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## Park Planning District Recommendations

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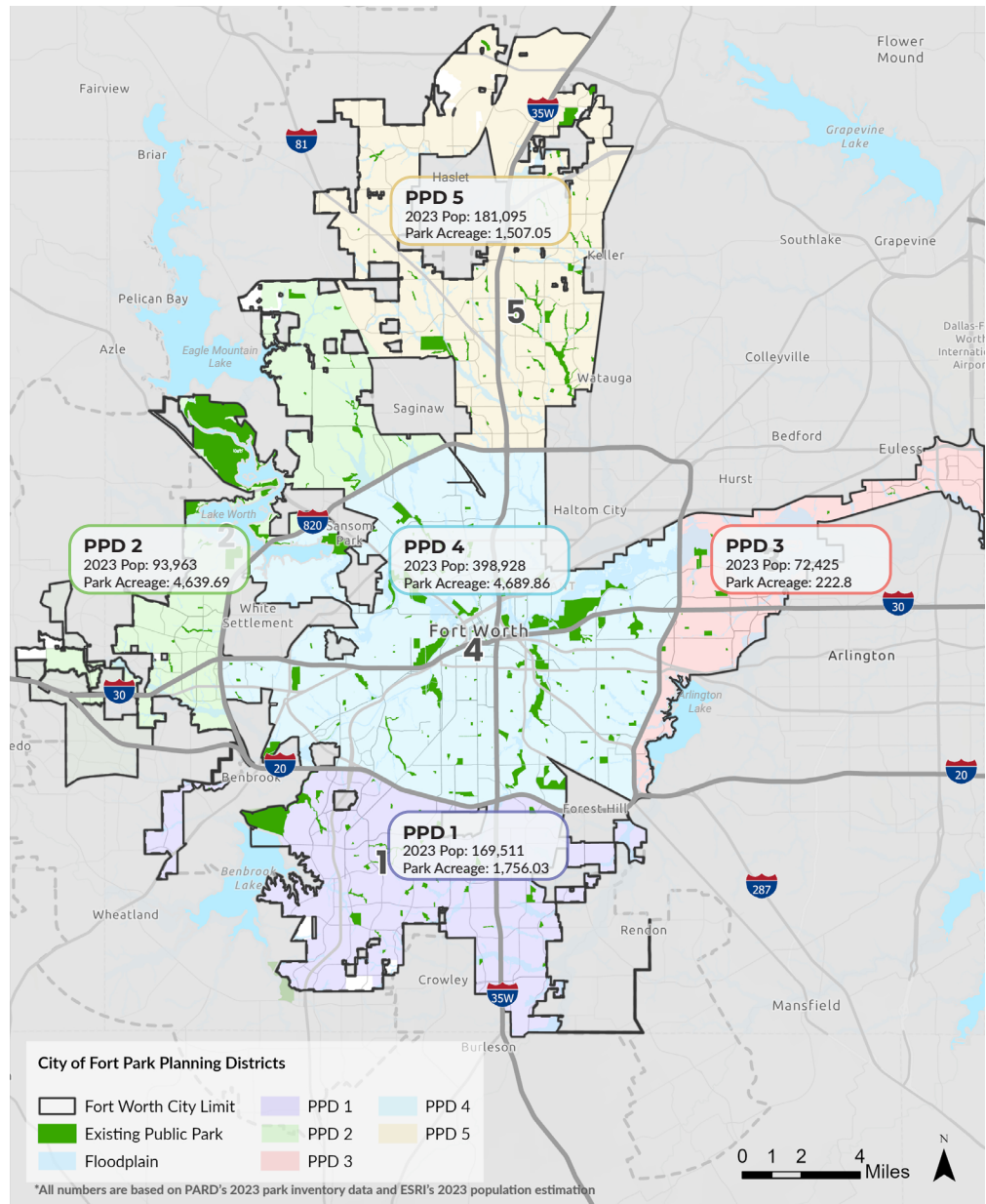




# Park Planning Districts

Fort Worth is a large and diverse city, and each Park Planning District (PPD) reflects its own unique mix of geography, community priorities, and recreation patterns. The GREENprint Fort Worth Framework responds to this diversity with tailored strategies that reflect the character and needs of each district. These recommendations are designed to address specific gaps in park access, amenities, programming, and connectivity—particularly in areas historically underserved or impacted by growth. Each set of recommendations also leverages the distinct assets within each district, such as natural landscapes, major trail corridors, and existing civic or cultural destinations, ensuring investments build on what communities value most.

The PPD recommendations provide a roadmap for both immediate improvements and long-term park system resilience. Each district's section includes an assessment of current parkland and service levels, growth projections, and equity considerations. Based on this, a combination of general and site-specific recommendations is presented, focusing on areas



**\*All numbers are based on PARD's 2023 park inventory data and ESRI's 2023 population estimation**

such as expanding or upgrading parks, preserving natural green spaces, improving trail connectivity, acquiring land in park-deficient neighborhoods, and fostering strategic partnerships.

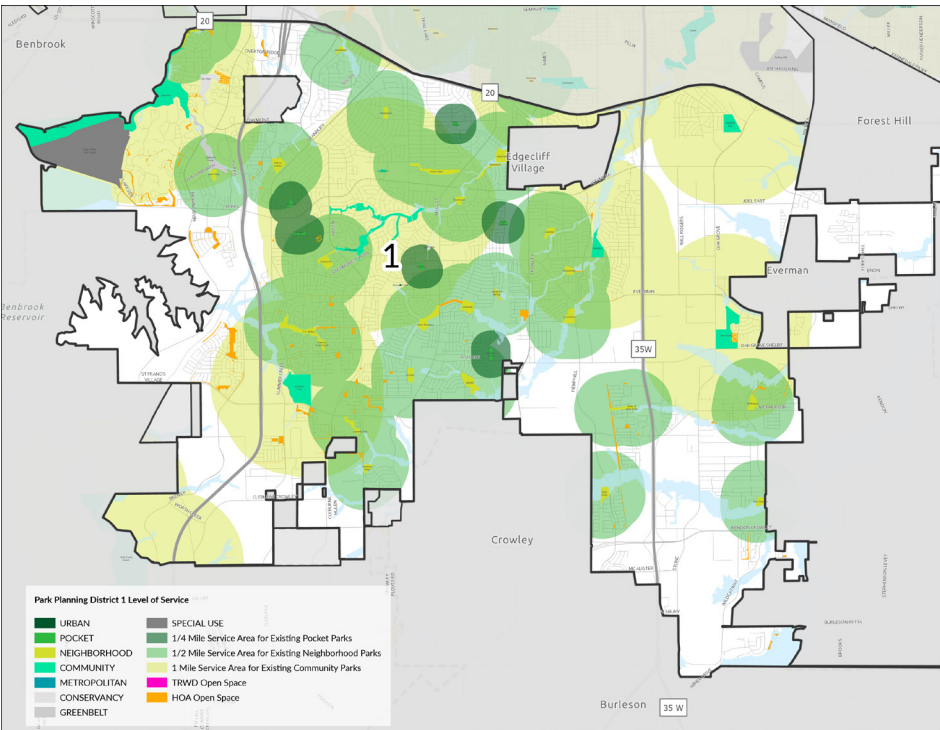


# Park Planning District 1

The following maps and supporting table provide a comprehensive assessment of Park Planning District 1’s current park resources, future needs, and potential opportunities for strategic investment and expansion.

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## WHAT WE HEARD FROM PPD1 RESIDENTS.

Envision Fort Worth in 20 years.

What would the newspaper headline say?



What are your funding priorities for PPD1?



Park Planning District 1 Level of Service Assessment									
Park Category	Existing Park Acres	Existing PPD	Fort Worth Target Level of Service	Park Acres Needed for Existing Population **	Current Acres Needed to Meet Target Standards	Park Acres Needed for 2030 Population ***	Acre Acquisition Needed to Meet 2030 Population	Park Acres Needed for 2045 Population ****	Acre Acquisition Needed to Meet 2045 Population
Neighborhood-Based Parks	349.02	2.06	4.5	762.80	413.78	814.07	465.05	942.10	593.08
Community-Based Parks	909.83	5.37	7	1186.58	276.75	1266.33	356.50	1465.49	555.66
Special Use Parks	497.18	2.93	7	1186.58	689.40	1266.33	769.15	1465.49	968.31
Total	1756.03	10.36	18.5	3135.95	1379.92	3346.72	1590.70	3873.09	2117.06

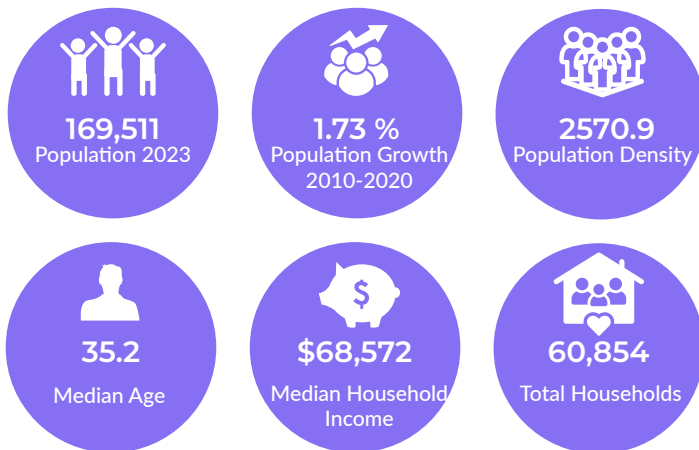
\* Acres per 1000 residents  
\*\* PPD1 2023 pop, Esri: 169,511

\*\*\* 2030 population projection, Stantec : 180,904  
\*\*\*\*2045 population projection, Stantec: 209,356



## PPD 1 Challenges and opportunities

Park Planning District 1 (PPD 1) is a vibrant and diverse area located south of Loop 820, presenting both opportunities and challenges in enhancing its parks and recreational system. As the city's third most populous district, PPD 1 is home to a growing community of 169,511 residents, with the population expected to increase by 7% by 2030. Its dynamic demographic profile, which includes young families and working professionals, highlights the need for parks and recreational programs that cater to all age groups while prioritizing accessibility and equity.



PPD 1 has a total of 1,756 acres of parkland, categorized into neighborhood-based, community-based, and special-use parks. While this inventory meets current demands in some areas, the Level of Service (LOS) Assessment Table indicates significant gaps in distribution and acreage when considering the district's projected population growth. Neighborhood-based parks, in particular, are underrepresented, creating inequities in access, especially in residential areas west of the I-35 corridor. Community-based parks are more adequately distributed but will require substantial expansion to maintain service levels as the district's population increases by 2030 and 2045.

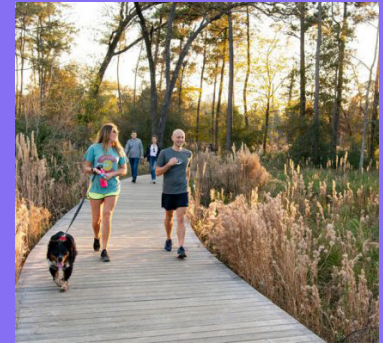
As the level of service map indicates there are gaps in access to parks for many neighborhoods. Barriers like major roadways, railroad tracks, and a lack of connected trails or sidewalks further limit safe access to parks. These physical barriers require residents to travel longer distances to find crossing points, which are not always accessible for those with mobility challenges. Expanding small parks in underserved areas and addressing connectivity through trail enhancements and roadway retrofitting will be critical to improving equity and accessibility.

Further by integrating socioeconomic and environmental vulnerabilities data, health disparities, and park accessibility, the following map identifies park-deficient areas where improvements are most needed.

Key opportunities for addressing these gaps include publicly owned

## WHAT WE HEARD FROM PPD1 RESIDENTS.

What are your top priorities for park design and functionality?



