

Appendix D – Section 4(f) and 6(f) Coordination

OWJ Correspondence

Schmidt, Cassie P.

From: doug@asfg.net
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:36 AM
To: Schmidt, Cassie P.
Subject: Trail ProjectC

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Cassie,

As we have discussed, the Arkansas State Livestock Show Association is a supporter of the proposed trail. We have no problem with the proposed route as it relates to north of Roosevelt St and through Barton Park.

Thank you,

Doug



Douglas White
President and General Manager
Arkansas State Livestock Association
501.372.8341 (O)
501.765.8746 (C)

Schmidt, Cassie P.

From: Schmidt, Cassie P.
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 2:27 PM
To: doug@asfg.net
Subject: Proposed Southwest Trail Project
Attachments: 2019-08-1 KMZ for AR State Fairgrounds & Barton Park Correspondence.kmz

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Dear Mr. White,

We are all excited about the Southwest Trail coming to Barton Park, which is understood to be owned/operated by the AR State Fairgrounds. It should be a great addition to your recreational activities and hopefully stimulate more park use. We have enjoyed working to ensure this trail will not negatively impact the park, but rather bring a positive enhancement to the park and the community as a whole. As part of our NEPA process, we need to confirm that you, Doug White, as the official with jurisdiction, agree that the Southwest Trail will enhance the park amenities at Barton Park. We have attached the currently identified preferred alignment for your review.

Please respond to this email confirming that you agree that the Southwest Trail will enhance the recreation-promoting features of Barton Park. And, of course, if you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email or give me a call.

Sincerely,



Cassie Schmidt

Environmental Scientist/Environmental Specialist
Transportation Team

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Schmidt, Cassie P.

From: Steven Snellback <mayoroflonsdale@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 2, 2019 11:22 AM
To: Schmidt, Cassie P.
Subject: Re: Proposed Southwest Trail Project

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Ms Schmidt,

As Mayor of Lonsdale I can attest to the facts that,

1. The town is very much in favor of the trail coming through Lonsdale. We support this effort.
2. We strongly agree that the Southwest Trail will enhance the park amenities at Lonsdale City Park.

Thank you for your efforts,

Mayor Snellback
501-304-5888
mayoroflonsdale@yahoo.com

On Thursday, August 1, 2019, 12:35:43 PM CDT, Schmidt, Cassie P. <CPSchmidt@GarverUSA.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor Snellback,

We are all excited about the Southwest Trail coming to your park. It should be a great addition to your recreational activities and hopefully stimulate more park use. It has been a pleasure working with you to make sure this trail will not negatively impact the park, but rather bring a positive enhancement to the park and the community as a whole. As part of our NEPA process, we need to confirm that you, Steven Snellback, as the official with jurisdiction, agree that the Southwest Trail will enhance the park amenities at Lonsdale City Park. We have attached the currently identified preferred alignment for your review.

Please respond to this email confirming that you agree that the Southwest Trail will enhance the recreation-promoting features of Lonsdale City Park. And, of course, if you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email or give me a call.

Sincerely,



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Schmidt, Cassie P.

From: Webre, Mark <MWebre@littlerock.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 2:03 PM
To: Schmidt, Cassie P.
Cc: Hood, Mike
Subject: RE: Proposed Southwest Trail Project

Categories: Filed by Newforma

Yes, Parks does agree alignment of Southwest Trail through Fourche Creek, Interstate and Southside Parks as well as Arkansas River Trail will enhance the recreation-promoting features in these facilities.

Mark Webre / Deputy Director Operations

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From: Schmidt, Cassie P. [mailto:CPSchmidt@GarverUSA.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 12:06 PM
To: Webre, Mark <MWebre@littlerock.gov>
Cc: Hood, Mike <Mhood@littlerock.gov>
Subject: FW: Proposed Southwest Trail Project

Hi Mark,

I just wanted to follow up with you after our talk yesterday. As we verbally discussed, please respond to this email confirming that the City is in favor of the project and that you agree that the Southwest Trail will enhance the recreation-promoting features of Interstate Park, Fourche Bottoms Park, Southside Park, and the Arkansas River Trail.

