# Dallas Greening Initiative

## Closing the park access gap in Dallas

*High Vista Dr. Community Meeting – September 26*

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**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*

# Our mission:

## Connecting everyone to the outdoors

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# What is the Dallas Greening Initiative?

## An initiative to transform city-owned land into neighborhood greenspaces to:

- Increase the number of Dallas residents who have a park within a 10-minute walk of their home
- Improve the health, equity, and climate resilience of neighborhoods throughout the city through the creation of neighborhood public greenspaces located in Dallas's largest and highest-need park deserts
- Ensure that the nearby residents are part of the process

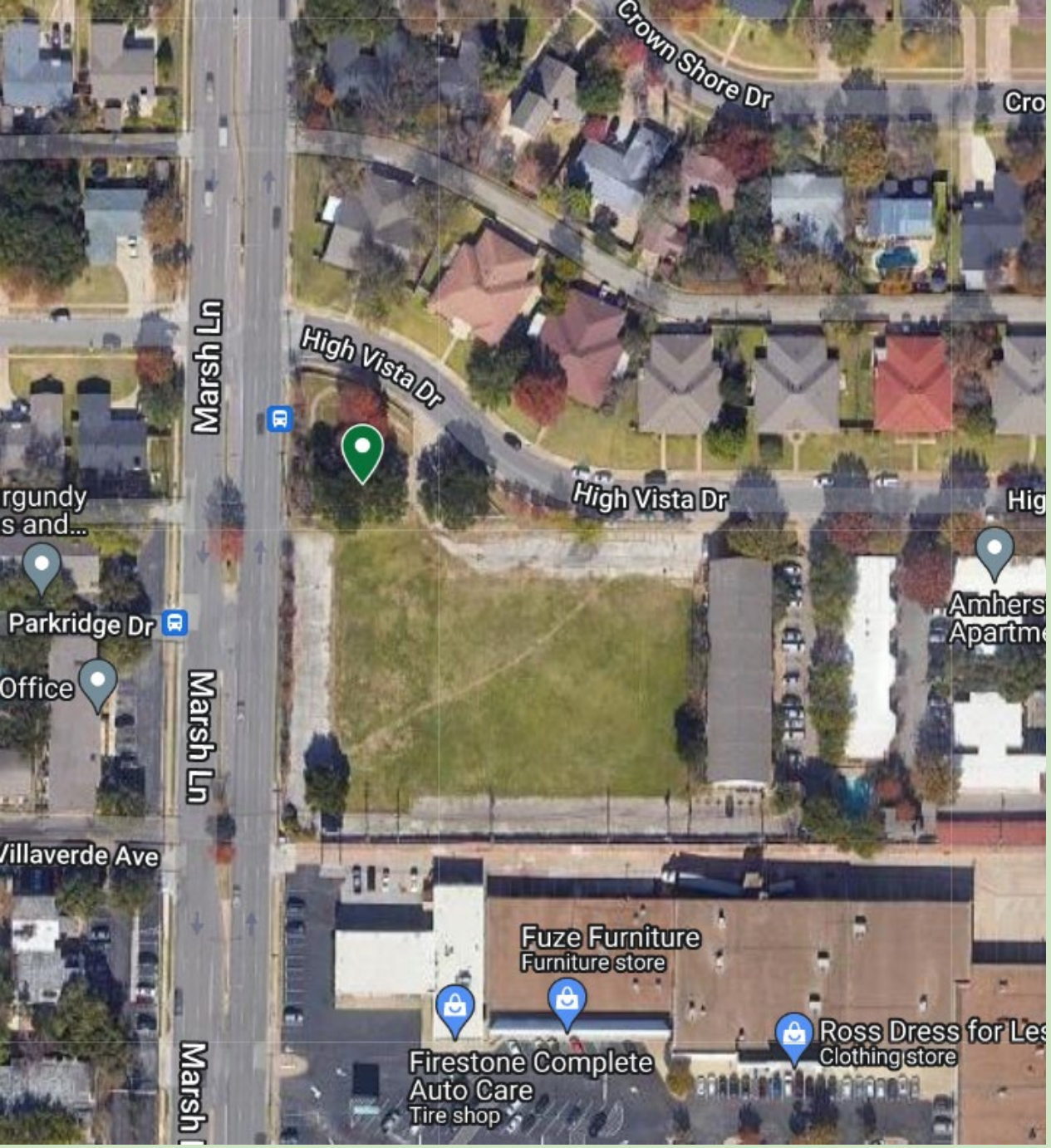




# What is a neighborhood greenspace?

*We aim to provide each neighborhood with **its** top greenspace amenities, which means:*

