

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: JULY 20, 2021



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM #8

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**SUBJECT:** Upper Cougar Creek Presentation

**DESCRIPTION:** Presentation on survey results and final draft of design for the Upper Cougar Creek area.

**BACKGROUND:** Council approved \$30,000 to consider possible design and construction for the area known as Upper Cougar Creek.

FreelandTurk Engineering, as well as Luck Design Team have created a possible design based on community and staff input, as well as site limitations based on restrictive covenants on the site.

The attached document shows the final draft of the design concept as well as resident input results.

**SUPPORTING MATERIALS PROVIDED:** YES/NO      YES:    DESIGN CONCEPT DOCUMENTS



# CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY

## Upper Cougar Creek Concept Plan

\*\*\*Draft\*\*\*

July 14, 2021



# UPPER COUGAR CREEK CONCEPT PLAN

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# CONCEPT PLAN



June 21, 2021

## UPPER COUGAR CREEK- Preliminary Concept Plan

City of Sunset Valley



LUCK DESIGN TEAM

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## PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Upper Cougar Creek Conceptual Plan was developed through a Sunset Valley City Council initiative to determine the viability of improving an open space in the area known as Homestead Park. This area and its natural features could serve to create a "downtown open space" to promote recreation, education and conservation. The intent is to create a beautiful and natural environment in an area that is otherwise rendered undevelopable due to its flood designation and title prohibitions. These open space improvements would attract visitors to Sunset Valley and adjacent retail space while providing local residents a recreational space unlike any other in the proximity of Sunset Valley.

### OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS

#### Ponds and Streams

A focal scenic waterway will be created by series of ponds through the open space. Between the ponds are a series of water falls and a streams that connects them. The stream flows under ground level crossing walkways. The ponds are shallow (approximately 2' deep) and have an excavated concrete bottom. The ponds and connecting streams are lined with stacked limestone and riparian planting with areas for people to interact with the water. Overhead bridges provide pedestrians and bicyclists with elevated views and multiple paths to access features in the open space.



#### Fountains

The proposed fountains anchor each end of the project cite and will be seen from Brodie Lane and Ernest Robles Way. They will draw attention to the open space from all directions. The fountains also provide pond water circulation and aeration, helping maintain attractive water quality. The fountains are lighted at night to enhance the overall viewing experience.



#### Trails

Proposed walking trails (10' wide decomposed granite) are abundant on either side of the creek and provide connectivity to all the open space features. These trails also provide external connections to the City's existing trail/sidewalk systems south of Ernest Robles Way, the Villas, Brodie Lane and various retail spaces.



### Observation / Fishing Dock

This amenity is located at an existing water quality pond that is known for attracting birds and ducks. The dock will give visitors a closer view of the wildlife. There is also an opportunity to stock the pond and provide catch and release urban fishing opportunities.



### Butterfly Garden

A butterfly garden is proposed among the stands of Retama trees. The vision is an all-outdoor educational area for people of all ages. Fragrant and floral plant material will be planted in this area to attract butterflies, bees and birds.



### Interactive Art Installation Area

At various locations along the trails, art exhibits and displays are planned. They are positioned along trails enabling visitors to easily access the displays and interact with them as they please. These art displays will be placed along connecting trails to the retail areas and joint use parking areas. The presence of these exhibits will make walks from parking areas to the open space entertaining, incentivizing people to use the connecting trails.



## Main Open Space Entry and Play Area

The south end of the site is the proposed location for the main entry into the Upper Cougar Creek open space, with primary access from Ernest Roble Way. The main entry includes a circular shaped plaza area containing a welcoming kinetic sculpture that leads visitors to the center piece of the recreational and play area, an interactive water feature comprised of intermittent at-grade spray nozzles. When not in use, it can serve as a congregational area for events and programs. This area also features a series of maze playgrounds and free-form climbers that provide graduated opportunities for play at all levels. Amenities include a pair of family restrooms that also contain pumping, electrical and water treatment equipment for the interactive water area and soft top canopy shade structures.

As an extension of the playground plaza, a series of “spider” trails lead to the east pedestrian bridge. This loose and playful collaboration of trails intersect with green berms that allow as many active and passive play opportunities as the mind can conceive.



## Brodie Lane Streetscape Improvements

The proposed streetscape improvements on Brodie Lane will create a distinctive entry way that signifies one's arrival and presence in Sunset Valley. Travelers will experience a definitive change from typical urban asphalt arterial roadway to a stretch in modern Hill Country themed streetscape that includes brick pavers, concrete stained sidewalks, decorative wood rail and bollards. The experience will be enhanced by the view of the ponds and lighted fountains.



## Traffic Table

Traffic tables on Ernest Robles Way provide pedestrians and bicyclists with distinct elevated street crossings. The tables provide traffic calming that help maintain slow vehicle speeds adjacent to the open space. They also enhance overall safety and help reduce noise.





# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

Two public meetings were conducted to solicit input from the public on this project. The first meeting took place in the evening of May 25th, 2021 at City Hall and the second on June 9th, 2021 at the Police Department Training Room. Each meeting was conducted in open house format for approximately two hours. Both meetings had approximately 30 participants in addition to council members, City staff and consultants.

Project boards depicting the open space concept layout were provided for participants to view. Supporting image boards were also provided to help convey concepts and stimulate interaction among attendees. Comments, ideas and other input were documented by staff and consultants during discussions with participants. Some attendees filled out comments cards. A summary of feedback from the public meetings is provided in Exhibit “E” of the Appendix.

## ONLINE SURVEY

A project specific survey was conducted online, allowing interested members of the public to provide input without attending the meetings. The survey started May 11th, 2021 and remains available as of the date of this report. Responses to the survey (as of 6/22/21) are provided in Exhibit “F” in the Appendix.



## PROJECT SITE

The Upper Cougar Creek Open Space Project is situated on a 8+ acre site located between Brodie Drive and Ernest Robles Way in Sunset Valley, Texas. The location is nearly surrounded by retail development and has excellent access to adjacent arterials and parking areas.

The site totals 8.182 acres of land comprised by two separate tracts of land owned by the City of Sunset Valley. The entire site is located within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. Refer to Exhibits “A” through “D” for additional information on the site.

The larger piece is an un-platted 6.872 acre tract of land that basically contains the 100-year floodplain of Upper Cougar Creek between Brodie Lane and Ernest Robles Way. It is zoned “Park” and the proposed use appears to be compatible with the related restrictive covenants:

“...the property may be used for non-profit conservation, water quality, flood control and landscaping purposes only, and there shall be no construction permitted on the Property by Grantee, its successors and assigns, except such limited construction as may be required for such conservation, water quality, flood control and landscaping purposes....”

“...to install and maintain utilities and stormwater drainage facilities on or crossing Property....”



The second and smaller piece is 1.31 acres, Lot 3, Block “F” of the Sunset Valley Subdivision. This lot is not located in the 100-year floodplain and is fully covered with a “vegetative, water quality, detention and buffer zone”. The proposed use appears to be compatible with the following relevant property restrictions:

“...the property is hereby bound and restricted for future use exclusively as (i) open space or green space or park space, (ii) underground utilities and drainage structures and (iii) related pedestrian walkways and landscaping.”



