Memorandum



DATE January 4, 2018

Honorable Members of the Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee: Sandy Greyson (chair), Mark Clayton (Vice Chair), Rickey D. Callahan, Jennifer S. Gates, Scot Griggs, B. Adam McGough, Omar Narvaez

SUBJECT Smart Growth for Dallas Initiative

On Monday, January 8, 2018, you will be briefed on the Smart Growth for Dallas Initiative. The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Joey Zapata

Assistant City Manager

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Smart Growth for Dallas Initiative

Using data and GIS to improve the social, economic, and environmental resilience of Dallas

Quality of Life Committee Briefing January 8, 2018







Agenda

Program Overview

- Project Partners
- Phase I of Smart Growth Dallas
- Project objectives and timeline
- Roles and responsibilities of TAT

II. Review of Phase 1 Deliverables

- Citywide Maps and Analysis
- High-Priority Opportunities

III. Community Engagement (bcWORKSHOP)

- IV. Phase 2 Objectives and Timeline
 - Decision Support Tool
 - Technical Advisory Team
 - Project Timeline and Next Steps



I. PROGRAM OVERVIEW Smart Growth for Dallas

About Our Partners



The Trust for Public Land works across the country to create new parks and protect land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come.

Since our founding in 1972, we've created and protected more than 5,000 special places across the country. More than 7 million people live within a 10-minute walk of a place that we have created or protected. We have helped generate nearly \$60 billion in public funding for parks and natural areas through ballot measures supported by nearly 100 million voters in 37 states.

About Our Partners

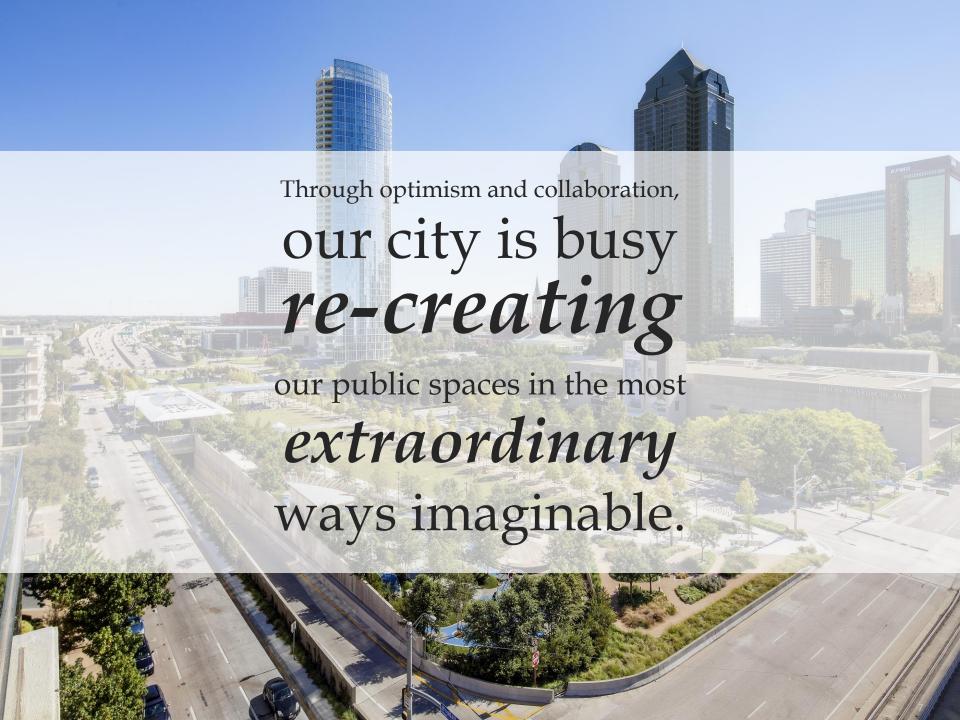


The buildingcommunityWORKSHOP is a Texas based nonprofit community design center seeking to improve the livability and viability of communities through the practice of thoughtful design and making. We enrich the lives of citizens by bringing design thinking to areas of our city where resources are most scarce.



The Texas Trees Foundation preserves, beautifies, and expands parks and other public natural green spaces, public streets, boulevards, and rights-of-way by planting trees and encouraging others to do the same through educational programs that focus on the importance of building and protecting the "urban forest" today as a legacy for generations to come.

WITH A GROWING POPULATION AND BOOMING ECONOMY, DALLAS STANDS ON THE CUSP OF A NEW ERA IN ITS HISTORY.



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THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

In DFW, Struggle to Save Water and Prepare for Growth



The Pallas Morning News

In the wake of Harvey, Dallasites are asking: Could catastrophic floods happen here? Yes





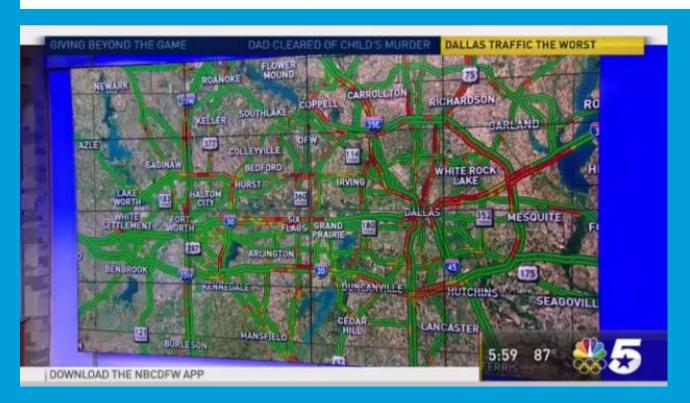
For The 1 In 5 North Texas Kids In Poverty, It's Harder To Get To The Doctor, Succeed In School

The Beyond ABC report only looks at the well-being of children in parts of North Texas, specifically six counties: Dallas, Collin, Denton, Cooke, Grayson and Fannin

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Dallas Ranks in Top 5 for Worst Traffic in U.S.: Study



TexasMonthly

Boom With A View

THE PERIL AND PROMISE OF BEING ONE OF THE FASTEST-GROWING CITIES IN TEXAS.

