

West Killeen Initiatives

Westside Regional Park

The City has applied for an \$8.3 million federal grant to fund the first phase of Westside Regional Park. Funding notification is expected in January 2025.

Improvements include a park roadway, inner loop trails, connection to Fort Cavazos Regional Trail, crosswalk, lighting, playscape, restrooms, lakeside pavilion, family pavilions, and fishing piers.

Staff is working with Fort Cavazos on the proposed lease. The landowner intends to donate the property, and staff is drafting the Parkland Dedication Agreement under the ordinance.

Future improvements to Watercrest Road will add a north-side sidewalk, potentially connecting to Westside Regional Park.



LEGEND

- 1 Main Entrance
- 2 Secondary Entrance
- 3 Dog Park
- 4 Controlled Entry Gate
- 5 Outer Loop Trail (5k Trail)
- 6 Boardwalk System
- 7 Fishing Piers
- 8 Nature/Interpretive Trail
- 9 Interpretive Stations/Outdoor Classrooms
- 10 Wildflower Meadow
- 11 Event Lawn
- 12 Water Turbine Pond and Dam
- 13 Amphitheater
- 14 Inner Loop Trail (1 Mile)
- 15 Artistic Wind/Solar Farm
- 16 Iconic Lookout Tower
- 17 Large Lakeside Pavilion
- 18 Family Pavilions
- 19 Kayak Launch Facility
- 20 Archery Zone
- 21 Agility Course
- 22 BMX Course
- 23 Visitor Center
- 24 Artistic Solar Panels
- 25 Low Water Crossing / Bridge
- 26 Restrooms & Water Fountains
- 27 Nature Playscape
- 28 Neighborhood Connection

PLEASE NOTE:
PHASE ONE IS GENERALLY INDICATED
BY BLUE HIGHLIGHTED AREAS

Other Features To Be Included:

- Pedestrian Solar Lighting
- Parking Lot Solar Lighting
- Benches
- Pedestrian Crossing / Crosswalk



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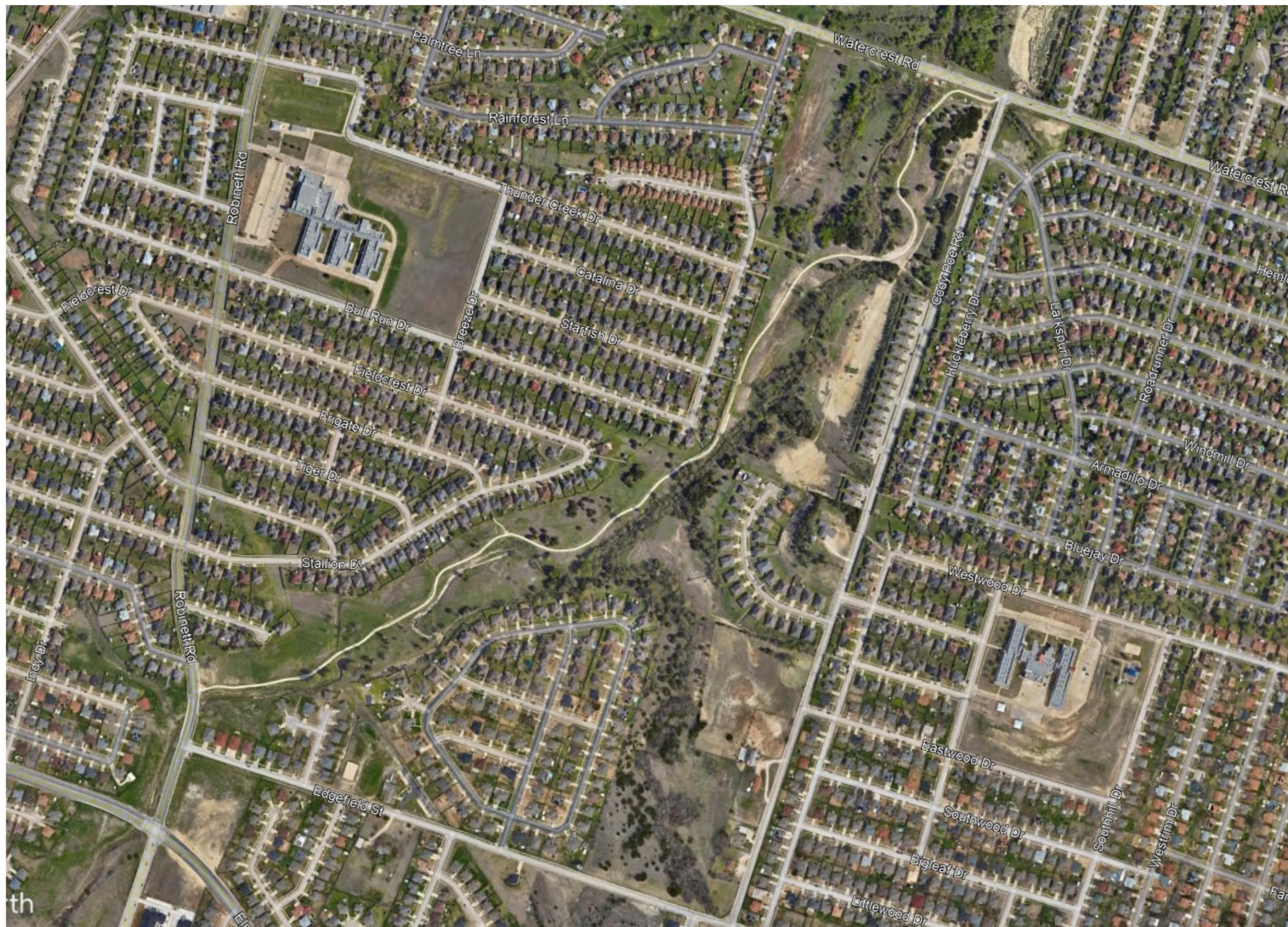
Fort Cavazos Regional Trail

Staff recently installed 2 fountains, 8 benches, & 4 concrete slabs for benches

Staff is currently working with a local landowner to donate a parcel of land to build a parking lot at the southwest end of the trail

A proposed crosswalk & trail extension will lead northeast to Westside Regional Park.