- Each site has an approximately $360K capital improvement budget + additional money for design, community engagement, and events
- Greenspaces can have as little or as much programming, furnishing, and amenities as the community desires. Some may be passive with walking paths and benches, while others may feature small playgrounds or pavilions.
- All greenspaces will be designed to minimize operations and maintenance costs
- TPL will set aside 10% of the capital budget ($40K per location) to assist with long-term maintenance needs




# Where will it be located?

- **Address:** 3728 High Vista Dr, Dallas, TX 75244
- Once open it will serve **3,446** people who live within a 10-minute walk



# Maintaining your new greenspace

- Dallas Park and Recreation will provide additional maintenance to the new amenities after they are open to the public
  - The City of Dallas is already providing baseline maintenance to these sites since they are City property
- TPL will set aside 10% of the capital budget to assist with long-term maintenance needs
- TPL will help establish a “Friends of” Group made up of neighbors & resident leaders




# Become a Friend of your future greenspace

- We need YOUR help to keep your greenspace beautiful!
- Activities can include:
  - Organizing park clean-ups and beautification days
  - Hosting events like community walks, coffee in the park meet-ups, neighborhood meetings, etc. to activate the park space
  - Advocating for park improvements
- We want to know what activities interest you and how we can help support



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# Timeline

**Fall 2023 – Winter 2023**

- TPL and the City of Dallas studied location options
- Finalized locations for Cohort 1

**Spring 2024 – Summer 2024**

- TPL held participatory design meetings
- Finalized community-based design

**Fall 2024 – Winter 2024**

- Third community meeting and presentation of design
- Construction planning and scheduling

**2025**

- Construction led by Dallas Park and Recreation Department
- Friends of Group engagement and activation



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# Community Input

**Meeting 1 + Survey**

- **February 28, 2024**
- **Topic:** Program Introduction + Site Overview & Feedback



**Pop-Up Park: Meeting 2 + Survey**

- **April 6, 2024**
- **Topic:** Feedback on Design Options & Amenities




**Meeting 3 + Survey**

- **September 26, 2024**
- **Topic:** Design Unveiling + Friends of Group Interests





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# HIGH VISTA DRIVE GREEN SPACE

DALLAS GREENING INITIATIVE, DALLAS, TEXAS

## SCHEMATIC DESIGN PRESENTATION

2024.09.26

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# HIGH VISTA DRIVE GREEN SPACE