Nature walk and play



Open lawn for different types of activities



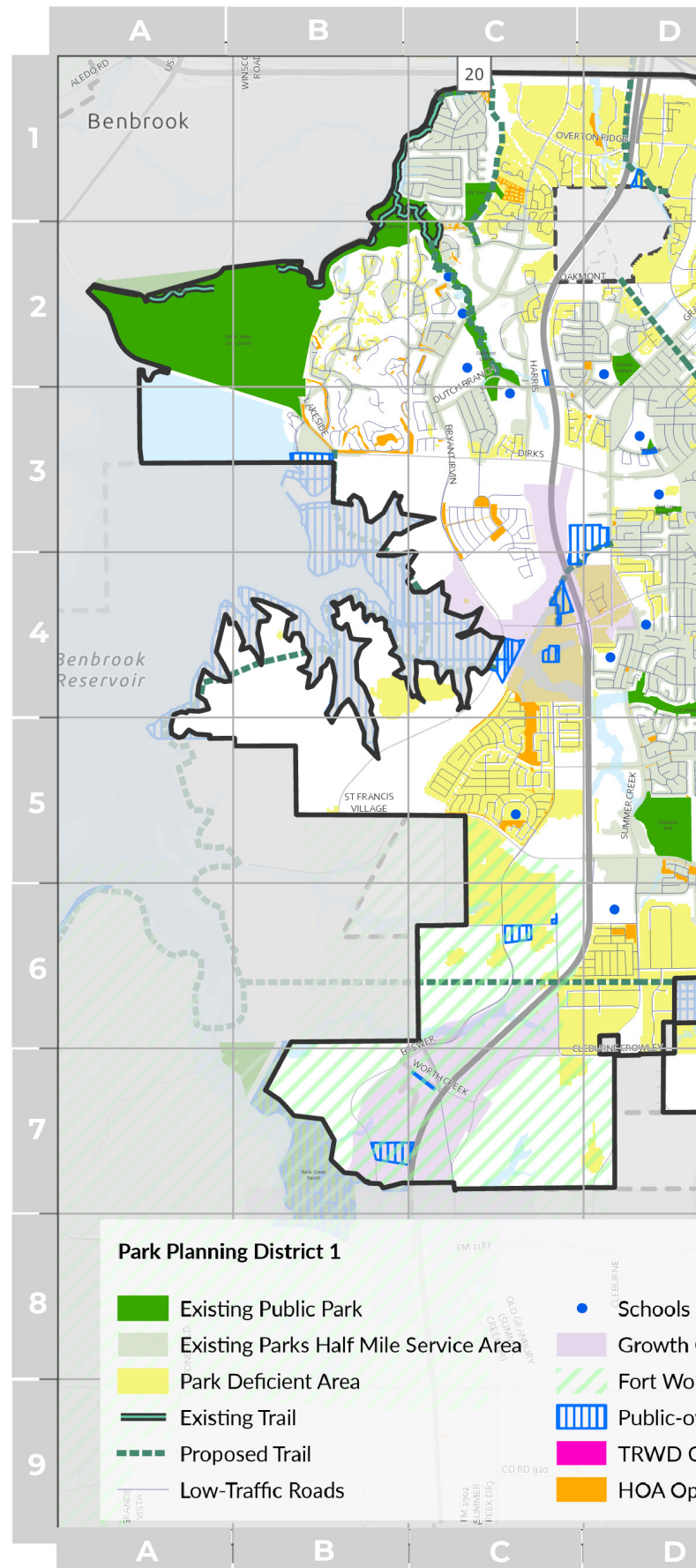
Experiences such as outdoor music and theater

What are your top 3 preferred amenities?

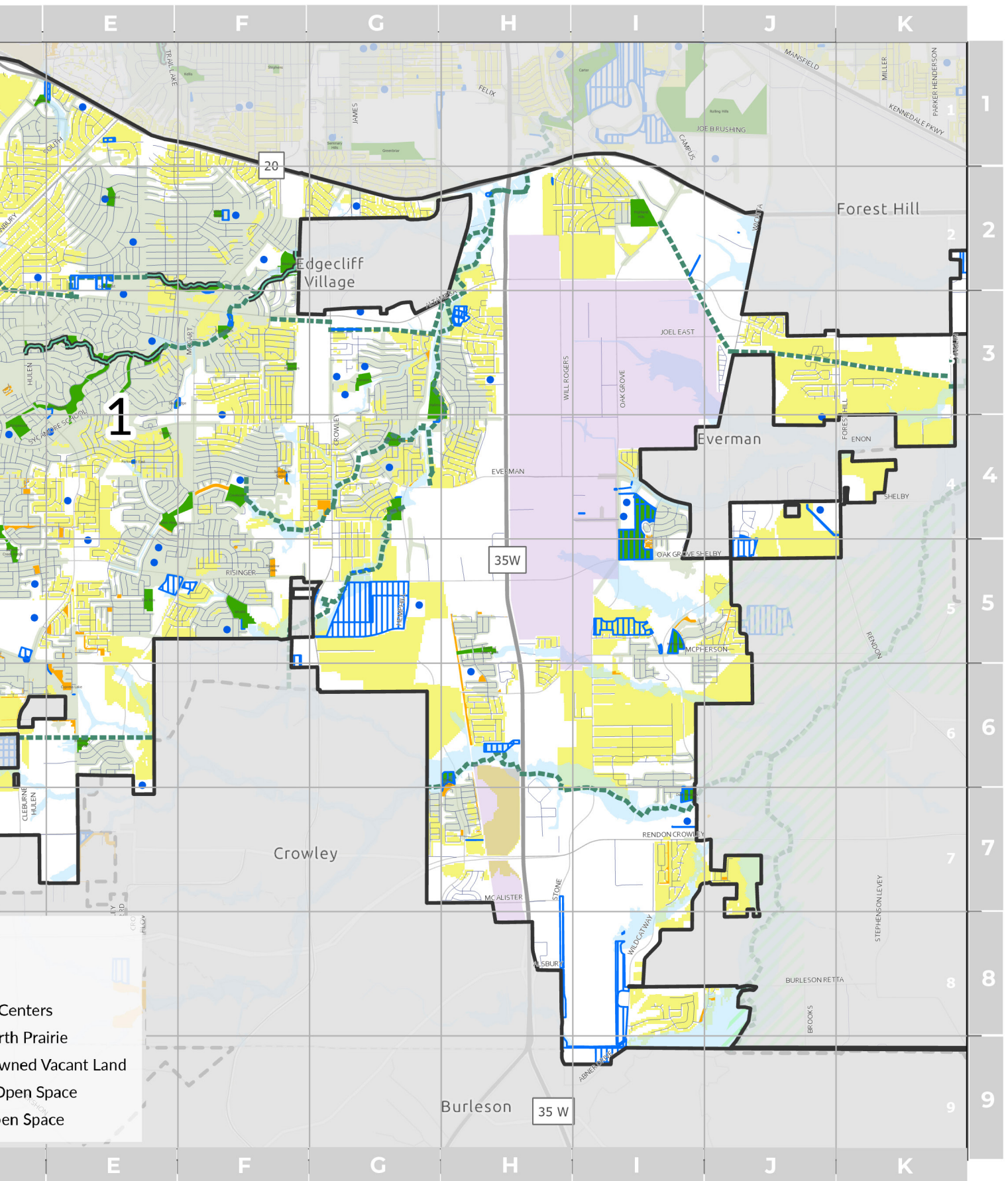
- 1 Indoor Recreation
- 2 Pavilions
- 3 Football Fields



PPD 1's future relies on strategic growth planning and addressing challenges through investments in park expansion, upgrades, connectivity, conservancy and community programs, ensuring parks serve as spaces for recreation, connection, and conservation.









# PPD 1 General Recommendations

## Investment in Existing Parks and Facilities:

Focus on maintaining, operating, and upgrading existing parks and facilities. Use the PPD 1 specific recommendation list and prioritize investments.

## Protect and Preserve Natural Areas

Prioritize the preservation of undeveloped natural areas, such as the Fort Worth Prairie ecosystem and creek systems, to safeguard iconic landscapes, enhance outdoor recreation opportunities, and strengthen ecological resilience. Focus on protecting large blocks of prairie habitat while restoring creeks through the development of linear parks. Support sustainable growth by incentivizing low-impact development and establishing buffer zones or conservation easements to mitigate the environmental impacts of future development.

## Improve Connectivity and Expand Trail System

Create a cohesive trail network by linking existing trails and utilizing creeks and greenbelts as natural corridors. Focus on connecting neighborhoods to key parks, such as Candle Ridge Park and Sycamore Creek, to improve accessibility and balance recreation with environmental protection.

## Strategic Land Acquisition

Prioritize acquiring land in park deficient areas and underserved neighborhoods. Publicly owned vacant lands offer valuable opportunities for park expansion. Future park development should prioritize pocket and neighborhood parks, as close-to-home parks are currently lacking.

## Expand Indoor And Outdoor Recreation Programs And Activities

Expand recreation programs, prioritize multi-generational activities, and activate parks and community centers with events like markets and health fairs. Partner with local organizations to maximize community impact and well-being.

## Foster Strategic Partnerships

Collaborate with public schools, Tarleton University, local organizations, and city departments to leverage resources for park improvements, such as utilizing school playgrounds and sports fields for community use and hosting events in partnership with local organizations.

## Create a District Signature Park

Design the park as a regional destination that balances recreation, conservation, and community engagement, while integrating amenities such as event spaces, markets, and sports facilities to attract visitors and drive local economic activity.

## Alignment with Goals:

Thriving Community	Connected System	Vibrant Nature	Common Ground	Premier Destination	Manageable Resources
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	●	●		●	●
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## PPD 1 Specific Recommendations

### General Improvement And Enhancement

Dabney
Hulen Meadows
Krauss Baker
Oakmont Linear
Parks of Deer Creek
Quail Ridge
Rosenthal
Sundance Springs
Walnut Creek
Wedgwood
Westcreek
Little People
McPherson
Willowcreek
Woodmont

### Master Planning

C. P. Hadley
Camelot
Candleridge
City View
Creekside
Fox Run
Hallmark
Highland Hills
Meadow Creek
Meadows West
Oakmont
Parkwood East
Patricia LeBlanc
Rosemary Ridge
South Meadows
Southcreek
Southridge
Southwest
Trail Lake Estates

## Connectivity Improvement

Candleridge
Krauss Baker
Southcreek
Westcreek
Deer Meadow
Deer Creek
Hulen Meadows
Rock Creek Ranch
Hallmark
Willowcreek
Creekside
Lincolnshire
City View

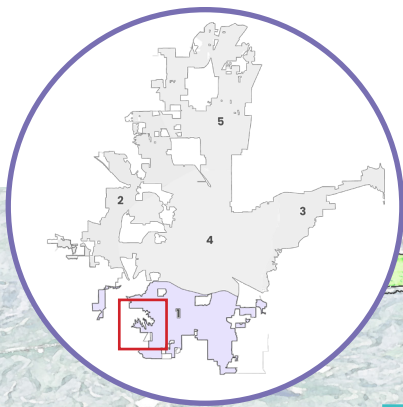
### Open Space Conservation

Areas south and southwest of the district:  
B6, C6, B7, C7 (Check PPD 1 Map)

### Partnerships

Forth Worth ISD
Crowly ISD
Everman ISD
Tarleton University
Pecan Valley Golf Course
TRWD and Streams & Valleys