The lot is zoned “Conditional Overlay Combining Highway Commercial”. The proposed use is not listed among permitted uses in Sunset Valley’s current Land Development Code.

# ENVIRONMENTAL, PERMITS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY

## ENVIRONMENTAL

Cox McClain Environmental Consultants prepared a constraints analysis of the project site. A summary of findings is provided in Exhibit “D” in the Appendix. Future environmental related studies include a survey on historic resources field determination of impacts to wetlands.

## PERMITS

**Zoning** - The proposed uses on Lot 3/Block “F” are not listed among the permitted uses for “Conditional Overlay Combining Highway Commercial”. Therefore, this lot requires re-zoning to “Park”.

**Platting** – The 6.872 Tract is currently un-platted and must be platted in accordance with Sunset Valley’s current Land Development Code.

**Watershed Development Permit** - The project will require the preparation, submittal, and approval of a Watershed Development Permit and other routine permits from the City of Sunset Valley.

**Floodplain Development Permit** – The proposed improvement will involve excavation within a 100-foot floodplain/floodway and a Floodplain Development Permit from the City of Sunset Valley will be required.

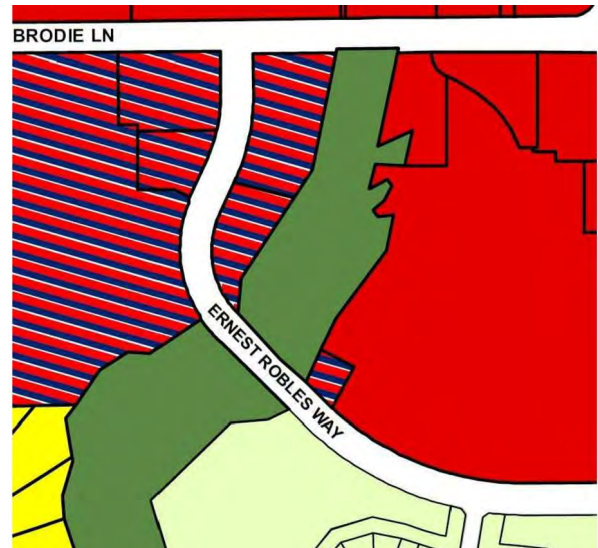
**Edwards Aquifer Protection Plan (EAPP)** - The project is located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone and will require the preparation, submittal and approval of an EAPP from TCEQ.

## AGREEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Pond improvements west of Brodie Lane will require a temporary construction and permanent easements at the existing detention pond in Sunset Valley Market Fair Retail area.

The construction of trails and the observation / fishing dock will require temporary construction and permanent access easements from the Sunset Valley Homestead retail area.

**Joint Use Parking Agreements** – Parking needs for the proposed open space can be met using multiple “joint use parking agreements” with adjacent and nearby retail centers, such as Kohls. These agreements will allow the public to use existing parking areas and walk to the project area, including Burger Center. Additional pedestrian facilities, not shown on the concept plan, may be required to better connect parking areas with the project.



## COST ESTIMATE



### CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY UPPER COUGAR CREEK CONCEPT PLAN—OPINION OF PROBABLE COSTS

DATE 7/13/2021

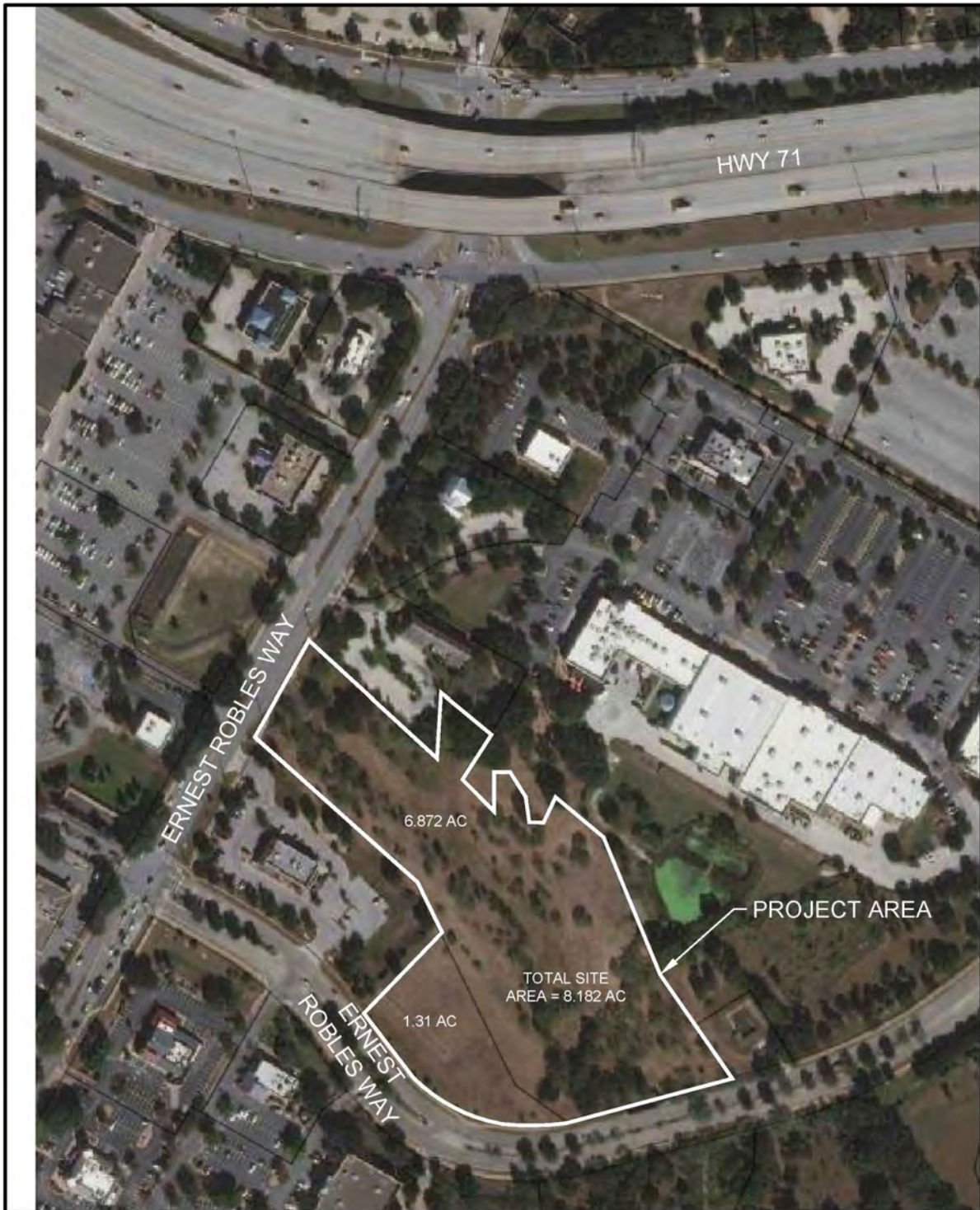
#### OPINION OF PROBABLE COSTS


	DESCRIPTION	COST
	PONDS AND CIRCULATION SYSTEM	\$ 1,200,000
	BRODIE LAND STREETScape	\$ 500,000
	ERW TABLETOP CROSSWALKS	\$ 25,000
	MAIN ENTRY PLAZA	\$ 135,000
	MAZE PLAYGROUND	\$ 375,000
	WATER FEATURE/SPLASH PAD	\$ 500,000
	OPEN SPACE PLANTING	\$ 185,000
	RESTROOMS	\$ 60,000
	TRAILS	\$ 190,000
	SCULPTURE, BRIDGES, SIGNAGE, FOUNTAINS, DOCK, ART, BENCHES/TABLES	\$ 830,000
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,000,000</b>
	CONTINGENCY 10%	\$ 400,000
	ENGINEERING AND SURVEY 15%	\$ 600,000
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,000,000</b>

