



Dallas Greening Initiative

Closing the park access gap in Dallas

Cotillion Dr. Community Meeting – September 23

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 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

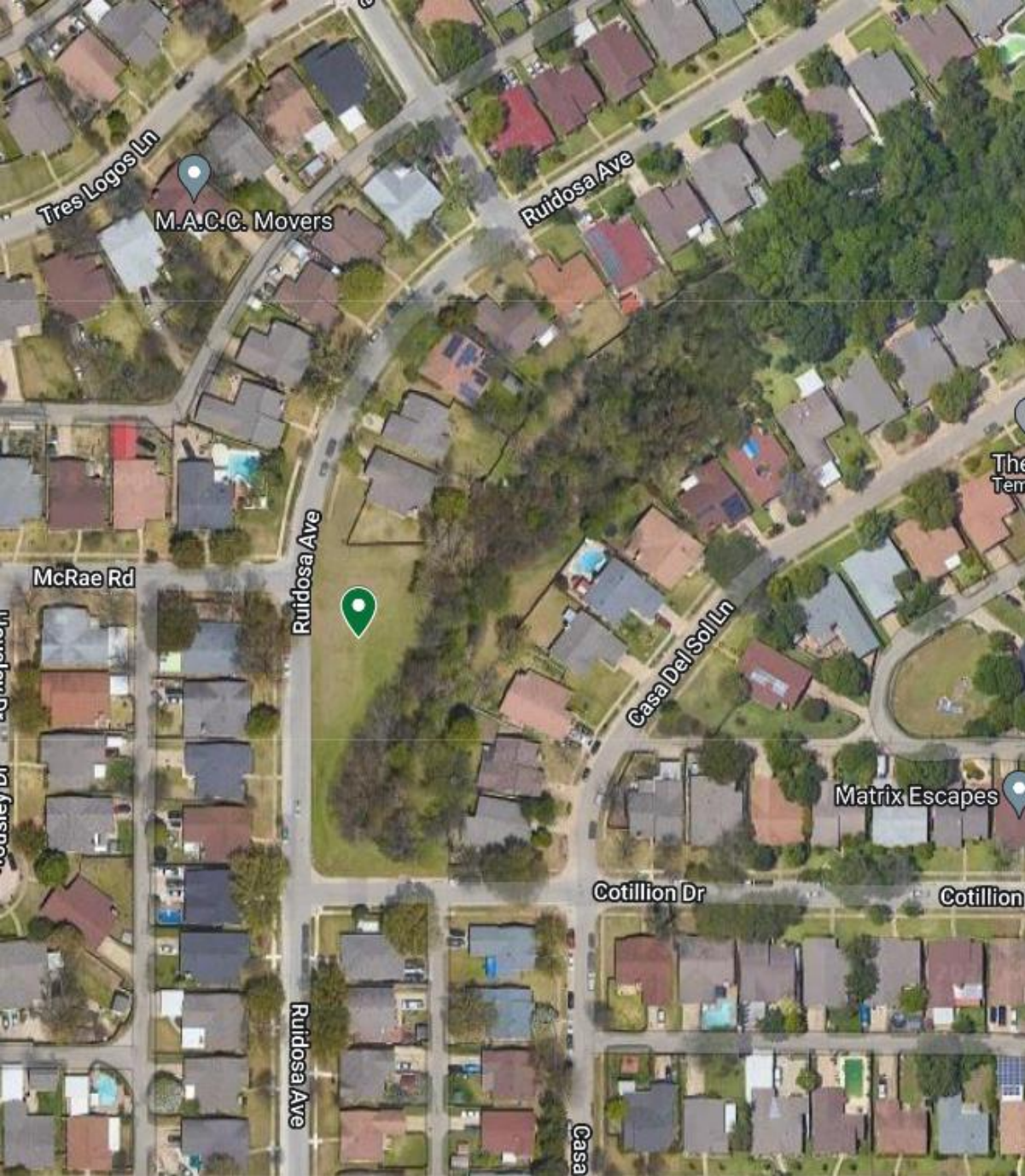




What is a neighborhood greenspace?