Staff is drafting a Parkland Dedication Agreement with a local landowner to acquire land for extending the trail southwest. Staff will continue to pursue grants to fund the extension.



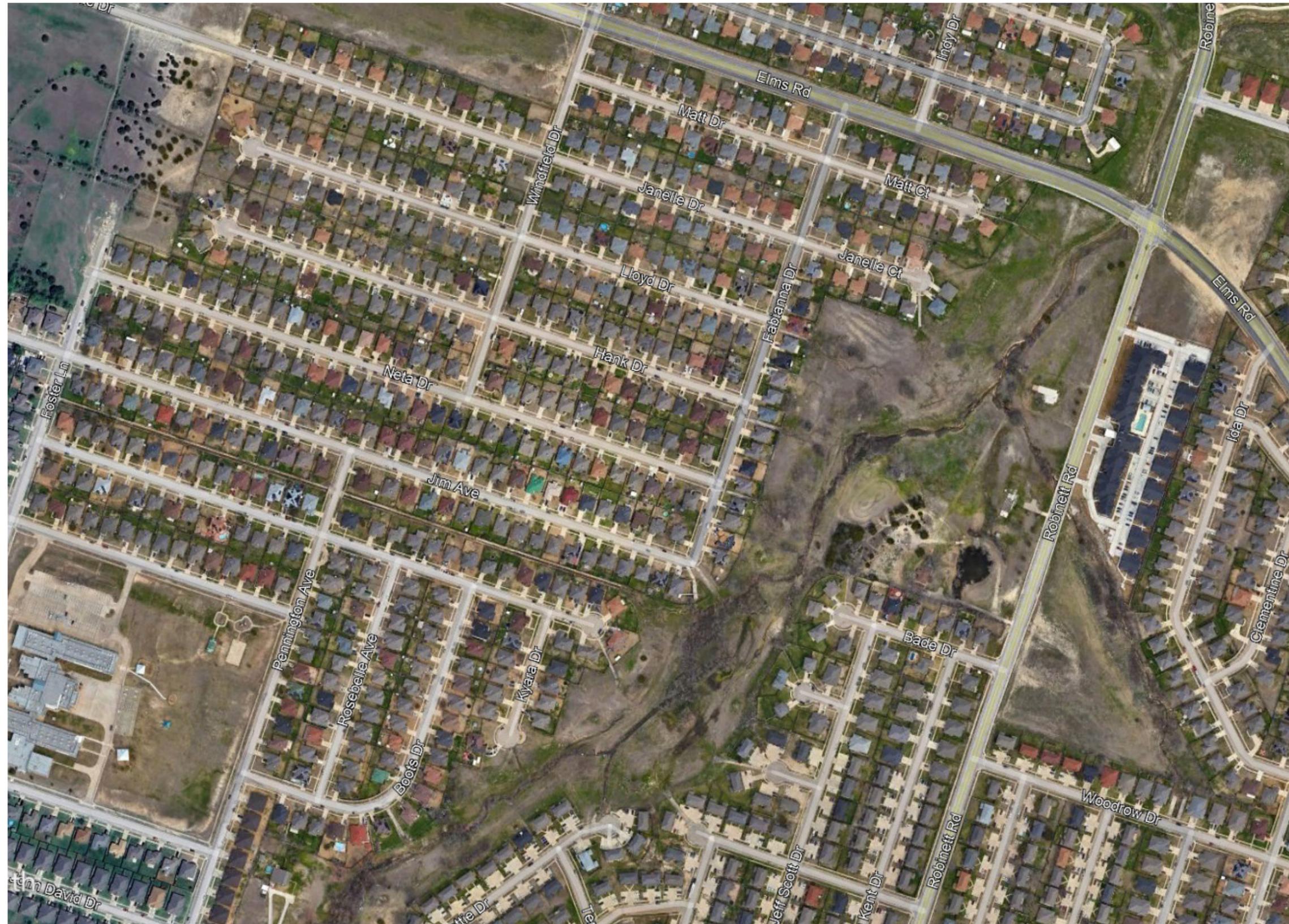
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Robinette Community Park & Fort Cavazos Regional Trail Extension

Located near Elms & Robinette

Staff is working with a local landowner to donate three parcels for a southwest trail extension to Fort Cavazos Regional Trail.

Staff will continue to pursue grants to fund the extension.



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Goodnight Ranch Community Park

Drainage Tract located behind Prewitt Ranch Road

Staff is currently working with a local landowner to donate the 23 acre parcel of land to build Goodnight Ranch Community Park

Staff has engaged a local firm to provide a conceptual plan for this area, pending City Council approval



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Potential Parkland Dedication at Barrington Trail

Staff met with a local developer regarding potential parkland donation of 10 acres east of Clear Creek Rd. and south of Janelle Dr.



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Potential Joint Use Agreements

Staff would like to explore additional possibilities of a Shared-Use Park at Elementary Schools in west Killeen, such as Haynes Elementary, Dr. Joseph A. Fowler Elementary School, & other potential schools.

