

# Naming Standards for Parks and Trail Facilities

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## **The Parks Master Plan was Adopted by Council April 25, 2019**

The plan recommended that Council discuss the following:

- Park naming standards
- Naming of connected trail facilities
- Improve park signage

## **Park Naming Standards**

Using industry standard terminology to name parks helps park users understand the park system better.

## **Naming of Connected Trails and Park Facilities**

As trails and parks in Addison have grown and expanded there may be some confusion amongst residents regarding where the boundaries of a system are and what the area is called.

## **Improve Park Signage**

Park signage is important for identifying an area for park users. It is important to use agreed upon names for the signage.

# Park Naming Standards



The Parks Master Plan uses the following naming standards to categorize Addison Parks Systems:

- Destination Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Urban Parks
- Community Facility
- Greenbelt

The Parks Master Plan recommended:

- Council discuss how these standards apply to specific park names.
- Consider using the naming standards to better describe and differentiate neighborhood parks and greenbelts.



## Park Master Plan Classifications

### Neighborhood Park

A smaller park intended to meet the needs of nearby neighbors. They typically attract residents who live within walking or biking distance (1/4 or up to 1/2 mile of the park). They provide open space and greenspace as well as essential amenities and facilities to support play for all ages and small group gatherings. They may include elements such as open turf, landscaped greenspace, play areas, dog parks, game tables and small sport courts as well as seating and picnic tables.

### Greenbelt

Facilitate pedestrian and bicycle movement via trails in an attractive open space corridor. Play an important role in connecting to parks. Although they may include park like elements their role connecting the Town and serving as a transportation corridor is the main role of a greenbelt. They may also be referred to as Linear Parks or Trails.

### Urban Park

Special use sites that provide gathering space and greenspace for residents, employees and visitors.

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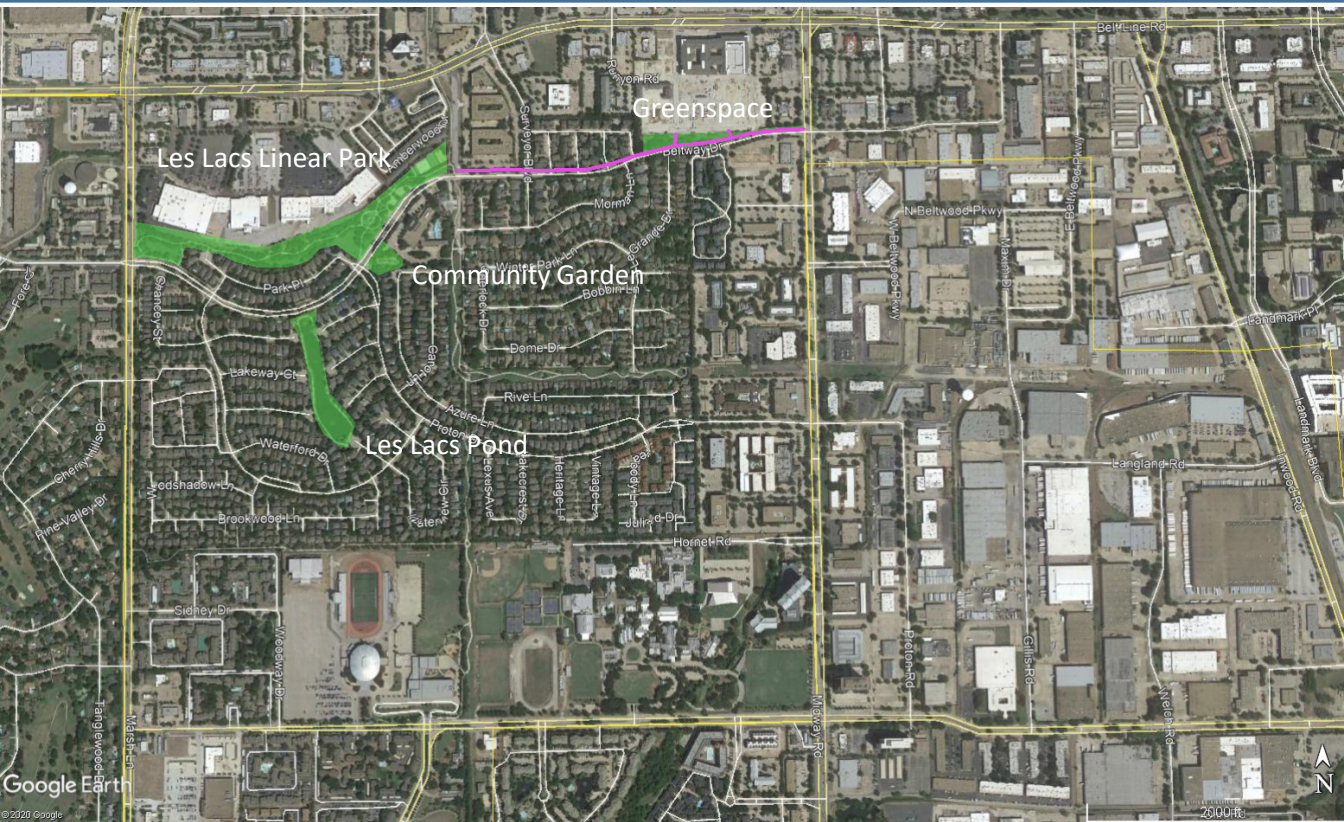


