

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Planning & Economic Development Department
AGENDA DATE: July 12, 2011
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Melissa Granado, (915) 541-4730, granadom@elpasotexas.gov
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a recommendation by the Open Space Advisory Board that the city initiate rezoning of Keystone and Rio Bosque to a Natural Open Space (NOS) District, that both Keystone and Rio Bosque be designated as a Wildlife Sanctuary under the Natural Open Space (NOS) District, and that staff make any other necessary efforts to coordinate with other property owners within the Keystone and Rio Bosque areas to rezone their property to Natural Open Space (NOS) and if appropriate, to designate it as a Wildlife Sanctuary.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On February 16, 2011, the Open Space Advisory Board voted to advise Council to move to rezone Keystone and Rio Bosque to Natural Open Space (NOS) District and to designate both as Wildlife Sanctuaries.

On April 7, 2011, the Economic Development, Planning and Tourism Legislative Review Committee voted to take the request forward to Council.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) N/A

FINANCE: (if required) N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mathew S. McElroy
Deputy Director-Planning & Economic Development

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____



Planning and Economic Development Department

Open Space Advisory Board's Recommendation:

-- That the City initiate a rezoning of
Keystone Heritage Park and Rio Bosque to
Natural Open Space (NOS) District



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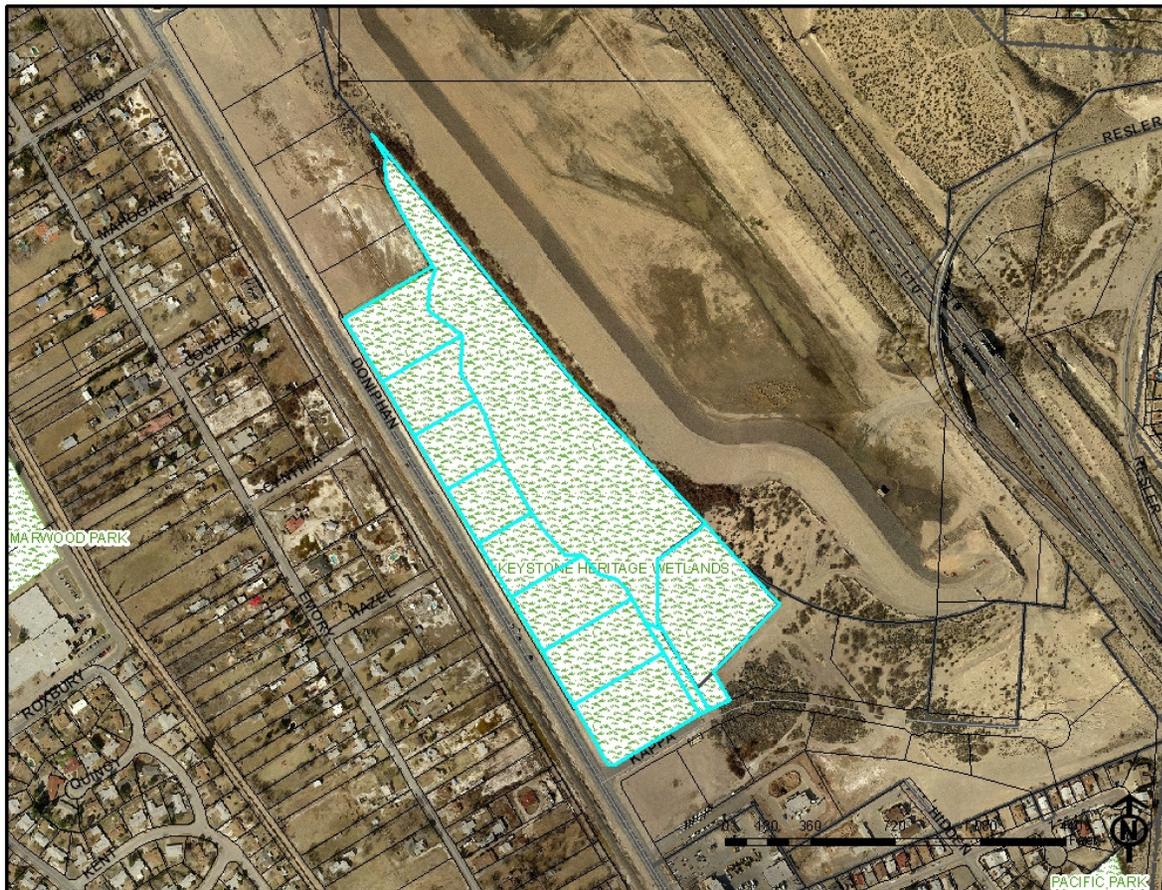
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- April 6, 2010 -- City Council amended Title 20 (Zoning) to adopt the Natural Open Space District and set standards for that district.
- January 25, 2011 -- City Council voted to amend Title 20 (Zoning) and revise the Natural Open Space (NOS) district's definition and uses.
- February 16, 2011 -- OSAB, in its capacity to act as an advisory board and provide recommendations to the City Council in efforts to preserve and acquire open space, recommended that the City initiate a rezoning of Keystone Heritage Park and Rio Bosque to NOS and designate these areas as Wildlife Sanctuaries.
- March 15, 2011 -- City Council remanded this item to the LRC
- April 7, 2011 -- the LRC voted to take this request forward to Council.



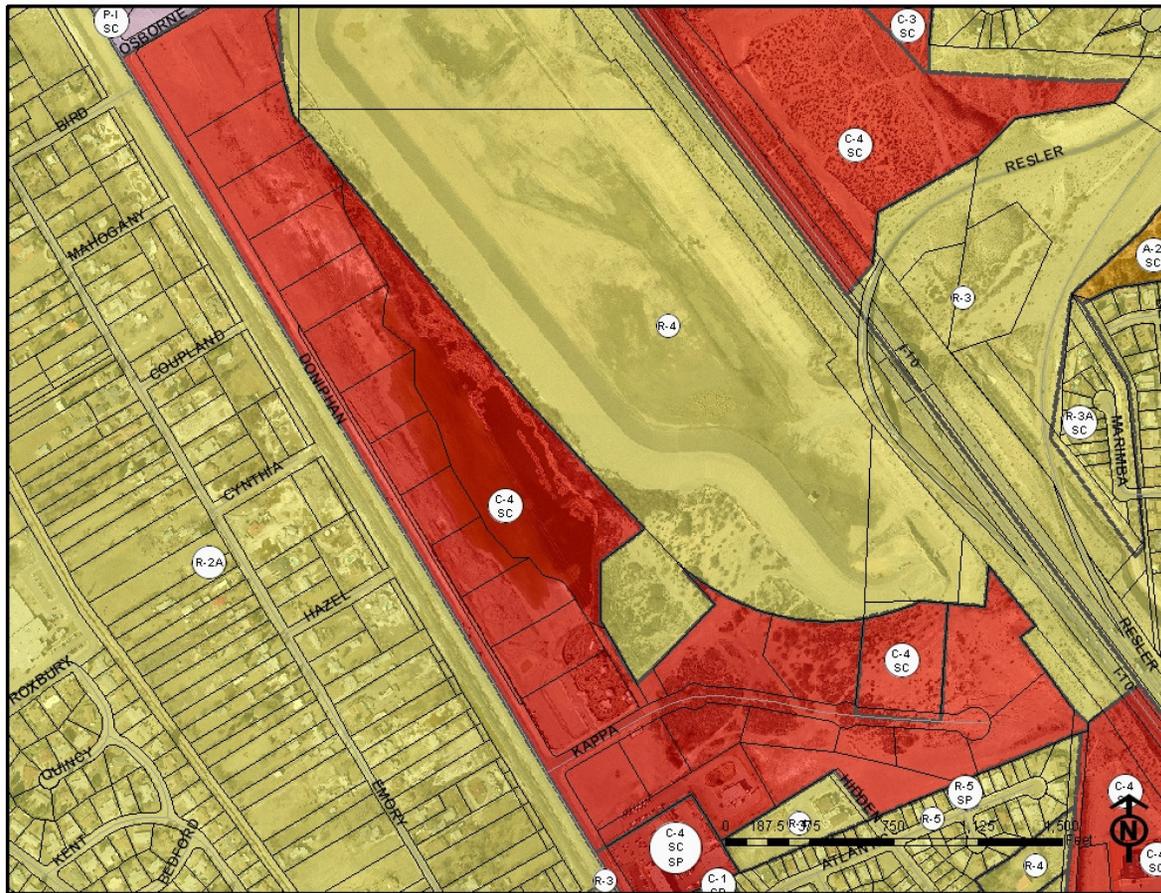
Keystone Heritage Park

Subject Property



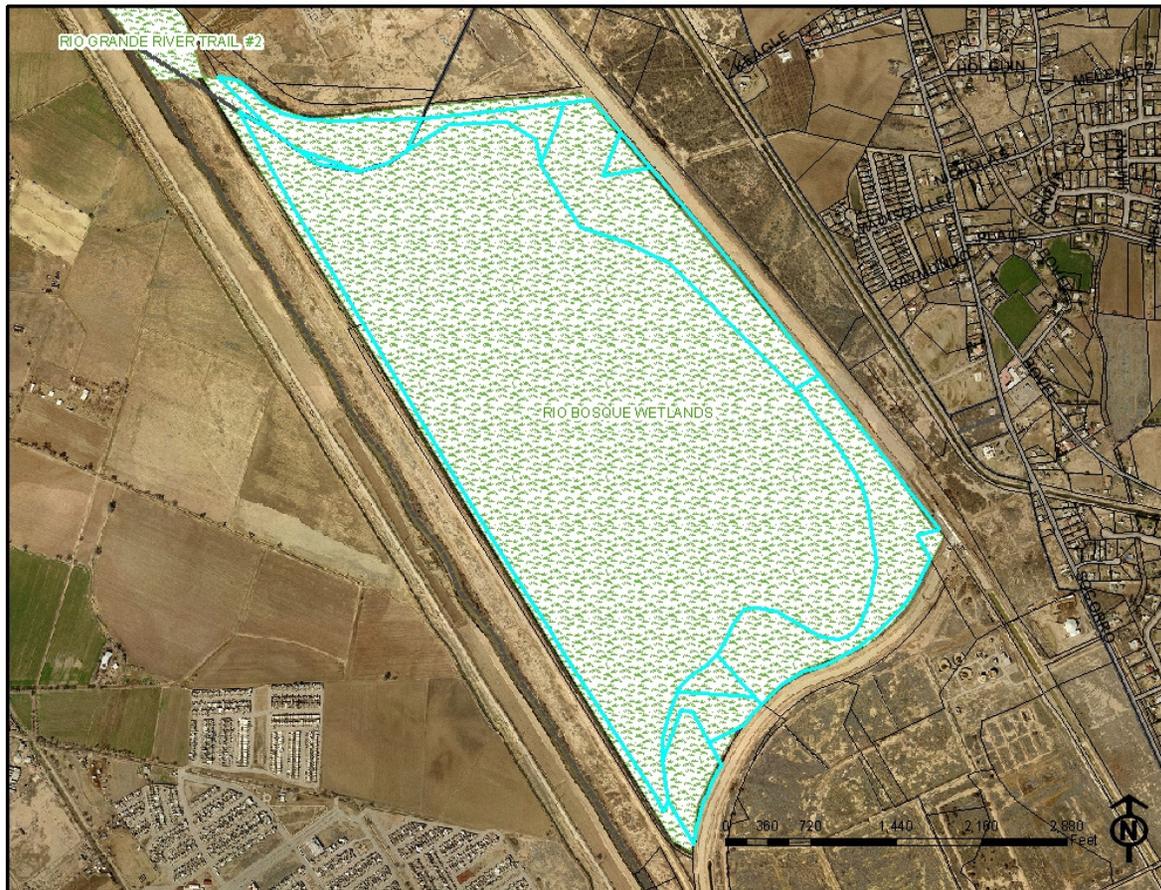


Keystone Heritage Park Zoning Map





Rio Bosque Subject Property





Rio Bosque Zoning Map

