

Thorpe Park Annex Final Concept Adoption



The Regional Park is 219-acres with 130-acres of active recreation (tennis, softball, disc golf, playground, basketball, little league fields, multipurpose field, FUTS and a recreation center). The Annex parcel is included in this active acreage calculation

Leaving 89-acres of passive recreation including a pond, outdoor classroom, forested areas.

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. A large, irregularly shaped area in the center is highlighted in a semi-transparent green color and labeled "Ruby Gardens". This area appears to be a mix of open fields and some existing structures. Surrounding the highlighted area are various residential streets, including "W 100th Ave", "W 110th Ave", "W 120th Ave", and "W 130th Ave". There are also tennis courts, a baseball field, and a large circular structure, possibly a water tower or a large storage tank, visible in the background. The overall scene is a mix of developed and undeveloped land.

The community outreach and engagement process generated a concept. The process was robust, inclusive, with measurable data.

As a recap, Council gave direction to make the following adjustments from the October 25th and November 15th discussions:

- Create a larger area for restoration, open spaces, indigenous gardens, native plantings, a larger orchard around the ICCC, and enhanced ceremonial space
- Relocate pickleball courts to not be within the boundaries of Thorpe Park Annex but rather at the current Bark Park location along Thorpe Road. Include note on this concept design to reference
- Adjust parking based on centerpiece around the ICCC
- Keep City employee housing with due diligence with State Parks and LWCF to continue



Relocated six (6)
pickleball courts to
the current Bark
Park that is along
N. Thorpe Road

Included some additional parking
whether for Parks staff or recreational
play



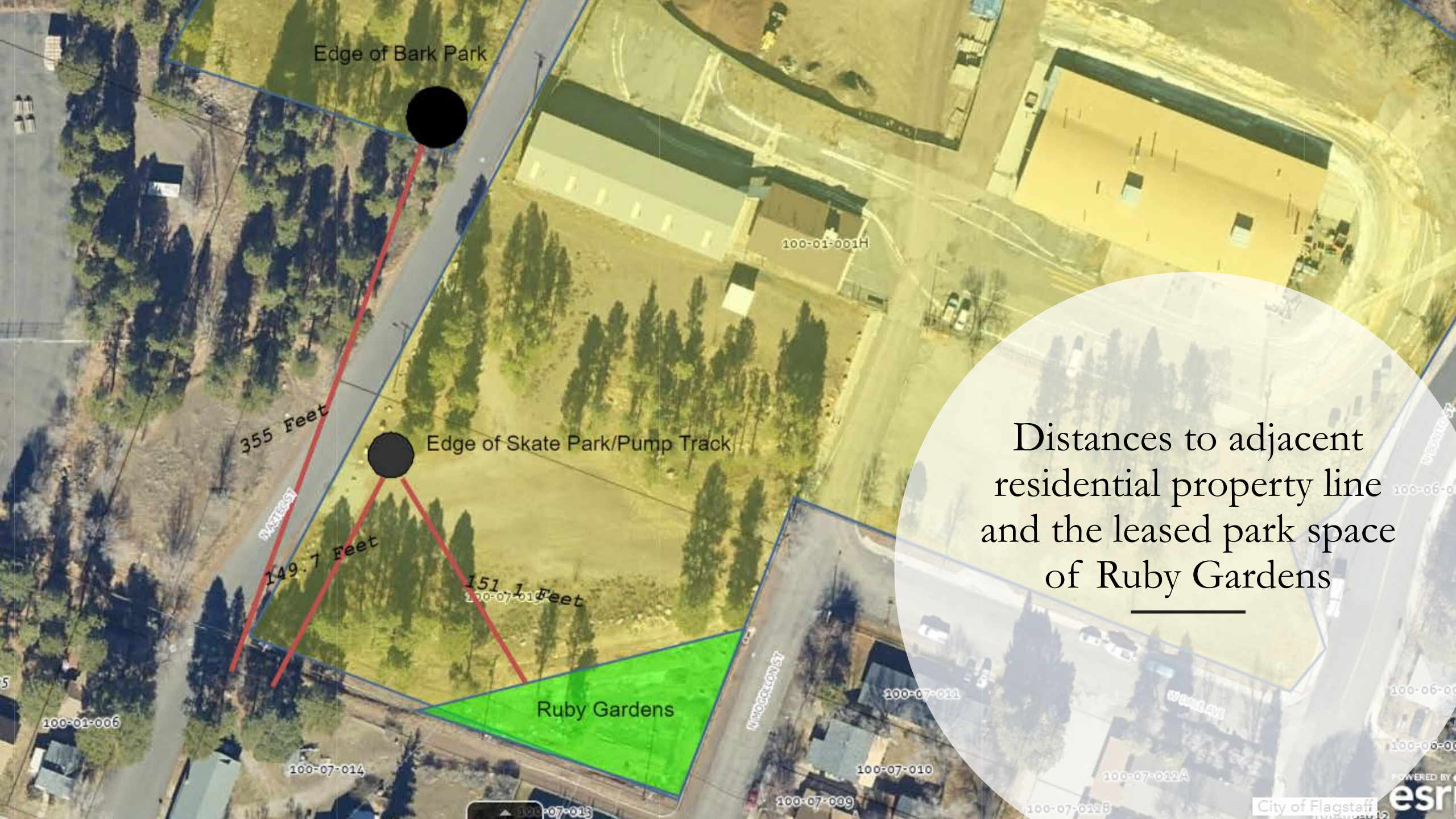
Since the November 15th discussion, concerns have been brought forward regarding:

Increased traffic of park users entering this space

The skate park/pump track with the proximity to the residences and Ruby Gardens

The City Employee Housing on park land





Edge of Bark Park

Edge of Skate Park/Pump Track

355 Feet

149.7 Feet

151.1 Feet

Ruby Gardens

Distances to adjacent residential property line and the leased park space of Ruby Gardens



What is a skate park/pump track?

City Employee Housing – key considerations

- Public Facility Zoning allows City Employee Housing
- Ordinance 425 passed by a previous Council limited use of the site to parks, recreation, and museum purposes
 - Ordinances can be changed by a future Council
- Land and Water Conservation Funds used to improve Thorpe Park included TPA as part of the project area
 - Requires this area to be preserved for outdoor recreation only in perpetuity
 - Potential for a conversion process through Arizona State Parks and the National Park Service
 - Entails a swap of land in equal area of the housing to be developed elsewhere for outdoor recreation in perpetuity
 - Likely a lengthy process (approx. 1+ year) as it involves both state and federal agencies – more research needed



What does adoption of a concept do?

Creates the path forward to with the visual ideation to plan, budget, design, work through a design review process, and develop

Thank you