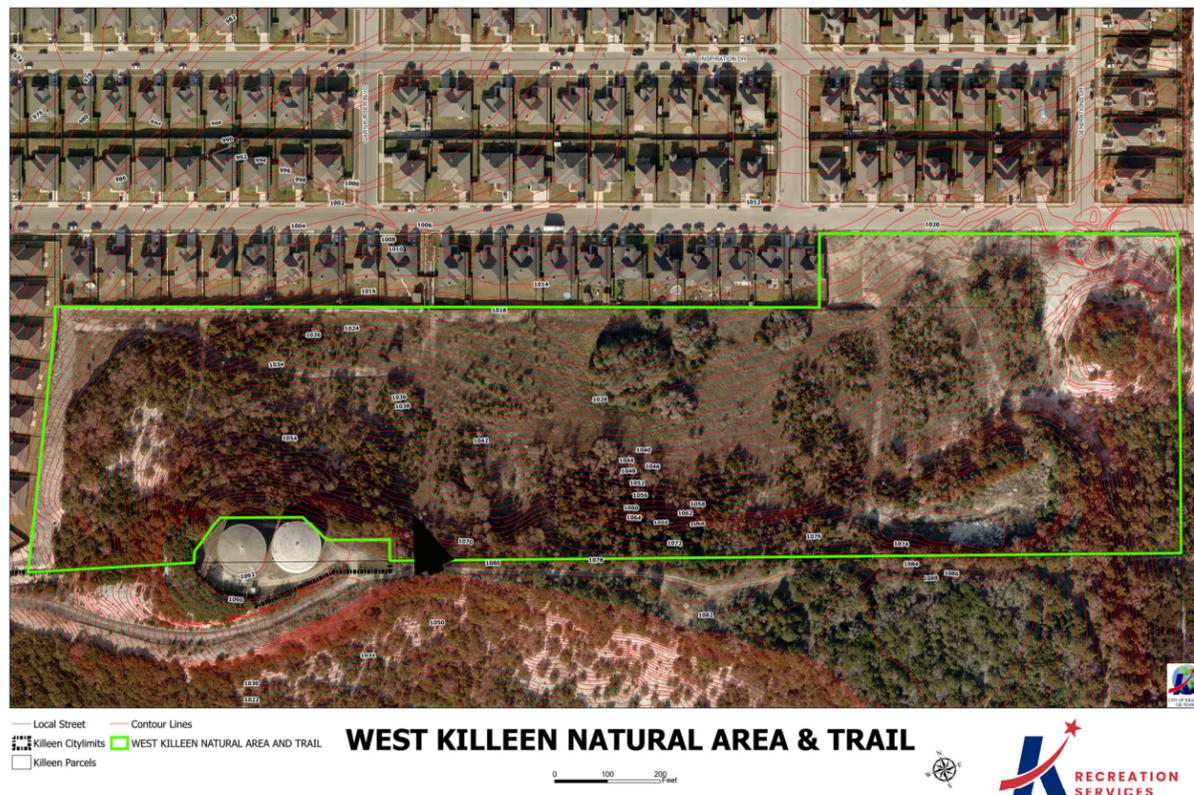


Haynes Elementary School



Joseph A. Fowler Elementary School

Introduction



Welcome! We appreciate you taking the time to join us to talk about two future natural area parks in West Killeen.

Background

Two natural areas were dedicated to the City of Killeen through the recently adopted **Parkland Dedication Ordinance**.

These areas, known as the **McMillan Mountain Range**, consists of twin peaks approximately one mile apart, with elevations of 1,096 and 1,128 feet above sea level. At its highest elevation the range is some 100 feet above the surrounding terrain (*Texas State Historical Association*).

Bunny Trail Passive Recreation Park

- 33 Acres located next to Haynes Elementary near Bunny Trail Estates, Goodnight Ranch, & Bridgewood Neighborhoods
- Located at the end of Newcastle Dr. or Great Divide Rd.

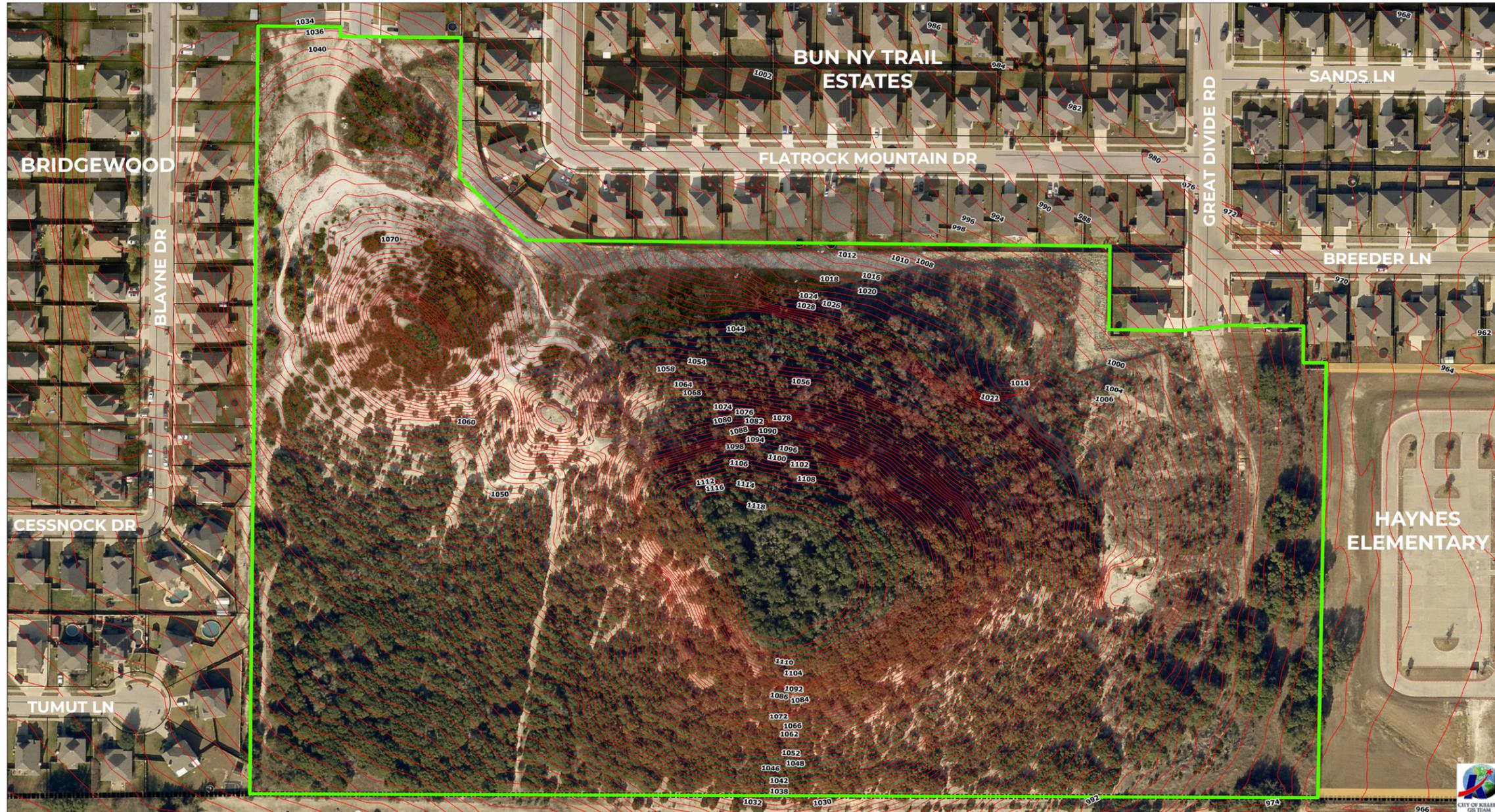
West Killeen Nature Area & Trail

- 23 Acres located next to Roy J. Smith Middle School and near Purser Crossing & Eagle Valley Neighborhoods
- Located off of John Helen Dr.