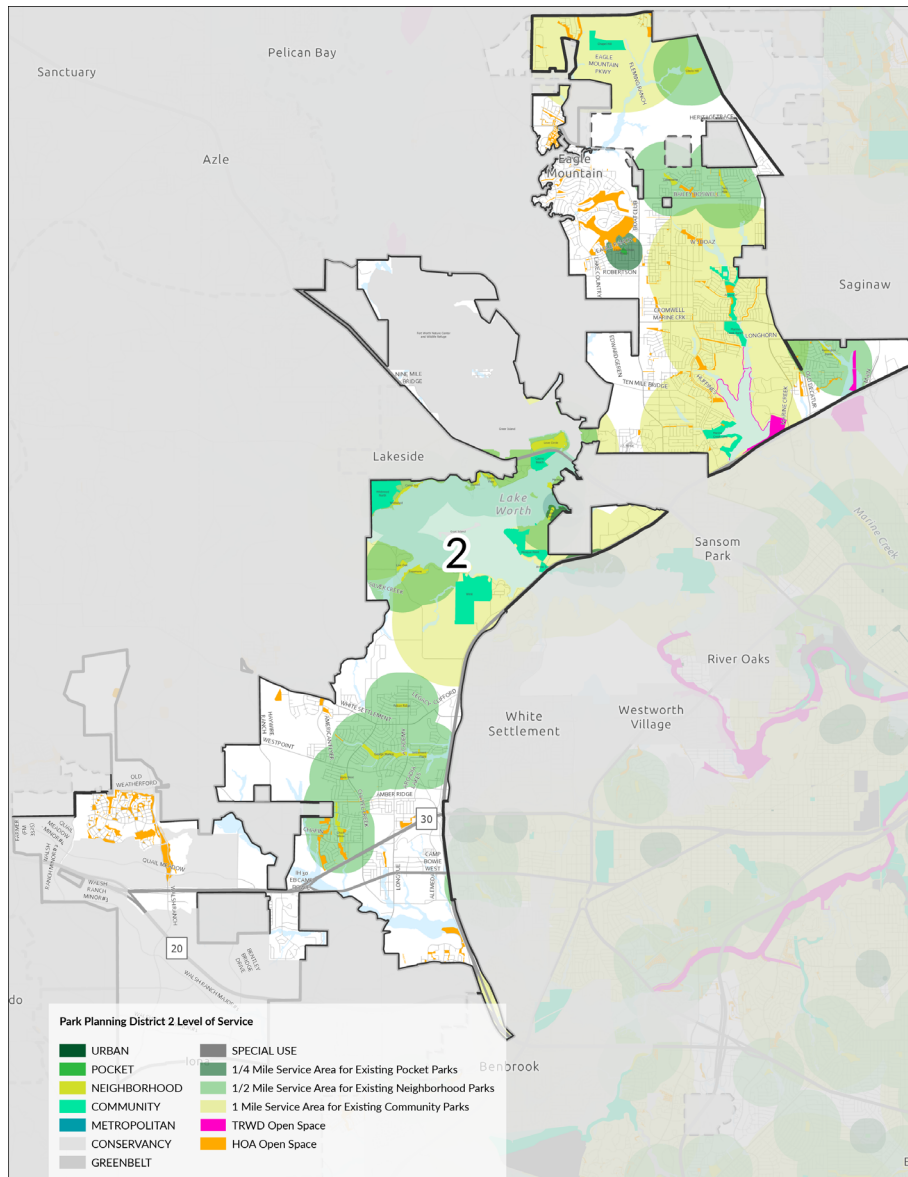


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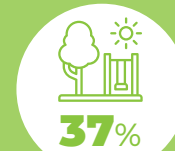
## WHAT WE HEARD FROM PPD2 RESIDENTS?

Envision Fort Worth in 20 years.

What would the newspaper headline say?



What are your funding priorities for PPD2?



New Parks



Trails



Upgrade Equipments  
at Existing Parks



Maintenance and  
Operations

What are your top 3 preferred amenities?

**1** Trails

**2** Swimming Pools

**3** Outdoor and Water-based Recreation



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Neighborhood-Based Parks	247.72	2.64	4.5	422.83	175.11	432.20	184.48	500.18	252.46
Community-Based Parks	696.51	7.41	7	657.74	-38.77	672.31	-24.20	778.05	81.54
Special Use Parks	3695.46	39.33	7	657.74	-3037.72	672.31	-3023.15	778.05	-2917.41
Total	4639.69	49.38	18.5	1738.32	-2901.37	1776.81	-2862.88	2056.28	-2583.42

\* Acres per 1000 residents

\*\* PPD2 2023 pop, Esri: 93,963

\*\*\* 2030 population projection, Stantec: 96,044

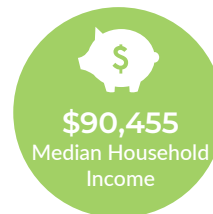
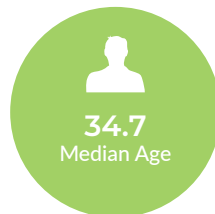
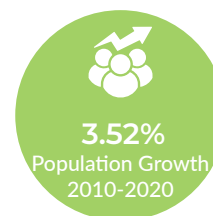
\*\*\*\*2045 population projection, Stantec: 111,150

## PPD2 Challenges and opportunities

Park Planning District 2 (PPD 2), located west of Loop 820, is the city's fastest-growing district, presenting both challenges and opportunities for park and recreation development. With a rapidly increasing population, PPD 2 will require significant investments to meet the recreational needs of its expanding communities. The district serves 31,553 households with an average income of \$116,497 and a median age of 34.7 years, reflecting a strong demand for diverse recreational opportunities that cater to young families, professionals, and long-term residents alike.

While PPD 2 benefits from 4,639 acres of parkland, much of this acreage comes from the 3,650-acre Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge, a premier conservation area that provides immense ecological and recreational value. However, this large nature reserve does not fulfill the need for smaller, close-to-home parks, such as neighborhood and pocket parks, leaving gaps in equitable access across the district. The rapid development of new residential neighborhoods south of Lake Worth has primarily relied on private or HOA-managed parks, which are not accessible to the general public, further limiting recreational opportunities. Additionally, many areas fall outside the 10-minute walk standard for park accessibility, creating barriers for residents who lack convenient connections to nearby parks.

Despite these challenges, PPD 2 offers key opportunities for enhancing its park system through connectivity, conservation, and recreation expansion. The district's network of existing and proposed trails, low-traffic roadways, and greenbelts provides a foundation for improving mobility and expanding pedestrian and bike-friendly access to parks. Enhancing Mary's Creek and Silver Creek

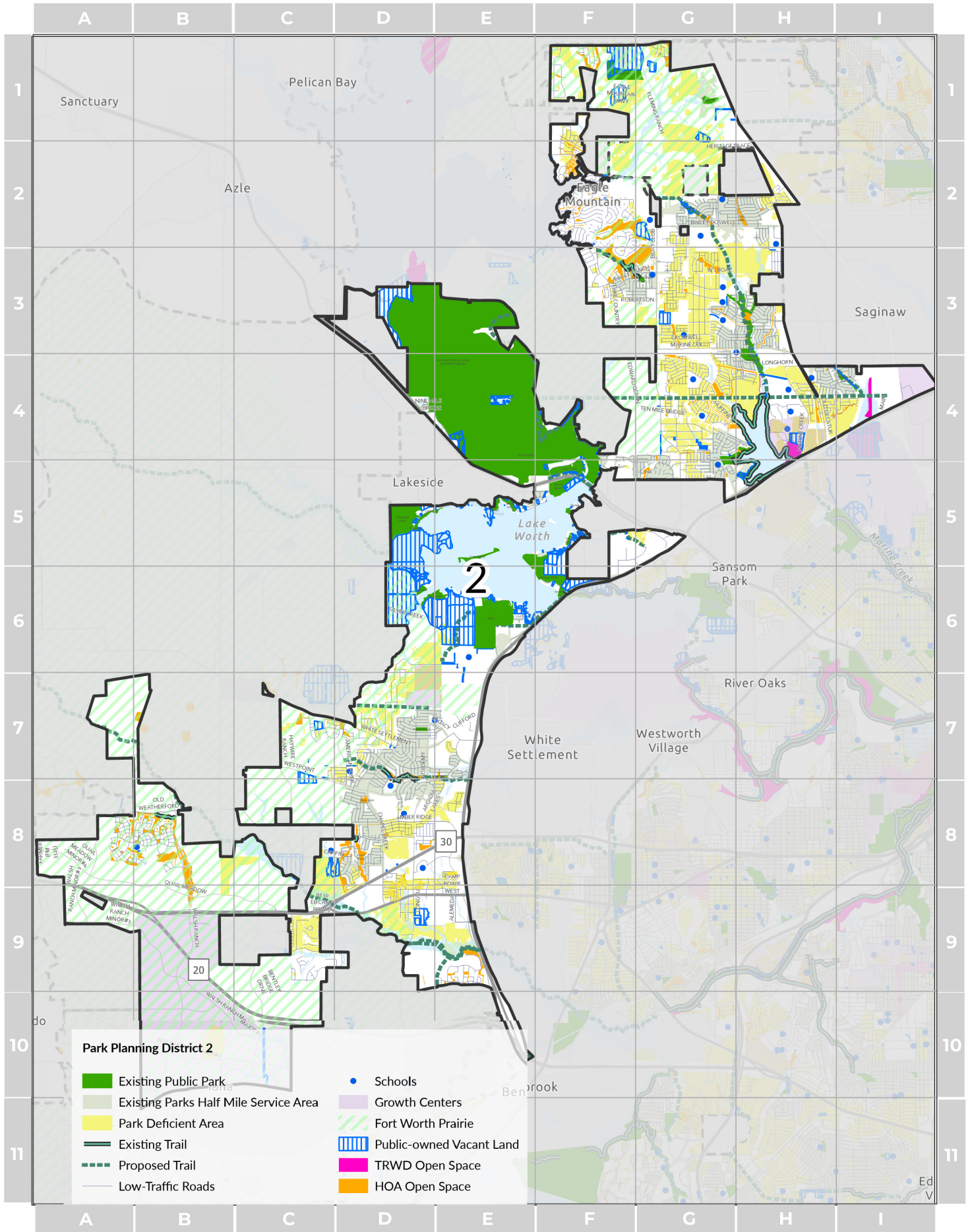


as ecological corridors will support flood control, ecosystem preservation, and recreational access, ensuring these natural features remain valuable community assets.

One of the most significant opportunities for PPD 2 is the potential to develop Lake Worth into a District Signature Park and water-based recreation hub. By integrating existing public and private sites—such as the former Scouts lease near Mosque Point Park—this area can become a premier destination for kayaking, fishing, nature-based recreation, and community events. With its prime location and strong public interest in water-based activities, Lake Worth can serve as both a recreational and economic asset while maintaining its role as a vital drinking water source for the city.

By investing in connectivity, expanding recreational opportunities, and prioritizing environmental conservation, PPD 2 can develop a balanced, accessible, and sustainable park system that serves both current and future residents.





# PPD 2 General Recommendations

## Expand Park Access and Land Acquisition

To meet the needs of PPD 2’s rapidly growing population, prioritize land acquisition for new parks, particularly in areas where current and projected densities fall below the city’s targeted acreage standards. Explore opportunities to purchase green space or establish public-use easements to preserve natural areas for recreation and environmental conservation. Focus on developing close-to-home parks, such as pocket and neighborhood parks, as these are currently insufficient in the district. While community parks meet existing targets, future population growth will increase demand, requiring additional investments to ensure all residents have access to parks within a 10-minute walk.

## Develop Community Gathering and Learning Spaces

PPD 2 is one of the two districts in Fort Worth without a community center, limiting indoor recreational and educational opportunities. Constructing a new community center would serve as a hub for conservation education, recreational programs, and community events. Additionally, strengthen nature education and conservation programs by offering guided tours, school field trips, and partnerships with local institutions to promote environmental stewardship.

