

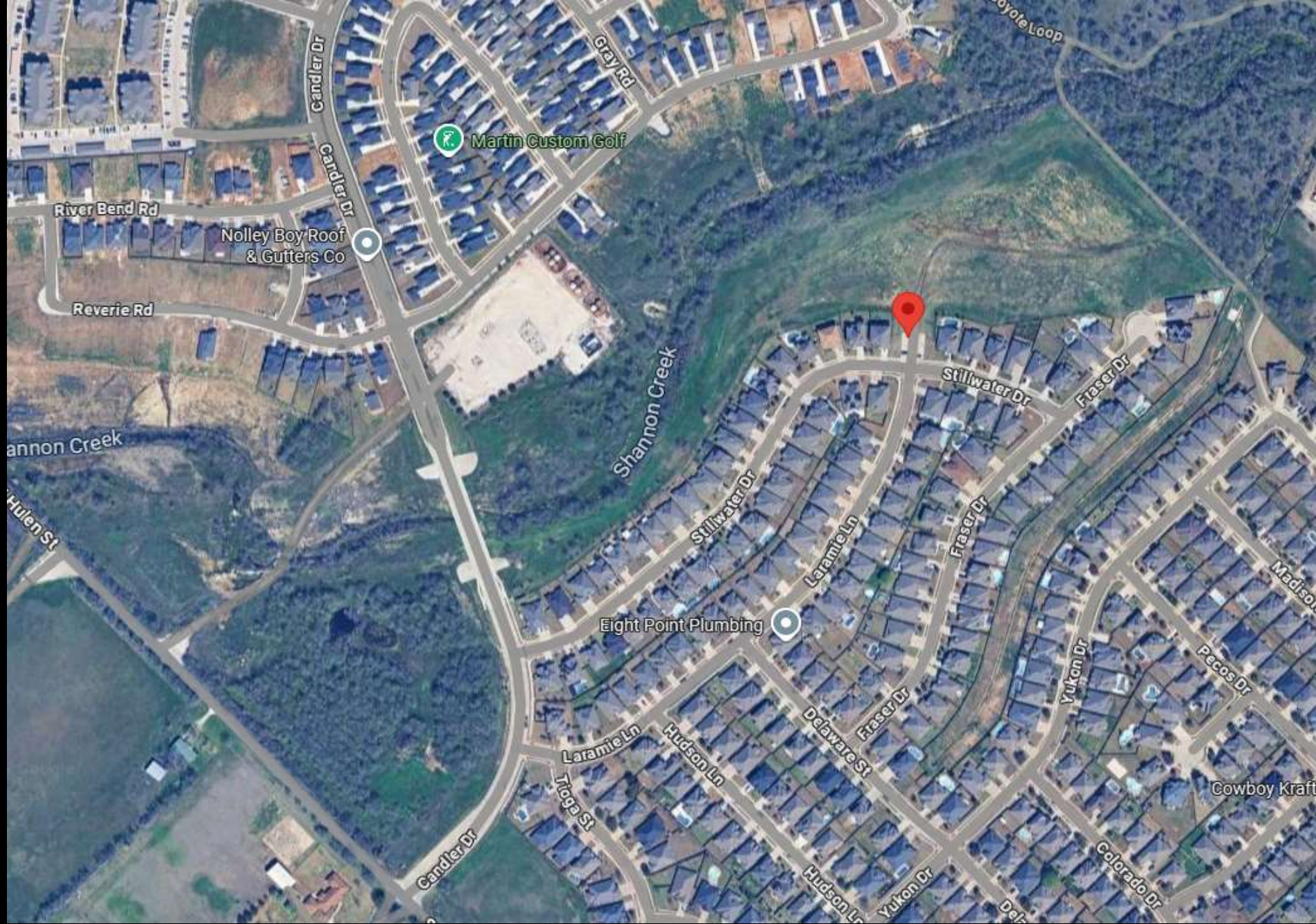
Shannon Creek Nature Park

PARK BOARD – NOVEMBER 20, 2025

PRESENTER – JESSICA MARTINEZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PARKS



CURRENT SITE



Project Background

Shannon Creek is centrally located as part of our park system and creates linkages between multiple trails, parks, and open space. It is positioned to serve over 4,000 households within 1 mile.