Additionally, attached is the layout through Interstate Park with the changes you requested. If you would please reply today that would be wonderful as I would like to send all this to AR Dept. of Parks today.

Sincerely,

Cassie Schmidt

Garver

479-287-4673

From: Schmidt, Cassie P.

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 1:01 PM

To: Webre, Mark <MWebre@littlerock.gov>; Hood, Mike <Mhood@littlerock.gov>

Subject: Proposed Southwest Trail Project

Good Afternoon Gentlemen,

We are all excited about the Southwest Trail coming to the City of Little Rock parks. It should be a great addition to your recreational activities and hopefully stimulate more use of your parks. It has been a pleasure working with you to make sure this trail will not negatively impact the parks, but rather bring a positive enhancement to the parks and the community as a whole. As part of our NEPA process, we need to confirm that you, Mark Webre and/or Mike Hood, as the official with jurisdiction, agree that the Southwest Trail will enhance the park amenities at Interstate Park, Fourche Bottoms Park, Southside Park, and the Arkansas River Trail. We have attached the currently identified preferred alignment for your review in the format of a Google Earth KMZ. Additionally, I have attached a PDF showing three different options that the SWT could take through Interstate Park in order to best accommodate the future canoe launch area that we previously discussed. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have a preference between the three.

Please respond to this email confirming that you agree that the Southwest Trail will enhance the recreation-promoting features of Interstate Park, Fourche Bottoms Park, Southside Park, and the Arkansas River Trail. And, of course, if you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email or give me a call.

Sincerely,



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Schmidt, Cassie P.

From: Lynn A. Moore <lamoore40@att.net>
Sent: Friday, August 2, 2019 1:51 PM
To: Schmidt, Cassie P.
Subject: Re: Proposed Southwest Trail Project
Attachments: Scan_20190712.png

Cassie, attached is the letter that I sent earlier. Hope it's what you need. Feel free to call/email w/other concerns.

Lynn A. Moore

On Friday, August 2, 2019, 01:42:59 PM CDT, Schmidt, Cassie P. <CPSchmidt@GarverUSA.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Moore,

We are all excited about the Southwest Trail coming to your park. It should be a great addition to your recreational activities and hopefully stimulate more park use. We have enjoyed working to ensure this trail will not negatively impact the park, but rather bring a positive enhancement to the park and the community as a whole. As part of our NEPA process, we need to confirm that you, Lynn Moore, as the official with jurisdiction, agree that the Southwest Trail will enhance the park amenities at the Saline River Regional Park & Recreation Area. We have copied below the currently identified preferred alignment for your review.



Please respond to this email confirming that you agree that the Southwest Trail will enhance the recreation-promoting features of the Saline River Regional Park & Recreation Area. And, of course, if you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email or give me a call.

Sincerely,



Cassie Schmidt
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 479-287-4673

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Bridge to the Southwest

July 10, 2019

Daniel Lamberger
Project Engineer
Garver Engineering

RE: Southwest Trail

Saline Crossing Regional Park & Recreation Area, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission "is to restore and preserve the Old River Bridge, circa 1891 at the historic *Saline Crossing* site on the Southwest Trail." We function as the cheer leader for the bridge refurbishing project currently in progress.

We own and/or have management authority of approximately 13 acres including the *Saline Crossing* village site and the Old River Bridge location. Our vision is to develop the area into a family-friendly recreation area.

As an advocate of preserving history and securing public access to natural resources such as the Saline River we energetically, and whole heartedly support the development of the Southwest Trail project that is now underway.

Because of the obvious positive future impact of the Southwest Trail on our community, as well as central Arkansas, we urge and support any effort to move the project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynn A. Moore".

