Memorandum

CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 21, 2016

TO Honorable Members of the Quality of Life & Environment Committee: Sandy Greyson (Chair), Tiffinni A. Young (Vice Chair), Rickey D. Callahan, Mark Clayton, Philip T. Kingston, B. Adam McGough

SUBJECT **Smart Growth for Dallas**

On Monday, October 24, 2016, you will be briefed on Smart Growth for Dallas. The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Smart Growth *for* Dallas

Data-driven decisions for the future of Dallas' parks, open spaces, and green infrastructure

Quality of Life Committee Briefing
October 24, 2016

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Agenda

I. Program Overview

II. Presentation of Phase I Deliverables

a) Citywide maps and analysis

b) High-priority opportunities for creation of new parks, and redevelopment or expansion of current parks

III. Next Steps

a) Expanded GIS Analysis

b) Urban Heat Island Analysis

c) Community Engagement

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I. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

About The Trust for Public Land

The Trust for Public Land works across the country to create new parks and protect land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come.

Since our founding in 1972, we've created and protected more than 5,000 special places across the country. More than 7 million people live within a 10-minute walk of a place that we have created or protected. We have helped generate nearly $60 billion in public funding for parks and natural areas through ballot measures supported by nearly 100 million voters in 37 states.

About Our Partners

The buildingcommunityWORKSHOP is a Texas based nonprofit community design center seeking to improve the livability and viability of communities through the practice of thoughtful design and making. We enrich the lives of citizens by bringing design thinking to areas of our city where resources are most scarce.

Texas Trees Foundation

The Texas Trees Foundation preserves, beautifies, and expands parks and other public natural green spaces, public streets, boulevards, and rights-of-way by planting trees and encouraging others to do the same through educational programs that focus on the importance of building and protecting the “urban forest” today as a legacy for generations to come.

WITH A GROWING POPULATION AND BOOMING ECONOMY, NORTH TEXAS STANDS ON THE CUSP OF A NEW ERA IN ITS HISTORY.

Through optimism and collaboration,
our city is busy
re-creating
our public spaces in the most
extraordinary
ways imaginable.

BUT CHALLENGES STILL REMAIN…

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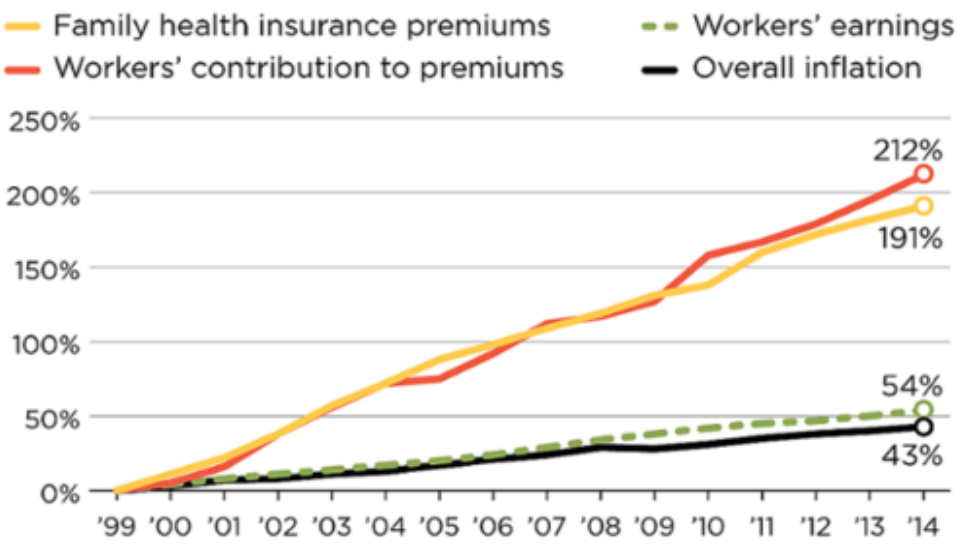
The Dallas Morning News

Texas workers' health insurance costs near highest in nation

Galloping U.S. health care costs

Cumulative increases in health insurance premiums, workers' contributions to premiums, inflation, and workers' earnings, 1999-2014

SOURCE: Kaiser/HRET Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits, 1999-2014; Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index, U.S. City Average of Annual Inflation (April to April), 1999-2014; Bureau of Labor Statistics, Seasonally Adjusted Data from the Current Employment Statistics Survey, 1999-2014 (April to April)



The Dallas Morning News

Dallas officials to get update on bike lanes, 'complete streets' efforts

2011 File Photo/David Woo

Lowest Greenville was the site of one of the most notable "complete streets" redos. The number of lanes has dropped, parking has been added, sidewalks widened and crosswalks enhanced.

THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

In DFW, Struggle to Save Water and Prepare for Growth

Texas Monthly

Boom With A View

THE PERIL AND PROMISE OF BEING ONE OF THE FASTEST-GROWING CITIES IN TEXAS.

The Dallas Morning News

Poverty is eating at Dallas' core

DALLAS BUSINESS JOURNAL

$1B 'Plan for Growth' in South Dallas

Social
Challenges
Environmental
Challenges
Economic
Challenges

Climate-Smart Cities:

Smart Growth *for* Dallas

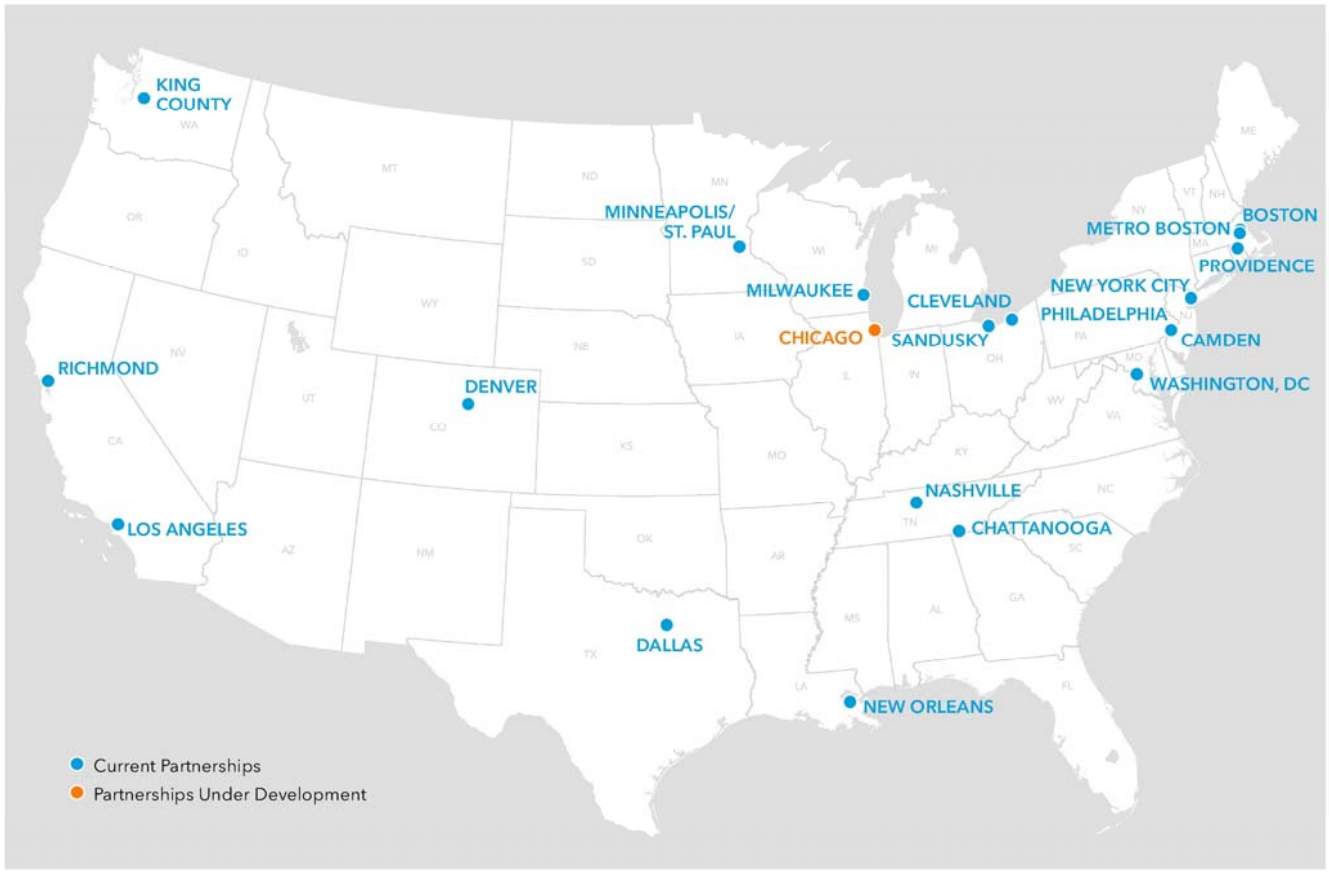
Data-driven decisions for the future of Dallas' parks, open spaces, and green infrastructure

Climate-Smart Cities™ program: objectives

This program uses four strategies to help cities improve their climate resiliency:

Through data, analysis, and mapping, we are helping cities identify key opportunities for using parks to improve their resilience to the challenges posed by a changing climate

Climate-Smart Cities™ program



Climate-Smart Cities Partnerships

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Building on local success…

In collaboration with bcWORKSHOP, Texas Trees Foundation, and others, we developed *Smart Growth for Dallas* to be the "next step" that continues the work already underway in Dallas.