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:** 3749 Cotillion Dr, Dallas, TX 75228
- Once open it will serve **4,075** people who live within a 10-minute walk



Maintaining your new greenspace

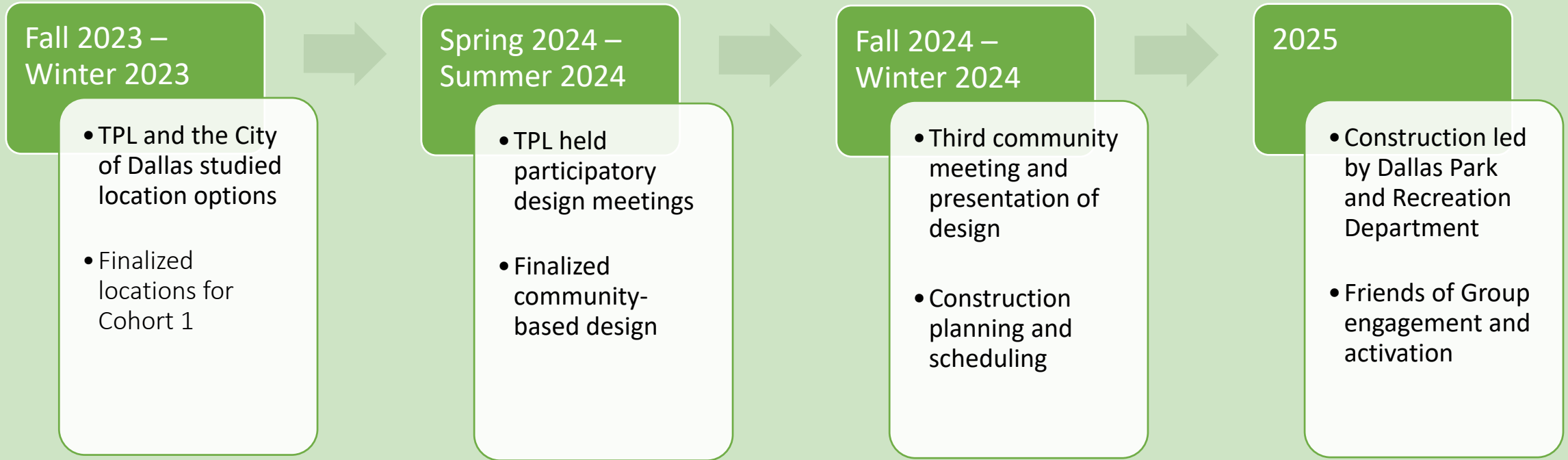
- Dallas Park and Recreation will provide additional maintenance to the new amenities after they are open to the public
 - The City of Dallas is already providing baseline maintenance to these sites since they are City property
- TPL will set aside 10% of the capital budget to assist with long-term maintenance 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

Timeline



Community Input

Meeting 1 + Survey

- **February 22, 2024**
- **Topic:** Program Introduction + Site Overview & Feedback



Pop-Up Park: Meeting 2 + Survey

- **April 13, 2024**
- **Topic:** Feedback on Design Options & Amenities



Meeting 3 + Survey

- **September 23, 2024**
- **Topic:** Design Unveiling + Friends of Group Interests







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COTILLION DRIVE GREEN SPACE

DALLAS GREENING INITIATIVE, DALLAS, TEXAS

SCHEMATIC DESIGN PRESENTATION



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COTILLION DRIVE GREEN SPACE

SCHEMATIC DESIGN | POP-UP PARK FEEDBACK SUMMARY

PLAN OPTIONS



TOP IMAGES



TOP COMMENTS

- I LIKE THE **OPEN LAWN** SINCE KIDS PLAY A LOT OF SOCCER
- I LOVE THE **POLLINATOR GARDEN**
- I LIKE BARRIER NEAR THE PLAYGROUND FOR **KEEPING KIDS SAFE** FROM THE STREET
- THE BEST WALKING AREA WILL BE **ALONG THE TREE LINE** AWAY FROM THE ROAD
- A GOOD SPACE TO WORK ON THINGS LIKE **LEARNING TO RIDE A BICYCLE**
- I LIKE THE **TWO PLAY AREAS**
- I LIKE THE **LAWN SPACE** FOR FREE PLAY
- WE NEED **SHADE** AND REALLY NEED **BARRIERS** FROM THE STREET

COTILLION DRIVE GREEN SPACE

SCHEMATIC DESIGN | OVERVIEW AND PLAN

PARK AREA:

0.6 ACRES

PROGRAM LEGEND:

- A VEGETATIVE SCREEN
- B PLAYGROUND AREA
- C PICNIC AREA
- D PLAY LAWN
- E SAFETY BUFFER SEATING (LIMESTONE BLOCKS)
- F NATURAL PLAY AREA
- G DECOMPOSED GRANITE GARDEN PATH
- H BUTTERFLY GARDEN
- I WALKING TRAIL (CONCRETE, TYP.)
- T TRASH RECEPTACLE



COTILLION DRIVE GREEN SPACE

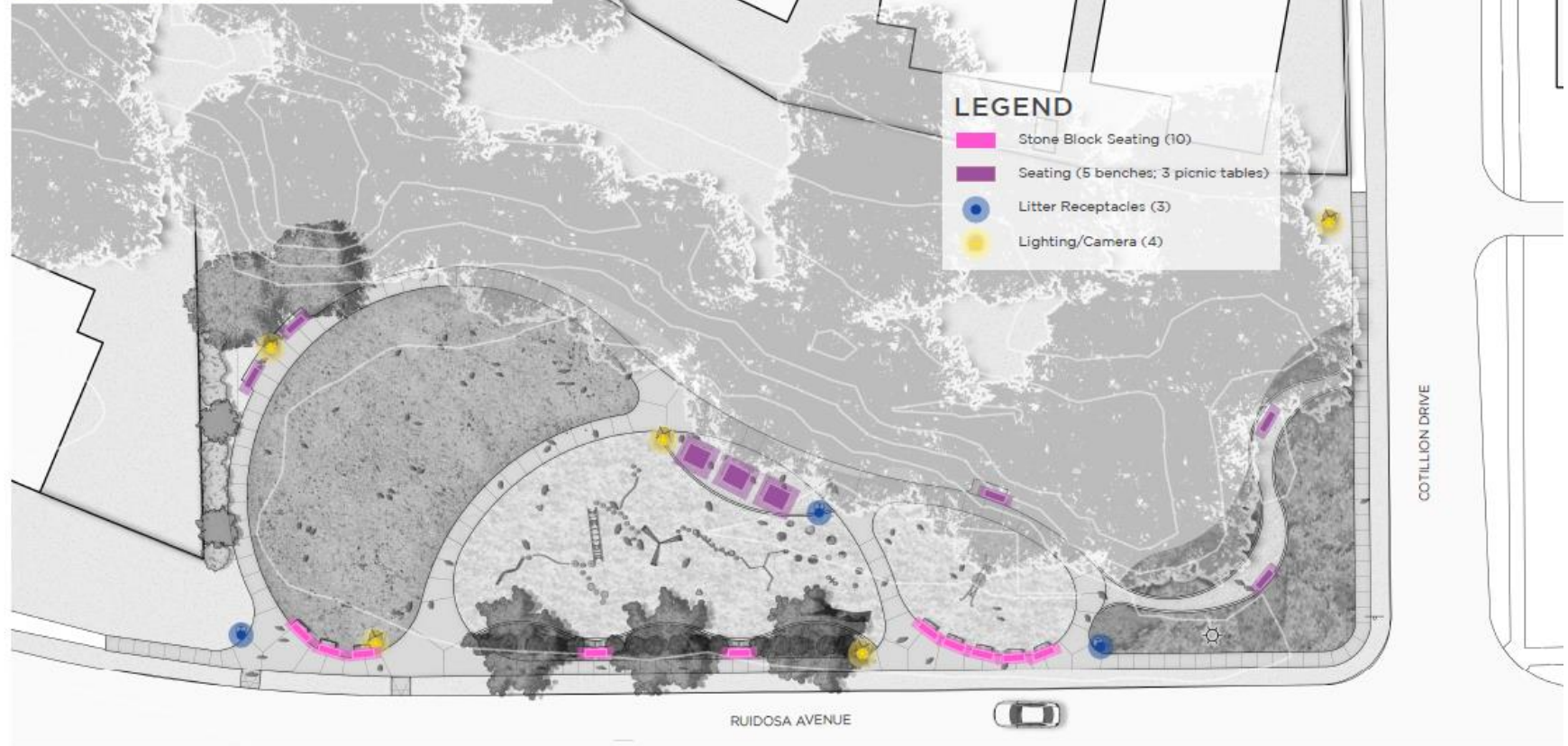
SCHEMATIC DESIGN | PARK AMENITIES



LITTER RECEPTACLE



PICNIC TABLE



LIGHTING/CAMERA



BENCH



STONE BLOCK SEATING

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SCHEMATIC DESIGN | ACTIVE SPACES



