



Dallas Greening Initiative

Gibbons Dr Greenspace

Virtual Community Meeting – February 26, 2026

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



Connecting everyone to the outdoors™

What is the Dallas Greening Initiative?

- An initiative to transform vacant city-owned land into public neighborhood greenspaces
- The Dallas Greening Initiative aims to bring greenspaces closer to home for Dallas residents across all council districts and ensure that the nearby residents are part of the process



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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
- Greenspaces can be designed and programmed in a variety of ways. Ranging from passive spaces focused on beautification through landscaping and benches to active spaces that can include features like 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



What goes into a neighborhood greenspace?

Each site has different needs, and neighbors will have different desires for their greenspace. Amenities may include:

- Cleanup and beautification
- Nature improvements
- Loop trail
- Benches
- Signage
- Picnic tables
- Native plant gardens
- Lighting
- Security cameras
- Playground
- Trash cans
- Dog waste station
- Pavilion
- Community art



Where will it be located?

- **Address:** 18201 Gibbons Dr, Dallas, TX 75287



Greenspace Safety

- Safety is our top priority
- Neighborhood greenspaces will be regularly visited by Park Rangers and Park Marshals
- Construction budget includes funding for safety enhancements including lighting and security cameras
- Events and activities in neighborhood greenspace will also help keep greenspace safe



Maintaining your new greenspace

- Dallas Park and Recreation will provide 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 establish a fund for long-term maintenance needs
- TPL will help interested neighbors establish a Friends of Group

Community Meetings

Kick-Off Meeting: Pop-Up Park

- **December 7, 2025**
- **Topic:** Kick-off + Program Overview & Initial Feedback



Meeting 1: Virtual Webinar

- **February 26, 2026**
- **Topic:** Program/Site Overview + Pop-Up Park Feedback



Meeting 2: Open House

- **March 26, 2026**
- **Topic:** Conceptual Design Options



Meeting 3

- **Summer 2026**
- **Topic:** Design Unveiling + Stewardship





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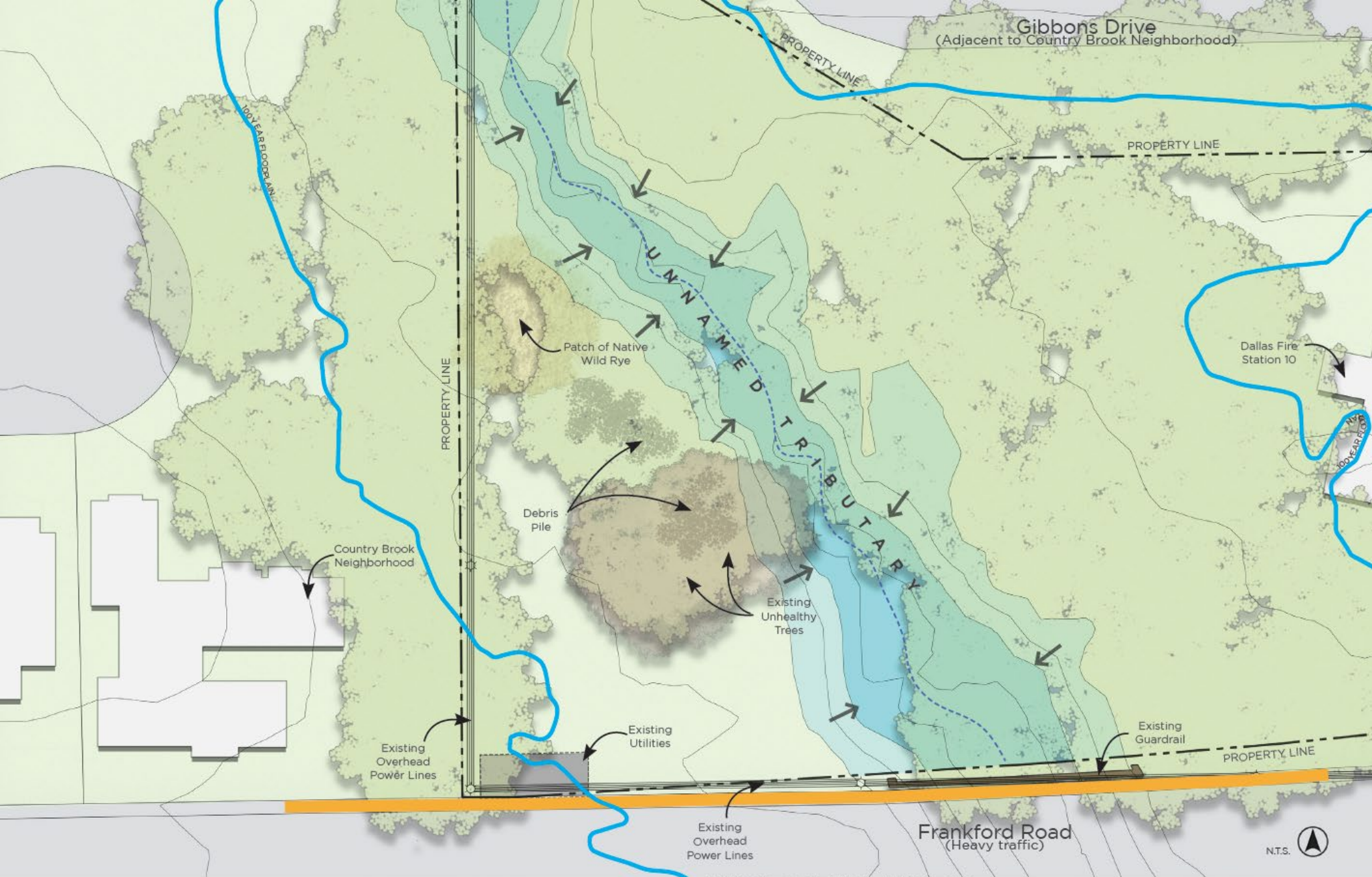