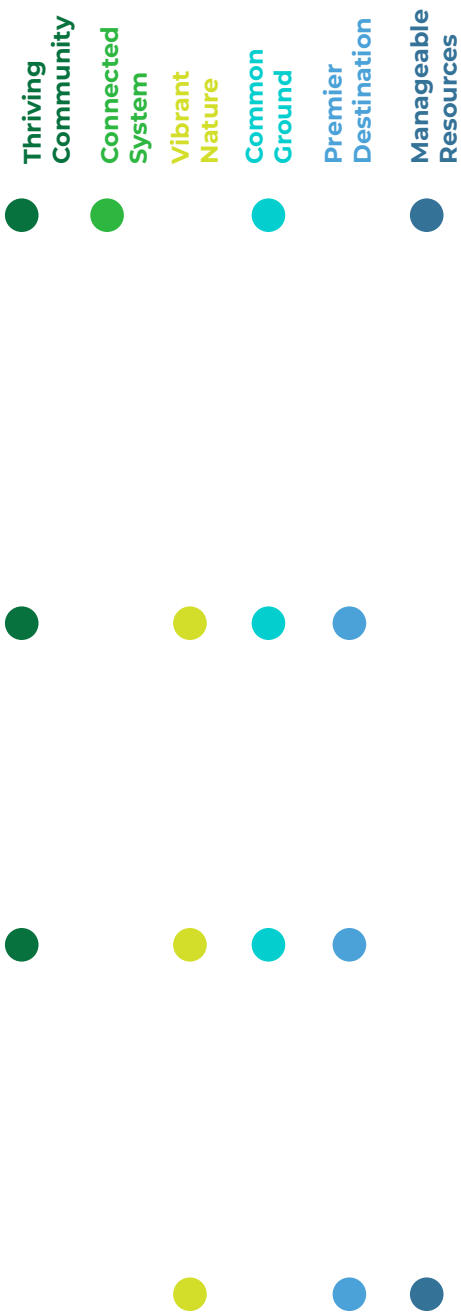
## Enhance Water-Based Recreation

PPD 2 residents have expressed a strong demand for water-based recreation, yet current offerings are limited. Address this by developing water-based amenities, including swimming pools, splash pads, and riverfront parks with boating and fishing facilities. Leverage Lake Worth as a major destination for safe swimming, kayaking, and other water activities, integrating these features into surrounding neighborhoods to increase accessibility.

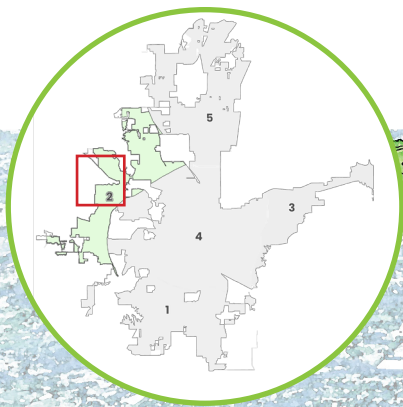
## Preserve and Enhance Natural Environments

Preservation should be a priority when planning new development in PPD 2. Partner with private landowners to protect key natural features while integrating them into the public parks system. Safeguard remaining prairie lands by designating them for conservation and community recreation. Additionally, enhance creeks and natural drainage areas by developing accessible trails along waterways. Protecting these ecological corridors will improve connectivity, expand recreational access, and ensure these natural assets are not lost to urbanization.

### Alignment with Goals:











Robertson Rd

Network of Connected  
Trails, Cool Corridors

Boat Club Rd

Network of Connected  
Trails, Cool Corridors

Neighborhood Connection

and  
ties

I-820

Community Gathering and Learning Spaces

Lake Worth Blvd

Naturalized Riparian Edges



## PPD 2 Specific Recommendations

### General Improvement And Enhancement

Eagle Mountain Ranch

Falcon Ridge

Remington Pointe

Settlement Plaza

Sunset

Twin Mills

### Master Planning

Anderson

Chapel Hill

Chuck Silcox (formerly Trail Ridge Estates)

Cibolo Hill

Freemons

George Markos

J.T. Hinkle

### Connectivity Improvement

Chuck Silcox

Eagle Mountain Ranch

Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge

The area around lake Worth

Settlement Plaza

Lake Point

Anderson

Marina Creek Ranch

Remington Pointe

### Open Space Conservation

The west side spans from Eagle Mountain in the north to Benbrook in the south: F1, G1, G2, F4, D6, D7, C7,A8, B8, C8, C9 (Check PPD 2 Map)

## Partnerships

Eagle Mountain- Saginaw ISD

White Settlement ISD

FW ISD

Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge

TRWD and Streams & Valleys

Greer Island

Naval Air Station

## Lake Worth Area Park Land Management and Development

Camp Joy

Casino Beach

Goat Island

Island View

Live Oak

Love Circle

Malaga

Marina

Mosque Point

Vinca Circle

Wildwood

Wildwood North

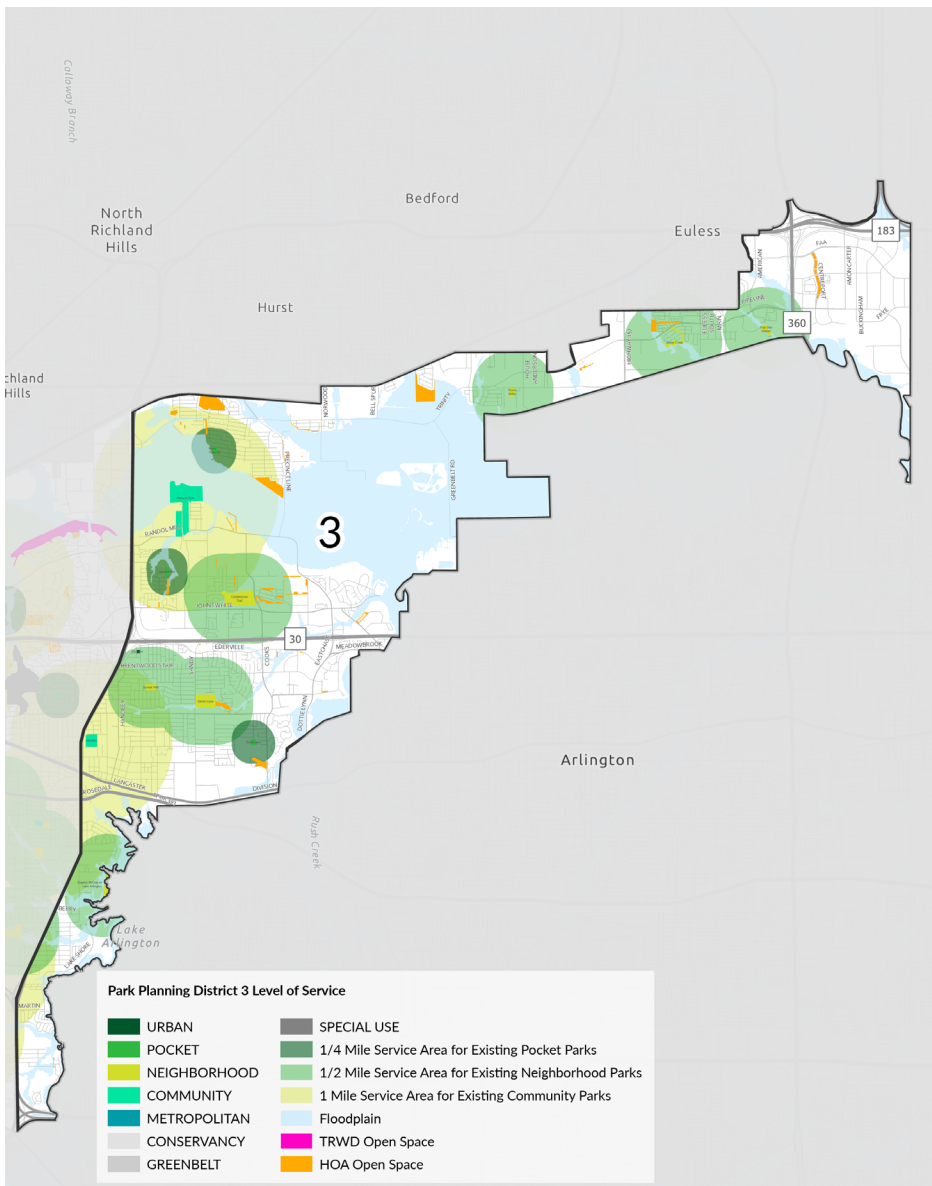


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Envision Fort Worth in 20 years.

What would the newspaper headline say?



What are your funding priorities for PPD3?



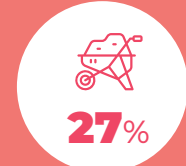
New Parks



Trails



Upgrade Equipments at Existing Parks



Maintenance and Operations

What are your top 3 preferred amenities?

1 Trails

2 Outdoor and Water-based Recreation

3 Dog Parks



Park Planning District 3 Level of Service Assessment									
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Community-Based Parks	119.37	1.65	7	506.98	387.61	550.42	431.05	636.99	517.62
Special Use Parks	0	0.00	7	506.98	506.98	550.42	550.42	636.99	636.99
Total	222.8	3.08	18.5	1339.86	1117.06	1454.67	1231.87	1683.46	1460.66

\* Acres per 1000 residents

\*\* PPD3 2023 pop, Esri: 72,425

\*\*\* 2030 population projection, Stantec : 78,631

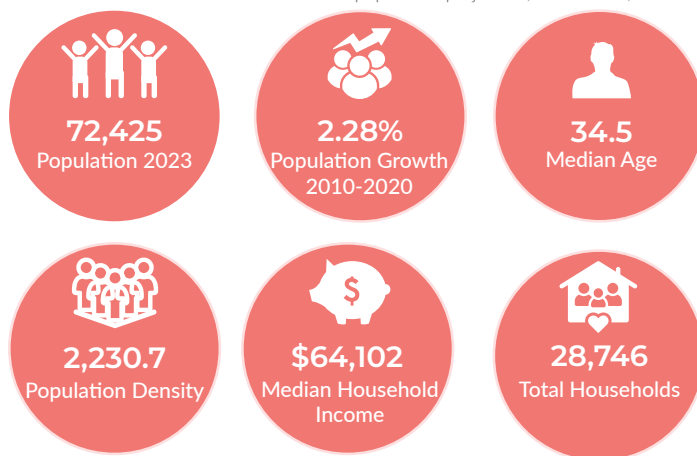
\*\*\*\*2045 population projection, Stantec: 90,998

## PPD 3 Challenges and opportunities

Park Planning District 3 (PPD 3), located east of Loop 820, is the city's least populated district, with minimal projected growth from 72,425 to 72,715 residents (0.4%) by 2028. The district has a young and diverse population, with a median age of 34.5 years and a racial composition of Black (36.5%), White (30.2%), and Hispanic (23.8%) residents. While housing varies from large-lot agricultural to multi-family, most residential development is south of the Trinity River, while the north is dominated by industrial land and floodplains, posing both challenges and conservation opportunities.

PPD 3 has 222.8 acres of public parkland, but the Level of Service (LOS) assessment highlights significant gaps, particularly in neighborhood parks, which fall below Fort Worth's target service levels. While community-based parks help meet current needs, future population growth and ongoing development will widen the park access gap. Many neighborhoods lack parks within a 10-minute walk, and major roadways and industrial corridors further restrict safe and direct connectivity.

The West Fork Trinity River corridor presents a transformative opportunity to improve park connectivity, expand green space, and enhance conservation efforts. As one of the least-utilized river segments, it has trail gaps that limit access and regional recreation potential. Strengthening trail connections between Fort Worth, Arlington, and Dallas could create a seamless active transportation network and regional recreation hub. Additionally, leveraging public-owned vacant lands or acquiring land along the river offers the potential to develop a District Signature Park. This flagship park could serve as both a recreational and economic asset,

