

CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY

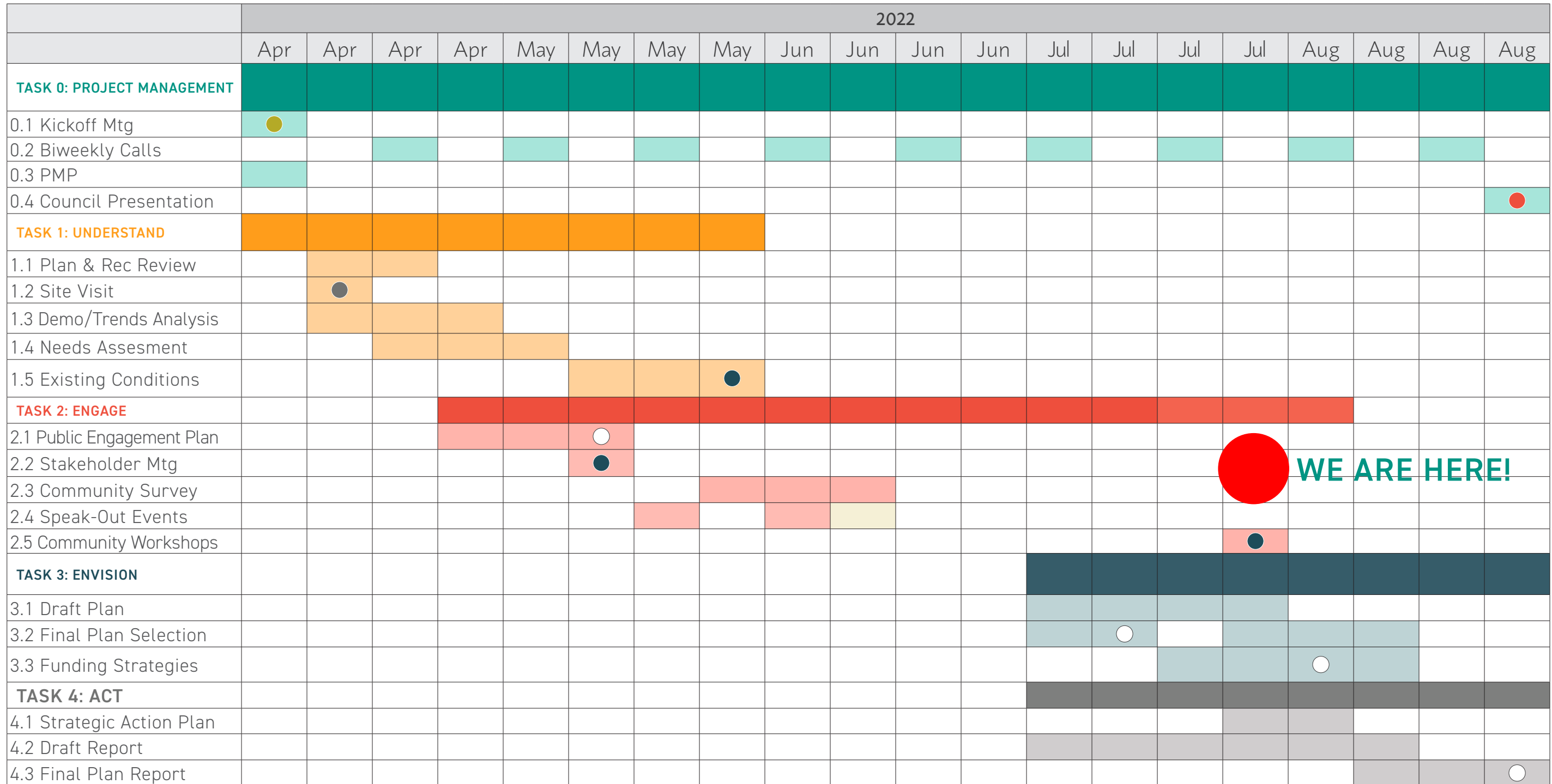
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING 2

THURSDAY, JUNE 21ST 6:00 PM



PROJECT TIMELINE



WE ARE HERE!

- Stakeholder Meeting
- Deliverables
- Kickoff Meeting
- Site Visit
- Speak-Out
- Final Presentation to City Council

PLAN ADOPTION

WHAT WE HEARD

PARK USAGE

72% percent of respondents said the availability of parks and open space is “extremely important” to their quality of life

78% of respondents visit parks and open spaces at least once a week.