Future West Killeen Parks

Existing Site



Bunny Trail
Passive Recreation Park

Opportunities

What opportunities exist at this project site?

- Proximity to neighborhoods
- Proximity to Haynes Elementary & collaboration with KISD for possible activation of their southwestern portion of the property to provide more park amenities or provide easier access for classrooms for potential future use
- Natural beauty, varied topography & scenic views
- Flatter area exists on the east side for structures possibly
- Excellent area to view wildflowers in the spring & autumn
- Wildlife observation
- Educational opportunity regarding ecoregion & unique geology of the site



Considerations

What considerations should be taken into account at this project site?

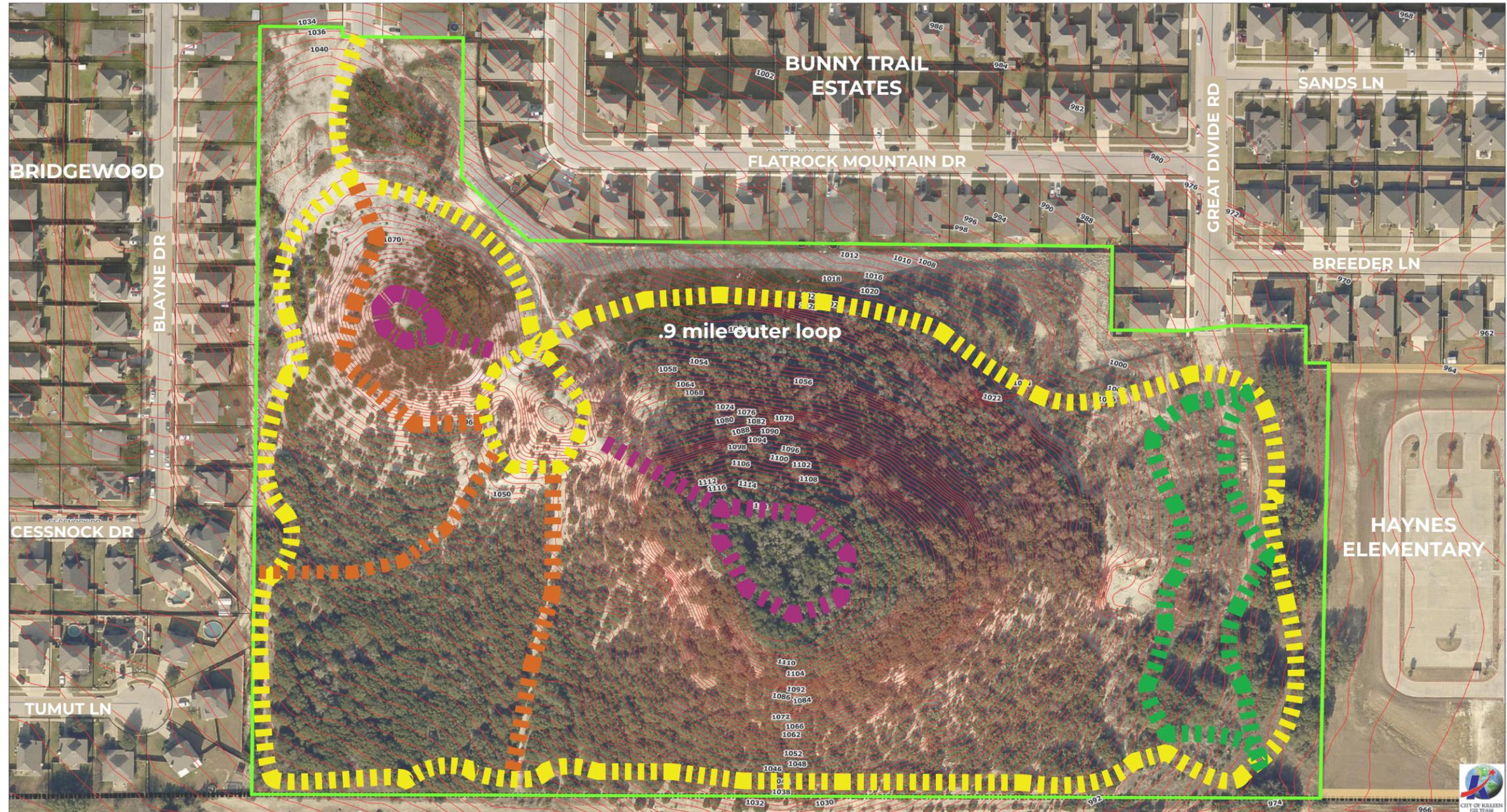
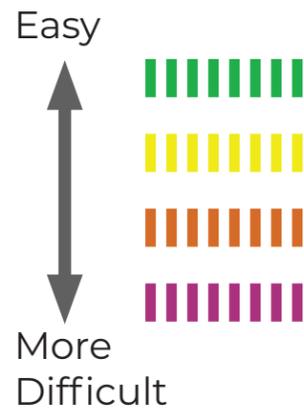
- Proximity to private residences and views into back yard properties
 - Consider implementing a landscape buffer
- Potential hazards of topography
 - Consider implementing a rail, fence or signage in certain areas
- Only accessible from the north side
 - Due to the large size of park, it may benefit from an alternate access point
- Limited area for parking
 - Possibly collaborate with KISD to access Haynes Elementary parking lot



Trail Map

Options for trails of different skill levels

Trail Levels

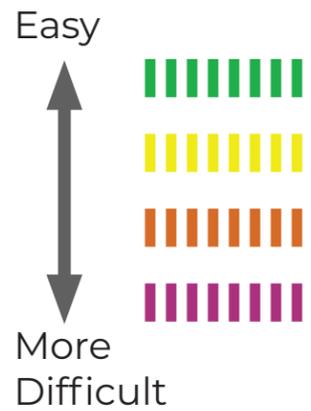


Bunny Trail
Passive Recreation Park

Site Elements Diagram

Where could amenities possibly go to activate this site?