The Pallas Morning News

Poverty is eating at Dallas' core



\$1B 'Plan for Growth' in South Dallas



Introducing:

Smart Growth for Dallas

Using data and GIS to improve the social, economic, and environmental resilience of Dallas









A few of our big challenges:

- Retain stormwater runoff
- Cool neighborhoods in the summertime heat
- Protect neighborhoods from flooding
- Safe routes to school and work
- Increase active recreation for residents
- Grow the local economy through rejuvenating forgotten or overlooked areas of the city
- Diversify mobility options through walking and cycling paths
- Clean pollution from the air
- Create a sense of place and community for neighbors



Key Deliverables

Phase 1:
Identification of HighPriority Parcels
(March 2016 - September 2016)



Phase 2:

Phase Decision

Interactive Decision

Analysis Readin

Support Tool

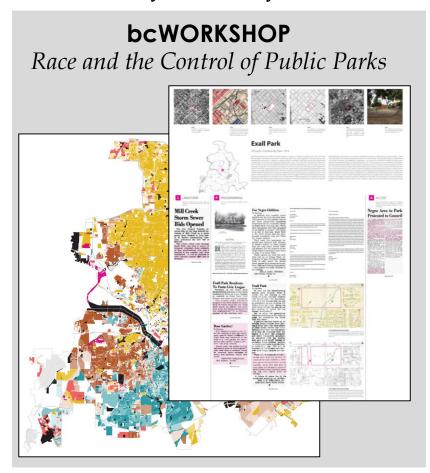
Interactive Support Support Tool

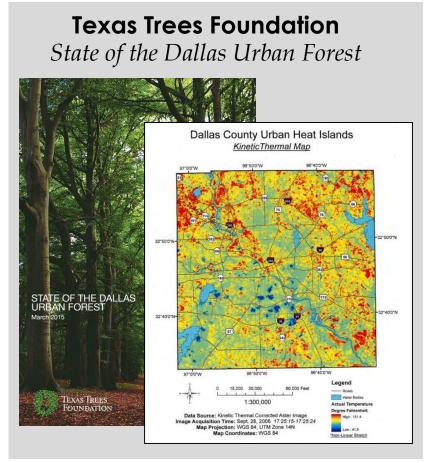
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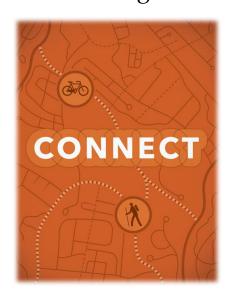
In collaboration with bcWORKSHOP, Texas Trees Foundation, and others, we developed *Smart Growth for Dallas* to be the "next step" that continues the work already underway in Dallas.



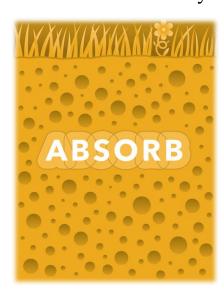


...using a proven national model.

Smart Growth for Dallas deploys The Trust for Public Land's innovative **Climate-Smart Cities** methodology in our local context. This program uses four strategies to help cities improve their climate resiliency:









We've successfully deployed this program in cities across the country, including:

- New York, NY
- Los Angeles, CA
- Boston, MA
- Chattanooga, TN
- New Orleans, LA
- Denver, CO



Climate-Smart Cities Partnerships











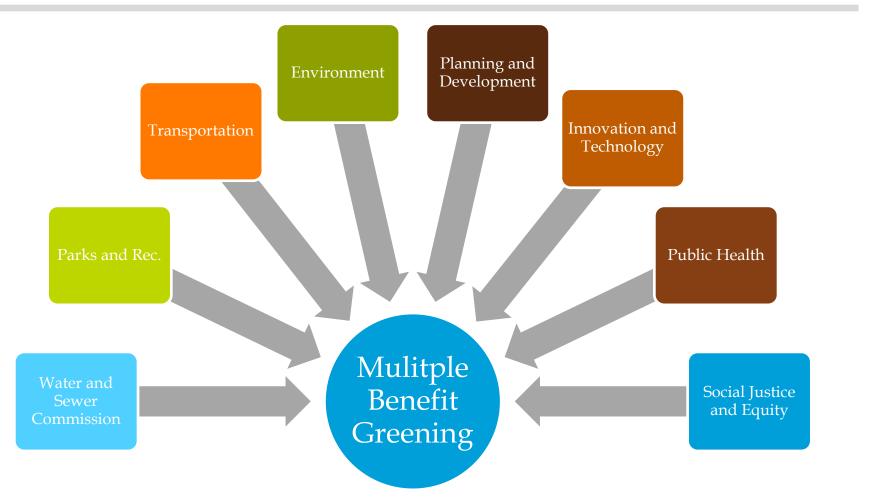




Our Integrated Approach

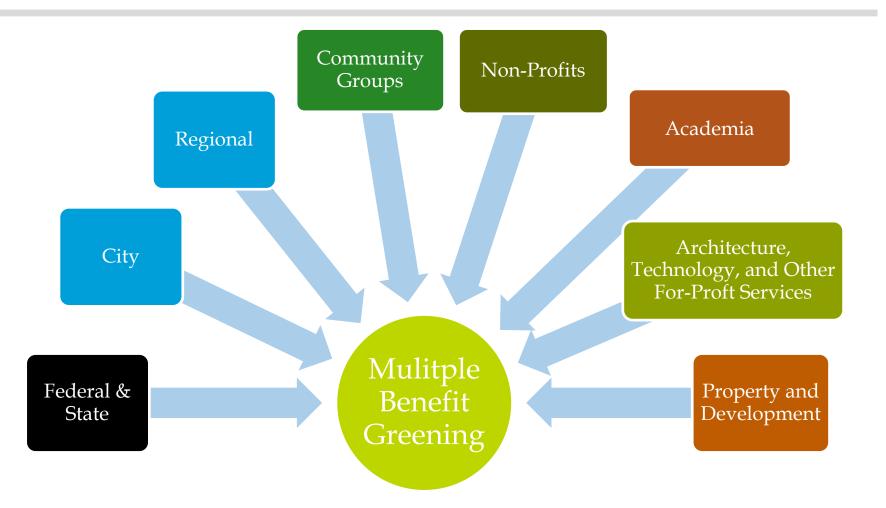


Program Objective: Help Dallas identify and prioritize methods to improve its social, economic, and environmental resiliency