WHAT WE HEARD

PARK USAGE

TOP ACTIVITIES

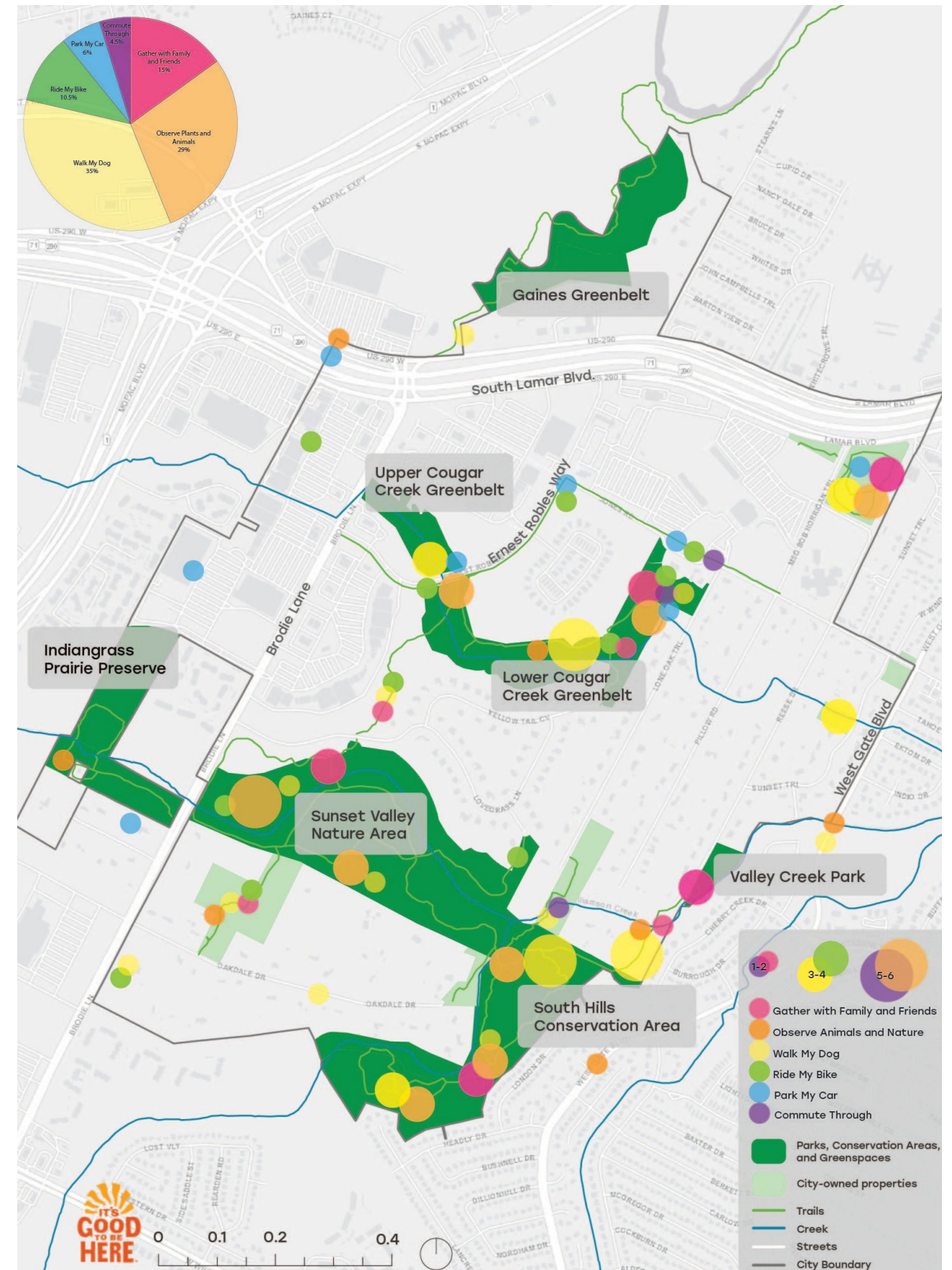
- Walk or run on trails (92%)
- Exploring natural surroundings (57%)
- Visit the Farmers Market (50%)
- Walk my dog (48%)
- Birding and/or wildlife observation (42%)

WHAT WE HEARD

PARK USAGE

MOST POPULAR AREAS

- Lower Cougar Creek Greenbelt
- South Hills Conservation Area
- Sunset Valley Nature Area



