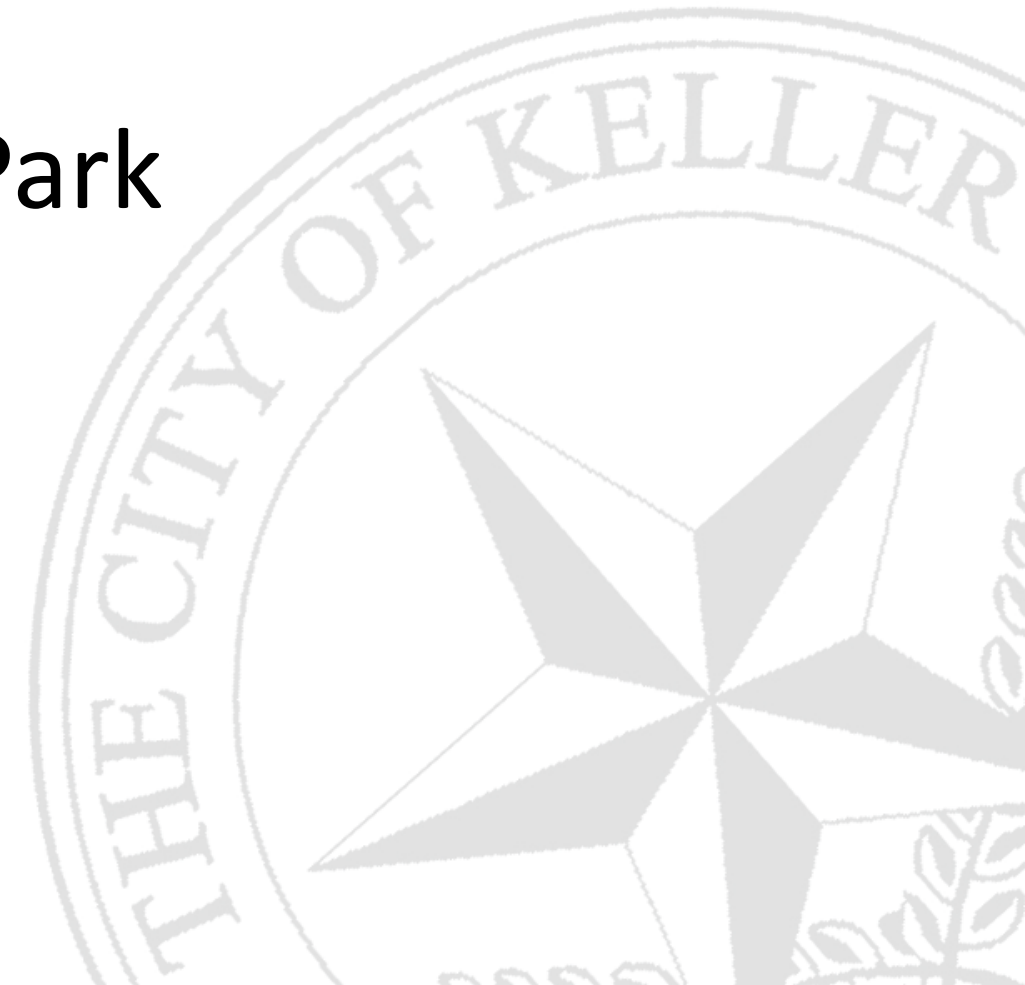


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West 40 Acres:
The new addition to the Keller Sports Park is constrained by floodplain and is mostly undevelopable. Being so, investment in this area should be strategic and minimal to avoid permitting issues, loss or damage potential. The City doesn't have much in the way of natural lands for the enjoyment of nature and this tract may serve that purpose. Equestrian trails are limited and with the arena and nearby equestrian trails, the addition of more equestrian trails and the relocation of the arena is a strategic and potentially high return element that can also support the low impact and nature touring activities.

Phase One: General land maintenance, trail construction, small simple open-air wood pavilions constructed along the pathway for nature stops, placement of interpretive signage, picnic places. The trail would be a loop moving along both sides of the creek.

Phase Two: Once Ray White Road was constructed by the City of Ft. Worth, then a new entry point and small parking area can be constructed and the relocation of the arena placed on site.

Four major park additions or revisions are part of this master plan.

The main centerpiece of this concept is the development of a Sports-Plex as a partnership with a private company. This facility will feature high quality ball fields and a restaurant in the middle along with other amenities on site. This will replace the arena at this location and the arena will be relocated to the West 40 acres, newly acquired by the City.

An important goal of the overall park concept was to take advantage of all available space to create new soccer practice fields. In so doing, The Keller Sports Park becomes an important regional destination for ball field and soccer competition.

Extending west from the Sports-Plex is an Esplanade that will serve as a central walking spine between soccer fields. The heart of the esplanade extends from the main entry drive to the existing creek bridge on the north side of the creek. This concept allows for space for park patrons to spend leisure time strolling along the creek in a pleasant and easy atmosphere. Simple water jets in the pavement create water fun for little kids and to cool the immediate area during hot summers. Stationed at the ends of parking fields adjacent to the esplanade are food trailer hook-ups so that during game days, local restaurants can serve the park patrons while at the park.

The creek edges will have structures on both sides of the creek to assist in leveling the lawn areas and protect against erosion. The walking trail can be on the esplanade while the equestrian trail will be on the lower lawn areas, only to converge for street crossings.

