

Open Space Master Plan

A Green Infrastructure Plan for El Paso

December 18, 2007



Six month action items (table page 6-13)

- Approve Green Infrastructure Plan as presented and as modified per council comments.



Approved
March, 2007

Six month action items (Spring 07)

- ❑ Develop modifications to Drainage and Ponding regulations to make them more complimentary to open space requirements

Draft subdivision ordinance rewrite:

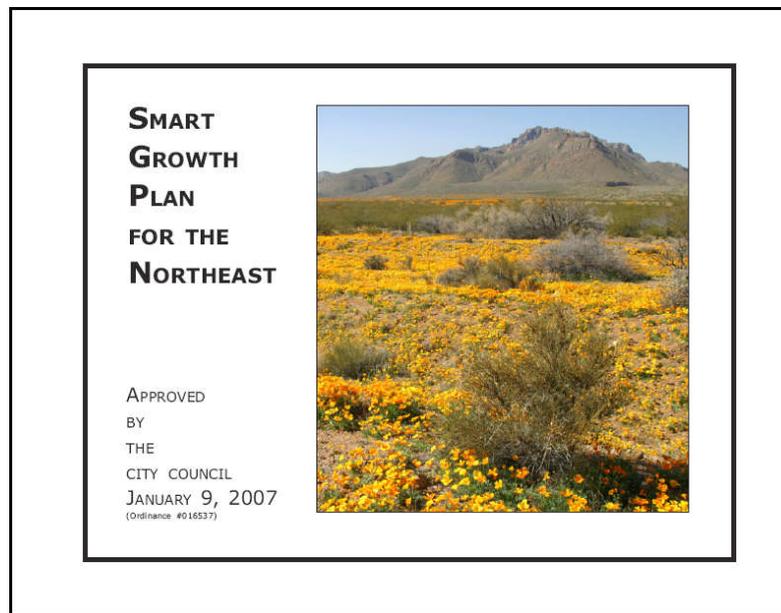
- Developing engineering standards for natural drainage treatments
- Modifying standards for ponds to cover dual use ponds and aesthetic treatment
- Erosion control standards

Six month action items (Spring 07)

- Authorize incentives recommended by plan
 - Cluster zoning
 - Smart Code enabling to be considered in Spring; cluster being considered in Upper Valley via overlay
 - Donation of Land in lieu of park development requirements
 - draft new subdivision code gives 50% credit
 - Donation of Land for additional development rights
 - TDR is allowed in certain instances under new zoning code
 - Acceptance by city of maintenance of donated lands
 - draft new subdivision code says land "may" be accepted
 - Waiver of some or all development fees (up to \$500 per acre)
 - dependent on new subdivision code

Six month action items (Spring 07)

- ❑ Develop permanent agreement for all open space areas on all remaining undeveloped PSB controlled lands (Northwest, Northeast)



NE Master Plan approved and proceeding

Other lands subject to policy decisions by Council and PSB

Stormwater Utility item #14 sets aside 10% for open space

Twelve month action items (Summer 07)

- Develop list of PSB and City Owned lands that could be traded for open space assets in other parts of the city

PSB Master Plans address this issue for part of the land. Other land should be considered in future years

Twelve month action items (Summer 07)

- Develop strategy for immediate funding arrangements for key short term open space acquisition

Fiscal 2007 budget was impacted by Storm 2006 needs

Twelve month action items (Summer 07)

- Rezone undeveloped land areas in annexed areas to Ranch Farm Category

New annexation is R-F by default unless development agreements are made. Staff needs direction if rezoning of NW vacant R-3 City owned land is desired

Twelve month action items (Summer 07)

- Make \$2,000,000 in bond funds available for immediate funding actions – After storm, money was reprogrammed to Mowad purchase – could be used as open space
 - Consider emergency bond sale for \$2 to 5 million in 2007 to 2008- next bond issue is 2009, should consider funding a multiyear open space program
 - Funding through PSB fund source – 10% is set aside for green drainage projects per policy adopted Dec 12, 2007

Twelve month action items (Summer 07)

- Decisions related to funding allocations in 2007-2008 Budget

Future departmental budgets will need to consider increasing the inventory of open space and associated costs - esp. maintenance

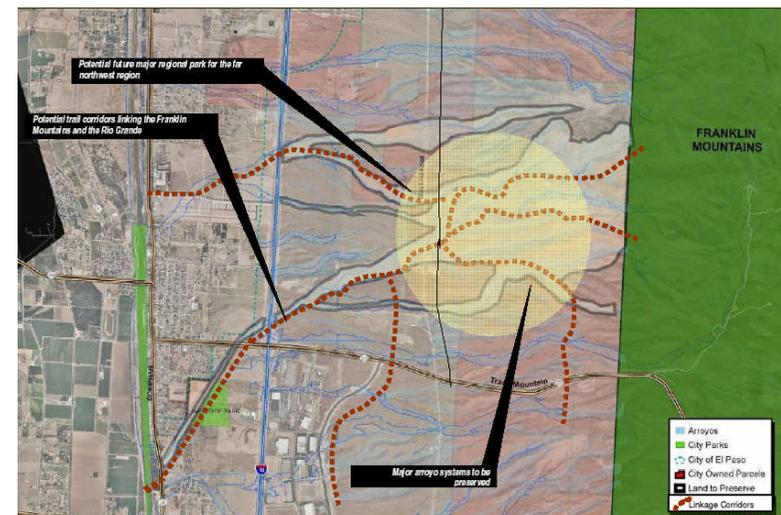
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- ❑ Develop temporary holding agreements for critical privately owned parcels of land (requires funding source)

Not likely to be a viable option; better to purchase outright

Other implementation activity

- Mowad and Saipan purchases
- Thunder Canyon PID
- RTCA technical assistance for Mountain to River Trail project





Questions