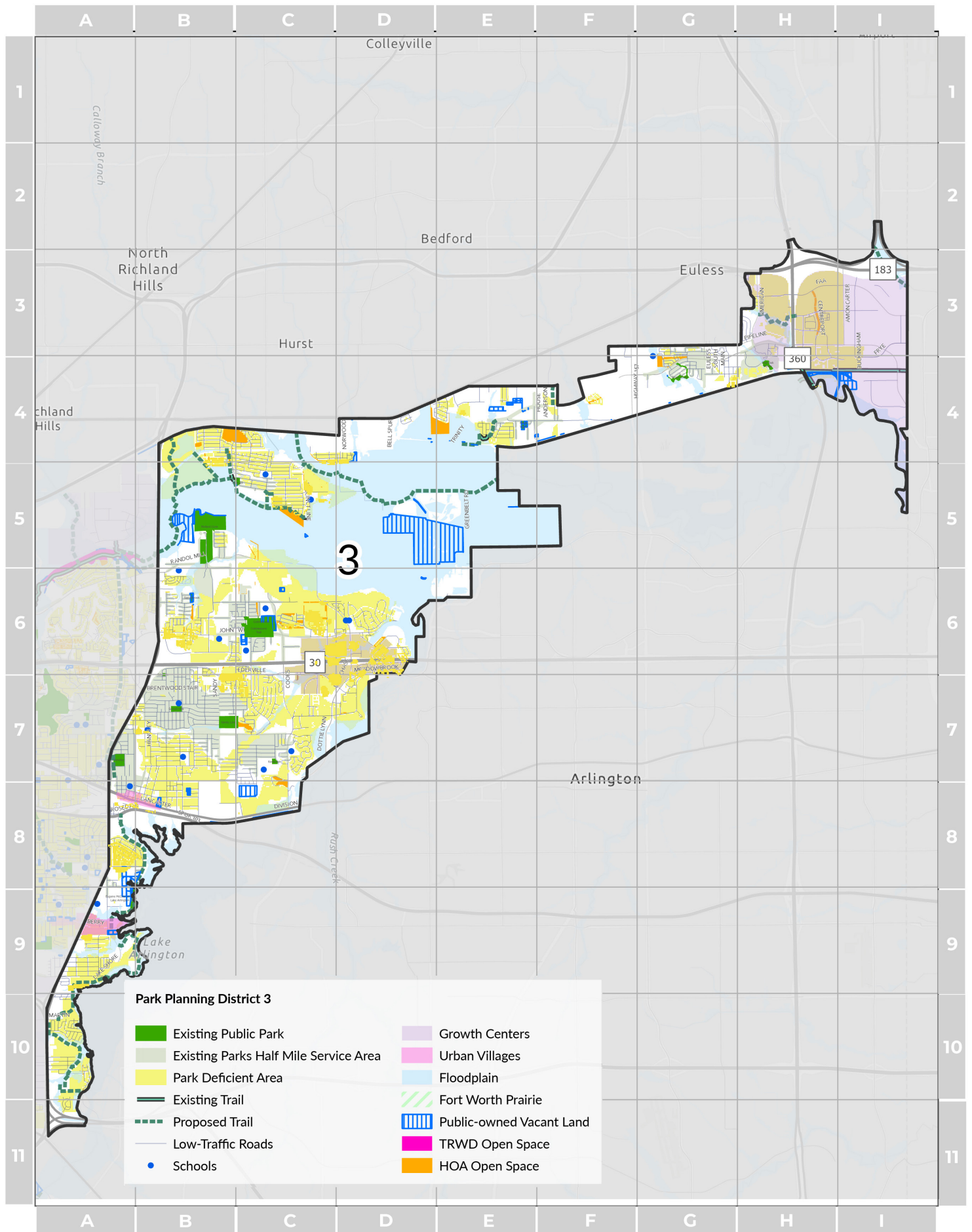


incorporating trails, outdoor event spaces, and multi-use recreational facilities, revitalizing the West Fork Trinity River as a vibrant, accessible green space.

Despite its underutilization, West Fork East features large green spaces ideal for habitat restoration, bird-watching, and conservation efforts. However, industrial uses and waste treatment facilities pose environmental remediation challenges, particularly at Village Creek Drying Beds, where large-scale restoration could transform degraded areas into valuable ecological assets. Additionally, pollution, habitat degradation, and limited green space remain key environmental concerns, making flood resilience and green infrastructure integration critical for sustainable park development.

Beyond conservation and connectivity, aging park infrastructure in PPD 3 remains a pressing issue. Many parks require significant upgrades to improve usability and overall park quality. Modernizing amenities, enhancing maintenance efforts, and activating underutilized spaces will be essential to revitalizing the park system and ensuring PPD 3 remains a thriving, equitable, and resilient community.







# PPD 3 General Recommendations

## Alignment with Goals:

### Upgrade Existing Parks and Amenities

Prioritize enhancements to existing parks over new developments by modernizing infrastructure, adding shade structures, picnic areas, and outdoor fitness equipment. Introduce amenities that improve comfort and usability while ensuring regular maintenance and facility upgrades across the district.

Thriving Community  
Connected System  
Vibrant Nature  
Common Ground  
Premier Destination  
Manageable Resources



### Expand Neighborhood Parks and Bridge Service Gaps

Prioritize the development of neighborhood-based parks in underserved areas to address gaps in access and meet Fort Worth's Level of Service (LOS) standards. Focus on acquiring small, strategically located parcels of land within residential areas that currently fall outside the 10-minute walk accessibility standard.



### Preserve and Expand Natural Green Spaces

Protect and restore natural areas along the Trinity River and Lake Arlington by developing nature trails, green corridors, and conservation initiatives that enhance environmental quality and flood resilience. Acquire underutilized land, particularly in floodplains, to expand parks, establish recreational green spaces, and prevent unchecked urbanization while promoting sustainability.



### Expand Trail System and Improve Connectivity

Close trail gaps along the West Fork Trinity River to create a connected regional trail system linking Fort Worth, Arlington, and beyond. Develop multi-modal nature trails utilizing vacant land, particularly near Lake Arlington, and improve pedestrian and bike-friendly access to parks through enhanced connectivity and safety measures.



### Establish a District Signature Park

Leverage public-owned vacant lands along the West Fork Trinity River to develop a regional destination park that serves as both a recreational hub and an economic driver. Incorporate trails, event spaces, and multi-use recreational facilities to attract visitors, promote conservation, and enhance the district's identity as an outdoor recreation destination.



### Promote Community Health Through Parks

Expand accessible recreational opportunities by integrating wellness-focused infrastructure such as walking trails, fitness stations, and community gathering spaces. Activate parks with health-focused programs, cultural events, and outdoor activities to encourage social engagement and well-being, ensuring equitable access to recreational spaces across the district.



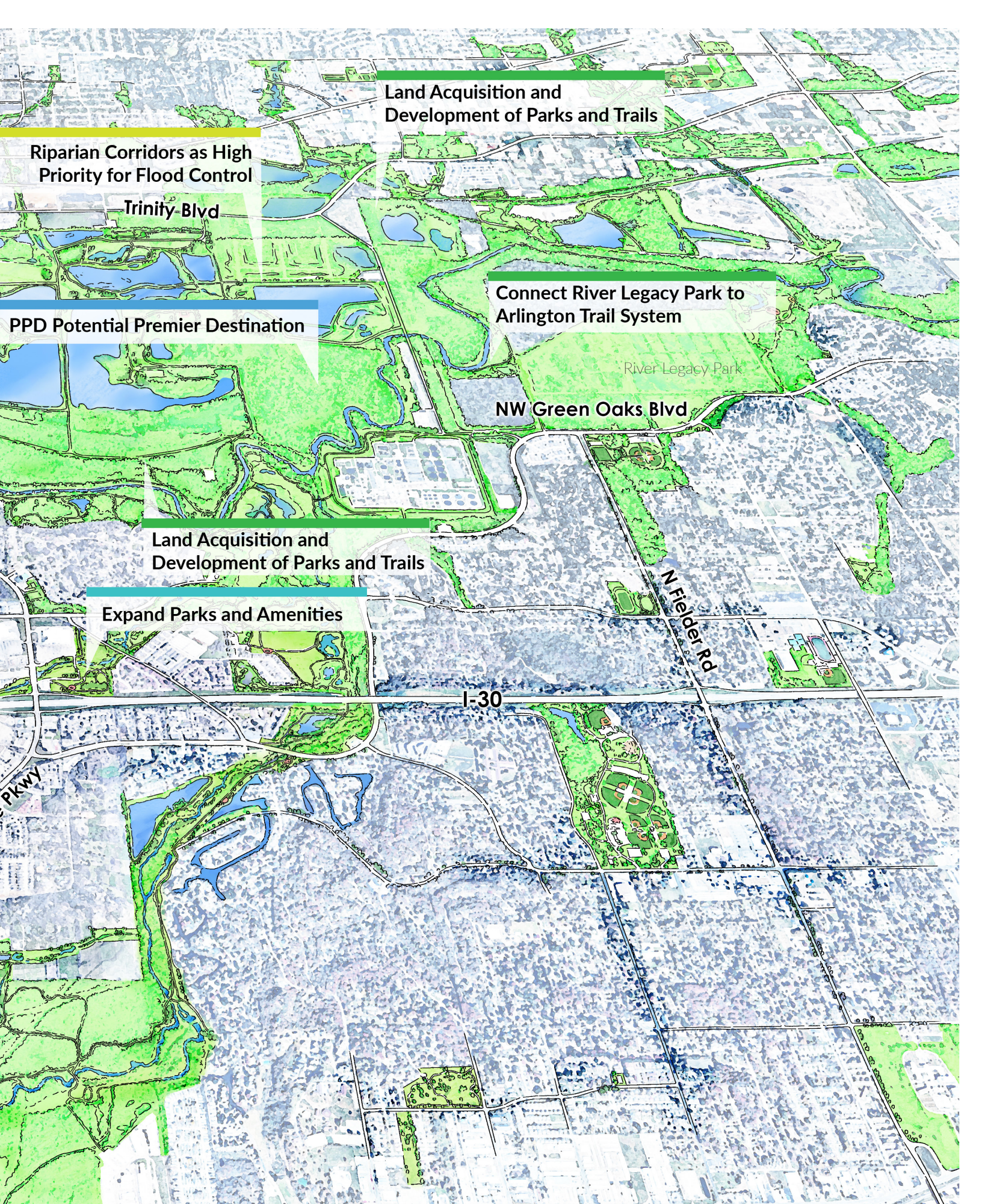


<b>PPD 3 Specific Recommendations</b>
<b>General Improvement And Enhancement</b>
Sandybrook
Mallard Cove
<b>Master Planning</b>
Eugene McCray Park at Lake Arlington
Cobblestone Trail
Eastbrook
Ederville
Post Oak Village
River Trails III
Stonecreek
Sunset Hills
<b>Master Plan Implementation</b>
Mosier Valley
<b>Connectivity Improvement</b>
Mallard Cove
Cobblestone Trail
Ederville
Regional Connectivity: River Trails Park to River Legacy Park
<b>Open Space Conservation</b>
Floodplain areas along Trinity River
Lake shore areas along Lake Arlington
<b>Partnerships</b>
FW ISD
HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD ISD
Partnership with River Legacy foundation and City of Arlington
North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
TRWD and Streams & Valleys









**Land Acquisition and  
Development of Parks and Trails**

**Riparian Corridors as High  
Priority for Flood Control**

**Trinity-Blvd**

**Connect River Legacy Park to  
Arlington Trail System**

**River Legacy Park**

**NW Green Oaks Blvd**

**Land Acquisition and  
Development of Parks and Trails**

**Expand Parks and Amenities**

**N Fielder Rd**

**I-30**

**PKWY**

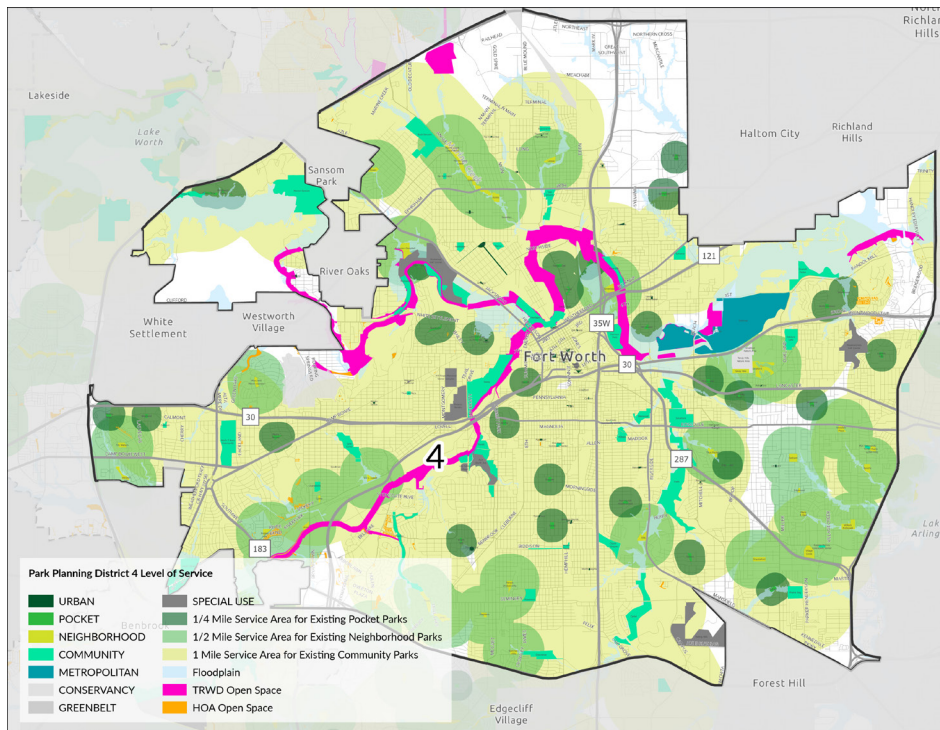


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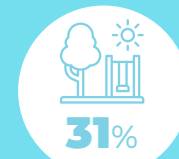
## WHAT WE HEARD FROM PPD4 RESIDENTS?

