

NOTICE AND AGENDA

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION
MONDAY
OCTOBER 28, 2024
4:00 P.M.

HYBRID MEETING
FLAGSTAFF AQUAPLEX
AND [MICROSOFT TEAMS](#)
1702 N FOURTH STREET

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

NOTE: One or more Commissioner may be in attendance through other technological means.

Chair Bruce Applin	Commissioner Lina Wallen
Vice Chair Jacqueline Thomas	Commissioner Nat White
Commissioner Mary Norton (P&Z Liaison)	Councilmember Representative: Deborah Harris
Commissioner Bruce Fox	

3. Land Acknowledgment

The Flagstaff Open Space Commission humbly acknowledges the ancestral homelands of this area's Indigenous nations and original stewards. These lands, still inhabited by Native descendants, border mountains sacred to Indigenous peoples. We honor them, their legacies, their traditions, and their continued contributions. We celebrate their past, present, and future generations who will forever know this place as home.

4. Approval of the September 23, 2024 Minutes

5. Public Comment

At this time, any member of the public may address the Commission on any subject that is not scheduled before the Commission on this day. The Arizona Open Meeting Law prohibits the Commission from discussing or taking action on an item which is not listed on the prepared agenda. Commission members may, however, respond to criticism made by those addressing the Commission, ask staff to review a matter, or ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda. To address the Commission on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard.

6. Business Items

- A. **Jack Welch Picture Canyon Memorial Bridge Proposal**
Informational
- B. **Flagstaff Regional Plan 2045 Update**
This is an informational and discussion item.
- C. **Open Space Commission November/December Meeting Dates**
Decision item
- D. **Project Prioritization and Multi-year Project Planning**
Discussion item

7. Reports and Updates

- A. **Council Representative Report, Council Representative Deborah Harris**
- B. **Planning and Zoning Commission Representative Report, Representative Mary Norton**

- C. Open Space Management Report, Robert Wallace and Sylvia Struss
- D. PROSE Monthly Newsletter
- 8. Informational Items To and From Commissioners and Staff
- 9. Potential Future Agenda Items
- 10. Adjournment

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Flagstaff City Hall on October 23, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. This notice has been posted on the City's website and can be downloaded at www.flagstaff.az.gov.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2024.

Cathy Guetschow

Cathy Guetschow, Administrative Specialist

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Cathy Guetschow (cguetschow@flagstaffaz.gov) at least two business days prior to the scheduled meeting time to enable the City to make reasonable arrangements.



Open Spaces Commission

4.

From: Cathy Guetschow, Administrative Specialist

DATE: 10/28/2024

SUBJECT: Approval of the September 23, 2024 Minutes

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Executive Summary:

Attachments

Approval of September 23, 2024 Minutes

Form Review

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Open Space Commission Meeting Minutes

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION
MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024
4:00 P.M.

HYBRID MEETING
FLAGSTAFF AQUAPLEX
AND MICROSOFT TEAMS
1702 N FOURTH STREET

1. Call to Order

Chair Applin called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

NOTE: One or more Commissioner may be in attendance through other technological means.

Present:

Chair Bruce Applin
Vice Chair Jacqueline Thomas
Commissioner Mary Norton (P&Z
Liaison)
Commissioner Lina Wallen
Commissioner Nat White

Absent:

Commissioner Bruce Fox
Commissioner Chelita Runbeck
Councilmember Representative: Deborah
Harris

Staff Present:

Robert Wallace
Rebecca Sayers
Sylvia Struss
Ashlee Fliney

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4. Approval of the August 26, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve by Commissioner Norton, 2nd by Vice Chair Thomas, all voted in favor.

5. Public Comment

At this time, any member of the public may address the Commission on any subject that is not scheduled before the Commission on this day. The Arizona Open Meeting Law prohibits the Commission from discussing or taking action on an item which is not listed on the prepared agenda. Commission members may, however, respond to criticism made by those addressing the Commission, ask staff to review a matter, or ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda. To address the Commission on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard.

6. Business Items

A. BBB Tax Renewal

Ms. Sayers presented on the City of Flagstaff BBB Tax Renewal Educational Campaign for the November election. Recently, City Council updated the language in the BBB tax to include Open Space in the Parks & Recreation definition. As a result, this Commission will be responsible for reviewing and approving Open Space's portion of BBB tax funds. Open Space Commissioners are free to educate constituents about the BBB tax renewal, but can only advocate for it in their individual capacities. Ms. Sayers showed 24 flyers, each focusing on a different aspect of the BBB funds, who pays them (68% paid by visitors), and how they are used in the Flagstaff community. The BBB tax affects hotel/motels, campgrounds, short-term rentals, restaurants, and bars. The City is not looking for an increase in tax, just to renew the BBB tax, which expires in 2028. The website has a breakdown of our local sales tax, including the BBB tax. Ms. Sayers also pointed out the BBB logo that is surrounded by the 5 divisions that receive BBB funds: Parks & Recreation (including Open Space), Beautification, Economic Development, Tourism, and Arts & Sciences.

The Commission expressed concern that they had not heard any publicity about this at all. Ms. Sayers indicated the city is doing print ads, social media, email, as well as Harkins and Mountain Line bus ads. Information is available at BBBrenewalflagstaff.com. There was a question about what Arts & Sciences is; it is managed by the City's Beautification team and Commission, with grants, funding Creative Flagstaff, and projects such as the new artwork on the APS electric boxes and murals throughout town. There was a concern that whatever the tax is, restaurants and hotels have passed, and will pass on the cost to patrons. It was pointed out that those restaurants and hotels benefit from the tax, particularly in the advertising campaigns that Tourism does, which then brings them more patrons.

Ms. Sayers will bring an updated PROSE 5-year plan in the next few months, where most of the BBB funding is focused on capital projects.

B. Project Prioritization and Multi-year Project Planning

Mr. Wallace presented a PowerPoint about potential projects, new amenities, and acquisitions, in order to help Open Space develop and prioritize a 5-year plan and a 10-year plan for using Open Space's portion of the BBB funds, though we will continue to pursue grants as we have in the past. These potential project ideas came from the Open Space Management Plan, and after reviewing the PROSE Mission, and Open Space specific goals. The Open Space Section wants to avoid using BBB funds for ongoing maintenance, in case those funds go away, and rather focus on bigger projects. Mr. Wallace broke down the ideas into Deferred Maintenance, New Amenities, and Acquisitions.

Deferred maintenance ideas included the road to Picture Canyon and parking area, trail rehabilitation on Picture Canyon and McMillan Mesa, restoring the Picture Canyon Rio de Flag Corridor, addressing the bark/chip piles, and repairing wildlife tanks on Observatory Mesa, seeding with native seed along the FUTS and N Izabel St, and planting a tree buffer between the Veterans Home and the FUTS on McMillan Mesa Natural Area.

Ideas for new amenities included Schultz Creek trailhead facilities and parking, a permanent toilet at Picture Canyon trailhead, Picture Canyon sign replacement, sign design and implementation at McMillan Mesa, fencing at Picture Canyon and Observatory Mesa, implementing the Observatory Mesa Trail Plan, and Picture Canyon foot bridge replacement.

Possible acquisitions include regional preserves (including the right to purchase state trust land), connectors (natural corridors that connect the integrated OS system), and complementary Open Space (smaller spaces that provide value to the integrated OS system, such as equitable access, wildlife corridors, and preserving viewsheds)—also known as pocket parks, or neighborwoods. These acquisitions align well with our goal for everyone to have open space within a 10-minute walk of their front door.

Mr. Wallace noted that there are lots of options to partner—with FUTS, with Affordable housing, neighborhoods, Beautification, Coconino County Parks & Recreation, conservation non-profits, and volunteer groups. BBB funds will be useful to leverage or match grant funds.

There was some discussion about how to approach prioritizing projects, such as differentiating between what can be done immediately and quickly vs. long-term projects, making choices based on costs, impact on the community, or future cost savings. Staff noted that we might put a project in the 5-year plan, but it may not happen until year 3 or 4. Ms. Sayers indicated that we don't want to attach costs to projects or approach projects with how much we can get done with x dollars, but rather to prioritize what is most important first. A list of potential projects will be provided to the Commission, and the Commission will work on prioritizing during future meetings. The Parks &

Recreation Commission went through this process, choosing their top 10 priorities as individual Commissioners, and then synthesizing everyone's priorities to make the Commission's priorities.

Deferred maintenance was discussed, including the need to have a schedule for ongoing maintenance, since once we acquire a new property, there will be more maintenance. The idea of establishing a non-profit arm like Friends of Coconino County was raised, so that individuals could make big donations to Open Space for acquisition or maintenance.

Chair Applin said he leaned toward acquisition, since it is always harder and more expensive to acquire property later, rather than polishing up our existing open space. Vice Chair Thomas expressed interest in knowing our maintenance costs each year, to be able to prioritize other projects. There was a question about whether it was easier to qualify for a grant for maintenance than for acquisition; it is easier to get maintenance grants, but they tend to be lower dollar amounts than acquisition grants.

Staff will put together a list (with descriptions) from this presentation, and will estimate ongoing maintenance costs, leading up to the ranking exercise at a future meeting. Commissioners will be given a survey with a list of projects, and asking, on a scale of 1-10, how you would rank the importance of these; staff will then synthesize the results. It was noted that Open Space's 5-year plan will go before City Council as well, so they will have to agree with the Commission's priorities as well.

7. Reports and Updates

A. Council Representative Report - Council Representative Deborah Harris

Council Representative Deborah Harris was not present.

B. Planning and Zoning Commission Representative Report, Representative Mary Norton

Commissioner Norton reported that there are openings on the Planning and Zoning Commission they are trying to fill, so if Commissioners know anyone who might be interested, please apply.

C. Open Space Management Report, Robert Wallace and Sylvia Struss

Ashlee Fliney shared about the Full Moon Hike at Picture Canyon this week, where 30 adults attended. Mr. Wallace said there is progress on the Invasive Plant grant on Observatory Mesa: Treating some of the old bark piles, a 9/11 Service event, seed-bed preparation this fall, with seeding next fall. He also noted that at Picture Canyon, AZ Conservation Corps crews will realign the

Water Bird trail to be further away from the petroglyph boulders, will install stone steps at Petroglyph Overlook, and will do some more trail restoration.

D. PROSE Monthly Newsletter - August 2024

There was some discussion about the trail counters.

8. Informational Items To and From Commissioners and Staff

It was noted that the Council Candidate Forum was taking place immediately after today's Commission meeting at Coconino Community College. Mr. Wallace reported that 120 people attended the Observatory Mesa Trail Plan public meeting on September 19, 2024, and the online survey is open until October 18, 2024. He also reported that a group wants to rename the Picture Canyon footbridge after Jack Welch; they will present this idea to City Council and this Commission at a future meeting (a plaque and some artwork). Mr. Wallace noted that City Council considered the Hidden Hollow easement adjustment and gave their nod to it; the next step is to present it to AZ State Parks Board, as well as the State Historic Preservation Office, and if approved, it will go back to the City for permit applications and final plans. Ms. Sayers reported there is an Open House about local ballot initiatives (such as the BBB tax renewal, Mountain Line tax renewal, and County expenditure limitation) on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Aquaplex.

9. Potential Future Agenda Items

- Project Prioritization and Multi-year Project Planning
- Observatory Mesa Trail Plan Update
- Don Weaver Trail Alignment Proposal

10. Adjournment

Commissioner White motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Norton seconded, and all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.



Open Spaces Commission

6. A.

Co-Submitter: Rebecca Sayers, Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Events Director
From: Robert Wallace, Open Space Supervisor
DATE: 10/28/2024
SUBJECT: Jack Welch Picture Canyon Memorial Bridge Proposal

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Informational

Executive Summary:

This is an informational update regarding a citizen petition to name the Picture Canyon Preserve bridge the "Jack Welch Memorial Bridge."

This item is a general update to the commission. If the Open Space Commission wants to see this item move forward, the citizen group will return to provide additional details. At that time, staff will ask the Commission for their formal decision and recommendation to the City Council on this item.

Mr. Jack Welch passed away on July 21, 2023. There's community interest in memorializing his many contributions to Flagstaff. He was instrumental in garnering support for the City's acquisition of Picture Canyon. Mr. Welch also contributed to the community as a volunteer, an advocate and guide to natural and cultural sites of the community, and his time to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, Open Space Commission, Sustainability and Environmental Management, Traffic Commission, Disability Awareness Commission, and Beautification and Public Art Commission.

Attachments

Petition to Flagstaff City Council

Form Review

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PETITION TO FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL
Pursuant to Flagstaff City Charter Article II Section 17
and Flagstaff City Code Title I Chapter 12



Pursuant to the Flagstaff City Charter and the City Code, any citizen (resident) of the City may present a written petition to the City Manager, signed by a minimum of 25 citizens from the City of Flagstaff, which shall be presented to the City Council.

Title of Issue: Proposed JACK WELCH MEMORIAL BRIDGE at Picture Canyon

Action Requested: see attached

Printed Name of Submitter: Jane Jackson

(Submitter must also sign below and complete information)

Contact Information: je.jackson541@gmail.com 602-568-6395
(Phone Number and/or e-mail address)

PETITION SIGNATURES

DATE SIGNED	PRINTED NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
8-12-24	Kathleen Walsh	3914 S Nicholas	Kathleen Walsh
8-12-24	JOHN NOLL	3645 N. Lost Creek Trl	John Noll
8-12-24	MICHAEL SCOTT	3801 N. SWISS RD	Michael Scott
8-12-24	Theodora Scott	3801 N. Swiss Rd	Theodora S. Scott
8-12-24	JANICE RAYMAN	3914 S. Marble Canyon	Janice Rayman
8-12-24	Kathy Noll	3645 N. Lost Creek Tr	Kathy Noll
8-12-24	JOHN E. DRASSLER	3024 N. LITZLER	John E. Drassler
8-12-24	Louis Lucero	7754 Heritage	Louis Lucero
8/13/24	Ann Schegger	2401 W Rt 66-4 28	Ann Schegger
8-13-24	Colleen O'Dell	1701 Riverly Rd	Colleen O'Dell

RECEIVED BY CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

DATE RECEIVED	BY	COUNCIL MEETING DATE
9/5/24	Stacy Saltburg	10/01/2024

Petition to Flagstaff City Council

Title of Issue: Proposed Jack Welch Memorial Bridge at Picture Canyon

Action Requested: With support of many Friends of Jack Welch and City Staff, we propose naming the bridge over the Rio de Flag in Picture Canyon the 'Jack Welch Memorial Bridge.'

With the recent 1-year anniversary of Jack's passing (July 21, 2023), it's timely to memorialize Jack's many and enduring contributions to Flagstaff.

He was instrumental in garnering support for the City's acquisition of Picture Canyon in 2012 and transition to Picture Canyon Natural and Cultural Preserve. Many Flagstaff residents' initial awareness of Picture Canyon sprung from one of Jack's numerous Walks. In 2016, Open Spaces Commission recognized him for leading his 100th public walk in Picture Canyon.

Jack contributed to many City Departments and Programs including: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees, Sustainability and Environmental Management, Traffic Commission, Disability Awareness Commission; Beautification and Public Art Commission.

He volunteered with numerous Community organizations including: National Park Service volunteer at Wupatki National Monument; Member of Friends of Northern Arizona Forests, Friends of the Rio de Flag, Flagstaff Biking Organization, Flagstaff Trails Initiative and Arizona Trail Association.

Jack's twice monthly Flagstaff Trailheads was among the most popular in the Arizona Daily Sun. He was the Flagstaff Citizen of the Year in 2009 and recognized by "Best of Flagstaff" as Volunteer of the Year in 2011.

Elements to be incorporated into the Memorial Plaque are yet to be finalized, and will be designed in coordination with PROSE staff.

From Martin Ince, Multimodal Transportation Engineer upon Jack's passing last year;

"Jack moved to Flagstaff in 1998 from St. Louis, and immediately made an impact on his adopted hometown.

Jack helped form the Bicycle Advisory Committee, and almost single-handedly started the Pedestrian Advisory Committee, long before they were official City committees. For a number of years he organized Pedestrian Awareness Week, which later morphed into Flagstaff Walks!. For many years Jack led a series of walks all over Flagstaff and the surrounding area. He often conducted several walks per week, and it was not unusual to have 20-30 people along. The walks were social and enjoyable, and explored beautiful places, but he typically included an educational component as well – the history of the place, future plans for a trail, open space etc.

There was a time when, if we held a public meeting or conducted a community survey, we would only get good participation if Jack sent the word out to his legions of followers.

Jack leaves an amazing legacy of advocacy for walking, biking, trails, and open space, and inspiration for the whole community. He will be missed."



HOW TO GET THERE

From downtown Flagstaff, travel east on Route 66 for 4 miles. Turn right at the Auto Park sign to remain on Historic Route 66. Turn left on El Paso Flagstaff Road and a parking area is located approximately 1 mile down the road on the right side.

