

PROTECT OUR NATURAL PARKS



Vote YES on Measure 3-568

by Citizens, for Citizens

(Keep for reference)

OUR MEASURE 3-568:

- Revises & replaces the existing City Charter Chapter X that has protected Springbrook Park from development since 1978
- Protects the full acreage of Springbrook + 15 additional natural parks
- Clearly defines natural park boundaries so they cannot be divided into natural & developable areas
- Allows additional natural parks to be added at any time by City Council
- Prohibits telecommunication facilities, parking lots, roads & trails for motorized vehicles, athletic facilities, & other facilities/structures that are inconsistent with natural conditions
- Prohibits cutting of any tree for the purposes of commercial logging
- Allows uses & trails compatible with accessing & enjoying natural areas
- Encourages preservation to ensure safe, healthy & vibrant natural habitats
- Supports park maintenance efforts that mitigate fire dangers
- Allows existing City infrastructure to be maintained
- Defines natural parks as “Nature Preserves”
- Ensures VOTERS decide any future development otherwise prohibited & encourages the City to present a compelling case in those rare instances

Vote NO on City Council’s competing Measure 3-575!

City Council’s Measure 3-575:

- Misleads voters with nice-sounding slogans that offer few real protections
- Inaccurately renames Chapter X falsely describing its intent and effect
- Fails to specify natural park acreage or boundaries until a later date
- Risks the potential to divide parks into natural and developable areas
- Eliminates several protections sought after in citizens’ Measure 3-568
- Redefines telecommunications facility that may allow for public towers
- Removes certain existing protections from Springbrook Park
- Is “business as usual” w/ tedious public process that minimizes citizen voice

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YES ON Measure 3-568

Vote **NO** on City Council's Measure 3-575

Myth

The City's measure "builds upon", "shares same goals as", "doesn't take away from", and "clarifies verbiage" in the citizen-initiated measure.

Fact

The City's measure uses unnecessary and nice-sounding slogans to mislead voters, but the City's measure actually removes existing protections from Springbrook Park, eliminates several protections in Measure 3-568, and defers mapping for "natural areas" putting some parks' acreage at risk of development.

Myth

"Springbrook Park permits vehicular access" to mitigate fire hazards, such as removing dead trees and excess underbrush, and to maintain trails. These activities would not be able to continue in Springbrook and the 15 additional natural parks.

Fact

Measure 3-568 states that the City shall "maintain...a Nature Preserve for the purposes of ecological restoration that provides a safe and healthy natural area that is accessible for public enjoyment, provides a healthy habitat for wildlife, eliminates invasive species, restores native species, and mitigates fire hazards.

Furthermore, Springbrook Park's existing charter, the baseline for Measure 3-568, states the City "...shall not construct or develop...any Athletic Facility, or any parking lot, road, or trail for motorized vehicles..."

If City park maintenance & fire prevention efforts with vehicle access can occur in Springbrook today, then these same activities are absolutely allowed to continue for all natural parks protected by Measure 3-568.

Myth

Park-specific master plans wouldn't be allowed and would lead to costly elections to get voter approval.

Fact

The City would be expected to develop park-specific master plans that define appropriate park uses and plan (a) trails and boardwalks (using ADA-compliant natural materials used across the nation in wilderness areas) that provide access for walking, hiking, jogging, wheelchair/mobility devices, horseback, and bicycle riding, and (b) benches, interpretive displays, and picnic and sanitary facilities.

In the rare instance the City identifies a need to develop in a natural park that would otherwise be prohibited, the City would be expected to produce a compelling case for voters to decide at any May or November election. This guarantees citizens determine what is important for these natural parks.

Myth

Mayor Buck claims that "members of the community attempted to work with LoveLOParks on something that could be collaborative...It just fell on deaf ears."

Fact

LoveLOParks met with these "members of the community" numerous times who told us to "abandon our efforts" and that their stewardship relationship with the City was adequate. We offered to incorporate their ideas with ours into a joint text, but they refused and insisted on a full rewrite offering fewer development limitations.

From Sept-Nov 2019, we spoke with hundreds of citizens; In Nov 2019, we met with Director of Parks & Recreation and incorporated his feedback; In Dec 2019, we provided public comment at the City Council meeting and invited them to collaborate — only Ms. Kohlhoff made the effort and signed the petition; In the of Fall 2020, we reached out to all 8 Mayoral and Council candidates and spoke with 7.

City Council has never reached out to us to discuss and collaborate.