An aerial photograph of a campus, likely a university, featuring a central lake, several buildings, and a network of paths. The image is faded and serves as a background for the text.

# **APPENDIX**

# EXHIBIT "A" - SITE AERIAL IMAGE



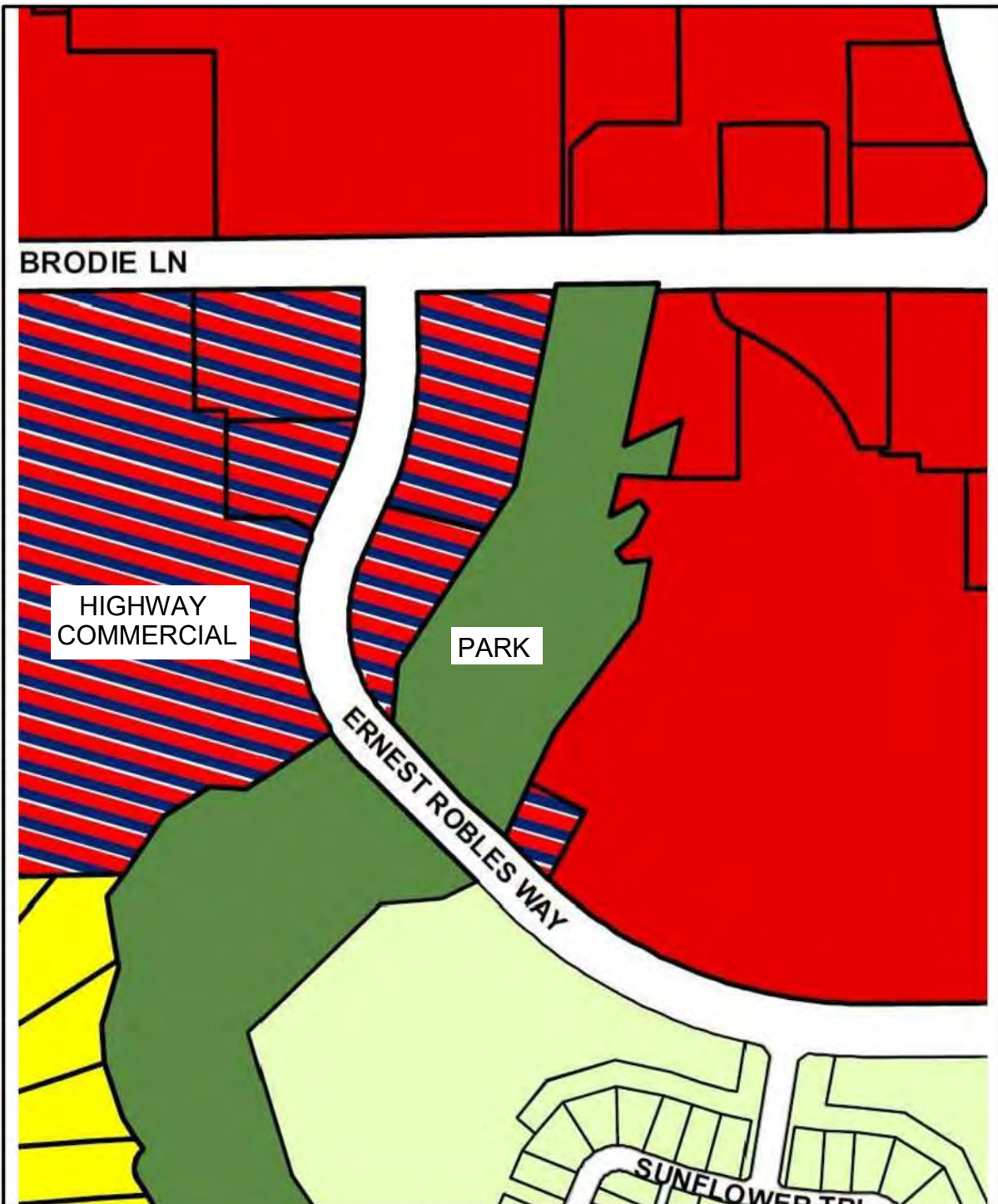
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	DESIGNED BY: BAM		
	REVIEWED BY: GF/TT		
	PROJECT NO.: 120-107		


# EXHIBIT "B" - FLOODPLAINS



<p>SHEET</p> <p style="font-size: 2em;">1</p>	FILE: Working.dwg	<p>CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY, TEXAS</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;">FLOODPLAINS</p>	 <p>160 CREEKSIDE PARK RD, STE 200 TBPE FIRM F-21047 SPRING BRANCH, TX 78070 (830) 438-0329</p>
	DRAWN BY: BAM		
	DESIGNED BY: BAM		
	REVIEWED BY: GF/TT		
	PROJECT NO.: 120-107		

# EXHIBIT "C" – SITE ZONING MAP



<p>SHEET</p> <p><b>3</b></p>	FILE: Working.dwg	<p>CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY, TEXAS</p> <p>SITE ZONING</p>	 <p>160 CREEKSIDE PARK RD, STE 200 TBPE FIRM F-21047 SPRING BRANCH, TX 78070 (830) 438-0329</p>
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## EXHIBIT “D” – ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS ANALYSIS SUMMARY

<b>Upper Cougar Creek Open Space Improvements Project Environmental Constraints Analysis</b>			
<b>Summary</b>			
<b>Resource Type</b>	<b>Findings</b>	<b>Advisories</b>	<b>Future Requirements</b>
<b>Cultural Resources</b>	No recorded resources	Archeological survey will most likely be required - valid Texas Antiquities Permit	Determine appropriate Area of Potential Effect (APE)
	No surveyed resources	Early coordination with THC recommended	Survey of historic-age resources within APE
	High archeological potential		
	No historical resources identified or recorded		
	No NRHP in project area		
<b>Ecological Resources</b>	Not likely to contain eagle habitat	Maintain Wildlife Corridors	
	No State listed protected species	Reduce Footprint	
	No Golder Cheeked Warbler habitat	Nesting migratory bird survey (March - September)	
	Plans not likely to impact aquifer	Site may contain Reddell Harvestman habitat	
		Void discovery mitigation and monitoring	
		Karst feature and species habitat survey	
<b>Water Resources</b>	Project unlikely to directly intercept groundwater	Geoscientists investigations prior to and during construction	Edwards Aquifer Protection Plan (WPAP-EAPP)
	Creek not impaired		Project improvements within deed restrictions
	Project unlikely to contribute to long-term deterioration of water quality.		Coordination with Floodplain Manager
		Project likely to be permitted under Nationwide Permit USCOE	BMP's in place before construction
		Unlikely to require preconstruction notice unless wetlands are impacted	SW3P, site notice, copy MS4 operator
			NOI to TCEQ
			Field verification to determine impacts to waters of the US and wetland impacts