The south side of the creek will consist of low sloping lawn areas for picnic blankets, trails and leisure. The creek edges should have an extensive planting of trees to create a linear forested parkland appeal. The lawn areas should be leveled enough for good drainage but comfortable for tents and picnic blankets.

Just west of the main entry drive creek crossing is a low water dam so that a pond is created much like downstream in the park. With an elegant cascade, this can be a nice entry feature to highlight the esplanade and even lit up in the evenings for night time events.

Holding down the intersection corners of the bridge and esplanade are large monuments with light fixtures signifying a gateway into the main park area. Although not at the park entry, this feature would symbolize the heart of the park from which all things emanate.

The Equestrian Center:
The acquisition of the west 40 acres allow for a park space dedicated to equestrian activities. The relocation of the arena to this area and the addition of equestrian trails, keeps Keller heritage firmly in place. The main improvement component requested was to cover the arena for all weather activity and to be able to host regional events.

In conjunction with the elements in the sports park, the trails master plan also reflects this by eliminating certain equestrian trails in the city and creating a tighter loop closely connected to Big Bear Creek Greenbelt leading to the Sports Park. In addition, the new west portion of the park is prime land for equestrian activity given the extensive floodplain and close proximity to existing equestrian trails.

All this leads to leveraging the existing investment of the arena and trails by further developing the arena site, including a covering.

Two dog parks have been added. A small dog park is located adjacent to parking in the northwest portion of the existing sports park and a large dog park is established in the new 40 acre addition just north of the proposed parking area.

A bridge connects that area to the parking lot, as well as nature trails.



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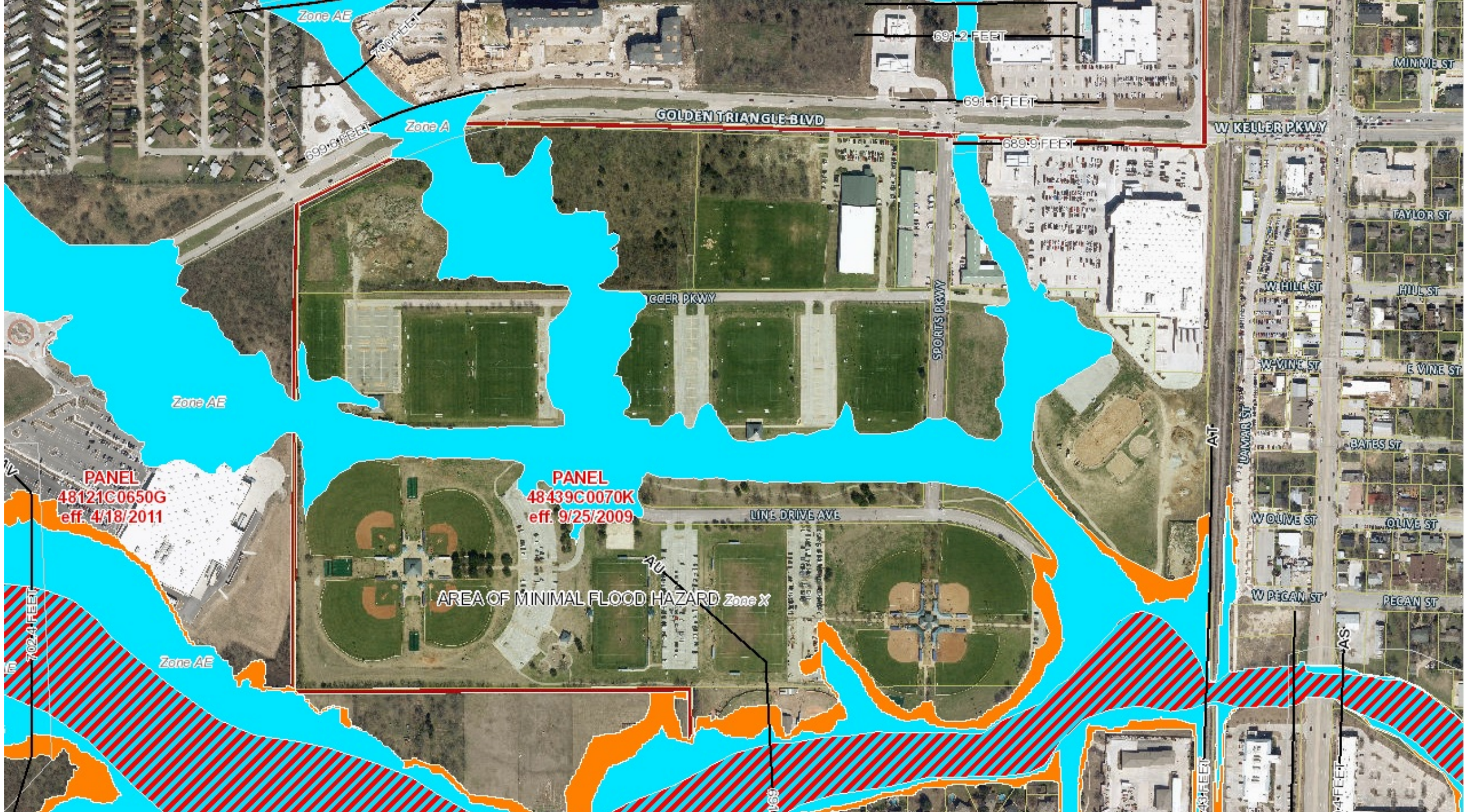
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