Lynn A. Moore, President
Saline Crossing Regional Park & Recreation Area, Inc.
501-778-8661



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January 29, 2020

Ms. Cassie Schmidt
Environmental Scientist/Environmental Specialist
Transportation Team
Garver
2049 E. Joyce Boulevard
Fayetteville, AR 72703

Southwest Bike/Pedestrian Trail, Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ms. Schmidt:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the above-referenced undertaking. The QQA, founded in 1968, is dedicated to preserving greater Little Rock's historic places. We serve as a consulting party in accordance with, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended and detailed in 36 CFR 800.

The QQA Board Advocacy Committee reviewed the materials last night at our monthly meeting. We were excited that this undertaking is moving forward and that the trail will connect with Central High School National Historic Site. Central High School is one of our most significant historic resources, and the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District is filled with wonderful buildings.

It is our understanding that the trail will fall within the existing right-of-way, no ground disturbance will be necessary and no structures will be modified, moved, or destroyed. Based upon the documentation provided, we concur that the undertaking should pose no adverse effect on historic properties.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 501-371-0075 ext. 4 or at patricia.blick@quapaw.com.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Blick
Executive Director

C: Bobby Matthews, CHINI

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Little Rock, Arkansas 72216
501-371-0075

Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism

(ADPT)

Schmidt, Cassie P.

From: Matt McNair <matt.mcnaair@arkansas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:21 PM
To: Schmidt, Cassie P.
Subject: RE: Affected 6f Parks - SW Trail

Howdy, Cassie. Yes, I've received the email and reviewed the proposed routes, and I can confirm that the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism supports the Southwest Trail Project and has no objections to the proposed routes. Furthermore, the construction of public-use trails in these parks for pedestrian and bicycle use do not conflict with the provisions of Section 6(f)3 of the LWCF Act.

Please contact me if you need any further assistance, and have a great holiday weekend!

Cheers,
Matt McNair
Project Officer / Environmental Review Coordinator
Ark. Dept. of Parks, Heritage and Tourism
1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
501-682-1227

From: Schmidt, Cassie P. <CPSchmidt@GarverUSA.com>
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 3:58 PM
To: Matt McNair <matt.mcnaair@arkansas.gov>
Cc: McAbee, William C. <WCMcAbee@GarverUSA.com>
Subject: RE: Affected 6f Parks - SW Trail

Hi Matt,

I'm so sorry for my great delay in getting this to you. Please find attached the preliminary plans for the SWT through the City of Lonsdale Park and Interstate Park, both of which are under your/6(f) jurisdiction. Funding is not known at this time and due to a lack of funding information, no construction schedule is known yet.

We have obtained written responses from both of the local sponsors for these affected parks confirming they are in favor of the SWT's alignment through the parks.

Please reply (email or written) to confirm you've received this and please let me know if you need anything else to finalize 6f coordination at this point.

Sincerely,

Cassie Schmidt
Garver
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From: Matt McNair <matt.mcnaair@arkansas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 3:12 PM
To: Schmidt, Cassie P. <CPSchmidt@GarverUSA.com>
Subject: RE: Affected Parks - SW Trail

Howdy, Cassie. I am indeed ready for the holiday season, and hope you've laid suitable plans as well.

Per our conversation today (12/13/2018), it's my opinion that no action regarding 6(f)(3) compliance is required at this time. With regard to 6(f)(3)-encumbered parks, the project under consideration will enhance public outdoor recreation within the boundaries of affected sites, and are therefore allowable under 6(f)(3) guidelines. Construction within these parks (staging, construction, site rehabilitation, etc.) should be completed as quickly as possible, and such activities might need to be documented with the National Park Service; those documents, if necessary, will be submitted by our office. Local sponsors of affected parks, of course, must be willing participants in any such enhancements.

As for 4(f) requirements, I'm under the impression that is more properly addressed by the Arkansas Department of Transportation. Regardless, as we discussed, submitting this proposal to the Arkansas State Clearinghouse (<https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/intergovernmental-services/state-clearinghouse-project-notification-review-system/>) should provide all relevant stakeholders ample time to voice any concerns.