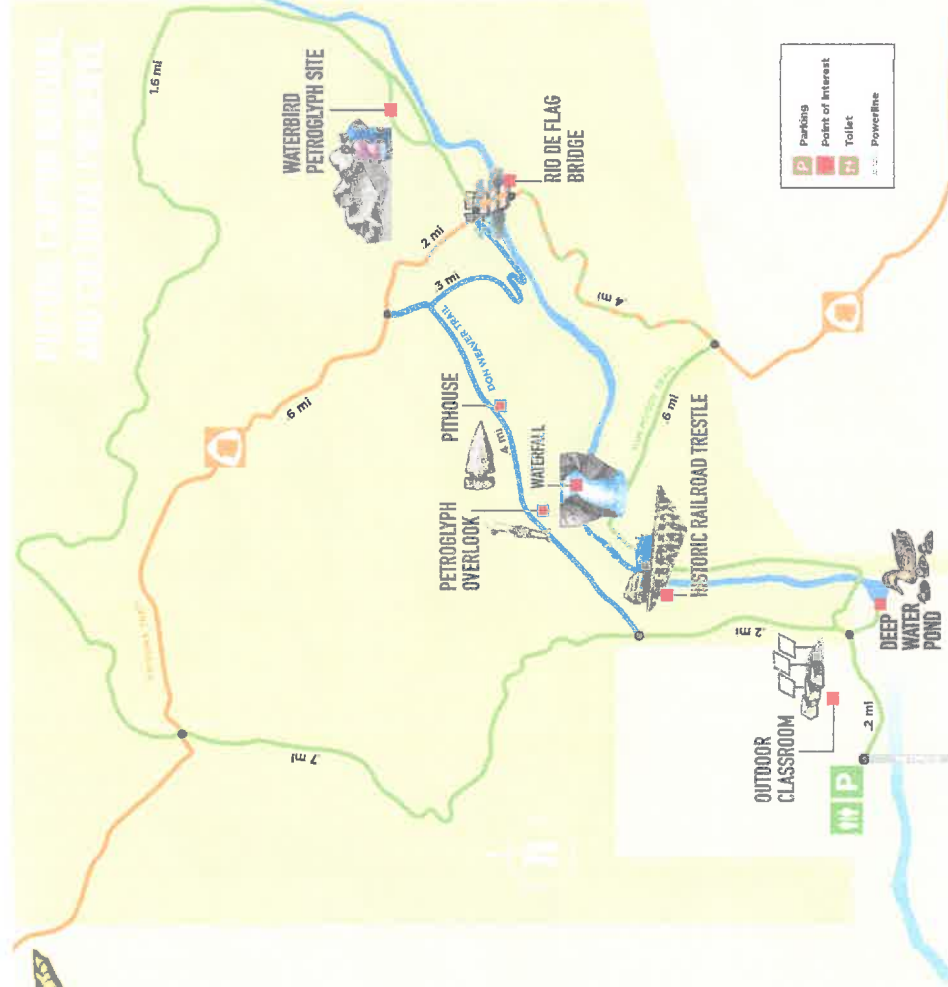
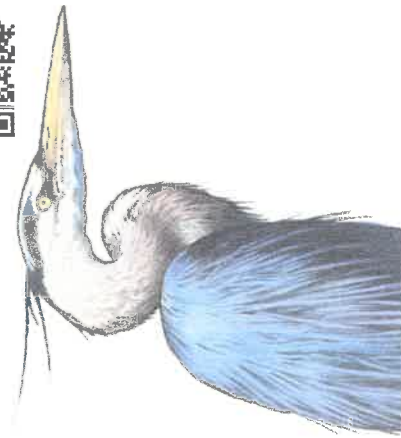
RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

TOM MOODY TRAIL - 3.5 mile loop trail with canyon vistas, extensive petroglyph panels, and interpretive areas. Travel counter-clockwise for an easy 0.4 mile one-way walk to the waterfall.

DON WEAVER TRAIL - 0.7 mile educational trail that travels through a portion of the canyon and proceeds along a pipeline access road. Provides access to vistas and cultural resource points of interest. To view the spectacular Waterbird petroglyph site, proceed 0.1 miles east on the Tom Moody Trail from the bridge.

ABRAHAM TRAIL - 1.2 mile segment of the 800+ mile trail that stretches from Mexico to Utah traverses through the Preserve. Access the Arizona Trail via the Tom Moody Trail.

Scan this QR code to download an interactive map of the Picture Canyon trail system to your smartphone using the Avenza app.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

Prohibited Use: Picture Canyon is closed to motorized vehicles, hunting, camping, campfires, fuelwood collection, and overnight uses.

Respect Wildlife: Picture Canyon provides ample opportunity to observe wildlife, but please do so from a distance to ensure your safety. Hunting is strictly prohibited within the Preserve.

Restrict Use: Horses are permitted within Picture Canyon but to protect the trails, please do not ride your horse during wet conditions.

Leave No Trace: Dispose of your waste properly by taking it home with you.

Respect Cultural Resources: Picture Canyon is a very important cultural site in northern Arizona. Please help us protect these fragile resources by not touching petroglyphs or taking anything home with you.

Keep Pets on a Leash: Be mindful of other visitors by keeping your pet on a leash. To enhance visitor experiences and reduce environmental impacts, please pick-up after your pet.

Use Proper Footwear: Bring comfortable walking shoes, sun protection, and ample amounts of water with you for your visit to the Preserve.



For more information about Flagstaff natural areas:
www.flagstaffaz.gov/OpenSpace • 928-213-2154
www.flagstaffaz.gov/PictureCanyon

Stay up-to-date with the latest Picture Canyon news by following our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FlagstaffOpenSpace/>

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DATE SIGNED	PRINTED NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
8/6/24	SHANNON CLARK	63 W PINE AVE FLAGSTAFF AZ 86001	Shannon Clark
8/6/24	Barbara Linthicum	1651 N. Gemini Apt. 67 Flagstaff, AZ 86001	Barbara L
8/6/24	Christine Cox	1509 N. Navajo Dr Flagstaff, AZ	Christine L Cox
8/6/24	Christine Or	622 N. San Francisco Flagstaff, AZ	Christine Orr
8/6/24	Mary E Brown	5915 E Mountain Oaks Flagstaff, AZ	Mary E Brown
8-16-24	JO-ANN Vigil	1096 W Lower COCONINO, Flag, AZ	Jo-Ann Vigil
8-6-24	Nancy Marshall	528 N. Pine Cliff Flag, 86001	Nancy Marshall
8/6/24	Rick Mullen	3577 W Altair way Flag, 86001	Rick Mullen
8/6/24	DUNCAN ORR	622 N San Francisco Flagstaff AZ 86001	Duncan Orr
8/8/24	William Wade	120 E Astro Ln Flagstaff AZ 86001	W Wade
8/8/24	Elkyn Wade	120 E Astro Ln Flagstaff AZ 86001	Elkyn Wade
8/11/24	DON CARTER	20/24 FLAGSTAFF #26/FLAGSTAFF 86001	Don Carter
8/11/2024	Karen Malis-Clark	63 W. Pine Ave Flagstaff AZ 86001	Karen Malis-Clark
8/13/2024	Charles M. King	2655 N SIMMONS WAY FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86004	CK
8/13/2024	Sarah J. King	2655 N. Sandstrom Way Flagstaff AZ 86004	Sarah J King
8.13.2024	Michael Sitterwhite	2545 E. Hawthorn Dr. Flagstaff AZ 86004	Michael Sitterwhite
8/14/2024	Wm. Michael Wilson	3639 S. Cheryl DR FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86005	Wm. Michael Wilson
8-14-2024	Elaine Laemmrich	10429 E. Palomino AZ, Flagstaff, AZ 86004	Elaine Laemmrich
8/14/2024	David Spence	2821 N. Main Flagstaff AZ 86004	David A. Spence
8/14/24	BILL SANDERCOCK	1005 E. STERLING LN FLAG 86005	Bill Sandercock
8/14/24	IRMA SANDERCOCK	1005 E. Sterling Ln Flag, AZ 86005	Irma Sandercock
8/14/24	Roy H. May Jr.	1401 N 4 1/2 St #162 Flagstaff, AZ 86004	Roy H May Jr
8/14/24	Karen Enyedy	811 W cherry Ave #2 Flagstaff AZ 86001	Karen Enyedy

TITLE OF ISSUE: Proposed Jack Welch Memorial Bridge

DATE SIGNED	PRINTED NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
8/15/24	Melinda Bell	3300 N Chickadee Trl Flagstaff AZ 86001	Melinda Bell
8/15/24	Debra McMahon	4439 N Nyla Av Flagstaff, AZ 86004	Debra McMahon
8/15/24	Vera Markgraf	703 N. Pine Cliff Dr Flagstaff AZ 86001	Vera Markgraf
8/15/24	Gisela Kluwin	2333 N Fremont FLG 86000	Gisela Kluwin
8/16/24	JEFF GOULDEN	6131 E LAUREL LOOP FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86004	Jeff Goulden
8/17/24	BARRY KOETZ	4138 N. CARTHIA ST. FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86004	Barry Koetz
8-17-24	Joan Degenkolb	4138 N. Carthia St. Flagstaff AZ 86004	Joan Degenkolb
8-17-24	David Sanders	413 W. Navajo Rd Flagstaff AZ 86001	David Sanders
8-17-24	Gretchen Wilce	3601 So. Pima Dr Flagstaff AZ 86005	Gretchen Wilce
8-17-24	M.A. Colacaro	2615 N Ponderosa Ridge #679	M.A. Colacaro
8/17-24	Margie Goulden	6131 E Laurel Loop Flagstaff 86004	Margie Goulden
8/19/24	Jacob Lesandrini	2704 N. East St. Flagstaff, AZ 86004	Jacob Lesandrini
8/19/2024	Andrea Michaels	6070 E. Laurel Loop Flagstaff AZ 86004	Andrea Michaels
8/19/24	DAVID MICHAELS	6070 E LAUREL LP FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86004	David Michaels
8/19/2024	DAVID MICHAELS	6070 E LAUREL LP FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86004	David Michaels
8/21/24	Antonette Johnson	10562 E Eisenberg Tucson, AZ 85747	Antonette Johnson
8/21/2024	Ruth Ann DeCou	1851 W Venus Dr #3 86001	Ruth Ann DeCou
8/21/2024	JOAN HADDEN	803 1/2 W. ASPEN, 86001	Joan Hadden
8-21-24	Teddy Scott	3801 N Swiss Rd, Flag	Teddy Scott
8-21-24	Shirley Wunsch	1932 N Lynn Dr, Flag 86001	Shirley Wunsch
8/25/24	Mickey Houston	3260 W French Loop Flag AZ 86001	Mickey Houston
8/25/24	Mikah Rosanova	795 E Ponderosa PKWY	Mikah Rosanova
8/25/24	Sarah White	795 E Ponderosa PKWY	Sarah White



Open Spaces Commission

6. B.

Co-Submitter: Rebecca Sayers, Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Events Director

From: Robert Wallace, Open Space Supervisor

DATE: 10/28/2024

SUBJECT: Flagstaff Regional Plan 2045 Update

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This is an informational and discussion item.

Executive Summary:

The Flagstaff Regional Plan 2045 is anticipated to be sent out to the community for a 60-day review from October 20 to December 19, 2024. This is an important opportunity to review the complete plan and to discuss the community vision that it represents.

City staff will provide a presentation and the opportunity to discuss the Flagstaff Regional Plan 2045 document.

Attachments

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Form Review

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Open Spaces Commission

6. C.

Co-Submitter: Rebecca Sayers, Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Events Director

From: Robert Wallace, Open Space Supervisor

DATE: 10/28/2024

SUBJECT: Open Space Commission November/December Meeting Dates

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Decision item

Executive Summary:

The Open Space Commission meetings in November and December fall on 11/25 and 12/23. This item provides the commission the opportunity to reschedule these meeting dates or combine the November/December meetings into a single meeting to accommodate upcoming holidays.

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Open Spaces Commission

6. D.

Co-Submitter: Rebecca Sayers, Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Events Director

From: Robert Wallace, Open Space Supervisor

DATE: 10/28/2024

SUBJECT: Project Prioritization and Multi-year Project Planning

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discussion item

Executive Summary:

This agenda item will support the Open Space Commission's effort to review and identify priority maintenance projects, new amenities, and acquisitions to which BBB tax revenues could be allocated. This process may include determining a priority list to work towards (maintenance projects, property acquisition, rezones, easements, etc.), considering what tools might be best for each priority, and developing a final project list and cost estimates. The desired result of this work would be the production of something similar to a 5-10 capital improvement plan focusing on community open space priorities.

During this meeting, commissioners will be asked to review the Project Priorities List.

Attachments

Project Priorities List
Presentation

Form Review

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Open Space Project Descriptions for BBB Tax Allocation Consideration (Bed, Board and Beverage)

Upgrades and New Amenities

Schultz Creek Trailhead: Designing new trailhead improvements to enable proper parking, signage of the trail system, delineation of trail access to direct use to approved locations, and the addition of appropriate facilities such as trash service and restrooms. Property acquisition and rights are needed before implementation can occur. Grant funding could possibly be obtained to supplement this project.

Picture Canyon Toilet: Develop a single restroom unit for the public at the Picture Canyon Trailhead.

Picture Canyon FUTS Connection: Work with FUTS to design and build the FUTS connection to the Picture Canyon Trailhead. Property acquisition and rights are needed before implementation can occur. Grant funding could possibly supplement this project.

Picture Canyon Signage Replacement: Upgrade the sun-damaged signage throughout the preserve to match the newest design, including rules signage and other educational information. Grant funding could possibly be obtained to supplement this project.

McMillan Mesa Signage: Design and install signage throughout the preserve to match the newest design, including rules signage and other educational information. Open Space applied for a \$10,000 grant for this project, which, if awarded, could help fund some of it.

Observatory Mesa Fencing: Install wildlife-friendly fencing for the Observatory Mesa Natural Area to reduce unauthorized motorized vehicles, minimize cattle impacts, and inform users that they are entering a protected Natural Area with regulations enforced.

Picture Canyon Fencing: Install wildlife-friendly fencing for the Picture Canyon Preserve to reduce unauthorized motorized vehicles, prevent further mine encroachment, and inform users that they are entering a protected Natural Area with regulations enforced.

Observatory Mesa Trail Plan Implementation: Implement the council-approved trail plan, which includes priorities 1-3 and long-term priorities. The plan would incorporate parking, signage, restroom facilities, unauthorized road and trail restoration, trail maintenance, and trail building. Grant funding could likely be obtained for this project.

Picture Canyon Locus D Trail Spur and Viewing Area: Design and build a trail spur to the Locus D rock art panel to help manage current use and provide another opportunity to view rock art.

Picture Canyon Rio De Flag Bridge Replacement: Replace the current wood bridge with a steel FUTS-style bridge.

Deferred Projects

Picture Canyon Trailhead Entry Road and Parking Lot: Repair/Replace the roadway and trailhead parking for Picture Canyon. The road from the Wildcat Water Reclamation Plant to the Picture Canyon Trailhead.

McMillan Mesa Trail Rehabilitation: This project will evaluate the McMillan Mesa trails and partner with Parks to complete the needed trail repairs and maintenance.

Picture Canyon Trail Rehabilitation: This project will evaluate the Picture Canyon trails and complete the necessary trail repairs and maintenance.

Picture Canyon Property Restoration: Continue restoration work on unauthorized roads and trails that have been ongoing with grant funding. Grant funding will be spent by 5/2025. Expand work to restore vegetation in areas with high infestations of invasive species, such as along the Rio de Flag corridor.

Observatory Mesa Property Restoration: Continue restoration work on forest thinning chip piles, which has been ongoing with grant funding. Grant funding will be spent by 12/2025.

McMillan Mesa Property Restoration: Evaluate property to determine property restoration areas. Work could involve eradicating invasive plants in areas of high infestation, seeding, and completing erosion control in high-use areas.

McMillan Mesa Tree Canopy Buffer: Restore property between the FUTS and the Veteran's home. This would address past impacts, restore vegetation, control erosion, and help create a vegetative buffer. Grant funding could possibly be obtained to supplement this project.

Observatory Mesa Water Tank Restoration: Evaluate earthen water catchment basins to determine the benefits of restoration. Restore high-priority tanks to retain water for wildlife.

Acquisitions

Property acquisitions that support the implementation of the Open Space System could include regional preserves, connectors, and complementary open space to ensure an equitable, livable, walkable, healthy community.

- **Regional Preserves:** Large open space parcels essential to the integrated open space system, such as Picture Canyon Natural and Cultural Preserve.

Walnut Canyon: Set aside funds to purchase Section 30, a 638-acre area that could fulfill part of the need for a regional preserve in the southeastern quadrant of Flagstaff.

Walnut Canyon Plus Sections: Set aside funds to purchase Sections 22, 28, and 30, a 1,934-acre area that could fulfill the need for a regional preserve in the southeastern quadrant of Flagstaff. This could possibly be in partnership with Flagstaff's need for affordable housing.

- **Connectors:** Natural corridors that connect the integrated open space system, such as FUTS, washes, hillsides, floodplains, neighborwoods, etc.

Specific 2004 Bond Fund Priority Connectors:

John Wesley Powell (Hoffman Tank): Set aside additional funds to help secure an open space corridor that would connect the Arizona National Scenic Trail between the Forest Service and the Rio de Flag I-40 wetlands. This OS corridor was identified as the number one priority by the OSC for the remaining 2004 bond funds. Thus, a portion of the 2004 bond fund has been reserved for this location.

Continental 1: Reserve funds to help secure an open space corridor/regional preserve between Continental Park and Picture Canyon. This OS corridor was identified as the number two priority by the OSC for the remaining 2004 bond funds.

Continental 2: Reserve funds to help secure property around Continental Park that could be used to meet community needs for Park expansion, thus freeing up city property for an open space connection/regional preserve between Continental Park and Picture Canyon. The OSC identified this OS corridor as the number three priority for the remaining 2004 bond funds.

Fort Tuthill 1: Reserve funds to help secure a greenway buffer along the existing FUTS trail part of Priority Connector 1a: Walnut Canyon to Ft. Tuthill (Location OS6). This OS corridor was identified as the number four priority by the OSC for the remaining 2004 bond funds.

Townsend Winona: Reserve funds to help secure an open space corridor between Picture Canyon Preserve and Townsend Winona Road to provide access to Picture Canyon and help create an interconnected system. This OS corridor was identified as the number five priority by the OSC for the remaining 2004 bond funds.

Fort Tuthill 2: Reserve funds to help secure a greenway buffer along the existing FUTS trail part of Priority Connector 1a: Walnut Canyon to Ft. Tuthill (Location OS7). This OS corridor was identified as the number six priority by the OSC for the remaining 2004 bond funds.