# EXHIBIT “E” – SUMMARIZED COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC MEETINGS

## COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC MEETINGS MAY 25 & JUNE 9, 2021

### Parking Comments

- Don't take out lane on Ernest Robles parking is a big concern especially in October /November and December; ask people to park in retails and walk.
- No parking on the street but parking is a concern.
- Don't need any more parking.
- Likes Ernest Roble slowing down.
- Formalize trail connection from Big Box.
- “If there is more parking I am going to be pissed”.
- Yes some traffic calming.
- Likes Robles parking lanes.



### Maintenance Comments

- Concern about ongoing maintenance.
- Do ponds have a concrete bottom? What is cost to dredge? Karst features, impervious restrictions? Maintenance?

### Playground Comments

- Research Waterloo Park; the hill by the Long Center.
- Fort Landia at Wildflower Center = natural organic playscape.
- Referenced Butler Park: natural place that you want to play.
- More playscape.
- Organic Artsy playground; see Pinterest examples from survey.



## Open Space/Amenity/Misc. Comments

- Referenced City of Sunset Valley Mission Statement and that we are anything but.... Bring in hometown character.
- Lighting at Pedestrian Bridge.
- Have good bike racks.
- Loves interactive Art elements; kinetic example at Marble Falls.
- Restrooms.
- Yes to demonstration areas.
- Can we fish?
- Lot 3 - Small retail (small food and beverage); modeled like County seats; Neo-traditional development.
- Overhead pedestrian bridge at Brodie (how do we connect commercial areas?).
- Art: Entrance like at the Rose emporium in independence, Texas.
- Donkey exhibits—historical.
- Skytower observation platform.
- A zip line would be nice.
- How about an Amphitheater.
- Open Space: can we do a gazebo.
- Yes to outdoor gathering space.
- Open Space: can we do a swimming pool?
- Use decomposed granite and header curb for Trails.
- I like parking on SE side of retail and playground labyrinth (fall all ages).
- Add bike racks.
- Construct stone, planting and art exhibits.

SURVEY COMMENTS – 32 RESPONSES AS OF  
MAY 25, 2021

## Ranking of 12 amenities

- Trails
- Shaded Areas
- Benches
- Aeration Fountains
- Picnic Tables
- Water Ponds / Riparian Plantings
- Outdoor Art
- Community Gathering Areas
- Observation Docks/ Boardwalks
- Environmental Education Areas
- Interpretive Signage
- Parking

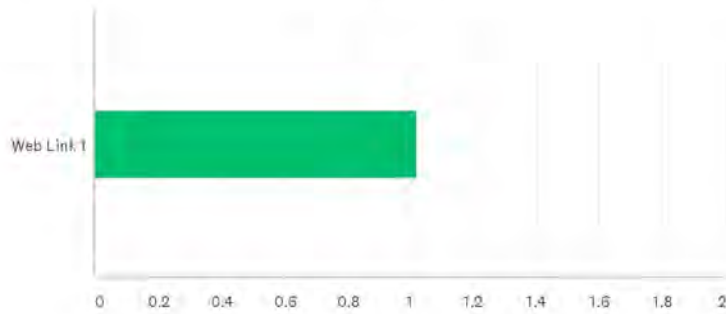


## EXHIBIT “F” – ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

### Upper Cougar Creek

Q1 Are you familiar with the area known as Upper Cougar Creek (often referred to as Homestead Park, or the “area behind Le Madeline”)?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0

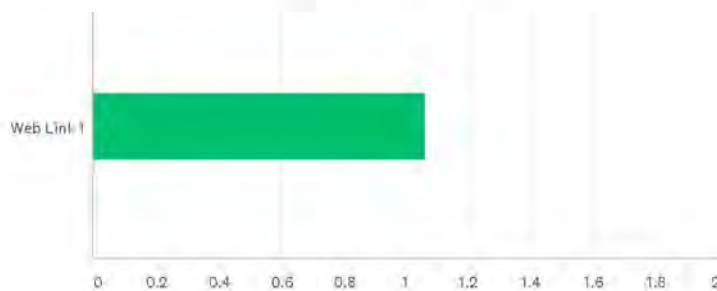


	YES	NO	TOTAL
Web Link 1	97.87% 46	2.13% 1	100.00% 47
Total Respondents	46	1	47

### Upper Cougar Creek

Q2 Are you aware the City of Sunset Valley is doing an analysis of possible uses in the area of Upper Cougar Creek to include beautification, natural amenities, and a trail connection?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0



	YES	NO	TOTAL
Web Link 1	93.62% 44	6.38% 3	100.00% 47
Total Respondents	44	3	47

## Upper Cougar Creek

### Q3 What is the single most important issue or need concerning possible improvements to the City of Sunset Valley Upper Cougar Creek? (Write in any comments.)

Answered: 45 Skipped: 2

WHAT IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE OR NEED CONCERNING POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY UPPER COUGAR CREEK? (WRITE IN ANY COMMENTS.)		TOTAL
Web Link 1		100.00% 45
Total Respondents	45	45

