

GREENBELT ENHANCEMENT STATEMENT
City of Norman, Oklahoma

Greenbelt Case No. _____ **Pre-Development Case No.** _____

Applicant Name: Norman Utilities Authority Date: 1/13/2025

Contact Person: Nathan Madenwald Telephone/Fax/Email: (405) 366-5426

Name of Development Norman Groundwater Facility Area (Acres) 28.2733

General Location Tract at 4020 E Tecumseh Road being a part of the N/2 NW/4 of Section 14, Township 9 North, Range 2 West of the 1M, Cleveland County, Oklahoma.

Please attach a map, site plan and/or survey map illustrating the proposed development.

Type of Proposal (please check all that apply)

- a. **This is a:** Land Use Plan Amendment ; Preliminary Plat ; Rural Certificate of Survey .
- b. Proposed **Land Use:** Residential ___ Commercial ___ Industrial ___ Other Civic/Municipal

1. Briefly **explain the kind of development**, types of buildings/uses, or character of your proposal **and how it achieves the principles, purposes and goals** of Section 2-330.

This property will be used as Norman's Groundwater Treatment Facility with minimal public access. +

2. Does your proposed development or project incorporate open space(s)?
 Yes Yes No ___

Please check **what** type(s) of **open spaces are proposed** within your development:

- Park: ___ Yes x ___ No ___ Public ___ Private
- Open Space: x ___ Yes ___ No ___ Public x ___ Private
- Detention Pond: x ___ Yes ___ No ___ Public x ___ Private
- Parking Lot Landscape: ___ Yes x ___ No ___ Public ___ Private
- Floodplain/Creek: ___ Yes x ___ No ___ Public ___ Private

Other ~~DETENTION POND~~ DETENTION POND IS ACTUALLY RAIN GARDEN.

If the above noted areas are **accessible** via some **other arrangement** please **explain**.

3. **Does** the open space for this **development include** some kind of **trail or path** that meets the definitions contained in Section 2-327 of the attached guidelines? (Indicate all that are applicable.)

- Public Sidewalks (4-5' wide) ___ Yes x ___ No
- Natural Trails (compacted earth 8-10' wide) ___ Yes x ___ No
- Parkway Trails (durable surface 6-8' wide) ___ Yes x ___ No
- Neighborhood Trails (durable or paved, 6-10' wide) ___ Yes x ___ No
- Community Wide Trails (paved, 10-12' wide) ___ Yes x ___ No
- Specialized Trails (equestrian, water, etc) ___ Yes x ___ No

Other Easement will be granted for future trails but no sidewalks or trails are proposed with this development.

4. **Identify** schools, recreational areas (parks, playgrounds), commercial sites, or other public **open spaces within 1/2 mile** of your proposed development. (If there are **no** such areas within the 1/2 mile radius please **state** such and skip question 5.)

No areas within 1/2 mile.

5. Projects in close proximity to schools, recreational areas (parks, playgrounds), commercial sites, and residential neighborhoods should, ideally, allow **connection points** promoting non-motorized transportation between key areas. Please **describe** how the proposed development plan accommodates those using alternative transportation, such as walkers and bicyclists? Examples include sidewalks connecting key areas, designated bike paths, and bike parking. (If there is **no** such connectivity please **state** such.)

No proposed connectivity.

6. Please **check**, from the following (or attach a list), **any other** geographical and/or environmental factors in your development that might offer **opportunities** for additions to the Greenbelt System (see Section 2-327).

- Storm water channels
- Detention ponds
- Floodplains
- Stream bank/Riparian corridors
- Utility Easements
- Abandoned/Active RR corridors
- Other _____

How could your development **also incorporate** those elements noted into greenbelts and trails?

Easement to be granted along frontage for future trails.

7. **Please review the statements below and indicated in the space next to each item, whether it does apply ("Yes"), does not apply ("No"), or is not feasible ("NA") to your development. Of specific interest is how your project fits into the public open spaces and parks.**

In performing its duties, the Greenbelt Commission shall take into account the considerations listed below. The Commission will also consider how your project fits into the public open spaces and parks that are existing. Not all considerations will be applicable or feasible for each application.