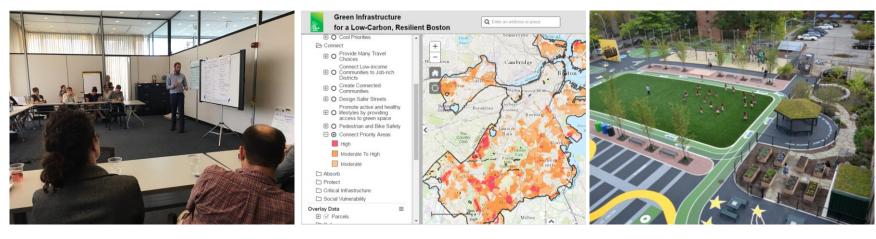




Cross-sector integration



Range of implementation opportunities



GI Coalition Building / Learning Labs

Policy and Decision Making

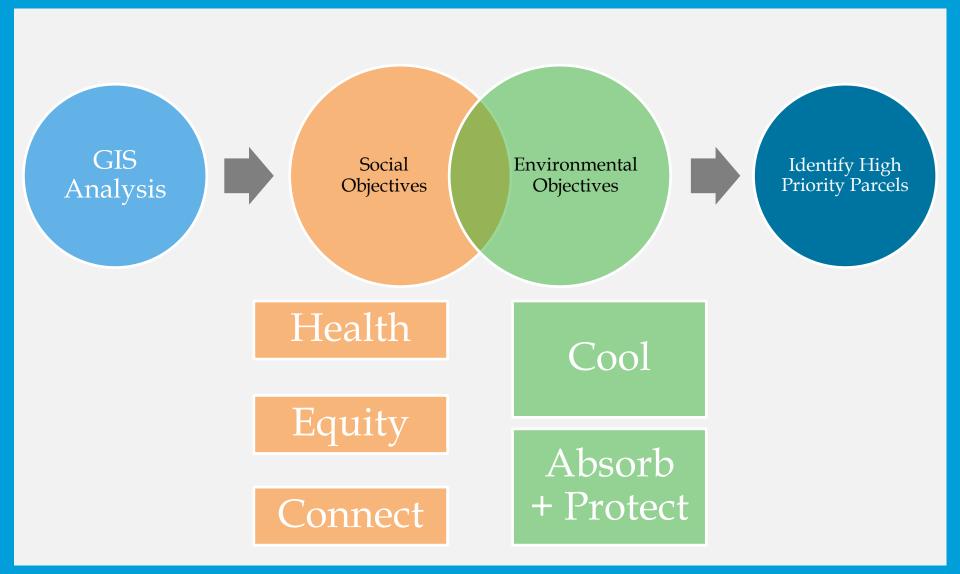
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II. PHASE 1 DELIVERABLES Citywide Maps and Analysis

SMART GROWTH FOR DALLAS PHASE I ANALYSIS



Phase I Environmental Objectives

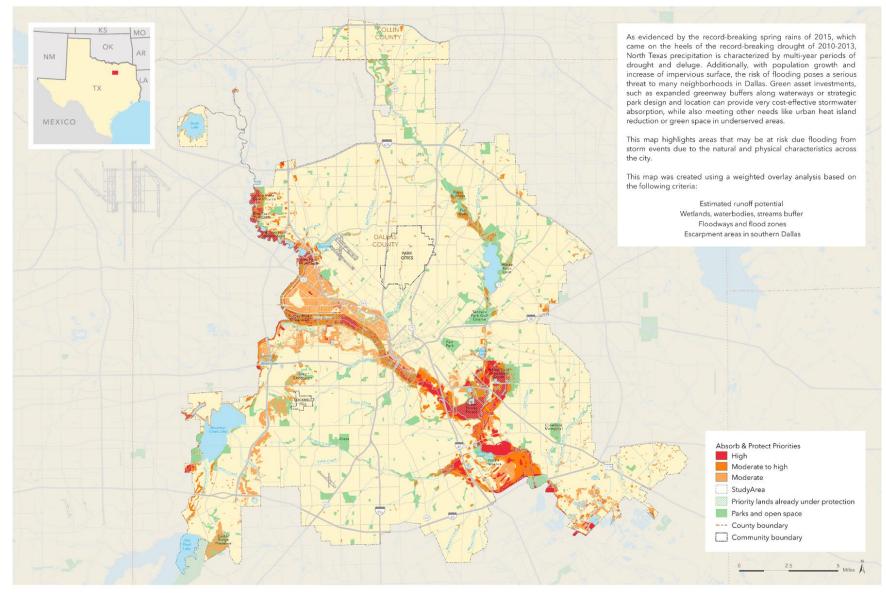
ABSORB & PROTECT

Parks and open space can absorb stormwater and serve as a buffer between rivers and surrounding development, providing flood protection. Our analysis identifies locations where green asset investments, such as expanded tree canopy or strategic park design and location can absorb stormwater and protect development from flooding.

COOL

Well-positioned green space and canopy cover can reduce ambient temperature by 5° to 10° F. Our analysis identifies areas of Dallas where parks and open space can reduce urban heat islands and cool nearby neighborhoods.

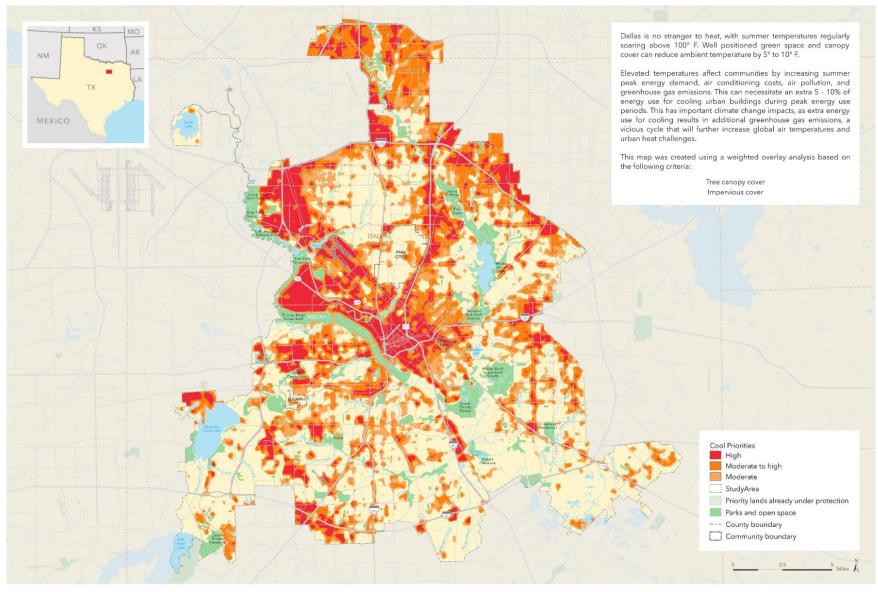




Absorb & Protect

CLIMATE-SMART CITIES: SMART GROWTH FOR DALLAS







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Phase I Social Objectives

CONNECT

Many Dallas residents rely on biking paths, greenbelts, and linear parks for their daily transportation needs. Our analysis identifies areas where investments in cycling/pedestrian infrastructure can improve safety and improve connectivity between trails and transit.

HEALTH

By creating opportunities for active recreation, parks and open spaces are able to improve the health of nearby residents. Our analysis identifies areas of Dallas where parks can help combat diabetes, heart disease, and asthma.