In addition to submitting this project to the Clearinghouse, it will be helpful for you to contact me any time the project reaches a phase that might affect one of the 6(f)(3) parks we have already discussed, as any unforeseen issues are easier handled before dirt is turned. And, again, our agency is in support of the Southwest Trail, and this project is one very much in keeping with the goals of the LWCF and related provisions, so notwithstanding rejection by stakeholders, any conflicts should be easily resolved.

Okay, hope this helps. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any assistance, and do have a bang-up Yuletide.

Cheers,

Matt McNair
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From: Schmidt, Cassie P. [mailto:CPSchmidt@GarverUSA.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 1:00 PM
To: Matt McNair <matt.mcnaair@arkansas.gov>
Subject: RE: Affected Parks - SW Trail

Hi Matt,

I hope this email finds you well and getting ready for the holiday season ☺

We'd like to start "formal" coordination (is that a thing?) on 4(f) and 6(f) parks. Attached is a Google Earth KMZ that shows the trail's alignment (with some alternative options) and the 5 parks within the project's footprint. Only 2 of the parks you listed below (in your August email) will be impacted by the project. Additionally, there are 4 other areas/parks (I'm not sure their names) that appear to be parks due to their on-site features (such as baseball fields & pavilions) and/or they are owned by the City and parcel data suggested they may be set aside for public use.

Anyway, so how do we start official 4f & 6f coordination? Feel free to call if you want to discuss.

Oh, and I got to meet Mike Sprague at the Southwest Trail public meeting! ☺ It was nice to put a face to the name.

Sincerely,

Cassie Schmidt

Garver

479-287-4673

From: Matt McNair <matt.mcnair@arkansas.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 9, 2018 2:42 PM

To: Schmidt, Cassie P. <CPSchmidt@GarverUSA.com>

Subject: Affected Parks - SW Trail

Howdy, Cassie. There are five parks in the SW Trail footprint; three of them are LWCF. I made some rough slides for illustration, and attached them here. They go from east (Little Rock) to west (Hot Springs).

1. Interstate Park. This is an LWCF-funded park near the I-30/630/530 interchange.
2. Bauxite FUN Park. FUN Parks are state-funded, but we'd of course rather them not get plowed under. That being said, we're in favor of the trail.
3. Ralph Bunche Park (Benton). LWCF-funded.
4. Holland Park (Benton) As you can see, only the southwest corner of this park is in the footprint.
5. Lonsdale FUN Park. Another little FUN Park; the trail will likely go through this one, as it's between the Lonsdale community and the creek and RR bed.

Okay, hope this helps. If any of these parks are disturbed by construction activity, I'll need to comment, but again, the ADPT is in favor of this trail, so I don't anticipate a problem. Ditto the NPS; as long as existing, used facilities within the LWCF boundary are not being demolished, installing a public trail will not be an issue. As to that, though, the one place where that might occur is Ralph Bunche Park. It's pretty busy, development-wise, and so might present a construction problem. That being said, I'm not overly familiar with it, so there might well be more room than I'm remembering.

Okay, hope this helps. Let me know if you need anything else.