GREEN SPACE AT
GIBBONS DRIVE
(18201 GIBBONS DR)

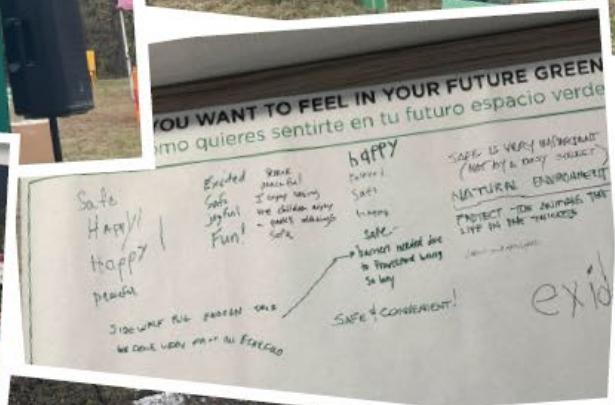
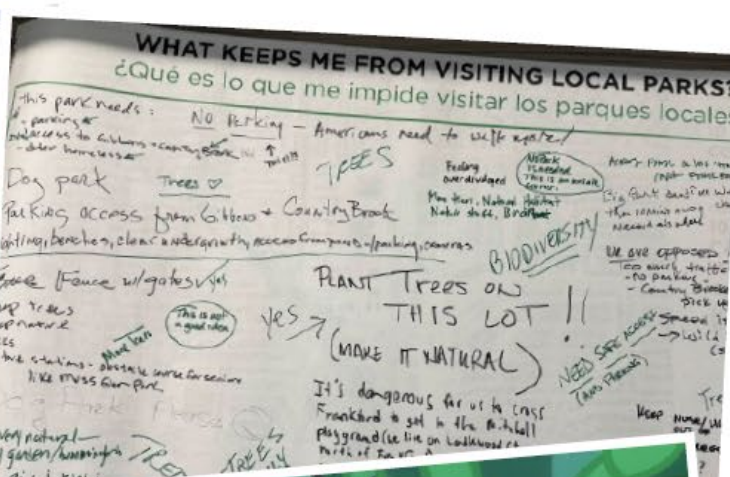
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SITE ACREAGE /
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0.8 acres