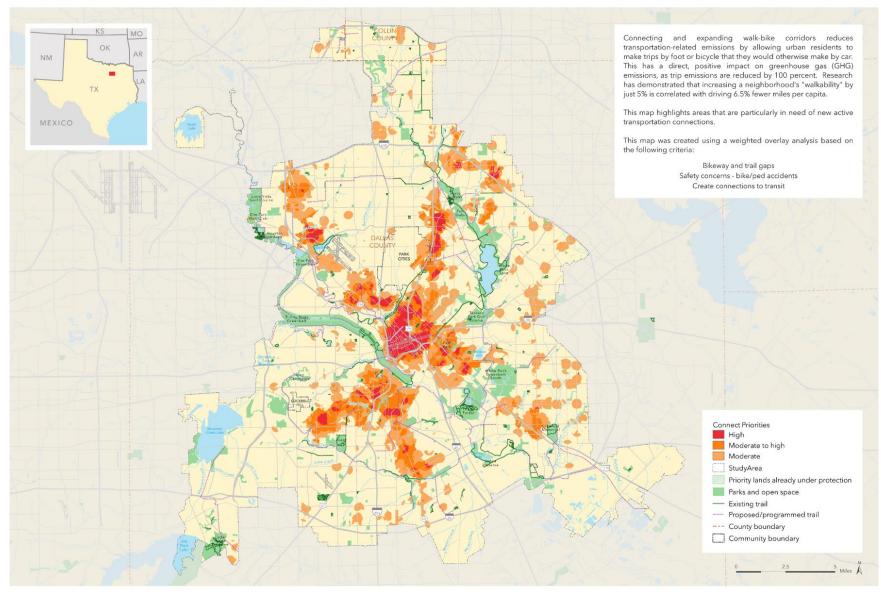


Phase I Social Objectives (continued)

EQUITY

Parks are particularly important to neighborhoods with a high prevalence of low-income households, children, senior citizens, and residents with limited English-proficiency. For these groups, parks fill the need for common public space that may not be readily available in their neighborhoods. Our analysis identifies areas of Dallas where parks can provide common public space for these groups.

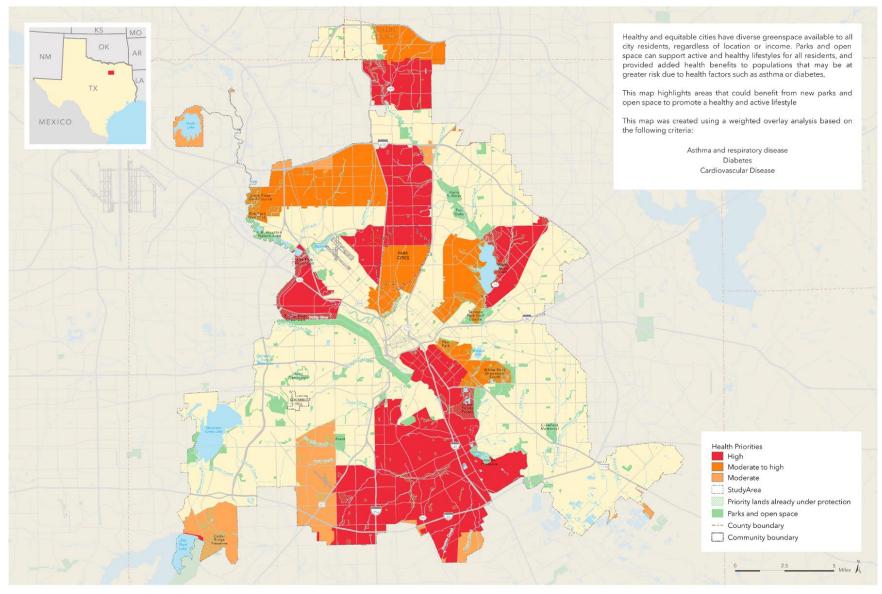




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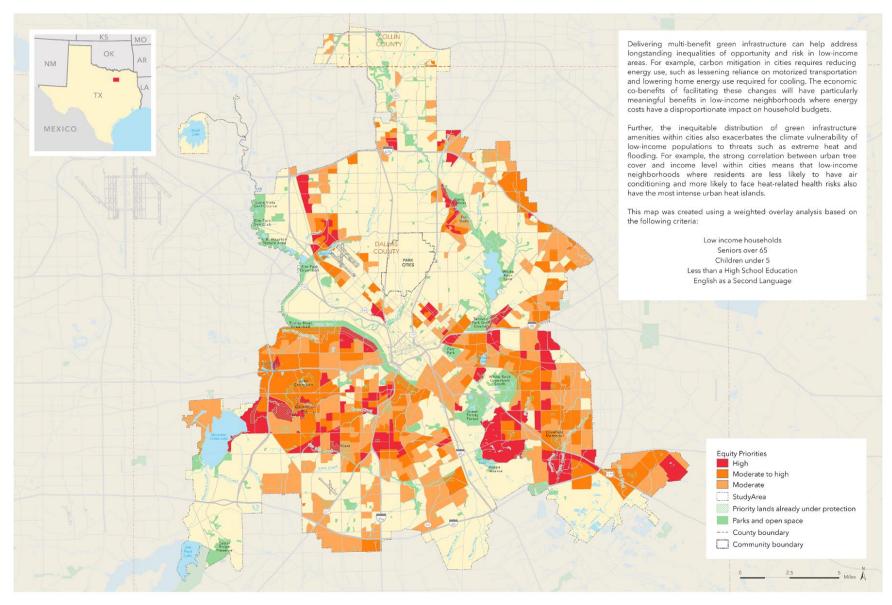
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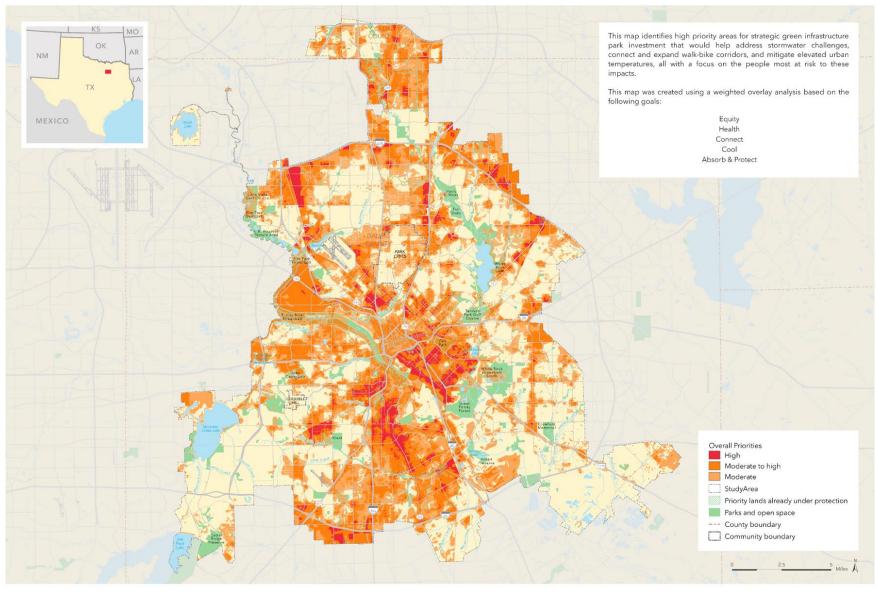
Health







