



Dallas Greening Initiative

Closing the park access gap in Dallas

Bushmills Rd. Community Meeting – April 22

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

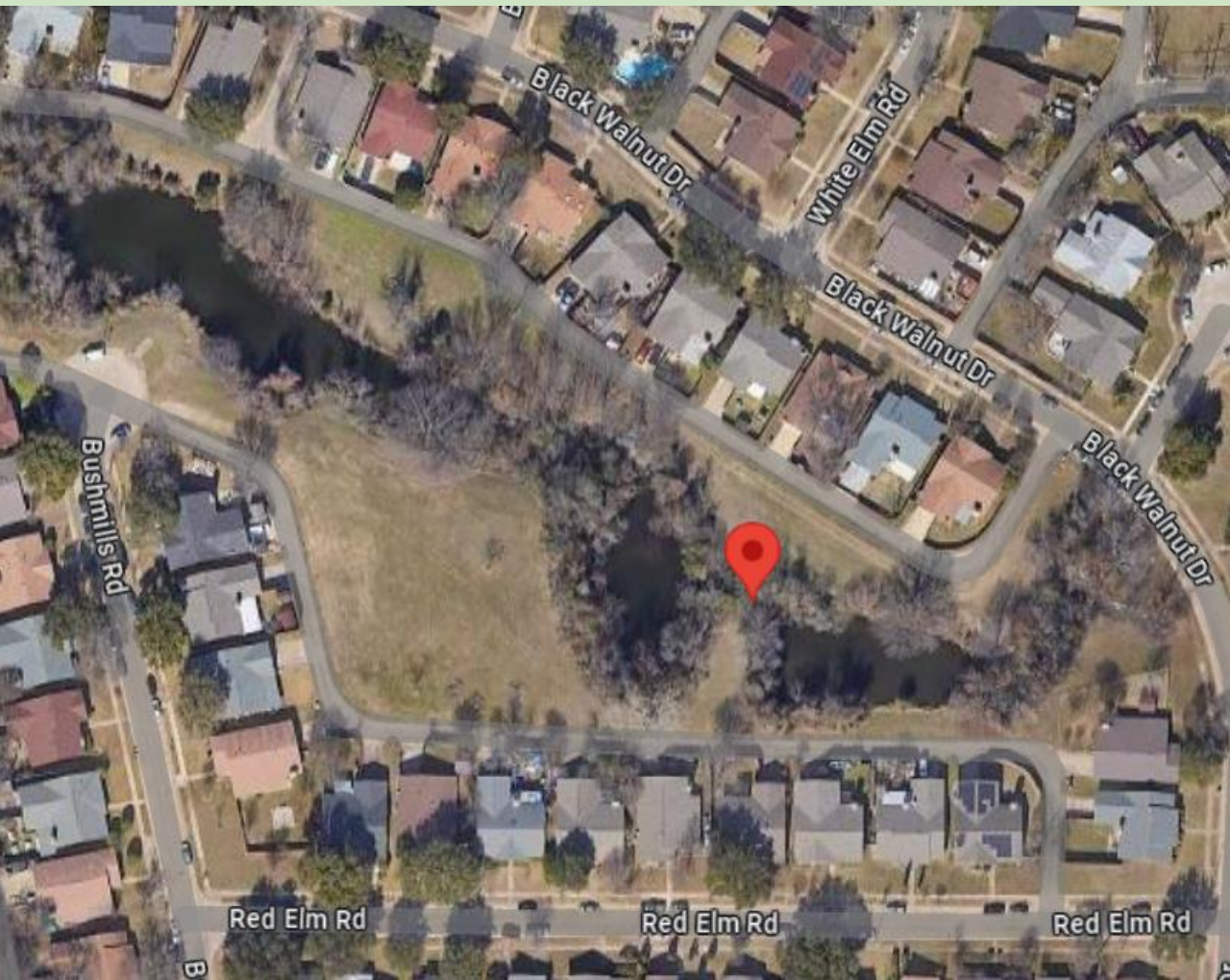




What is a neighborhood greenspace?

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

- Each site has an approximately \$360K capital improvement budget
- 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: 10600 Black Walnut Dr, Dallas, TX 75243** (located at the end of Bushmills Rd.)



