

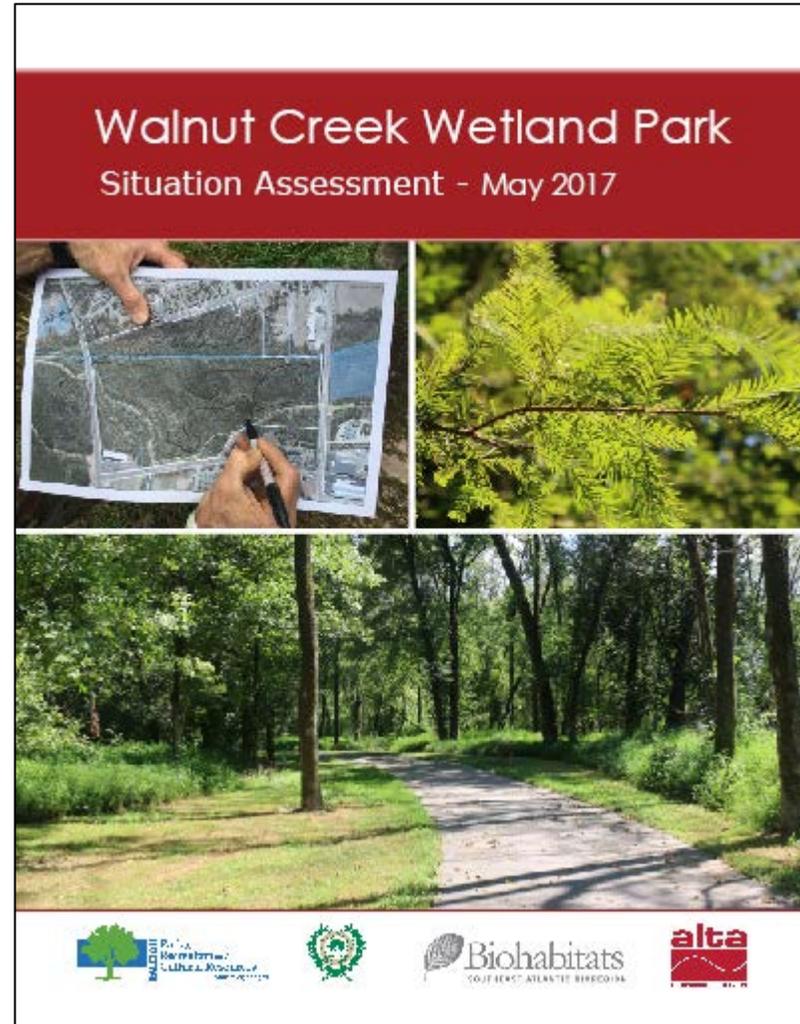
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Citizen Planning Committee Meeting #1

Project Update

Walnut Creek Wetland Park
Master Plan

June 26, 2017



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Tonight's Meeting Agenda

- Project Update & Planning Progress
- Presentation of Charter
- Park Visioning & Goals Session
- Next Steps and Future Meetings
- Questions

Meeting Purpose:

Brainstorm a high level vision for the future Walnut Creek Wetland Park

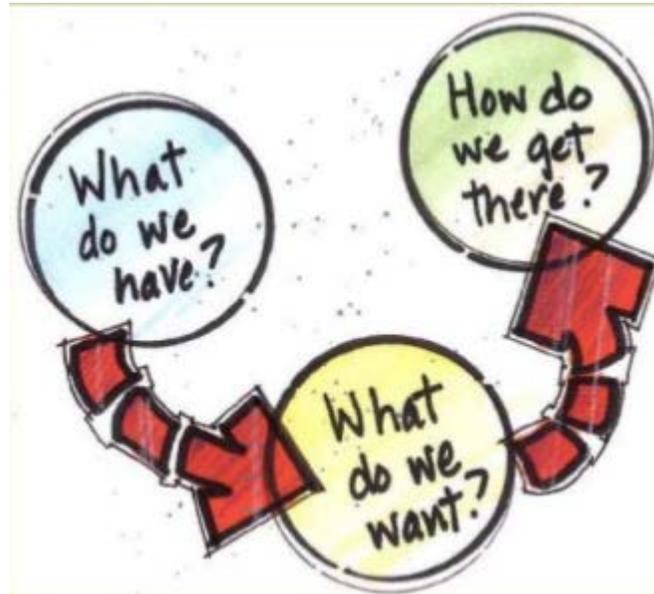


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Remember! This is a Master Plan

A MASTER PLAN IS:

- A conceptual framework that provides direction & flexibility
- Comprehensive and long range (10-20 years)
- A planning instrument
- A vision that balances needs + desires with site character and function