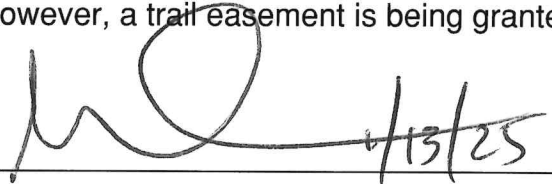
- ~~NA~~ (a) Portions of the Greenbelt System are accessible to the general public.
- ~~NA~~ (b) Greenways are established and provide connections to other existing and future components of the Greenbelt System.
- ~~NA~~ (c) Existing easements (e.g., utility, pipeline, oil lease right-of-way, etc.) may be used for Greenways where appropriate and where expressly approved by the easement grantor and grantee.

- ~~NA~~ ~~N+~~(d) Greenways connect neighborhoods to each other and to industrial and commercial areas.
- ~~NA~~ ~~N+~~(e) Greenways provide alternative routes to move through the City for commuting to work, schools, shopping, between neighborhoods, and/or other destinations by bicycling or walking.
- Y ~~Y+~~(f) Adverse impacts on existing topography, drainage patterns and natural vegetation are minimized.
- Y ~~N+~~(g) Developments between urbanized Norman and Lake Thunderbird include pedestrian and bike connectivity to adjacent parcels to allow for future connections to Lake Thunderbird.
- Y ~~Y+~~(h) Landscaping required by the City has been/will be planted in conformance with Norman Zoning regulations, including with local drought-resistant low maintenance plants, shrubs and trees.
- ~~NA~~ ~~N+~~(i) Vegetative buffers between neighborhoods and railway lines have been provided to enhance safety and reduce the effects of noise and air pollution.
- Y ~~Y+~~(j) Permeable ground surfaces have been preserved to the extent possible.
- ~~NA~~ ~~N+~~(k) Ingress and egress to and from a development is designed to permit safe use by non-motorized traffic in and out of the development and across the ingress and egress provisions of the development.
- Y ~~Y+~~(l) Fences abutting components of the Greenbelt System, and particularly those abutting green spaces, are of designs and materials that minimize their visual impact to the extent such fences are allowable under Norman City Code and not in conflict with applicable national standards for utility facilities. Examples of acceptable open fences include such types as wrought iron, split rail, low picket fence with every other picket removed, and metal pickets.
- Y ~~Y+~~(m) Water retention and detention storage facilities are designed in accordance with bioengineering principles and built with bioengineering materials.
- ~~NA~~ ~~N+~~(n) Detention facilities are integrated into the surrounding neighborhood as part of the Greenbelt System in as ecologically sound a method as possible.
- ~~NA~~ ~~N+~~(o) Storm water management design considers the potential for trail and green space preservation, enhancement and/or creation.
- Y ~~Y+~~(p) The development layout is designed to preserve the health and diversity of wildlife affected by development in natural drainage corridor areas.
- Y ~~Y+~~(q) The development layout is designed to minimize the intrusions of noise, trash and other things into the Greenbelt System that would negatively affect visitors' and users' experience of any impacted components of the Greenbelt System.
- ~~NA~~ ~~N+~~(r) To the extent possible, the development layout, as designed, does not impair the ability of riparian buffers from serving as corridors for wildlife movement.
- ~~NA~~ ~~N+~~(s) Riparian buffers are incorporated into the Greenbelt System.
- ~~NA~~ ~~N+~~(t) The commercial developments have provided for pedestrian access.
- ~~NA~~ ~~N+~~(u) Pavement is minimized when possible by, among other things, using shared parking areas and/or permeable parking surfaces where feasible and allowed under the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Norman and the City Engineering Design Criteria.
- ~~NA~~ ~~N+~~(v) Cluster development has been utilized as a means to develop the Greenbelt System.
- ~~NA~~ ~~N+~~(w) Structures, other than utility transmission poles or substations, were located to maximize greenbelt and trail opportunities.

8. **If**, after reviewing the above questions, you feel like your proposed **development** or project **has no opportunities** to add to the City of Norman Greenbelt System, please **explain** briefly below. (Any comments you feel will help the Commission understand your intent to develop the area.)

The proposed development is a City groundwater treatment facility where we need to restrict access and traffic for protection of public health and welfare. What is proposed is the initial phase of the project with future phases, as needed, to install treatment systems as regulations become more stringent. Therefore, there is minimal options for developing/enhancing the Greenbelt System. However, a trail easement is being granted adjacent to the public right-of-way.

Signature of Applicant or Contact Person (required) :

A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by the date "4/13/25" written in a similar style. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

GREENBELT COMMISSION COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ABOUT PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AS SUBMITTED FOR PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION (MAY ATTACH AS SEPARATE SHEET):