Picture Canyon FUTS Corridor: Work with FUTS to secure property rights to connect Picture Canyon to the FUTS. Staff are currently working on this 2004 bond fund priority.

Schultz Creek Property Trade: Work with City real estate to complete property trade that would provide necessary space to support the Schultz Creek Trailhead. Staff are currently working on this objective.

General Connector Corridors:

1A: Walnut Canyon to Ft. Tuthill: Allocate funds towards securing property, easements, etc., that would secure an OS corridor or greenway buffer along existing trails between Walnut Canyon and Ft. Tuthill.

1B: McMillan Mesa to Picture Canyon: Allocate funds towards securing property, easements, etc., that would secure an OS corridor or greenway buffer along existing trails between McMillan Mesa and Picture Canyon.

1C: Observatory Mesa to McMillan Mesa: Allocate funds to secure property, easements, etc., that would secure an OS corridor or greenway buffer along existing trails between Observatory Mesa and McMillan Mesa.

1d: Picture Canyon to Walnut Canyon: Allocate funds to secure property, easements, etc., that would secure an OS corridor or greenway buffer along existing trails between Picture Canyon and Walnut Canyon.

1e: Observatory Mesa to Fort Tuthill: Allocate funds to secure property, easements, etc., that would secure an OS corridor or greenway buffer along existing trails between Observatory Mesa and Fort Tuthill.

1f: Inner-city McMillian Mesa to Walnut Canyon: Allocate funds towards securing property, easements, etc., that would secure an OS corridor or greenway buffer along existing trails between Inner-city McMillian Mesa to Walnut Canyon.

- **Complimentary Open Space:** Smaller open space parcels that provide value to the integrated open space system, such as those that increase equitable open space access, protect critical wildlife corridors, and/or preserve viewsheds.

Complimentary Open Space: Allocate funds towards property acquisition, rezones, easements, etc., that protect smaller open space parcels, which provide value to the integrated open space system by preserving property that supports daily use, equitable distribution, and a livable, walkable, healthy community.

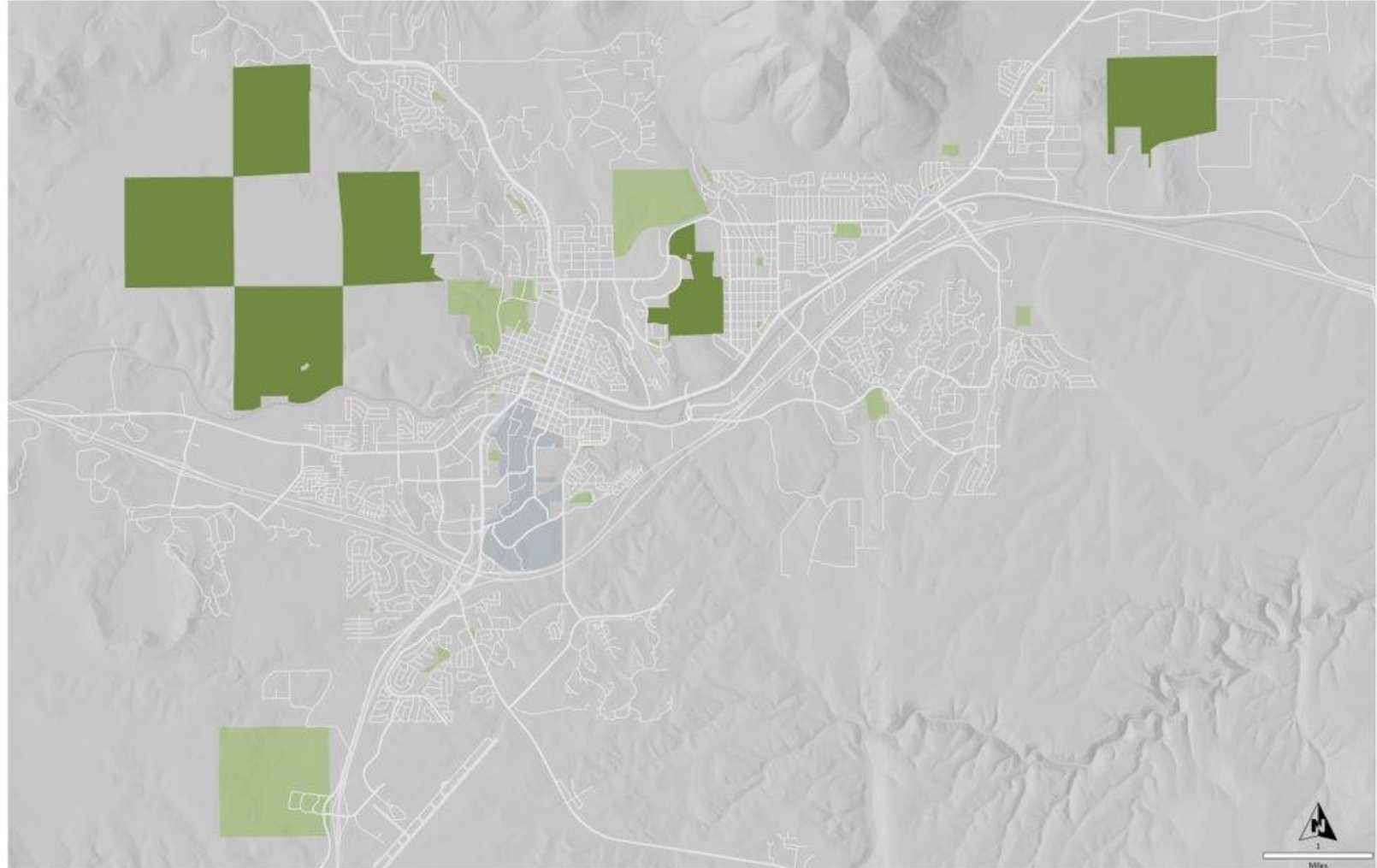
Open Spaces Commission



Open Space Project Planning

Existing Regional Preserves:

- Picture Canyon
- Observatory Mesa
- McMillan Mesa





Open Space Goals

Revisiting Open Space Goals

PROSE Mission - Connecting our community through Parks, Recreation, Natural Areas, and Programs.

PROSE Vision - Creating unique experiences and places to play.

Open Space Specific Goals:

- Protecting and restoring Flagstaff's natural, cultural, and scenic resources to enhance recreational and educational opportunities for residents and visitors.
- To create an integrated system of protected lands around Flagstaff that are connected by FUTS and various corridors, such as washes and hillsides

Deferred Maintenance

What is meant by “deferred maintenance”?

A backlog to infrastructure repairs or asset maintenance due to budgetary limitations

Examples

Parking lot chip seals and crack sealing

Large-scale fencing repairs

Large-scale trail repair or replacement

Restoration projects



New Amenities & Acquisitions

What is meant by “upgrades or new and acquisitions”?

A new open space property, a new amenity feature, or an improvement to an asset

Examples

New parking

New trail segments/systems

New Fence

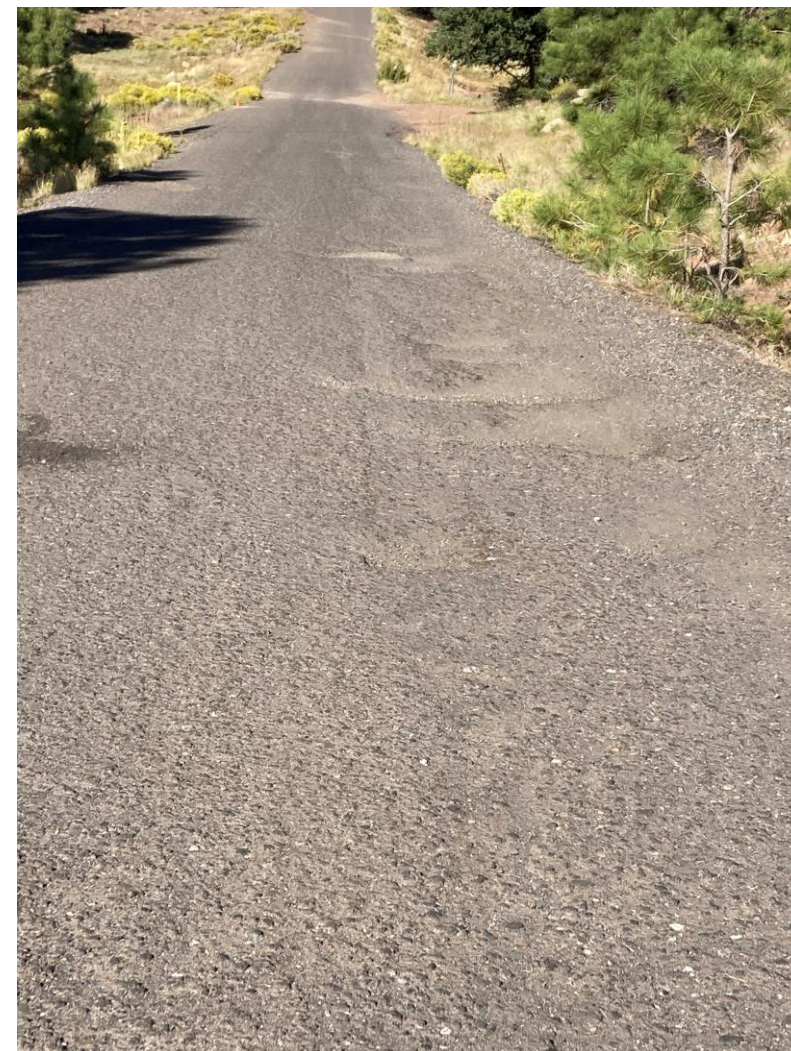
Bridge upgrade

Open space property purchase

Top Deferred Items

Parking:

Picture Canyon entry road and parking lot



Top Deferred Items

Trail rehabilitation:

Picture Canyon

McMillan Mesa



Top Deferred Items

Property Restoration:

Picture Canyon Rio de Flag Corridor

Observatory Mesa chip piles

McMillan Mesa seeding along FUTS and
Isabel Street

McMillan Mesa tree buffer along Veteran's
Home

Observatory Mesa tank restoration



New Amenities & Acquisitions

Facilities and Parking:

Schultz Creek trailhead

Picture Canyon permanent toilet




New Amenities & Acquisitions

Signage:


Picture Canyon signage replacement and upgrade

McMillan Mesa sign design and implementation



**FLAGSTAFF
OPEN
SPACE**

**McMillan Mesa
Natural Area**



Welcome to McMillan Mesa Natural Area!

The City of Flagstaff acquired this land in November 2016, after approximately 86% of Flagstaff voters voted in favor of its preservation. We welcome you to enjoy the expansive views, diverse plants and animals, and cultural resources found in this native grassland and forest ecosystem. Please help out community protect this beautiful natural area by respecting the guidelines below.

Rules and Courtesies

Reduce Your Impact: ride the bus or park your vehicle at the Buffalo Park lot and enjoy this area using alternative modes of transportation. **Motorized travel is strictly prohibited.**








Share The Trail: show courtesy to all users including hiker and bikers. Equestrian use is prohibited on the mesa.








Respect Wildlife: McMillan Mesa provides ample opportunity to observe wildlife, but please do so from a safe distance to ensure your safety. **Hunting is prohibited within this natural area.**

Respect Cultural Resources: enjoy the cultural resources that have been here for over 700 years. Help us protect these sites by not touching petroglyphs or taking things home with you.

Pack it Out: please dispose of all your waste properly by using a trash bin or taking it home with you.

Keep Pets on Leash: pet owners must keep their pets on a leash when using Flagstaff natural areas to ensure the safety of their pet and wildlife. Pet owners are also required to clean up after pets to keep a clean environment.










For more information about Flagstaff Natural Areas:

www.flagstaffaz.gov/openspace Scan this QR Code to learn more about McMillan Mesa Natural Area

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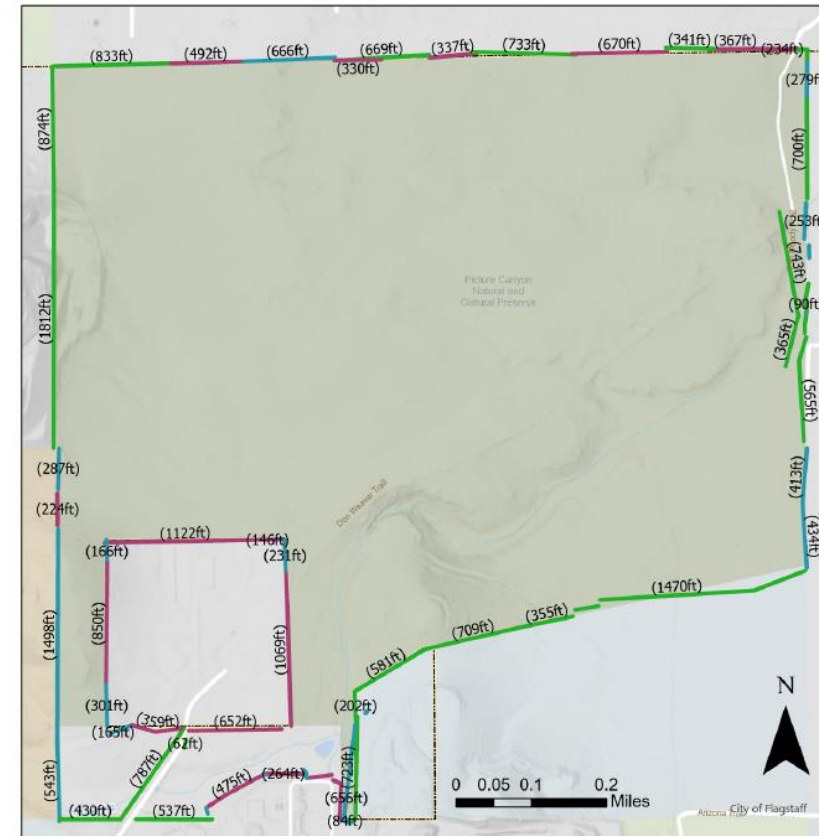
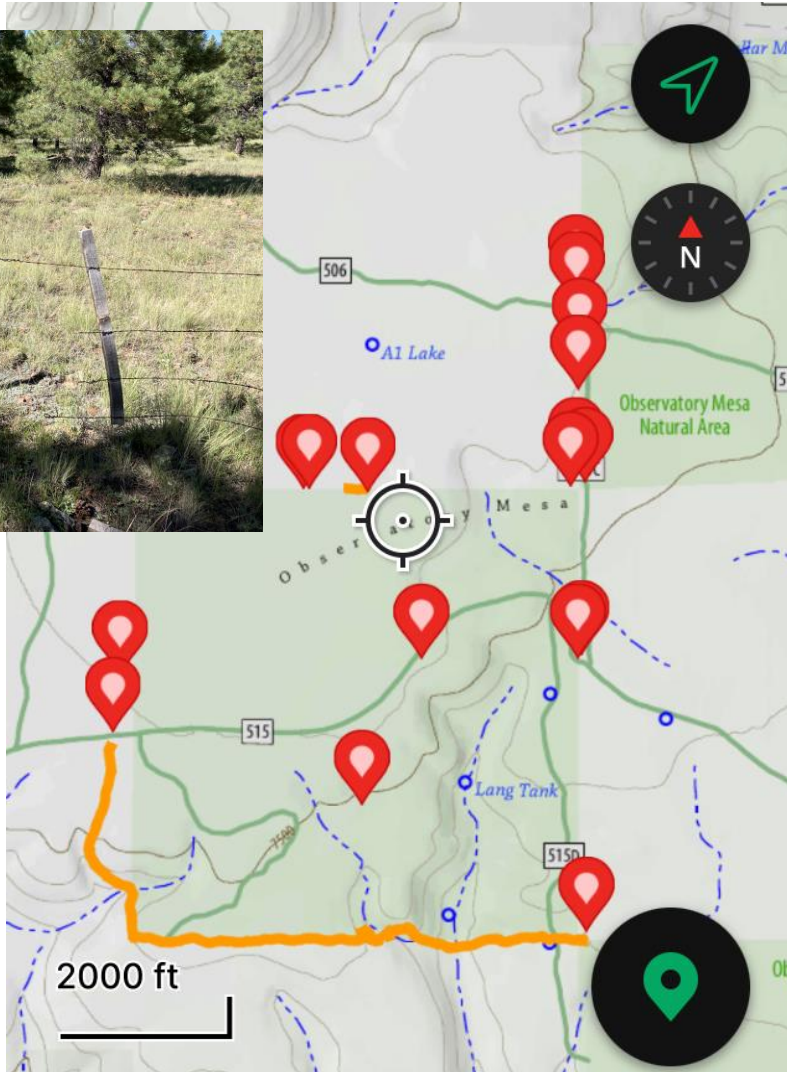
New Amenities & Acquisitions

Fencing:

Observatory Mesa
Picture Canyon



Picture Ca
West boundary



Picture Canyon Natural Area Fence Survey Results

Completed: 12/2022



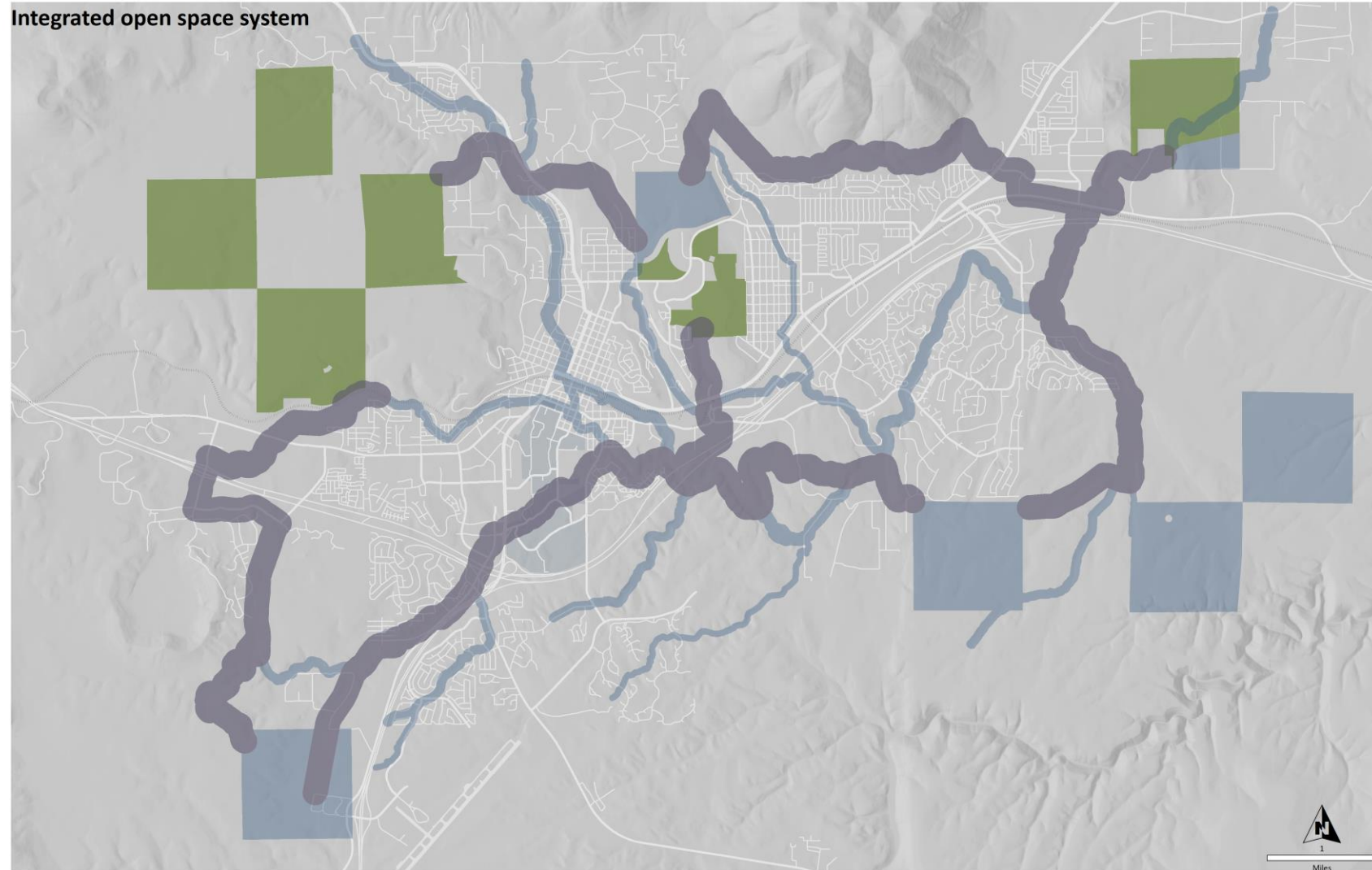


New Amenities & Acquisitions

1. Regional Preserves: Large open space parcels that are essential to the integrated open space system; for example, Picture Canyon Natural and Cultural Preserve.
2. Connectors: Natural corridors that connect the integrated open space system; for example, FUTS, washes, hillsides, floodplains, neighborwoods, etc.
3. Complimentary Open Space: Smaller open space parcels that provide value to the integrated open space system; for example, those that increase equitable open space access, protect critical wildlife corridors, and/or preserve viewsheds.

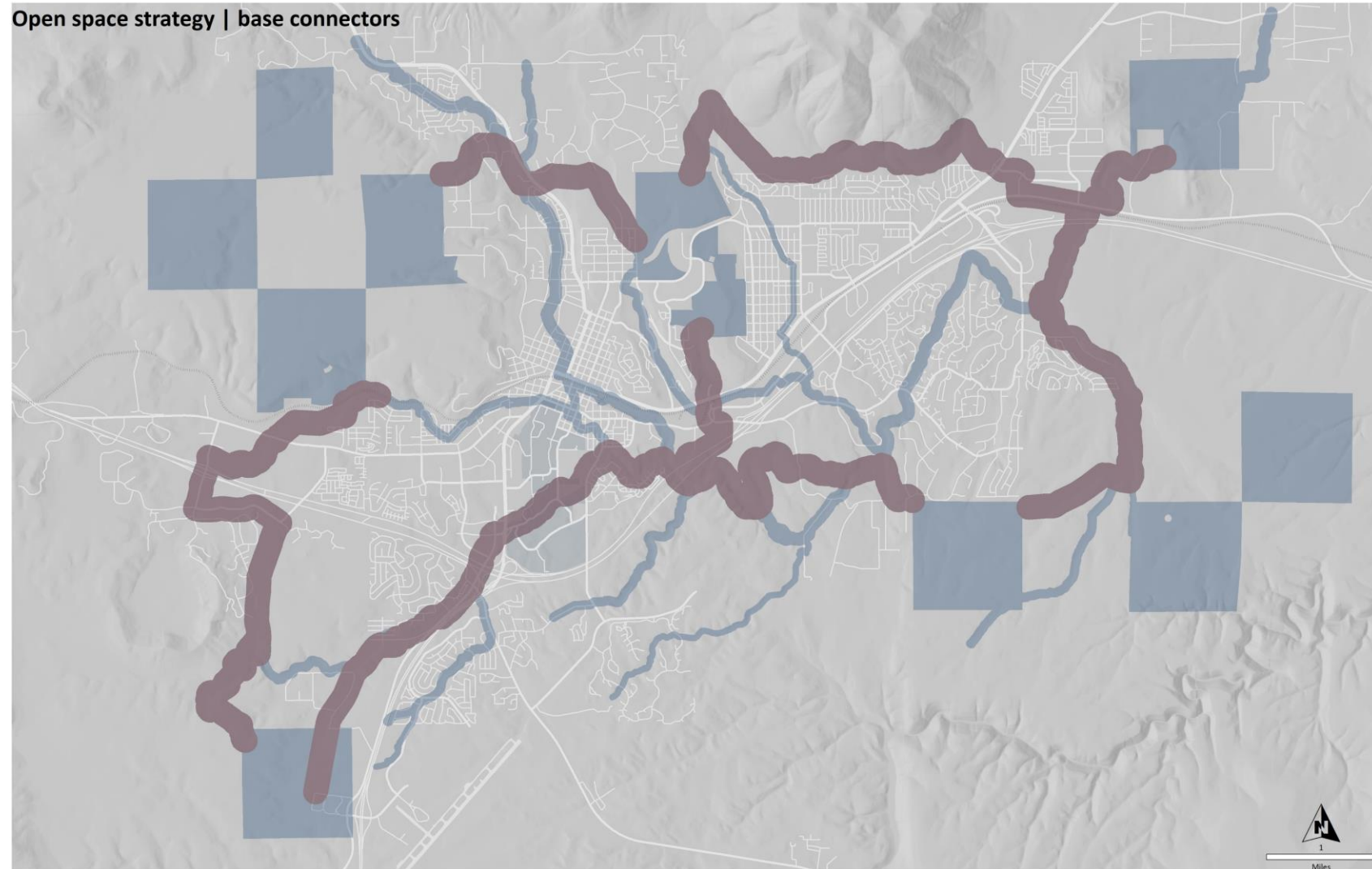
New Amenities & Acquisitions

Open Space System Map



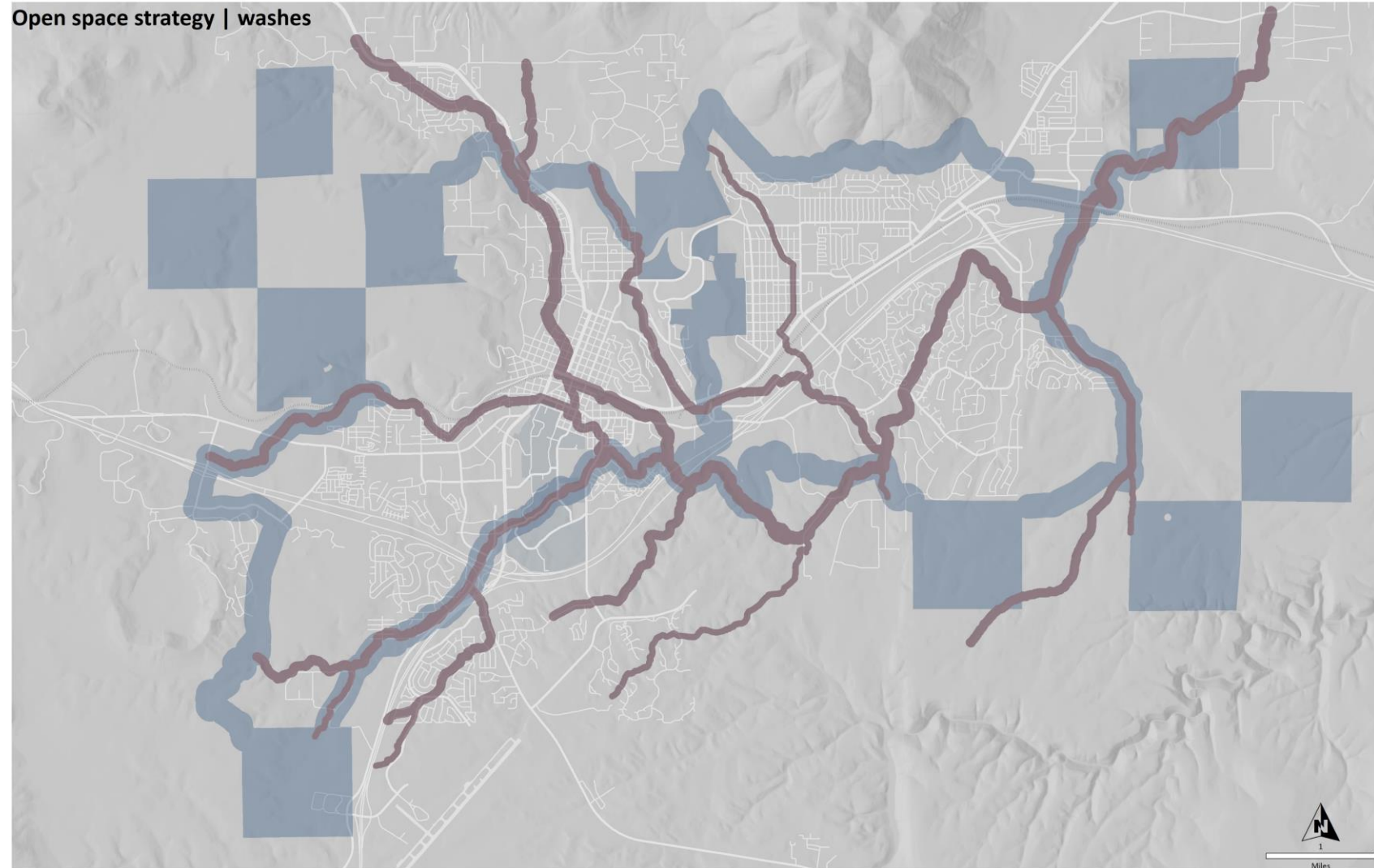
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Open Space System Map Base Connectors



