

Forest Park Apartments Trail



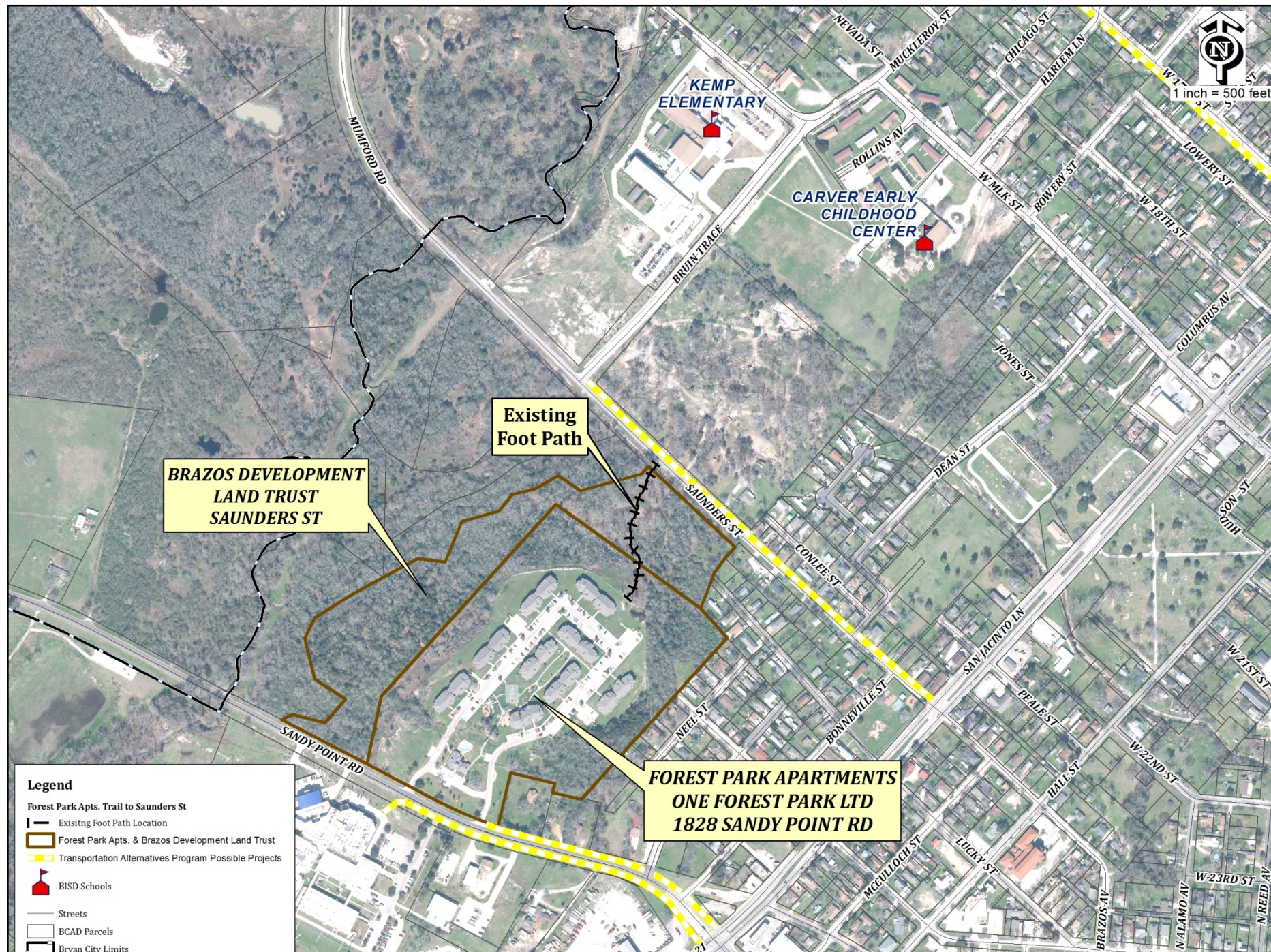
May 26, 2015 City Council Workshop

Progress Report

to obtain property for permanent trail



1 inch = 500 feet



**BRAZOS DEVELOPMENT
LAND TRUST
SAUNDERS ST**

**Existing
Foot Path**

**FOREST PARK APARTMENTS
ONE FOREST PARK LTD
1828 SANDY POINT RD**

Legend

Forest Park Apts. Trail to Saunders St

-  Existing Foot Path Location
-  Forest Park Apts. & Brazos Development Land Trust
-  Transportation Alternatives Program Possible Projects
-  BISD Schools
-  Streets
-  BCAD Parcels
-  Bryan City Limits