Read more: **LOVELOPARKS.ORG/FACTS**

Natural Parks Included	Current Chapter X (by citizens in 1978)	Measure 3-568 (by citizens in 2021)	City's Measure 3-575 (by city council)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Springbrook Park (52 acres) 	<p>Includes Entire park perimeter & acreage</p>	<p>Includes Protects entire park perimeter & acreage</p>	<p>Includes Acreage defined within 60-days after ratification</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bryant Woods Park (19.7 acres) Canal Acres (27.3 acres) Cooks Butte Park (43 acres) Cornell Natural Area (3.2 acres) Glenmorrie Greenway (1.3 acres) Hallinan Woods (3.8 acres) Iron Mountain Park (51 acres) Kerr Open Space (10 acres) Lamont Springs NA (0.5 acres) River Run (10.8 acres) South Shore Natural Area (9.2 acres) Stevens Homestead (5.7 acres) Stevens Meadow (20.1 acres) West Waluga Park (22.8 acres) Woodmont Natural Park (6.8 acres) 	<p>Not included</p>	<p>Declares these parks as "Nature Preserves"</p>	<p>Declares these parks, or portions of, as "Natural Areas"</p> <p>Risk: City may designate some park acreage for development (discussed among community members involved in writing City's referendum)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Waluga Freepons George Rogers Kelly Creek Pennington Park Sunny Slope Open Space 	<p>Not included</p>	<p>Allows Additional parks may be included at any time by City per Measure 3-568's text</p>	<p>Missing: Stevens Homestead</p>
Development Limitations	Current Chapter X	Measure 3-568	City's Measure 3-575
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All development must be consistent with the preservation of natural area parks and open spaces for public enjoyment 	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>Risk: Fails to address development inconsistent with preserving natural habitats by using nice-sounding slogans for managing ecosystems</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Picnic & Sanitary Facilities 	<p>Allows</p>	<p>Allows</p>	<p>Allows</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Trails for Walking, Hiking, Jogging, Horseback, and Bicycle Riding 	<p>Allows</p>	<p>Allows</p>	<p>Allows</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Trails using natural materials & boardwalks as used in national, state & city wilderness areas meeting federal ADA-compliance 		<p>Allows</p>	<p>Allows</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Benches, Interpretive Displays & Boardwalks for sensitive habitat areas 		<p>Allows</p>	<p>Allows</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Athletic Facilities 	<p>Prohibits</p>	<p>Prohibits</p>	<p>Prohibits</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Parking Lots 	<p>Prohibits</p>	<p>Prohibits</p>	<p>Allows</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Paved Trails using Asphalt and/or Concrete surfaces 		<p>Prohibits</p>	<p>Risk: Allows development of parking lots, paved trails & non-public roads within park boundaries which may cause destruction of natural habitat & loss of trees</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Roads or Trails for Motorized Vehicles 	<p>Prohibits</p>	<p>Prohibits</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Telecommunications Facilities 		<p>Prohibits Comprehensive definition for BOTH public & private telecommunications facilities</p>	<p>Prohibits Risk: Ambiguous definition that may allow public telecommunications facilities</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of other new structures or facilities inconsistent with maintaining a natural park as a natural habitat 		<p>Prohibits</p>	<p>Allows</p> <p>Risk: Vaguely defines a tedious public process for "other uses & facilities" with decisions driven by City- "Business as Usual"</p>

Maintenance & Improvements	Current Chapter X (by citizens in 1978)	Measure 3-568 (by citizens in 2021)	City's Measure 3-575 (by city council)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible and Safe to Public • Ecological Restoration • Healthy Habitat for Wildlife 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewardship & Education • Eliminate Invasive Species • Restore Native Species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selective Tree Thinning • Hazardous Tree Removal • Mitigate Fire Hazards 	Allows
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of any tree FOR THE PURPOSES of Commercial Logging 			Prohibits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of any tree for the development of any athletic facility, telecommunications facility, parking lot, road or trail for motorized travel 	Prohibits	Prohibits	Allows
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain (includes maintenance, restoration, renovation & replacement) existing structures, facilities, parking lot, road, or trail provided it doesn't further impair or be inconsistent with a parks' natural conditions 		Allows Effective: Nov 3, 2021; Immediately upon ratification	Allows Effective: Jan 1, 2022 Risk: Gives grace-period before becoming effective.
Park Planning	Current Chapter X	Measure 3-568	City's Measure 3-575
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement existing adopted park-specific master plans that include development otherwise restricted by Chapter X; Only 2 park-specific master plans remain: Stevens Meadow Homestead Trailhead (in-progress), Canal Acres (not implemented) 		Allows Effective: Nov 3, 2021; Immediately upon ratification	Allows Effective: Jan 1, 2022 Risk: Potential for new master plan creation before 1/1/22 that could include development which may cause destruction of natural habitat & loss of trees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New master & maintenance plans must adhere to development limitations of Chapter X 	Allows	Allows	Allows Risk: Vaguely defines a tedious public process for "other uses & facilities" with decisions driven by City- "Business as Usual"
Process to Include Additional City Natural Parks	Current Chapter X	Measure 3-568	City's Measure 3-575
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by bond where voters explicitly designate a park to Chapter X 	Allows	Allows	Unspecified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property owner may convey property to the City as a "Nature Preserve" 		Allows	Unspecified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks, Rec, & Natural Resource Advisory Board nominates park as "Nature Preserve" & City Council ratifies 		Allows	Unspecified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks & Rec. Director nominates park as a "Nature Preserve" & City Council ratifies 		Allows	Unspecified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council may designate property by majority vote subject to Chapter X development limitations 		Unspecified	Allows
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voters may designate additional parks as a "Nature Preserve" by ballot initiative 		Allows	Unspecified
Process to Address Future Needs	Current Chapter X	Measure 3-568	City's Measure 3-575
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City identifies a compelling need that is prohibited by Chapter X's development limitations 	City Council may forward a referendum at any May or November election for Voters to consider	City Council may forward a referendum at any May or November election for Voters to consider	Follows tedious public planning process with decisions driven by City- "Business as Usual"
Voter's Pamphlet Ballot Measure Information	Current Chapter X	Measure 3-568	City's Measure 3-575
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballot Title- Caption, Question & Summary 		Written by City Attorney Dec 12, 2019 Misleading wording & omissions designed to garner a "no" vote	Written by City Attorney Aug 3, 2021 Biased & favorable wording designed to garner a "yes" vote
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanatory Statement 		City Attorney consulted w/ Initiative's Chief Petitioner Aug 9, 2021	MAJOR conflict of interest with citizen-initiated measure