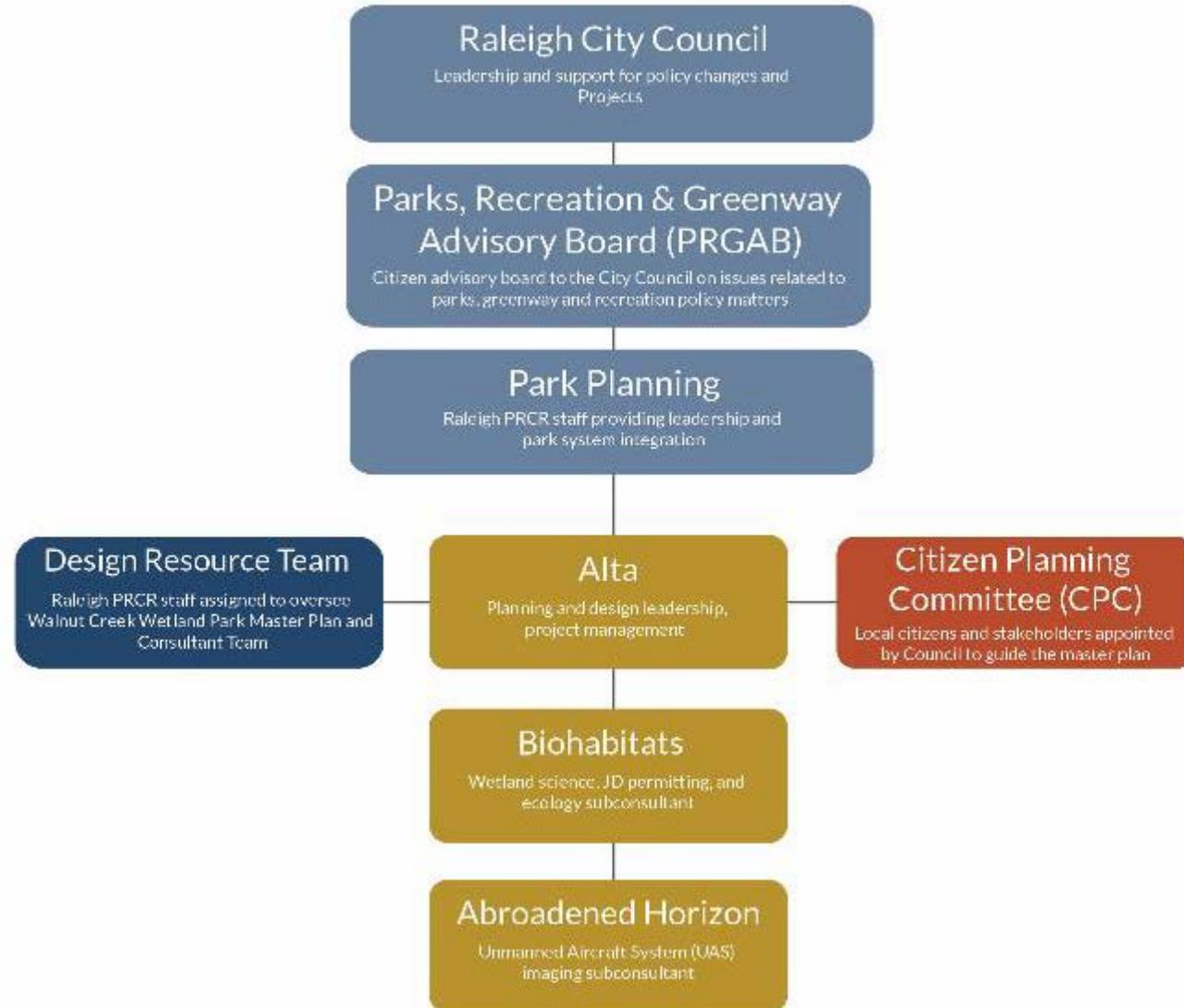


A MASTER PLAN IS NOT:

- A guide for park construction
- A design document
- Static
- The result of ONE person's idea

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Project Team Organization Structure