Maintaining your new greenspace

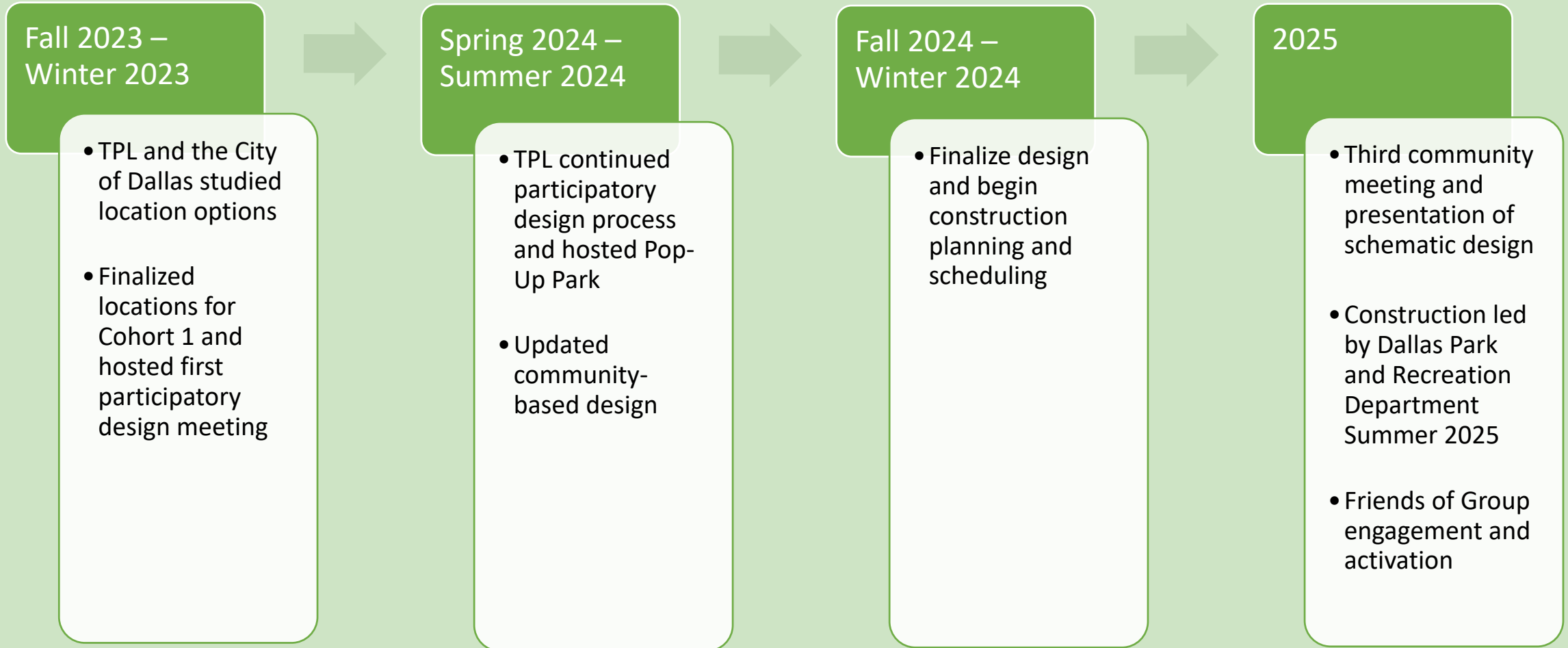
- Dallas Park and Recreation will provide additional maintenance to the new amenities after they are open to the public
 - The City of Dallas is already providing baseline maintenance to these sites since they are City property
- TPL will set aside 10% of the capital budget to assist with long-term maintenance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

- **November 11, 2023**
- **Topic:** Program Introduction + Site Overview & Feedback



Pop-Up Park: Meeting 2 + Survey

- **March 9, 2024**
- **Topic:** Feedback on Design Options & Amenities



Meeting 3 + Survey

- **April 22, 2025**
- **Topic:** Schematic Design Unveiling + Friends of Group Interests







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SCHEMATIC DESIGN PRESENTATION

2025.04.22



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BUSHMILLS ROAD GREEN SPACE

SCHEMATIC DESIGN | POP-UP PARK FEEDBACK SUMMARY

PLAN OPTIONS



TOP IMAGES



TOP COMMENTS

I LIKE **WALKING TRAILS**

I REALLY LIKE THE **POLLINATOR GARDEN** AND **NATIVE GRASS** AND **WILDFLOWER MIX**

I LIKE THE **VEGETATION SCREEN** NEAR THE ALLEY

WANT TO CONNECT WITH **NATURE**

I WANT TO FEEL **RELAXED** IN THE SPACE

I LIKE THE **PICNIC AREA**

NEED **SEATING** NEAR THE **VIEWS** ALONG THE CREEK

WE NEED **PARKING** AND **BOLLARDS** NEAR THE CUL DE SAC

BUSHMILLS ROAD GREEN SPACE

LANDSCAPE | SCHEMATIC DESIGN

LEGEND

- A OPEN LAWN
- B PICNIC AREA
- C VEGETATIVE SCREEN
- D BENCHES
- E CONCRETE WALKING TRAIL
- F LIGHT POLE & CAMERA
- G WILDLIFE VIEWING STATION
- H FUTURE PHASE (BRIDGE)
- I NATURAL WALKING/EXPLORATION TRAIL
- J DECK OVERLOOK
- K WOOD BOLLARDS



BUSHMILLS ROAD GREEN SPACE

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What's next?

- **We want to hear from you!**
- Visit our breakout stations to take a closer look at the schematic 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 May 19.**
 - Visit our Facebook page or the Bushmills website
 - Please share with your neighbors and friends!



Thank you



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