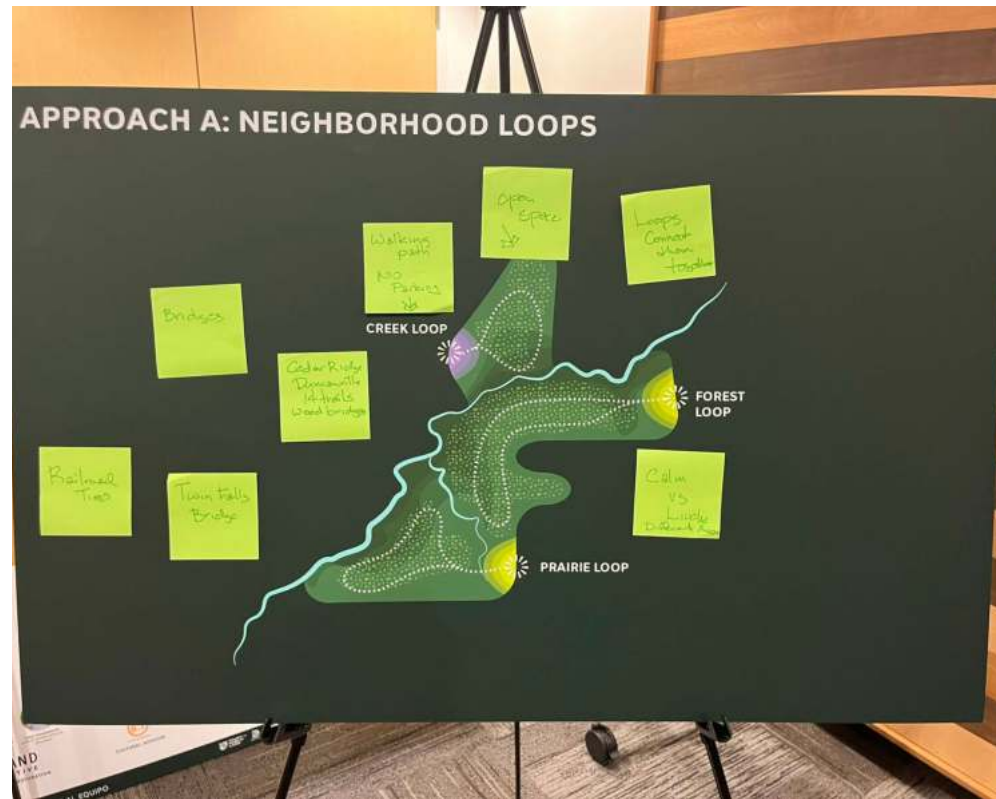
**WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU**



**THANK YOU!**  
**OVER 50 PARTICIPANTS**

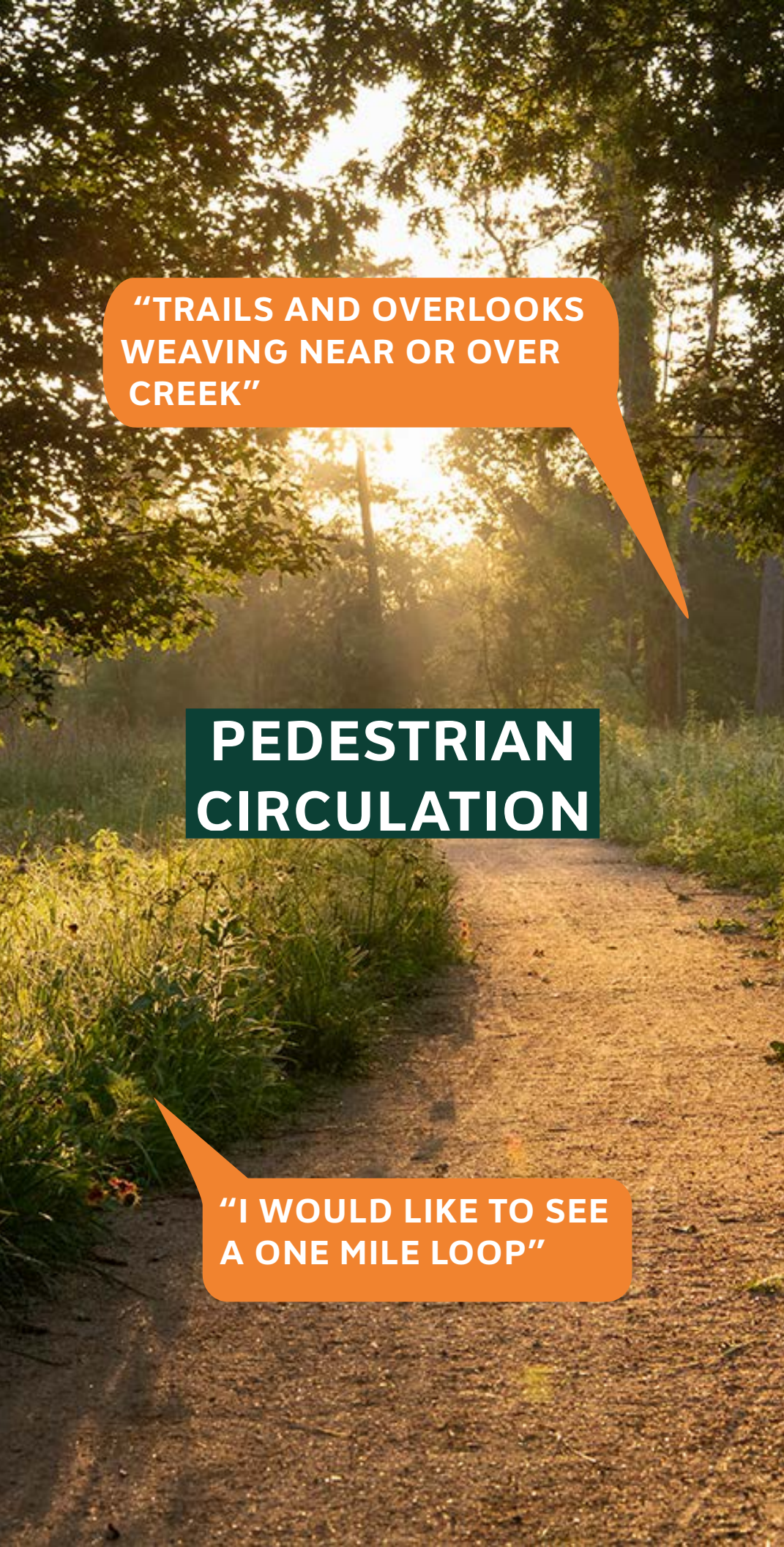
**FEBRUARY 6TH 2025**  
**+ ONLINE FEEDBACK**

# INTERACTIVE STATIONS AT PUBLIC MEETING #1



ONLINE SURVEY RESPONSES





"TRAILS AND OVERLOOKS  
WEAVING NEAR OR OVER  
CREEK"

## PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

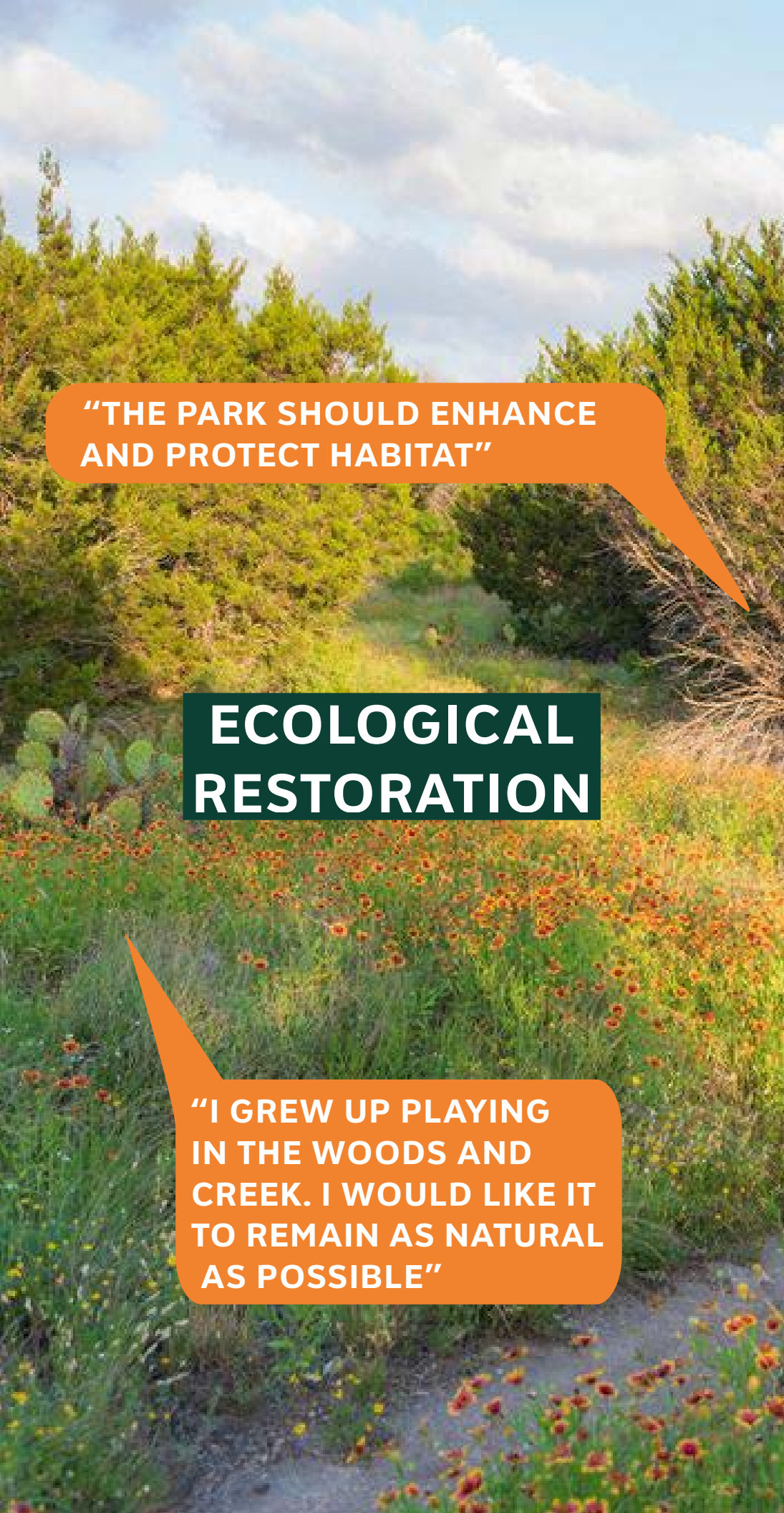
"I WOULD LIKE TO SEE  
A ONE MILE LOOP"



"I WOULD LIKE THIS  
PARK TO BE A PLACE I  
CAN SHARE WITH MY  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS,  
ENJOY NATURE, AND  
SPEND WEEKENDS  
AND EVENINGS WITH  
MY CHILDREN"

## PROGRAMMING

"I WANT A BEAUTIFUL  
PLACE TO ENJOY WITH  
MY FAMILY"



"THE PARK SHOULD ENHANCE  
AND PROTECT HABITAT"

## ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

"I GREW UP PLAYING  
IN THE WOODS AND  
CREEK. I WOULD LIKE IT  
TO REMAIN AS NATURAL  
AS POSSIBLE"

# PROJECT GOALS

**CELEBRATE**

**CELEBRATE THE SITE'S RICH HISTORY  
AND THE VIBRANT COMMUNITIES  
AROUND IT.**

**RESTORE**

**PROMOTE BIODIVERSITY AND  
RESTORE NATIVE HABITATS.**

# **WELCOME**

**CREATE A COMMON GROUND  
FOR ALL, WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL  
BACKGROUNDS AND ABILITIES  
ARE WELCOMED AND CAN SAFELY  
RECONNECT WITH NATURE.**

# ANTICIPATE

ANTICIPATE THE IMPACTS OF A  
CHANGING CLIMATE AND CREATE A  
**RESILIENT PARK THAT COOLS THE  
AIR, REDUCES RISK FROM FLOODING,  
DROUGHT AND WILDFIRE.**

# NURTURE

CREATE A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT  
FOR THE COMMUNITY TO **GROW,**  
**CONNECT, AND RELAX.**

# DESIGNING FOR A RESILIENT FUTURE

# A HIDDEN GEM

DOWNTOWN DALLAS

GLEN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD

I-35

LOS CABOS NEIGHBORHOOD

WOODY BRANCH ▽



## A CHANGING SITE



**A FERTILE SOIL FOR THE  
BLACKLAND PRAIRIE**



**FROM PRAIRIES  
TO FARMLAND**



**A HABITAT UNMANAGED  
IN SUBURBAN  
DEVELOPMENT**



**EROSION**



**POLLUTION**



**INVASIVES**

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

## LEGEND

- WOODY BRANCH PARK PROPERTY LINE
- CONTOUR LINES (5' INTERVAL)
- WATERBODIES
- 1% ANNUAL CHANCE (100 YR) FLOODPLAIN
- 0.2% ANNUAL CHANCE (500 YR) FLOODPLAIN
- BUILDINGS AND IMPERVIOUS SURFACES
- INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS
- CONCENTRATION OF INVASIVE SPECIES
- 10-33% SLOPES (MODERATELY SLOPED)
- >33% SLOPES (STEEPLY SLOPED)
- OBSERVED STORMWATER OUTFALLS
- OBSERVED POLLUTION

Data Sources: USGS National Map, FEMA, USDA Web Soil Survey, City of Dallas GIS Services, and site observation. Stormwater modeling is based on SIMWE model for overland flow for a 1" rainfall event assuming no infiltration, no subsurface drainage infrastructure, and no variations in surface roughness. Model results shown are for illustrative purposes only, showing general surface drainage paths and patterns.

STORMWATER OUTFALLS

STEEP SLOPES

FLOODPLAIN

INVASIVE SPECIES

POLLUTION

Plaza De Las Americas Ballroom

Walmart Supercenter

Woody Branch Creek

GLENVIEW

BECKLEY HEIGHTS

I-35E



# A MOSAIC OF LANDSCAPE EXPERIENCES



PRAIRIE

FOREST

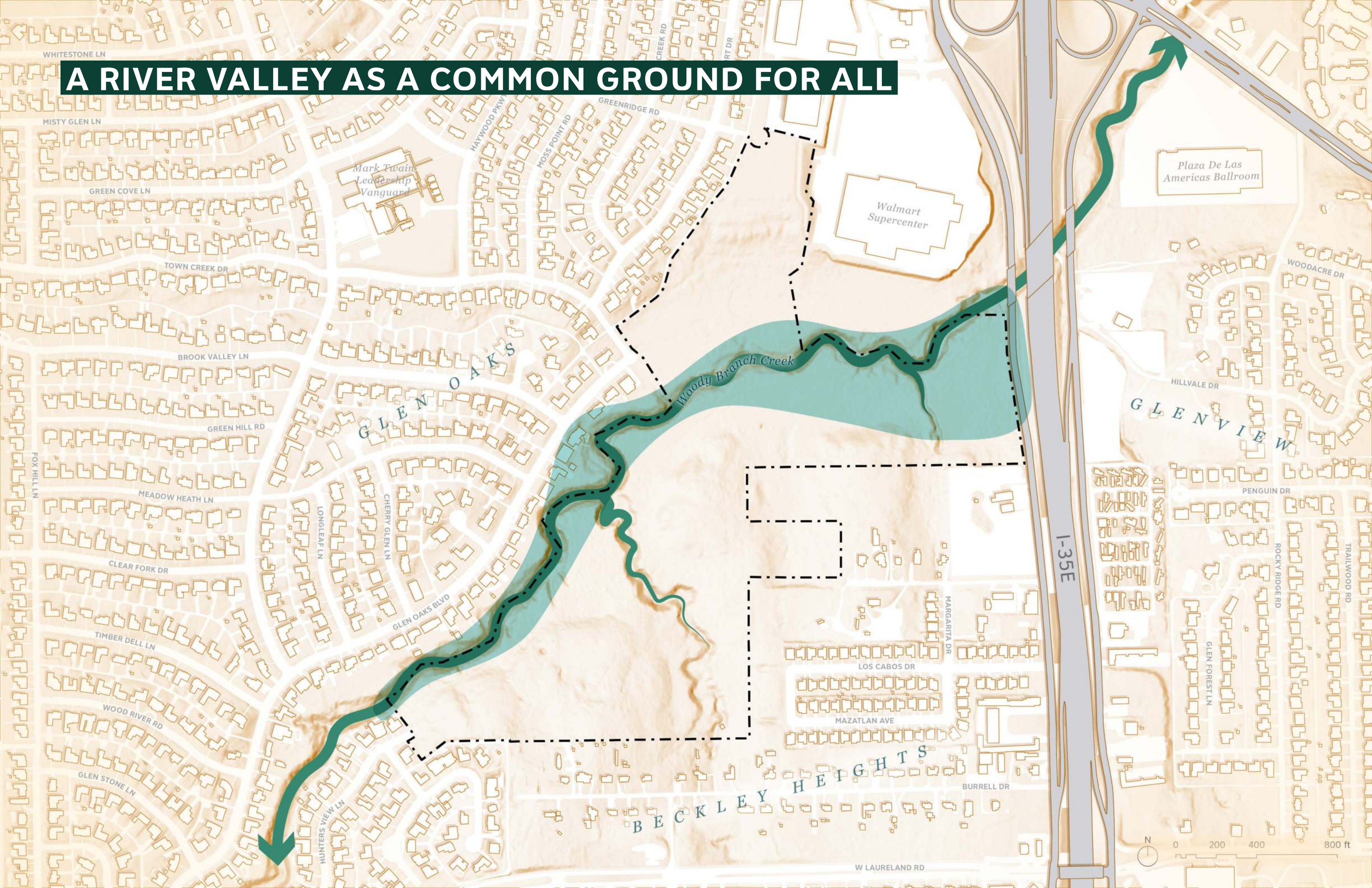
RIPARIAN FOREST

HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF INVASIVES

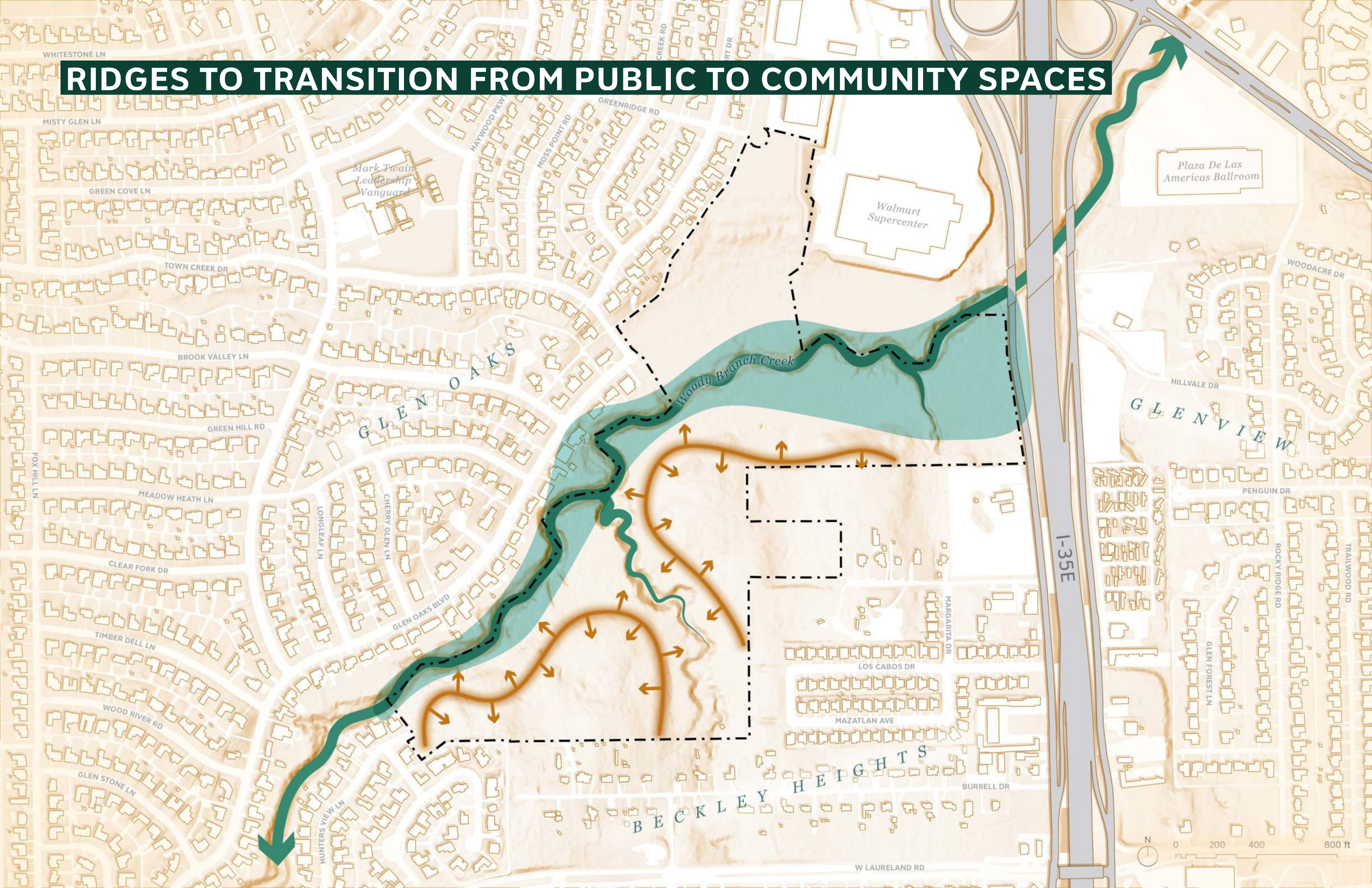
LIMESTONE BLACKLAND PRAIRIE



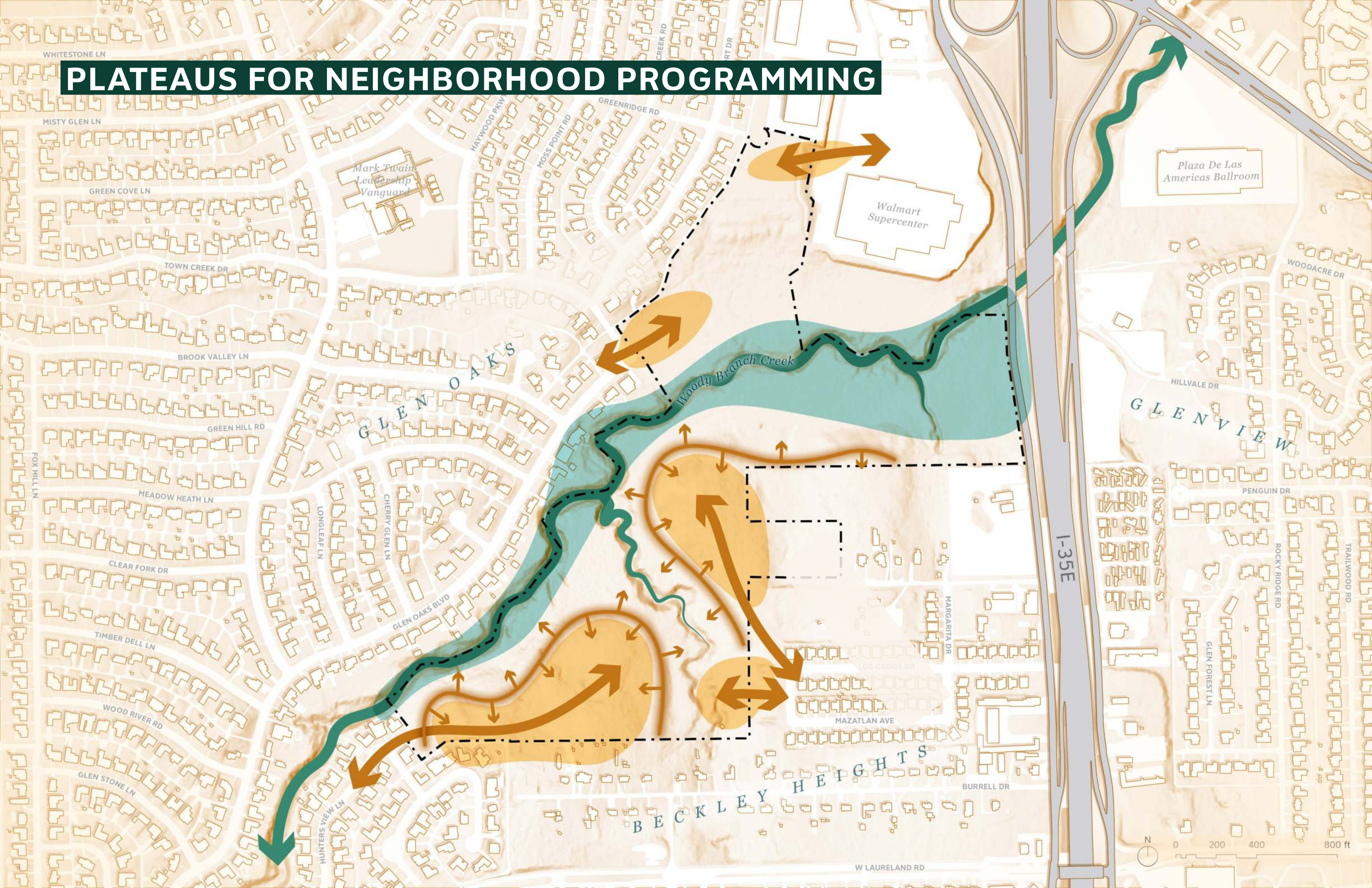
# A RIVER VALLEY AS A COMMON GROUND FOR ALL



# RIDGES TO TRANSITION FROM PUBLIC TO COMMUNITY SPACES



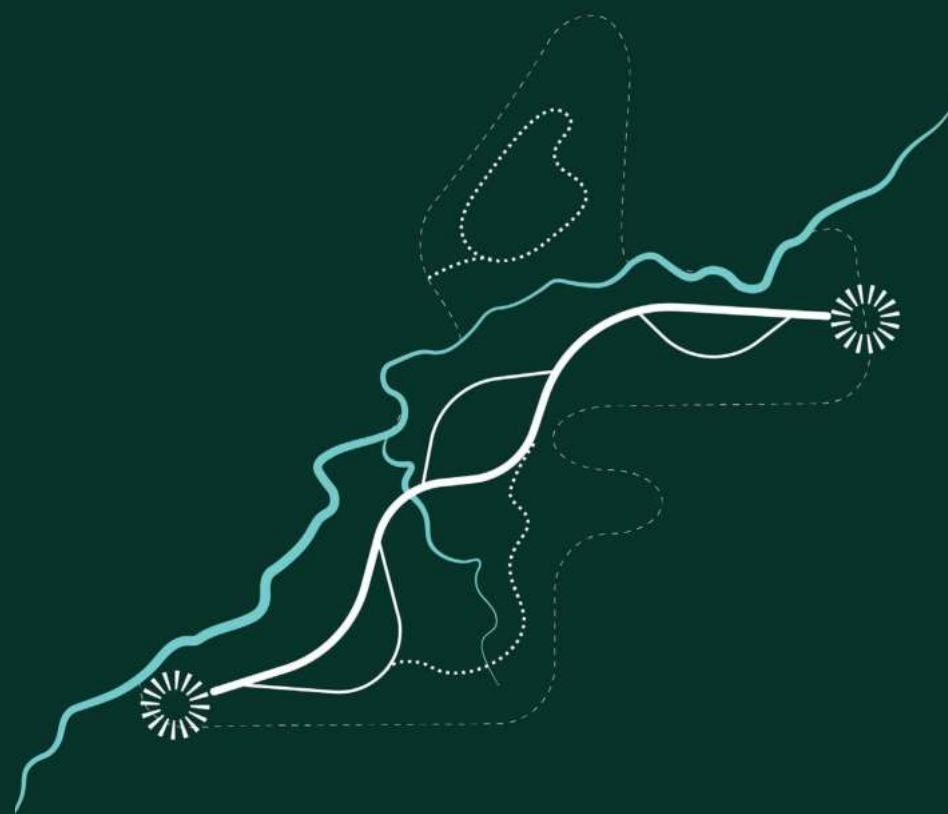
# PLATEAUS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMMING



# DESIGN ALTERNATES



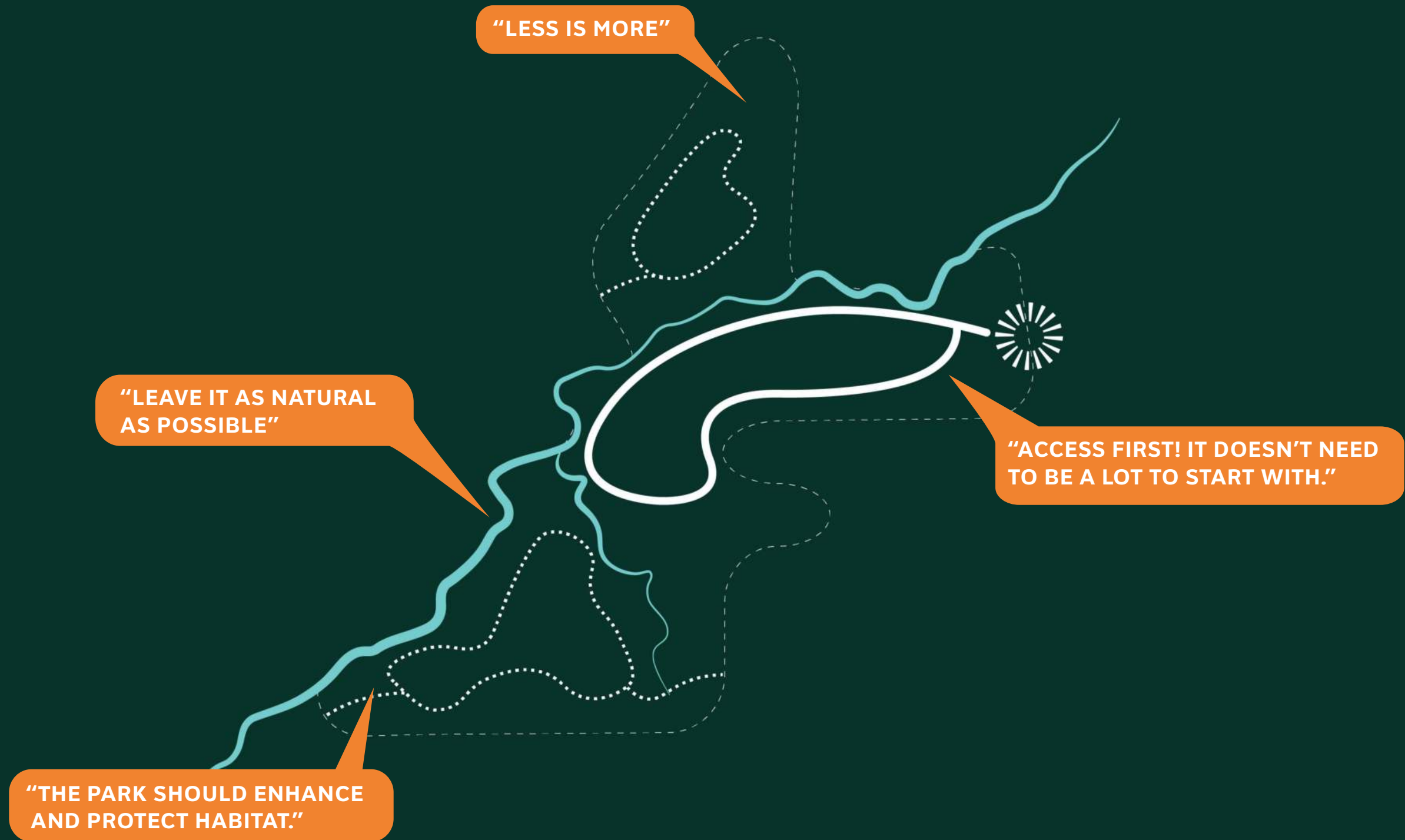
**CREEK LOOP**



**ARBORETUM**

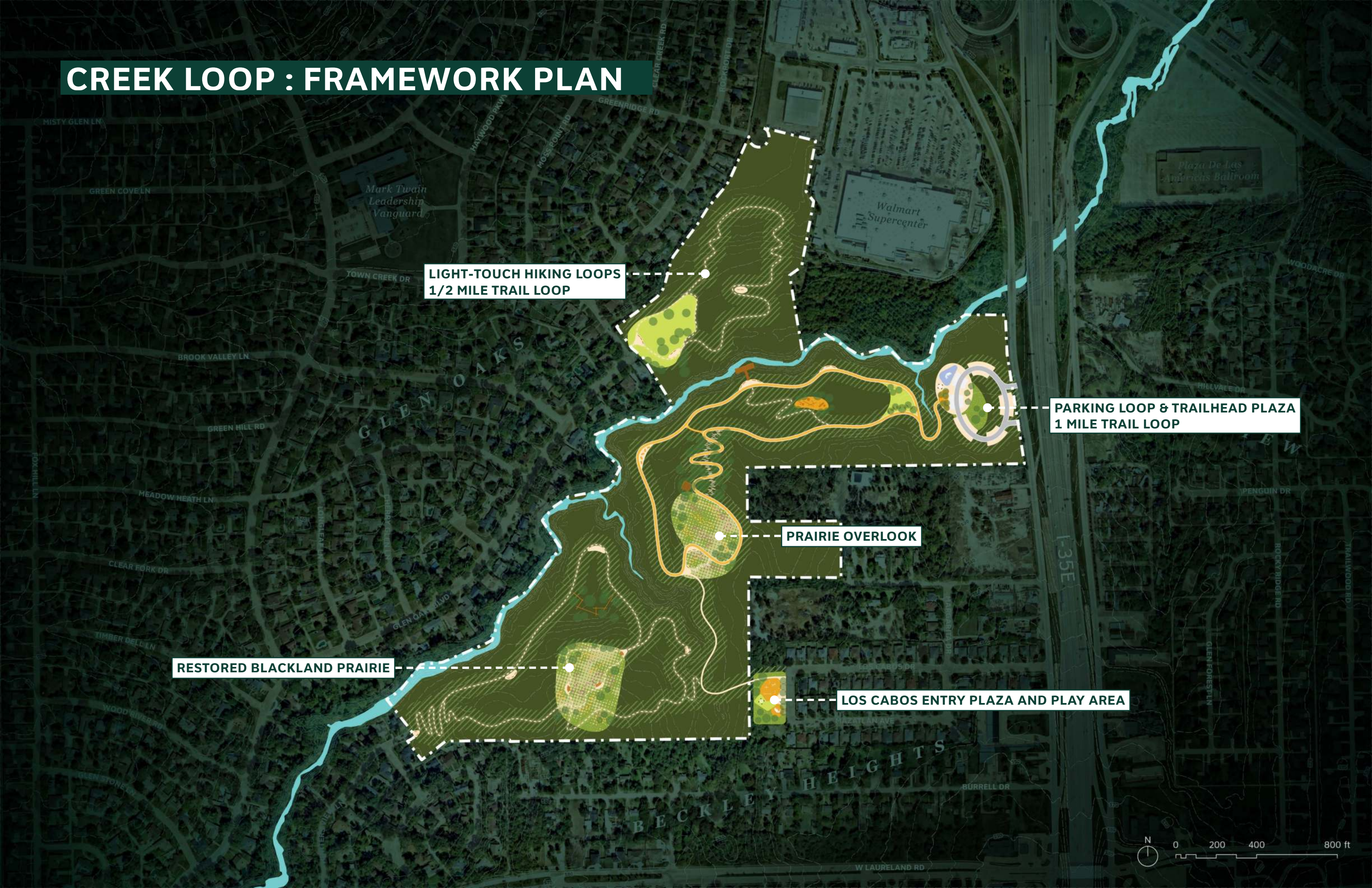


**NEIGHBORHOOD  
PARK**



# CREEK LOOP

# CREEK LOOP : FRAMEWORK PLAN



LIGHT-TOUCH HIKING LOOPS  
1/2 MILE TRAIL LOOP

PARKING LOOP & TRAILHEAD PLAZA  
1 MILE TRAIL LOOP

PRAIRIE OVERLOOK

RESTORED BLACKLAND PRAIRIE

LOS CABOS ENTRY PLAZA AND PLAY AREA



# CREEK LOOP : CIRCULATION AND ACCESS

LEGEND

SHARED USE PATH

WALKING TRAILS

HIKING TRAILS

VEHICULAR CIRCULATION

PRAIRIE TRAILS

GLEN OAKS LOOP

PARKING LOOP

PRIMARY CIRCULATION LOOP

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS



# CREEK LOOP : COMMUNITY PROGRAM

LEGEND

PRGRAM AREA - GLEN OAKS

PRGRAM AREA - BOTTOMLAND FOREST

PRGRAM AREA - LOS CABOS AND BECKLEY HEIGHTS

HARDSCAPE AREA - GLEN OAKS

HARDSCAPE AREA - BOTTOMLAND FOREST

HARDSCAPE AREA - LOS CABOS AND BECKLEY HEIGHTS

FOREST  
LOOP