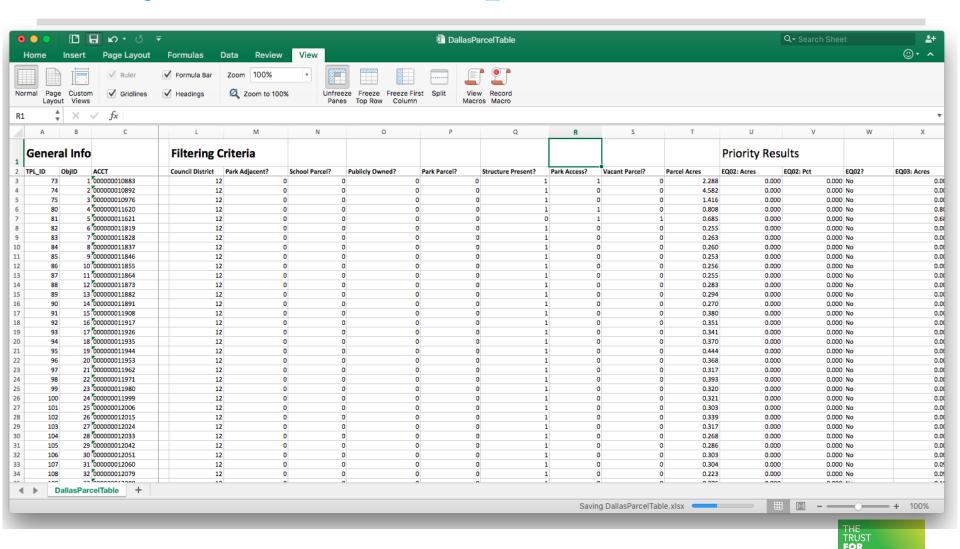




Overall Priorities



Analysis for 315,000 parcels of land



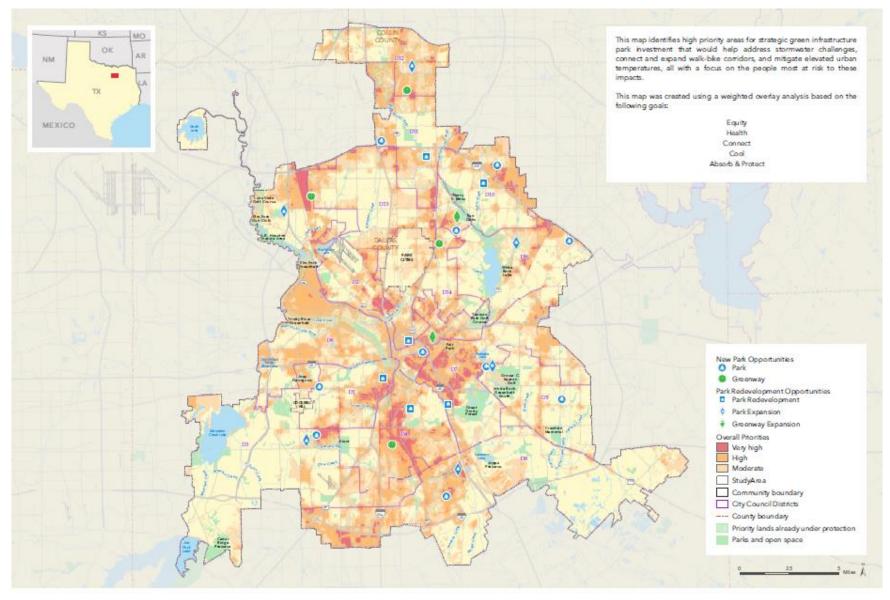
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II. PHASE 1 DELIVERABLES High-Priority Opportunities

How much land is available for parks?

- We identified over 3,500 acres of land that we consider "high opportunity" for new park development.
 - 1,600 acres are publicly owned (City of Dallas, DART, etc.)
 - 1,900 acres are privately owned
 - All land is considered vacant
 - In areas currently underserved by parks
- The county appraisal districts value the privately-owned land at \$117 million.
- If we consider just the five largest park creation opportunities in each council district, we have identified 669 acres of land, valued at \$52 million.

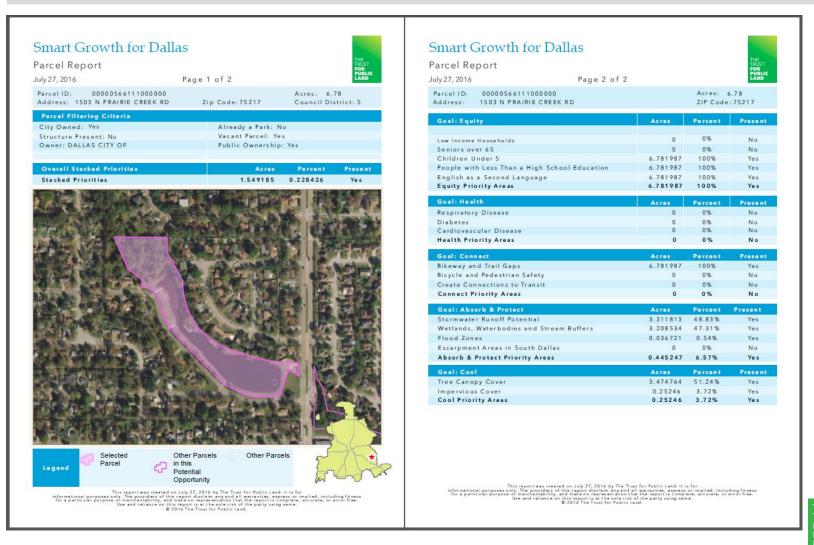




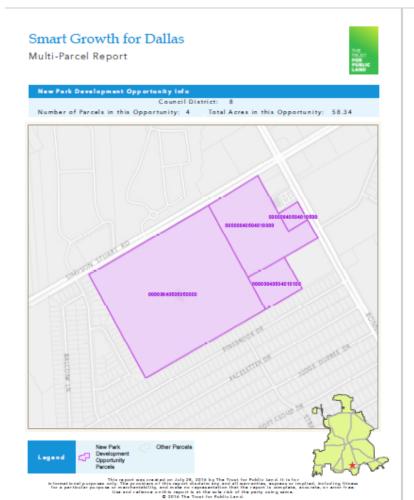
Overall Priorities & Illustrative Opportunities



Data-informed and strategic decisions



Finding land for new parks



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Parcel ID: 0000064050 Address: 3380 SIMPSO			Acres: 1 ZIP Code	
Goal: Equity		Acres	Percent	Present
Low Income Households		13.034586	100%	Yes
Seniors over 65		13.034586	100%	Yes
Children Under 5		0	0%	No
People with Less Than a	High School Education	13.034586	100%	Yes
English as a Second Lang	guage	0	0%	No
Equity Priority Areas		13.034586	100%	Yes
Goal: Health		Acres	Percent	Present
Respiratory Disease		13.034586	100%	Yes
Diabetes		13.034586	100%	Yes
Cardiovascular Disease		13.034586	100%	Yes
Health Priority Areas		13.034586	100%	Yes
Goal: Connect		Acres	Percent	Present
Bikeway and Trail Gaps		13.034586	100%	Yes
Bicycle and Pedestrian S	*	0	0%	No
Create Connections to Tr	anzit	0	0%	No
Connect Priority Areas		8.548851	65.59%	Yes
Goal: Absorb & Protect		Acres	Percent	Present
Stormwater Runoff Poten	tial	12.713028	97.53%	Yes
Wetlands, Waterbodies a	nd Stream Buffers	0	0%	No
Flood Zones		0	0 %	No
Excarpment Areas in Sou		0	0%	No
Absorb & Protect Priorit	y Areas	0	0%	No
Gost: Cool		Acres	Percent	Present
Tree Canopy Cover		13.034586	100%	Yes
Impervious Cover		0	0%	No
Cool Priority Areas		5.308005	40.72%	Yes