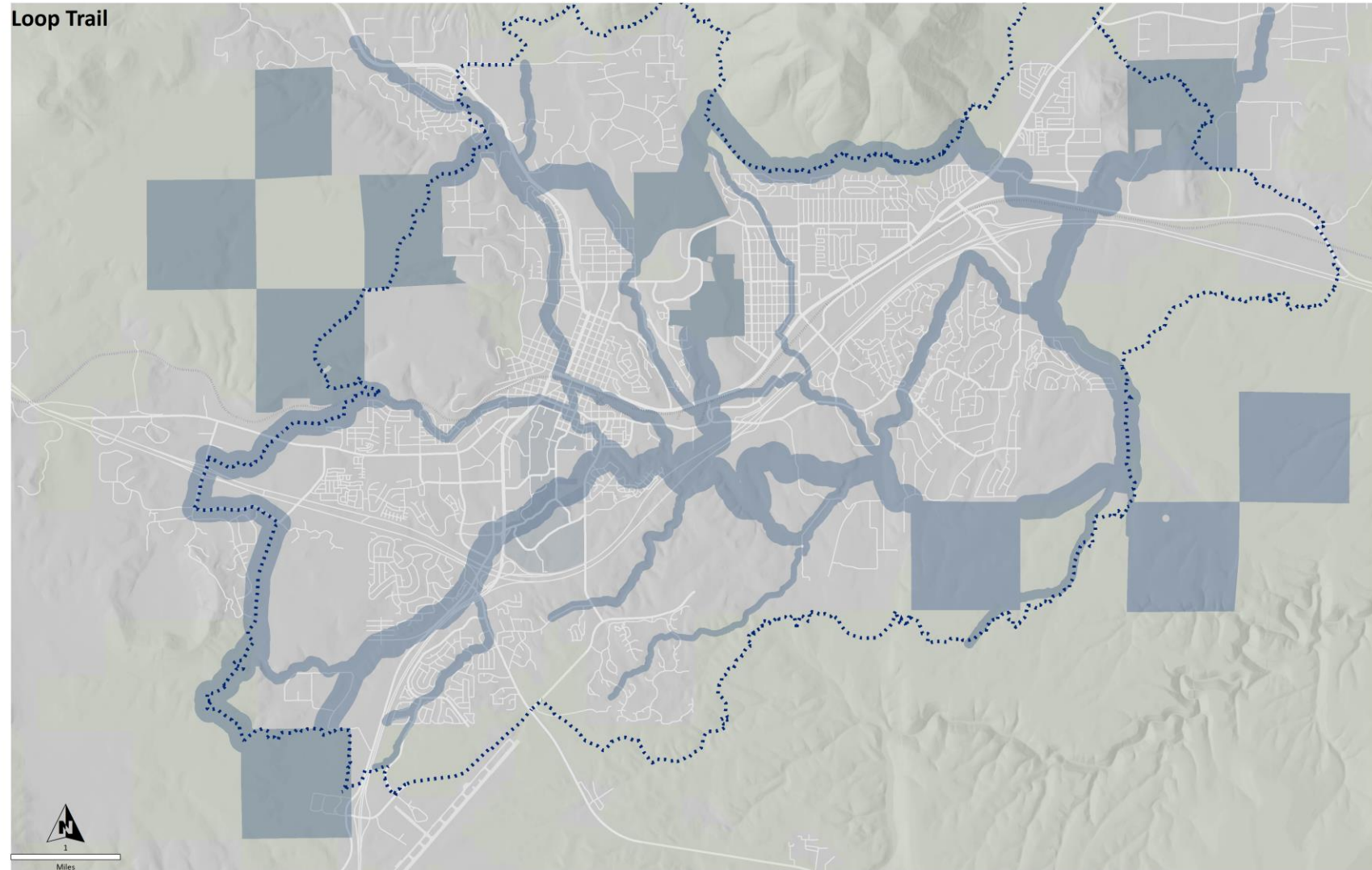
New Amenities & Acquisitions

Open Space System Map Washes



New Amenities & Acquisitions

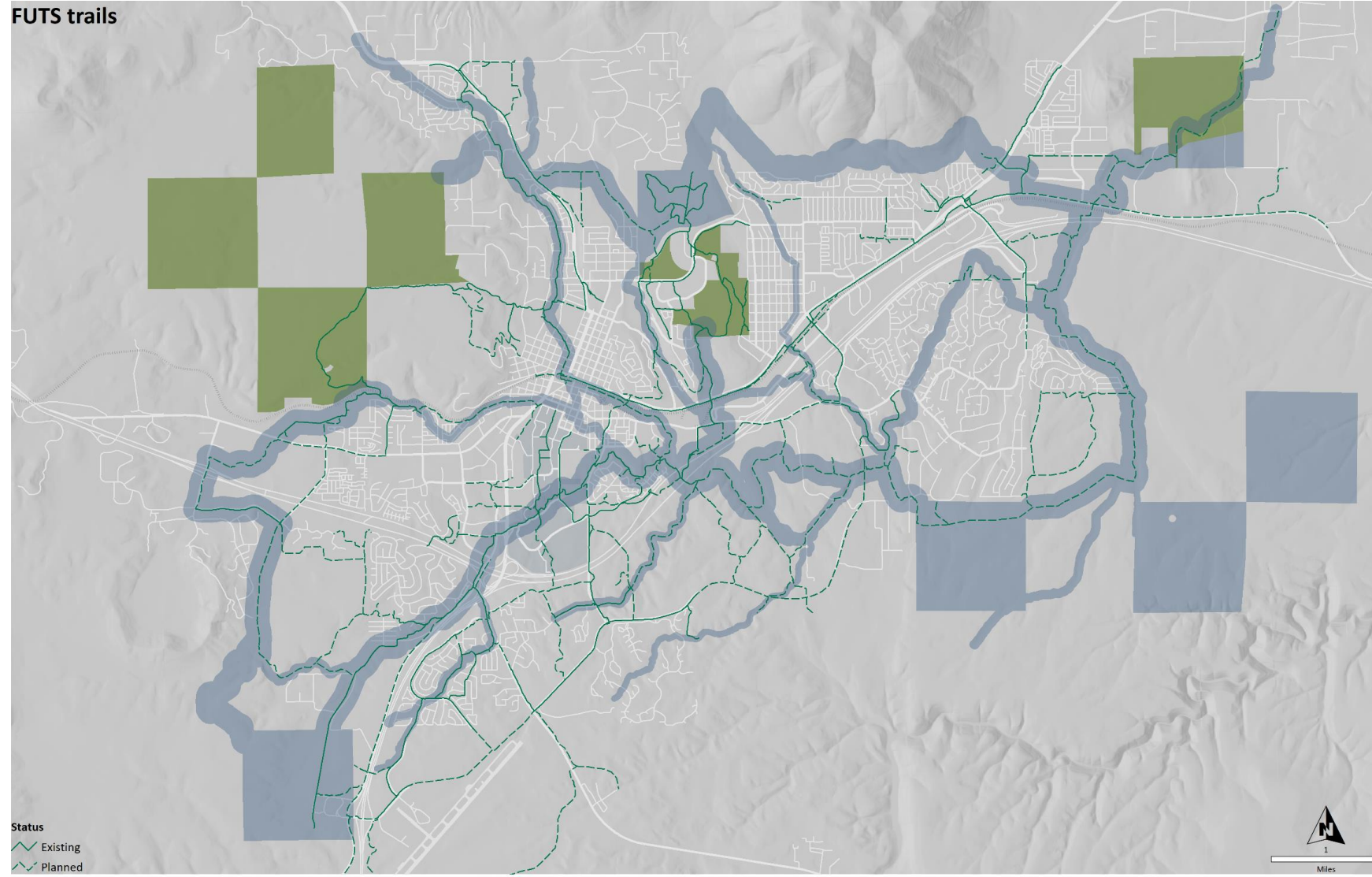
Open Space System Map Loop Trail



New Amenities & Acquisitions

Open Space System Map FUTS

FUTS trails



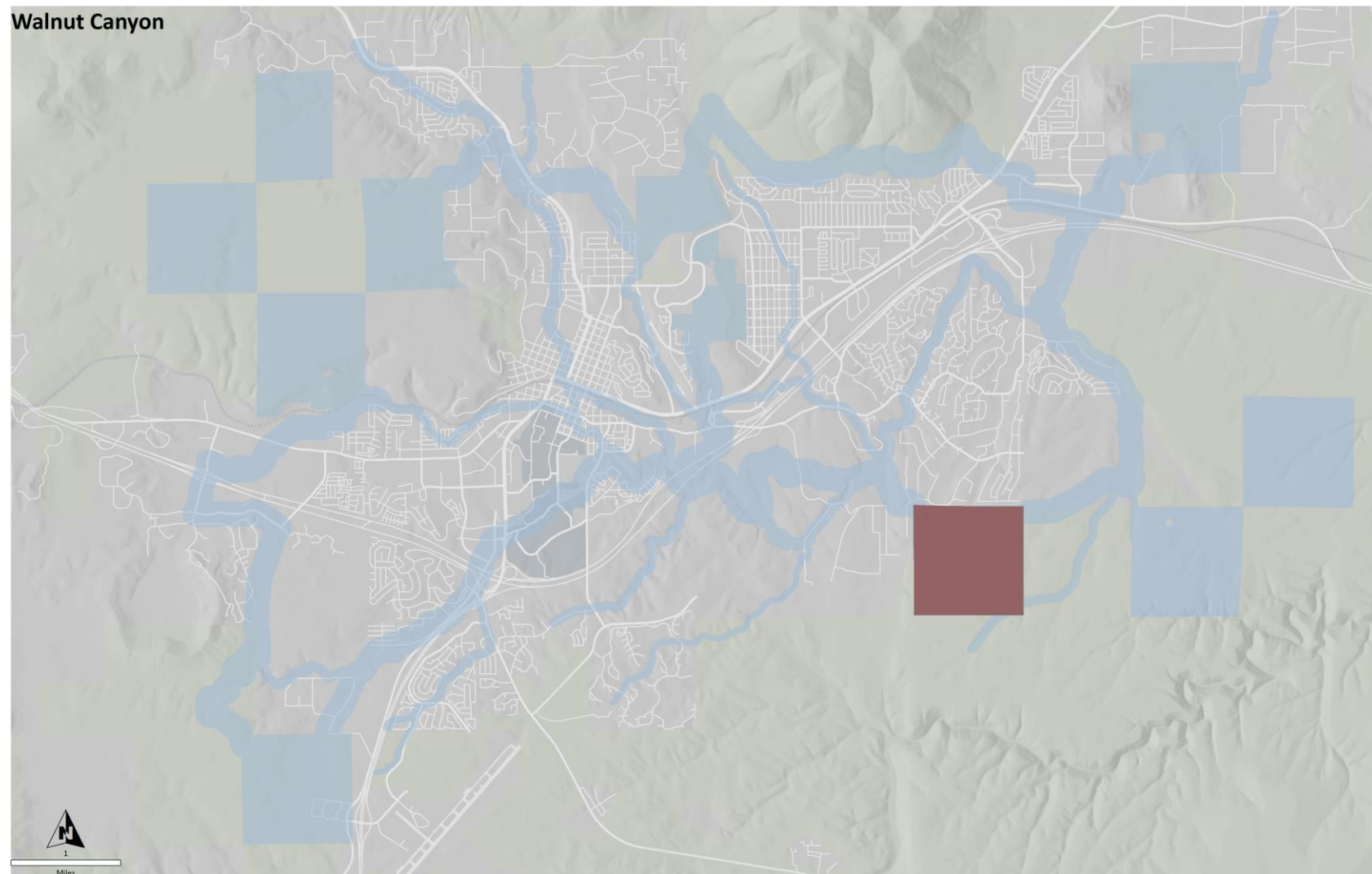
New Amenities & Acquisitions

Regional Preserves: Walnut Canyon (Section 30)

638 Acres

Estimated value: \$6.4
million

Actual Cost:
\$8 million



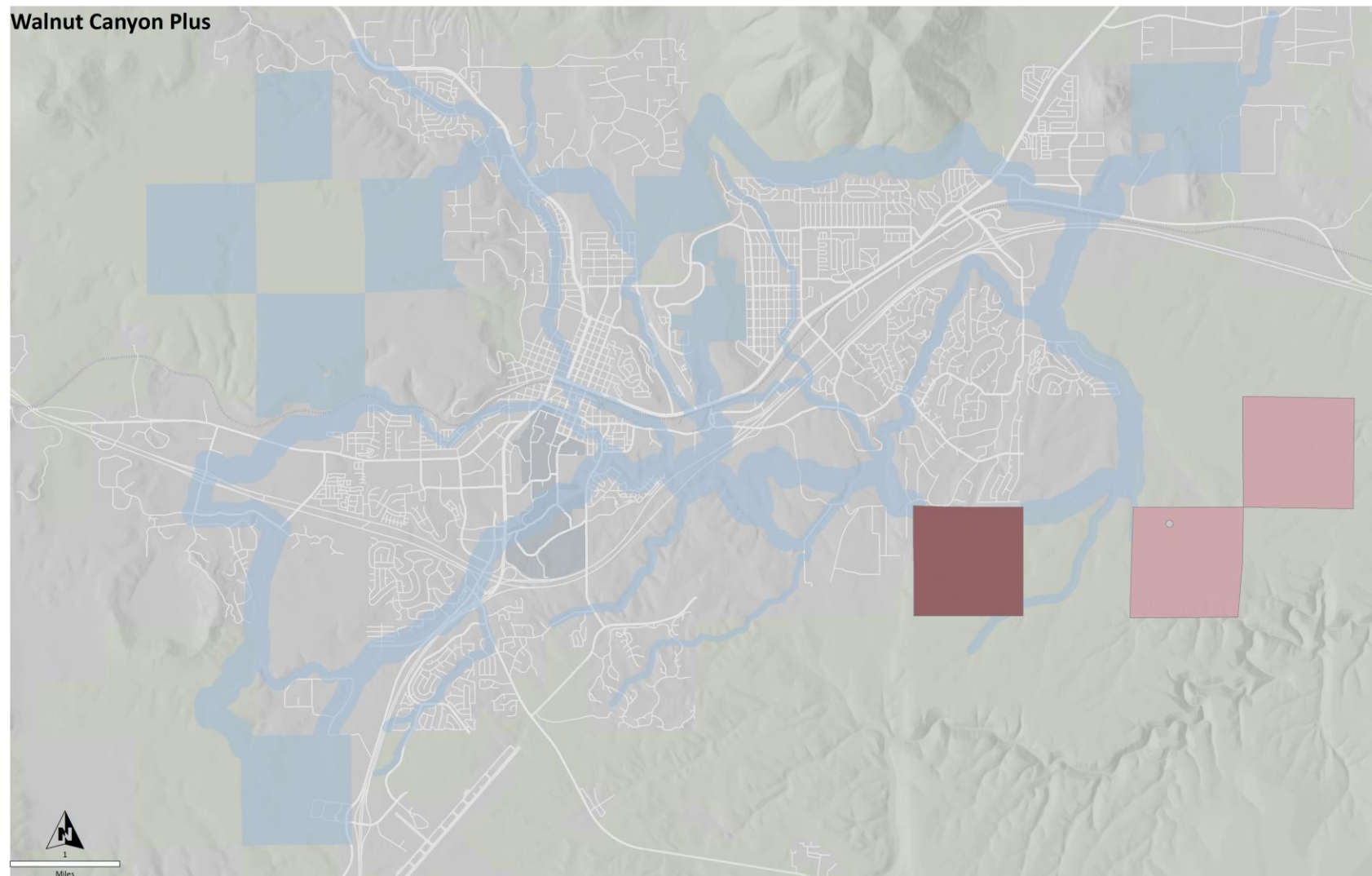
New Amenities & Acquisitions

Regional Preserves:
Walnut Canyon Plus
Sections 22, 28, 30

1,934 Acres

Estimated cost: \$19.2 million/
\$6.4 per section

Actual Cost:
\$32 million



New Amenities & Acquisitions

Connectors: Example



Open space planning
Example
Rio de Flag - upper reach

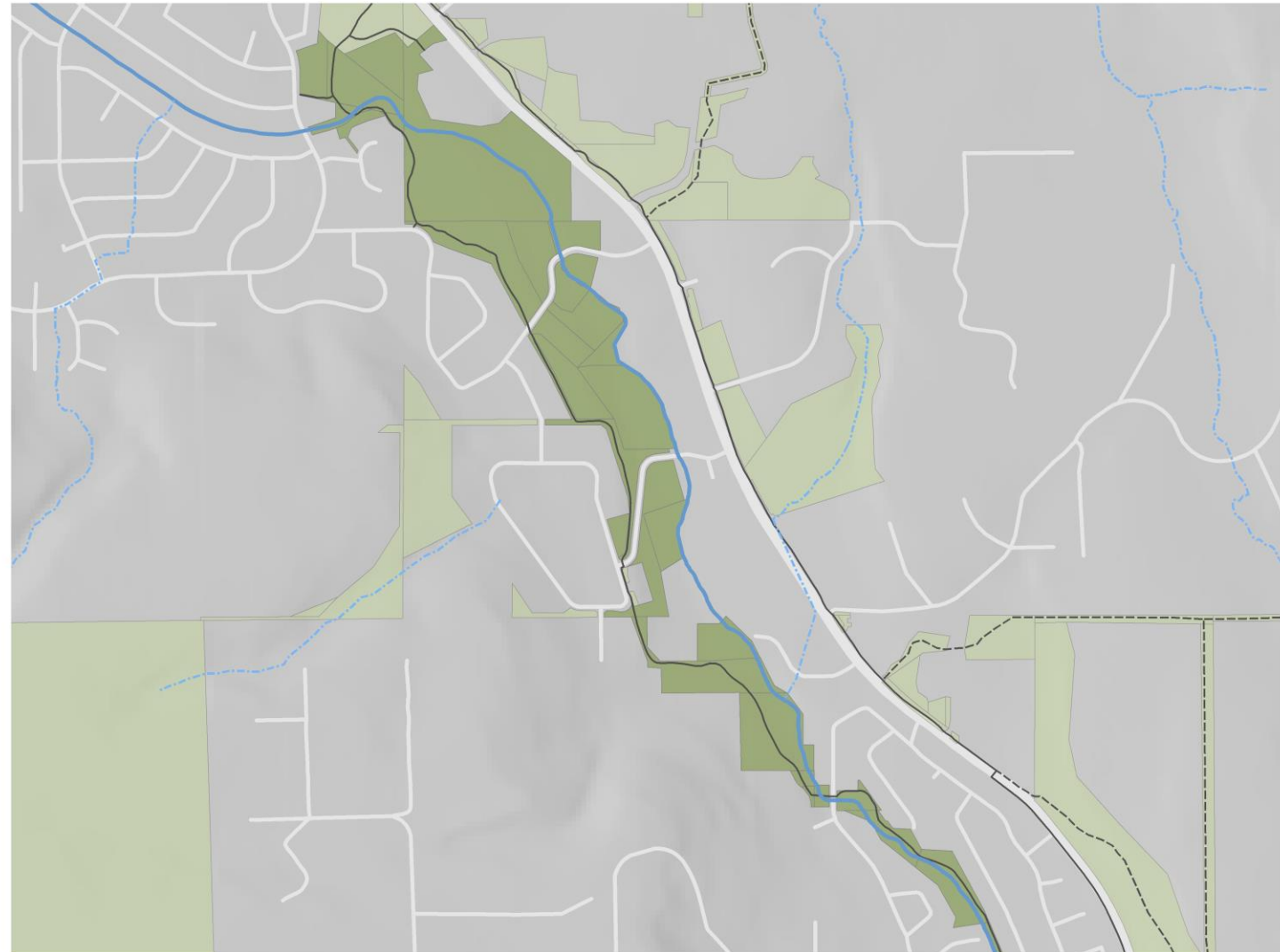


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New Amenities & Acquisitions

Connectors: Example



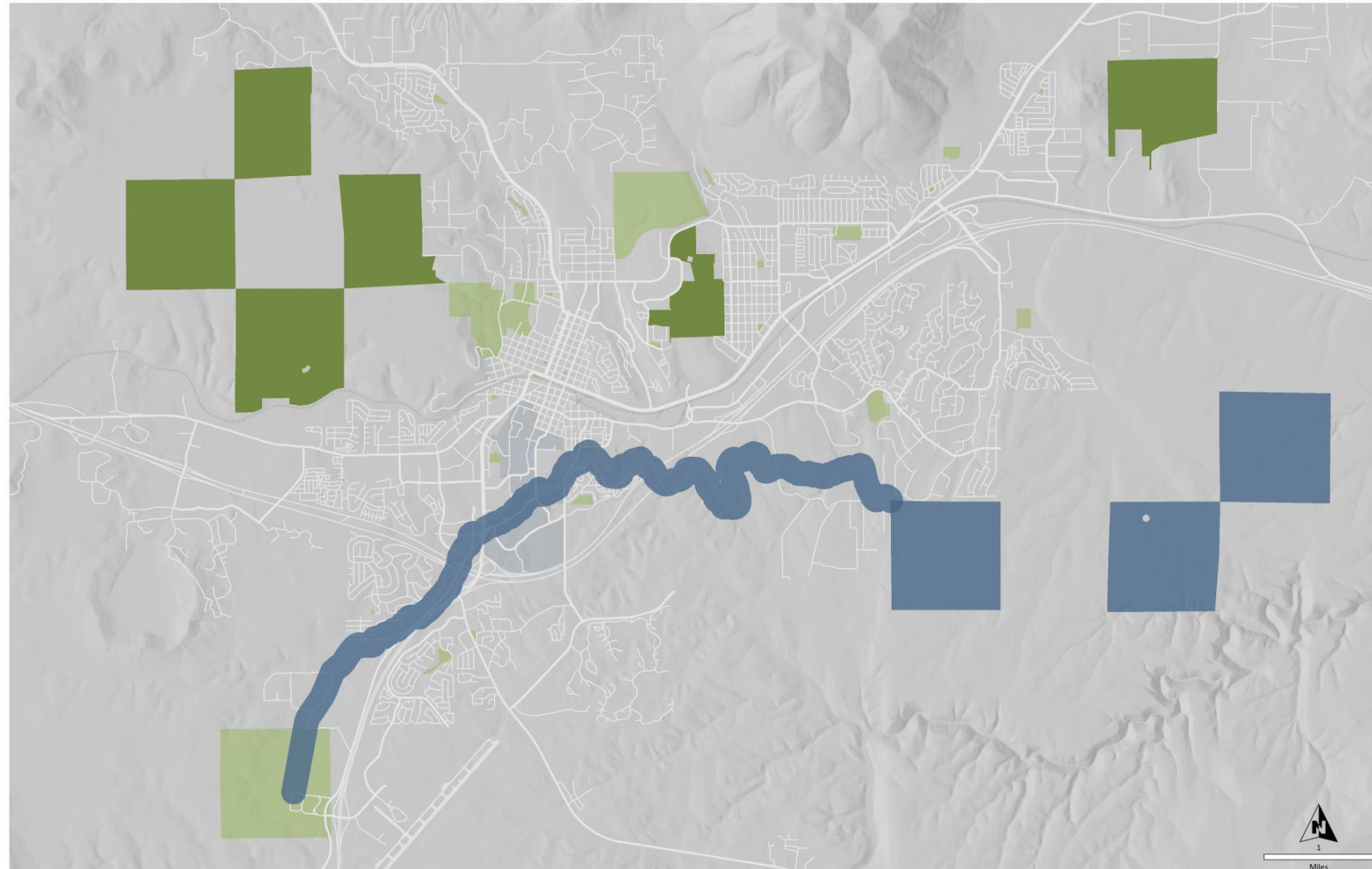
Open space planning
Example
Rio de Flag - upper reach