FOREST  
TRAILHEAD

LOS CABOS  
TRAILHEAD



# CREEK LOOP : ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

CLEAN AND BEAUTIFY

## LEGEND

- WOODY BRANCH PARK PROPERTY LINE
- WATERBODIES
- RIPARIAN FOREST
- PRAIRIE
- FOREST

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FOREST

RIPARIAN FOREST

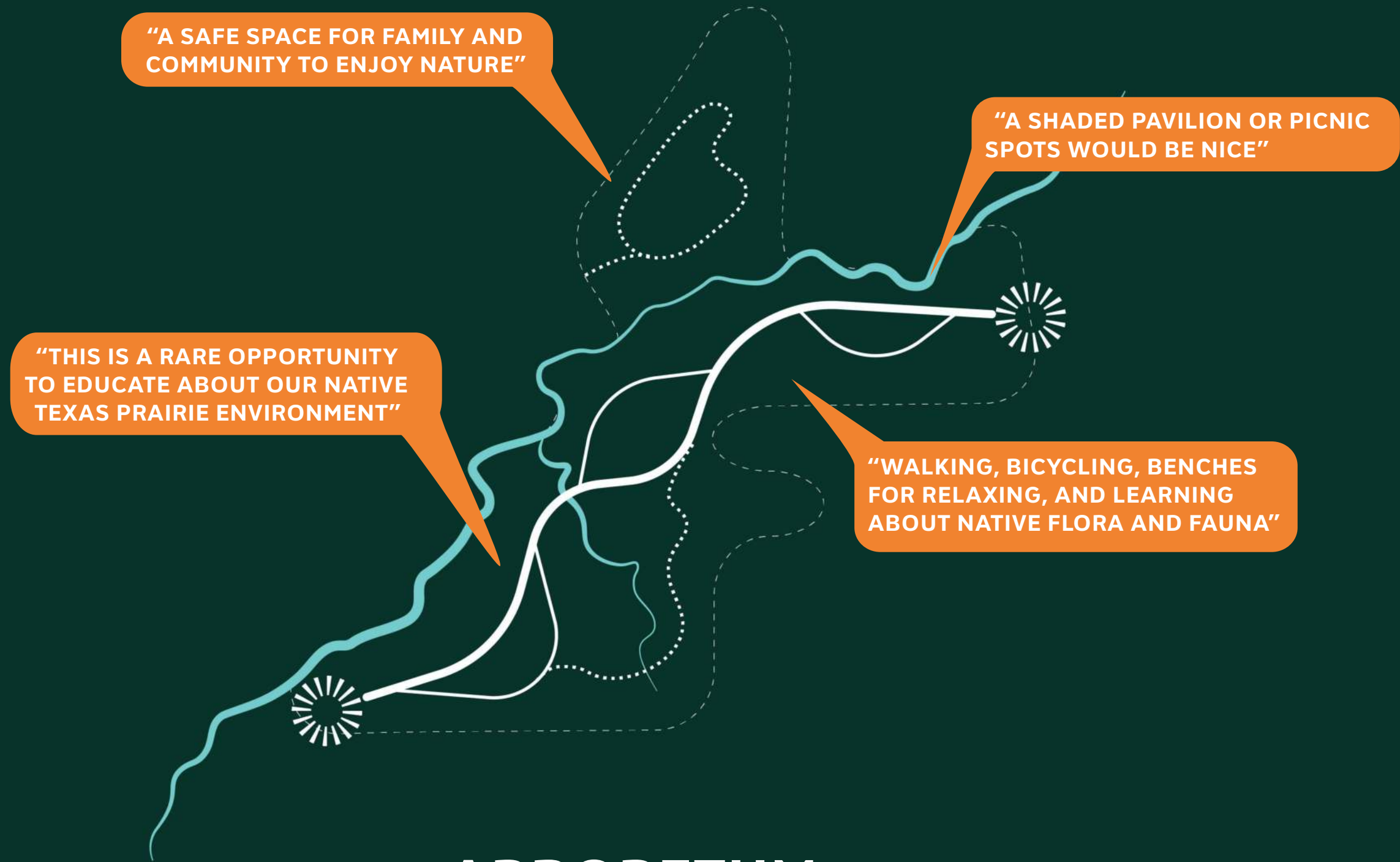
PRAIRIE

HIGH CONCENTRATIONS  
OF INVASIVES

LIMESTONE BLACKLAND PRAIRIE



0 200 400 800 ft



# ARBORETUM

# ARBORETUM : FRAMEWORK PLAN



# ARBORETUM : CIRCULATION AND ACCESS



# ARBORETUM : COMMUNITY PROGRAM

GLEN OAKS  
TREE LIBRARY

COMMUNITY  
GARDEN

FOREST  
TRAILHEAD

HABITAT  
EXPERIENCE  
TRAIL

LOS CABOS  
TRAILHEAD

## LEGEND

- PROGRAM AREA - GLEN OAKS
- PROGRAM AREA - BOTTOMLAND FOREST
- PROGRAM AREA - LOS CABOS AND BECKLEY HEIGHTS
- HARDSCAPE AREA - GLEN OAKS
- HARDSCAPE AREA - BOTTOMLAND FOREST
- HARDSCAPE AREA - LOS CABOS AND BECKLEY HEIGHTS