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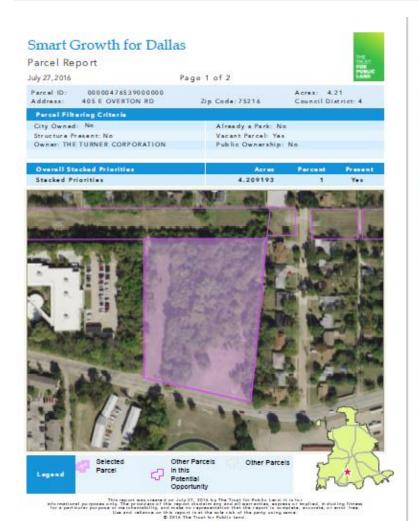


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Goal: Equity		Acres	Percent	Present
Low Income Households		o	0%	No
Seniors over 65		0	0%	No
Children Under 5		0	0%	No
People with Less Than a High School Education English as a Second Language		0	0%	No
		4.49	100%	Yes
Equity Priority Areas		4.49	100%	Yes
Goal: Health		Acres	Percent.	Present
Respiratory Disease		0	0%	No
Diabetes		0	0%	No
Cardiovascular Dixease		0	0%	No
Health Priority Areas			0%	No
Goal: Connect		Acres	Percent	Present
Bikeway and Trail Gaps		4.49	100%	Yes
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety		1.57	34.9%	Yes
Create Connections to Transit		0	0%	No
Connect Priority Areas		3.15	70.0%	Yes
Goal: Absorb & Protect		Acres	Percent	Present
Stormwater Runoff Potential		4.49	100%	Yes
Wetlands, Waterbodies and Stream Buffe	97 X	0	0%	No
Flood Zones		0	0%	No
Excarpment Areas in South Dallas		0	0%	No
Absorb & Protect Priority Areas		0	0%	No
Gest: Cool		Acres	Percent	Present
Goal: Cool Tree Canopy Cover		Acres 4.49	100%	Yes

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Connect trails to transit and other destinations

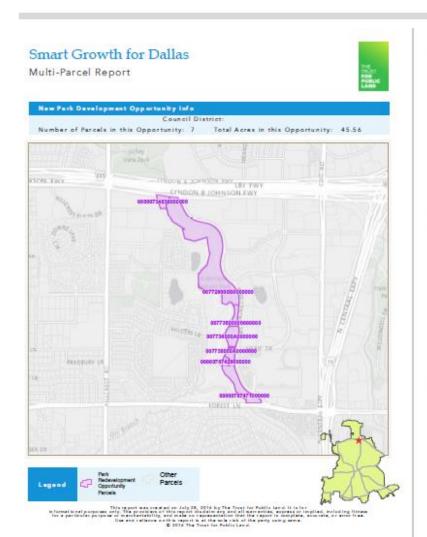


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Goal: Equity	1	Acres	Percent	Present
Law Income Hauseholds		4.209193	100%	Yes
Seniors over 65		0	0%	No
Children Under 5		0	0%	No
People with Less Than a Hig	h School Education	4.209193	100%	Yes
English as a Second Langua	ige	4.209193	100%	Yes
Equity Priority Areas		4.209193	100%	Yes
Goal: Health	3	Acres	Percent	Present
Respiratory Disease		4.209193	100%	Yes
Diabetes		4.209193	100%	Yes
Cardiovascular Disease		4.209193	100%	Yes
Health Priority Areas		4.209193	100%	Yes
Goal: Connect		Acres	Percent	Present
Bikeway and Trail Gaps		4.209193	100%	Yes
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Create Connections to Transit		0	0%	No
Connect Priority Areas		0	0%	No
Goal: Absorb & Protect		Acres	Percent	Present
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Wetlands, Waterbodies and	Stream Buffers	0	0%	No
Flood Zones		0	0%	No
Excarpment Areas in South		0	0%	No
Absorb & Protect Priority A	Areas	0	0%	No
Goal: Cool		Acres	Percent	Present
Tree Canopy Cover		2.366087	56.21%	Yes
Impervious Cover		0	0%	No
Cool Priority Areas		0	0%	No

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Expand and re-imagine existing parks



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Goal: Equity	Acres	Percent	Present
Law Income Hauseholds	0	0%	No
Seniors over 65	1.589896	100%	Yes
Children Under 5	0	0%	No
People with Less Than a High School Education	0	0%	No
English as a Second Language	0	0%	No
Equity Priority Areas	0	0%	No
Goal: Health	Acres	Parcent	Present
Respiratory Disease	1.589896	100%	Yes
Diabetes	1.589896	100%	Yes
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Health Priority Areas	1.589896	100%	Yes
Goal: Connect	Acres	Percent-	Present
Bikeway and Trail Gaps	0	0%	No
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety	0	0%	No
Create Connections to Transit	0	0%	No
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Goal: Absorb & Protect	Acres	Percent	Present
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Cool Priority Areas	1.589896	100%	Yes

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III. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT buildingcommunityWORKSHOP

Community Engagement





Community Engagement

Date	Meeting	Attendance
11/10/2016	Kickoff	56
11/17/2016	Lake Highlands Baptist Church	16
11/28/2016	Campbell Green Rec Center	25
12/06/2016	Hampton Illinois Branch Library	19
12/15/2016	Bachman Lake Rec Center	6
01/05/2017	Pleasant Grove Branch Library	11
01/12/2017	Highland Hills Branch Library	8
01/19/2017	Center for Non-Profit Mgmt	22
	TOTALS:	157

Data and Questions Identified from Engagement

Throughout the engagement process, participants provided information on how they interact with parks in Dallas and other cities. The types of stories we heard vary in detail, but several categories related to the overall Smart Growth for Dallas objectives were identified in analyzing all of the information. The largest of these categories, Design Considerations, specifically relates to park amenities and design. The other 3 are specifically about data, these categories are: Existing Data – Phase 1; Data We Know Exists; Missing Data; and Possible Research Questions.