New Amenities & Acquisitions

Connectors:
Base

Priority Connector 1a:
Walnut Canyon to Ft. Tuthill

Estimated cost: \$10,500,000

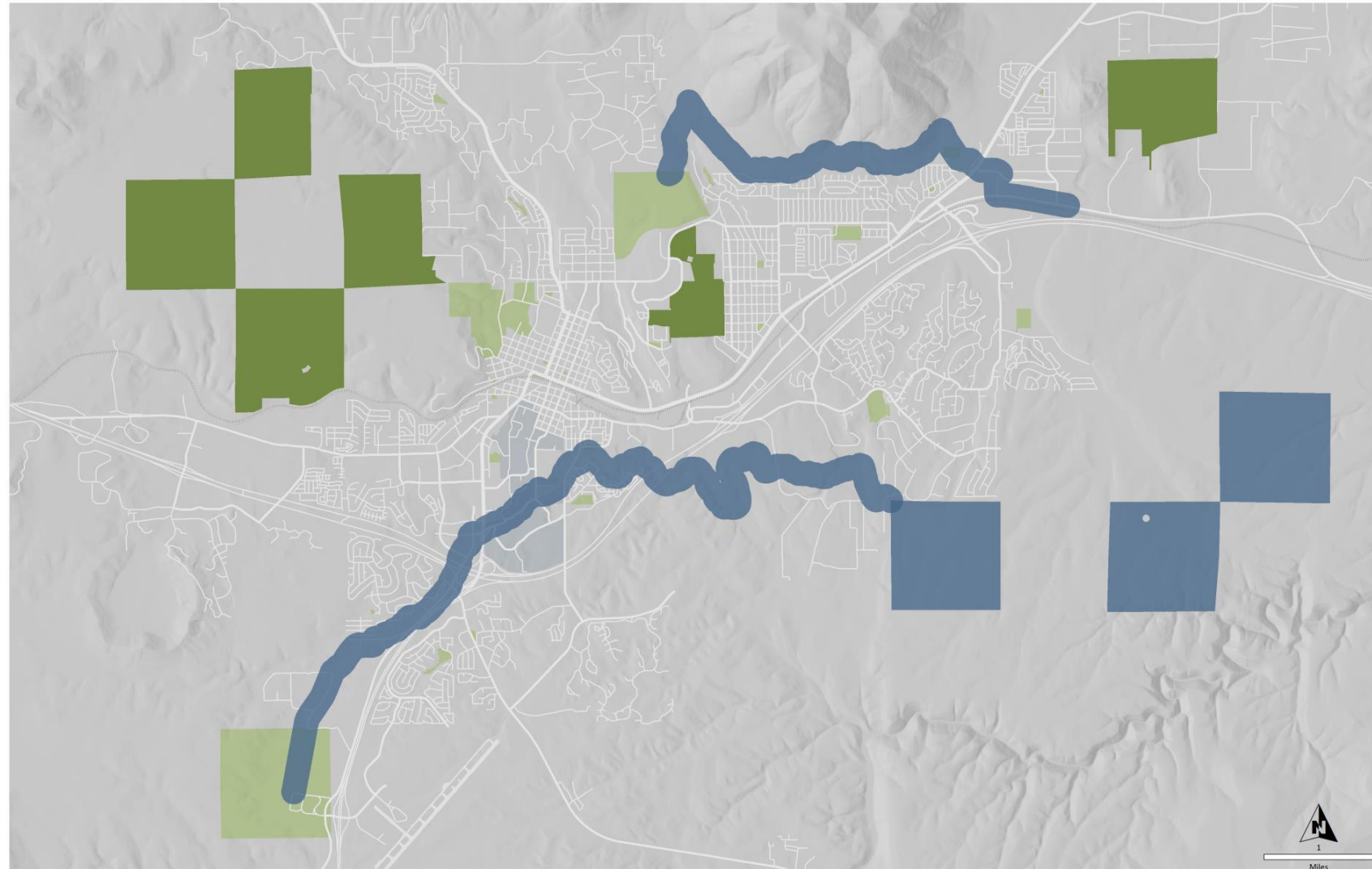


New Amenities & Acquisitions

Connectors:
Base

Priority Connector 1b:
McMillan Mesa to Picture
Canyon

Estimated Cost: \$0*
*mostly USFS

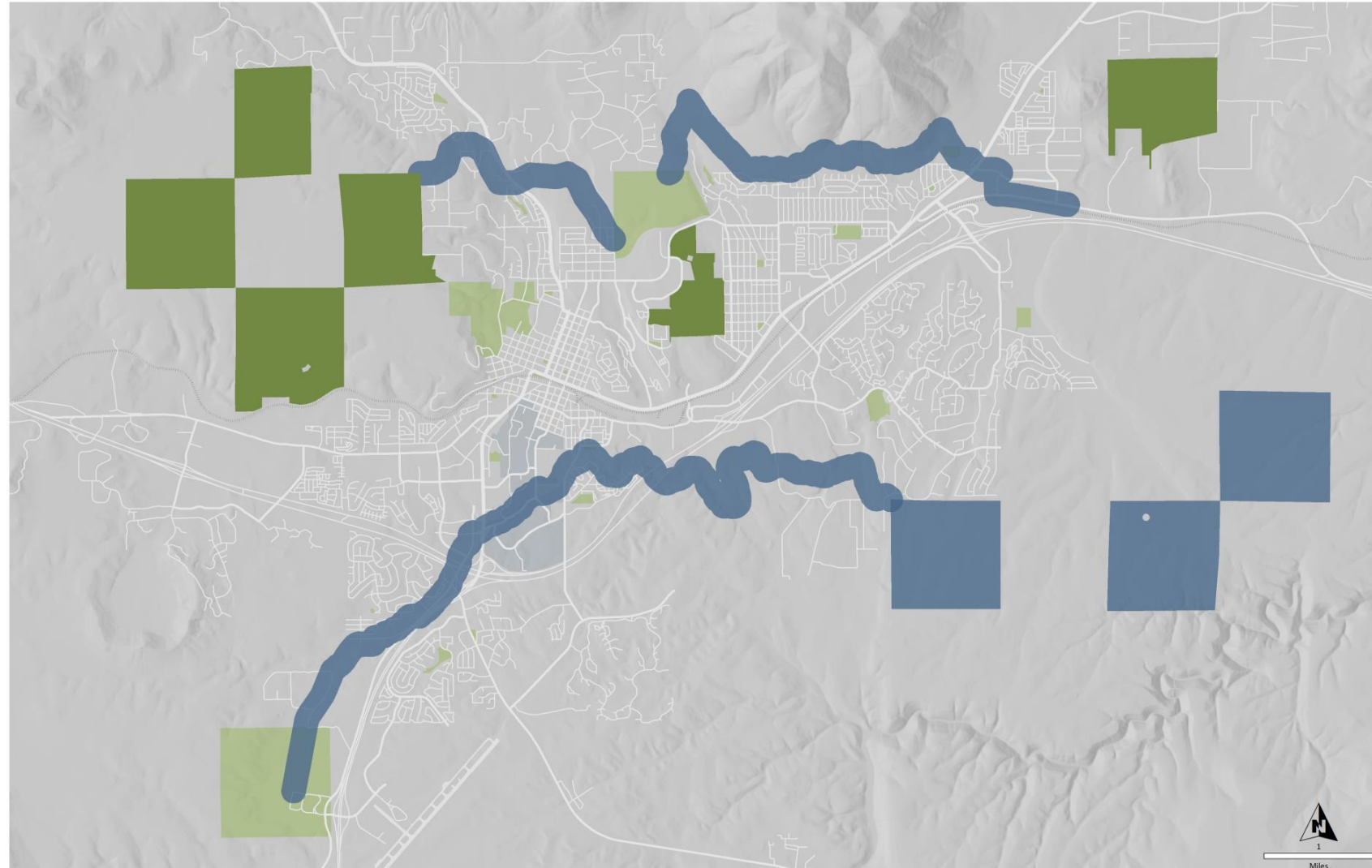


New Amenities & Acquisitions

Connectors:
Base

Priority Connector 1c:
Observatory
Mesa to McMillan Mesa

Estimated Cost:
\$4,800,000

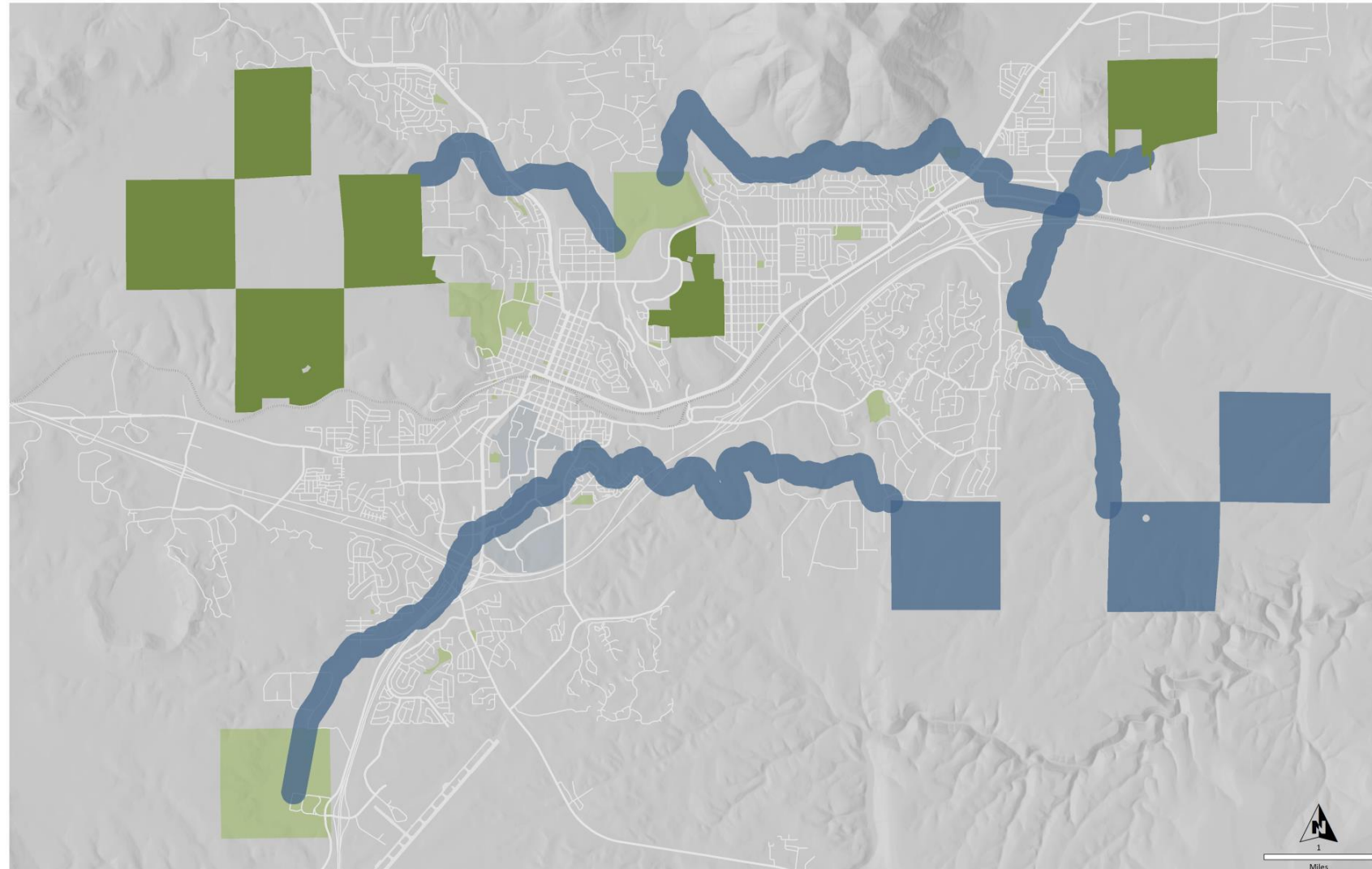


New Amenities & Acquisitions

Connectors:
Base

Priority Connector 1d:
Picture Canyon to Walnut
Canyon

Estimated Cost:
\$5,800,000

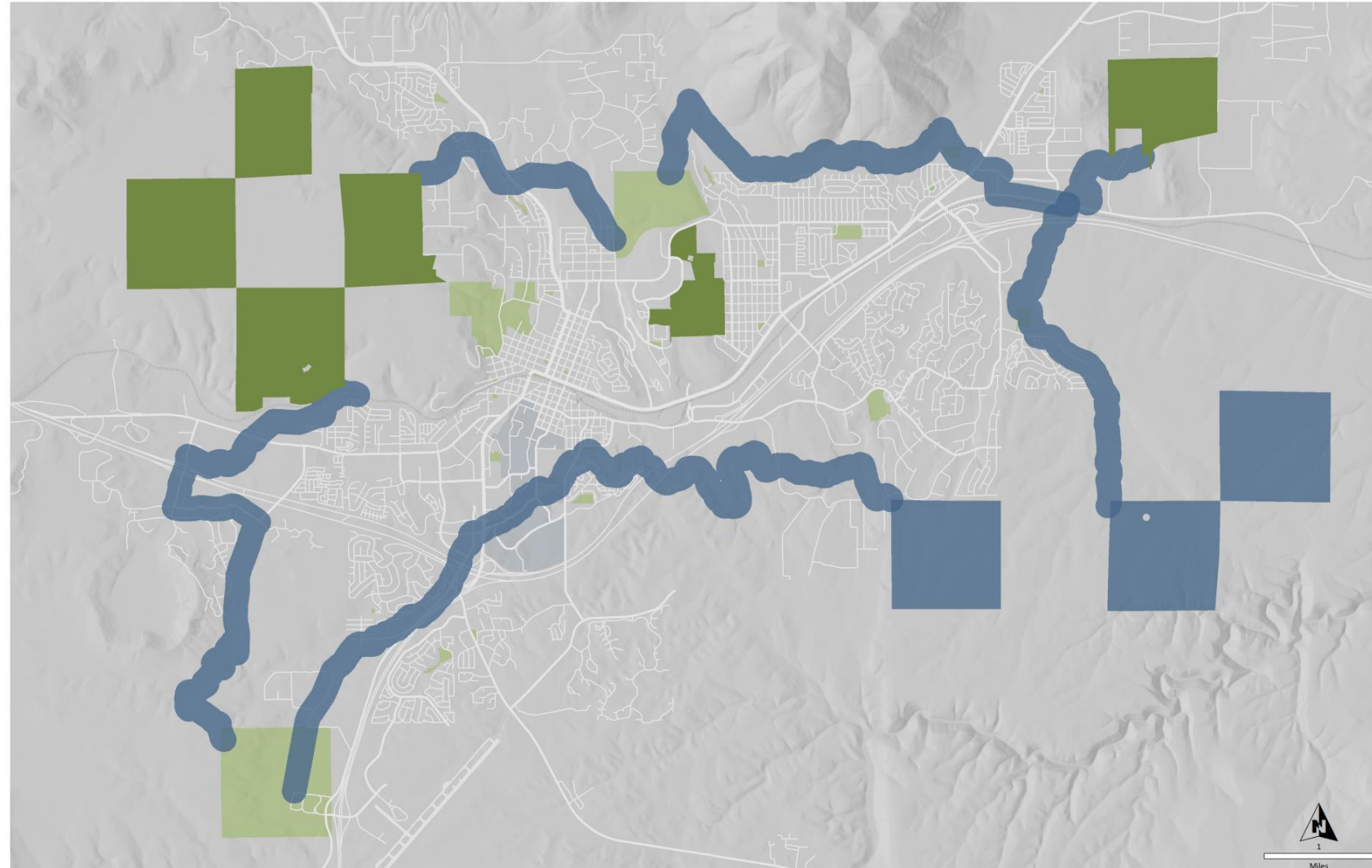


New Amenities & Acquisitions

Connectors:
Base

Priority Connector 1e:
Observatory Mesa to Fort
Tuthill

Estimated Cost:
\$8,900,000

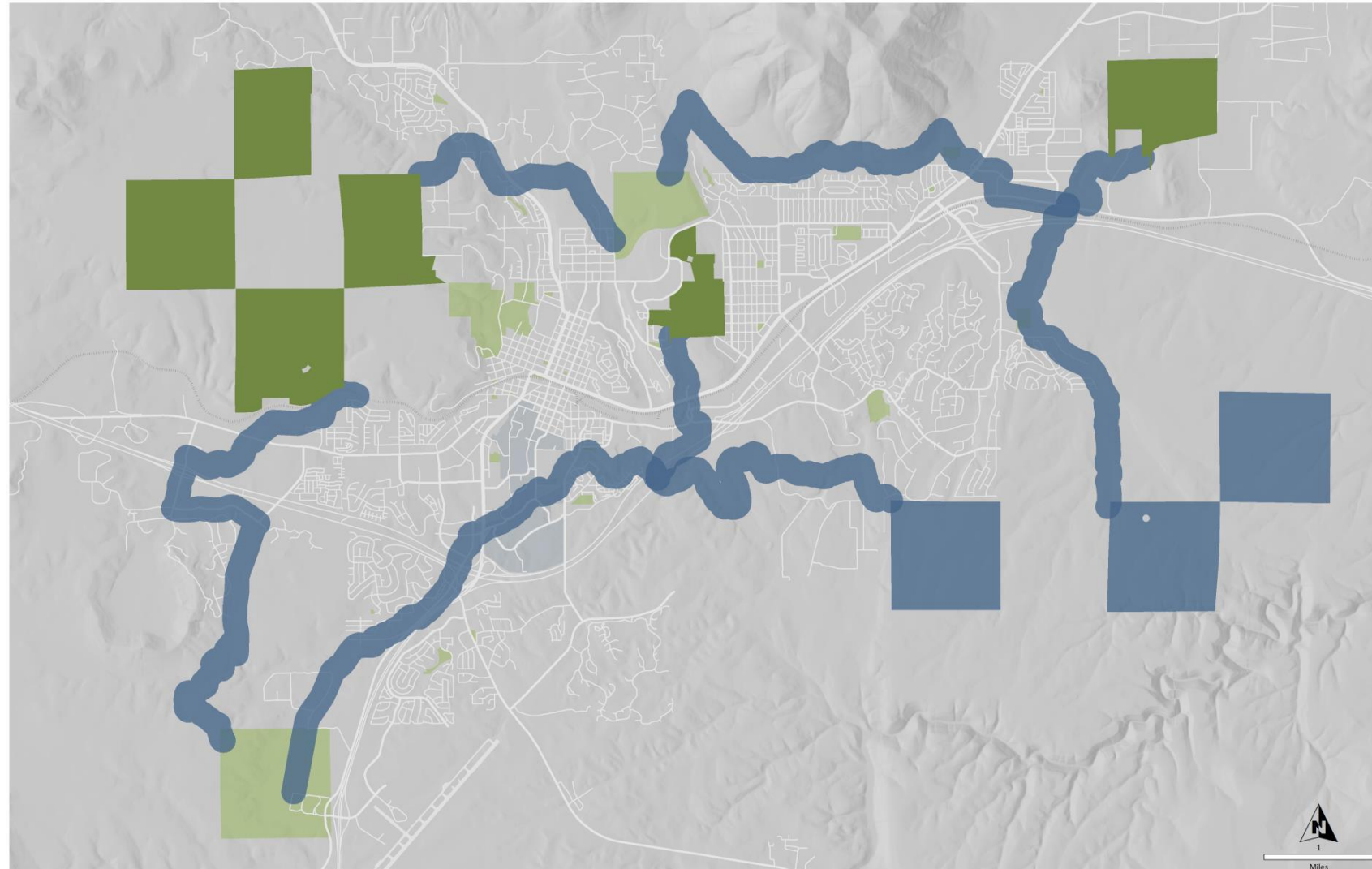


New Amenities & Acquisitions

Connectors:
Base

Priority Connector 1f: Inner-city
McMillian Mesa to Walnut
Canyon

Estimated Cost:
\$8,000,000



New Amenities & Acquisitions

2004 Bond Fund Priorities

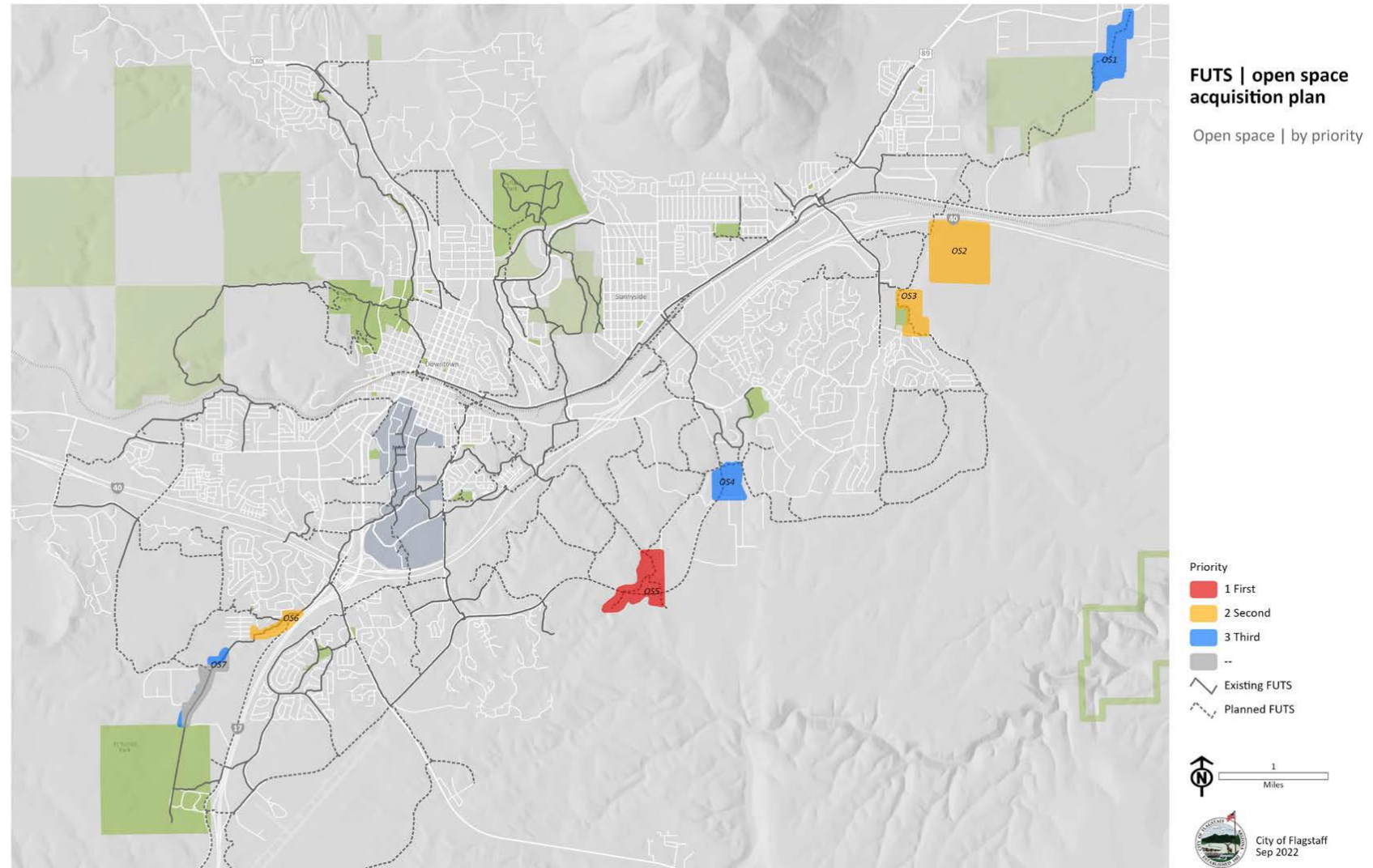