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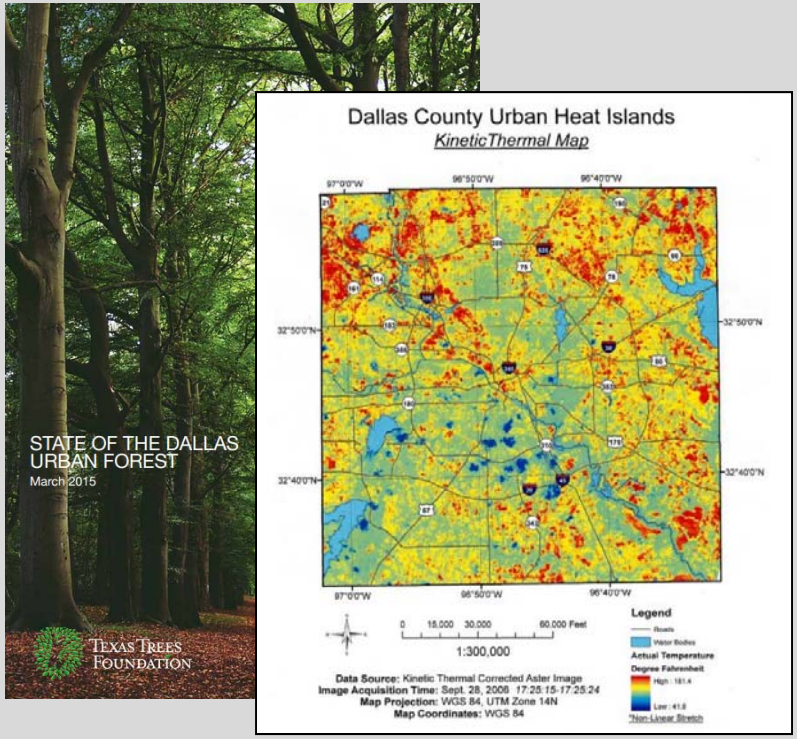
Race and the Control of Public Parks

Texas Trees Foundation

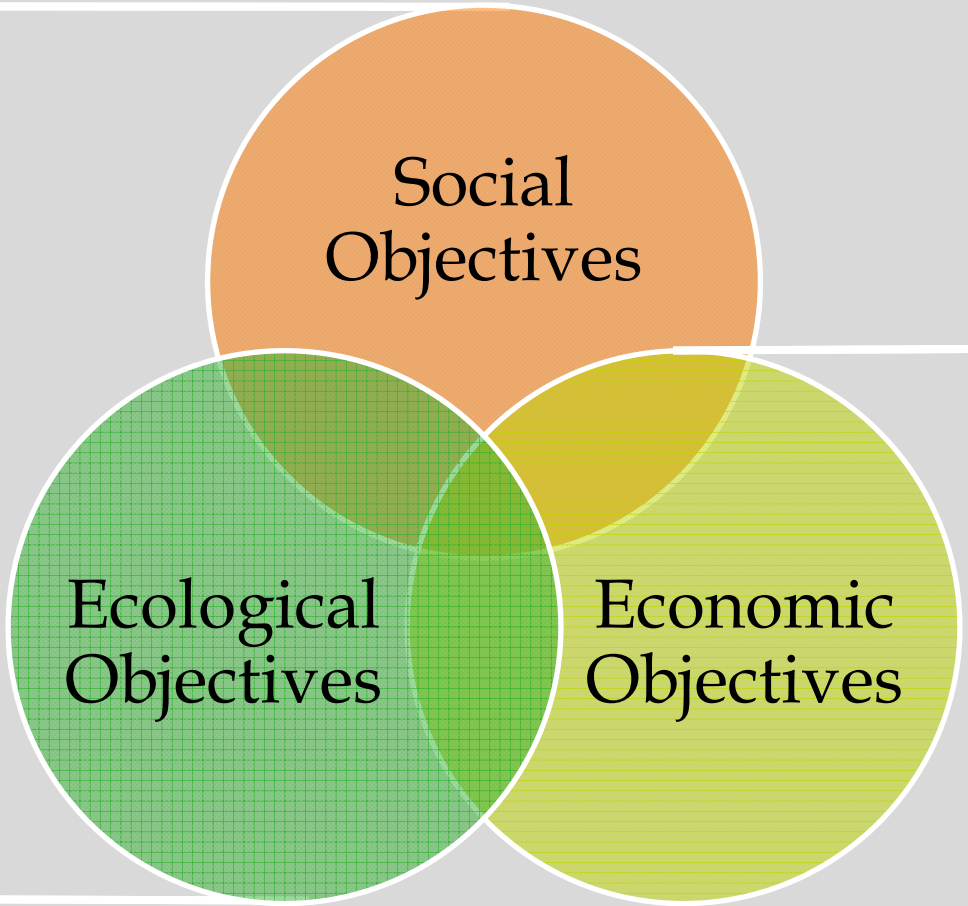
State of the Dallas Urban Forest



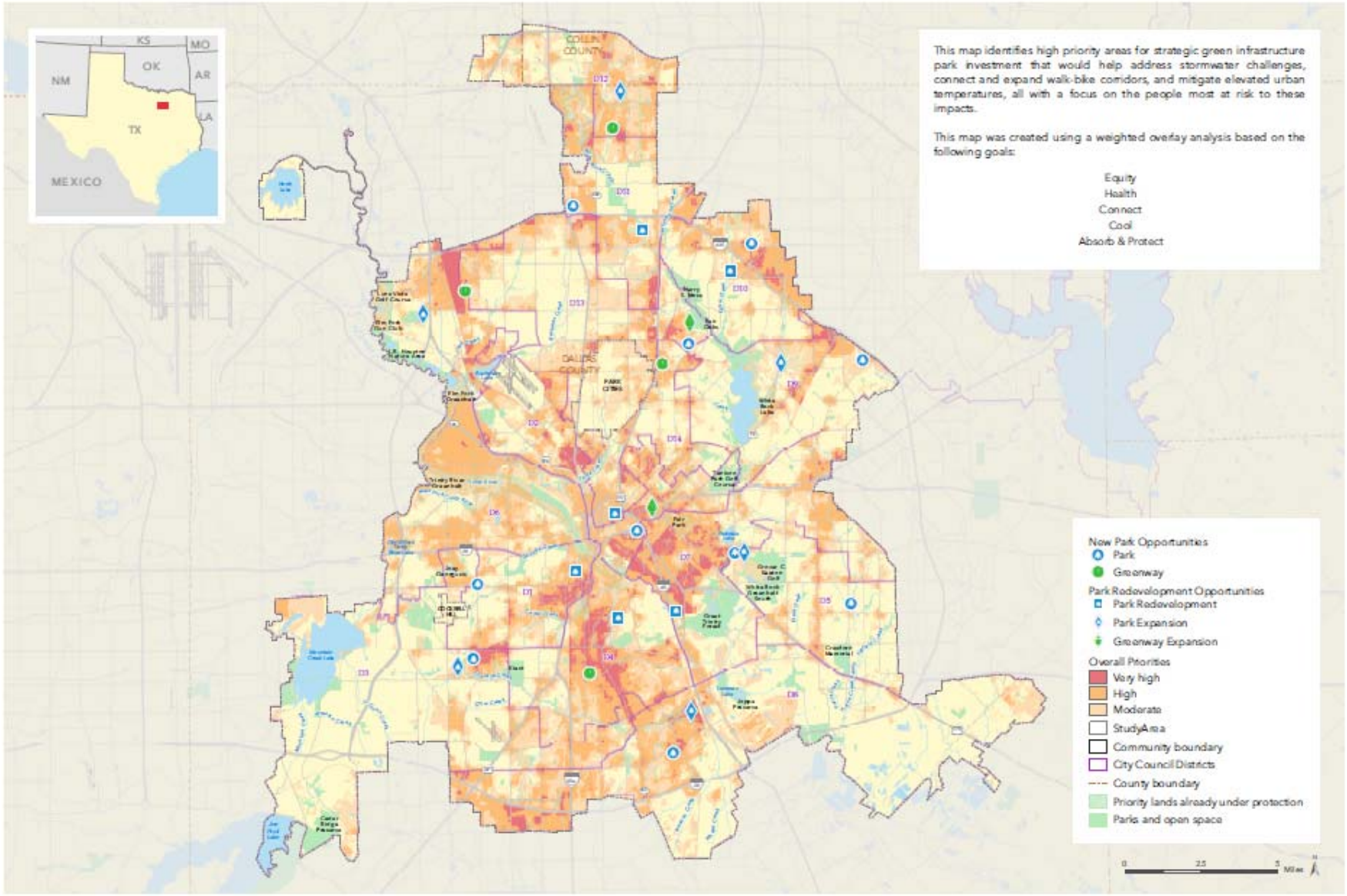
Our "Triple Bottom Line" Strategy

Parks about more than beauty and recreation. We're using a ***"triple bottom line"*** *strategy that evaluates potential parks sites in Dallas based on eleven different* ***economic, social,*** *and* ***ecological*** *objectives*

- Activate
- Connect
- Educate
- Equity
- Health
- Absorb
- Cool
- Protect



- Health Value
- Recreation Value
- Property Value



Overall Priorities & Illustrative Opportunities

CLIMATE-SMART CITIES: SMART GROWTH FOR DALLAS

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II. PHASE I DELIVERABLES

Citywide Maps and Analysis

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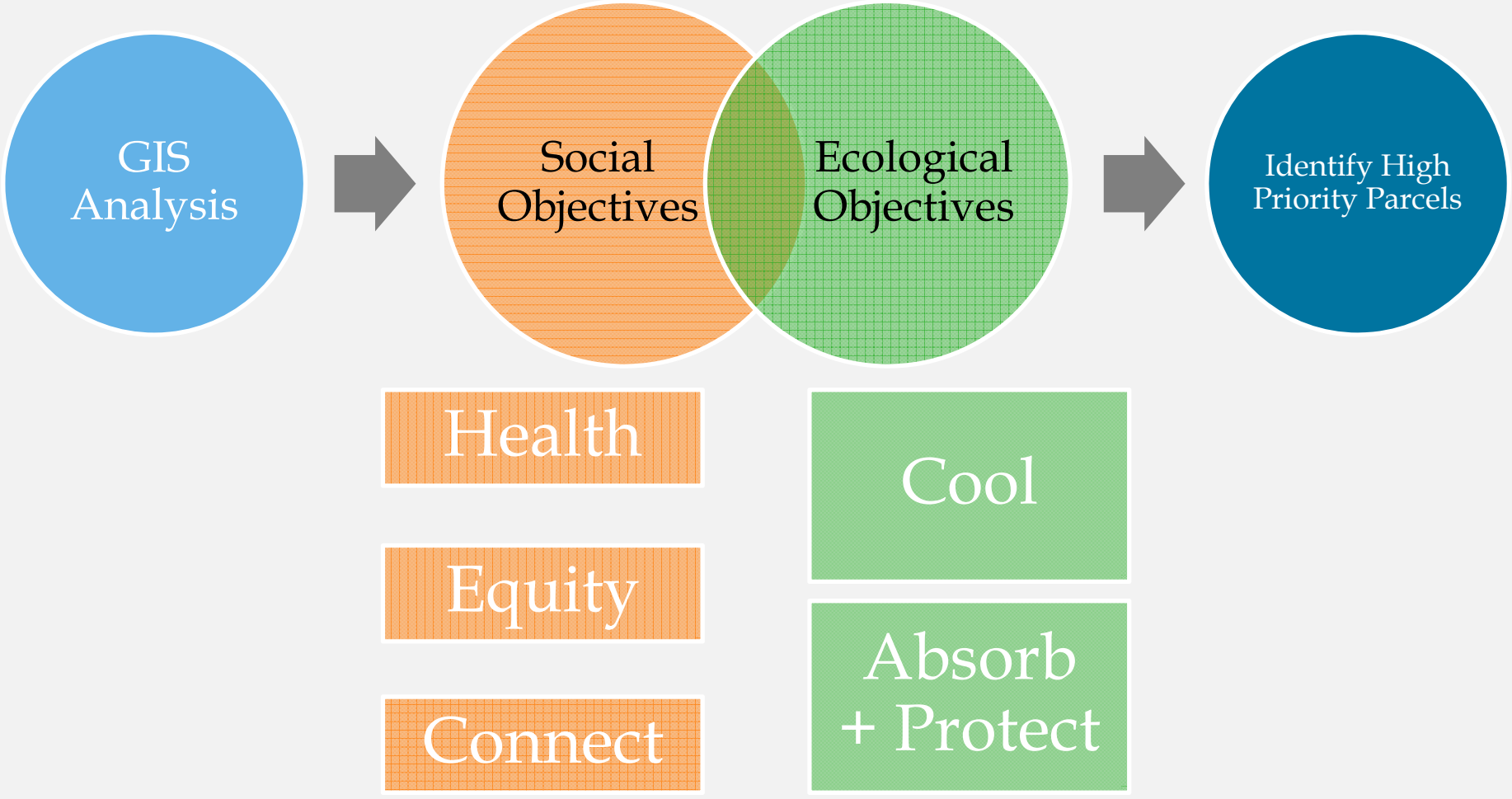
PHASE I ANALYSIS



Phase I Ecological Objectives

- ABSORB & PROTECT

  Parks and open space can absorb stormwater and serve as a buffer between rivers and surrounding development, providing flood protection. Our analysis identifies locations where green asset investments, such as expanded tree canopy or strategic park design and location can absorb stormwater and protect development from flooding.