Cheers,

Matt McNair

Project Officer / Environmental Review Coordinator

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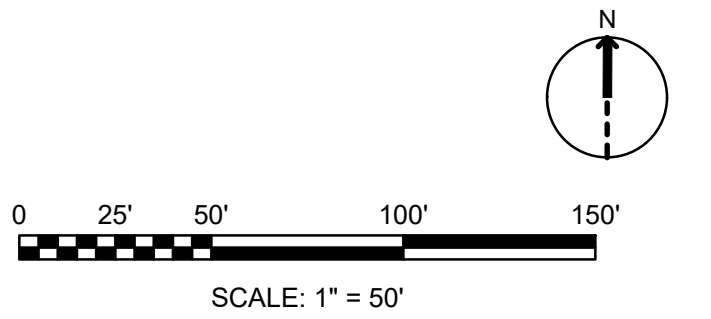
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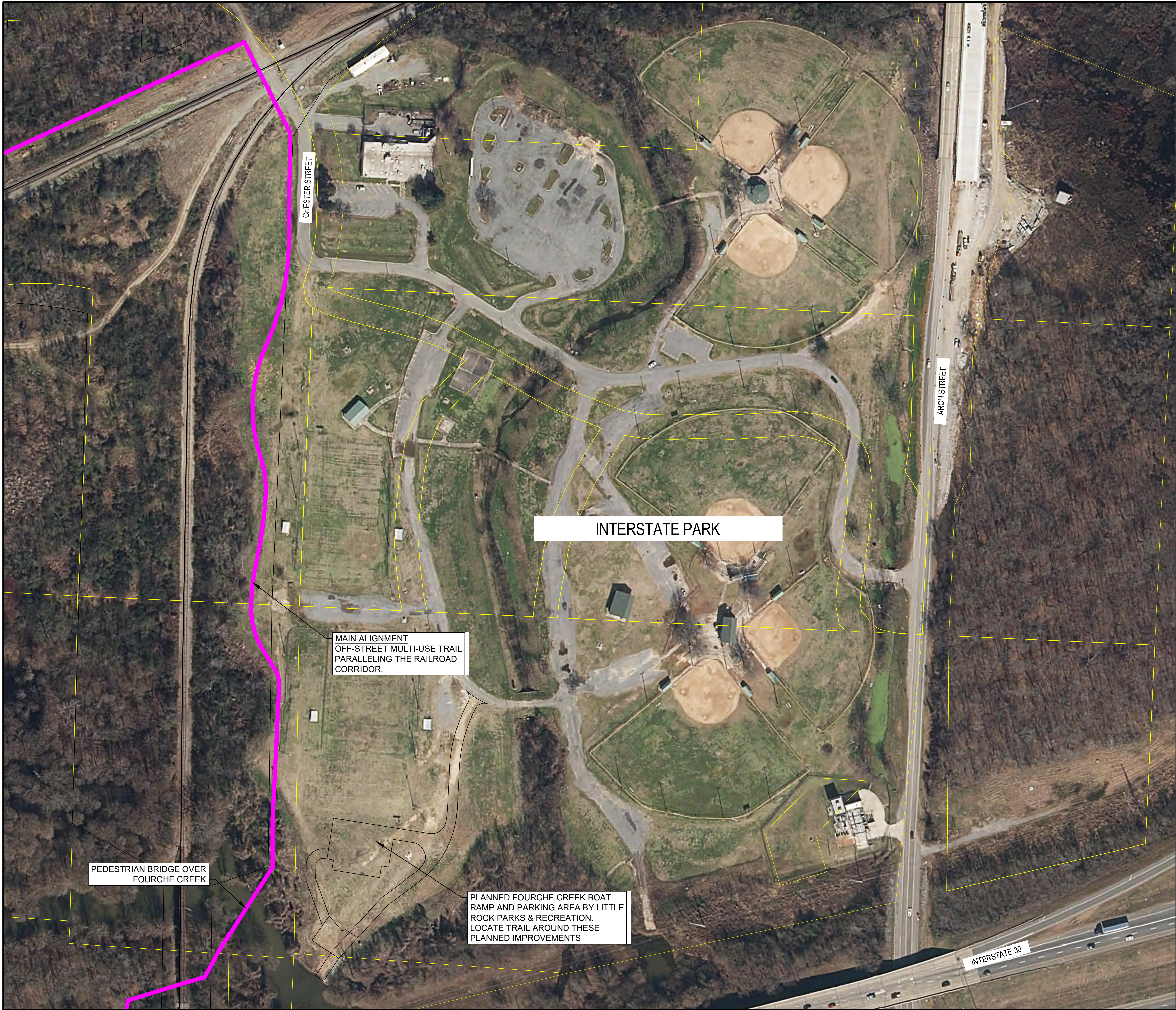
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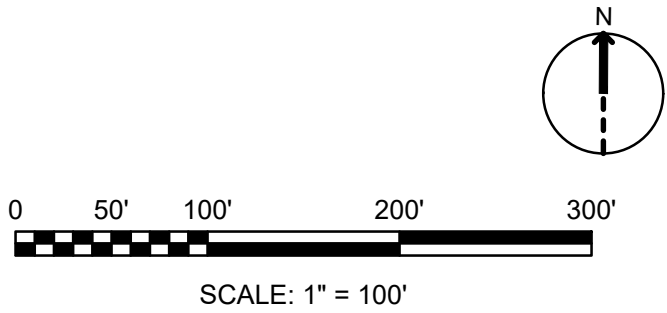
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Schmidt, Cassie P.

From: Matt McNair <matt.mcnair@arkansas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 9, 2018 2:42 PM
To: Schmidt, Cassie P.
Subject: Affected Parks - SW Trail
Attachments: Parks - SW Trail footprint.pdf

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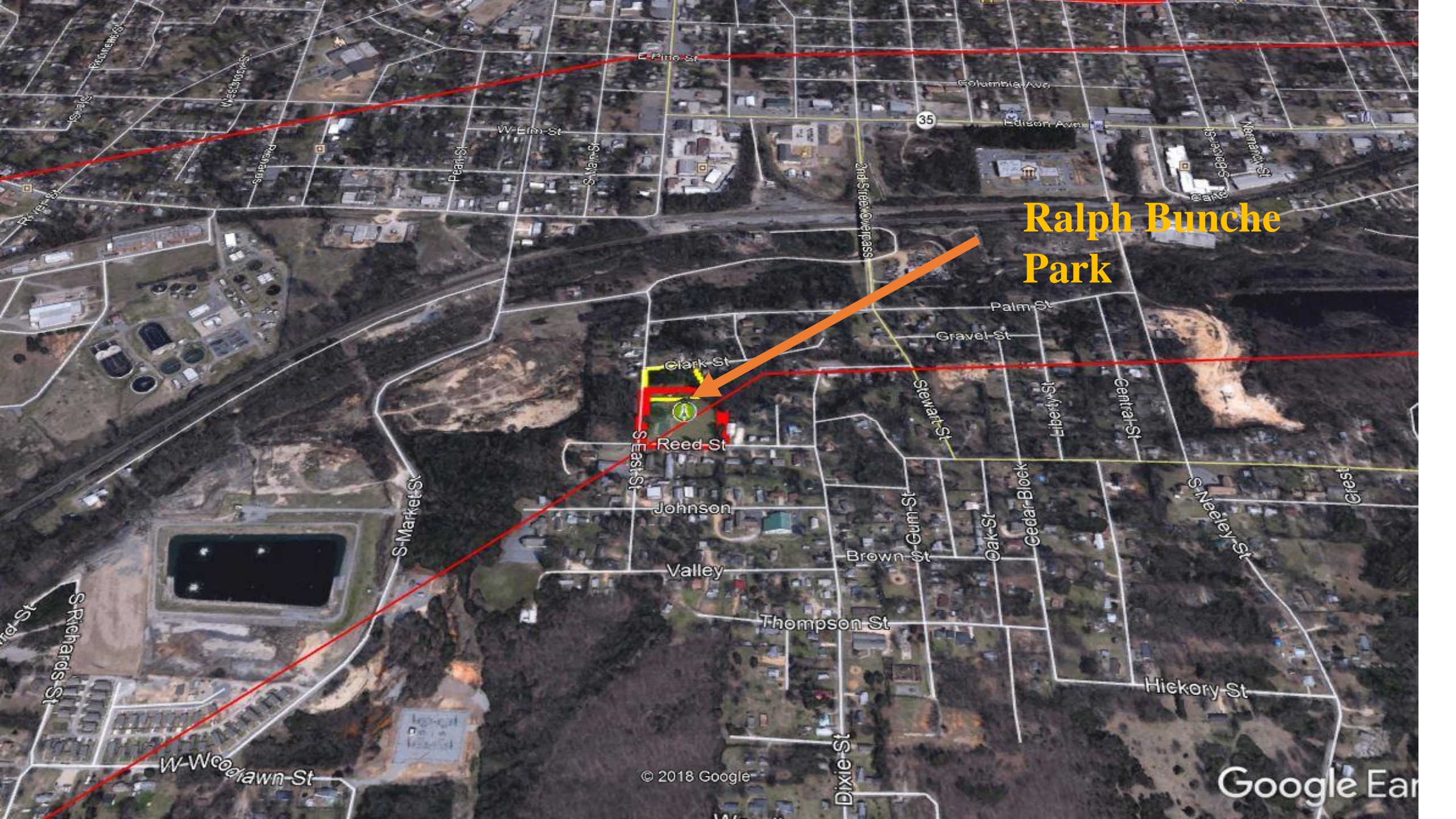
Interstate Park