## SCHEMATIC DESIGN | POP-UP PARK FEEDBACK SUMMARY

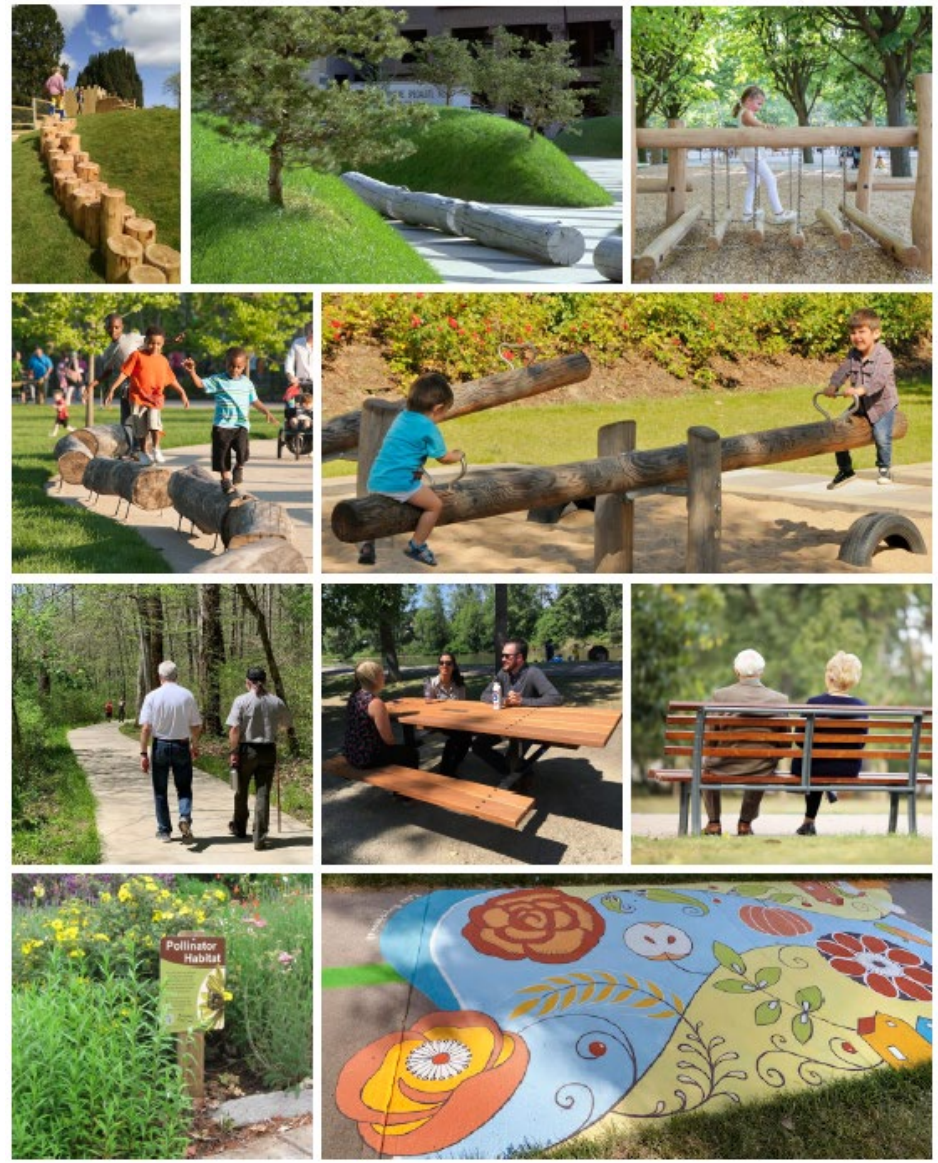
### PLAN OPTIONS







### TOP IMAGES




### TOP COMMENTS

- I LOVE THE **WALKING TRAIL LOOP**
- I REALLY LOVE THE **NATIVE GRASS AND WILDFLOWER** PLANTINGS
- I LIKE THAT THE PLAY AREA IS **AWAY FROM MARSH**
- THE OPEN LAWN SPACE **ENCOURAGES** RANDOM **ACTIVITIES**
- I LIKE THE **ORGANIC SHAPES** OF THE DIFFERENT AREAS
- I LIKE THE **NATURAL FEEL** TO THE SITE
- I LOVE THE **SHADE** AREAS
- IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A **BIKE RACK**
- I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A **DOG WASTE STATION**

# HIGH VISTA DRIVE GREEN SPACE

## SCHEMATIC DESIGN | OVERVIEW AND PLAN




### LEGEND

**PARK AREA:**

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**PROGRAM LEGEND:**

- A POINT OF ENTRY
- B SEAT WALLS (TYP.)
- C PLAYGROUND AREA
- D PICNIC AREA ON DECOMPOSED GRANITE
- E BUTTERFLY GARDEN
- F PRESERVED TREES (TYP.)
- G NATIVE SEEDING AREA (TYP.)
- T TRASH RECEPTACLE