- COOL

  Well-positioned green space and canopy cover can reduce ambient temperature by 5° to 10° F. Our analysis identifies areas of Dallas where parks and open space can reduce urban heat islands and cool nearby neighborhoods.

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Phase I Social Objectives

- CONNECT

  Many Dallas residents rely on biking paths, greenbelts, and linear parks for their daily transportation needs. Our analysis identifies areas where investments in cycling/pedestrian infrastructure can improve safety and improve connectivity between trails and transit.

- HEALTH

  By creating opportunities for active recreation, parks and open spaces are able to improve the health of nearby residents. Our analysis identifies areas of Dallas where parks can help combat diabetes, heart disease, and asthma.

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Phase I Social Objectives *(continued)*

- EQUITY

  Parks are particularly important to neighborhoods with a high prevalence of low-income households, children, senior citizens, and residents with limited English-proficiency. For these groups, parks fill the need for common public space that may not be readily available in their neighborhoods. Our analysis identifies areas of Dallas where parks can provide common public space for these groups.

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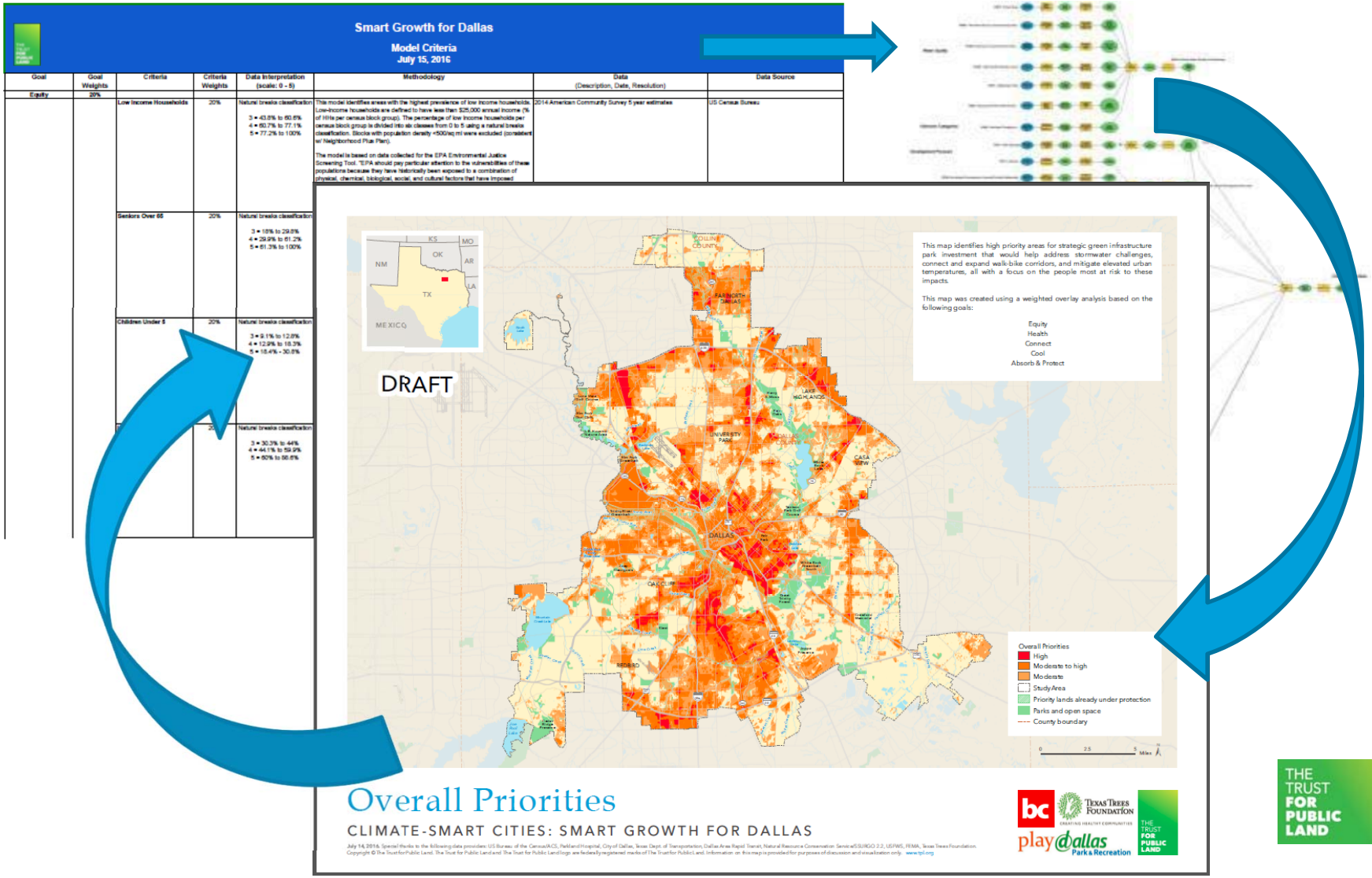
Data-driven and strategic decisions



Health

Increase access to active recreation in areas with high incidence of key public health challenges.

Criteria	Description
Asthma and respiratory disease	% of people within a zip code affected by asthma, emphysema, chronic bronchitis or sinusitus
Diabetes	% of people within a zip code affected by diabetes
Cardiovascular Disease	% of people within a zip code affected by angina, heart failure, coronary heart disease, heart attack, hypertension, or stroke

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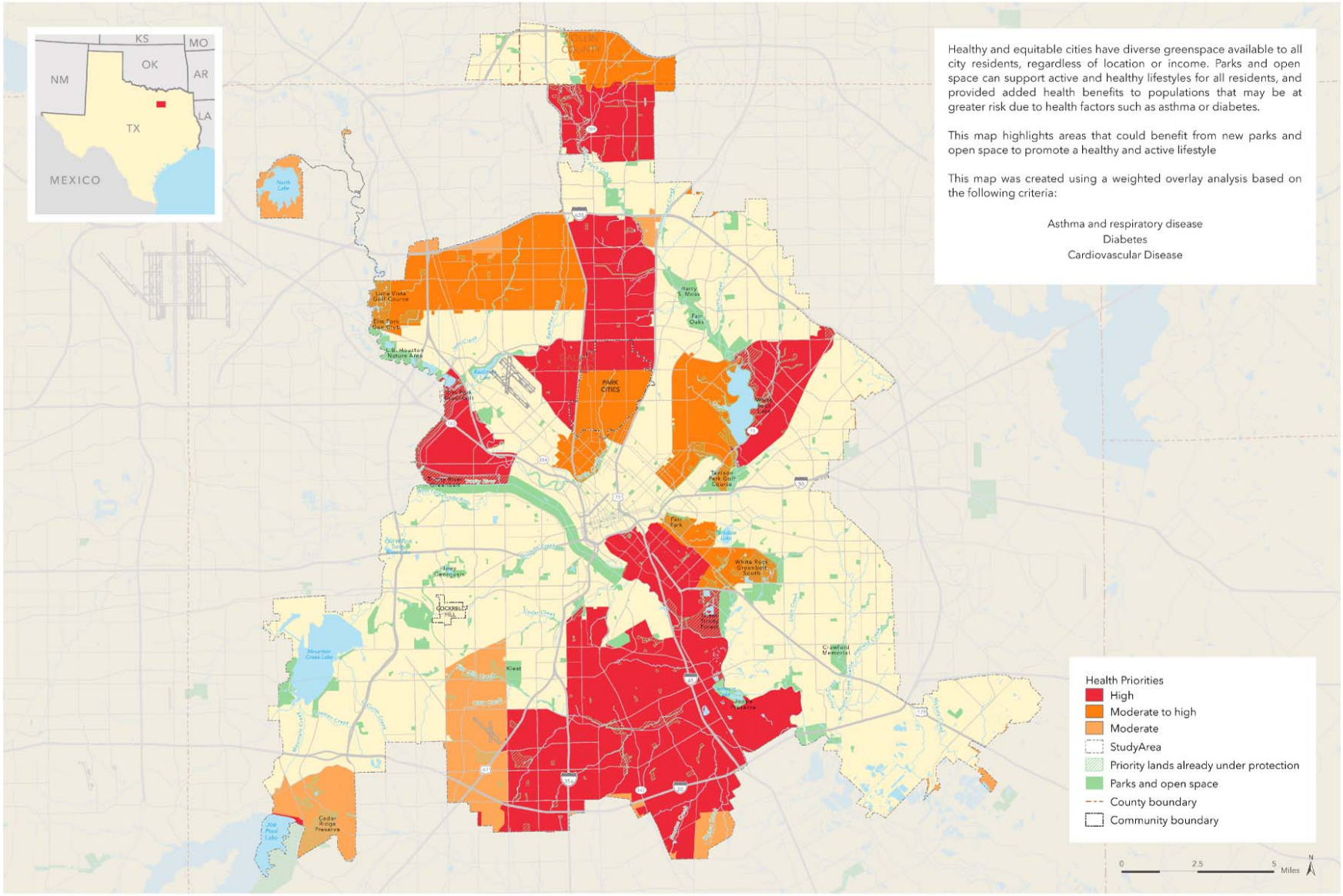

Health

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Equity

Reduce barriers between social groups, improve park access for vulnerable and underserved populations, and make Dallas's parks and open space more equitable.

Criteria	Description
Low income households	% of households within a block group with an annual income less that $25k
Seniors over 64	% of population within a block group over 64 years of age
Children under 5	% of population within a block group younger than 5 years of age
Less than a High School Education	% of population within a block group with less than a high school education
English as a Second Language	% of households within a block group where no one age 14 and over speaks English "very well" or speaks English only

*From EPA's Environmental Justice Screen, a nationally consistent dataset that combines environmental and demographic indicators in maps and reports.