Open space areas					
Area	Count	Supports	Acres	Est cost	Priority
OS1	7	Open space	60.56	--	3 Third
OS2	1	Open space	166.67	--	2 Second
OS3	4	Open space	35.45	--	2 Second
OS4	1	Open space	39.50	--	3 Third
OS5	2	Open space	71.08	958,182	1 First
OS6	2	Open space	16.00	--	2 Second
OS7	12	Open space	31.65	--	--
			420.93		

New Amenities & Acquisitions

2004 Bond Fund Priorities

- John Wesley Powell (Hoffman Tank) 7.33
- Continental 1 (5.33)
- Continental 2 (4.86)
- Fort Tuthill 1 (4.22)
- Townsend Winona (4.88)
- Fort Tuthill 2 (4)

- Picture Canyon FUTS Corridor
- Schultz Creek Trailhead



New Amenities & Acquisitions

2004 Bond Fund Priorities

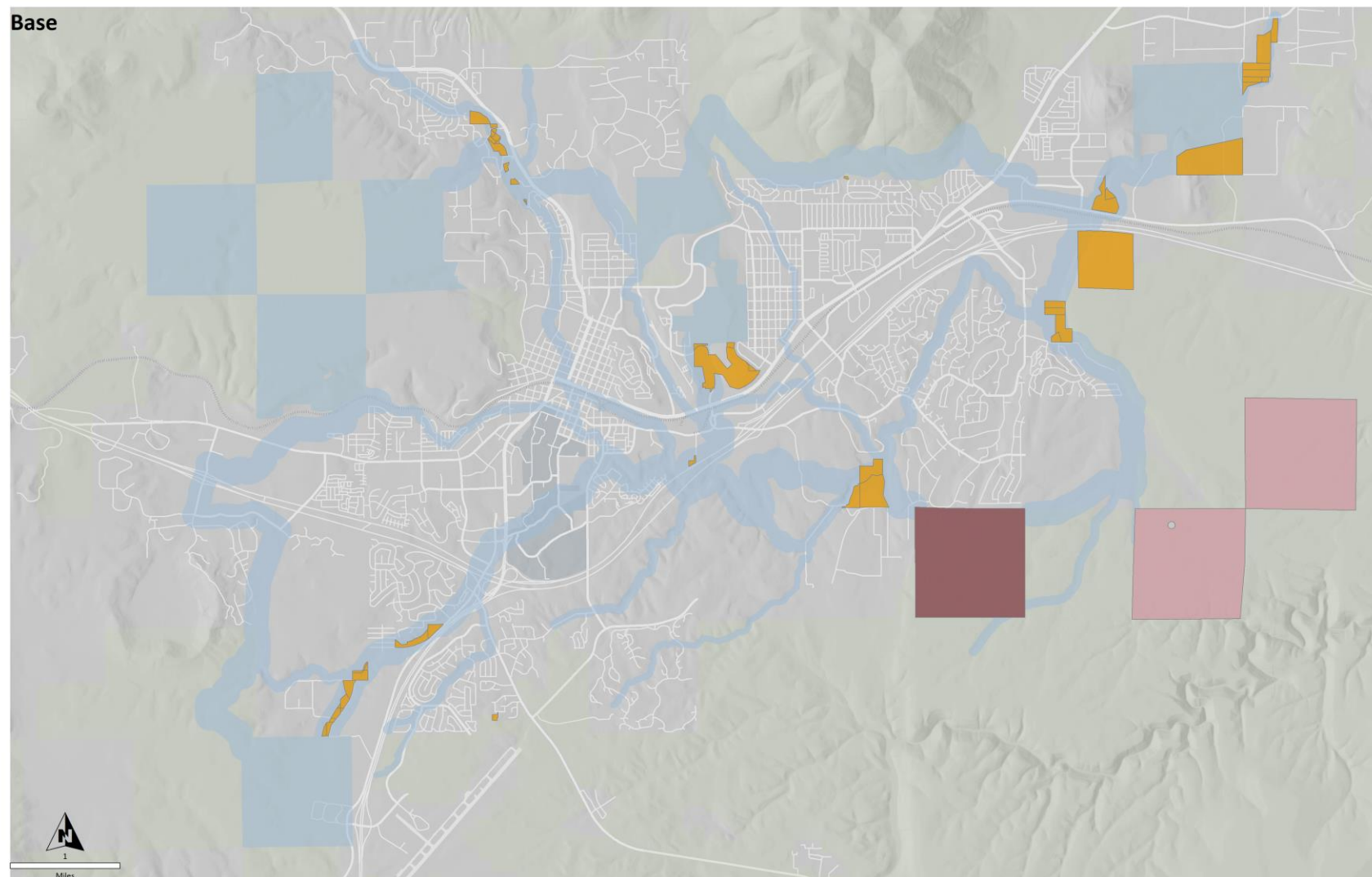
Connectors:

Base

627 Acres

Estimated value:
\$11.17 million

Actual Cost:
\$13.9 million



New Amenities & Acquisitions

2004 Bond Fund Priorities

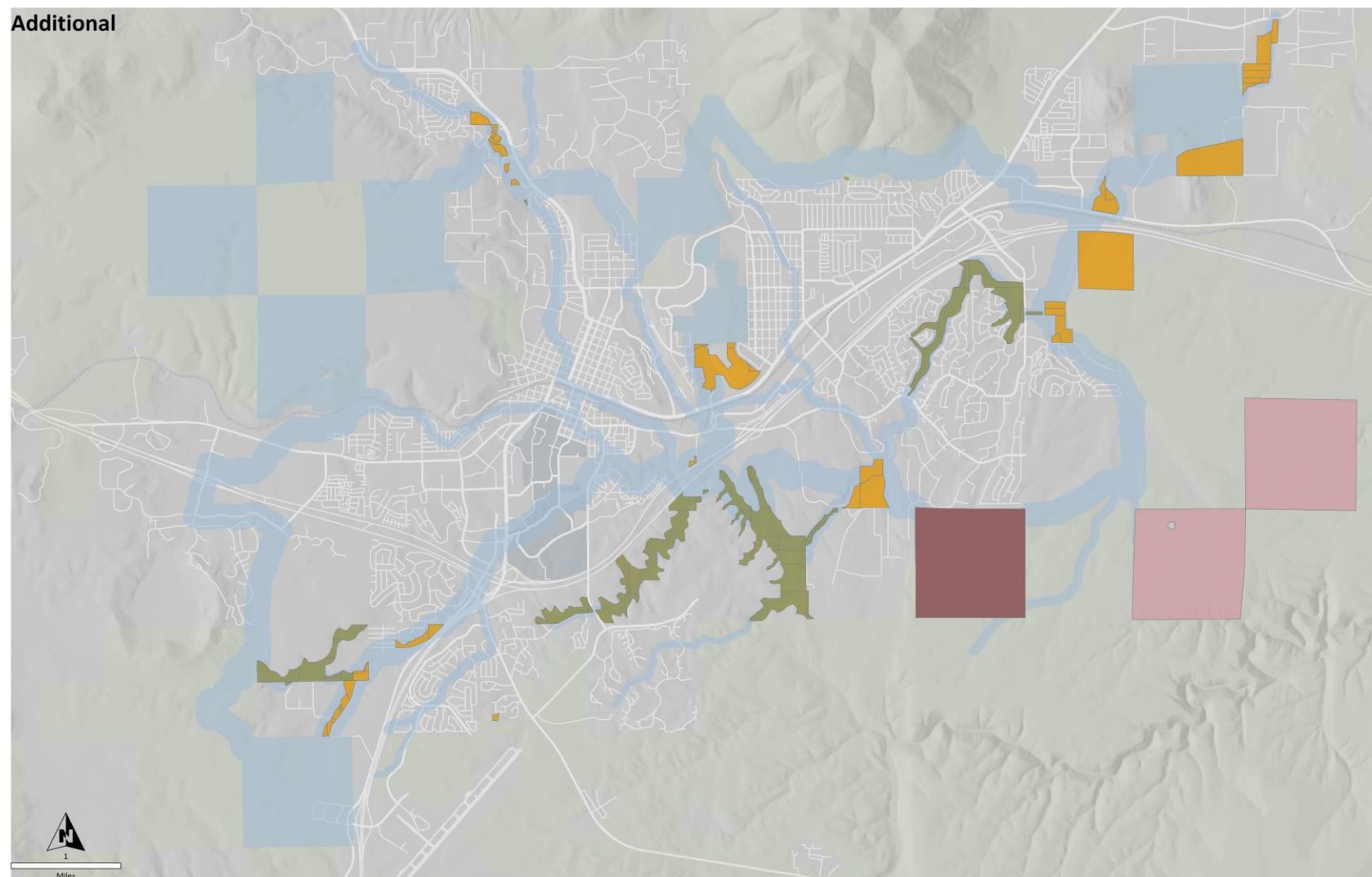
Connectors:

Additional Base

689 Acres

Estimated value:
\$9.6 million

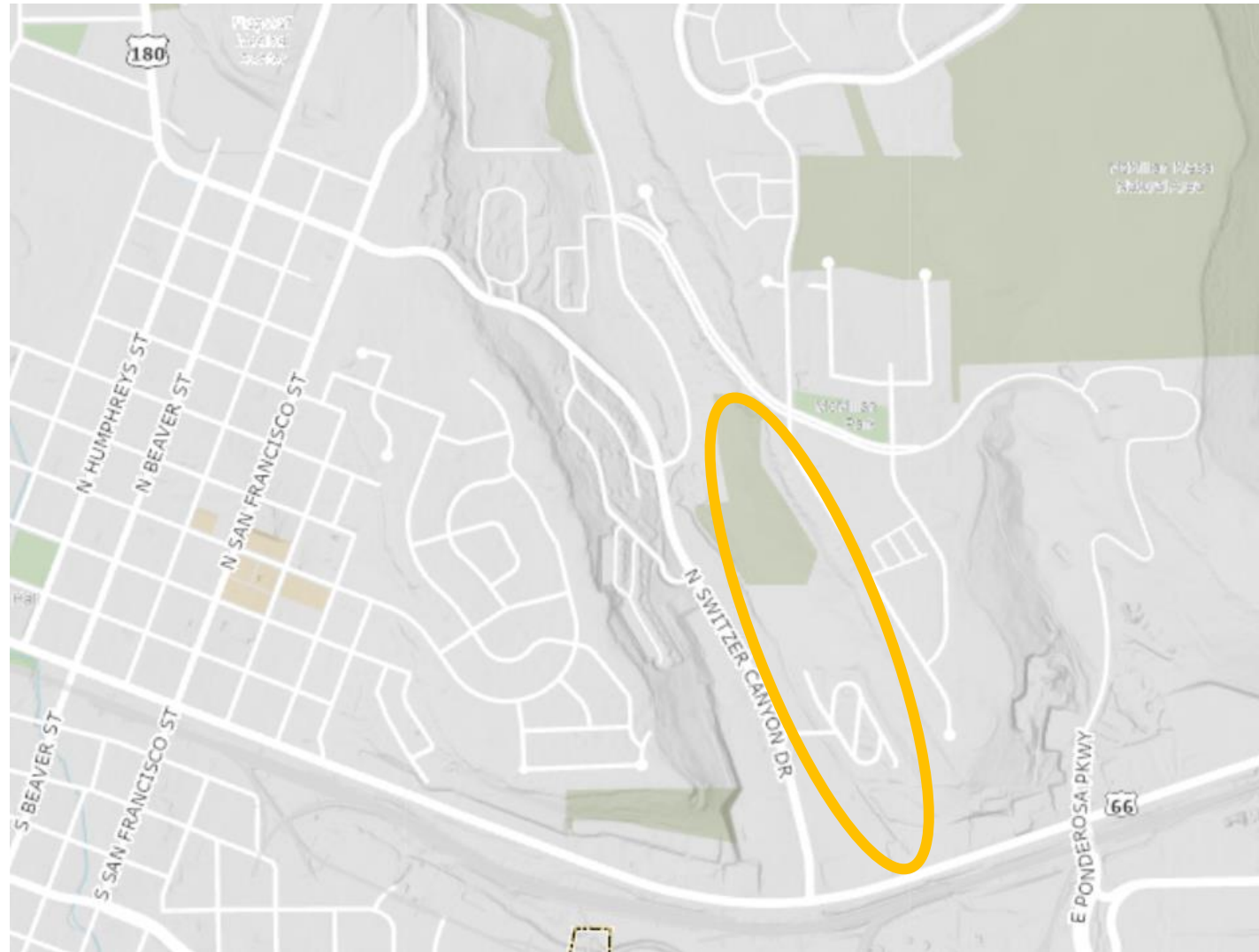
Actual Cost:
\$12 million



New Amenities & Acquisitions

Complimentary Open Space
(property acquisition, rezones,
easements)