Envision Fort Worth in 20 years.

What would the newspaper headline say?



What are your funding priorities for PPD4?



New Parks



Trails



Upgrade Equipments Maintenance and at Existing Parks



Operations

## Park Planning District 4 Level of Service Assessment

Park Category	Existing Park Acres	Existing PPD	Fort Worth Target Level of Service	Park Acres Needed for Existing Population **	Current Acres Needed to Meet Target Standards	Park Acres Needed for 2030 Population ***	Acre Acquisition Needed to Meet 2030 Population	Park Acres Needed for 2045 Population ****	Acre Acquisition Needed to Meet 2045 Population
Neighborhood-Based Parks	487.43	1.22	4.5	1795.18	1307.75	1972.60	1485.17	2282.85	1795.42
Community-Based Parks	3,283.67	8.23	7	2792.50	-491.17	3068.49	-215.18	3551.09	267.42
Special Use Parks	918.75	2.30	7	2792.50	1873.75	3068.49	2149.74	3551.09	2632.34
Total	4689.85	11.76	18.5	7380.17	2690.32	8109.59	3419.74	9385.03	4695.18

\* Acres per 1000 residents

\*\* PPD4 2023 pop, Esri: 398,928

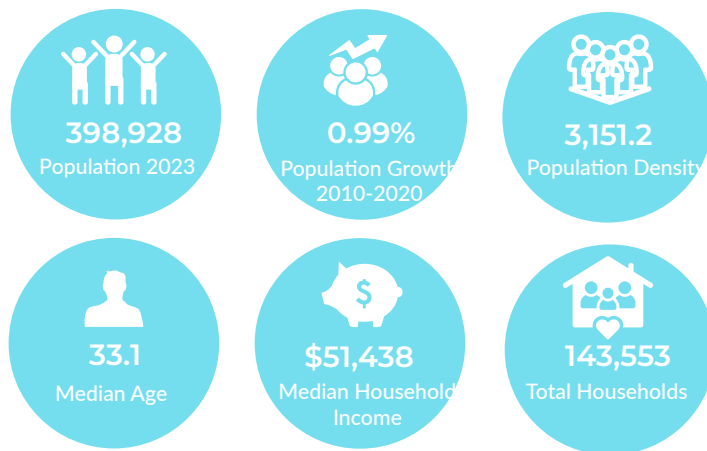
\*\*\* 2030 population projection, Stantec : 438,356

\*\*\*\*2045 population projection, Stantec: 507,299



## PPD 4 Challenges and opportunities

Park Planning District 4 (PPD 4) is Fort Worth's most populous district, with 398,928 residents in 2023, projected to grow by 2.19% by 2028. It is also the most diverse district, with a predominantly Hispanic (48.1%) and White (38.6%) population and a median age of 33.1 years. Despite its high population density and 143,553 households, PPD 4 has the lowest income per capita among all districts. As the heart of Fort Worth, it encompasses a mix of residential, commercial, office, and industrial land uses, including Downtown Fort Worth, which serves as a major economic and cultural hub. The district features a varied housing stock, ranging from single-family homes to high-density multi-family developments. PPD 4 also has the largest number of parks, from pocket parks to large community spaces, and is home to significant portions of the Trinity Trail system and multiple creeks.



Park Planning District 4 (PPD 4) is Fort Worth's most populous district and serves as the city's urban core, encompassing downtown, major commercial hubs, and densely populated neighborhoods. While PPD 4 has the highest number of parks and includes much of the Trinity Trail system, it faces challenges in ensuring equitable park access, upgrading aging infrastructure, and identifying available land for new parks. The district's rapid growth, combined with its role as the city's center for economic and cultural activity, calls for innovative approaches to integrating parks and public spaces into the urban fabric.

The Level of Service (LOS) assessment highlights a critical gap in neighborhood-based parks, leaving many residents without access to a park within a 10-minute walk. Additionally, while community-based and special-use parks provide recreational opportunities, increasing infill development and density place additional pressure on existing park resources. Residents have emphasized the need to prioritize park upgrades—including the addition of shade structures, tree canopies, and modernized amenities—before investing in new parks.

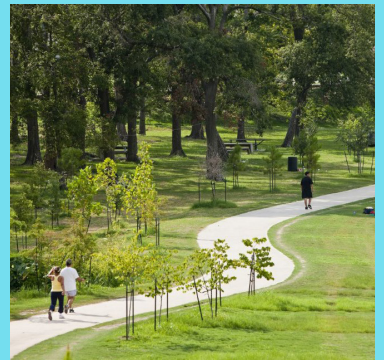
With limited land available for acquisition, PPD 4 must focus on redevelopment and innovative land use strategies. The 2023 Comprehensive Plan calls for shifting growth toward the urban core,

## WHAT WE HEARD FROM PPD1 RESIDENTS?

What are your top priorities for park design and functionality?



Nature walk



Green corridors for walking



River front parks

What are your top 3 preferred amenities?

- 1 Trails
- 2 Swimming Pools
- 3 Outdoor Active Recreation

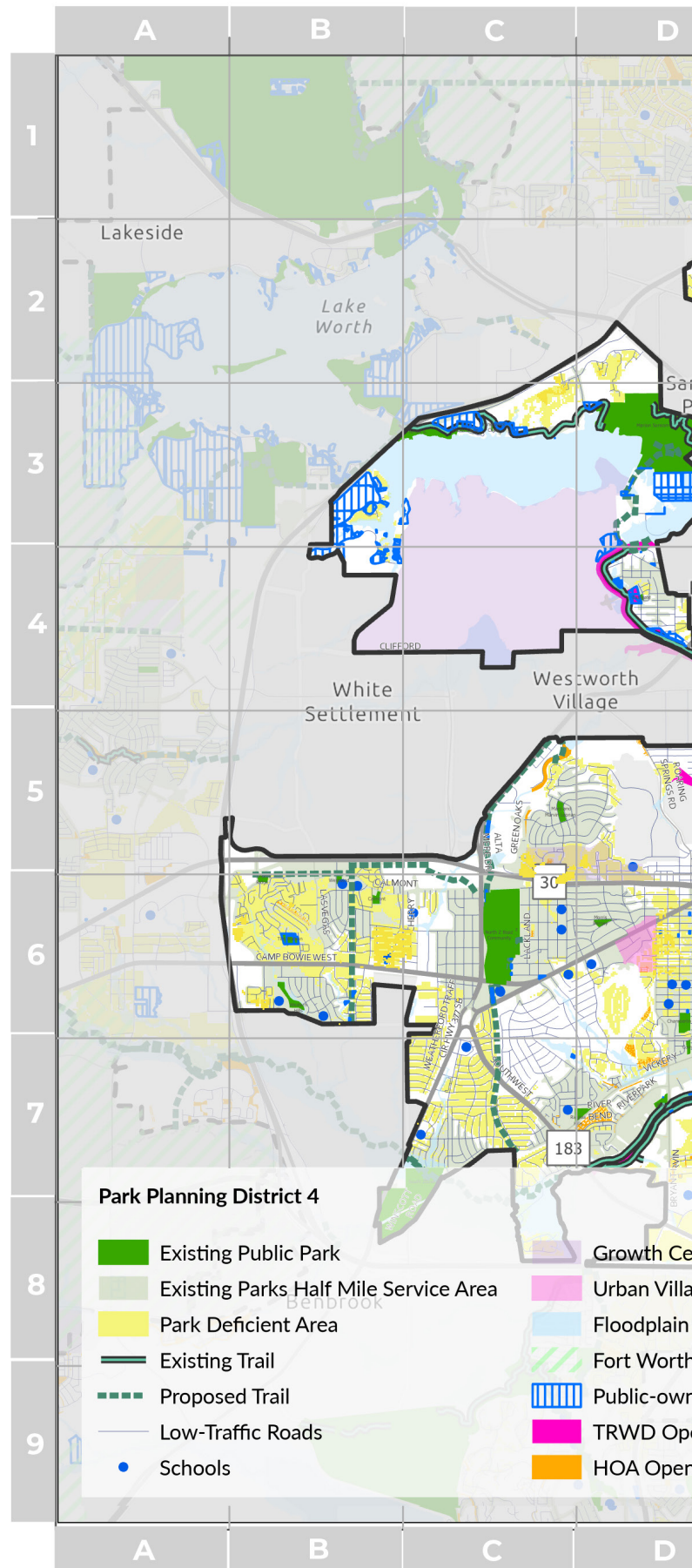


growth centers, urban villages, and revitalized commercial corridors, reinforcing the need for new park typologies that integrate green spaces into high-density areas. This includes activating public rights-of-way (ROW), such as plazas and streetscapes, to function as extensions of parks and recreation spaces, as well as repurposing vacant or underutilized land for pocket parks, neighborhood parks, and recreation centers.

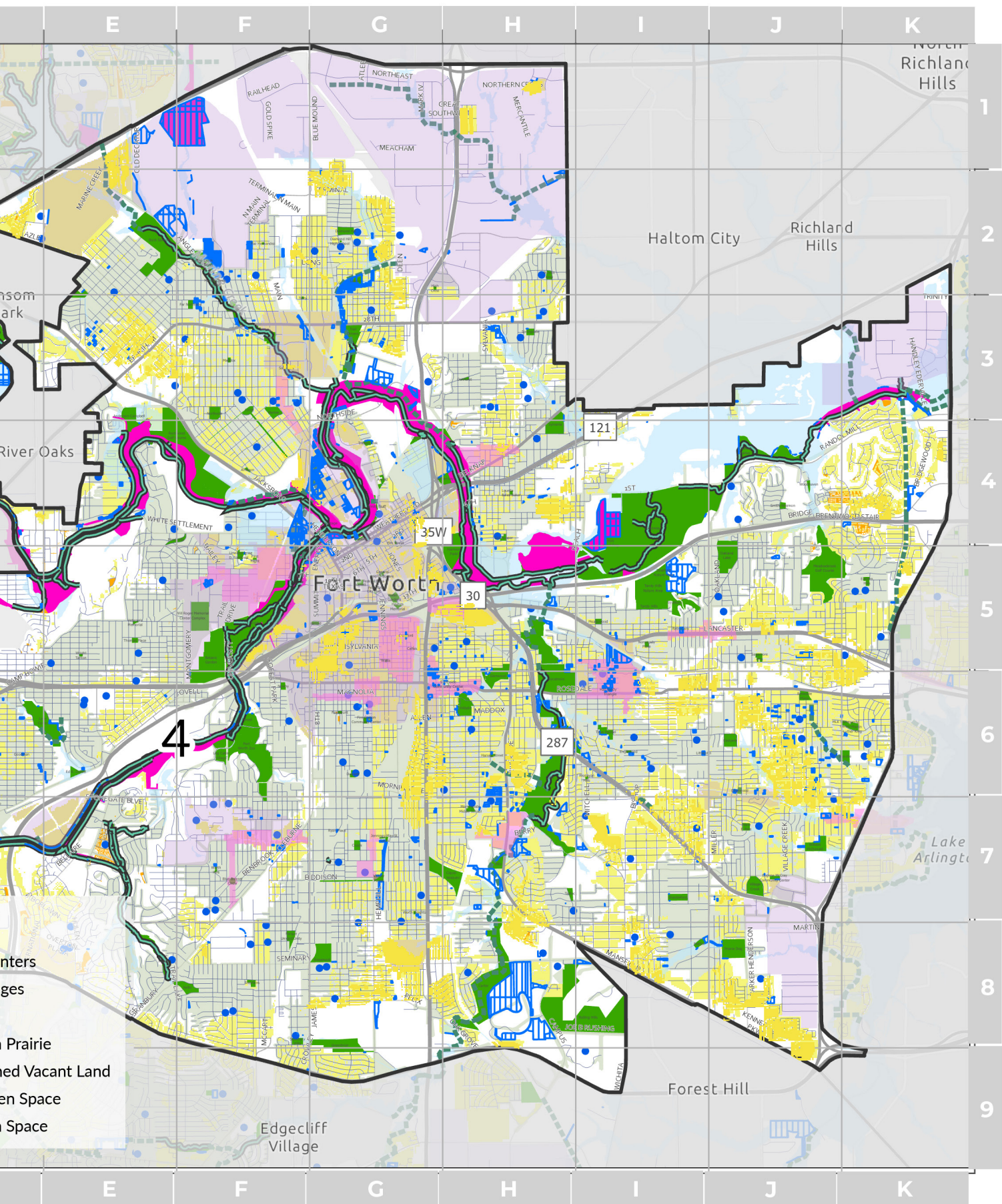
A major opportunity for PPD 4 lies in connecting downtown Fort Worth to the Trinity River and establishing a Downtown Riverfront Park as the district's signature park. This project has the potential to create a central common ground for the city, integrating recreation, cultural programming, and environmental restoration while enhancing the urban experience. Strengthening this connection would elevate downtown's role as the heart of Fort Worth, drawing residents and visitors alike to the waterfront.