**Bauxite FUN
Park**

Timber Lake



**Ralph Bunche
Park**



Lake Sunset

Holland Park
(Affected area: SW corner)

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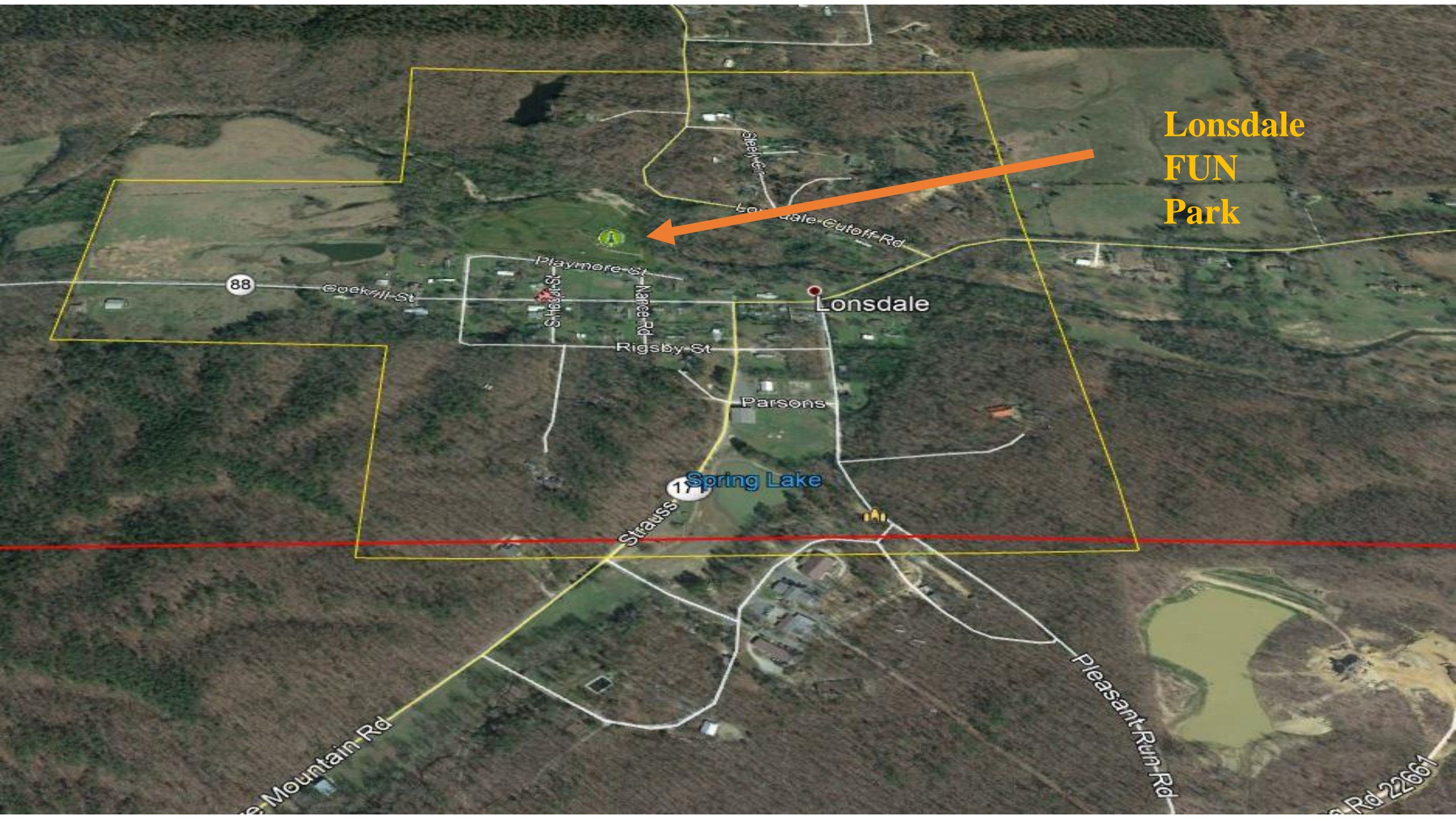
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**Lonsdale
FUN
Park**