#	WEB LINK 1	DATE
1	enhance commercial district and provide outdoor venue for residents and visitors	6/22/2021 11:44 AM
2	Buffer zone between shopping and The Villas	6/13/2021 12:27 PM
3	Protecting the quality of life for residents and our environment. We want to make this a great place to visit but we are environmental stewards and also want to keep our city a great place to live. Beautification that showcases our commitment to the arts in a natural setting would be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.	6/10/2021 7:16 PM
4	Elimination of one lane of Ernest Robles Rd. Traffic is difficult exiting left from the Villas as it is and this change would make it riskier.	6/10/2021 5:34 PM
5	The intention of this area was to provide safety measures from intensive rains passing through the city. Keeping open nature areas.	6/10/2021 4:33 PM
6	There should be no change to the current four lanes on Jones Rd. To allow parking on Jones Rd. would add to existing traffic issues, create safety hazards, and create more access problems for shoppers who want quick entry and exit to the shopping centers that provide the bulk of the City's tax revenue. Also, there is an existing legal deed covenant that restricts the use of the property to non-profit conservation and prohibits construction, added parking lots, etc. Adding art and walkways would be permissible, but not a pavilion or any venue that would be leased or charged admission. As a resident of the closest neighborhood, I would also not like to have any addition evening nuisance noise, since we already have the regular Burger Center stadium games and concerts.	6/10/2021 3:34 PM
7	Maintenance / safety ( hrs of use?)	6/9/2021 9:56 PM
8	A reality check on the extent of the level of development possible in the creek area. Another resident and I checked it out on Tuesday which is about normal for Late May/June rainfall. It's a swamp. Current pictures of current conditions would be useful. I don't believe granite trails are feasible.	6/9/2021 9:56 PM
9	Tree, open-space and water quality preservation	6/7/2021 1:03 PM
10	Keep it wild	6/2/2021 9:46 AM
11	improve commerce	5/31/2021 1:55 PM
12	improve commerce	5/31/2021 1:48 PM
13	Connection with commercial space and user engagement.	5/25/2021 10:27 PM
14	Limiting environmental impact while proving park amenities to be shared as a community.	5/25/2021 6:42 PM
15	Better quality of life for Sunset Valley	5/25/2021 12:31 PM
16	I want to see the Uplands developed rather than this project.	5/17/2021 9:24 PM
17	Looks pretty but my concern remains one of equity. As far as I am concerned properties in SSV are pre or post Weaver development. That's mostly the 283 ac at Brodie for the uninitiated. The older shopping center Marketfair was kinda practice development wise. Citizens spent a ton of money and time on the Weaver development with promises to elevate the older parts of town to the new standards. Streets, bridges, underground utilities, trail accesses, water quality street pond retro-fits and localized property and street flooding/ponding issues. These keep being postponed while the newer and commercial areas get big attention. My position is let's look at parity first and as far as the commercial areas they need to become self sufficient sharing in overhead like advertising coop, PR projects and providing their own 24 hour security so our own PD can return to neighborhood duties. Remember the buckets of property tax dollars we all save each year is also enjoyed by the shopping center landlords. Who knows if they share the savings with the tenants. Who know what that savings is! Sure can't tell by the landscaping and renovation investments we see in these centers. With business revenues returning to "normal" I would like the leadership to return to citizen centric thinking and prioritize parity and programs first. Thanks, Cat Quintanilla, former mayor, Sunset Valley, Texas	5/17/2021 6:11 PM
18	Interesting trails combined with sculptures and great landscaping, access to the pond and wetlands, nature observation opportunities.	5/17/2021 3:15 PM
19	Family and kids friendly, crime-free park. Water ponds and fountains with the trail.	5/17/2021 3:05 PM
20	Public setting/venue for live music and entertainment/festivities during holidays and weekends.	5/17/2021 1:04 PM

## Upper Cougar Creek

21	Maintaining water quality	5/17/2021 12:40 PM
22	Our city is full of lovely people, shopping opportunities, and natural wonder, but we have no central beating heart. There is no downtown, or permanent cultural gathering place (only temporary ones, like the Farmers Markets). We have lovely trails and community gardens but many residents don't want to share them with outsiders. Developing UCC to include a small performance area with lawn seating, shaded gathering spaces with seating and beautiful views of a water feature and if possible, nearby foodie-oriented food trucks would not only bring our community together but also attract shoppers to the area. (SSV is severely lacking in quality restaurants and areas to linger)	5/17/2021 12:39 PM
23	Flood control	5/17/2021 11:44 AM
24	Do not increase flooding by adding more impermeable cover! Every time the City allows more development with more impermeable cover my flooding problem and that of my neighbor to the west worsen, and the City does nothing to mitigate the flooding and improve drainage to my property and that of my neighbor to the west, although there are fixes available, and I have spoken about this with Public Works many times.	5/17/2021 11:31 AM
25	Environmental protection	5/17/2021 10:29 AM
26	Fountains bring such joy to people, are minimal impact on water usage, and it would be great to have a water feature. It was a huge shame that the fountain wall next to Fire Bowl was stopped, and if there's a way to restart it, that would be wonderful.	5/17/2021 10:29 AM
27	Since the proposal is designed to attract visitors to the city and the shopping centers, my greatest concern is about the increased traffic and parking that will be necessary.	5/17/2021 10:20 AM
28	I've heard someone describe Sunset Valley as a sea of strip malls, so I do think that it's important to draw visitor's attention to the nature in the area. I would like to keep it as natural as possible while still inviting people to use trails and enjoy the area. I think there is plenty of parking around La Madeline and at the shopping center so I do not want additional parking. There's nothing inviting about parking spaces, particularly when there are so many other parking options.	5/16/2021 10:38 PM
29	Cost of improvements and upkeep of the site to the city, regulating and policing people, trash, and traffic as people use the site.	5/13/2021 9:49 PM
30	Additional recreational value for citizens and enhancement of sales tax revenue versus cost of the project.	5/13/2021 9:07 PM
31	It would be great to have a playground	5/12/2021 5:03 PM
32	Maintaining the integrity of the environmental pollution measures that were done to mitigate for the shopping mall.	5/12/2021 12:33 PM
33	flood control, trash removal, tree preservation	5/12/2021 9:20 AM
34	Car traffic not disrupting the neighborhood of those living near this	5/11/2021 6:31 PM
35	Needs to serve as a focus point/attraction/venue for Sunset Valley and encourage visitors to come and eat/shop	5/11/2021 5:31 PM
36	Activities for kids and adults to stay longer in our city.	5/11/2021 3:50 PM
37	The single most important issue is that this improvement will be successful.	5/11/2021 2:00 PM
38	As little disturbance of the environment as possible	5/11/2021 1:06 PM
39	Creating a natural park with connecting trails for people to gather and enjoy.	5/11/2021 11:29 AM
40	Making the whole space attractive for use by residents and visitors for walking, meeting, and events	5/11/2021 10:48 AM
41	maintaining the natural feel of the area	5/11/2021 9:57 AM
42	parking and increased traffic around the area	5/11/2021 9:56 AM
43	I do not believe that it solves a problem if the problem is lowered sales in our shopping centers recently.I further feel that the development of the uplands is it more beneficial plan.	5/11/2021 9:29 AM
44	Per the concept Plan "These beautified natural area" The is really no "need" to develop this property.	5/11/2021 9:24 AM
45	Playground / public space for kids & families	5/11/2021 9:18 AM

## Upper Cougar Creek

### Q4 What parks have you visited that you believe are good examples of successful what the Upper Cougar Creek could be like? What made those outdoor environments successful?