1 inch = 150 feet

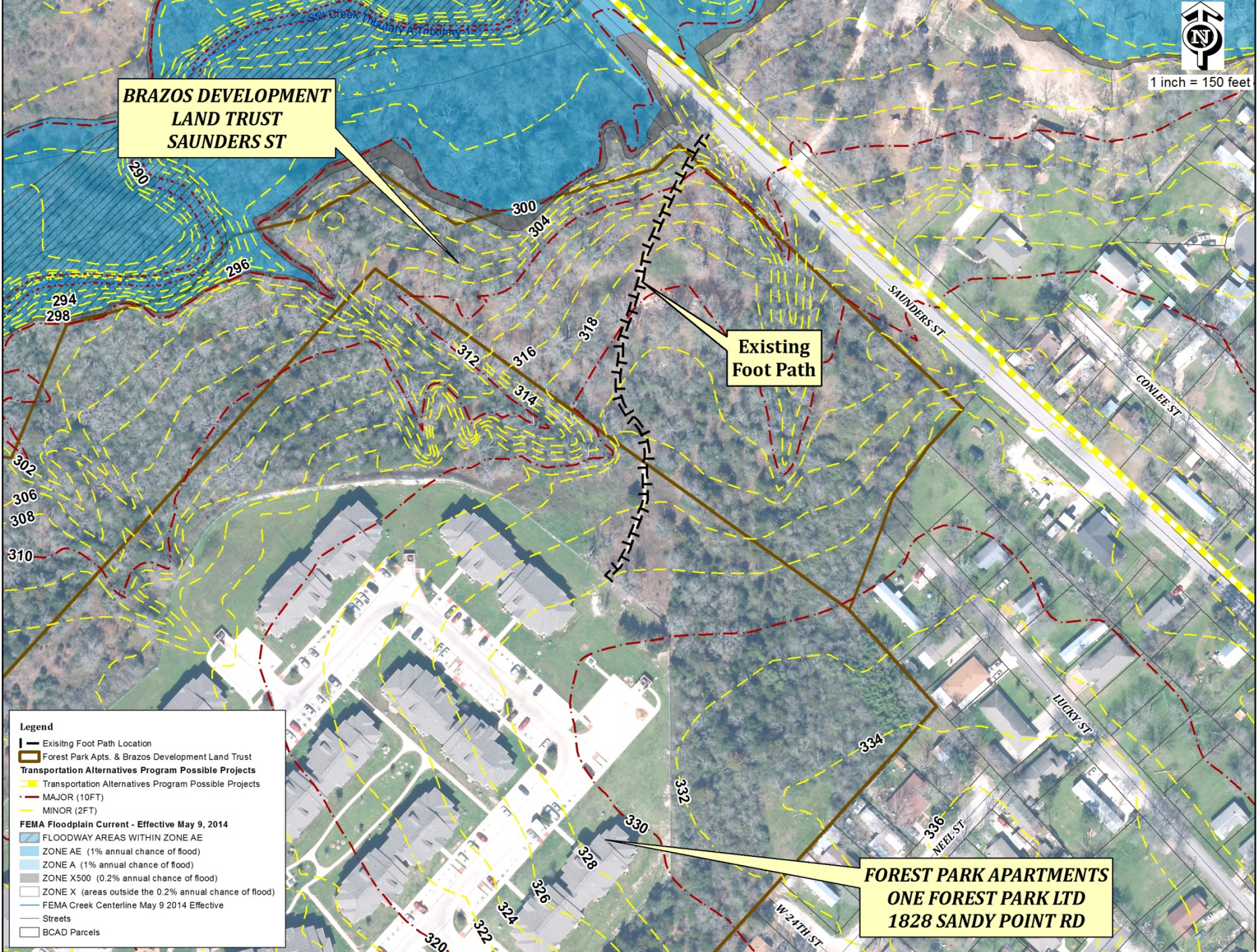
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- MAJOR (10FT)
- MINOR (2FT)
- FEMA Floodplain Current - Effective May 9, 2014**
- FLOODWAY AREAS WITHIN ZONE AE
- ZONE AE (1% annual chance of flood)
- ZONE A (1% annual chance of flood)
- ZONE X500 (0.2% annual chance of flood)
- ZONE X (areas outside the 0.2% annual chance of flood)
- FEMA Creek Centerline May 9 2014 Effective
- Streets
- BCAD Parcels



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Two Tracts:

- Forest Park apartment complex – 25.085 acre tract owned by One Forest Park Ltd. of El Paso, TX
- 13.9 acre vacant, heavily wooded tract surrounding apartment complex – owned by Brazos Development Land Trust of Cedar Hill, TX

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Contacts with Forest Park Apartments:

- Visited site with Councilmember Pena in July/ Aug 2014
- Contacted Forest Park apartment management in September 2014
- Spoke to Christie Dyess
- Comments from Ms. Dyess:
 - Apartment management concerned with security and use of existing footpath as escape route for crime activity
 - Indicated desire to close off gates, but gates keep fence from being damaged
 - Stated that many residents within complex do not want the trail, as it is also a point of entry for burglaries
- Contacted apartment management again in May 2015, asked for input either in writing or at Council meeting

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Contacts with Brazos Development Land Trust

- Sent letter to Brazos Development Land Trust in Aug 2014
- Received call from representative of Trust (D. Rockefeller Johnson) on Sept 8, 2014
- Staff asked Mr. Johnson if he would work with City to dedicate either land or easement for a permanent trail for children to get from apartment complex to school
- Comments from Mr. Johnson:
 - Want to be a good neighbor
 - Not previously aware of the footpath through his property
 - Indicated immediate concern over liability issues
 - Was concerned with closing off footpath and prohibiting trespassing
- Made multiple attempts to contact Mr. Johnson via phone over past 8 months, no answer
- Certified letter sent May 2015 requesting follow-up call, no answer

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Considerations:

- Trail will require cooperation from both land owners
- Funding will be needed to acquire property, clearing and grading, trail construction, lighting installation, etc. to ensure property visibility and safety
- Trail connects with Saunders Street, a bar ditch road section with no sidewalks
- Sidewalk grant projects pending for Saunders, Sandy Point Road, and W. 17th Street
- BISD currently operates dedicated bus service from Forest Park Apartments to Kemp Elementary and other BISD schools

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Council Direction