Existing Data

Comments heard during community engagement that relate to datasets that were already included in the Smart Growth for Dallas Phase 1 analysis:

- Connectivity to trails and parks
- Areas in proximity to parks
- Tree canopy cover
- Pedestrian safety
- Vacant land (parcels without structures)
- Concrete coverage and runoff



Data We Know Exists

During the community engagement a number of priorities emerged that suggested the need to find additional data we believe has already been collected to address comments heard or that can be used in an analysis to create new datasets:

- Areas with high densities of apartment units or businesses
- Pedestrian-friendly or walkable neighborhoods
- Location of park amenities (e.g. sport fields, playgrounds, walking trails, etc.)
- Parks with little shade
- Age of equipment in parks
- Location of public art in proximity to parks



Missing Data

Some comments heard during community engagement are not easily linked to existing data and would require collecting new information or establishing an analytical process to create:

- Condition of existing sidewalks
- Noise pollution near parks
- Wayfinding or signage in parks and trails
- Trail types, surface types, and width
- Park usage data (demographic information, activities, length of stay, etc.)
- Light pollution related to parks



Remaining Questions

Many comments heard over the course of the engagement meetings cannot easily be linked to existing data or metrics to inform Phase 2 of Smart Growth for Dallas. Answers to these questions will provide more information on how park users attitudes can be tied into the data and metrics of the decision support tool.



Remaining Questions (Cont'd)

Some of these questions were:

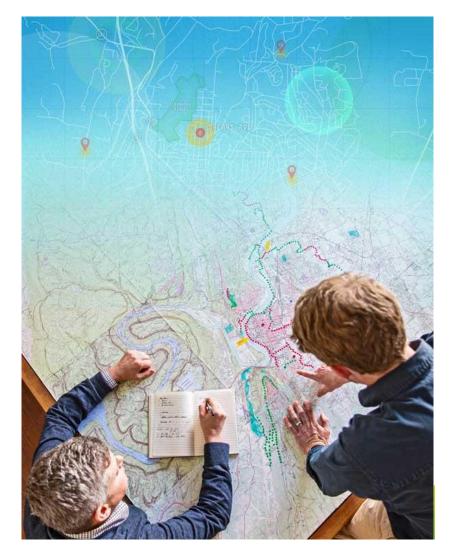
- Can an area support evening activities? What is needed to support safe evening activities?
- Development types and patterns, how do they coincide with park use?
- How do/can parks bring people together? Can that be designed for?
- How is ADA currently considered in the design of Dallas' parks, are these considerations fully addressing the current need?
- How many people use parks and trails as a primary means of "transportation"?
- How/where do homeless use parks?
- Are there data/design considerations for animal or butterfly migration?
- What features best promote active lifestyles?



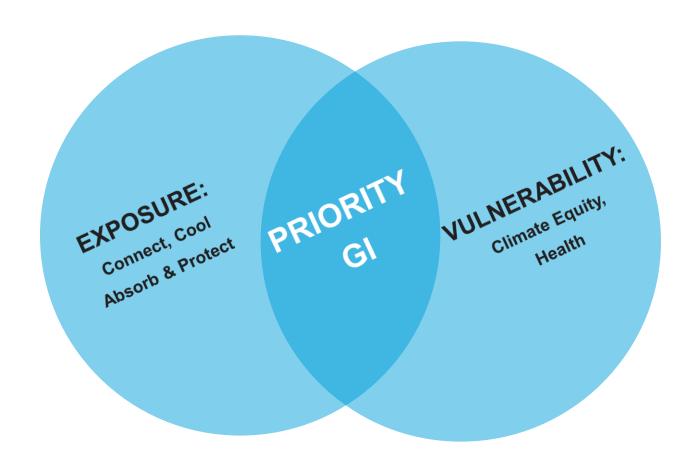
IV. PHASE 2 OBJECTIVES AND TIMELINE

Smart Growth for Dallas Phase 2 Objective:

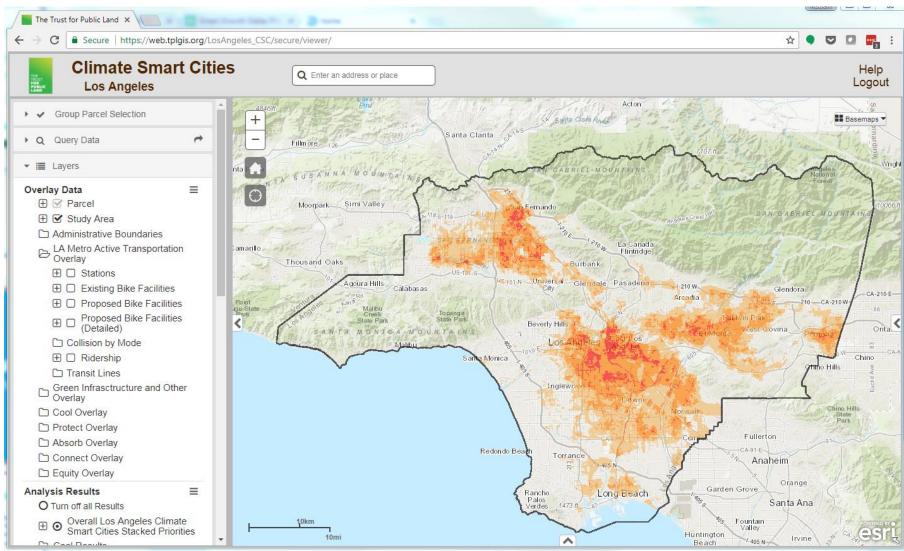
Develop a web-based, GIS-enabled "Decision
Support Tool" that
identifies, at a parcel level,
where resource investment
can have a positive impact
on social, economic, and
environmental resilience in
Dallas.