\* Green shaded area represents approximate boundary of White Rock Creek Park



- This area is named White Rock Creek Park.
- Descriptive standards, established in the Master Plan, indicate this should be named White Rock Creek Trail to better describe the use of the area.
- Should this change in terminology be considered?

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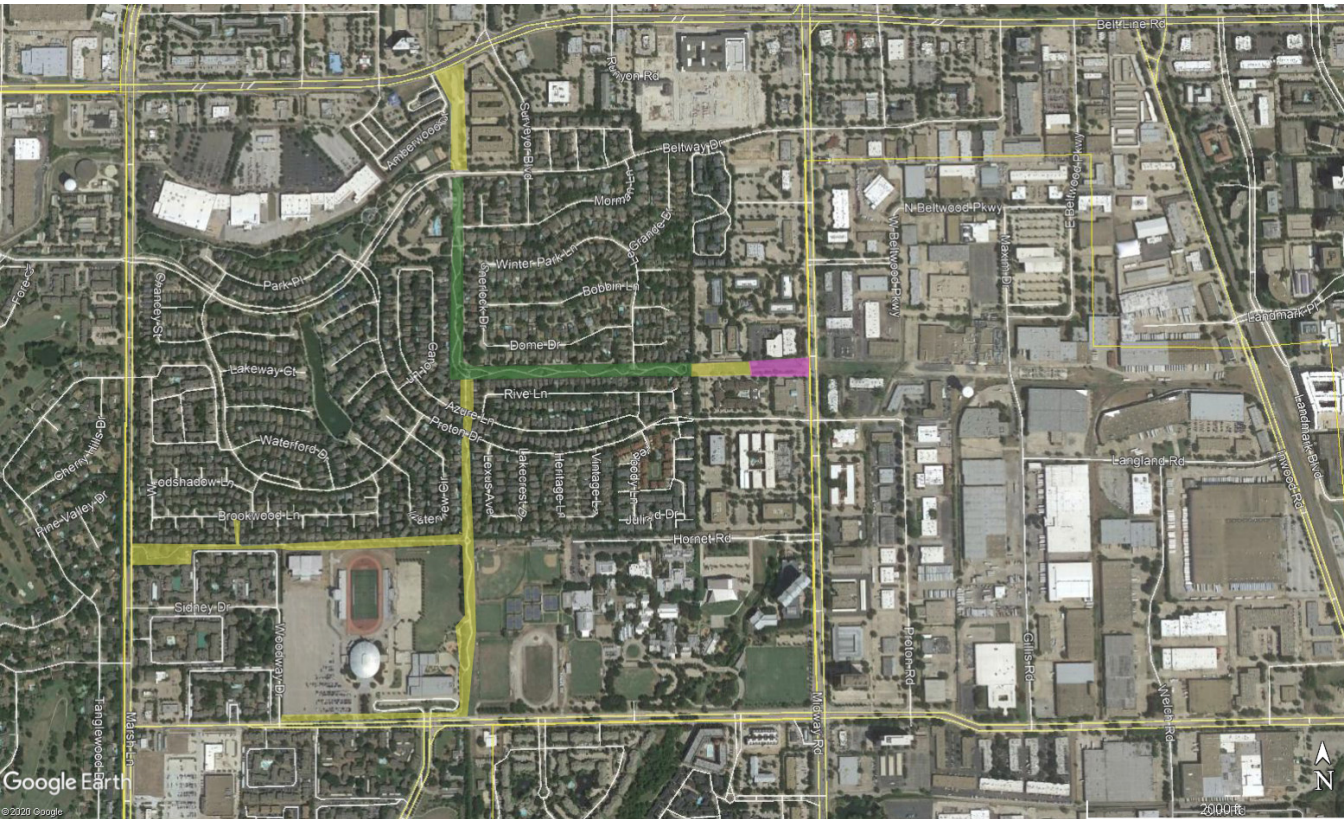
\*Magenta line represents proposed trail connection identified in the Draft Trails Master Plan.