WHAT WE HEARD

PARK USAGE

REASONS KEEPING PEOPLE FROM VISITING PARKS AND TRAILS

- Lack of connections to other trails and neighborhoods
- Off-leash dogs
- Too hot
- Conflicts with bikers
- No place to sit

WHAT WE HEARD

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

MOST POPULAR IMPROVEMENTS

- Maintain existing parks as-is
- Update and improve existing park facilities
- Update system-wide amenities
- More community gardens and food forests
- Adding more wayfinding
- Planning more parks and open spaced programming

WHAT WE HEARD

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

UNPOPULAR IMPROVEMENTS

- Pave more paths so they are ADA Accessible
- Create opportunities for outdoor fitness
- Adventure activities
- Sportsfields/sports complexes

WHAT WE HEARD

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

MOST POPULAR WRITE-INS

- Swimming Pool or Splash Pad
- Ecological Conservation Preservation and Restoration
- Preserve the Uplands area

WHAT WE HEARD

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

MOST POPULAR WRITE-INS FOR GREENSPACE AND CONSERVATION AREAS

- Add additional paths and recreation amenities
- Protect unique ecology and maintain paths
- Reduce hazards - protect from fire, wident rails, restrain loose dogs

WHAT WE HEARD

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

MOST POPULAR WRITE-INS FOR PARK AREAS

- Play and recreation
- Add amenities (shaded picnic areas, benches, trash, water fountains, meeting spaces)
- Protect unique ecology and maintain paths

WHAT WE HEARD

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

UPLANDS WRITE-INS

- Protect & Maintain Ecology
- Develop or Sell
- Add Amphitheater/Multi-use pavilion

6107 BRODIE LANE WRITE-INS

- Protect & Maintain Ecology
- Better Access to Trails and Parks
- More Trails

WHAT WE HEARD

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

37 LONE OAK TRAIL WRITE-INS

- Protect & Maintain Ecology
- Incorporate as Greenspace
- Better Access to Parks and Trails

6104 BRODIE LANE WRITE-INS

- Protect & Maintain Ecology
- Food/Restaurants
- Develop

WHAT WE HEARD

PUBLIC WORKSHOP INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

MOST POPULAR

- Ecological Restoration (\$64)
- Recreation Amenities (\$50)
- Investment in Playgrounds (\$15)

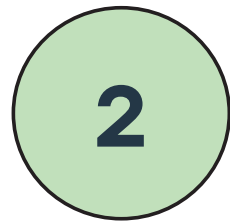
LEAST POPULAR

- Commercial or Residential Development on City-Owned Properties (\$1)
- Small Parking Lots or Parking Areas (\$2)
- Environmental Education Opportunities (\$6)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Highlight and celebrate the beauty and ecological resources of Sunset Valley



Create community gathering spaces for all



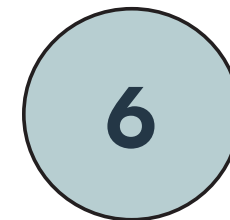
Connect Sunset Valley's parks and open spaces through safe and navigable trail systems



Create opportunities for active recreation for all ages



Expand opportunities for interaction with nature in Sunset Valley

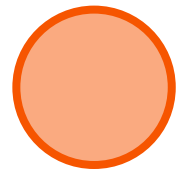


Identify opportunities for integrating city-owned properties into the parks and recreation system

MAJOR OPPORTUNITIES

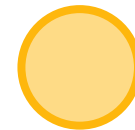
- **Trail connections**
- **Wayfinding signage**
- **Pool or splash pad**
- **Play opportunities**
- **Ecological restoration**
- **Trailheads**
- **Amenities (Trash cans, Benches, Picnic Areas)**
- **Gathering Spaces**

DESIGN ORGANIZATION



Major Nodes

- Larger gathering spaces
- Basic amenities like benches, picnic tables, trash cans
- Areas with unique large features, like pavillions, or swimming pool



Minor Nodes

- Smaller gathering spaces
- Basic amenities like benches, picnic tables, trash cans
- Areas with unique smaller features, like nature play or community gardens



Trailheads

- Entries to trail system from roads
- Typically will have signage, benches, trash cans (if not pack-in, pack-out)