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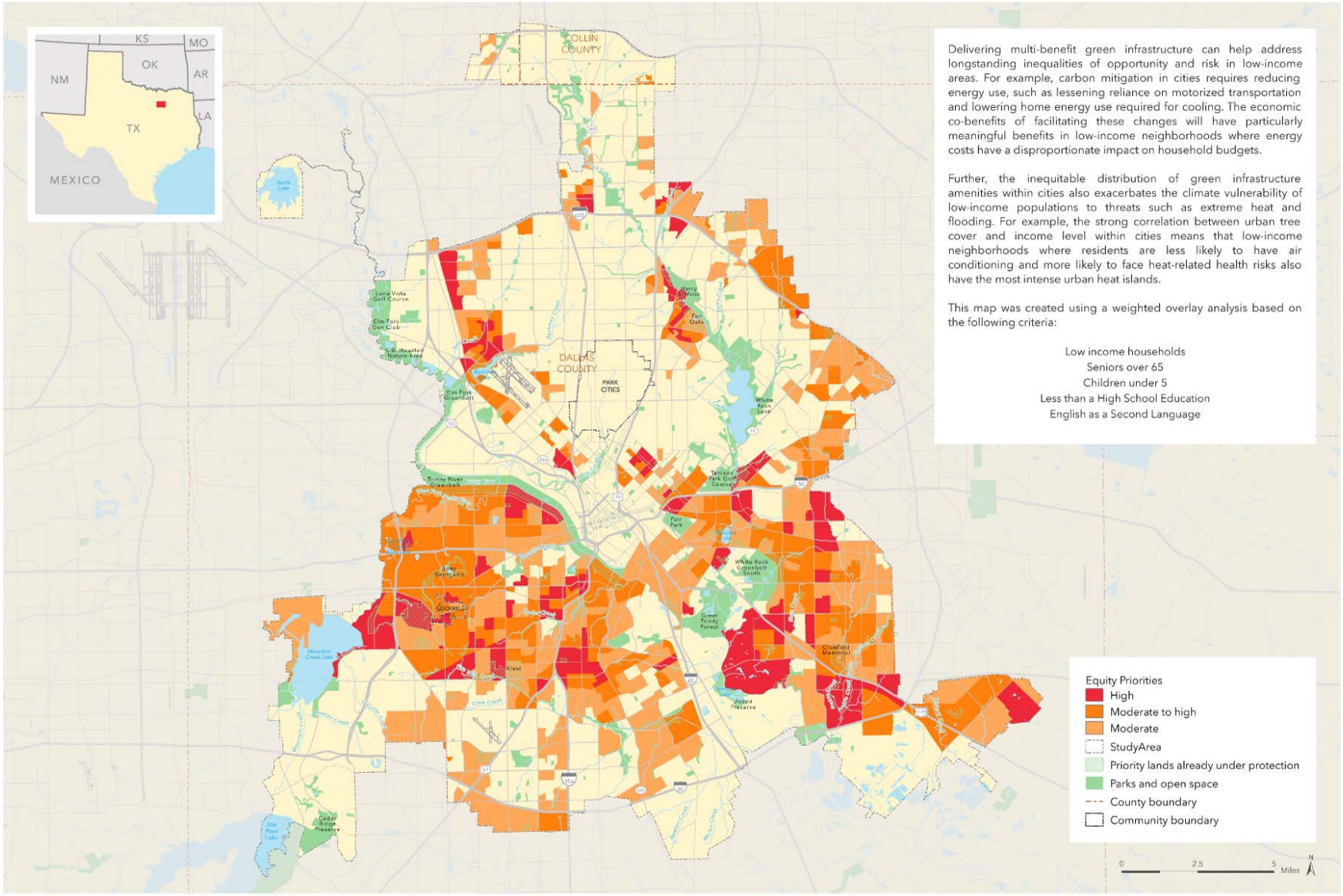

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Connect

Enhance active transit connectivity through analysis of existing and planned bike infrastructure

Criteria	Description
Bikeway and trail gaps	Areas that lack access to trail and bike infrastructure based on existing and approved (funded) planned trails
Safety concerns – bike/ped accidents	Areas where there are safety concerns for bicyclists and pedestrians based on the density of vehicle-pedestrian and vehicle-bicycle crashes
Create connections to transit	Areas where green infrastructure can help connect people to public transit (Light rail and streetcar, where light rail was weighted higher)

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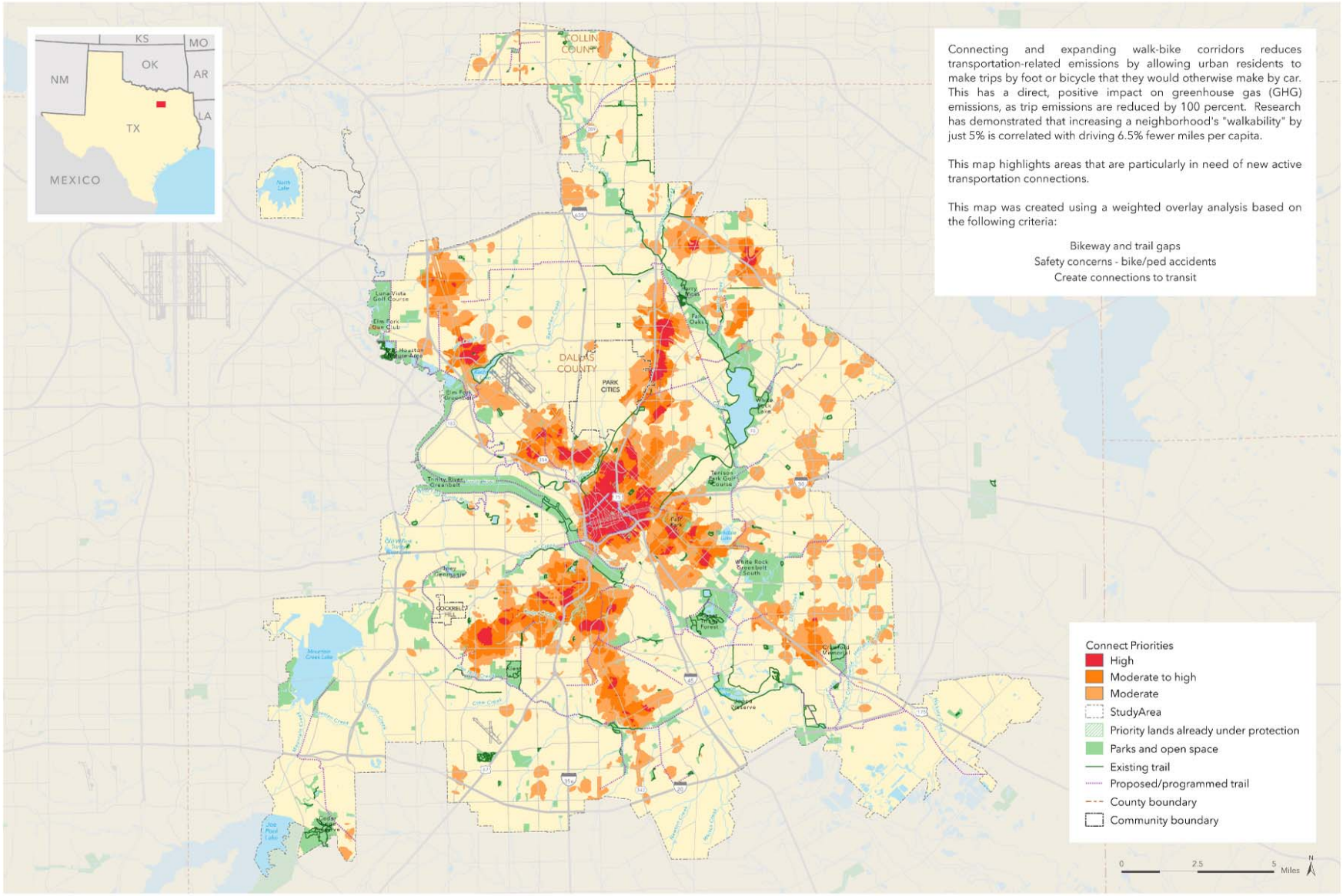

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Absorb & Protect

Provide cost-effective stormwater absorption through parks, open space, and green infrastructure in areas prone to increased flooding. Improve flood protection and reduce flash flood risks through creation of greenways along waterbodies.

Criteria	Description
Estimated runoff potential	Areas with potential for high amounts of runoff & flooding during storms. Calculated using soil type and land use information.
Wetlands, waterbodies, streams buffer	Wetlands, waterbodies and streams buffered by 100 feet to create high priority areas.
Floodways and flood zones	FEMA's floodzone areas were translated directly into priority areas
Escarpment areas in southern Dallas	Escarpment areas in southern Dallas, mapped by the city, were buffered by 200 feet.

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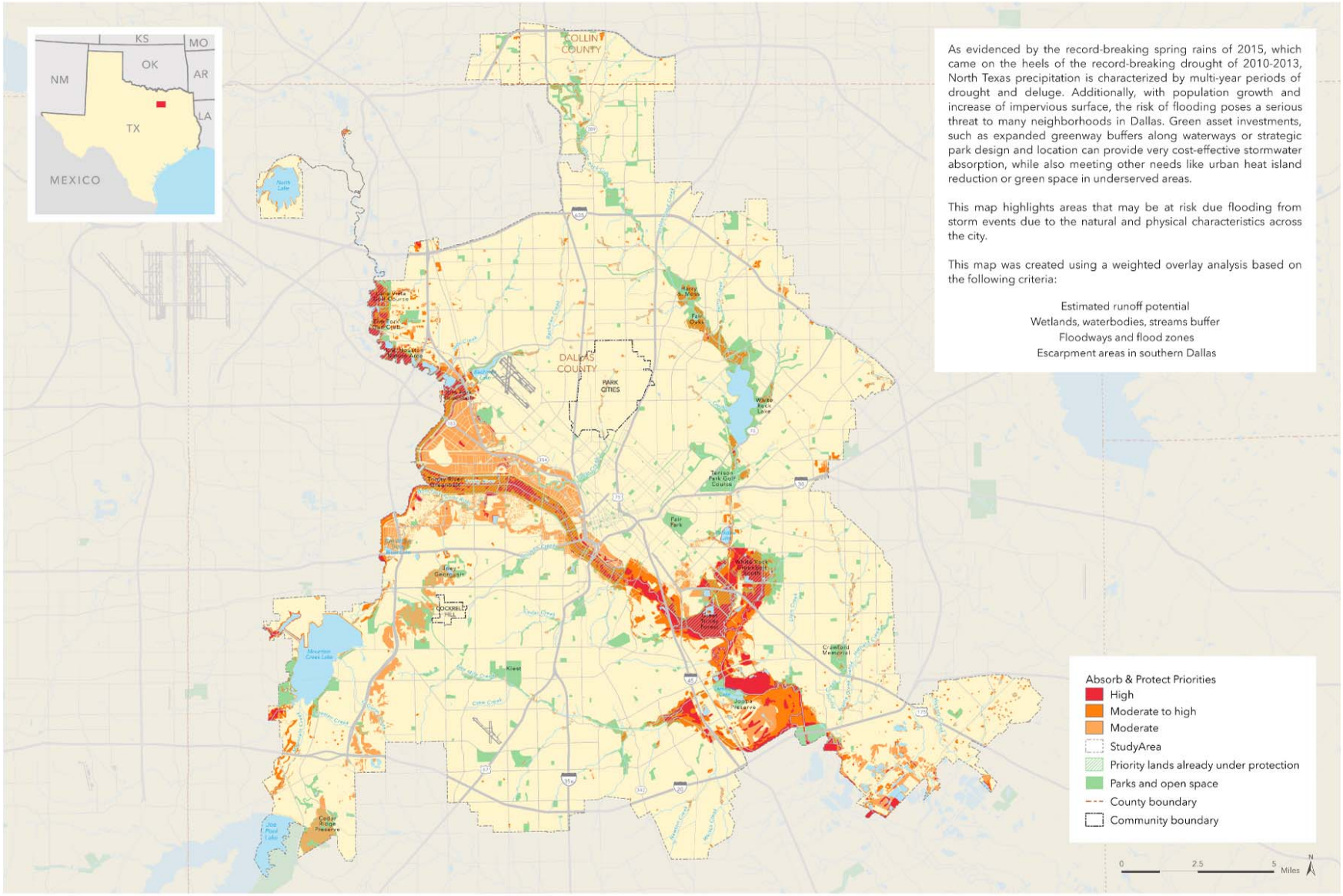

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Cool

Reduce heat island impacts through strategic investment in green assets.