- This area includes Les Lacs Linear Park, the Community Garden, Beltway Greenspace (south of Addison Grove Development), Les Lacs Pond, walking paths and art installations.
- The Parks Master Plan indicated everything North of Beltway Drive should be referred to as Les Lacs Linear Park and would include Les Lacs Park, trails, the green space area South of Addison Grove and future trail connections.
- The Parks Master Plan also indicated the walking paths, art and community garden south of Beltway could be considered a secondary greenbelt referred to Les Lacs Linear Park South.
- Should this change in terminology be considered?



# Naming of Connected Trail Systems

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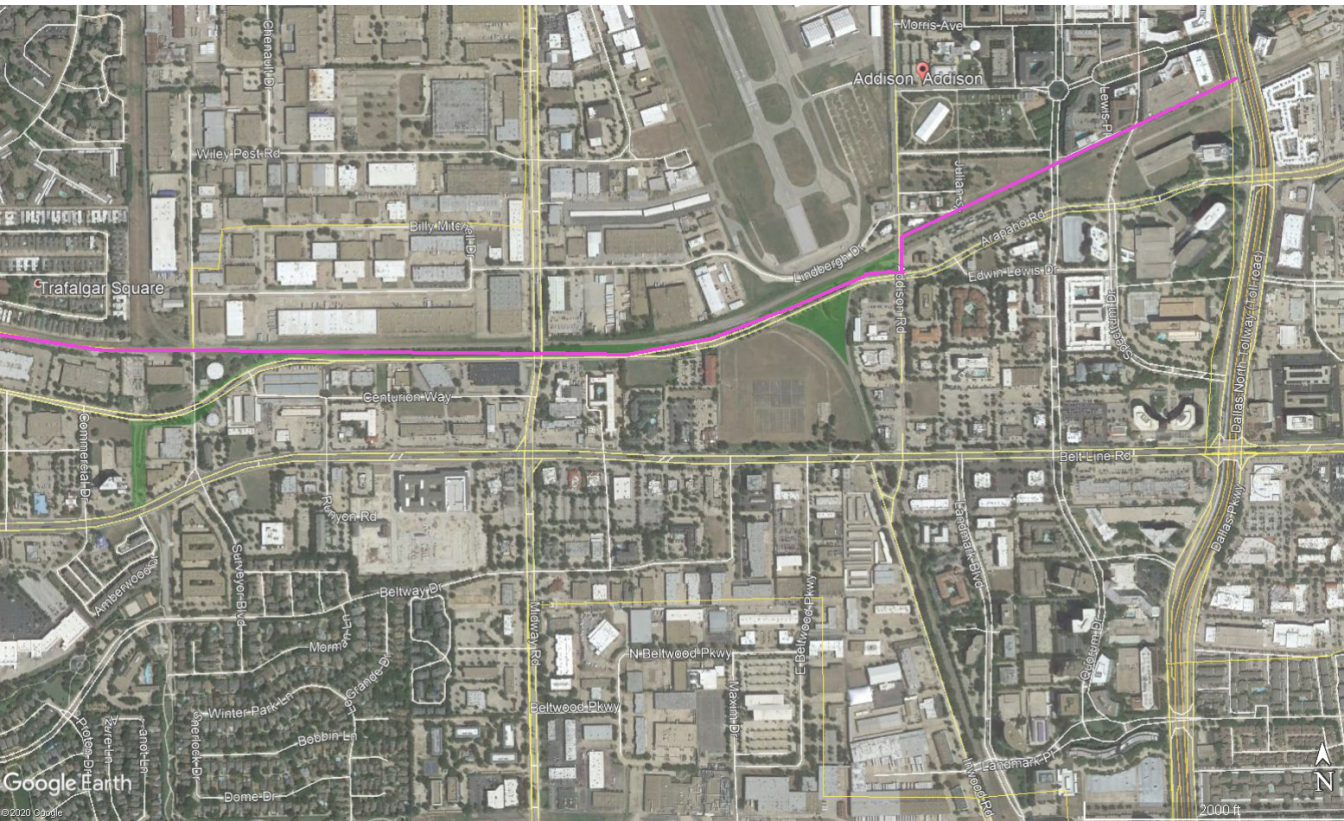


\*Green shaded area represents approximate location of original section of the Redding Trail.

\*Yellow shaded areas represent approximate location of trail extensions.

\*Magenta shaded area represents approximate location of future trail extension.

- Staff has identified a need to formalize how extensions of Redding Trail be referred to when residents turn in requests or have questions regarding the area. Terminology such as Loos Trail, DISD Trail, Dog Park Trail, George Bush Extension, Arapaho Extension are often used.
- Staff recommends calling the entire system the Redding Trail and referring to the extensions using either the street they extend to or the direction they extend as the descriptor. For example; Belt Line Extension (North), Midway Extension (East), Marsh Lane Extension (West) and the Spring Valley Extension (South)
- Should this change in terminology be considered?



\*Green shaded area represents approximate location of Arapaho Road Project which includes Park Space and a Trail along Arapaho Road.

\*Magenta Line represents conceptual alignment of the Cotton Belt Trail. Design of the Trail Kicked off 1/27/2021. Alignment Changes Should be Anticipated.

- The green space and trail along Arapaho Road is referred to as the Arapaho Greenbelt in the Parks Master Plan.
- Signage adjacent to the project refers to the area as Arapaho Road Phase III.
- A portion of the Cotton Belt Trail will use a portion of the Arapaho Trail Alignment.
- Staff recommends the following:
  - Reclassify the triangle shaped green space as an Urban Park, referred to as Arapaho Park.
  - When constructed the Cotton Belt Trail would replace Arapaho Greenbelt and
  - The Trail extension from Belt Line to Surveyor would be referred to as the Redding Trail – Arapaho Extension

# Next Steps



Based on Council direction staff will bring back action items to Council for further discussion and consideration so that:

- Existing park signage can be updated with current terminology as required.
- Trail names and extension descriptors can be used to develop 911 trail location markers funded in the bond election.
- Future wayfinding and trailhead signage can utilize current terminology.