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No apparent or immediate conflict with public outdoor recreation at this time.

Date:

August 2018

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Signature:

[Handwritten Signature]

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Kennard Williams, District Conservationist (Pulaski Co.)

Natural Resources Conservation Service, North Little Rock Service Center

4004 McCain Blvd., Suite 201

North Little Rock, AR 72116

Matt McNair

Environmental Review Coordinator

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Re: Southwest Trail Between Hot Springs and Little Rock, Arkansas—East Extension
Garland, Saline, and Pulaski Counties, Arkansas
ARDOT Job No. 061562, Federal Aid Project ("FAP") No. FLAP-FLAP (16) – Southwest Trail
Request for Information – Additional Study Area

Dear Mr. Williams:

Garver is preparing a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document for the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) for the referenced project. The purpose of the project is to develop a 63-mile long recreational and alternative transportation resource trail, centrally located and spanning the area between Hot Springs National Park in Garland County and the Arkansas River Trail and the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site in Pulaski County. We are in the process of evaluating alternatives for analysis in the NEPA document.

On May 25, 2018, we sent a letter requesting information for the project's original footprint. An approximately 1.7-mile long extension to the east end of the alignment has been added to this project; therefore, we are requesting your review of the proposed additional study area (see enclosed exhibits) and ask that you notify us of any constraints or concerns you may have regarding the proposed project. A shapefile or KMZ of the study area can be provided upon request. We are seeking comments regarding resources such as unique environmental features or environmentally sensitive areas, socio-economic concerns, proposed urban developments, and permits or approvals that should be obtained prior to construction of the project. Additionally, please provide information regarding prime or unique farmlands, farmlands of statewide importance, wetland banks, conservation easements/areas, farmed wetlands, and prior converted wetlands. Formal, written replies should be emailed to WCMcAbee@GarverUSA.com or mailed to:

Bill McAbee
Garver, LLC
4701 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118

We would appreciate your response within 30 days to help us maintain the schedule. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at 501-537-3259 or WCMcAbee@GarverUSA.com.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten Signature]

Bill McAbee

Environmental Manager

Enclosures



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→ SUPPORT ←

No apparent or immediate conflict with public outdoor recreation at this time.

Date: 25 June 2018

Signature: Matt McNair

May 25, 2018

Matt McNair
Environmental Review Coordinator
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Re: Southwest Trail Between Hot Springs and Little Rock, Arkansas
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Sincerely,

Bill McAbee
Environmental Manager

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cc: Don Nichols-ARDOT

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