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Park Planning Process

Project Sequence



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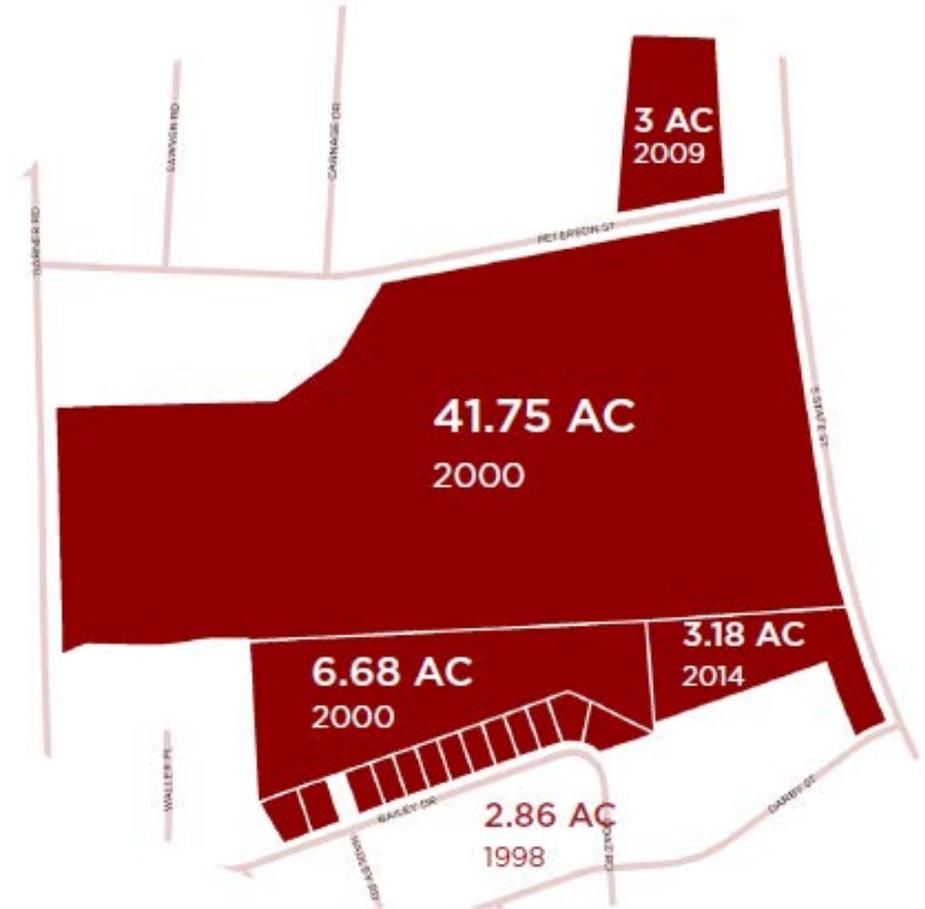
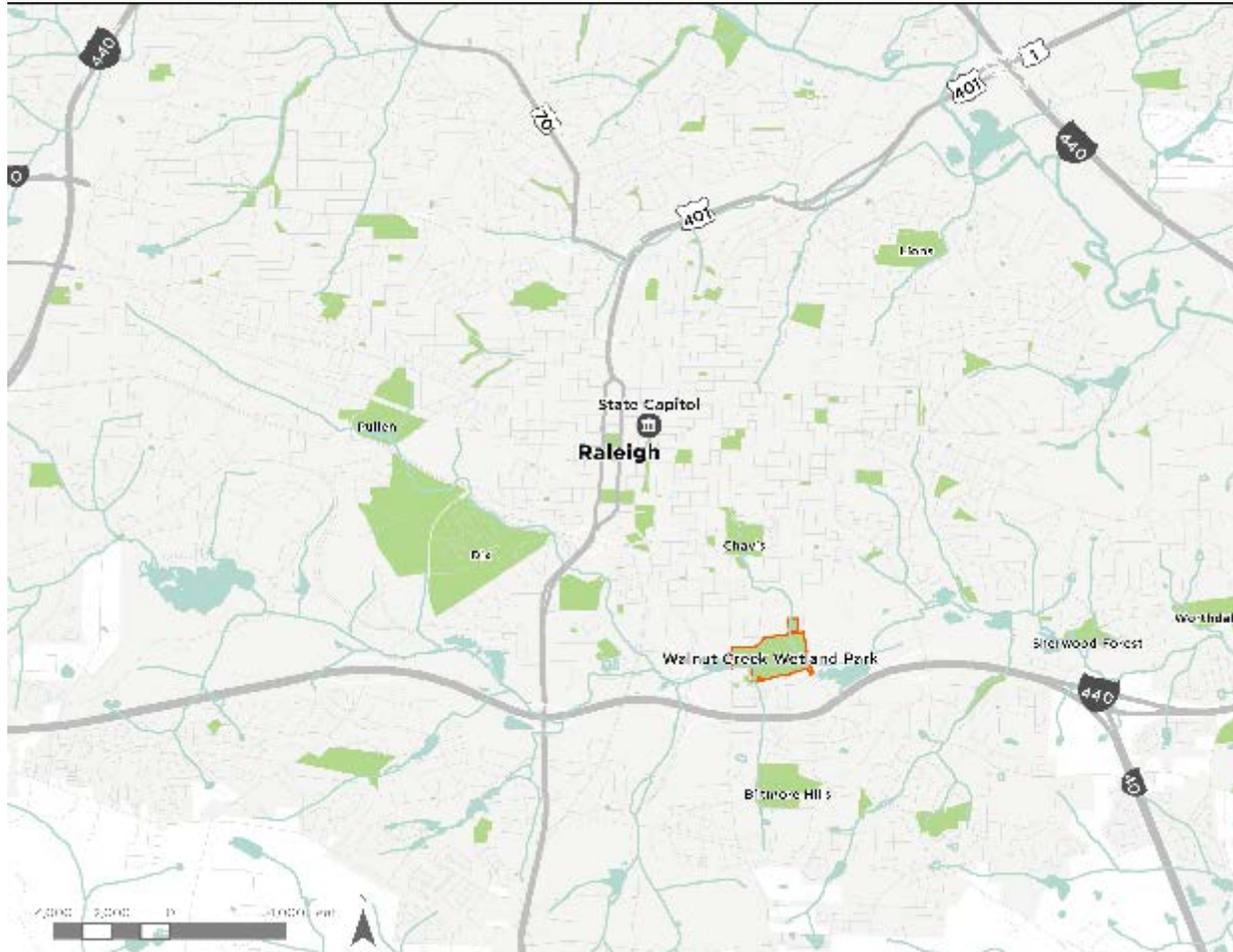
Project Schedule

Walnut Creek Wetland Park Master Plan												
Updated 4/29/2017	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18
TASK DESCRIPTION												
Task 1: Project Management	Ongoing											
Task 2: Project Initiation and Kickoff												
GIS Data Collection	■	■										
Review Plans	■	■										
Initiation Meeting	■											
Task 3: Situation Assessment and Public Participation												
GIS Analysis	■	■	■	■								
Community Research & Stakeholder Identification	■	■	■	■								
Develop Situation Assessment Report	■	■	■	■								
Stakeholder Interviews	■	■	■	■	■							
CAC Meeting			■									
CPC Meetings					■		■		■			
Public Meetings						■		■		■		
Situation Assessment Presentation to Park Planning				■								
Situation Assessment Presentation to PRGAB				■								
Situation Assessment Presentation to City Council					■							
Task 4: Drone Flight												
Flight Plan & Permit	■	■										
Flight Number One	■	■										
Flight Number Two					■							
Task 5: Existing Conditions Inventory												
Desk Review	■	■	■									
Field Inventory	■	■	■	■								
Wetland Delineation	■	■	■	■								
Natural Resources Inventory						■	■					
Task 6: Develop Draft Walnut Creek Wetland Park Master Plan												
Illustrative Master Plan					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Project Booklet					■	■	■	■	■	■		
Task 7: Final Walnut Creek Wetland Park Master Plan												
Final Plan Preparation and Client Team Review								■	■	■		
Task 8: Master Plan Presentations												
DRT										■		
PRGAB											■	
City Council												■