Criteria	Description
Tree canopy cover	Areas with low tree canopy cover
Impervious cover	Areas with high percentage of impervious cover

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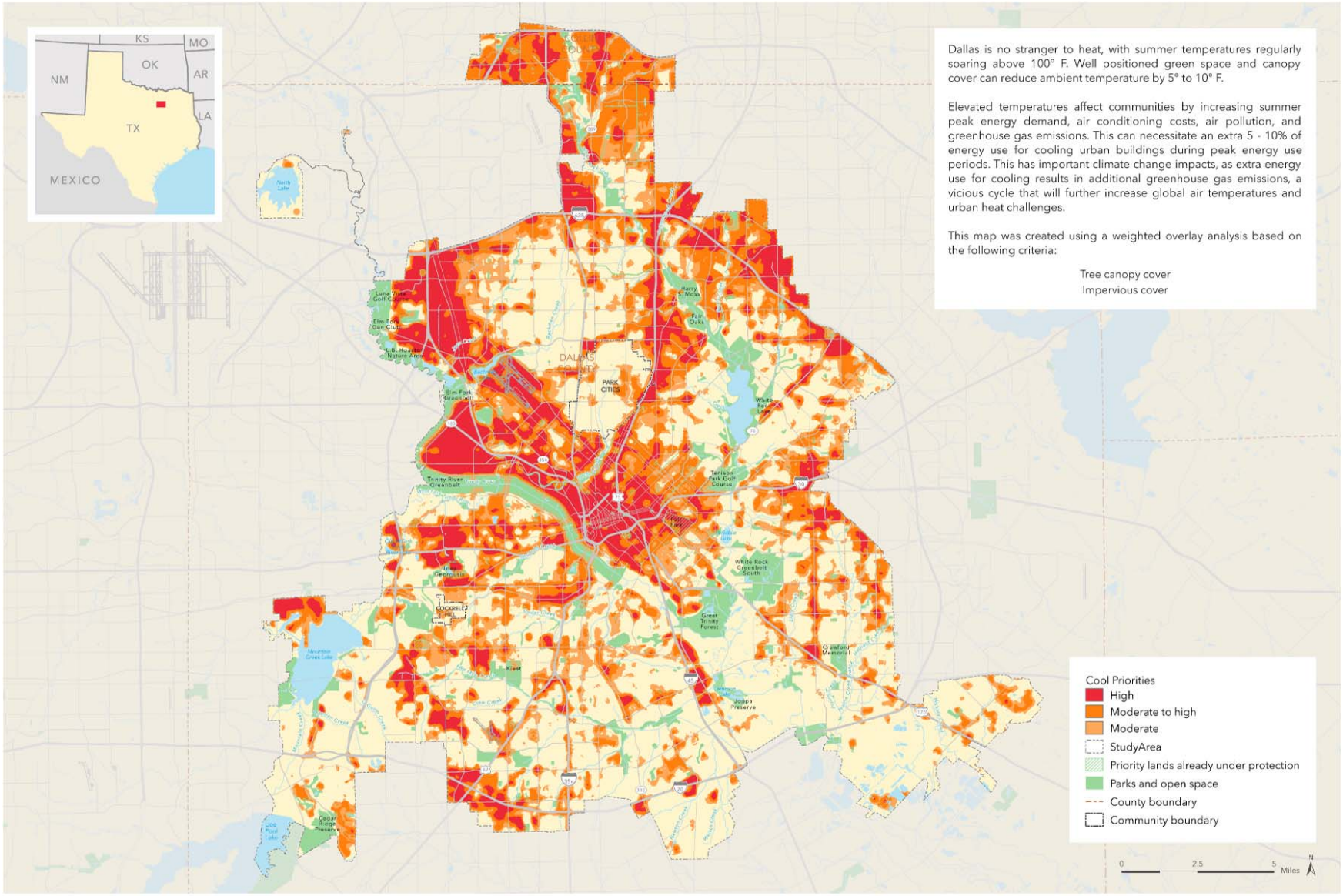

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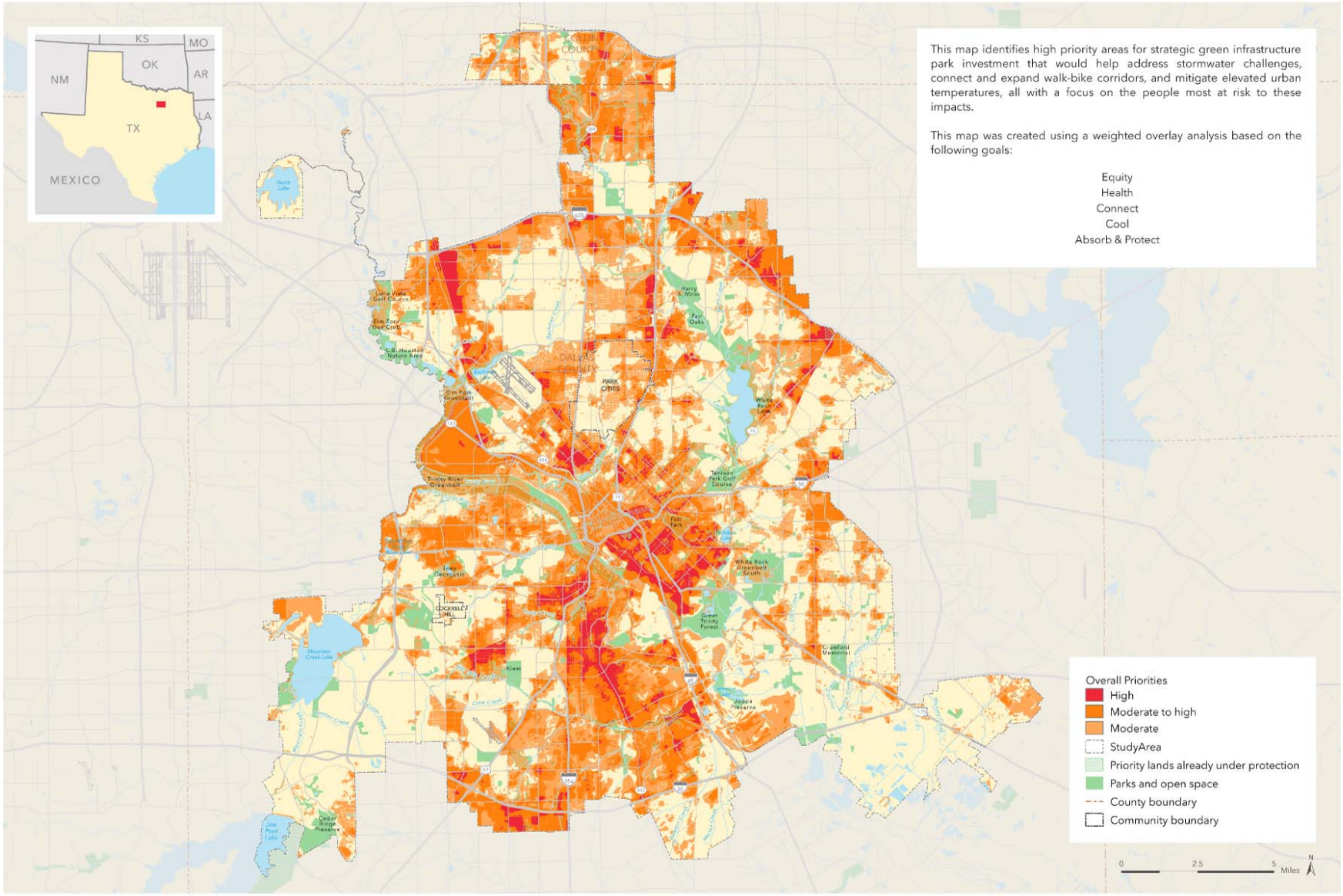

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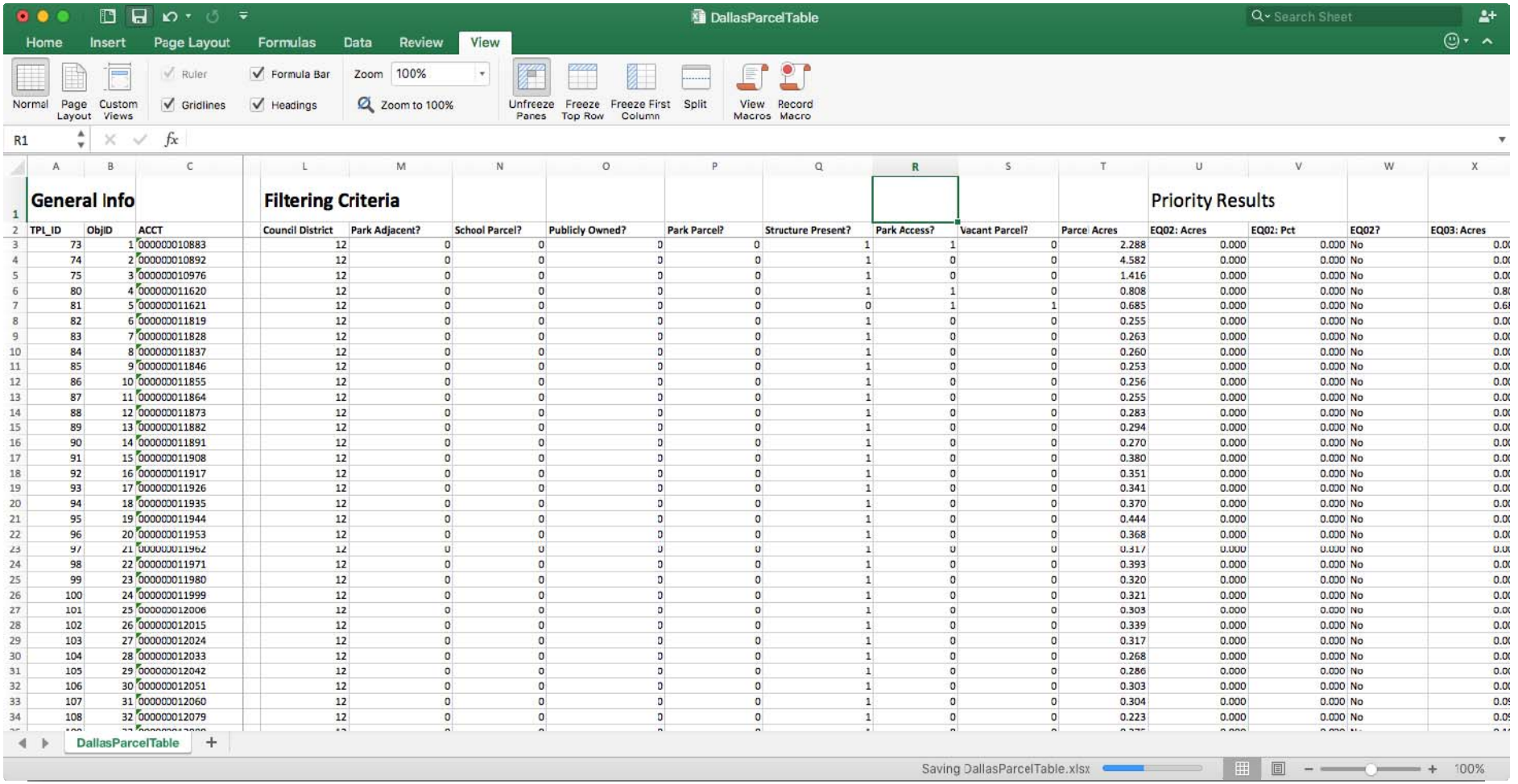

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II. PHASE I DELIVERABLES

High-Priority Opportunities

How much land is available for parks?