Beyond downtown, the Trinity River corridor and its tributaries offer additional opportunities to expand parks and trails, particularly through partnerships with TRWD and Streams & Valleys. Developing riverfront parks, increasing water-based recreation such as boating and fishing, and enhancing green infrastructure along natural drainage ways will improve both environmental resilience and recreational access. Multi-modal connections—including expanded sidewalks, bike lanes, and trail extensions—will be critical in linking neighborhoods to parks, fostering accessibility, and encouraging active transportation.

By leveraging the Trinity River as the city's central green space, reimagining downtown's relationship with public spaces, and integrating parks into urban development, PPD 4 can set a new standard for an interconnected, resilient, and people-centered park system. Strategic investments in park expansion, connectivity, and redevelopment will ensure that PPD 4 remains a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable urban district that supports both the city's growth and the well-being of its residents.









# PPD 4 General Recommendations

## Upgrade and Expand Park Infrastructure

- Address aging infrastructure by modernizing existing parks with new shade structures, tree canopies, seating areas, and upgraded amenities to enhance usability and comfort.
- Focus on building new parks, especially in areas north of downtown, to ensure all neighborhoods have access to quality recreational spaces within the 10-minute walk accessibility.
- Expand and enhance sidewalks, green corridors, and multi-modal trails to create seamless connections between parks, neighborhoods, and major activity centers, ensuring equitable access to recreational spaces.
- Convert vacant or blighted lots into pocket parks, plazas, and neighborhood green spaces, integrating recreational opportunities into the district's evolving urban landscape.
- Develop new sports fields and aquatic centers to meet increasing community demand, particularly in areas where density is rising.

## Integrate Parks into Urban Growth and Development

- Leverage Public Rights-of-Way (ROW) and activate streetscapes, plazas, and main streets as extensions of parks, integrating greenery and recreational spaces into high-density urban areas.
- Align Park Planning with Growth Centers and Urban Villages and ensure parks are strategically developed within growth centers, urban villages, and revitalized corridors, aligning with the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation plans' focus.

## Elevate the Trinity River as the City's Central Common Ground

- Expand Riverfront Parks and Recreation: Strengthen the connection between downtown Fort Worth and the Trinity River by developing a Downtown Riverfront Park as PPD 4's signature park, creating a central gathering space that integrates recreation, cultural programming, and environmental restoration.
- Enhance Water-Based Recreation opportunities such as boating, fishing, and waterfront parks along the Trinity River and its tributaries to diversify park experiences and improve community access.
- Collaborate with TRWD and Streams & Valleys to develop additional parks, trails, and green spaces along the river, ensuring both ecological preservation and recreational enhancement.

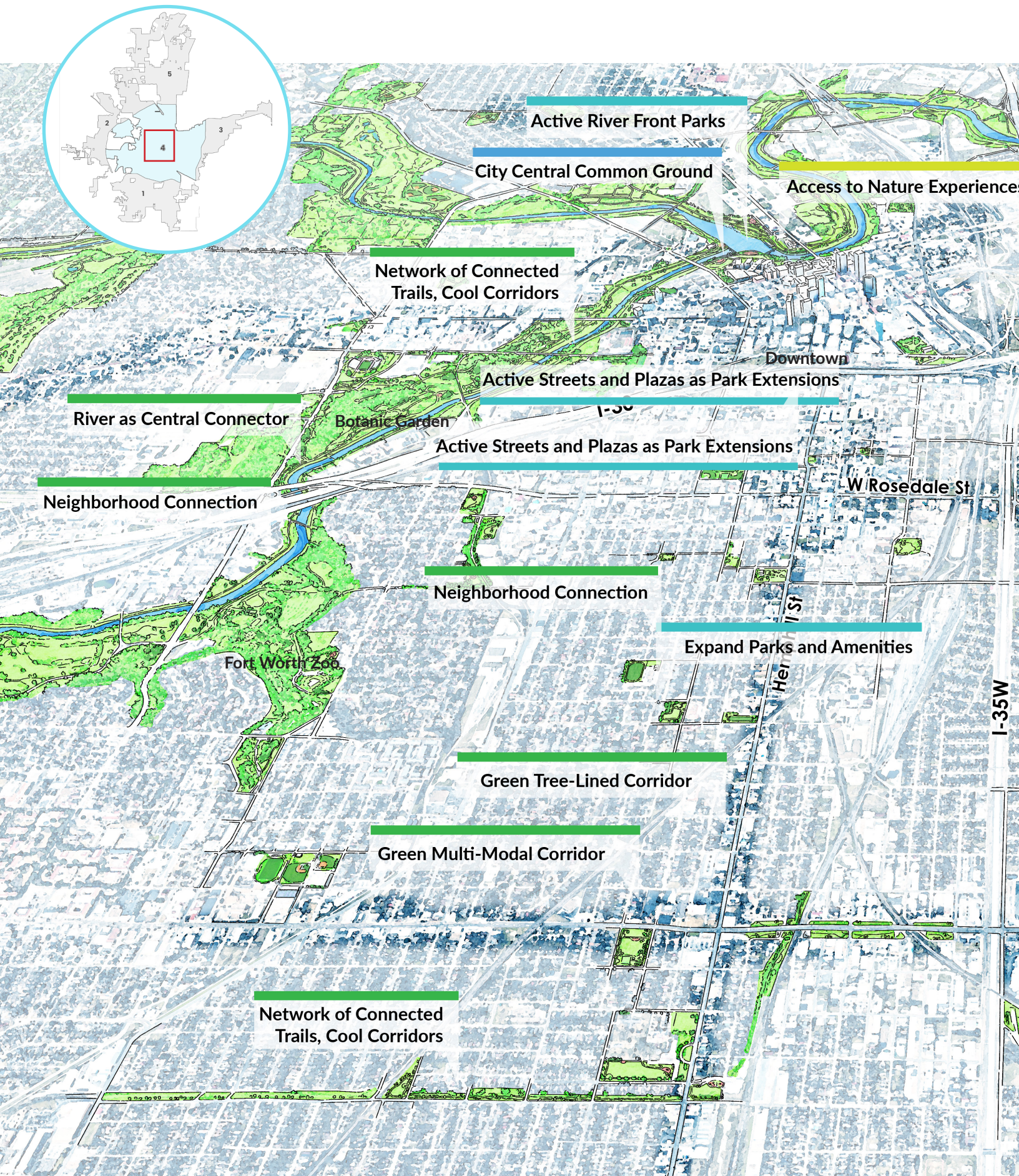
### Alignment with Goals:

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<b>PPD4</b>	Anderson-Campbell	<b>Master Planning</b>	Trail Drivers	Gateway
<b>General Improvement And Enhancement</b>	Daggett	Trinity	Village Creek	Log Cabin Village
Como	Diamond Hill H.S.	Marion Sansom	Western Hills	Sycamore
Tandy Hills	Eastern Hills	Hillside	Woodhaven	Cobb
Oakhurst	Eastgate	Carter	Fort Worth Civic Spaces Master Plan: Including Master Plans for Federal Plaza, City Hall Plaza, General Worth Square, Hyde, Peter Smith and other Downtown Plazas and Squares	Lebow
Springdale	Eastover	Lake Como		Trail Drivers
Traders Oak	Englewood	Greenbriar		Riverside Park
Rosen	Fairfax	Quanah Parker		Kellis
Eugene McCray Community Center Park	Gid Hooper	Glenwood		Buck Sansom
Marine	High Crest	Rolling Hills	<b>Master Plan Implementation</b>	Rosedale Plaza
Morningside Middle School	Hyde	Forest Park		<b>Partnership</b>
Stratford	Linwood-Jesse D. Sandoval (formerly Linwood )	Z. Boaz South	Prairie Dog	Tanglewood School
Northside	Littlejohn	Ryan Place Triangle	North Z. Boaz	Homeless services
Parque Unidad/ Unity Park (Formerly Jefferson Davis)	Maddox	Water Gardens	Meadowbrook Golf Course	FW ISD
Overton	Marie F. Pate	Delga	Gateway	Mountain biking
Capps	Marine Creek Linear	Lebow	Sycamore	Downtown FW Inc.
Mary and Marvin Leonard	Marine Creek Linear North	Kellis	Thomas Place	Texas Wesleyan
Fairmount	Meadowood	Newby	Bunche	BRIT
Greenway	Monticello	Worth Heights	Arnold	Friends of Tandy Hills
Sylvania	Paz Hernandez	Oakland Lake	Blue Bonnet Circle	Riverside Applied Learning Center
Log Cabin Village	Seminary Hills	Buck Sansom	Ciquio Vasquez (formerly Echo Lake)	TRWD and Streams & Valleys
Morris Berney	Shackleford	Arneson	Cobb	Texas Christian University (TCU)
Riverside	Terry	Chamberlin	Harmon Field	Texas Health Resources
Jennings-May-St. Louis	Thorny Ridge	Circle	Heritage	Medical District
Edgewood	Titus Paulsel	Ellis	Paddock	Tarrant County College (TCC)
Diamond Hill	Trinity Bluff	Elm Street	Rosedale Plaza	Texas A&M AgriLife
Rockwood	Veterans Memorial	Far Northside	Tim Watson	
Rosemont	Watts	General Worth Square	<b>Connectivity Improvement</b>	
Victory Forest: South Central Community Center	Wesleyan Hills	Goodman	Carter	
Ridglea Hills	Will Rogers Memorial Center Complex	Hall-Tandy Triangle	Trinity Trail	
Foster	William McDonald	Haynes Memorial Triangle	Mary and Marvin Leonard	
	Wright Tarlton	Martin Luther King	Marion Sansom	
	Lincoln	Normandy Place	Greenway Park	
	Crestwood	Rodeo		
	Louella Bales Baker	Sagamore Hills		
	Stephens	Smith-Wilemon		
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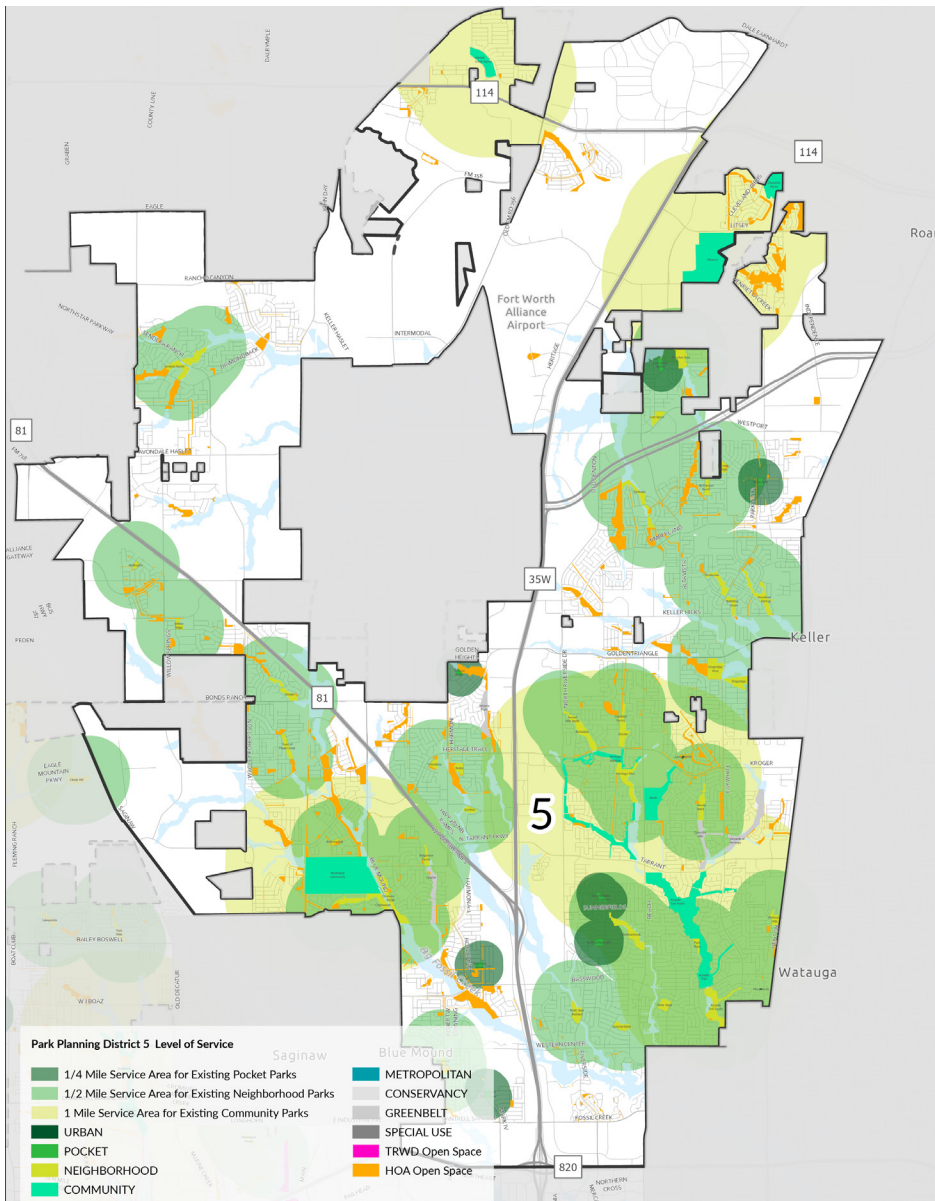