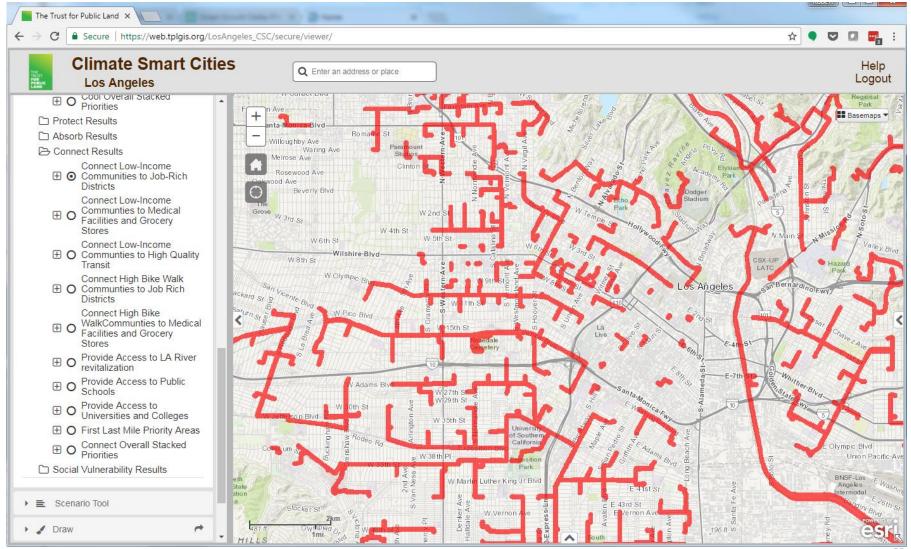


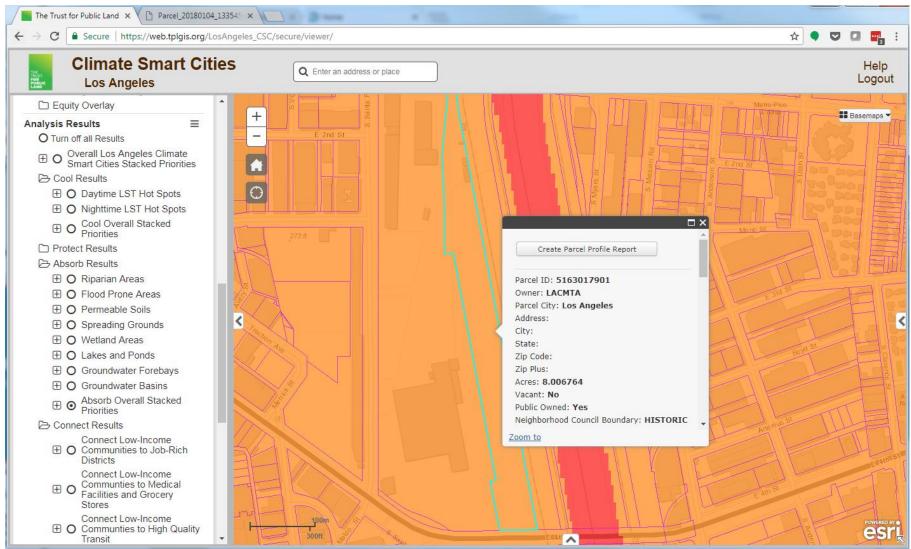
Identify priority areas for multi-benefit green infrastructure interventions where people and places are at the greatest risk to the effects of climate change.

















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Parcel Report				THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC
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Parcel ID: 5163017901 Owner: Address:	LACMTA		А	cres: 8.01
AB31 Criteria:				
Acres of Park per 1k Residents: 0.29				
Median Household Income <80%: No				
Less than 3 acres Park per 1k Resid	ents: Yes			
Overall Stacked Priorities		Acres	Percent	Present
Stacked Priorities		8.01	100.0%	Yes
Goal: Cool		Acres	Percent	Present
Daytime Urban HeatIslands		8.01	100.0%	Yes
Nighttime Urban HeatIslands		8.01	100.0%	Yes
Cool Priority Areas		8.01	100.0%	Yes
Goal: Absorb		Acres	Percent	Present
Riparian Areas		0.00	0.0%	No
Flood Prone Areas		0.00	0.0%	No
Permeable Soils		8.01	100.0%	Yes
Spreading Grounds		0.00	0.0%	No
Wetland Areas		0.00	0.0%	No
Lakes and Ponds		0.00	0.0%	No
Groundwater Forebay		8.01	100.0%	Yes
Groundwater Basin		8.01	100.0%	Yes
Absorb Priority Areas		8.01	100.0%	Yes
Goal: Protect		Acres	Percent	Present
Coastal High Hazard Areas		0.00	0.0%	No
Projected Storm Inundation Areas		0.00	0.0%	No
Cliff Erosion Areas		0.00	0.0%	No
Shore line Change		0.00	0.0%	No
Flood Prone Areas		0.00	0.0%	No
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The Technical Advisory Team

PURPOSE

Provide expert review and advice regarding design, data input, rationale, outcomes, and mapping.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- <u>Identify</u> most appropriate criteria.
- Recommend best available data sources.
- Verify the completeness and appropriateness of model criteria.
- Help <u>ensure</u> that defensible science is used for all models and assumptions.
- <u>Review</u> input data and model results for accuracy and currency.



Technical Advisory Team Launch - Nov. 30, 2017

Over 60 participants, representing dozens of departments and organizations:

- Park & Recreation
- Dept. of Transportation
- Planning + Urban Design
- Trinity Watershed Management
- Office of Environmental Quality
- Communication & Information Services
- City Manager's Office
- Urban Forestry Advisory Committee
- Dallas Public Library

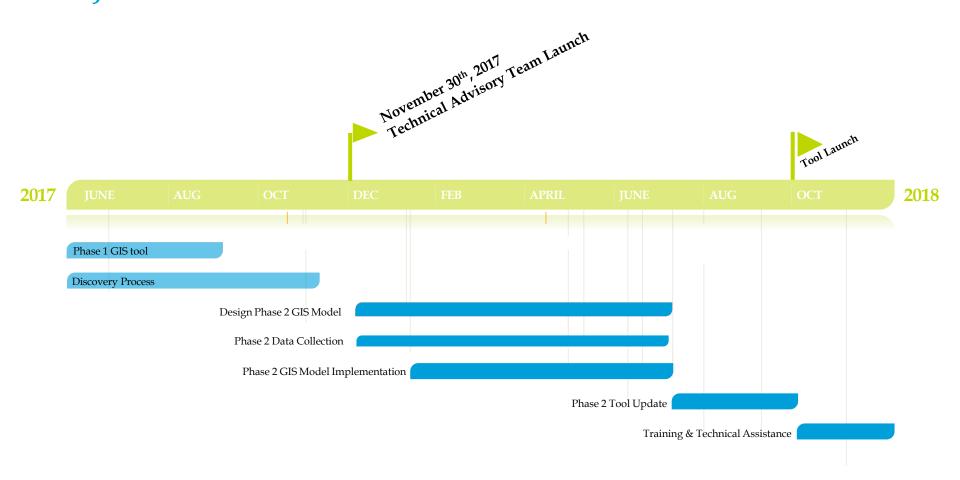
- Office of Resilience
- City Plan Commission
- DART
- NCTCOG
- SMU
- Texas A&M
- UT Dallas
- Dallas County
- ...and more



The Role of the Technical Advisory Team

- Collaboratively develop conceptual framework for our Decision Support Tool
- 2. Place each of our Smart Growth for Dallas **planning objectives** (Connect, Cool, Absorb, Protect, Equity, and Health) in the Dallas context using a "current conditions report" to frame the discussion
- 3. Identify criteria (location-based characteristics) for each planning objective and the most appropriate data sources needed to develop those criteria
- Identify potential datasets for inclusion in our GIS models
- 5. Identify use cases and design parameters to maximize usefulness of Decision Support Tool for users

Project timeline



Next Steps

- Prepare GIS Model
- Start GIS Data Collection
- "Connect" Objective TAT Webinar January 29th

Long-term:

- Monthly TAT Webinars (January September)
- June 2018 Mid-project check-in
- October 2018 Decision Support Tool Launch!
- November December 2018 Training



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