LOOP TRAIL



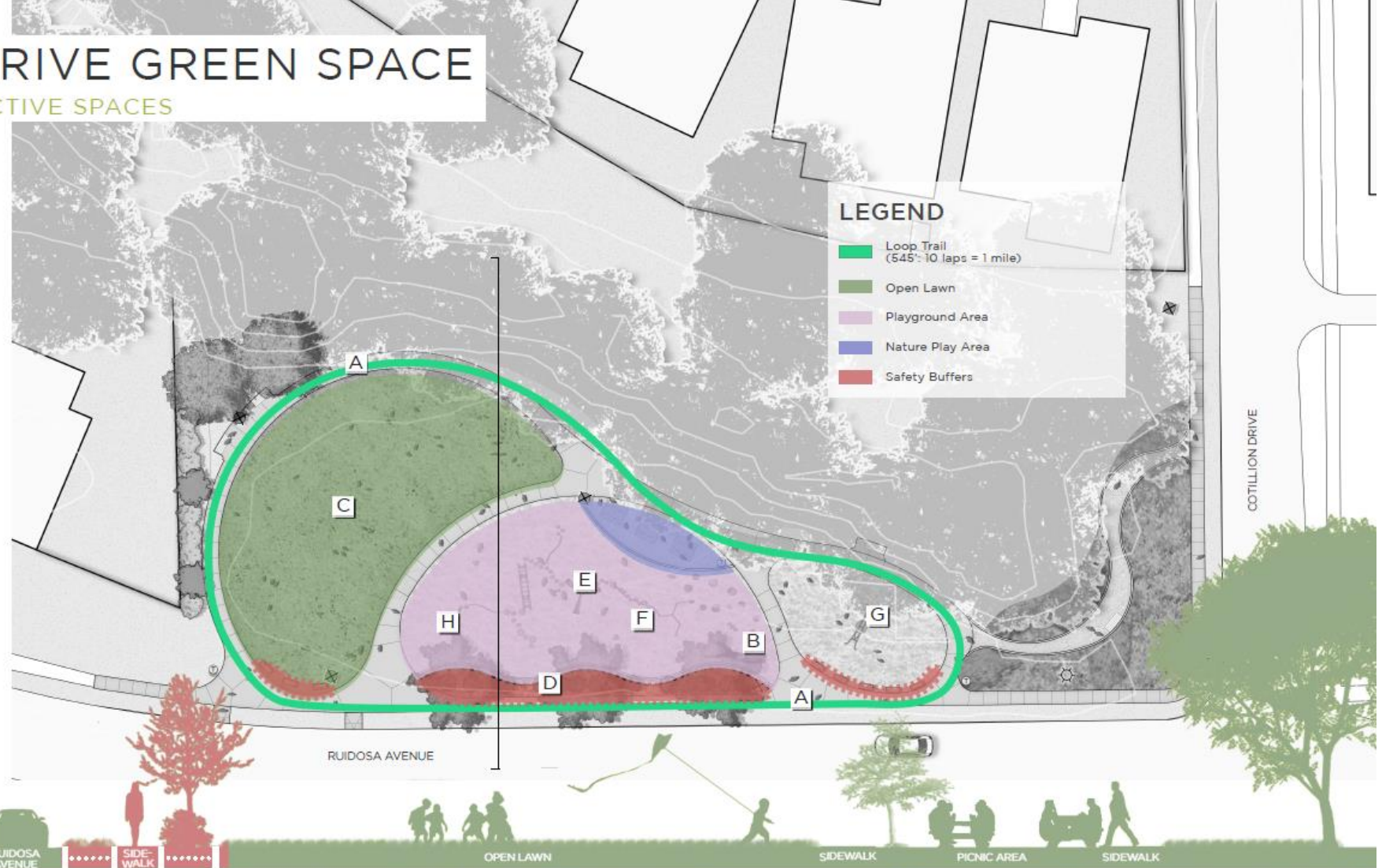
PLAY LOGS/NATURAL



OPEN LAWN



SAFETY BUFFER



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 COTILLION DRIVE

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



BUTTERFLY WEED /
ALGODONCILLO INMORTAL



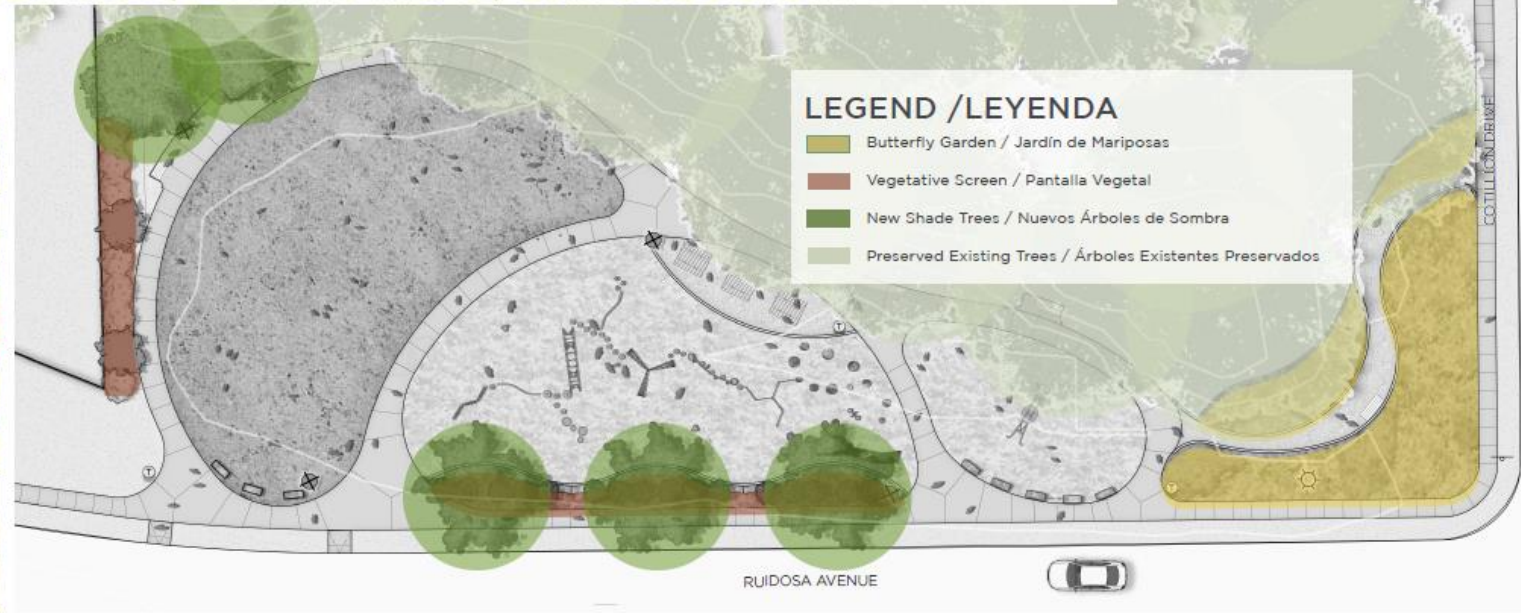
BLONDE AMBITION BLUE GRAMA /
PASTO NAVAJITA



BURK'S JUNIPER /
BURK'S ENEBRO DE VIRGINIA



LITTLE BLUESTEM /
POPOTILLO AZUL



LEGEND / LEYENDA

- Butterfly Garden / Jardín de Mariposas
- Vegetative Screen / Pantalla Vegetal
- New Shade Trees / Nuevos Árboles de Sombra
- Preserved Existing Trees / Árboles Existentes Preservados



GREGG'S MISTFLOWER



ANTELOPE HORNS MILKWEED /
ALGODONCILLO CUERNO DE ANTILOPE



SHENANDOAH SWITCHGRASS /
ZACATE KLEIN



MAXIMILIAN SUNFLOWER /
GIRASOL MAXIMILIANO



BUR OAK /
ROBLE BUR



RED OAK /
ROBLE ROJO AMERICANO



FALL ASTER



MEADOW SEDGE



TEXAS GAYFEATHER



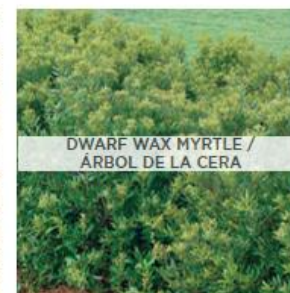
SNAKE HERB



GULF MUHLY



TEXAS SAGE /
CENIZO



DWARF WAX MYRTLE /
ÁRBOL DE LA CERA



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
 - Access our survey and participate in our picnic kit giveaway! **Survey closes on October 18.**
 - Visit our Facebook page or the Cotillion website
 - Please share with your neighbors and friends!



Thank you



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