# ARBORETUM : ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

CELEBRATE AND RESTORE EXISTING NATIVE HABITATS ALONG THE TRAIL

## LEGEND

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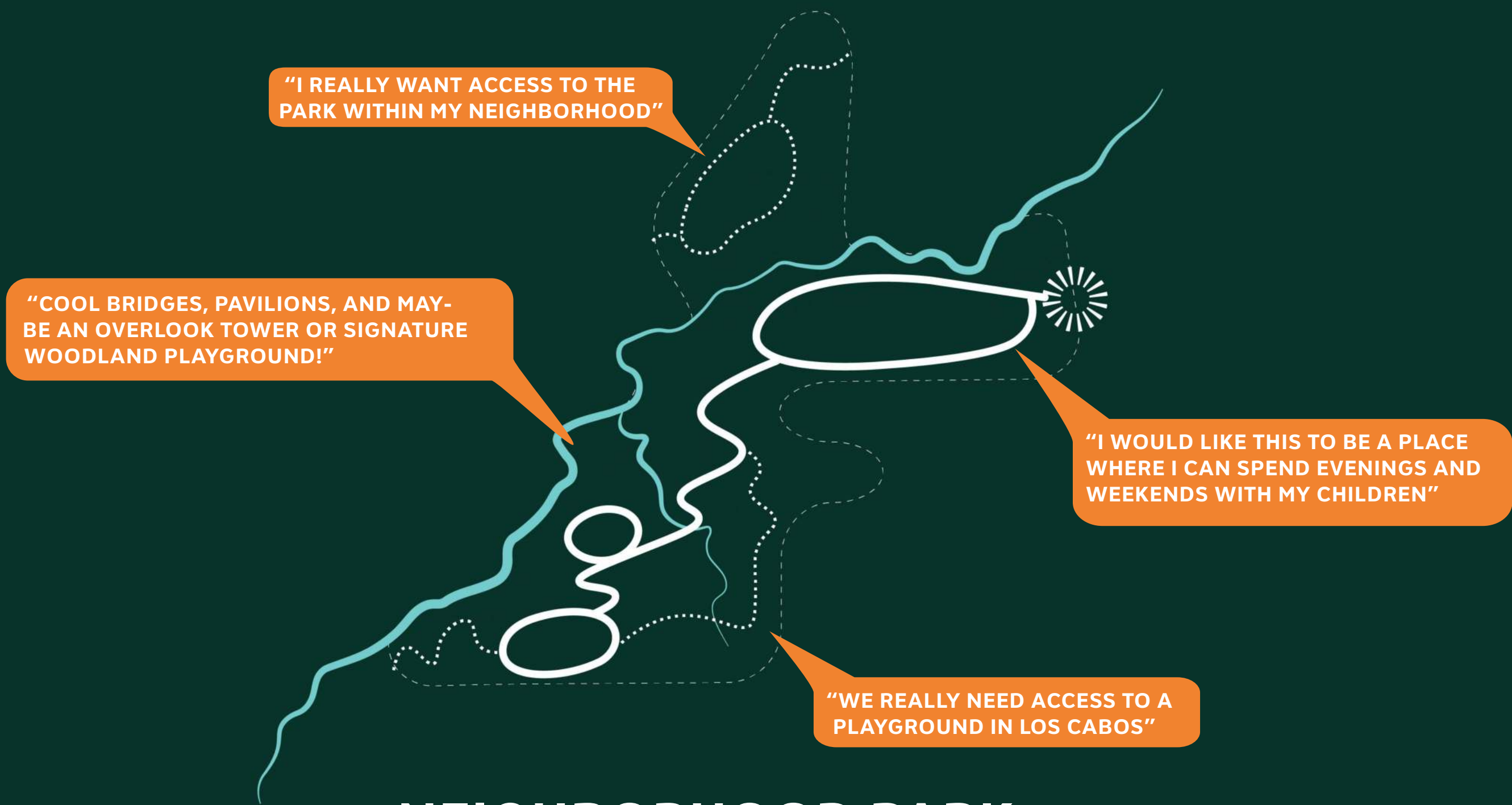
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"I REALLY WANT ACCESS TO THE PARK WITHIN MY NEIGHBORHOOD"

"COOL BRIDGES, PAVILIONS, AND MAYBE AN OVERLOOK TOWER OR SIGNATURE WOODLAND PLAYGROUND!"

"I WOULD LIKE THIS TO BE A PLACE WHERE I CAN SPEND EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS WITH MY CHILDREN"

"WE REALLY NEED ACCESS TO A PLAYGROUND IN LOS CABOS"

# NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

# NEIGHBORHOOD PARK : FRAMEWORK PLAN



# NEIGHBORHOOD PARK : CIRCULATION AND ACCESS

**LEGEND**

- SHARED USE PATH
- WALKING TRAILS
- HIKING TRAILS
- VEHICULAR CIRCULATION
- BRIDGE

CONNECTING BRIDGES

PARKING LOOP

PROGRAM LOOPS

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS



# NEIGHBORHOOD PARK : COMMUNITY PROGRAM

## LEGEND

- PRGRAM AREA - GLEN OAKS
- PRGRAM AREA - BOTTOMLAND FOREST
- PRGRAM AREA - LOS CABOS AND BECKLEY HEIGHTS
- HARDSCAPE AREA - GLEN OAKS
- HARDSCAPE AREA - BOTTOMLAND FOREST
- HARDSCAPE AREA - LOS CABOS AND BECKLEY HEIGHTS

GLEN OAKS  
PICNIC LOOP

PARK NURSERY

FOREST  
LOOP

FOREST  
TRAILHEAD

OAK  
LOOP

PRAIRIE  
LOOP

LOS CABOS  
TRAILHEAD



# NEIGHBORHOOD PARK : ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

PAIR PROGRAMMING WITH RESTORATION

## LEGEND

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- PRAIRIE
- FOREST

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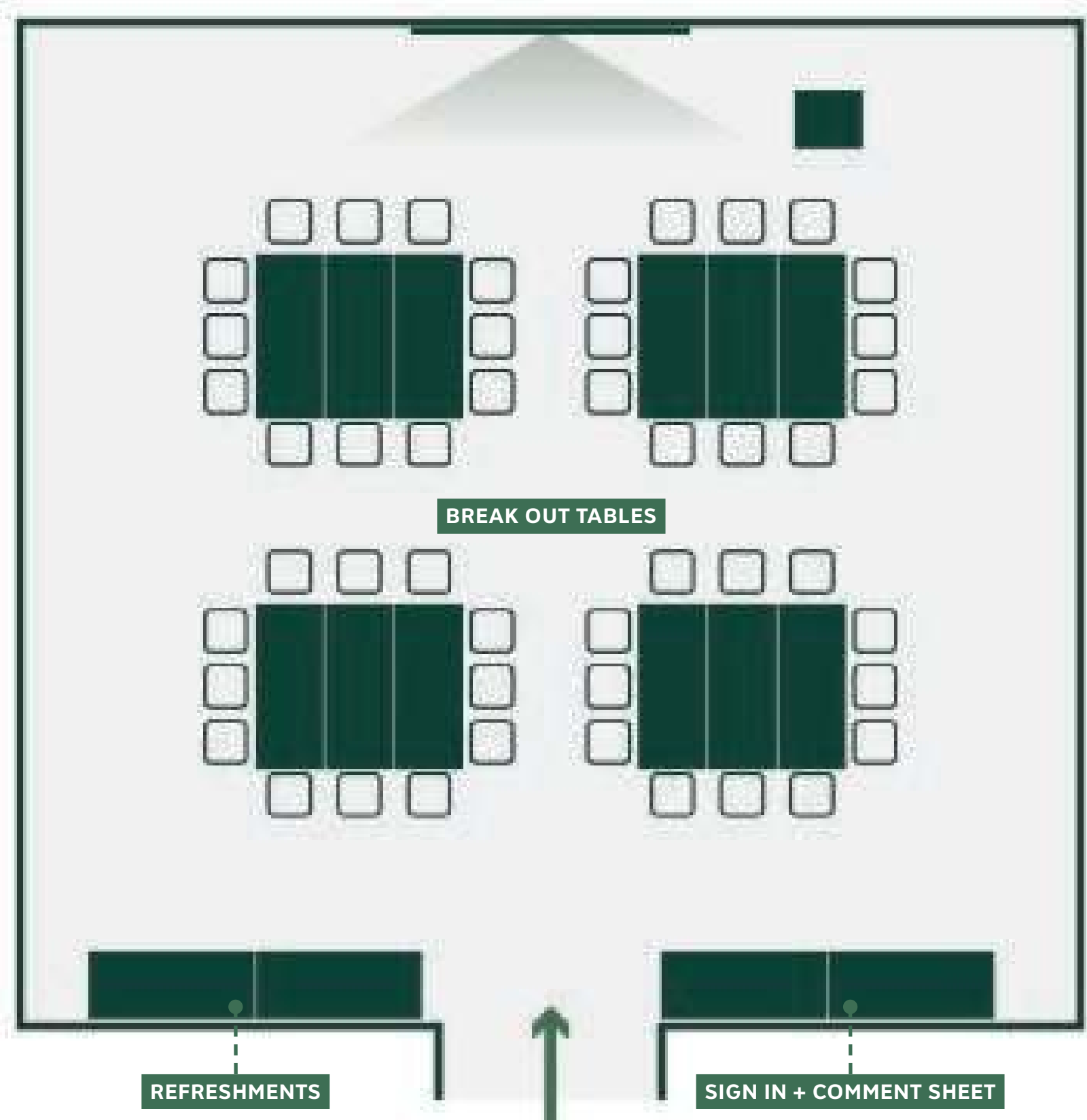
LIMESTONE BLACKLAND PRAIRIE