Switzer Complimentary OS example
Schultz Creek Trailhead



New Amenities & Acquisitions

Open Space System

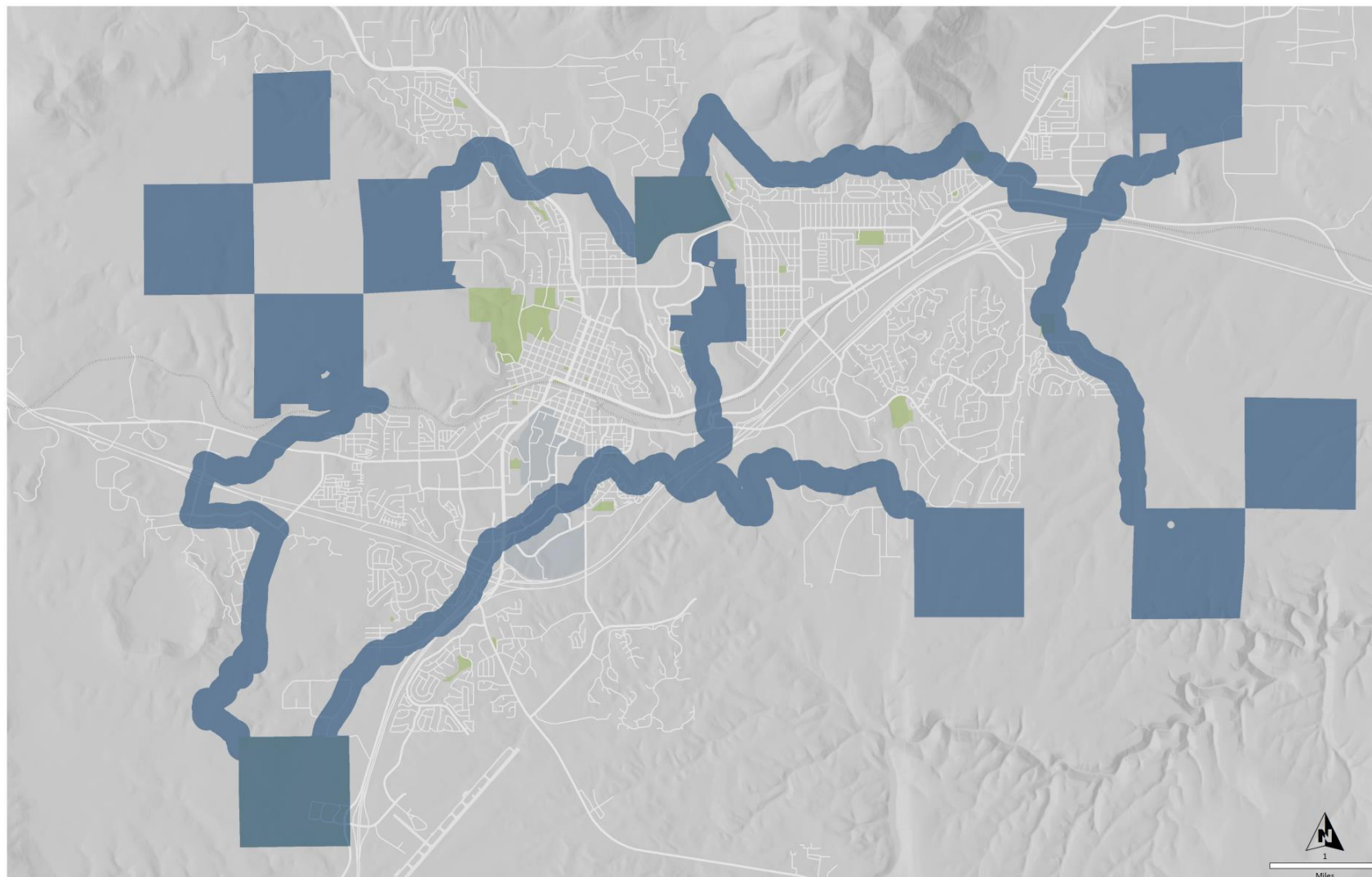
Integrated
System Acquisition:
\$57,000,000

Or

Integrated
System with Reduced
Acquisition: \$38,000,000

Or

Walnut Canyon Corridor
ASLD Only: \$19,200,000





Discussion

What is our approach?

How do we want to rank or prioritize?

Community impact, future cost savings/revenue generation, less impact to ongoing budget - spend now save later?

Each Commissioner creates a priority list

What grants (types) can supplement?

Do we separate deferred maintenance from new?



Open Spaces Commission

7. D.

From: Cathy Guetschow, Administrative Specialist

DATE: 10/28/2024

SUBJECT: PROSE Monthly Newsletter

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Executive Summary:

Attachments

PROSE September 2024 Newsletter

Form Review

Form Started By: Cathy Guetschow

Started On: 10/17/2024 03:25 PM

Final Approval Date: 10/17/2024



PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Connecting our community through people, parks, natural areas, and programs.

The Observatory Mesa Trail Plan Public Meeting



One of the stations at the Public Meeting

Observatory Mesa Trail Plan Public Meeting

The Observatory Mesa Trail Plan Public meeting was successful with 120 members of the public in attendance. Feedback on the Trail Plan was documented through interactive stations that also provided information about various topics within the Plan. Special thanks go out to Southwest Decision Resources, volunteers, and of course the public's participation that made this meeting possible.

An [online survey](#) to collect more public input will remain open until October 18th.

Open Space Completes Invasive Weed Pull Events for the Season

Open Space hosted over twenty-five weed pull events throughout the summer in which volunteers worked to remove invasive plants from Open Space and other City properties. These events not only work to improve ecosystem health by removing invasive weeds so native plants can thrive but also offer a way for people to connect. The people that volunteer their time to pull weeds in public spaces are full of passion for the natural world or maybe just bored... either way, these events are a great way to spend time outdoors, partake in interesting conversation and complete some satisfying work. Keep an eye out for next season's events and join this community of weed warriors!



Bagging weeds at golden hour



PARKS



Ethan Cazarez

Welcome Ethan Cazarez and Devin Todd!

The Parks section is excited to welcome two new Parks Maintenance Workers to the team, Ethan Cazarez and Devin Todd.



Devin Todd

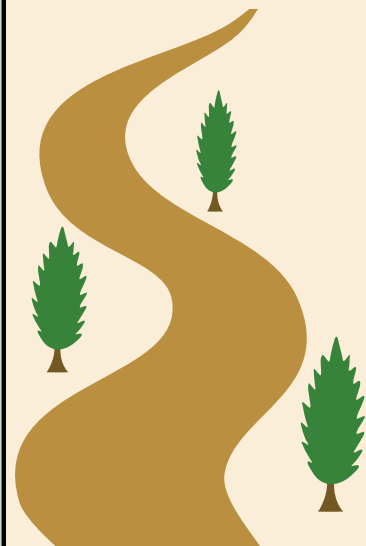
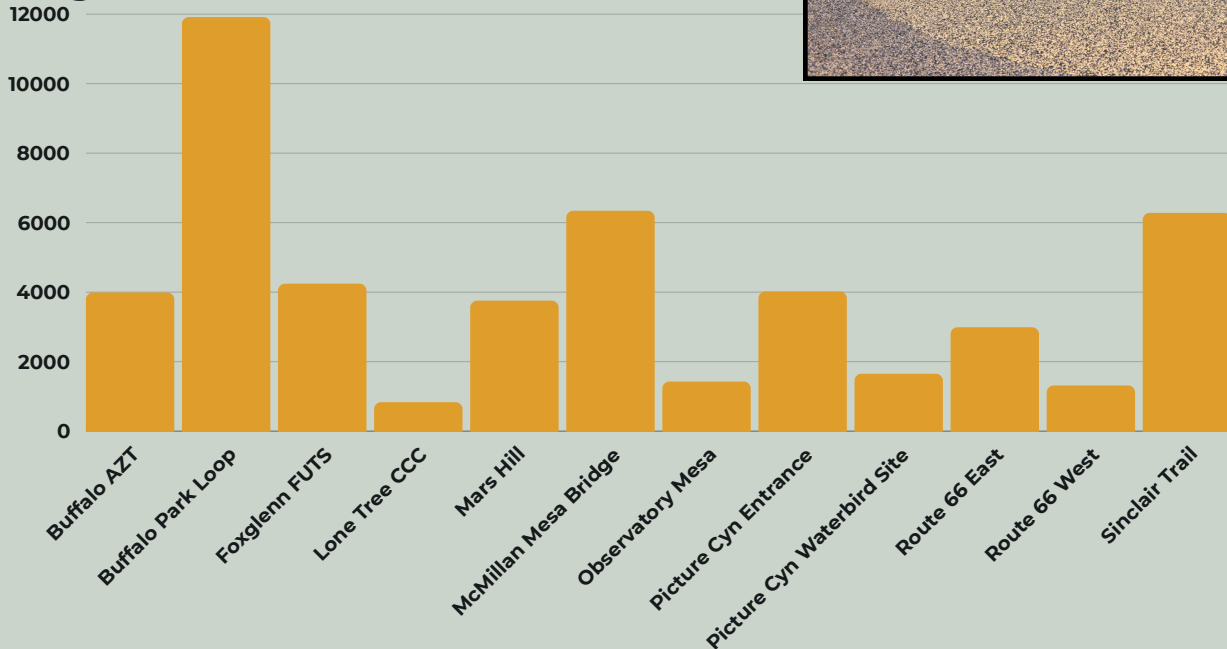
Playground Rubberized Surfacing Repairs

Bushmaster, Guadalupe and Thorpe Park were temporarily closed for maintenance and repairs. Parks repaired the pour-in-place rubberized playground surfacing and applied a preventative maintenance flex-coat that will protect against weathering. The playgrounds are open again and fully functioning.



New rubberized surface at Thorpe Park

August 2024 Trail Counts





Mah Jongg in action at Joe C. Montoya Community and Senior Center

RECREATION



NAU Dental Screening

Joe C. Montoya Community & Senior Center Partnered Events and Programs

Joe C. Montoya Center has been active with a variety of partnered events and ongoing programs. This month, some of these partnered events included:

- AZ Liver Health group presentation
- Pinnacle Prevention community food discussion
- NAU School of Dentistry dental screening clinic
- Music Therapy for Memory Loss for those with Dementia and Alzheimer's



Setting up to play Mah Jongg

Regular Programs Running Strong

The regularly scheduled programs at Joe C. Montoya have been running strong with consistent retention and growth. Some of these programs include Mah Jongg, Chair Yoga, Bridge, Tai Chi, and Senior Stretch & Mobility.

New Rubberized Weights

Joe C. Montoya received new weights for the workout room. The new weights have better grip on the handle and are rubberized so they are quieter when they hit the ground.



Shiny new weights



Chair Yoga practice



After-school regulars at Hal Jensen

RECREATION

Jay Lively Activity Center Fully Activated

Jay Lively Activity Center has been busy hosting groups and organizations for games, practices, and competitions. Some of the organization that used the facility this month include:

- Flagstaff Youth Hockey Association regular practice
- Avalanche High School Hockey games
- Ice in the Pines Figure Skating competition
- Northern Arizona University D3 regular practice and games

With the hockey season beginning and Adult Winter Hockey League almost upon us, the facility is open from 5:00AM to midnight on most days.



Ice Jacks hockey player
Photo courtesy of NAU Ice Jacks

Hal Jensen Recreation Center Youth Basketball Season Approaching

Planning and preparation for the Youth Basketball season is underway at Hal Jensen.

Registration for Youth Jr. Suns Basketball will open October 1st and dates for Skills and Drills / Draft will be posted soon. In the meantime, a Jr. Suns Youth Basketball Clinic has been scheduled and is open for registration. This clinic is free but limited to fifty participants, so sign up soon!

Click on the graphics to learn more and sign up.

Jay Lively Activity Center
SPOOKY SKATE

Come in costume and skate for free!
Skate rentals \$4.00 | All ages welcome!

Wednesday, October 30th
5:30pm - 7:00pm
Jay Lively Activity Center

Spooky Skate Event

Jay Lively Activity Center is hosting their annual Spooky Skate event on October 30th. Come in a costume and skate for free! This is a great opportunity to get your costume ready for Halloween. All ages are welcome!

JR. SUNS YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC

Take your basketball skills to the next level.

Sunday, October 20th
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Hal Jensen Recreation Center
(2403 N Izabel St)

Registration is FREE
Space is limited to 50 participants
Sign up online through Webtrac

PROSE For more information visit our website or call: 928-213-2762

Hal Jensen Recreation Center
YOUTH JR SUNS BASKETBALL

Registration Opens October 1st

Jr. SUNS Skills / Drills & Draft TBD

Registration Cost **\$45**

PROSE

An evening Wednesday
Weed Pull at Picture Canyon



Volunteers spreading native grass & flower seed

OPEN SPACE

9/11 Service Event for City and NAU AmeriCorps Volunteers

Open Space partnered with Sustainability to host a 9/11 service event for NAU/AmeriCorps volunteers

and City of Flagstaff employees. Volunteers worked to cut flowers off invasive Bull Thistle to prevent regeneration, spread piles of mulch over old forest thinning projects to re-naturalize the area and sowed native grass and flower seed over areas where invasive weeds were pulled.

Unique and Enriching Field Trips

Open Space staff led a field trip at Picture Canyon for Summit High School students that focused on edible and useful plants. Students hiked while learning about native plants and their historic uses whether that be for eating or making things such as baskets, tools, and dye. Some of these plants included Yucca, Wax Currant, Canyon Grapes, and Elderberry.



Canyon Grapes



Yucca in bloom

City of Flagstaff Open Space Presents

CRYPTID QUEST

FLAGSTAFF FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE

A Bigfoot Geocache Puzzle Adventure

SEPTEMBER 19th-29th

Follow GPS coordinates and clues to find 10 words in local Open Space areas. Unscramble the words and take a hint from Bigfoot!

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF PROSE PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE & EVENTS

Flagstaff Festival of Science Event: A Cryptid Quest

As part of the Flagstaff Festival of Science, Open Space created a geocaching adventure that can be done at an individual pace. Participants used GPS coordinates and clues provided on a worksheet to visit different Open Space locations and collect words to reveal a message from Bigfoot!

EVENTS, MARKETING & ATHLETICS



Branded Basketball Backboards!

The Marketing team and Parks have been working together to find ways to incorporate the PROSE logo and brand colors into our parks. Recently, new basketball backboards were custom ordered with the PROSE logo and installed at the Foxglenn Park basketball courts. We are happy with how they turned out and excited to see what is next.



Welcome Jackson Hodsden Athletics

Coordinator

Jackson Hodsden has transitioned to his new position as Athletics Coordinator. With some experience working as a temporary staff at the Aquaplex and assisting with field maintenance, Jackson has hit the ground running and is now umpiring softball and grass volleyball games, prepping the fields, scheduling staff and working to keep the athletics programs running strong.

Aquaplex Fall Break Kids Day Camp

The Aquaplex is offering a Kids Day Camp over Fall Break. There will be swimming, rock climbing, arts and crafts, and games surrounding the week's theme: Journey to the Center of the Earth. **Click the graphic to learn more and sing up!**

Flagstaff Aquaplex

FALL BREAK

KIDS DAY CAMP

OCTOBER 7 - 11
7:30am - 6:00pm

Ages 5 - 11 year old

Member Price:
\$25/ day
\$125/ week

Non-Member Price:
\$35/ day
\$175/ week

For more information about this one-week camp, call:
928-213-2300

Click here to register on Webtrac

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Join Open Space for October's

FULL MOON HIKE

TARANTULA TREK

Open Space:

McMillan Mesa

to hike the McMillan Mesa Loop
(meet at Buffalo Park)

Thursday, October 17th
5:30 - 7:30pm



Open Sace Full Moon Hike Special Edition: Tarantula Trek

Join Open Space for this special edition Full Moon Hike... the Tarantula Trek! Hike the McMillan Mesa Loop (2-miles) and watch the Hunter's Moon rise.

During this hike, we will keep an eye out for tarantulas that come out this time of year and learn some interesting facts about them from a local entomologist. Please wear hiking shoes, dress for the weather, and bring water, a flashlight or headlamp, and hiking poles if needed (extra gear provided). Costumes are encouraged!

Click the graphic to learn more.

Hal Jensen Recreation Center Halloween Carnival

Come by the Hal Jensen Recreation Center on Friday, October 25th for carnival themed games, Halloween arts and crafts, and best of all... the cake walk! Join the fun in costume or come as you are, either way, all are welcome!

Click the graphic to learn more.

Hal Jensen Recreation Center
HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
Games | Crafts | Cake Walk

FREE!

Friday, October 25th
5PM - 7PM

Costumes Encouraged

928-213-2763

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PUMPKIN PLUNGE

October 26th
Pumpkin Plunge
3:00 - 5:00pm

Pumpkins are limited to the first 150 participants



\$5.00 Entry

FREE with a costume!



Halloween Pool Party
6:00 - 7:00pm

928-213-2300

Flagstaff Aquaplex Pumpkin Plunge!

Imagine you are at the pumpkin patch, searching for the perfect Halloween pumpkin, except all the pumpkins are floating... in the pool! That's right, plunge for your pumpkin at the Flagstaff Aquaplex from 3:00-5:00pm (while supplies last). Just \$5.00 to join the fun (free with a costume!). Pumpkins are limited to the first 150 participants. Following the Pumpkin Plunge, stay for a Halloween themed pool party from 6:00-7:00pm.

Click the graphic to learn more.