

A Resolution

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ADOPTING THE FORT WORTH OPEN SPACE STRATEGY REPORT AND INCORPORATING IT INTO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS the City of Fort Worth Open Space Conservation Program (Program) was created in 2019 to identify priority parcels across the City for conservation; and

WHEREAS the City of Fort Worth with the assistance of the Trust for Public Land has recently completed developing the Fort Worth Open Space Strategy Report, hereby designated the Fort Worth Open Space Strategy Report, February 2022 (Report); and

WHEREAS the Report outlines the strategic direction for the Program's future and Program goals:

- Ecosystem preservation: Conserving important environments such as forests, woodlands, prairies, and wetlands, and protecting habitat for plants and wildlife;
- Stream, river, and lake health: Using natural areas to filter stormwater, reduce runoff and erosion, and protect water quality in the City's streams, lakes, and the Trinity River;
- Community health: Improving health by providing opportunities for exercise, cooling hot urban areas, and improving air quality;
- Recreation: Improving access to natural areas, protecting iconic landscapes, and creating new opportunities for passive recreation;
- Flood control: Protecting against flooding and property damage by conserving natural areas that absorb and temporarily store stormwater runoff;
- Equitable access to open space: Conserving natural areas that benefit low-income, underserved, and marginalized neighborhoods and communities;
- Economic development: Natural areas can improve nearby property values and create opportunities for businesses, jobs, development, and other economic activity; and

WHEREAS adoption of the Report by the City of Fort Worth demonstrates commitment to conserve high quality natural areas as the City grows to provide environmental benefits and recreational opportunities that support economic development and enhance the livability and desirability of Fort Worth through the strategic direction outlined in the Report; and

WHEREAS the City Plan Commission voted on April 13, 2022 to recommend that City Council adopt the Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

The Fort Worth Open Space Strategy Report, February 2022, is hereby adopted in its entirety and shall be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan and made a part of the City's other planning documents.

Adopted this 26th day of April, 2022

ATTEST:

By: _____

Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary