

# **Parks & Recreation Projects Update**

**City of Bryan  
City Council Workshop**

**January 13, 2015**

# Agenda

- **Athletics Fields Expansion/Improvements  
(a.k.a. “Super Park” or “Mega Park”)**
- **Skate Parks**

# **Athletics Fields Expansion/ Improvements**

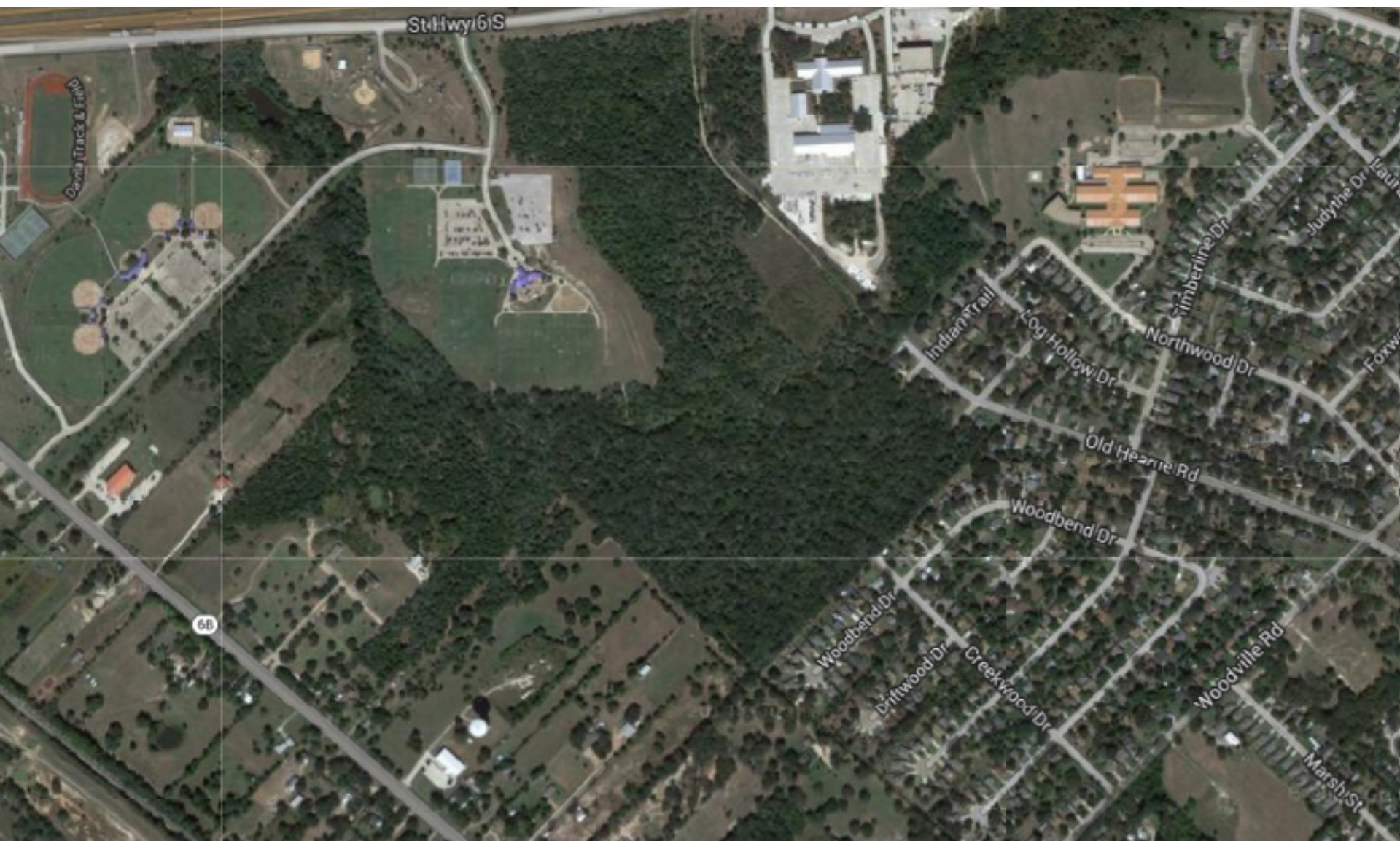
# History

Note: Not an exhaustive list

- **Spr./Sum. 2013:** Big League Dreams review/site visits
- **Fall 2013:** Sportsplex USA discussions
- **January 2014:** Council indicates review other options
- **February 2014:** Halff Associates engaged
- **April 15, 2014:** Parks & Rec Board re “mega park”
- **May 21, 2014:** Parks & Rec Board discuss “mega park”
- **June 17, 2014:** Parks & Rec Board by unanimous vote to add “mega park” to Parks Improvement Plan
- **July 8, 2014:** “Super park” mentioned in budget talks and Council asks for Workshop presentation

# History <sup>cont.</sup>

- **August 26, 2014:** “Super park” **Council Workshop** presentation
  - Travis B. Bryan Municipal Golf Course
  - Council: “*consultant study all possible sites within the city limits for the site of a super park*”
- **Sept. 23, 2014:** Halff Associates agreement amendment to review other sites
- **October 21, 2014:** Parks & Rec Board updated (Public Meeting)
- **Dec. 16, 2014:** Parks & Rec Board updated (Public Meeting)
- **January 13, 2015:** City Council Workshop Presentation (today)





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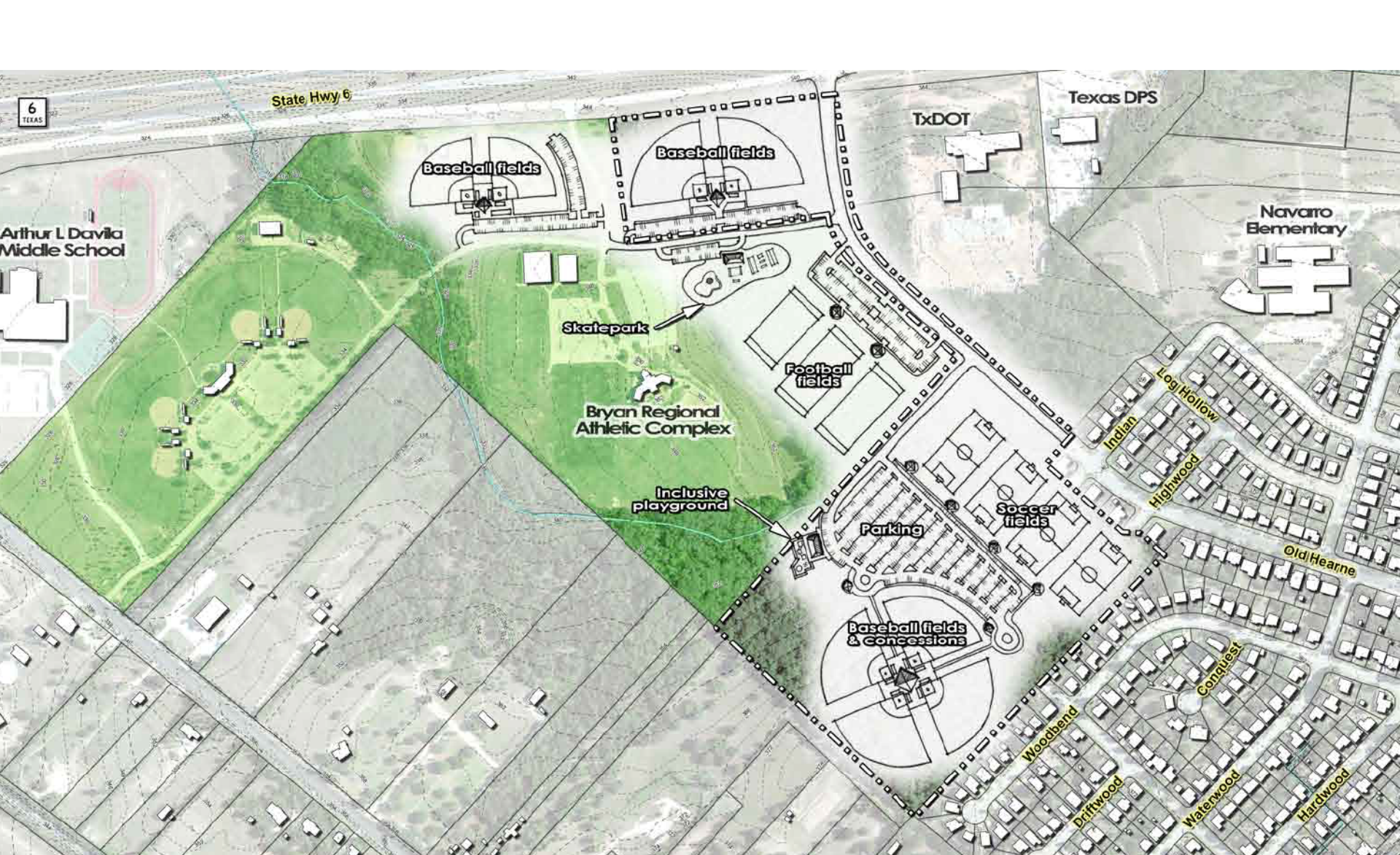




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TEXAS

State Hwy 6

Arthur L Davila  
Middle School

Baseball fields

Baseball fields

TxDOT

Texas DPS

Navaro  
Elementary

Skatepark

Bryan Regional  
Athletic Complex

Football  
fields

Inclusive  
playground

Parking

Soccer  
fields

Indian  
Log Hollow  
Highwood

Old Hearne

Baseball fields  
& concessions

Woodbend  
Driftwood

Conquest  
Waterwood  
Hardwood

# **Staff Recommendation**

(ranked by staff recommendation; combination could be pursued)

- 1. Pursue adding athletic fields to BRAC**
- 2. Pursue improving fields at BRAC**
  - a. possibly improve/add athletic fields to other parks**

## Notes:

1. “Pursue” means determine cost estimates (construction and O&M), further site review, and return with a recommendation to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the City Council
  - i. Consider creating a Master Plan prepared by a consultant
2. Funding options to be considered including proposed HOT revenue bracketed legislation

# Options and Next Steps

- **Options:**
  - a) Pursue **adding** athletic fields to specific existing parks – i.e. BRAC, Sadie Thomas, Bonham, Cherry, Edgewater
  - b) Pursue **improvements to** specific fields (identified in PIP)
  - c) Pursue a combination of the above
  - d) Pursue a “Super Park”
  - e) Do not pursue changes, improvements, additions, etc.
  - f) Other?
- **February/March 2015:**
  - Engage consultant for a Master Plan (e.g., BRAC)
  - **Or** identify sites and funding source(s)
- **April/May 2015:**
  - Update the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (recommendation)
  - Update the City Council (direction/action)

# Skate Parks

# History

Note: Not an exhaustive list

- **Sum./Fall 2013:** Citizens suggest skate park
- **October 2013:** City staff begins research
- **Nov. 11, 2013:** City staff visits with a skate park contractor
- **Nov. 19, 2013:** Parks & Rec Advisory Board presentation (not a quorum)
- **Dec. 23, 2013:** RFQ released for Design/Build
- **Feb. 7, 2014:** SOQ deadline
- **Feb. 7-26, 2014:** Committee reviews SOQ and site visits
- **March 18, 2014:** Parks & Rec Board updated
- **March 20, 2014:** Committee selects Grindline as Design/Build
- **April 15, 2014:** Parks & Rec Board unanimously recommends Grindline
- **May 27, 2014:** Council unanimously approves Grindline contract
- **June 25, 2014:** First Public Meeting
- **July 15, 2014:** Parks & Rec Board updated (Williamson Park, Buzz Hamilton Park, and Sue Haswell Park as potential sites)



# History cont.

- **July 23, 2014:** Second Public Meeting
- **August 7, 2014:** Special City Council Meeting
  - Council: removed Buzz Hamilton from consideration
  - Council: find another east side location
- **August 19, 2014:** Parks & Rec Board updated (Public Meeting)
- **Fall 2014:** Staff evaluate site options
- **Sept. 16, 2014:** Parks & Rec Board updated (Public Meeting)
- **Oct. 21, 2014:** Parks & Rec Board updated (Public Meeting)
- **Nov. 18, 2014:** Parks & Rec Board updated (Public Meeting)
- **Dec. 16, 2014:** Parks & Rec Board updated/recommendation (Public Meeting)
  - Williamson Park (replaces a modular skate park – end of life)
  - **Copperfield Drive (south of Copperfield pool parking lot)**
  - Sam Rayburn Middle School (north/northwest of the tennis courts)
  - Sue Haswell Park (Lions Baseball Field area, which results in removal of a baseball field)

# History cont.

- **Decision Points:**

1. Cost
2. Use existing facilities (reduces costs)
3. Complement existing facilities (add amenities to a park)
4. Provide an improved park amenity (replacement)
5. Add an artistic element
6. Minimal park maintenance
7. **Remove Williamson Park modular skate park elements (end of life; repairs not recommended)**

Note:

- Preferred site: a site where funds can be dedicated to skate park elements and not other amenities (i.e., parking, restrooms, etc.)

# City of Bryan Current Skate Parks



Williamson Park – 2003

**\*\*needs to be removed\*\***



Henderson Park - 2004

# Williamson Park

Issues: Bent and contorted surfaces are creating lips and gaps

Issues: Resulting offsets are creating dangerous trip hazards



# **Sample Skate Parks**



**Alvin, Texas**



**Beaumont, Texas**

**Beeville, Texas**



**Boerne, Texas**



**Conroe, Texas**





**Texas City, Texas**

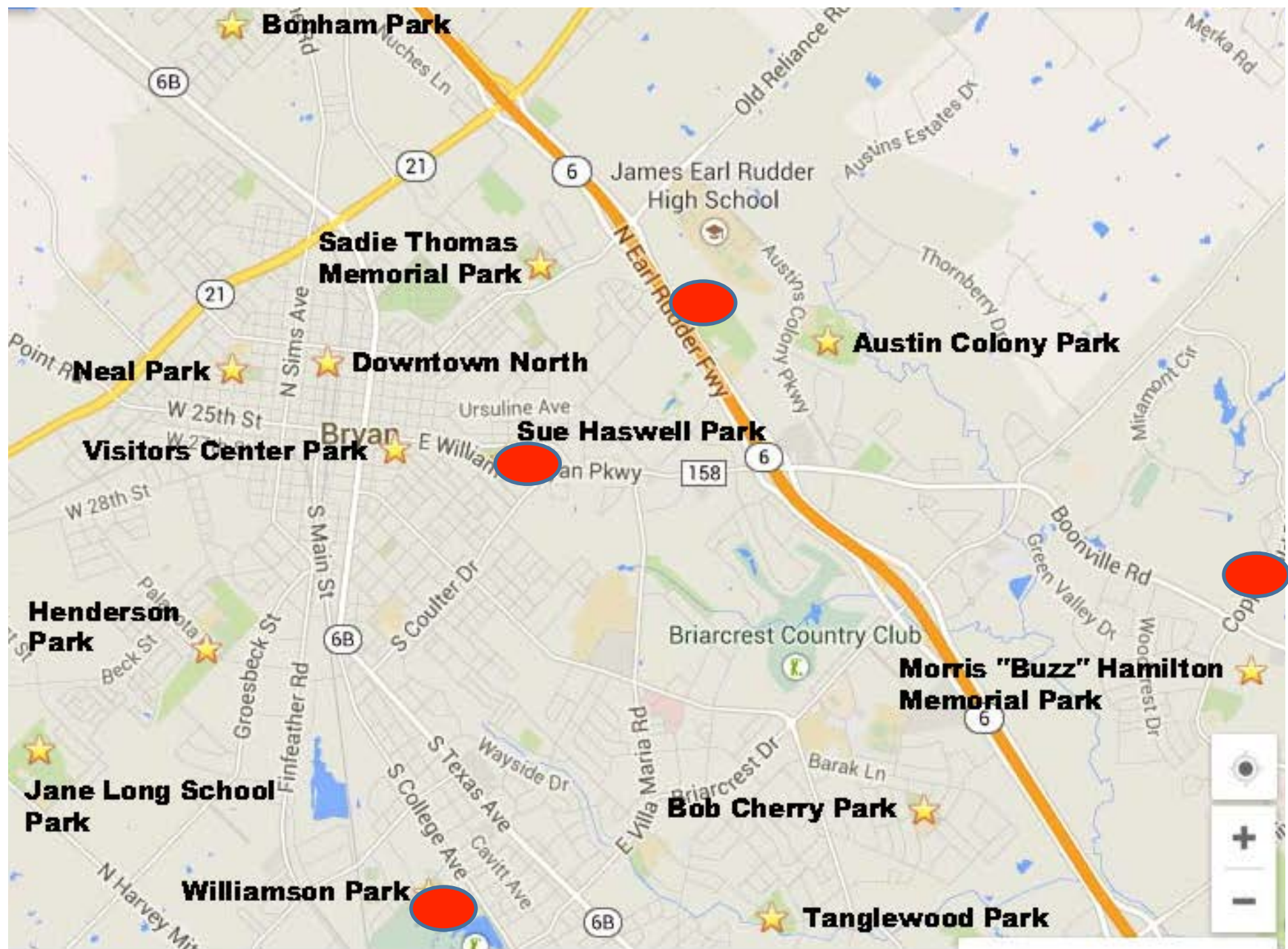
**Victoria, Texas**





# College Station, Texas





**Bonham Park**

**Sadie Thomas Memorial Park**

**Austin Colony Park**

**Neal Park**

**Downtown North**

**Visitors Center Park**

**Sue Haswell Park**

**Henderson Park**

**Morris "Buzz" Hamilton Memorial Park**

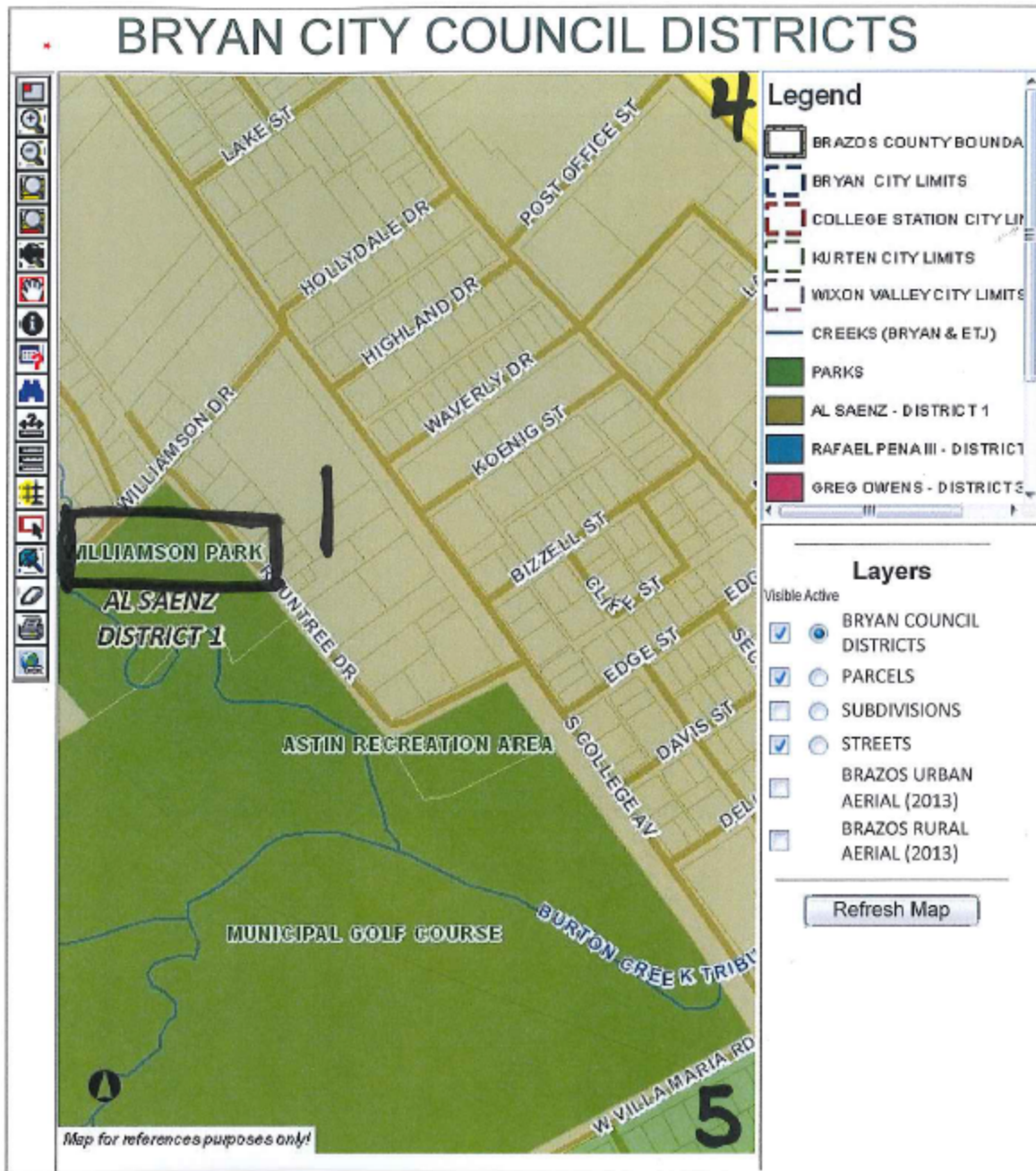
**Jane Long School Park**

**Bob Cherry Park**

**Williamson Park**

**Tanglewood Park**

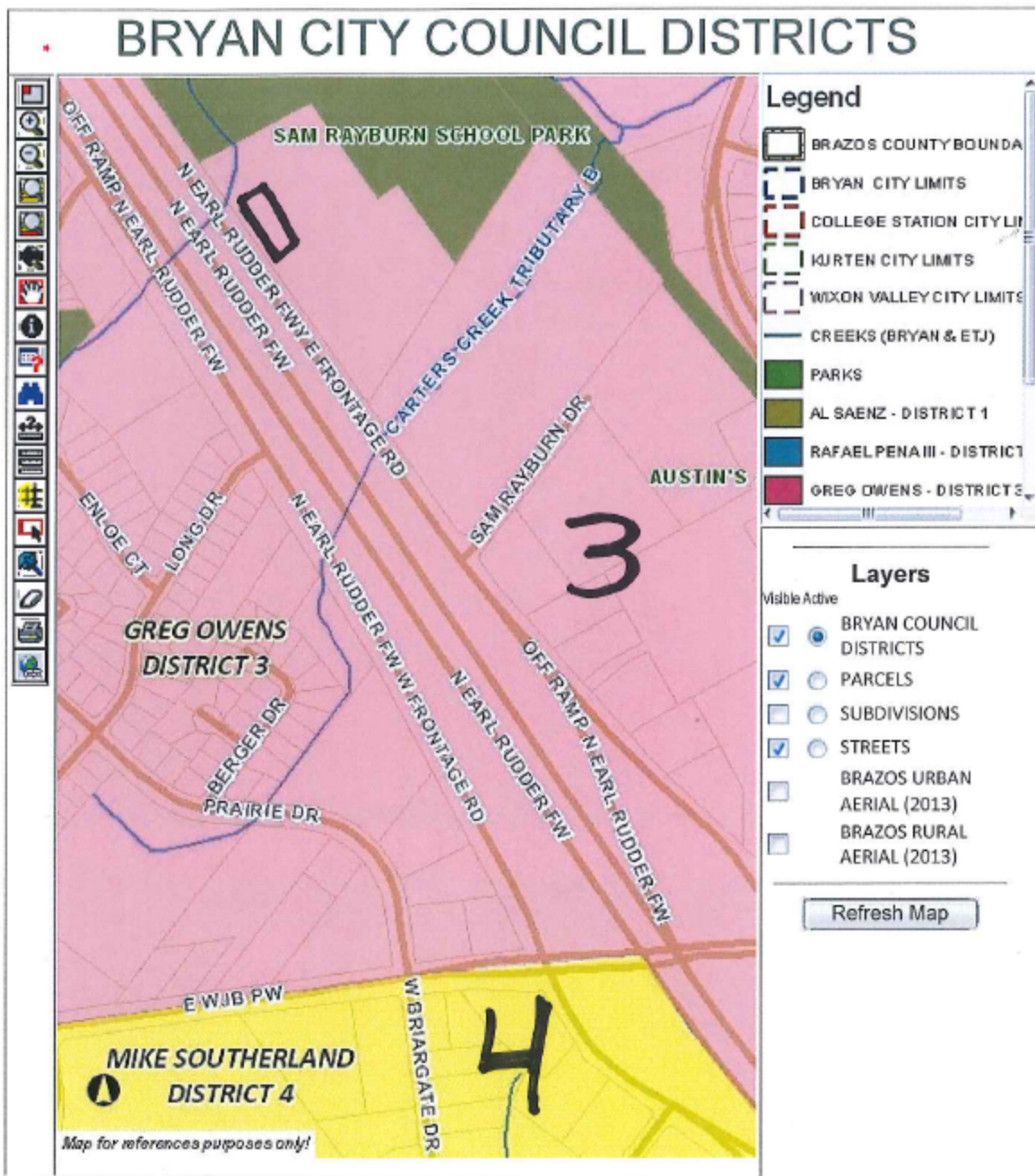
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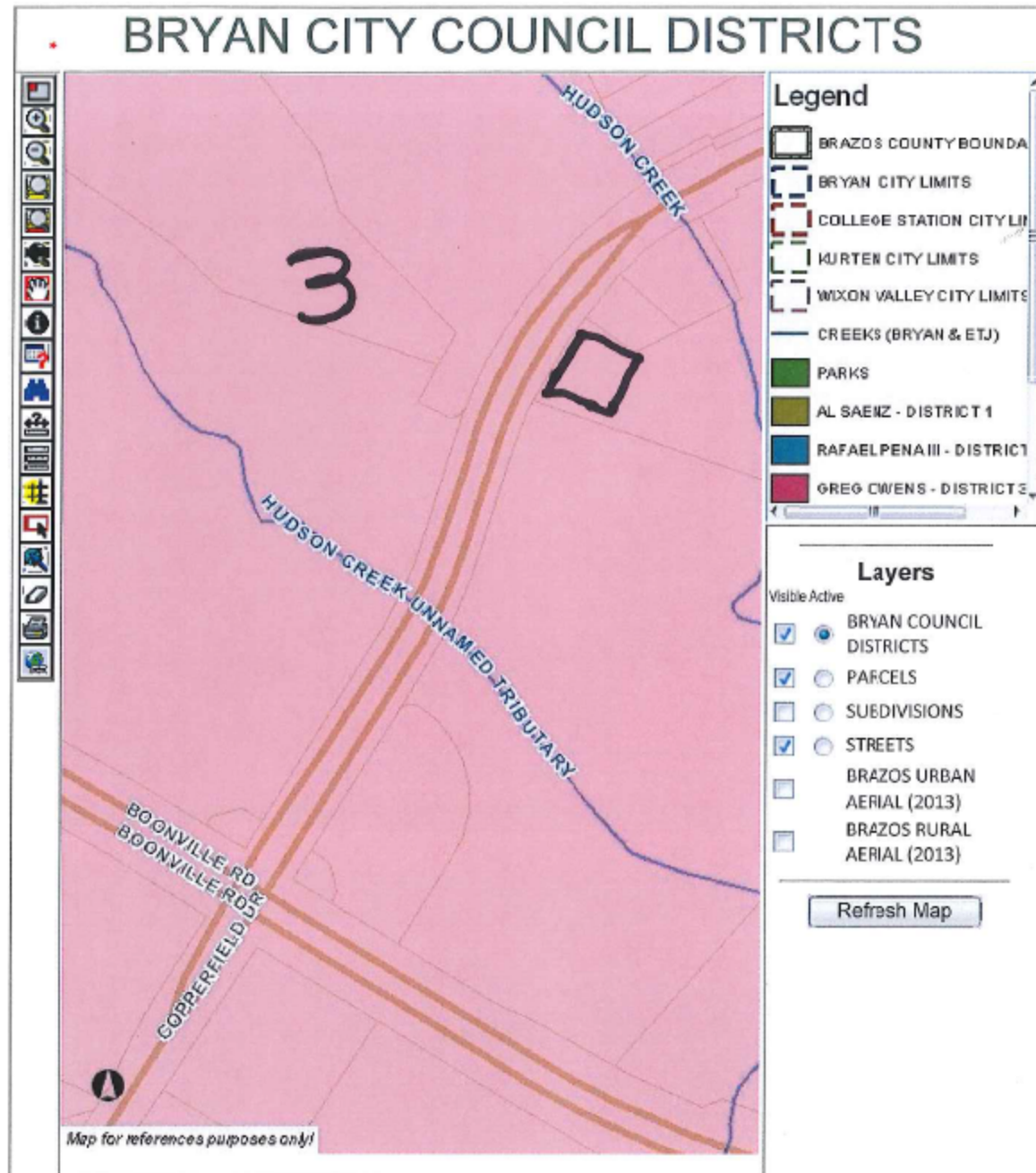


# Sam Rayburn Middle School site



# Copperfield Drive site

Note: elements could be similar to those proposed for the Williamson Park site (smaller scale)

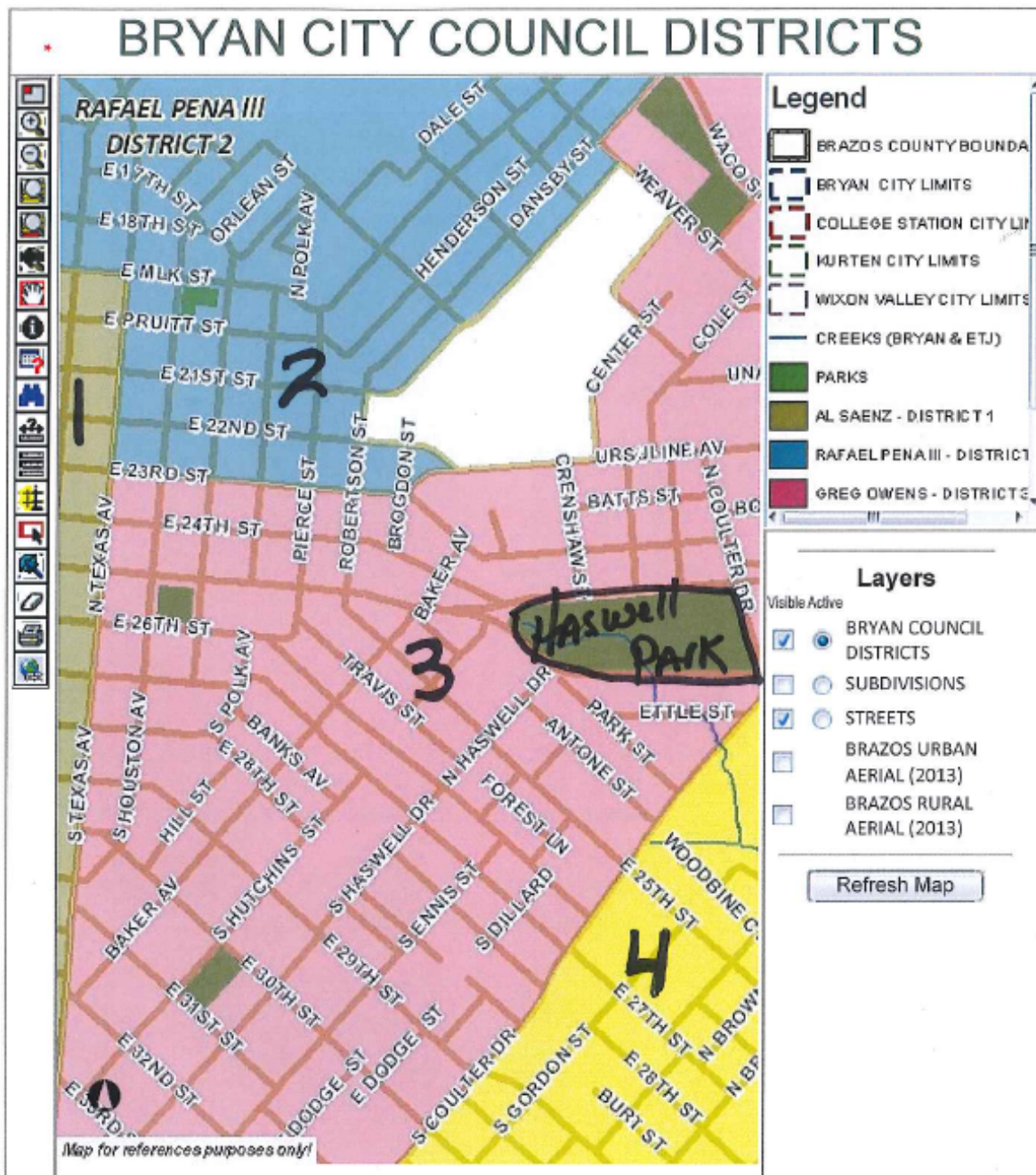








# Haswell Park







# Staff Recommendation

- **Remove certain sites from consideration**

- a. Remove

- 1) **Sam Rayburn Middle School site**

- i. The Parks & Rec Advisory Board kept as a possible site

- 2) **Copperfield Drive site**

- i. The Parks & Rec Advisory Board recommended removing this site from consideration

- b. Pursue

- 1) **Williamson Park (existing site; a replacement)**

- 2) **Sue Haswell Park (Lions Field area – lose a field)**

- i. Change name of Haswell Field to Lions Field

Note: Staff recommendation next steps include:

- Committee Review
- Public Meeting(s)

# Options and Next Steps for Skate Parks

- **Options:**
  - a) Pursue sites recommended by the Parks & Rec Advisory Board
  - b) Pursue City staff recommendation (Remove another site from consideration)
  - c) Pursue sites recommended by the Parks & Rec Advisory Board **plus** the Copperfield Drive site
  - d) Add certain sites for consideration
    - a) e.g., Highway 6 between Briarcrest Dr. and University Dr.
      - i. Private property considerations
  - e) Other? (e.g., do not pursue new skate parks)
- **January/February 2015:**
  - Skate Parks Committee meetings
  - Public meeting(s)
- **March/April 2015:**
  - Update the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (recommendation)
  - Update the City Council (direction)
- **Spring/Summer 2015:** Design and begin construction

**Thank you!!**