



Dallas Greening Initiative

Gibbons Dr Greenspace Update – June 15, 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, bringing greenspaces closer to home for residents across all council districts
- **Site Selection**
 - TPL used GIS tools (ParkServe and Smart Growth for Dallas) to identify potential site opportunities for each council district
 - Final site selection is based on approval from the offices of each district's Council Member and Park Board Member, Dallas Park and Recreation, and department partners.



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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



Where will it be located?

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



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 as they are City property
- TPL will establish a fund for long-term maintenance needs
- TPL can 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

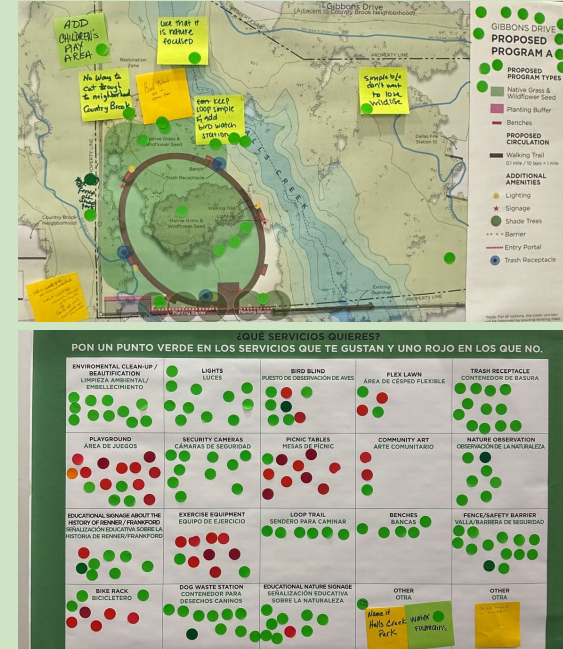
- **February 26, 2026**
- **Topic:** Program/Site Overview + Pop-Up Park Feedback

Meeting 2: D12 Open House

- **March 26 & 27, 2026**
- **Topic:** Conceptual Design Options

Meeting 3: D12 Parks Updates Meeting

- **June 15, 2026**
- **Topic:** Schematic Design Unveiling + Open House Feedback





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DALLAS GREENING INITIATIVE, DALLAS, TEXAS

SCHEMATIC DESIGN PRESENTATION

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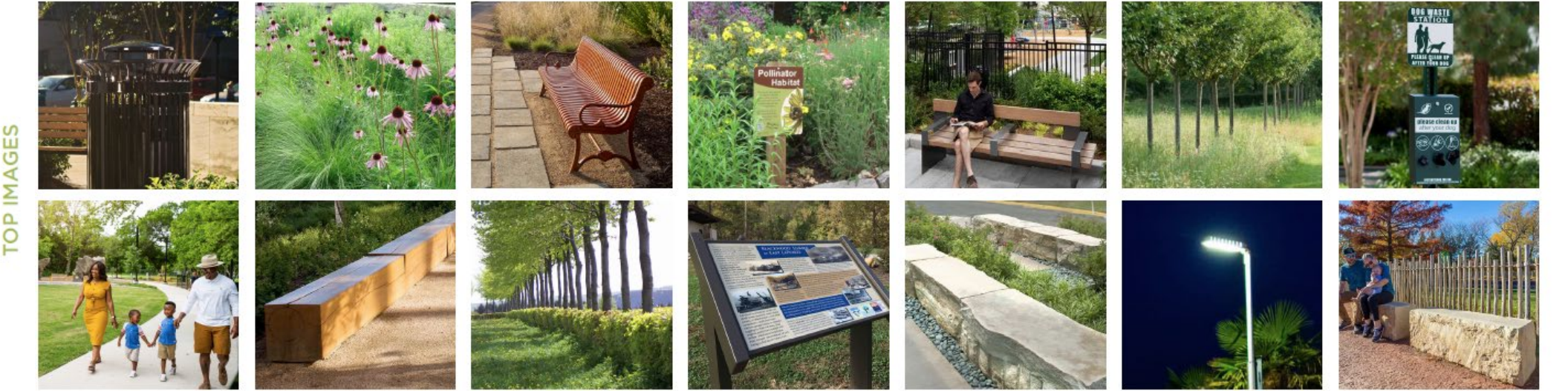
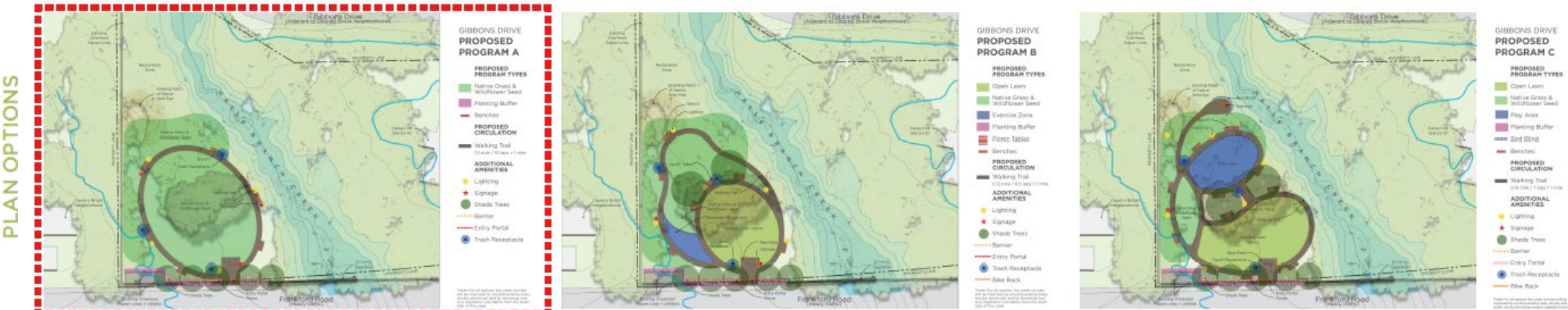
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SCHEMATIC DESIGN | OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK SUMMARY