■ Meetings and Presentations
 ■ Progress/Deliverables

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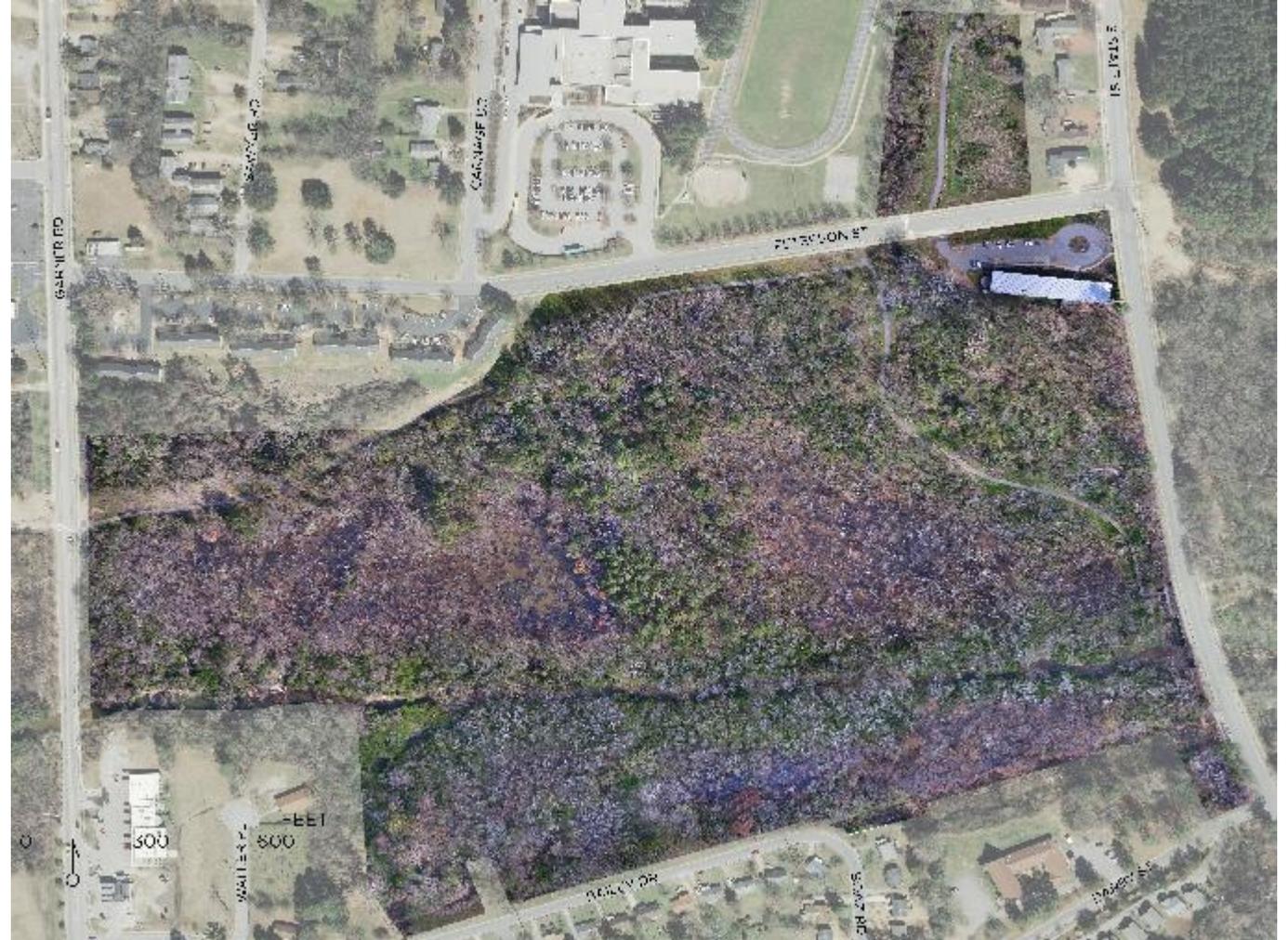
Park Site