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Trails

Which trail options would you like to see?



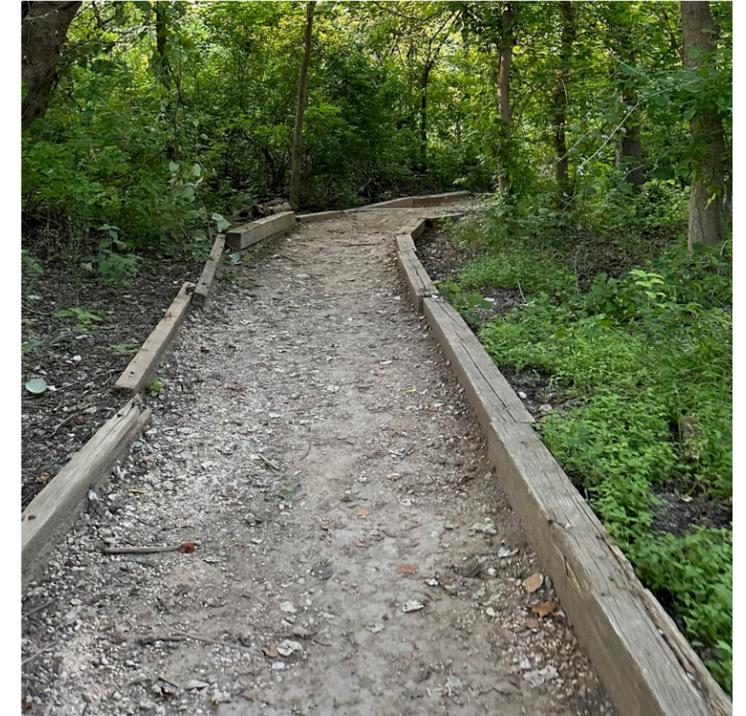
Natural gravel or bare earth path



Concrete & gravel paths



Mountain Bike paths



Gravel or bare earth with natural wood edge



Gravel path or bare earth with stone border



Uphill path utilizing local cedar



Uphill path utilizing stone

What else would you like to see?



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Signage

What types of signage would you like to see?



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Way finding signage



Rustic way finding signage



Mile markers



Educational signs



Botanical labels



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Park Amenities

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Pavilion and Picnic Tables



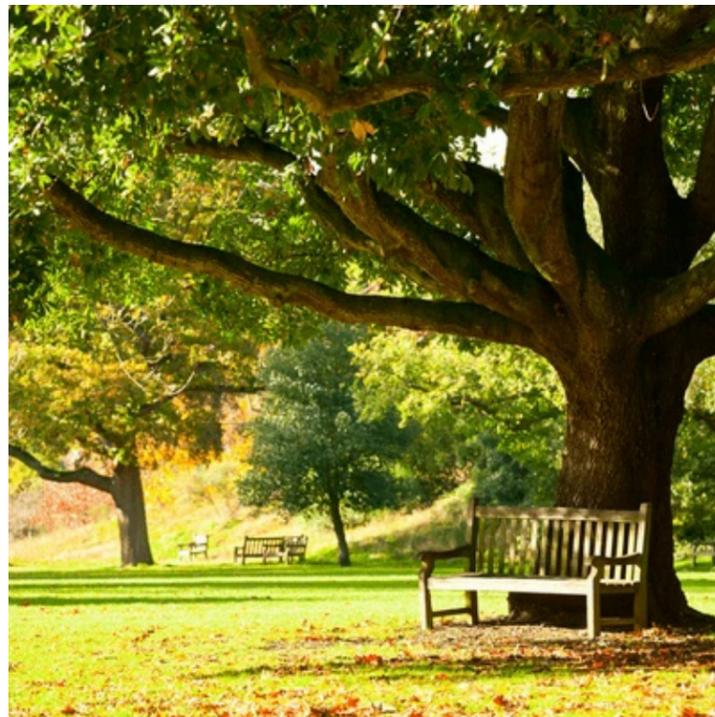
Water fountain



Fitness Stations



Restrooms



Shaded Seating under Trees



Bike Racks



Shade Structures

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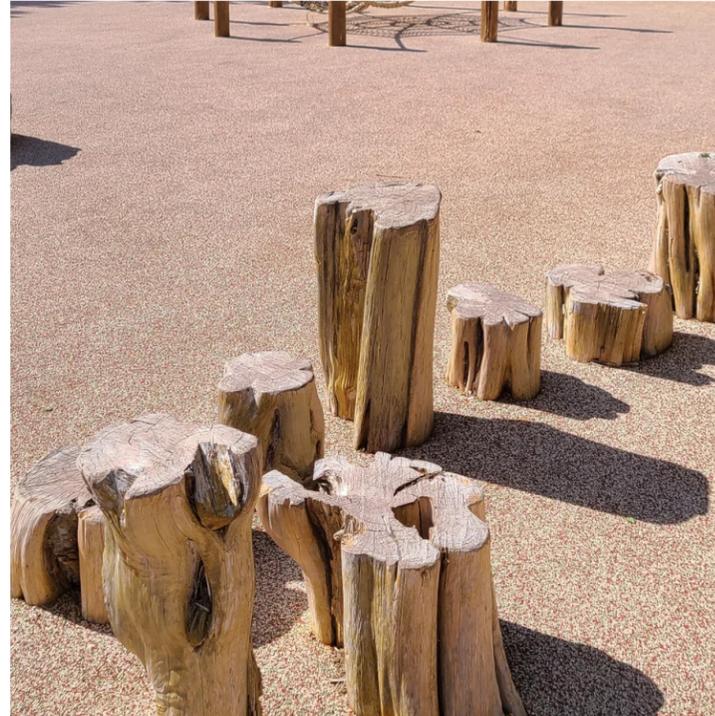
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Natural Playscapes

What natural play elements would you like to see?



