

Zilker Park - Stratford Lane – Butler Landfill Redevelopment Environmental Commission

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Project Catalyst

- Drought and the following heavy rains created conditions that prompted complaints from park users and community, 2015
- Zilker Botanical Garden parking conditions and need where elevated to City Manager, 2015
- Park Land Events Task Force recommendation to consider removing the parking of cars at the Polo Fields
- Required maintenance timeframe
- Environmental concerns raised by the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) regarding cap conditions



Where we are today

- Development Services Department (DSD) and Watershed Protection Department (WPD) authorized action to address immediate concerns that would be followed by a site plan process addressing an interim solution
- Current condition is unpermitted, non Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) compliant, environmentally inferior and does not address critical water quality concerns
- Interim design solution positively addresses deficiencies associated with the City of Austin and TCEQ compliance, water quality concerns and the periodic maintenance of the cap
- PARD acknowledges need for implementing a master plan for Zilker Park that would include a long term parking plan. Interim project does not preclude the Master Plan



Where we are today (cont.)

- Interim project provides the opportunity for the rehabilitation of the Zilker Polo Fields from overflow parking which represents a larger ongoing environmental hazard created by this type of use
- Not moving forward with the interim improvements heightens and prolongs the environmental impacts at the Butler Landfill and Polo Fields as no alternative overflow and event space area is available for ongoing Zilker Park amenity programming and current events

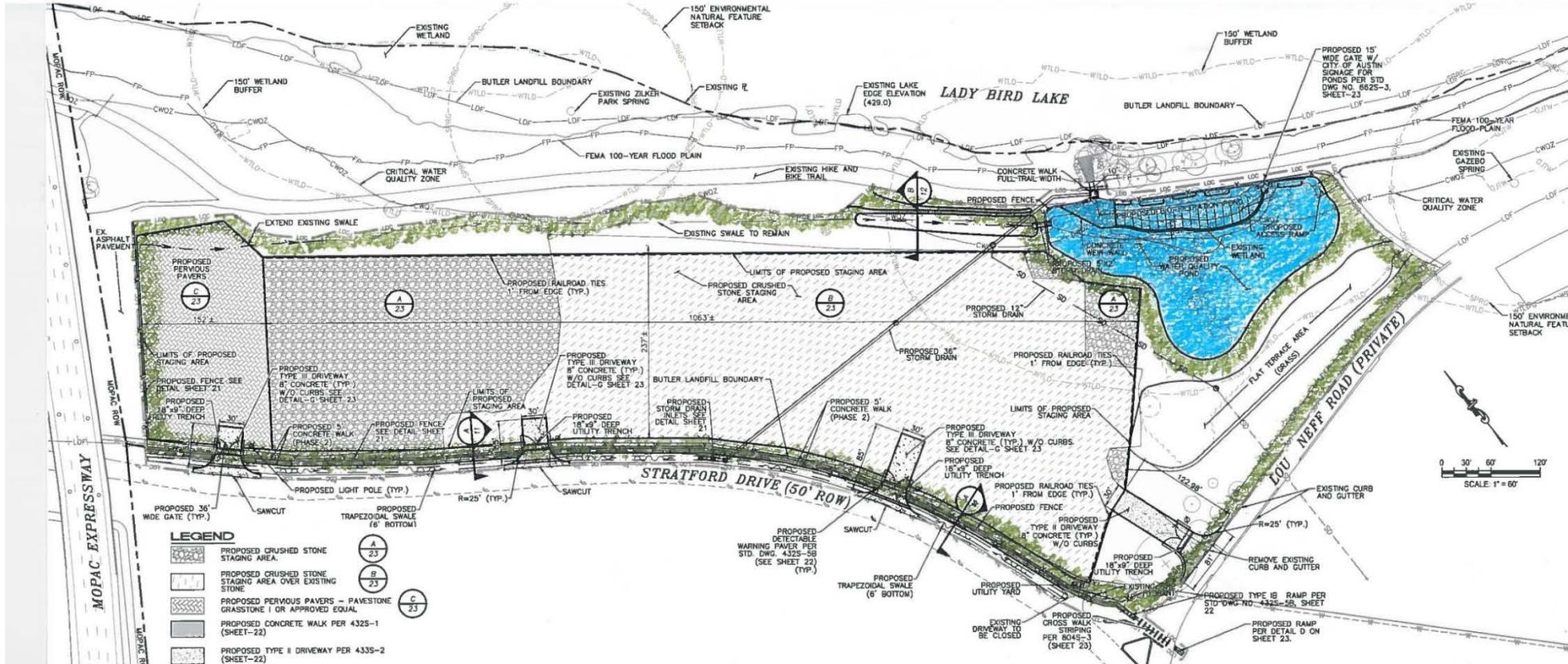


Project Improvement Benefits

- All weather surface material, budget friendly and easily removable
- Use of 'grasstone' at high and continuous use area near Mopac
- Gravel provides improved surface protection and positive drainage
- Overall reduction of total overflow parking and event staging area
- Water quality structure including bio-swale to address water quality concerns
- Pedestrian circulation improvements with the addition of walkway along Stratford Dr.
- Enhanced access to the hike and bike trail
- Allows for removal of overflow parking at the Polo Fields



Phasing Plan



Phase 1 – Lot Improvements



Phase 2 – Water Quality Control Structure



Tentative Schedule

- Site Development Permit: June – July 2018
- TCEQ permit: June – July 2018
- Phase 1: Commence late June or early July, 2018 – complete early Sept 2018
allows for use of the staging area by ACL and the Trail of Lights
- Phase 2: Mid January – March 2019



Thank You!

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Landfill Boundary

Zilker Metropolitan Park



Legend