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Drone Flight

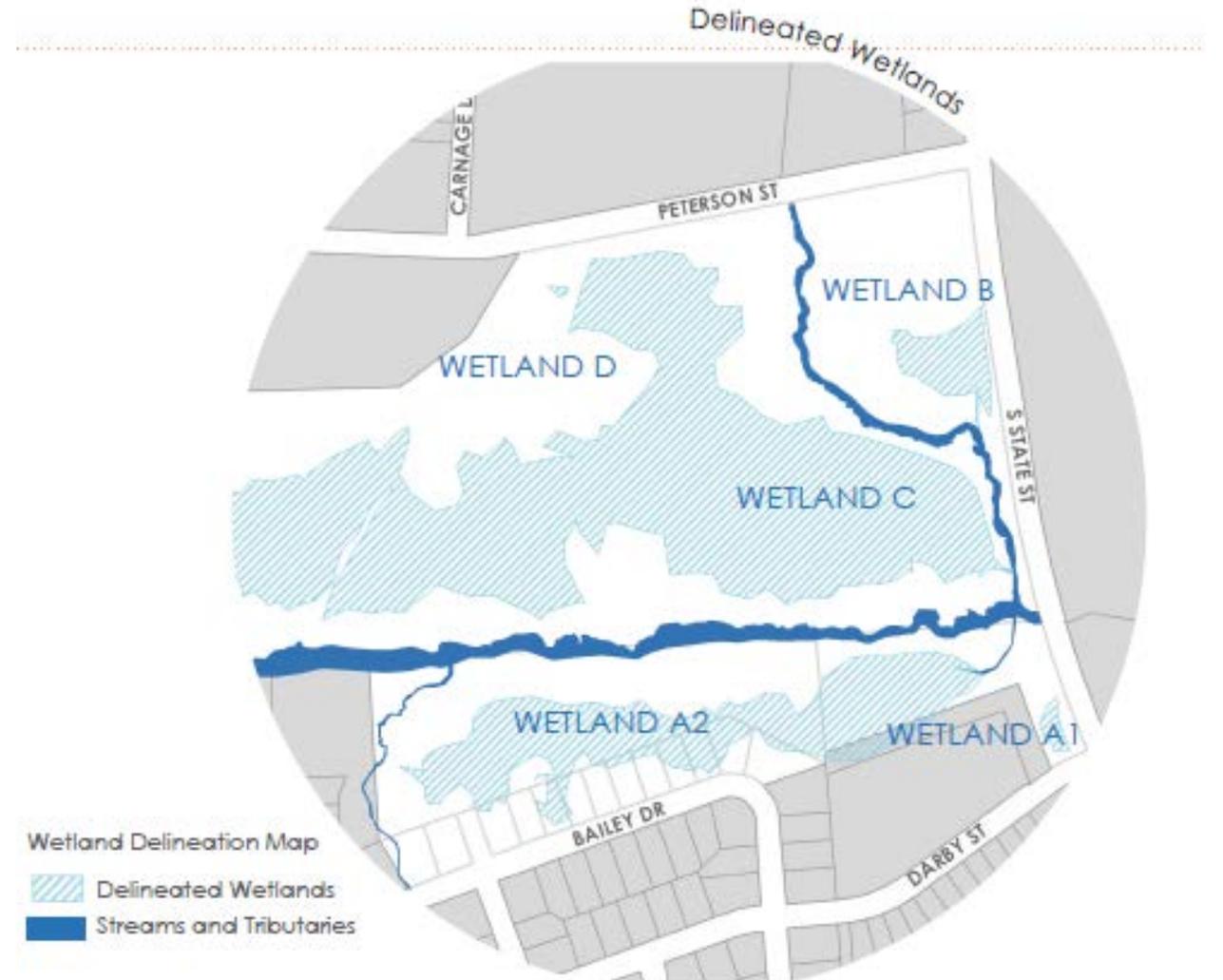
- High quality imagery to:
 - Visualize the wetlands
 - Observe the tree cover
- Another flight scheduled for August
- Opportunity for education demonstration with Neighborhood Ecology Corps (NEC)



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Wetlands Inventory

- 22.9 acres of delineated wetlands
- Biohabitats submitted the Preliminary JD application in April



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Flora + Fauna Inventory

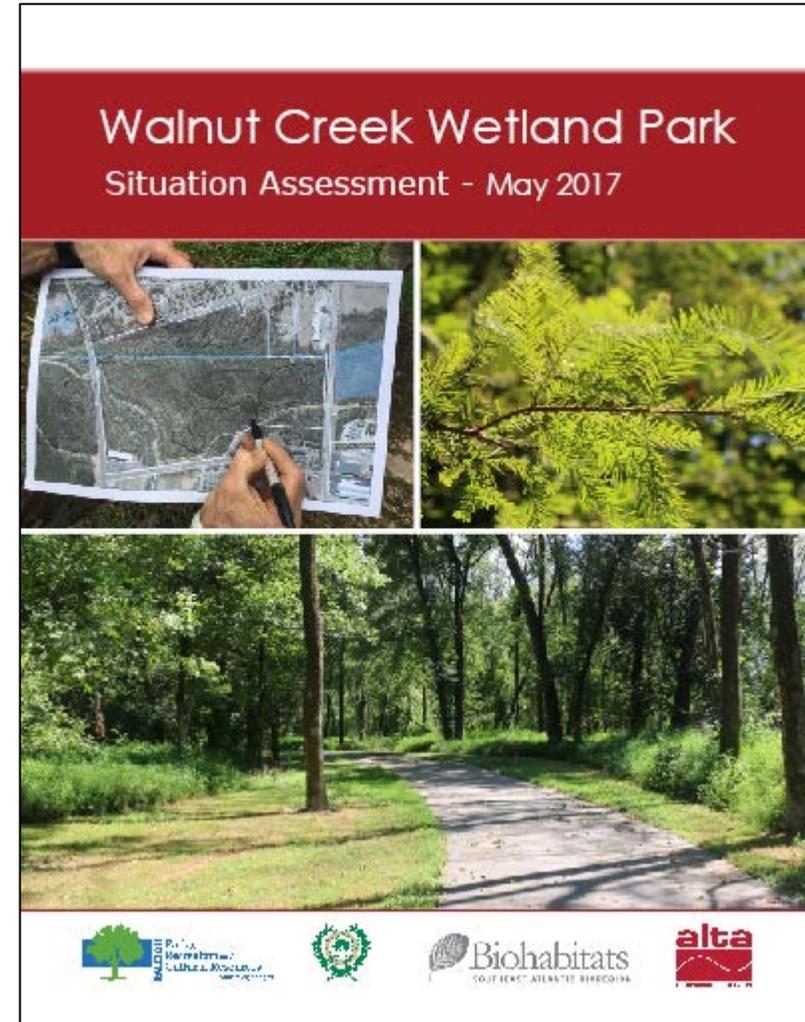
- Spring inventory
- Summer inventory scheduled for July 2017