- We identified over 3,500 acres of land that we consider “high opportunity” for new park development.
  - 1,600 acres are publicly owned (City of Dallas, DART, etc.)
  - 1,900 acres are privately owned
  - All land is considered vacant
  - In areas currently underserved by parks
- The county appraisal districts value the privately-owned land at $117 million.
- If we consider just the five largest park creation opportunities in each council district, we have identified 669 acres of land, valued at $52 million.

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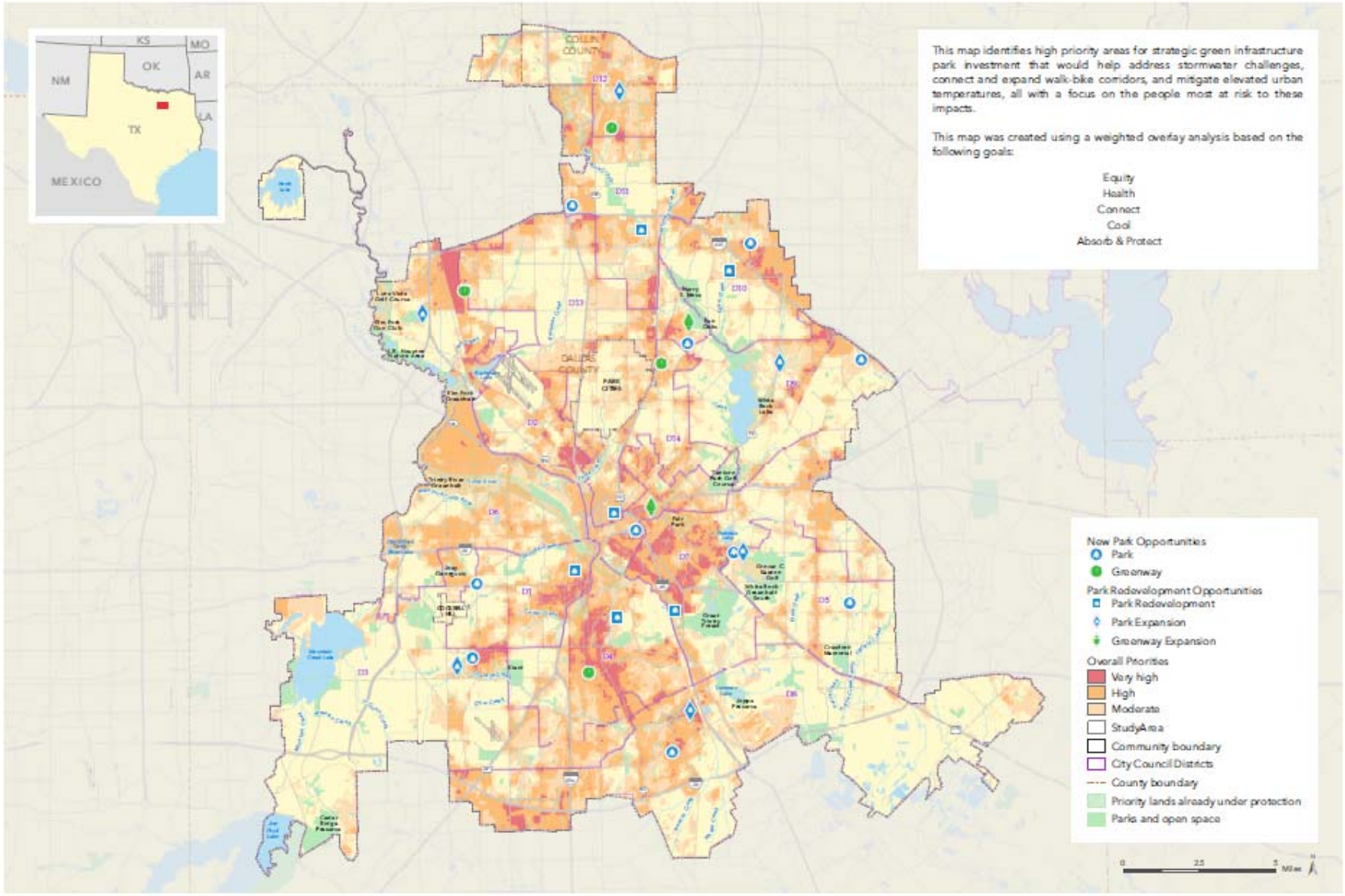

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Parcel Report

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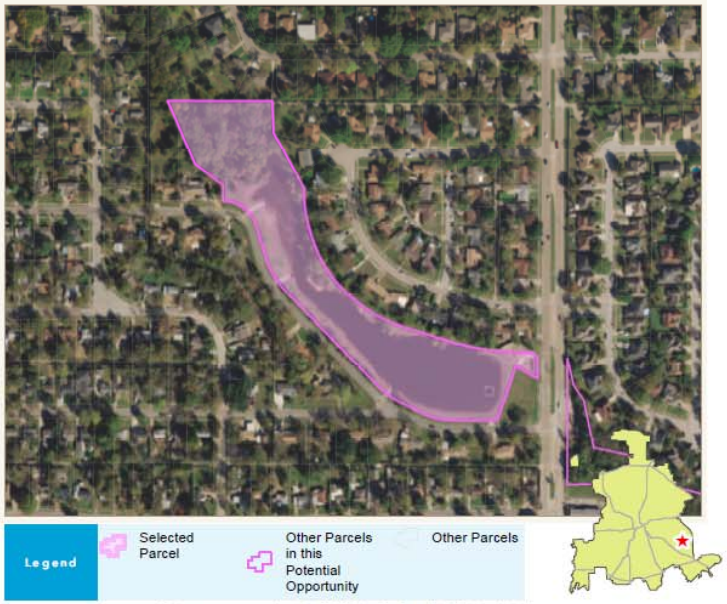
Parcel ID: 00000566111000000 Acres: 6.78
Address: 1503 N PRAIRIE CREEK RD Zip Code: 75217 Council District: 5

Parcel Filtering Criteria	
City Owned: Yes	Already a Park: No
Structure Present: No	Vacant Parcel: Yes
Owner: DALLAS CITY OF	Public Ownership: Yes

Overall Stacked Priorities	Acres	Percent	Present
Stacked Priorities	1.549185	0.228426	Yes



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Parcel ID: 00000566111000000 Acres: 6.78
Address: 1503 N PRAIRIE CREEK RD ZIP Code: 75217

Goal: Equity	Acres	Percent	Present
Low Income Households	0	0%	No
Seniors over 65	0	0%	No
Children Under 5	6.781987	100%	Yes
People with Less Than a High School Education	6.781987	100%	Yes
English as a Second Language	6.781987	100%	Yes
Equity Priority Areas	**6.781987**	**100%**	**Yes**

Goal: Health	Acres	Percent	Present
Respiratory Disease	0	0%	No
Diabetes	0	0%	No
Cardiovascular Disease	0	0%	No
Health Priority Areas	**0**	**0%**	**No**

Goal: Connect	Acres	Percent	Present
Bikeway and Trail Gaps	6.781987	100%	Yes
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety	0	0%	No
Create Connections to Transit	0	0%	No
Connect Priority Areas	**0**	**0%**	**No**

Goal: Absorb & Protect	Acres	Percent	Present
Stormwater Runoff Potential	3.311813	48.83%	Yes
Wetlands, Waterbodies and Stream Buffers	3.208534	47.31%	Yes
Flood Zones	0.036721	0.54%	Yes
Escarpment Areas in South Dallas	0	0%	No
Absorb & Protect Priority Areas	**0.445247**	**6.57%**	**Yes**

Goal: Cool	Acres	Percent	Present
Tree Canopy Cover	3.474764	51.24%	Yes
Impervious Cover	0.25246	3.72%	Yes
Cool Priority Areas	**0.25246**	**3.72%**	**Yes**

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Finding land for new parks

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Multi-Parcel Report

New Park Development Opportunity Info

Council District: 8

Number of Parcels in this Opportunity: 4 Total Acres in this Opportunity: 58.34

Legend

New Park Development Opportunity Parcels

Other Parcels

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Parcel ID: 00000640504010000 Acres: 13.03
Address: 3380 SIMPSON STUART RD ZIP Code: 75241

Goal: Equity	Acres	Percent	Present
Low Income Households	13.034586	100%	Yes
Seniors over 65	13.034586	100%	Yes
Children Under 5	0	0%	No
People with Less Than a High School Education	13.034586	100%	Yes
English as a Second Language	0	0%	No
Equity Priority Areas	**13.034586**	**100%**	**Yes**

Goal: Health	Acres	Percent	Present
Respiratory Disease	13.034586	100%	Yes
Diabetes	13.034586	100%	Yes
Cardiovascular Disease	13.034586	100%	Yes
Health Priority Areas	**13.034586**	**100%**	**Yes**

Goal: Connect	Acres	Percent	Present
Bikeway and Trail Gaps	13.034586	100%	Yes
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety	0	0%	No
Create Connections to Transit	0	0%	No
Connect Priority Areas	**8.548851**	**65.59%**	**Yes**

Goal: Absorb & Protect	Acres	Percent	Present
Stormwater Runoff Potential	12.713028	97.53%	Yes
Wetlands, Waterbodies and Stream Buffers	0	0%	No
Flood Zones	0	0%	No
Escarpment Areas in South Dallas	0	0%	No
Absorb & Protect Priority Areas	**0**	**0%**	**No**

Goal: Cool	Acres	Percent	Present
Tree Canopy Cover	13.034586	100%	Yes
Impervious Cover	0	0%	No
Cool Priority Areas	**5.308005**	**40.72%**	**Yes**

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Evaluating current park proposals