Answered: 34 Skipped: 13

WHAT PARKS HAVE YOU VISITED THAT YOU BELIEVE ARE GOOD EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL WHAT THE UPPER COUGAR CREEK COULD BE LIKE? WHAT MADE THOSE OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTS SUCCESSFUL?		TOTAL
Web Link 1		100.00% 34
Total Respondents	34	34

#	WEB LINK 1	DATE
1	some type of attraction or draw that is unique, shaded areas, play areas for children relaxing areas for all	6/22/2021 11:44 AM
2	Nature preserves	6/13/2021 12:27 PM
3	Umlauf Sculpture Garden. A space that can be used for seasonal outdoor events like a Halloween maze or a dog show, something fun like the Buda Weiner dog races! Something that enhances or leaves the natural environment alone. There are lots of restrictions on what can happen on this land so in my opinion, communication with the public should really be viewed through the lens of that scope vs being this open-ended. I also hope that when the results of this survey are published, there will be a section where comments are published in their entirety provided they are not profane or share confidential/protected information.	6/10/2021 7:16 PM
4	Let this area be natural. Only add in the surrounding area, some art pieces and beatification plus benches.	6/10/2021 4:33 PM
5	Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum would be the most appropriate model, since our site is both deed-restricted and limited in scope. In addition, the focus on art and nature is aligned with community values, and wouldn't negatively impact the surrounding retail that we are dependent upon for revenue.	6/10/2021 3:34 PM
6	-	6/9/2021 9:56 PM
7	The area that can really be developed is the area behind La Madeleine. The rest is maybe a pervious concrete trail. If the trail is high enough, it might be able to tolerate some nature or art installations. It's going to need berms. Sanibel Island has some nature trails at this low level but that is indigenous.	6/9/2021 9:56 PM
8	Wildlife-viewing (especially bird watching) is a primary motivation when I select a park to visit. UCC could offer a urban respite for people and wildlife and attract winter Texans for birding and other wildlife viewing.	6/7/2021 1:03 PM
9	Dick Nichols Park - plenty of trails	6/2/2021 9:46 AM
10	Will follow up	5/25/2021 10:27 PM
11	Little Stacy/Stacy park Trails plus play areas/pools Link to elementary school	5/25/2021 6:42 PM
12	None	5/17/2021 9:24 PM
13	Town Lake	5/17/2021 6:11 PM
14	Butler Park's Alliance Childrens Garden is a great concept, but not just for a children's park.	5/17/2021 3:15 PM
15	Similar to one near the Thinkery at Mueller.	5/17/2021 3:05 PM
16	<a href="https://visitaddison.com/parksrec/addison-circle-park">https://visitaddison.com/parksrec/addison-circle-park</a>	5/17/2021 1:04 PM
17	The park/walking area behind the north Lamar HEB Central Market	5/17/2021 12:40 PM
18	Great question! I've done extensive internet research and compiled an inspiration board on this Pinterest page: <a href="https://www.pinterest.com/lofthouseaustin/farmers-market-pavillion/">https://www.pinterest.com/lofthouseaustin/farmers-market-pavillion/</a> First of all it has to be beautiful and inspiring, but that doesn't mean it has to be expensive. Much can be done with lighting, stretched tent-like structures and thoughtful planning. The straight narrow bridges shown on the current plan could be greatly improved by widening them into a series of connected disks, therefore making them more of a destination than a pass-through area.	5/17/2021 12:39 PM
19	McKinney falls, natural look	5/17/2021 11:44 AM
20	Green belt. Nature was unmolested	5/17/2021 10:29 AM
21	I don't have a good example in mind, unfortunately, but I think a plan that embraces the possibilities and limitations of the space without trying to make it something it's not would be best.	5/16/2021 10:38 PM
22	Keeping the area natural, and beautify it with plantings	5/13/2021 9:49 PM
23	None.	5/13/2021 9:07 PM
24	Pease District Park	5/12/2021 5:03 PM
25	None	5/11/2021 6:31 PM
26	mustangs of Las colinas or Cows at the Arboretum come to mind	5/11/2021 5:31 PM

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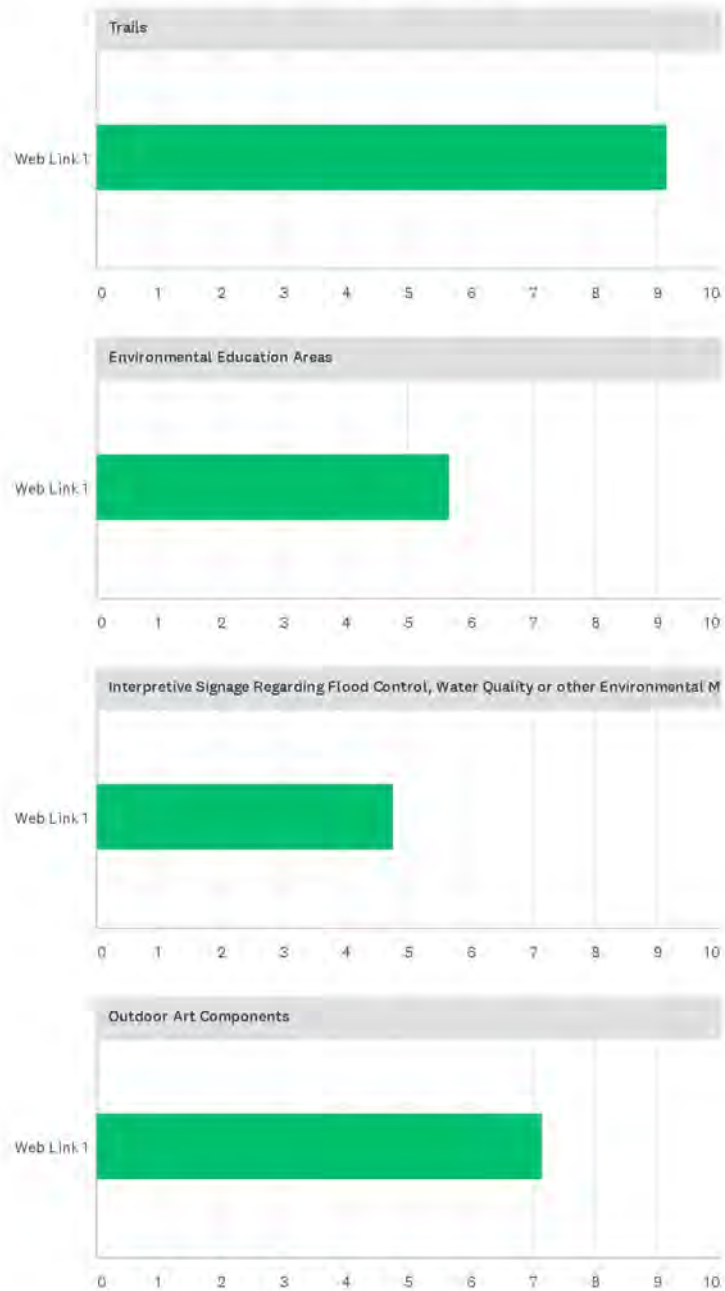
27	San Antonio river walk that provides music, walking areas, dining, entertainment in much smaller scale. Zilker Park in a much smaller scale and closer to retail.	5/11/2021 3:50 PM
28	Have not seen any successful outdoor parks similar to this area.	5/11/2021 2:00 PM
29	Blue Hole Wimberley; Lady Bird Johnson Outdoor Trail; Gardens By the Bay in Singapore; Piedmont Park, Atlanta; The Gathering Place, Tulsa; Festival Beach Food Forest, Austin	5/11/2021 11:29 AM
30	Butler Park - excellent outdoor kids play space that is very adaptable and also connected with trails and open space with nearby parking	5/11/2021 10:48 AM
31	the Lady Bird Lake hike and bike trail, you feel down in the environment but with easy access in and out and to other parts of the city.	5/11/2021 9:57 AM
32	I think there might be a typo in the sentence. To me what makes an outdoor experience successful is unspoiled nature,And a place to rest and recuperate from the challenges of life.	5/11/2021 9:29 AM
33	None	5/11/2021 9:24 AM
34	West Austin Neighborhood Park	5/11/2021 9:18 AM



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Q5 • Listed below in no particular order are twelve possible improvement amenities that could be included in a successful recreational environment at Upper Cougar Creek. Please rank these amenities in order of priority to you on a scale of 1 to 12 ("1" being the highest).