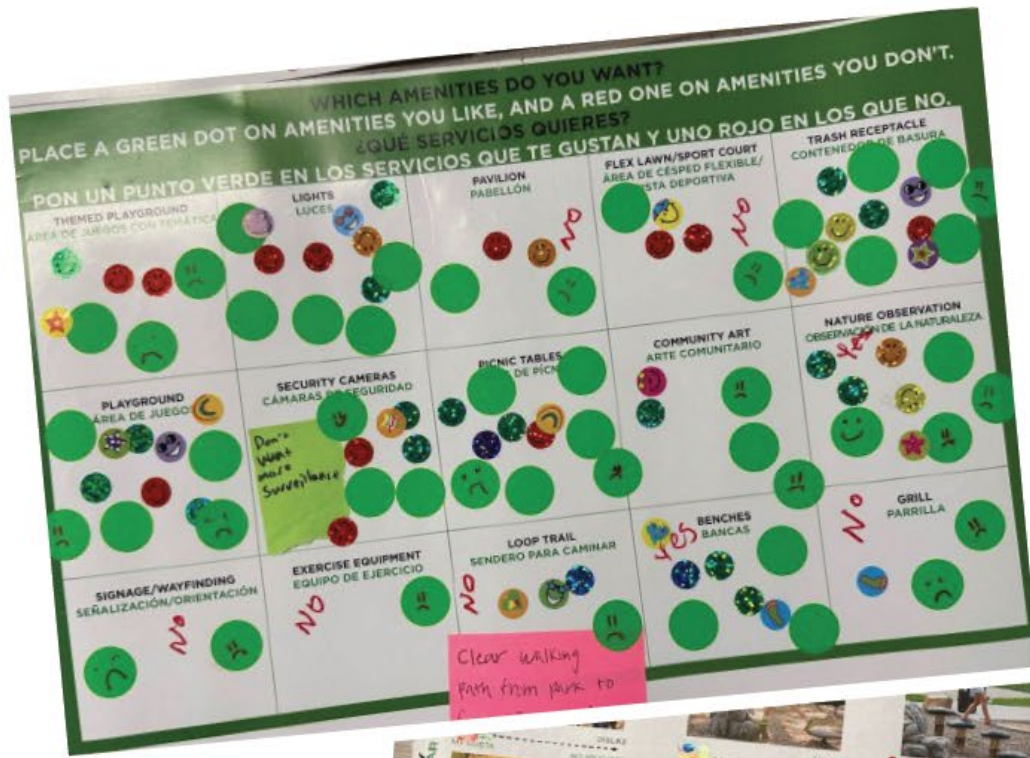


POP-UP PARK EVENT



POP-UP PARK FEEDBACK

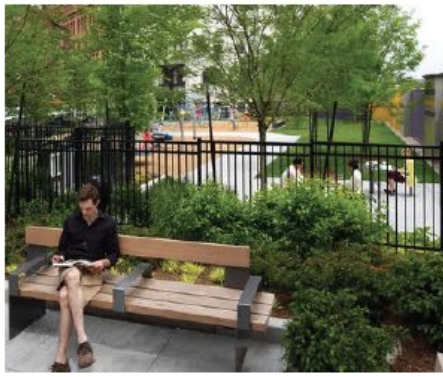
TOP COMMENTS



- I WANT A SPACE THAT WILL ATTRACT **BIRDS, MONARCHS AND WILDLIFE**
- WE NEED **BARRIERS** DUE TO FRANKFORD BEING SO BUSY
- I WANT TO FEEL **EXCITED, SAFE AND JOYFUL** IN MY FUTURE GREEN SPACE
- PROVIDE **LIGHTING** FOR SAFETY AND TO DETER ENCAMPMENTS
- WANT A **NATURAL AREA W/ MORE TREES**
- WANT A SPACE FOR **WATCHING HUMMINGBIRDS, BUTTERFLIES AND BEES**
- A **FUN** SPACE FOR **CHILDREN** THAT FEELS **SAFE** AND **ENJOYABLE**
- A **CLEAR WALKING PATH** FOR EXERCISE AND ENJOYMENT
- WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE SEEING THE **INVASIVE PLANTS CLEARED OUT** AND THE **PILES OF DEBRIS REMOVED** SO THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE AREA CAN TRULY SHINE



SHADED PICNIC AREA



BUFFER PLANTING W/ SEATING



NATIVE SEED PLANTING



STONE BLOCK SEATING



SHADE STRUCTURE



NATURE TRAIL



BIRD WATCHING



EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE



TREE PLANTINGS



FLEXIBLE LAWN SPACE



PAVED TRAIL



DOG WASTE STATION

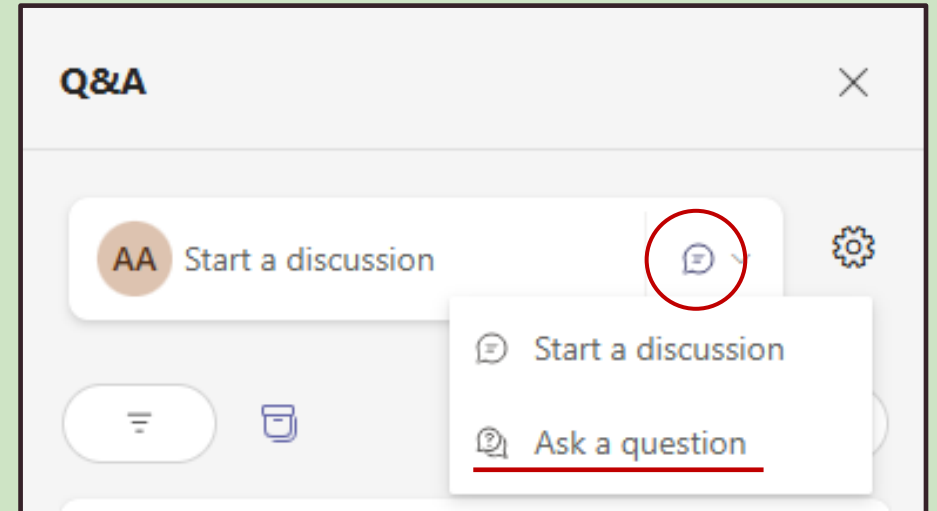
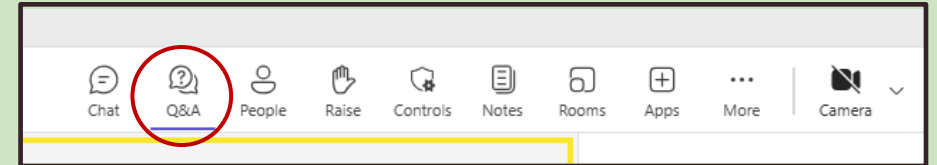
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Q&A

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- Click the icon to access the dropdown menu and select “Ask a question”





What's next?

- **We need your input!**
- Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/gibbonsdgi> to:
 - Join our email list to stay up to date
 - Share your ideas on the Park Idea Wall or Interactive Map
 - Access the upcoming survey
 - Share with your neighbors and friends
- Be on the lookout for more information about the Open House in March. Details will be shared via email and on the website



Thank you



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