# Park Planning District 5

The following maps and supporting table provide a comprehensive assessment of Park Planning District 3's current park resources, future needs, and potential opportunities for strategic investment and expansion.

The level of service map highlights the distribution and service levels of various PARD park categories, while the supporting table quantifies the district's needs by park classification, projecting the additional acreage required to meet target levels of service for the growing population in 2030 and 2045.

Additionally, a larger map featured in the following pages overlaying data on socioeconomic and environmental vulnerabilities, health disparities, and park availability and accessibility identifies key park-deficient areas where investment is most urgently needed.



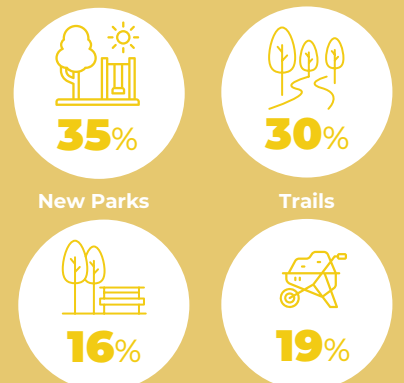
## WHAT WE HEARD FROM PPD5 RESIDENTS?

Envision Fort Worth in 20 years.

What would the newspaper headline say?



What are your funding priorities for PPD5?



What are your top 5 preferred amenities?

- 1 Trails
- 2 Outdoor and Indoor Recreation
- 3 Playgrounds



## Park Planning District 3 Level of Service Assessment

Park Category	Existing Park Acres	Existing PPD	Fort Worth Target Level of Service	Park Acres Needed for Existing Population **	Current Acres Needed to Meet Target Standards	Park Acres Needed for 2030 Population ***	Acre Acquisition Needed to Meet 2030 Population	Park Acres Needed for 2045 Population ****	Acre Acquisition Needed to Meet 2045 Population
Neighborhood-Based Parks	558.96	2.26	4.5	1112.22	553.26	1132.25	573.29	1310.34	751.38
Community-Based Parks	834.42	3.38	7	1730.13	895.71	1761.28	926.86	2038.30	1203.88
Special Use Parks	113.67	0.46	7	1730.13	1616.46	1761.28	1647.61	2038.30	1924.63
Total	1507.05	6.10	18.5	4572.48	3065.43	4654.82	3147.77	5386.94	3879.89

\* Acres per 1000 residents

\*\* PPD3 2023 pop, Esri: 247,161

\*\*\* 2030 population projection, Stantec : 251,612

\*\*\*\*2045 population projection, Stantec: 291,186

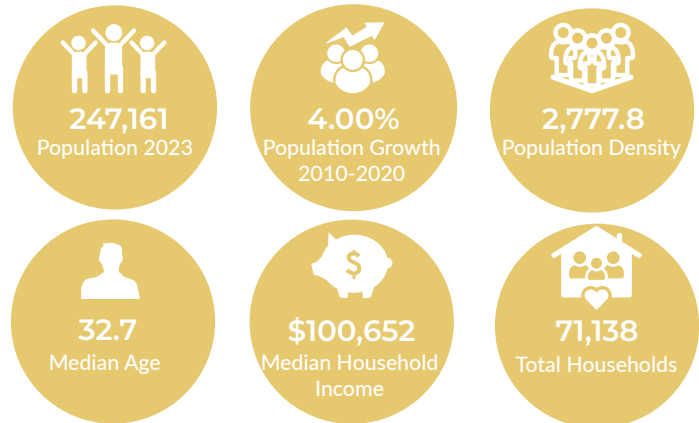
## PPD 5 Challenges and opportunities

PPD 5, located north of Loop 820, is the second most populous district, with a rapidly growing population projected to increase from 247,161 to 271,991 by 2028. This expansion, combined with its predominantly single-family residential land use and newer developments, places increasing pressure on the district's park system. While the district has a relatively high number of parks, many are private, owned, and managed by homeowners' associations, limiting access for the broader community.

The Level of Service (LOS) assessment highlights significant gaps in neighborhood-based and community-based park acreage. Currently, PPD 5 has 1,507.05 acres of public parkland, distributed among neighborhood-based, community-based, and special-use parks. However, the district falls short of Fort Worth's parkland target levels, with a substantial need for additional acres to meet the growing demand. The largest deficits are in neighborhood-based parks, where the current inventory is well below the city's service standards. As population density increases, this gap will only widen unless proactive measures are taken to acquire and develop new parks.

Many older neighborhoods in the district also lack pedestrian and bicyclist infrastructure, creating barriers to accessing parks and recreational facilities. Improved multi-modal connectivity is needed to ensure that all residents can safely reach green spaces.

Despite the addition of the Northwest Community Center and North YMCA, PPD 5 still lacks adequate public community centers, limiting access to indoor recreation and gathering spaces. As the area grows, this gap will become more critical. At the same time,



protecting the remaining natural green spaces—such as prairie lands, greenbelts, creeks, and natural drainageways—is essential, as these ecological assets face mounting pressure from rapid urbanization.

Despite these challenges, PPD 5 presents significant opportunities for enhancing its park system. Acquiring land in the northern and northwestern sections of the district can help address the deficit in public park acreage and provide much-needed recreational spaces. Working closely with the City's Planning Department to monitor growth patterns will allow for strategic land acquisition, particularly in areas between US-287 and I-35, where residential expansion is expected.

The district's network of creeks and greenbelts offers a natural framework for expanding trails and multi-modal connectivity. By activating these corridors with parks and amenities, PPD 5 can enhance recreational access while preserving valuable natural resources. Strengthening partnerships with developers is another key strategy—requiring or incentivizing developers to incorporate parks and recreation facilities into new developments can help bridge the service gap.







# PPD 5 General Recommendations

## Expand Recreational Facilities

Establish new community centers in fast-growing northern and northwestern areas to meet increasing demand and maximize the upcoming and existing facilities such as Betsy Price Community Center and Northpark YMCA Joint Use Facility. Also develop a district-wide sports complex to provide multi-sport facilities and attract regional events, boosting local recreation and economic growth.

## Enhance Connectivity and Expand Trail Networks

Prioritize trail development in the northeastern section of the district to link parks, neighborhoods, and commercial centers. Elevate the use of creeks and greenbelts for linear parks and trails, ensuring they function as natural corridors that improve connectivity, enhance environmental protection, and provide recreational opportunities.

## Protect and Activate Undeveloped and Environmentally Sensitive Areas

As PPD 5 continues to grow, it is essential to preserve prairie lands, greenbelts, creeks, and natural drainage ways to prevent overdevelopment and maintain ecological balance. Land acquisition for conservation should be a priority, particularly in the northern and northwestern sections.

## Champion Strategic Park Expansion and Bridge Service Gap

Address park access disparities by prioritizing land acquisition for new parks in underserved areas, particularly in the northern and northwestern sections of the district.

## Establish a District Signature Park and Expand Special-Use Parks

Developing a District Signature Park in northern PPD 5 presents a transformative opportunity to create a major recreational, ecological, and community asset. This park should feature diverse amenities, including nature trails, water-based recreation, picnic areas, sports facilities, and playgrounds, ensuring it meets the needs of the district’s growing population. Strategically locating the park in high-growth areas will maximize accessibility and enhance the overall livability of nearby residential developments. Partnerships with developers and city planners should be leveraged to integrate this park seamlessly into the fabric of new and existing communities.

Alignment with Goals:					
Thriving Community	Connected System	Vibrant Nature	Common Ground	Premier Destination	Manageable Resources

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Trail Connectivity

Expand Parks and Amenities

George Trace Pkwy

Denton Hwy

N Tarrant Pkwy

River as a Central Connector

Network of Connected  
Trails, Cool Corridors

N Bedford

Expand Parks and Amenities

Basswood Blvd



PPD 5 Specific Recommendations	
General Improvement And Enhancement	
Alexandra Meadows	Heritage Glen
Arcadia Trail Park North	Kingsridge
Arcadia Trail Park South	Kingsridge West
Barksdale	Kristi Jean Burbach
Bronzewood	Lost Creek Ranch
Camp Worth	McPherson Ranch
Creekwood	Ponderosa
Dorado	Ranches East
Friendship	Silver Sage
Harvest Ridge	Sinclair
Junction	Summerbrook
Lasater	Tehama Trails
Lost Spurs	Timberland
Mesa Verde	Woodland Springs
Ninnie Baird	Elizabeth Creek
North	Master Plan Implementation
Park Place	Alliance
Parkwood Hills	Chadwick Farms
Reata	Vineyards at Heritage
Ridgeview Farms	Connectivity Improvement
Saratoga	Babbling Brook
Summerfields	Harriet Creek Ranch
Sunset Hills North	Junction
Tehama Ridge	Lasater
Trails of Fossil Creek	Lost Creek Ranch
West Fork Ranch	Ponderosa
Willow Ridge	Ridgeview Farms
Master Planning	Summerfields Chisholm
Arcadia Trail	Woodland Springs
Babbling Brook	Arcadia Trail
Chisholm Ridge	Open Space Conservation
Coventry Hills	B3, C3, C4, C5, E1, D2, F4, G4 (Check PPD 5 Map)
Crawford Farms	Partnerships
Crossing at Fossil Creek	NORTHWEST ISD
Harriet Creek Ranch	KELLER ISD
Heritage Addition	EAGLE MT-SAGINAW ISD
	TRWD and Streams & Valleys
	Alliance Airport



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