# HIGH VISTA DRIVE GREEN SPACE

## SCHEMATIC DESIGN | PARK AMENITIES




PET WASTE STATION



LITTER RECEPTACLE



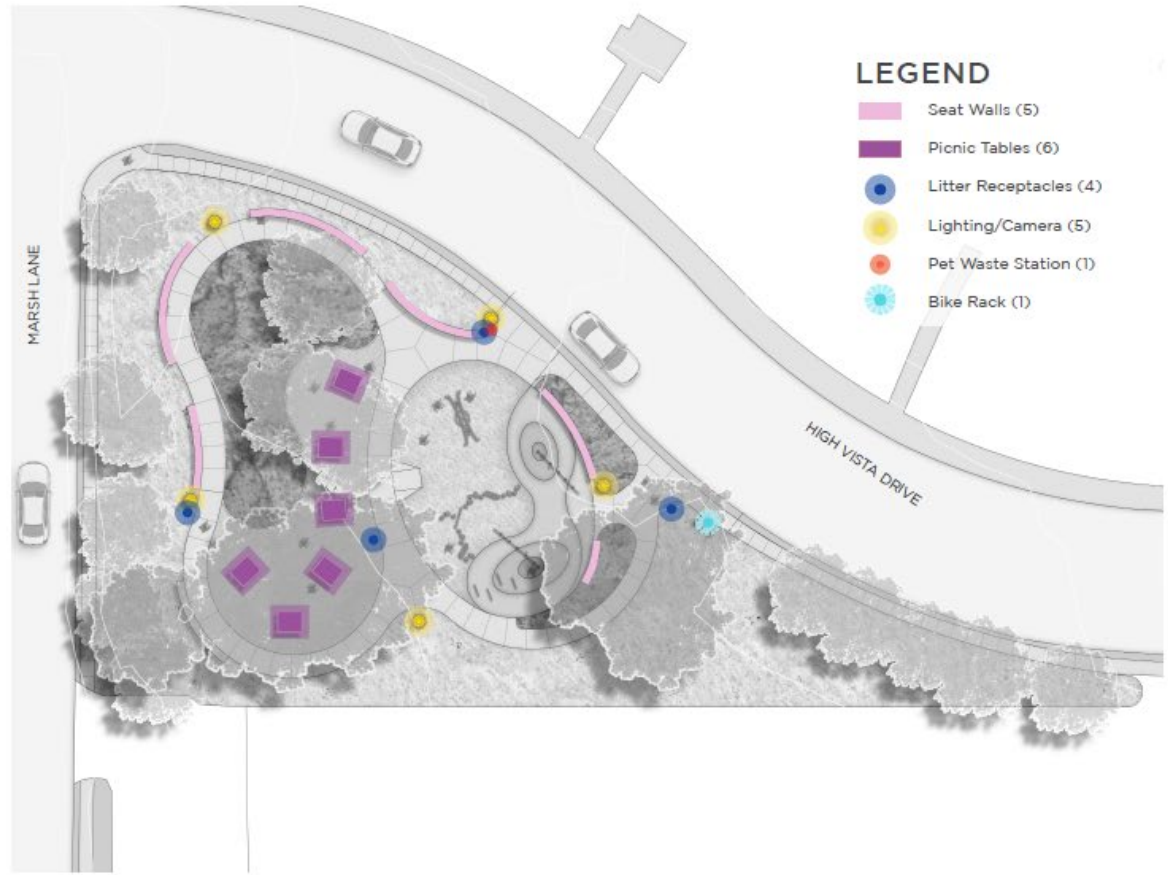
BIKE RACK



PICNIC TABLE



LIGHTING/CAMERA






STONE BLOCK SEAT WALLS

# HIGH VISTA DRIVE GREEN SPACE

## SCHEMATIC DESIGN | ACTIVE SPACES



WALKING LOOP TRAIL



PLAY LOGS



ARTIFICIAL TURF MOUNDS










NOTE: THE PLAY EQUIPMENT SHOWN IS A REFERENCE FOR THE TYPES OF EXPERIENCES WE'RE CONSIDERING ADDING, BUT THESE OPTIONS MAY CHANGE AS WE GATHER FEEDBACK AND FINALIZE OUR PLANS.

# GREEN SPACE / ESPACIO VERDE EN HIGH VISTA DRIVE

## SCHEMATIC DESIGN / DISEÑO ESQUEMÁTICO | PLANTING AREAS / ZONAS DE SIEMBRA


BUTTERFLY WEED


BLONDE AMBITION BLUE GRAMA / PASTO NAVAJITA

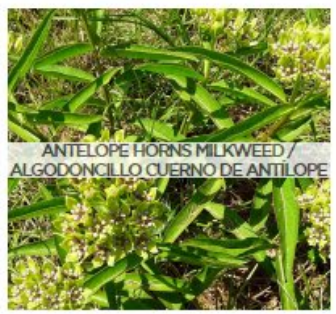

MAXIMILIAN SUNFLOWER / GIRASOL MAXIMILIANO

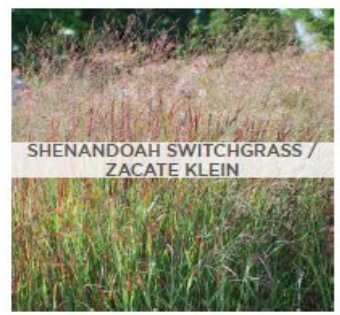

BLACKLAND PRAIRIE MIX MEZCLA DE PRADERA "BLACKLAND"


LITTLE BLUESTEM / POPOTILLO AZUL


GULF MUHLY


GREGG'S MISTFLOWER


ANTELOPE HORNS MILKWEED / ALGODONCILLO CUERNO DE ANTÍLOPE


SHENANDOAH SWITCHGRASS / ZACATE KLEIN





MEADOW SEDGE


TEXAS GAYFEATHER


SNAKE HERB


FALL ASTER


PURPLE CONEFLOWER / EQUINACEA PÚRPURA




# What's next?

- **We want to hear from you!**
- Visit our breakout stations to take a closer look at the design and share your interests in park stewardship
- Scan the QR code or visit **https://bit.ly/dallasgreeninginitiative** to:
  - Join our email list to stay up to date
  - RSVP and learn about National Walk to a Park Day on **October 10**
  - Access our survey and participate in our picnic kit giveaway! **Survey closes on October 18.**
  - Visit our Facebook page or the High Vista website
  - Please share with your neighbors and friends!



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# Thank you

Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a national nonprofit that works to connect everyone to the benefits and joys of the outdoors. As a leader in equitable access to the outdoors, TPL works with communities to create parks and protect public land where it is needed most.

Since 1972, TPL has protected more than 3 million acres of public land, created more than 5,000 parks, trails, schoolyards, and iconic outdoor places, raised $84 billion in public funding for parks and public lands, and connected more than 9 million people to the outdoors.

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