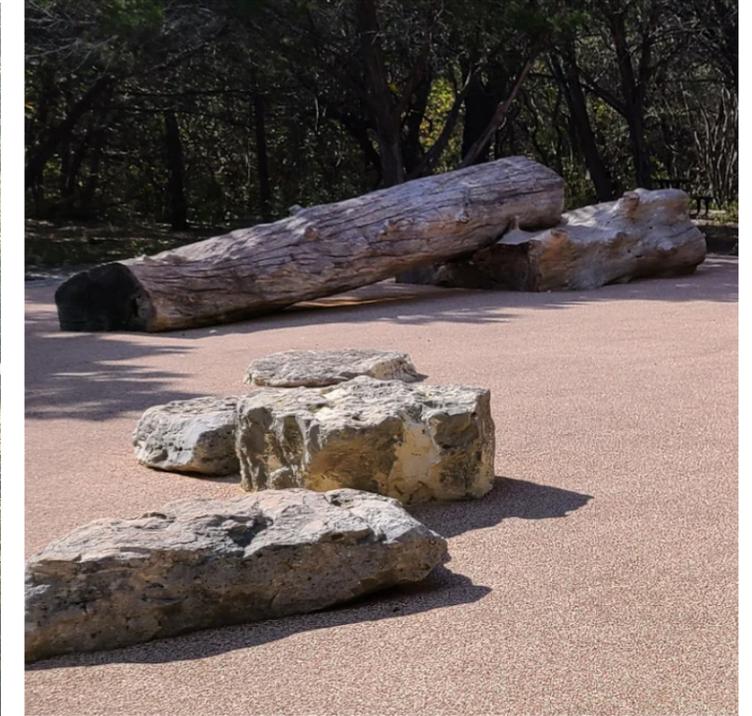
Natural climbing structure



Balancing logs



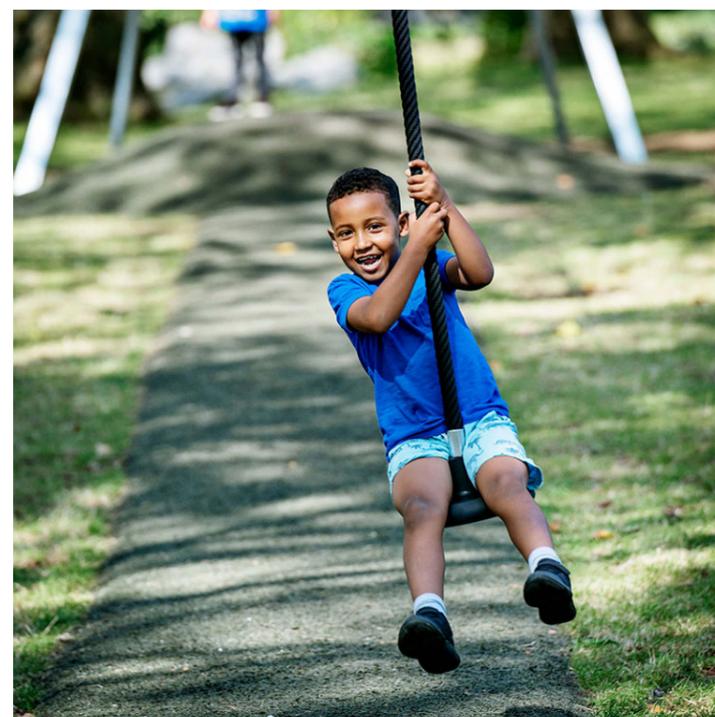
Scaled trail for children



Large boulders and logs for climbing



Hill Slide / Embankment Slide



Ziplines for kids 5-12 years



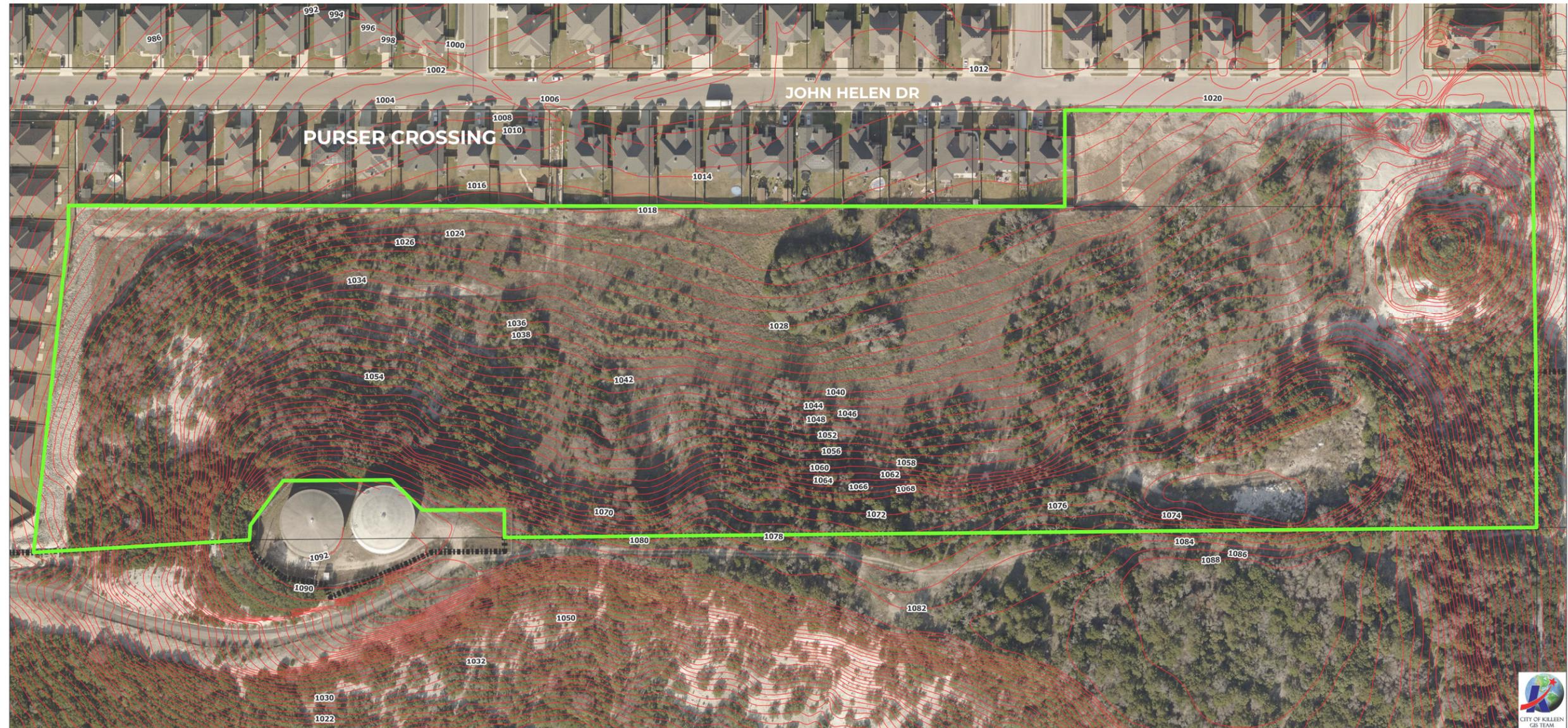
Crawl-through log tunnel

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Area & Trail

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- Natural beauty, varied topography & scenic views