TOP COMMENTS

I LIKE THAT IT IS **NATURE FOCUSED**
I REALLY WANT TO **PROTECT EXISTING WILDLIFE**
I LIKE THE **VEGETATION SCREEN** NEAR THE ALLEY
NEED **SAFETY BUFFER** ALONG THE BUSY STREET
WANT TO KEEP THE SPACE **NATURAL**

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SCHEMATIC DESIGN | OVERVIEW AND PLAN



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SCHEMATIC DESIGN | GREENSPACE AMENITIES



LIGHTING / CAMERAS



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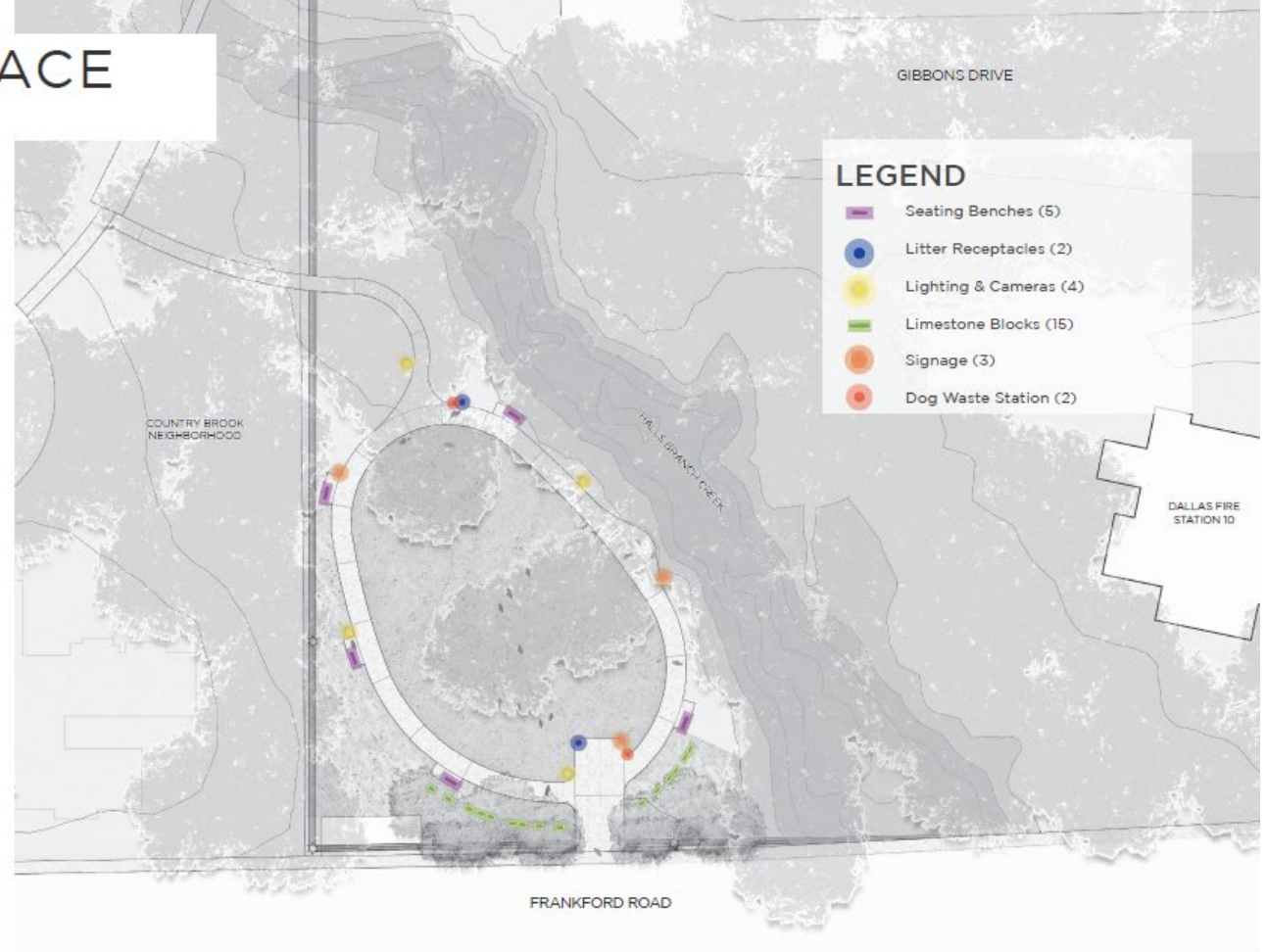
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EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE
(NATURE + HISTORY OF RENNER/FRANKFORD)



LIMESTONE BENCH



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SCHEMATIC DESIGN | ACTIVE SPACES



PAVED TRAIL



OPEN LAWN



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SCHEMATIC DESIGN | PLANTING AREAS



TEXAS REDBUD



BLONDE AMBITION BLUE GRAMA



ANTELOPE HORNS MILKWEED



MEADOW SEDGE



SHENANDOAH SWITCHGRASS



BLACKLAND PRAIRIE MIX



LITTLE BLUESTEM



GULF MUHLY





What's next?

- Schematic design will undergo an additional review by Park and Recreation and partner departments
- After schematic approval, TPL will complete detailed construction documentation required to finalize the design and begin permitting and implementation planning
- Implementation timeline will depend on approval process and permitting requirements

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