



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

Hogtown Creek Watershed

Steven R. Phillips
August 20, 2013

Hogtown Creek Watershed

- In 1992 the City of Gainesville applied for a Florida Communities Trust (FCT) Preservation 2000 Program Grant.
- Out of 50 project applications the Hogtown Creek Greenway was ranked #1.
- In March 1993, the City contracted with consultants and developed a Master Development and Management Plan to satisfy guidelines set forth by the FCT Grant.

Hogtown Creek Watershed

- Physical improvements that would make the greenway lands accessible.
- Key management issues related to maintenance, security, staffing, natural resource management protections, etc.
- Resource enhancements.
- Costs estimates and funding sources for land acquisition, park development, wetlands and surface water quality.

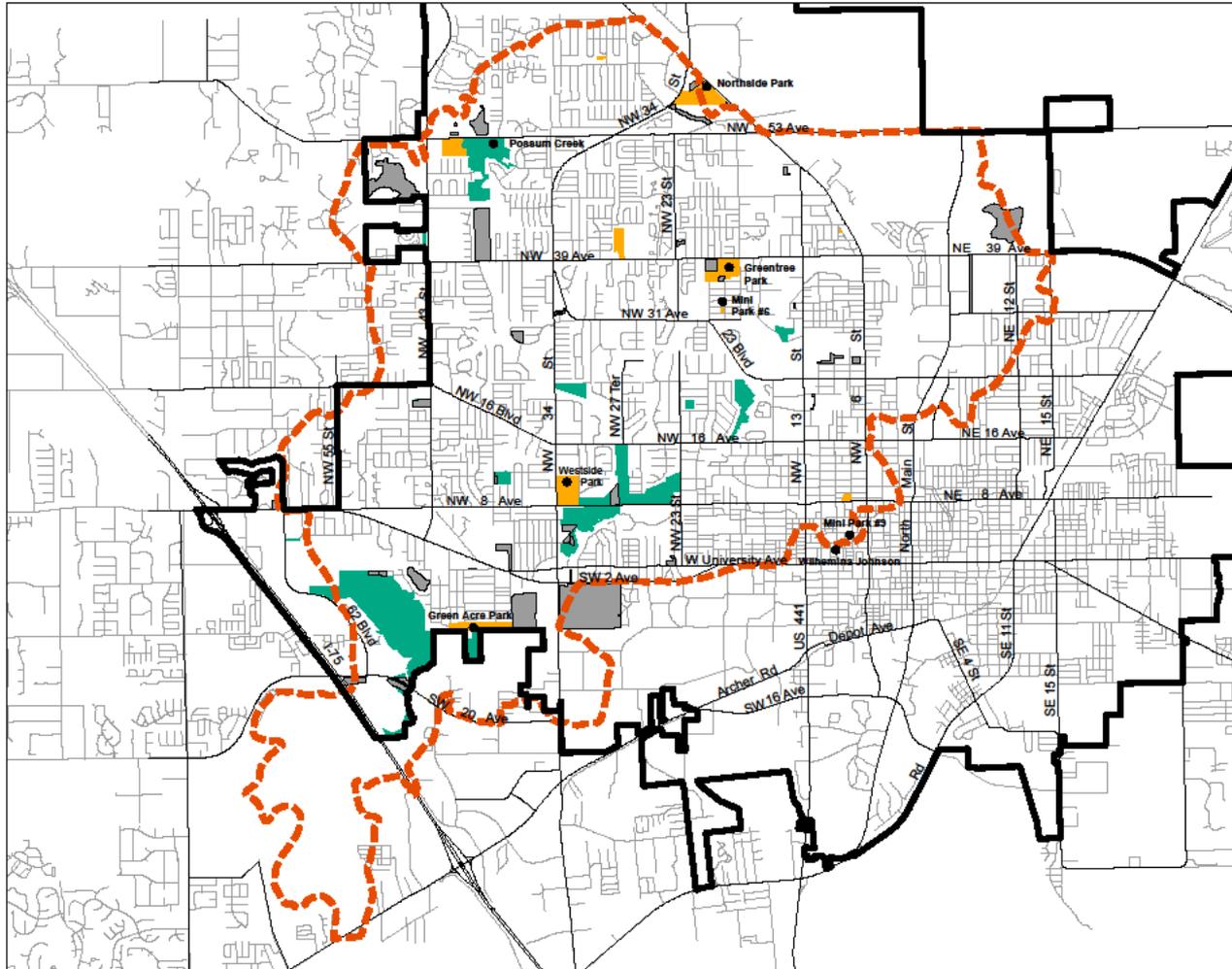
Hogtown Creek Watershed

- Based on the Master Plan staff proceeded with developmental plans for a section of the Hogtown Creek Greenway.
- This development went through Public Works Committee and Plan Board Review.
- Options considered included earthen trails, boardwalks and paved trails.
- Based on concerns raised by the public a referendum was developed and proposed.

Hogtown Creek Watershed

- On March 17, 1998 the Charter Amendment for the Hogtown Creek Watershed was approved by the voters.
- At the May 11, 1998 City Commission meeting a report was submitted by staff providing information regarding the effects of the Hogtown Creek Watershed Charter Amendment on the Hogtown Creek Greenway as well as other City Recreation and Parks and Public Works projects located within the watershed area.

Hogtown Creek Watershed



Hogtown Creek Watershed

- On June 8, 1998 the City Commission met and discussed language to consider as replacement for the adopted Charter Amendment Language.
- On June 22, 1998 the City Attorney brought before the City Commission for the first reading proposed Ordinance No. 0-98-80 on the Greenspace Charter Amendment.

Hogtown Creek Watershed

- August 28, 1998 a written update was submitted to the City Commission by the City Manager on the Hogtown Creek Watershed Amendment Referral
- June 16, 2005 the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee discussed this item.
- On July 21 and August 18, 2005 staff met with the Nature Centers Commission to receive input and approval and on August 17 and September 21, 2005 staff met with the Public Recreation Advisory Board to receive input and approval.

Hogtown Creek Watershed

- On November 8, 2005 staff and representatives interested in the charter language met with the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee members and discussed the proposed revised language.
- On November 14, 2005 the City Commission approved the proposed Charter language.
- On November 17, 2005 staff attended the Charter Review Committee and gave an update.

Hogtown Creek Watershed

- On December 19, 2005 the City Commission approved the 1st reading of the ordinance.
- January 9, 2006 the City Commission approved the ordinance with its 2nd reading.
- January 20, 2006 the ballot language was forwarded to the Supervisor of Elections for the March 7, 2006 general election.
- During the March 7, 2006 general election, the voters approved the revised language to the Charter Amendment.

Hogtown Creek Watershed

Questions?