- Small area that is relatively flat area for play equipment & amenities
- Large open grassed areas
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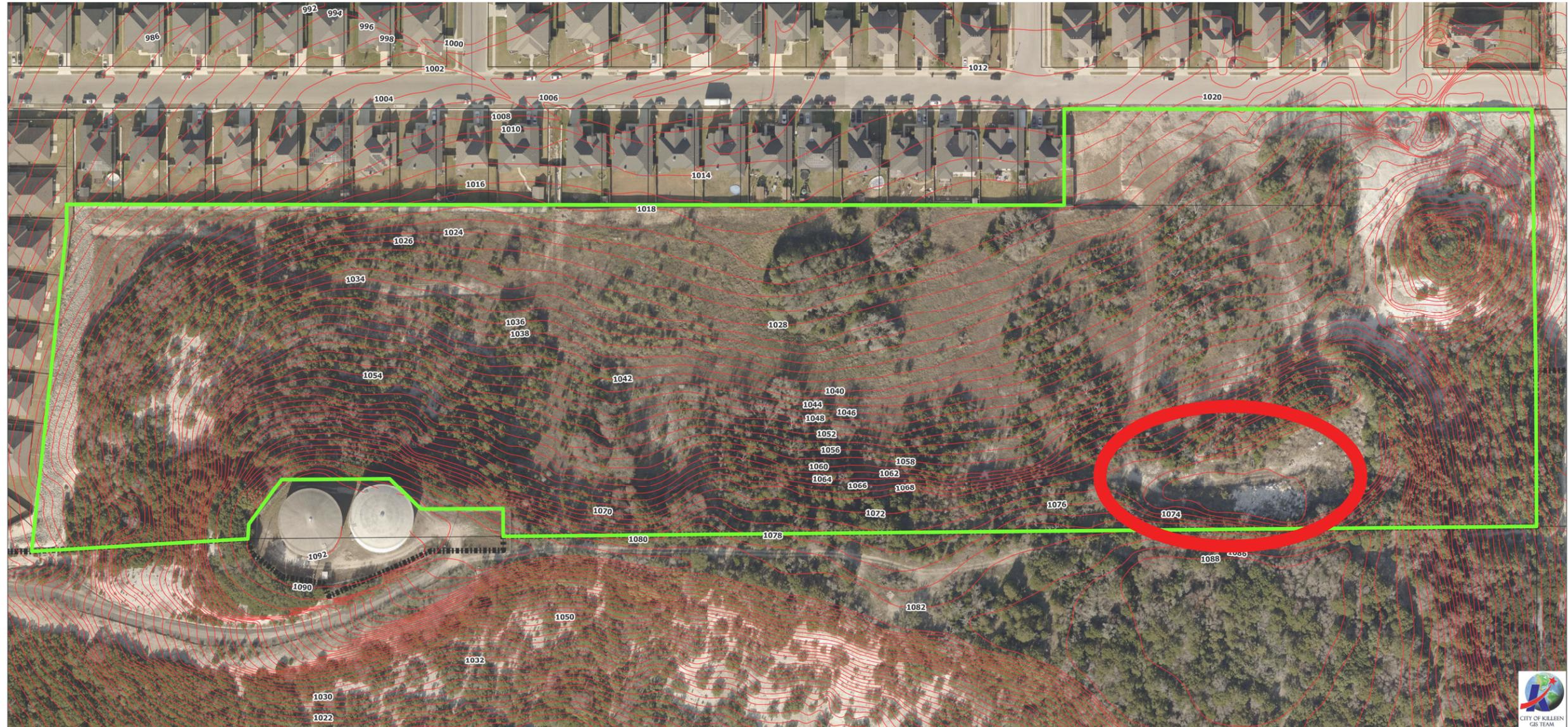
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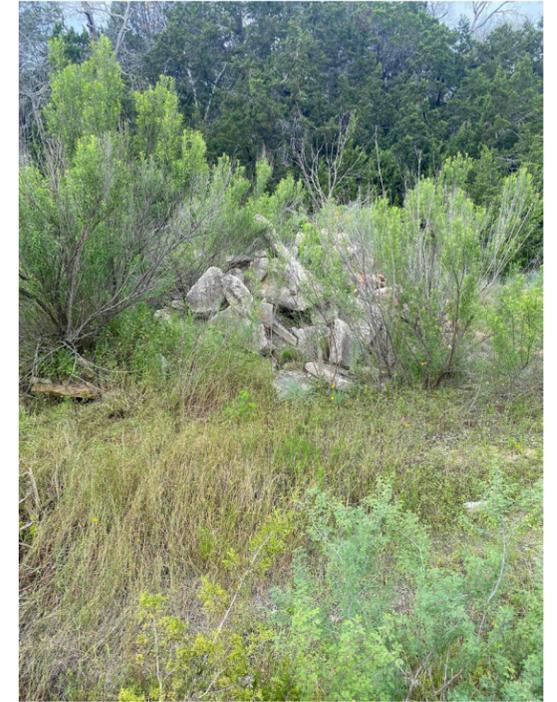
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- Several mounds of debris can be seen in the aerial below
- Ponding water indicated by blue dashed line