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Situation Assessment

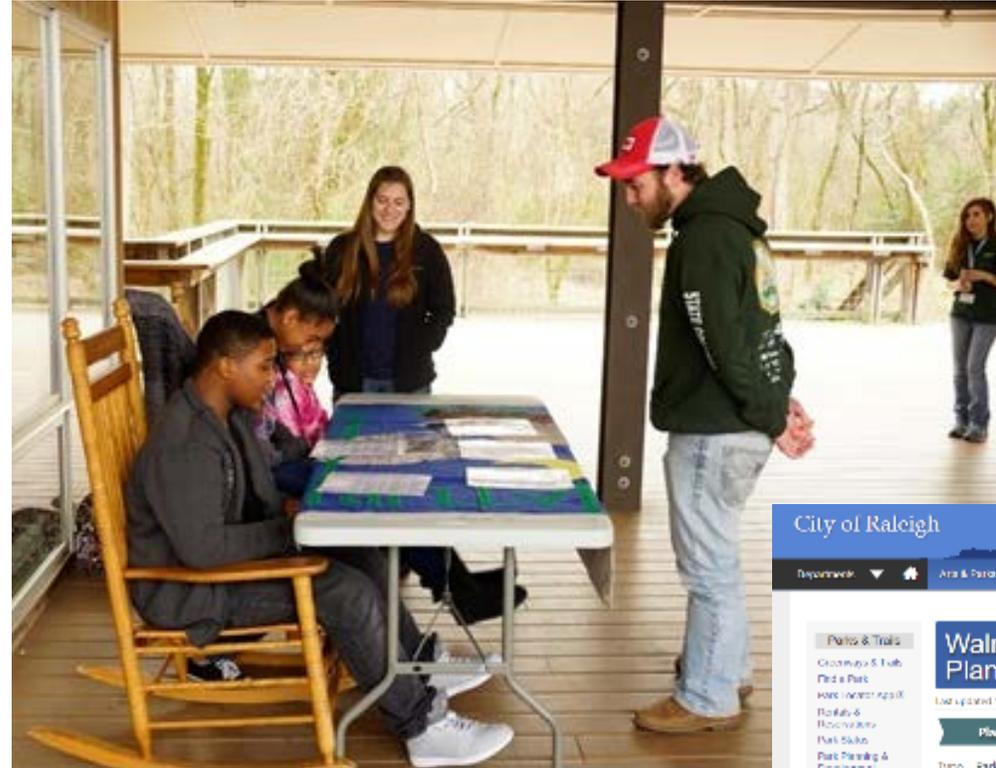
- Presentation to Park Planning
- Presentation to Parks, Recreation, and Greenways Advisory Board (PRGAB)
- Approved on City Council's June consent agenda



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Community Outreach, Engagement + Participation

- Project Website
- Social Media Outreach
- Community Input Survey
- Wetland Center Poster



City of Raleigh

Departments: Arts & Parks, Services, Government, Streets & Development, Community

Walnut Creek Wetland Park Master Plan

Last updated May 05, 2017 - 2:01 pm

Planning | Design | Construction | Completed

Type: Park
Budget: \$1,000,000
CNC: South Central

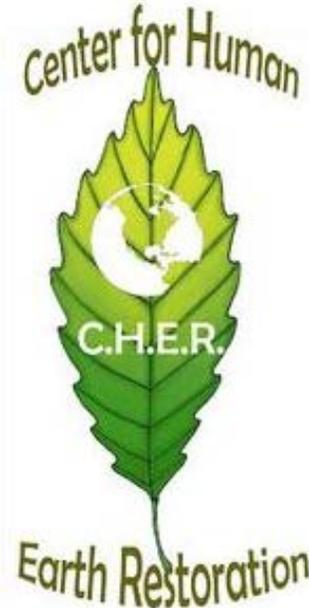
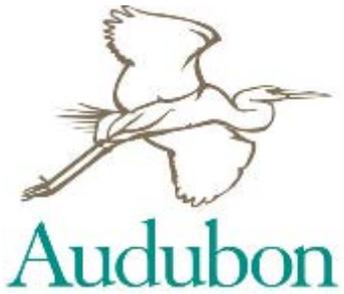
Team:
• Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources (Lead)
• Stormwater Management Division

Current Activity

The Walnut Creek Wetland Park Master Plan Situation Assessment, including recommendations for the Citizen Planning Committee, will be presented to the Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board on Thursday, May 10, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber at Raleigh Municipal Building, 322 West Hargett St., Raleigh, NC.

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Stakeholders



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Stakeholder Interviews

- Five Key Themes:
 - Park Role in Community
 - Wetland Preservation + Access
 - Premier Education Facility
 - Greenway Access + Focal Point
 - Perception of Safety



Cay Creek Wetland Interpretive Center has a 15 foot tower that provides a wetland experience from multiple viewpoints.