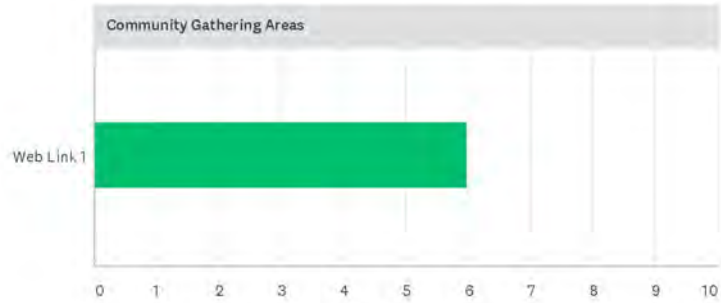
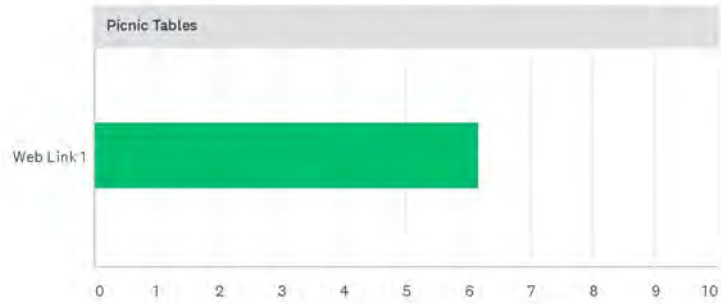
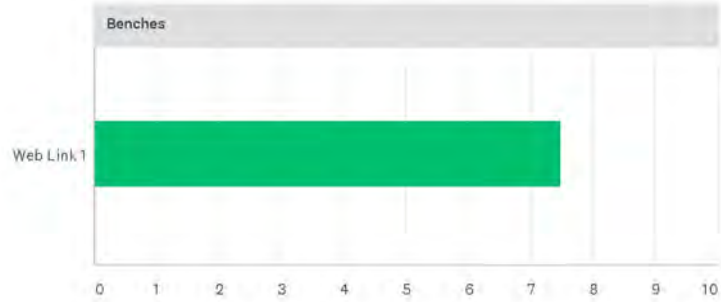
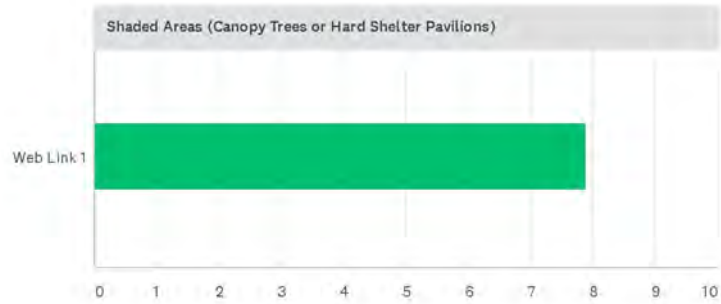
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Trails														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	SCORE
Web Link 1	37.21%	18.60%	9.30%	4.65%	4.65%	4.65%	2.33%	2.33%	0.00%	6.98%	4.65%	4.65%	93.48%	9.16
	16	8	4	2	2	2	1	1	0	3	2	2	43	

Environmental Education Areas														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	SCORE
Web Link 1	2.44%	0.00%	12.20%	9.76%	2.44%	14.63%	12.20%	4.88%	9.76%	4.88%	26.83%	0.00%	89.13%	5.66
	1	0	5	4	1	6	5	2	4	2	11	0	41	

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Interpretive Signage Regarding Flood Control, Water Quality or other Environmental Messaging														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	SCORE
Web Link 1	2.38%	4.76%	4.76%	4.76%	7.14%	2.38%	9.52%	9.52%	7.14%	21.43%	7.14%	19.05%	91.30%	4.76
	1	2	2	2	3	1	4	4	3	9	3	8	42	
Outdoor Art Components														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	SCORE
Web Link 1	16.28%	9.30%	0.00%	9.30%	9.30%	16.28%	4.65%	9.30%	11.63%	4.65%	2.33%	6.98%	93.48%	7.16
	7	4	0	4	4	7	2	4	5	2	1	3	43	
Wet Ponds and Riparian Plantings														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	SCORE
Web Link 1	11.90%	19.05%	2.38%	9.52%	0.00%	16.67%	14.29%	7.14%	7.14%	7.14%	2.38%	2.38%	91.30%	7.57
	5	8	1	4	0	7	6	3	3	3	1	1	42	
Aeration Fountains for Water Quality and Aesthetics														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	SCORE
Web Link 1	9.76%	4.88%	17.07%	4.88%	4.88%	14.63%	12.20%	7.32%	12.20%	7.32%	2.44%	2.44%	89.13%	7.15
	4	2	7	2	2	6	5	3	5	3	1	1	41	
Observation Docks or Boardwalks														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	SCORE
Web Link 1	0.00%	2.33%	9.30%	9.30%	18.60%	0.00%	13.95%	11.63%	4.65%	16.28%	11.63%	2.33%	93.48%	5.86
	0	1	4	4	8	0	6	5	2	7	5	1	43	
Parking														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	SCORE
Web Link 1	7.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	5.00%	7.50%	7.50%	5.00%	5.00%	15.00%	37.50%	86.96%	4.05
	3	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	2	6	15	40	
Shaded Areas (Canopy Trees or Hard Shelter Pavilions)														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	SCORE
Web Link 1	9.52%	26.19%	14.29%	2.38%	9.52%	2.38%	4.76%	7.14%	9.52%	2.38%	7.14%	4.76%	91.30%	7.88
	4	11	6	1	4	1	2	3	4	1	3	2	42	
Benches														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	SCORE
Web Link 1	2.33%	9.30%	16.28%	13.95%	16.28%	9.30%	9.30%	4.65%	4.65%	9.30%	4.65%	0.00%	93.48%	7.49
	1	4	7	6	7	4	4	2	2	4	2	0	43	
Picnic Tables														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	SCORE
Web Link 1	0.00%	2.50%	7.50%	17.50%	7.50%	10.00%	7.50%	20.00%	10.00%	10.00%	5.00%	2.50%	86.96%	6.17
	0	1	3	7	3	4	3	8	4	4	2	1	40	
Community Gathering Areas														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	SCORE
Web Link 1	9.52%	4.76%	7.14%	9.52%	11.90%	4.76%	2.38%	4.76%	14.29%	4.76%	9.52%	16.67%	91.30%	5.98
	4	2	3	4	5	2	1	2	6	2	4	7	42	