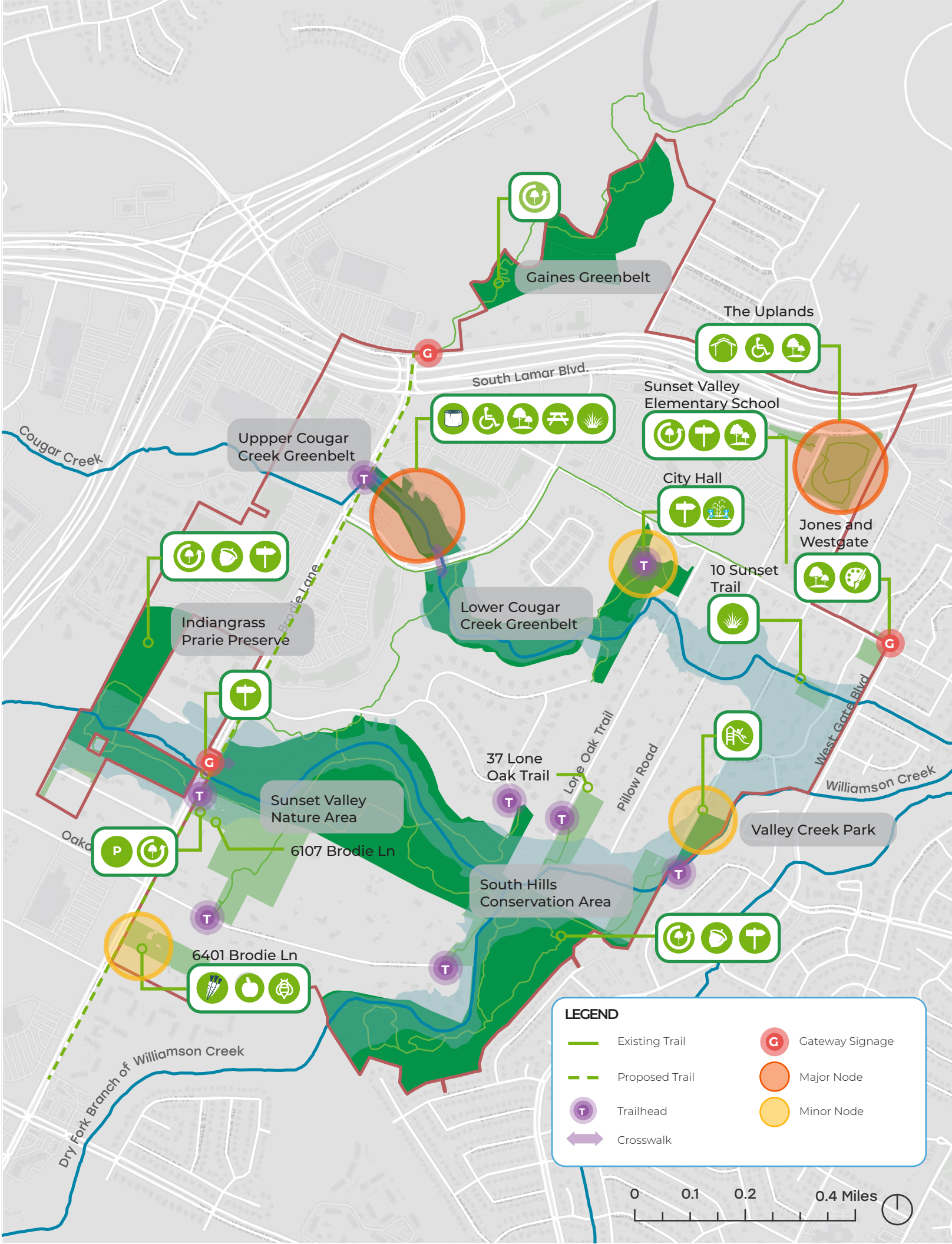
CONCEPT 1

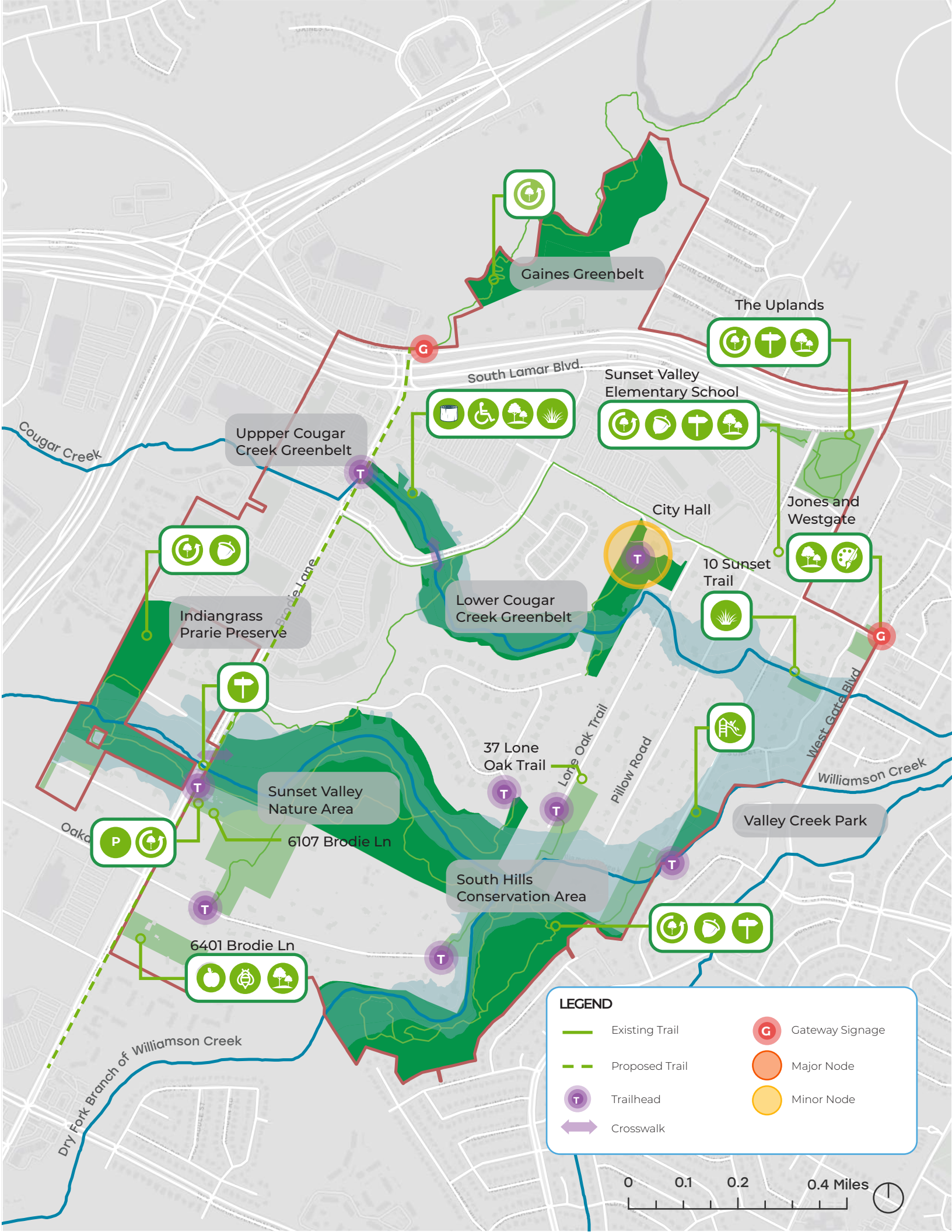
- Concept with most amenities
- Set aside some land at Uplands for development
- Farmers Market Pavillion at Uplands
- Pool at City Hall
- Playground and gathering area at Upper Cougar Creek
- Community Garden moves to 6401 Brodie
- 3 Major Nodes
 - Uplands
 - City Hall
 - Upper Cougar Creek
- 2 Minor Nodes
 - 6401 Brodie
 - Valley Creek Park



CONCEPT 2

- Farmers Market Pavillion at Uplands
- Splash Pad at City Hall
- Nature/Adventure Playground at Upper Cougar Creek
- Community Garden moves to 6401 Brodie
- 2 Major Nodes
 - Uplands
 - Upper Cougar Creek
- 1 Minor Node
 - Valley Creek Park
 - City Hall





CONCEPT 3

- Lightest touch concept
- Nature/Adventure Playground at Upper Cougar Creek
- Mostly dispersed basic amenities
- Focused on environmental restoration of properties
- 1 Minor Node
 - City Hall

DISCUSSION

- What do you like about each of the concepts?
- What do you dislike about each of the concepts?
- Is there anything that is missing from these plans?
- The final concept is likely to be a hybrid of these three options
 - what elements of each concept should we move forward with?