- **Identified as a Priority:**
 - Listed as a priority project in the 2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- **Fall 2021 – Round 1 Public Engagement:**
 - 303 online survey responses + 28 in-person town hall attendees.
 - Community provided input on desired park features.
 - Council presentation held on Nov. 8, 2021, with support to move forward with design development.
- **February 7, 2022 – Design Contract Awarded:**
 - Council approved a design contract with Studio Outside.
- **Fall 2022 – Round 2 Public Engagement:**
 - 509 survey responses and 32 on-site participants.
 - Discussion focused on parking, screening, and park programming.
 - Input resulted in a phased design approach.
- **November 2022 – Council and Park Board Approval:**
 - Council approved the phased design. The Park Board unanimously supported the final concept and phasing plan.
- **Flood Study and Coordination:**
 - This project required extensive coordination to complete flood studies, addressing both current drainage challenges and future floodplain needs.
 - Council received ongoing design direction updates throughout the Capital Improvement Program discussions.
- **June 2025 – Final Design and Bidding:**
 - Staff finalized construction documents, incorporating updates to align with the Community Park project and avoid amenity duplication while ensuring equitable park access.
 - Project released for bid on June 6, 2025.
 - Six bids were received; all exceeded the allocated project budget.
 - Bids were formally rejected at the August 4, 2025, City Council Meeting, with Council directing staff to re-evaluate project scope in light of the Community Park addition and Park Board recommendations.



Project Overview

- **Location:** 1624 Stillwater Drive, Burleson, TX 76028
- **Size:** 14.86 acres
- **Total Project Budget:** \$1.8 million
- **Purpose:** Transform undeveloped land into a nature-based community park; Strengthen connectivity within the Burleson parks and trails network
- **Key Features:**
 - Natural surface trails and paved walkways
 - Wildflower areas and native tree plantings
 - Site furnishings and landscape enhancements
 - Integrated storm water management and drainage solutions





SHANNON CREEK NATURE PARK

BURLESON, TEXAS

2025.11.10

PROPOSED DESIGN

RENDERED SITE PLAN



100% NATIVE PLANT PALETTE

11.5 ACRES OF RESTORED NATIVE PRAIRIE PROVIDES HEALTHY AND RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS.



NATURE WALK

OFFERS IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE THROUGH NATIVE HABITAT.

BOARDWALK

6' BOARDWALK SPANNING THE BIOSWALE FOR ACCESS AND VIEWS.



SCREENING TREES

SCREENING TREES: EASTERN RED CEDAR AND AMERICAN ELM FOR PRIVACY AND SHADE.

NATIVE PRAIRIE PLANTING

RESTORES NATIVE GRASSLAND HABITAT AND SUPPORTS WILDLIFE.





DRAINAGE FIELD SEED MIX

NATIVE GRASSES AND WILDFLOWERS HELP ABSORB RUNOFF AND PREVENT EROSION.

MIDWAY SEED MIX

NATIVE BLEND FOR PRAIRIE RESTORATION AND RESILIENCE.

BLACKLAND PRAIRIE SEED MIX

DESIGNED TO RESTORE TEXAS'S ENDANGERED BLACKLAND PRAIRIE ECOSYSTEMS.



BUTTERFLY GARDEN

SUPPORTS LOCAL POLLINATORS AND ENHANCES BIODIVERSITY.





POLLINATING FLOWERS
PROVIDE NECTAR AND COLOR FOR BEES, BUTTERFLIES,
AND HUMMINGBIRDS.

BID ALTERNATE
POLINATOR GARDEN



100% NATIVE POLLINATOR GARDEN
SUPPORTS LOCAL POLLINATORS AND WILDLIFE.

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OBSERVATION BENCH
OFFERS A QUIET PLACE TO REST AND ENJOY THE LANDSCAPE



NATIVE PLANTS LIKE MAXIMILIAN SUNFLOWER AND GREGG'S MISTFLOWER
ATTRACT AND PROVIDE HABITAT FOR POLLINATOR SPECIES



BID ALTERNATE

POLINATOR GARDEN



NEXT STEPS:

City Council Meeting for Discussion and Direction

- *Target Date:* December 15, 2025 (or January 2026, if needed)
- Staff will present updated scope recommendations and request Council direction.

Bid Project (if approved)

- *Tentative Date:* February – March 2026
- Revised project scope to be released for competitive bidding.

Award Construction Contract (City Council)

- *Target Date:* April 2026
- Council consideration and approval of the construction contract award.

Project Start

- *Estimated Start Date:* May – June 2026
- Construction anticipated to begin following contract execution and pre-construction coordination.



FEEDBACK

Staff recommends reducing the project scope to the proposed design and reallocating any remaining project funding to the Community Park project to maximize resources, align with current community priorities, and ensure the most efficient use of available funds.