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**Q6 Please list any amenities not noted in the question above that the City of Sunset Valley should consider for future improvements at Upper Cougar Creek (List and write in any comments.)**

Answered: 33 Skipped: 14

PLEASE LIST ANY AMENITIES NOT NOTED IN THE QUESTION ABOVE THAT THE CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY SHOULD CONSIDER FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT UPPER COUGAR CREEK (LIST AND WRITE IN ANY COMMENTS.)		TOTAL
Web Link 1		100.00% 33
Total Respondents	33	33

#	WEB LINK 1	DATE
1	splash pad childrens area	6/22/2021 11:44 AM
2	Diversity in tree plantings every Arbor Day.	6/13/2021 12:27 PM
3	This question is too open ended given the deed restrictions of the property. I believe it would be more productive and transparent to provide context before asking for a wish list. Regarding the idea of events/pavilion center, my biggest concern is traffic. It is important to remember accessibility to the area is valued by customers to the shopping centers and residents alike. Austin and the surrounding area is a place where people will walk to events whether it is ACL or the Trail of Lights. Events do not happen every day. Please do not do something that negatively impacts traffic 365 days a year for events like making the surrounding streets permanently one lane or frequently one lane. This affects residents and shoppers alike.	6/10/2021 7:16 PM
4	Keo clean this area.	6/10/2021 4:33 PM
5	The scope of this proposal should be more limited. Many of the proposed amenities should be considered for the Uplands instead, where there are fewer deed restrictions.	6/10/2021 3:34 PM
6	Trash receptacles	6/9/2021 9:56 PM
7	Pervious Concrete Trails, The Mesquite is rampant and can puncture bike tires. The creek bed is currently a swamp. The water is not flowing and backed up by the bridge where there is a homeless encampment. The bottom of the creek is going to need better flow.	6/9/2021 9:56 PM
8	Tree canopy is very important and not the same as hard shelter, in my opinion. Wetlands can be a big attraction (being somewhat rare in central TX) - could work with Texas Parks and Wildlife to design and manage appropriately.	6/7/2021 1:03 PM
9	farmer's market and dog park.	5/31/2021 1:55 PM
10	farmer's market	5/31/2021 1:48 PM
11	Play sets, connection with commercial	5/25/2021 10:27 PM
12	Do nothing	5/17/2021 9:24 PM
13	Parking in this floodway not allowed as per settlement agreement and our registered WPAP waterway permit with the state of Texas	5/17/2021 6:11 PM
14	Maps, Mile markers, etc.	5/17/2021 3:05 PM
15	Pavllion	5/17/2021 1:04 PM
16	I would love this area to include a flex-space that can be used for Farmer's Markets, Art Fest and other intimate performance opportunities. (low volume) Of course the challenge is parking for vendors and visitors. Is there an area across the street (south side of Earnest Robles Way) that could provide parking? A very responsive traffic light button and shading structures would provide easy access. (By very responsive, I mean little lag time between pushing the button and being allowed to cross).	5/17/2021 12:39 PM
17	SV Swimming Pool	5/17/2021 11:31 AM
18	Drinking fountains, toilet	5/17/2021 10:29 AM
19	natural playground disk golf labyrinth lots of trees	5/16/2021 10:38 PM
20	It could be a plain natural area with nice Plantings	5/13/2021 9:49 PM
21	1) Mature shade trees, 2) longer trails with several direct (without crossing streets) connections to shopping and dining areas, and 3) parking options that don't compete with businesses.	5/13/2021 9:07 PM
22	Playground or playscape	5/12/2021 5:03 PM
23	dog refuse stations	5/12/2021 9:20 AM
24	water feature – patio	5/11/2021 5:31 PM

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25	I really like the conceptual plan. They thought of things I could not have. Parking can be in the retail area.	5/11/2021 3:50 PM
26	Security	5/11/2021 2:00 PM
27	Would like to be able to drop some of the choices off. Only the top 3	5/11/2021 1:06 PM
28	This site should remain very natural perhaps focus on art installations with a nature theme along trails.	5/11/2021 11:29 AM
29	Play spaces that are good for children under 5 years old - such as splash pad or creative climbing areas like Butler Park/Alliance Children's Garden. The playground behind Docs is more appropriate for children 4 and up. Basically any amenities that are super family friendly will help draw more families to our shopping.	5/11/2021 10:48 AM
30	A designated area for dogs. A bandstand/gazebo.	5/11/2021 9:57 AM
31	I don't think the space can sustain many of the amenities that I believe we should be adding to the city. This is because of its limited size, limited use, proximity to the villas, lack of parking. I further do not believe that it will enhance shopping experiences.	5/11/2021 9:29 AM
32	None	5/11/2021 9:24 AM
33	Playgrounds for Kids	5/11/2021 9:18 AM

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Q7 If you would like to be contacted by Sunset Valley City Staff as a follow-up to any item on this survey or to be notified of potential updates associated with improvements at Upper Cougar Creek in Sunset Valley, please write your name, phone and email below.

Answered: 16 Skipped: 31

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONTACTED BY SUNSET VALLEY CITY STAFF AS A FOLLOW-UP TO ANY ITEM ON THIS SURVEY OR TO BE NOTIFIED OF POTENTIAL UPDATES ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS AT UPPER COUGAR CREEK IN SUNSET VALLEY, PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME, PHONE AND EMAIL BELOW.		TOTAL
Web Link 1		100.00% 16
Total Respondents	16	16

#	WEB LINK 1	DATE
1	myrzapa@gmail.com	6/10/2021 5:34 PM
2	Alfonso Carmona acarmona@sunsetvalley.org	6/10/2021 4:33 PM
3	Jo Davis	6/9/2021 9:56 PM
4	Corbin Graham 701-509-9909 Corbin@grahamdevelopment.com Who is coordinating with KIMCO?	5/25/2021 10:27 PM
5	Carla Jenkins 512 743 0678 F2M.texas@gmail.com	5/17/2021 9:24 PM
6	I think I said everything... The Cat	5/17/2021 6:11 PM
7	Shady trees-yes. But no hard shelter pavilions. That is hopefully for the Uplands. Keep this natural.	5/17/2021 3:15 PM
8	Sure	5/17/2021 3:05 PM
9	Sure! Sharon Drinkwine, 512-775-6061 Sharon@ToothFairyIndustries.com	5/17/2021 12:39 PM
10	Ruth Dawson rdawson@iname.com	5/17/2021 11:31 AM
11	Zoe Trieff (512) 497-6251 zoetrieff@hotmail.com	5/16/2021 10:38 PM
12	I would like to be informed of updates. Carol Francis francisfamily@sbcglobal.net	5/13/2021 9:49 PM
13	Swetha Sama, email swetha@samajacob.com	5/12/2021 5:03 PM
14	clayton stice cstice@austin.rr.com	5/11/2021 5:31 PM
15	Nope	5/11/2021 1:06 PM
16	Sarah Ponder 713-553-1852 sarahprattponder@gmail.com	5/11/2021 10:48 AM