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Community Needs Assessment Survey

- 92 Responses
 - 80% of responses are Raleigh residents
- Access:
 - 85% access by vehicle
 - 25% access by bike
 - 23% access by walking



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Q8 What experiences should be provided at Walnut Creek Wetland Park? Please CHECK your top three (3):

Answered: 85 Skipped: 7

Answer Choices	Responses
Sitting outside (e.g., reading, contemplating)	44.71% 38
Going to a playground	25.88% 22
Unstructured play (e.g., playing catch)	20.00% 17
Walking or riding a bike in a park or on a greenway trail	55.29% 47
Playing pick-up sports on a court or field	9.41% 8
Enjoying the outdoors (e.g., observing nature and wildlife)	68.24% 58
Fitness activities (e.g., running, exercise meet-ups)	23.53% 20
Cultural opportunities (e.g., public art, special events)	50.59% 43
Total Respondents: 85	

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Citizen Planning Committee

- List of potential members compiled from:
 - Stakeholder interviews
 - Community surveys
 - Recommendations from other stakeholders
 - Site research
 - Demographic analysis
- Criteria for selection:
 - Willingness to commit
 - Interest in the park and its usage
 - Diverse demographics and interests
 - Community representation

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CPC Purpose – Why are You Here?

Provide recommendations to the Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Greenways Advisory Board (PRGAB) for a future park program that will best meet the needs of the community

- **Discover**, share information, and learn from each other
- **Develop**, review, and discuss program elements
- **Shape** agreements that resolve issues and balance multiple interests
- **Inform** the public and the City about topics addressed in the process

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Your Final Products

- ***Program Statement*** that describes the overall vision for the park and serves as the foundation for a range of Plan Alternatives
- ***Draft Master Plan*** that includes a conceptual plan rendering, Program Statement, background information, and recommendations for environmental stewardship of the park
- ***Priorities*** for phased development of the project, with consideration for existing and anticipated funding
- ***Proposed Plan*** based on public feedback of the Draft Master Plan

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Your Responsibilities

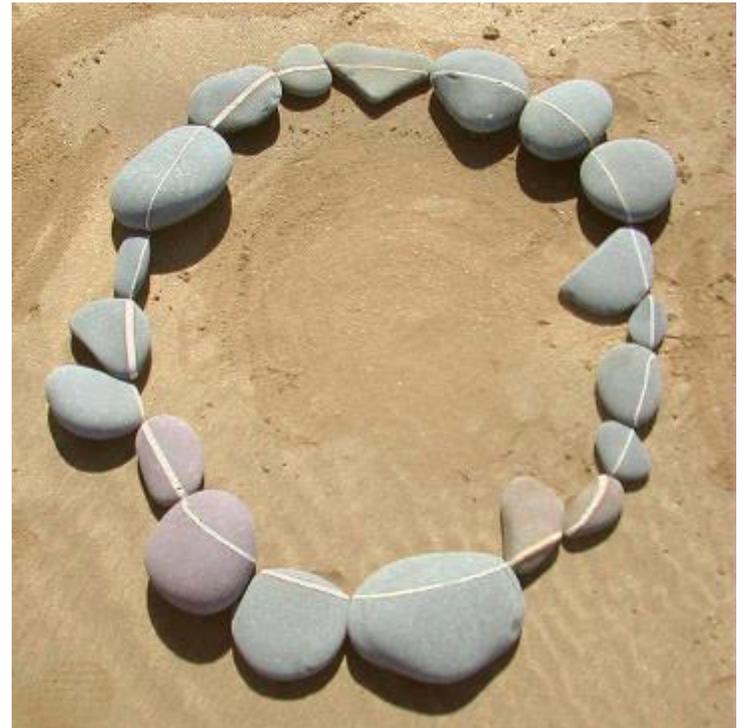
- ***Deliberate in Good Faith*** balance interests and participate in a consensus building process
- ***Represent Constituents*** when reviewing issues and recommendations
- ***Attend Meetings*** and fully participate in each meeting



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Consensus Based Decision Making

- **Consensus** decision-making is a group decision-making process in which group members develop, and agree to support a decision in the best interest of the whole.



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Your Consensus Choices:

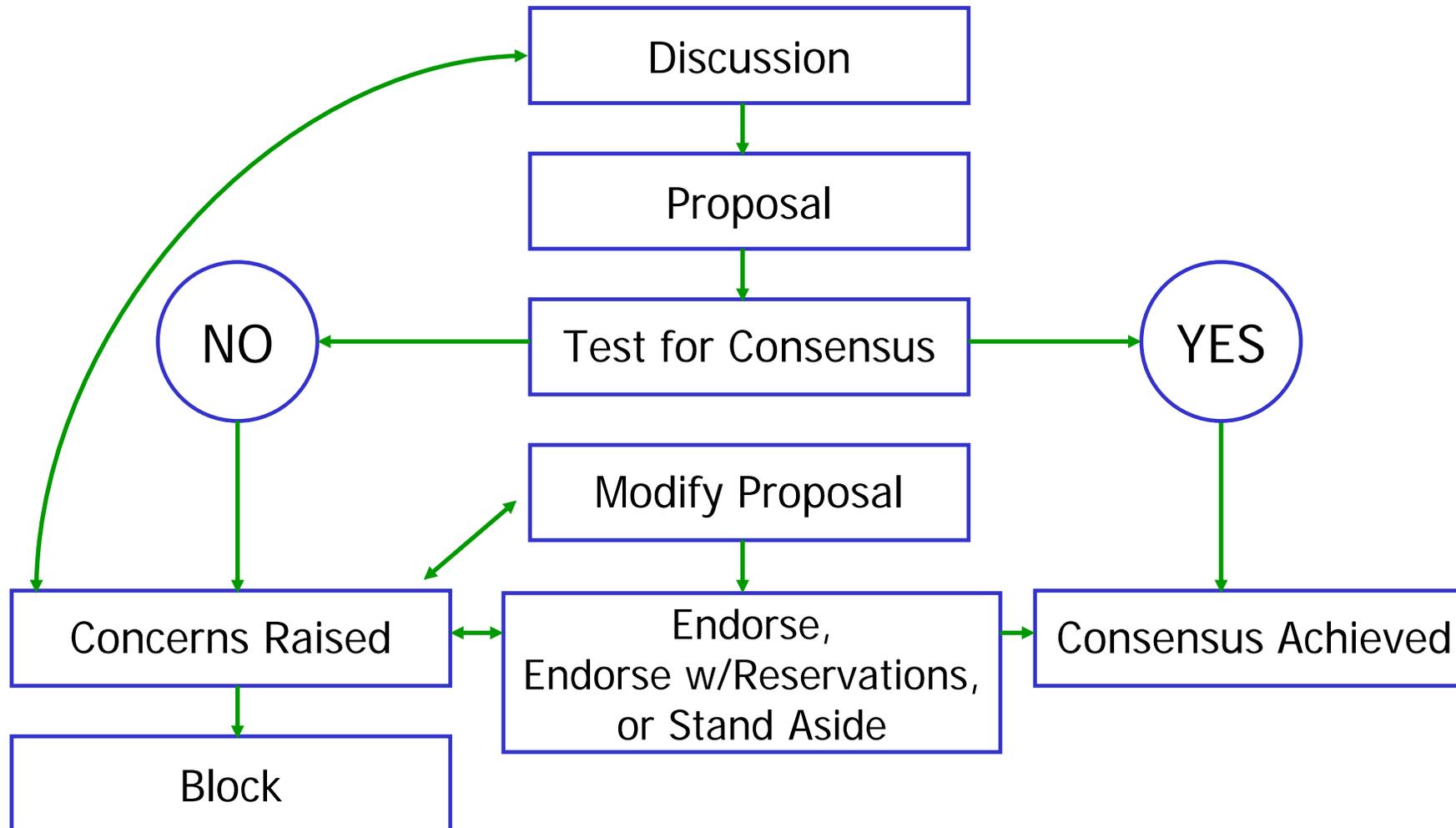
-  1. **Endorsement** (Member fully supports it)
-  2. **Endorsement with minor point of contention** (Member likes it)
-  3. **Agreement with minor reservation** (Formal disagreement, but will not block or hold up the proposal/provision)
-  4. **Stand aside with major reservations** (Formal disagreement, but will not block or hold up the proposal/provision)
-  5. **Block** (Member will not support the proposed plan)

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Measuring Consensus:

- **Consensus** = All committee members present rate the proposal as a 1,2, or 3
- **Consensus with Major Reservations** = All committee members present rate the proposal as a 1,2, or 3, except at least one Committee member rates it as a 4
- **No Consensus** = Any committee member rates the proposal as a 5

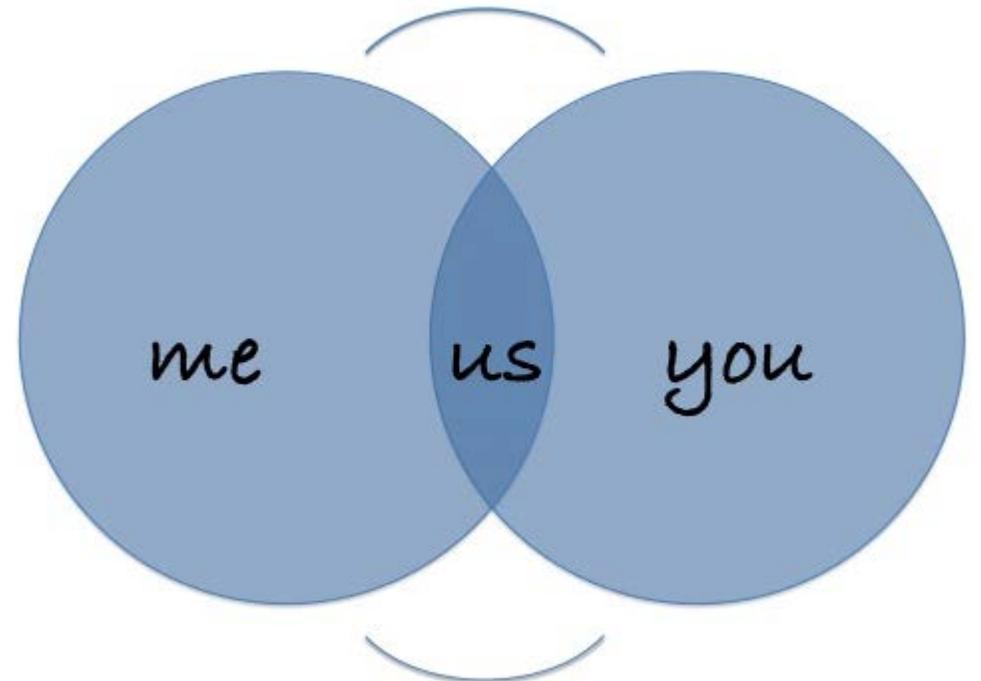
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Ground Rules

- Only one person will speak at a time and no one will interrupt when another person is speaking
- Each person will express his or her own views rather than speaking for others at the table
- No one will make personal attacks or issue statements blaming others for specific action or outcomes
- Members will avoid grandstanding (extended comments and questions) in order to allow everyone a fair chance to speak and to contribute



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CPC Schedule + Duration

- Meeting #1: June 26, 2017
- Meeting #2: July 24, 2017
- Meeting #3: August 28, 2017
- Meeting #4: September 18, 2017
- Meeting #5: October 16, 2017