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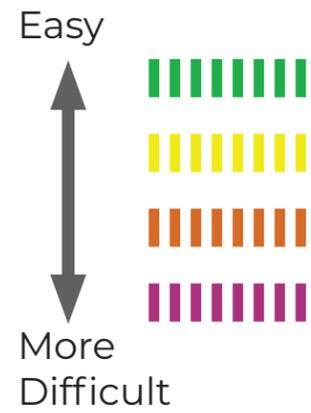
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 - Parks & Rec will partner with Public Works to resolve the debris issue



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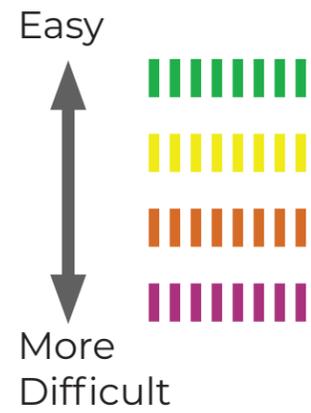


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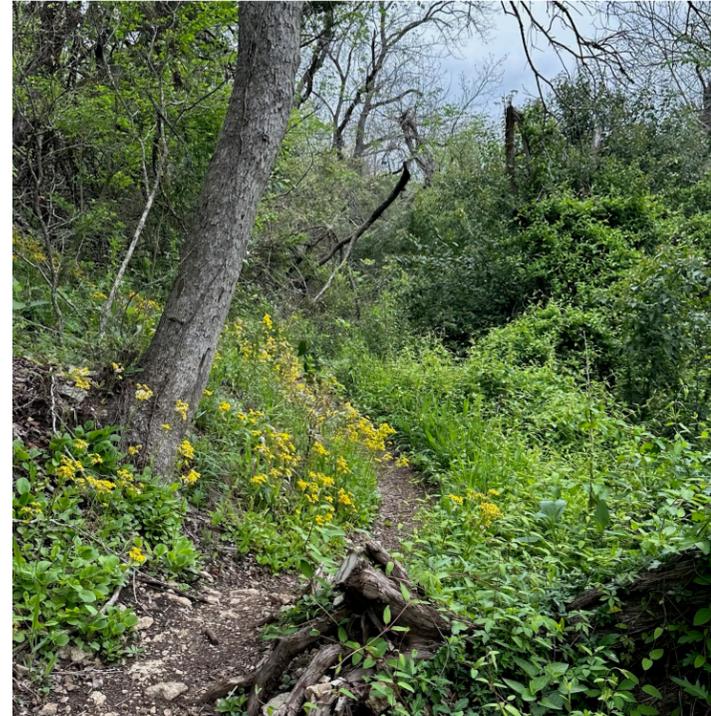
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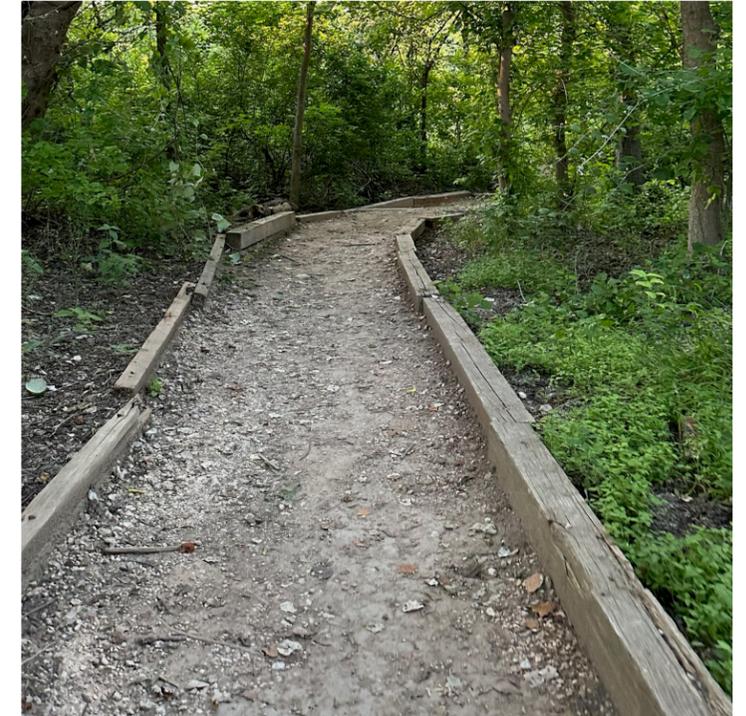
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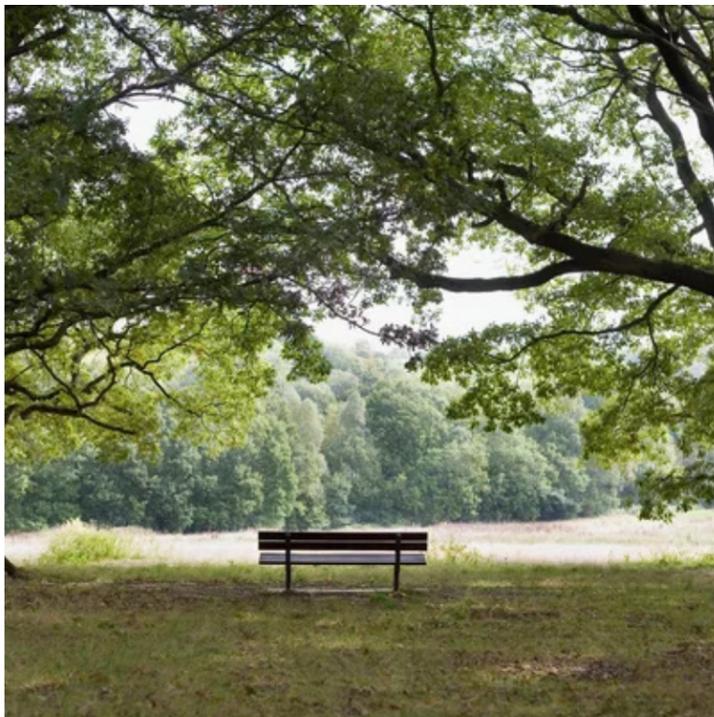
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Survey

Do you have any Question, Comments, or Concerns?

Please include your feedback in the Survey below:

Killeen Park & Recreation Survey -
West Killeen Natural Area Parks



Thank you! We appreciate you taking the time to join us!



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