0 200 400 800 ft

# BREAKOUT ROOMS

# ROOM LAYOUT





CREEK LOOP



ARBORETUM



NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

**SHARE BACK**



CREEK LOOP



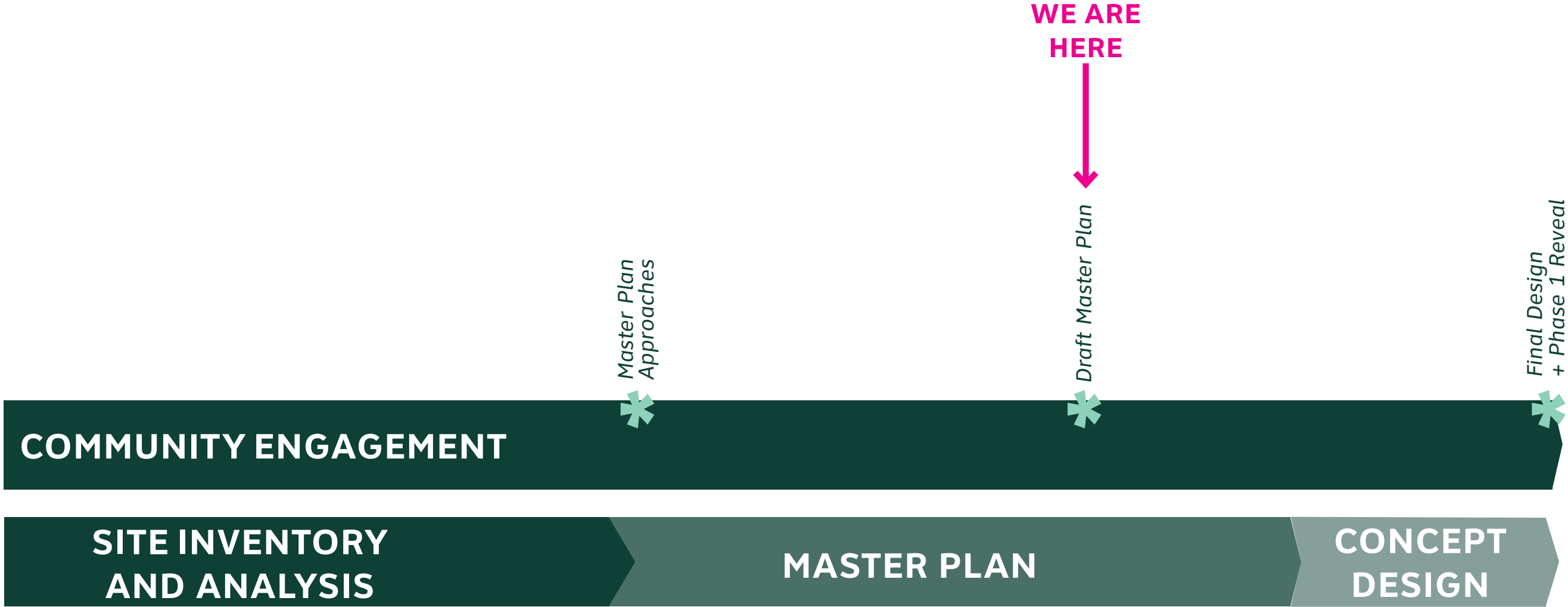
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NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

**NEXT STEPS**

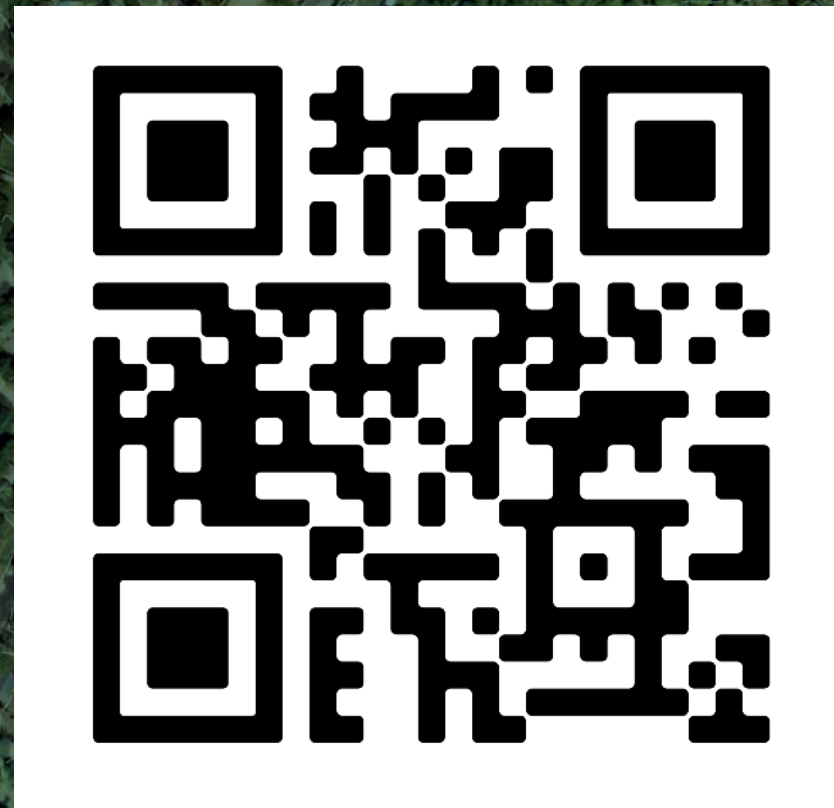
# PROJECT TIMELINE



**QUESTIONS?**

# THANK YOU!

## STAY ENGAGED



## SCAN ME!

**NEXT STEPS:** Keep up with the project at [tpltx.mysocialpinpoint.com/woody-branch-community-park](https://tpltx.mysocialpinpoint.com/woody-branch-community-park) to fill out the online survey, view project materials, and stay up to date!