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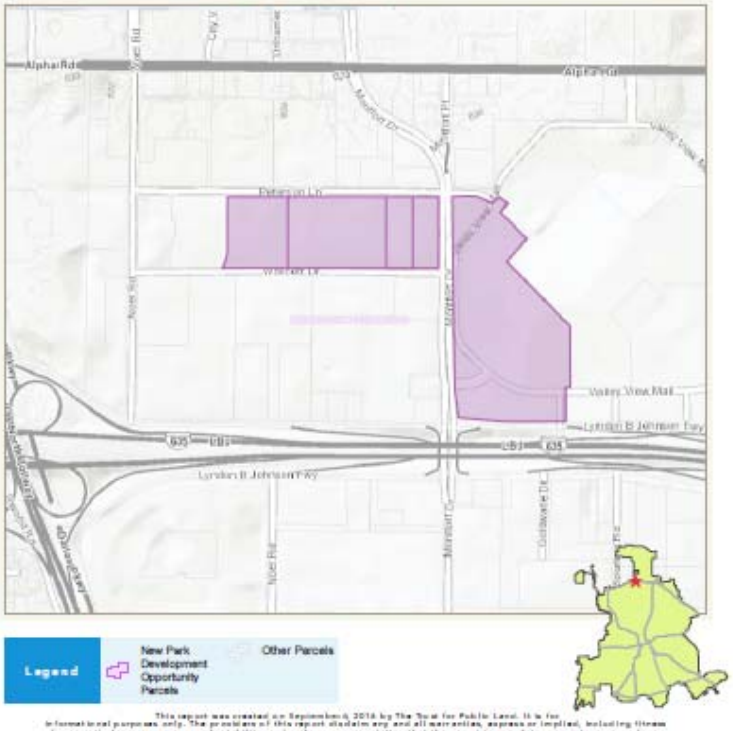
New Park Development Opportunity Info

Council District: 11

Number of Parcels in this Opportunity: 5 Total Acres in this Opportunity: 35.78



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Parcel Report

Parcel ID: 00000663264000000 Acres: 4.49
Address: 5444 PETERSON LN ZIP Code: 75240

Goal: Equity	Acres	Percent	Present
Low Income Households	0	0%	No
Seniors over 65	0	0%	No
Children Under 5	0	0%	No
People with Less Than a High School Education	0	0%	No
English as a Second Language	4.49	100%	Yes
Equity Priority Areas	**4.49**	**100%**	**Yes**

Goal: Health	Acres	Percent	Present
Respiratory Disease	0	0%	No
Diabetes	0	0%	No
Cardiovascular Disease	0	0%	No
Health Priority Areas	**0**	**0%**	**No**

Goal: Connect	Acres	Percent	Present
Bikeway and Trail Gaps	4.49	100%	Yes
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety	1.57	34.9%	Yes
Create Connections to Transit	0	0%	No
Connect Priority Areas	**3.15**	**70.0%**	**Yes**

Goal: Absorb & Protect	Acres	Percent	Present
Stormwater Runoff Potential	4.49	100%	Yes
Wetlands, Waterbodies and Stream Buffers	0	0%	No
Flood Zones	0	0%	No
Escarpment Areas in South Dallas	0	0%	No
Absorb & Protect Priority Areas	**0**	**0%**	**No**

Goal: Cool	Acres	Percent	Present
Tree Canopy Cover	4.49	100%	Yes
Impervious Cover	4.49	100%	Yes
Cool Priority Areas	**4.49**	**100%**	**Yes**

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Connect trails to transit and other destinations

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Parcel Report

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Parcel ID: 00000476539000000 Acres: 4.21
Address: 405 E OVERTON RD Zip Code: 75216 Council District: 4

Parcel Filtering Criteria	
City Owned: No	Already a Park: No
Structure Present: No	Vacant Parcel: Yes
Owner: THE TURNER CORPORATION	Public Ownership: No

Overall Stacked Priorities	Acres	Percent	Present
Stacked Priorities	4.209193	1	Yes

Legend: Selected Parcel; Other Parcels in this Potential Opportunity; Other Parcels

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Parcel ID: 00000476539000000 Acres: 4.21
Address: 405 E OVERTON RD ZIP Code: 75216

Goal: Equity	Acres	Percent	Present
Low Income Households	4.209193	100%	Yes
Seniors over 65	0	0%	No
Children Under 5	0	0%	No
People with Less Than a High School Education	4.209193	100%	Yes
English as a Second Language	4.209193	100%	Yes
Equity Priority Areas	**4.209193**	**100%**	**Yes**

Goal: Health	Acres	Percent	Present
Respiratory Disease	4.209193	100%	Yes
Diabetes	4.209193	100%	Yes
Cardiovascular Disease	4.209193	100%	Yes
Health Priority Areas	**4.209193**	**100%**	**Yes**

Goal: Connect	Acres	Percent	Present
Bikeway and Trail Gaps	4.209193	100%	Yes
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety	0	0%	No
Create Connections to Transit	0	0%	No
Connect Priority Areas	**0**	**0%**	**No**

Goal: Absorb & Protect	Acres	Percent	Present
Stormwater Runoff Potential	4.209193	100%	Yes
Wetlands, Waterbodies and Stream Buffers	0	0%	No
Flood Zones	0	0%	No
Escarpment Areas in South Dallas	0	0%	No
Absorb & Protect Priority Areas	**0**	**0%**	**No**

Goal: Cool	Acres	Percent	Present
Tree Canopy Cover	2.366087	56.21%	Yes
Impervious Cover	0	0%	No
Cool Priority Areas	**0**	**0%**	**No**

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Expand and re-imagine existing parks

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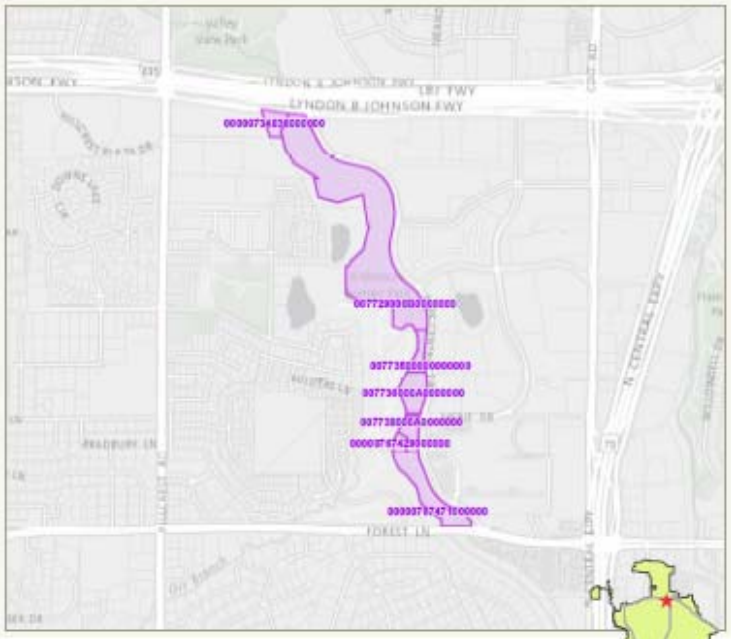
Multi-Parcel Report

New Park Development Opportunity Info

Council District:

Number of Parcels in this Opportunity: 7 Total Acres in this Opportunity: 45.56



Legend

Park Redevelopment Opportunity Parcels

Other Parcels

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Parcel ID: 00000734836000000 Acres: 1.59
Address: 7100 LBJ FWY ZIP Code: 75230

Goal: Equity	Acres	Percent	Present
Low Income Households	0	0%	No
Seniors over 65	1.589896	100%	Yes
Children Under 5	0	0%	No
People with Less Than a High School Education	0	0%	No
English as a Second Language	0	0%	No
Equity Priority Areas	**0**	**0%**	**No**

Goal: Health	Acres	Percent	Present
Respiratory Disease	1.589896	100%	Yes
Diabetes	1.589896	100%	Yes
Cardiovascular Disease	1.589896	100%	Yes
Health Priority Areas	**1.589896**	**100%**	**Yes**

Goal: Connect	Acres	Percent	Present
Bikeway and Trail Gaps	0	0%	No
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety	0	0%	No
Create Connections to Transit	0	0%	No
Connect Priority Areas	**0**	**0%**	**No**

Goal: Absorb & Protect	Acres	Percent	Present
Stormwater Runoff Potential	1.589896	100%	Yes
Wetlands, Waterbodies and Stream Buffers	0	0%	No
Flood Zones	0	0%	No
Escarpment Areas in South Dallas	0	0%	No
Absorb & Protect Priority Areas	**0**	**0%**	**No**

Goal: Cool	Acres	Percent	Present
Tree Canopy Cover	1.589896	100%	Yes
Impervious Cover	1.589896	100%	Yes
Cool Priority Areas	**1.589896**	**100%**	**Yes**

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V. INTRODUCING PHASE II

PHASED APPROACH:

Smart Growth for Dallas: Phase II

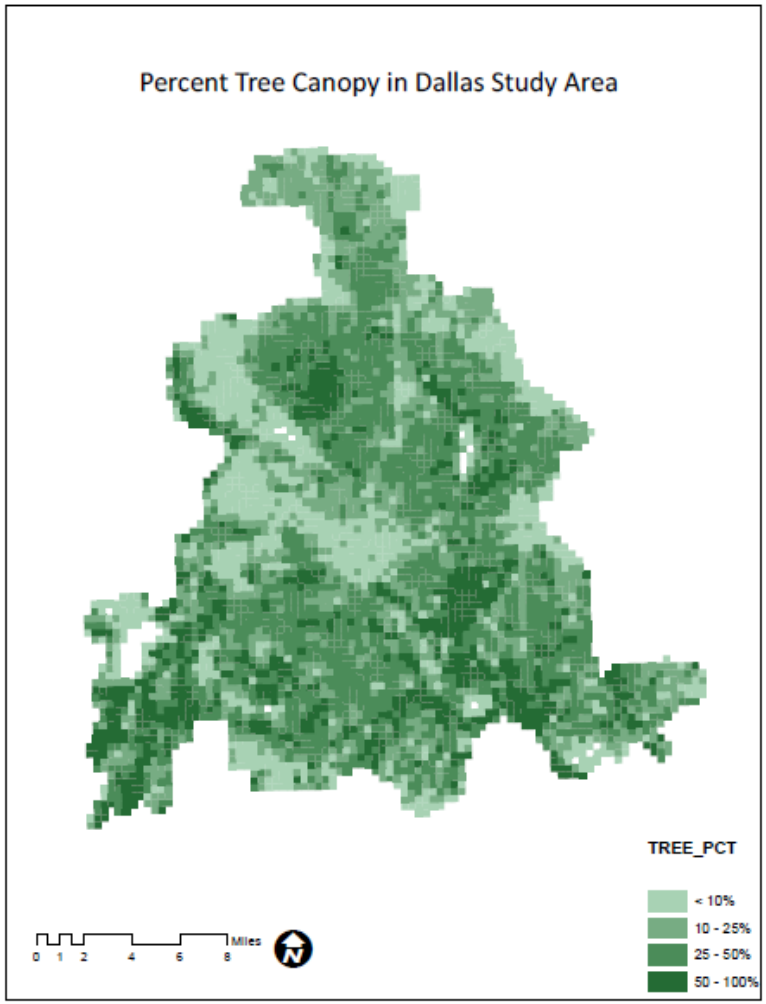
Additional Deliverables

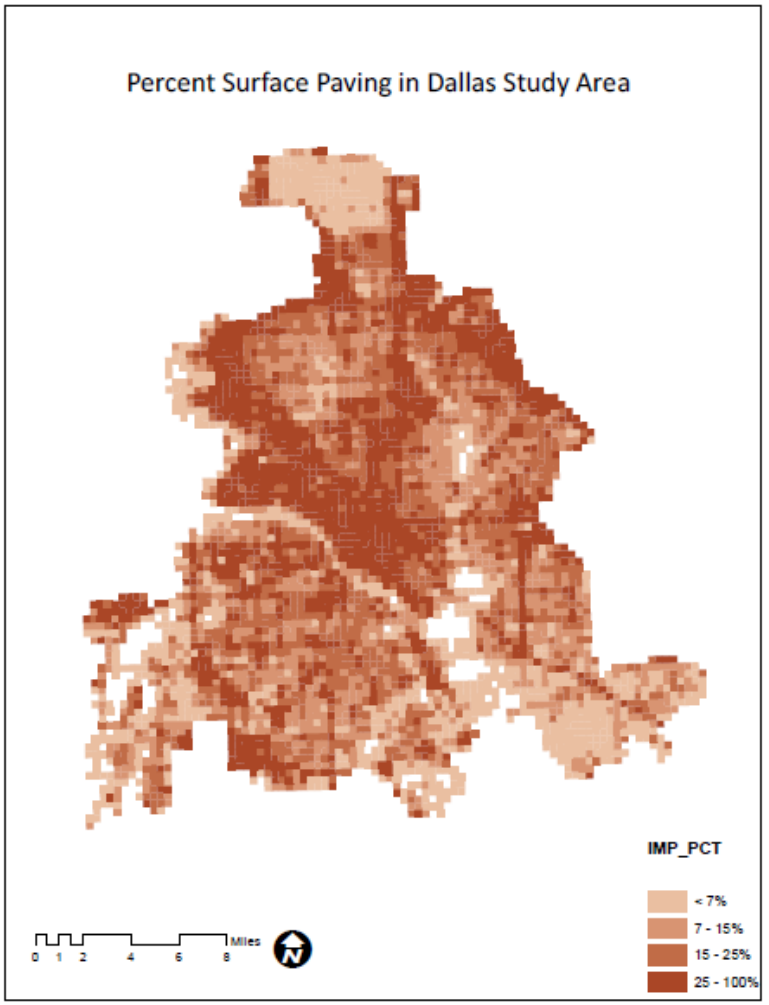
INTELLIGENCE

Expanded GIS Analysis and Interactive Decision Support Tool

- EXPANDED GIS ANALYSIS
  - *Addition of dozens of new GIS layers to model*
  - *Addition of new planning objectives, including Activate Educate*
  - *Incorporate new Texas Trees Foundation urban heat island research*
- DECISION SUPPORT TOOL
  - *Interactive web-based platform to provide customizable map-based analysis of land in Dallas, based on identified economic, social, and ecological objectives.*
  - *Provides extensive data and priority modeling results at the parcel level*
  - *Users may identify high-value parcels, analyze parcels against spatial data, and make individual parcel reports*
- ECONOMIC ANALYSIS
  - *Economic analysis of recreation, health, and property value benefits of potential new parks*

Urban Heat Island Analysis





Texas Trees Foundation

Identifying Use Cases

- CURRENT CONDITIONS ANALYSIS
  Identify key opportunities, barriers, funding sources, key decision makers, and information gap related to implementation of multi-benefit greening.
- IDENTIFY USE CASES
  Using current conditions analysis, identify use cases for decision support tool. Through this iterative process, patterns, common themes, and shared opportunities are identified.
- DEVELOP PROJECT TYPOLOGIES
  Use cases are further refined, including identification of ad-hoc "early win" projects. Identify long-term, self-sustaining programs (e.g. green alleys or schoolyard conversions).

INTELLIGENCE + PARTNERSHIP

Community Engagement

For Dallas to make the smartest investments possible and ensure we're setting ourselves up as a city of great public spaces – we need to know information that can't be captured by quantitative data alone.

Community Engagement

We need to know how residents use parks, which parks they are or are not using, and what drives their use of parks. And we need to ask them to dream and help us imagine what these parks should be – they're the experts.

Community Engagement

Their local knowledge increases our ability to identify all the nooks and crannies of Dallas that are potential public spaces and connectors. Local knowledge helps us better understand and interpret the data we already have.

Community Engagement

SCHEDULE

- *Online survey available **today** at: www.SmartGrowthForDallas.org*
- ***8 large community meetings:***
  - *Establish what questions we still need to ask*
  - *Inform the public about the technology that's being developed*
  - *Gather collective input for Dallas' investment in parks and public space.*

Community Engagement Kickoff Meeting:
November 10, 2016 @ Heritage Village
5:30pm

Community Engagement

SCHEDULE

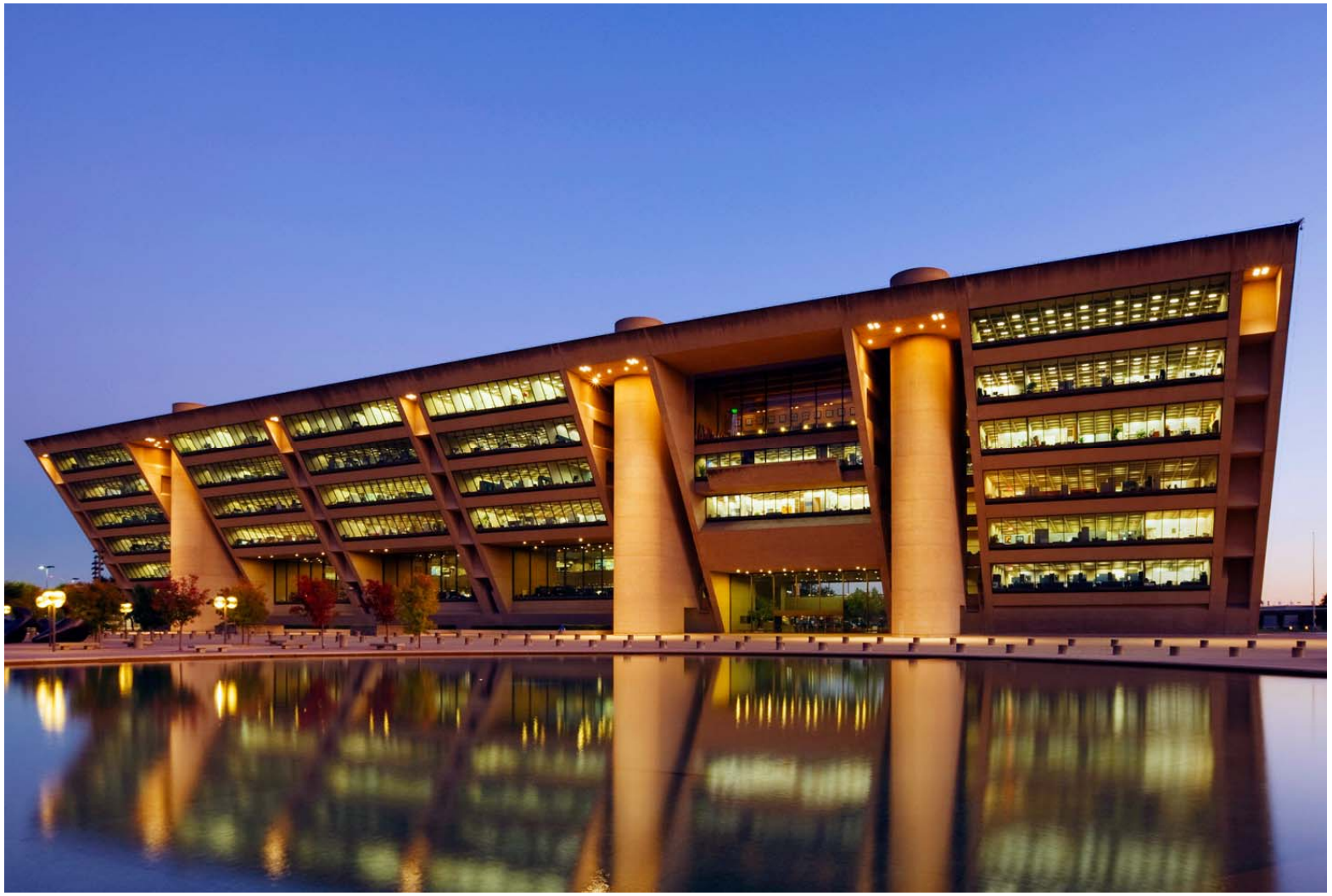
- *20 small meetings – to engage an array of experts on parks and open space to better understand how they're used, how they work, and how they're maintained.*
  - *Dates TBD: Friends of parks groups, parks maintenance, parks and open space advocates, neighborhood groups, and others to be decided*
- *City-wide convening to report engagement findings*
  - *Early 2017*
- *4 city-wide convening's to report final products*
  - *Early 2018*

Community Engagement

MEDIA

- *Web updates*
- *SmartGrowthForDallas.org*
- *Park Stories short film series*

Open data for the public good



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INTELLIGENCE + PARTNERSHIP + LEVERAGE

Dallas is falling behind on investment

CITY	TOTAL SPENDING	OPERATING SPENDING PER RESIDENT	CAPITAL SPENDING PER RESIDENT	TOTAL SPENDING PER RESIDENT
Seattle	$187,501,978	$200	$81	$281
San Francisco	205,298,303	186	54	241
Minneapolis	90,488,104	186	36	222
Washington, D.C.	144,370,876	142	77	219
St. Louis	66,746,000	62	148	210
New York	1,740,630,989	120	85	205
St. Paul	61,092,606	162	43	205
Irvine	49,867,182	152	48	201
Arlington, Virginia	44,394,253	162	34	196
Long Beach	92,573,976	111	85	195
Cincinnati	55,958,281	137	51	188
Virginia Beach	83,664,985	138	47	186
Tampa	64,192,596	155	24	179
Chicago	470,727,611	134	39	173
Portland	106,261,275	153	19	172
Henderson	44,977,300	122	40	162
Raleigh	69,750,674	108	51	159
Plano	43,761,808	95	62	157
Atlanta	66,824,811	120	27	147
Dallas	97,520,012	52	24	76

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The power of leverage

A recent study by HR&A Advisors found that in Dallas:

- Investments in Dallas's parks yield a 1:7 return
- Investments in Dallas's trails yield a 1:50 return
- Each year, the Dallas parks system generates $678 million in economic benefits
- Each $1 increase in spending per resident leads to an $8.9m increase in economic benefits for the entire city.

And with land value only increasing, now is the time to act.

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Dallas' green assets offer
cost-effective and unique
strategies for addressing
the city's biggest
economic
social
and ecological
challenges of today.

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