

# PROTECT OUR NATURAL PARKS



## Vote **YES** on **Measure 3-568** by Citizens, for Citizens

(Keep for Reference)



### OUR MEASURE 3-568:

- Endorsed by TWO prominent environment and conservation organizations
- Enhances & strengthens 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
- Explicitly defines natural park boundaries so they cannot be divided into natural & developable areas nor altered without voter approval
- 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, & commercial logging that are incompatible with natural habitats
- 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 maintenance of existing City infrastructure
- 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:

- Voters’ Pamphlet does not accurately explain intent, changes or its effect
- Provides weak City ordinance protections subject to change at any time
- Delays defining natural park acreage and boundaries until AFTER we vote
- Risks dividing natural parks into natural and developable areas
- Offers no substantial development limitations only colorful words
- Eliminates most protections sought after by citizens in Measure 3-568
- Redefines telecommunications facility that may allow for public towers
- Removes existing protections from Springbrook Park, putting it at risk
- Allows “other uses & facilities” incompatible with protecting natural habitat
- 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 3-575 rewrites Chapter X using unnecessary and nice-sounding slogans to mislead voters, while actually removes existing protections from Springbrook Park, eliminating most protections in Measure 3-568, and deferring mapping of "natural areas" until AFTER we vote putting some natural 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 in wilderness areas across the nation) 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, not a few individuals, 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](https://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"> <li>• Springbrook Park (52 acres)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Includes</b> Entire park perimeter &amp; acreage</p>	<p><b>Includes</b> Protects entire park perimeter &amp; acreage</p>	<p><b>Includes</b> Acreage defined within 60-days <b>after</b> we vote</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bryant Woods Park (19.7 acres)</li> <li>• Canal Acres (27.3 acres)</li> <li>• Cooks Butte Park (43 acres)</li> <li>• Cornell Natural Area (3.2 acres)</li> <li>• Glenmorrie Greenway (1.3 acres)</li> <li>• Hallinan Woods (3.8 acres)</li> <li>• Iron Mountain Park (51 acres)</li> <li>• Kerr Open Space (10 acres)</li> <li>• Lamont Springs NA (0.5 acres)</li> <li>• River Run (10.8 acres)</li> <li>• South Shore Natural Area (9.2 acres)</li> <li>• Stevens Homestead (5.7 acres)</li> <li>• Stevens Meadow (20.1 acres)</li> <li>• West Waluga Park (22.8 acres)</li> <li>• Woodmont Natural Park (6.8 acres)</li> </ul>	<p>Not included</p>	<p>Declares these parks as "Nature Preserves"  Explicitly defines parks, acreage, and boundaries in Charter text ensuring alterations by voter approval only</p>	<p>Declares these parks, or portions of, as "Natural Areas"  <b>Risk:</b> City may designate some park acreage for development. Parks are defined by City ordinance that may be altered at any time by City Council w/ 4:3 vote</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Waluga</li> <li>• Freepons</li> <li>• George Rogers</li> <li>• Kelly Creek</li> <li>• Pennington Park</li> <li>• Sunny Slope Open Space</li> </ul>	<p>Not included</p>	<p><b>Allows</b> Additional parks may be included at any time by City per Measure 3-568's text</p>	<p><b>Missing:</b> Stevens Homestead</p>
Development Limitations	Current Chapter X	Measure 3-568	City's Measure 3-575
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All development must be consistent with the preservation of natural area parks and open spaces for public enjoyment</li> </ul>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓ <b>Risk:</b> Fails to address development inconsistent with preserving natural habitats by using nice-sounding slogans for managing ecosystems</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of Picnic &amp; Sanitary Facilities</li> </ul>	<p><b>Allows</b></p>	<p><b>Allows</b></p>	<p><b>Allows</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of Trails for Walking, Hiking, Jogging, Horseback, and Bicycle Riding</li> </ul>	<p><b>Allows</b></p>	<p><b>Allows</b></p>	<p><b>Allows</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of Trails using natural materials &amp; boardwalks as used in national, state &amp; city wilderness areas meeting federal ADA-compliance</li> </ul>		<p><b>Allows</b></p>	<p><b>Allows</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of Benches, Interpretive Displays &amp; Boardwalks for sensitive habitat areas</li> </ul>		<p><b>Allows</b></p>	<p><b>Allows</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of Athletic Facilities</li> </ul>	<p><b>Prohibits</b></p>	<p><b>Prohibits</b></p>	<p><b>Prohibits</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of Parking Lots</li> </ul>	<p><b>Prohibits</b></p>	<p><b>Prohibits</b></p>	<p><b>Allows</b> <b>Risk:</b> Allows development of parking lots, paved trails &amp; non-public roads within park boundaries which may cause destruction of natural habitat &amp; loss of trees</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of Paved Trails using Asphalt and/or Concrete surfaces</li> </ul>		<p><b>Prohibits</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of Roads or Trails for Motorized Vehicles</li> </ul>	<p><b>Prohibits</b></p>	<p><b>Prohibits</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of Telecommunications Facilities</li> </ul>		<p><b>Prohibits</b> Comprehensive definition for BOTH public &amp; private telecommunications facilities</p>	<p><b>Prohibits</b> <b>Risk:</b> Ambiguous definition that may allow public telecommunications facilities</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of other new structures or facilities inconsistent with maintaining a natural park as a natural habitat</li> </ul>		<p><b>Prohibits</b></p>	<p><b>Allows</b> <b>Risk:</b> Vaguely defines a tedious public process for "other uses &amp; 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"> <li>• Accessible and Safe to Public</li> <li>• Ecological Restoration</li> <li>• Healthy Habitat for Wildlife</li> <li>• Stewardship &amp; Education</li> <li>• Eliminate Invasive Species</li> <li>• Restore Native Species</li> <li>• Selective Tree Thinning</li> <li>• Hazardous Tree Removal</li> <li>• Mitigate Fire Hazards</li> </ul>		<b>Allows</b>	<b>Allows</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of any tree FOR THE PURPOSES of Commercial Logging</li> </ul>		<b>Prohibits</b>	<b>Prohibits</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of any tree for the development of any athletic facility, telecommunications facility, parking lot, road or trail for motorized travel</li> </ul>	<b>Prohibits</b>	<b>Prohibits</b>	<b>Allows</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain (includes maintenance, restoration, renovation &amp; replacement) existing structures, facilities, parking lot, road, or trail provided it doesn't further impair or be inconsistent with a parks' natural conditions</li> </ul>		<b>Allows</b> Effective: Nov 3, 2021; Immediately upon ratification	<b>Allows</b> Effective: Jan 1, 2022 <b>Risk:</b> 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"> <li>• 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)</li> </ul>		<b>Allows</b> Effective: Nov 3, 2021; Immediately upon ratification	<b>Allows</b> Effective: Jan 1, 2022 <b>Risk:</b> 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"> <li>• New master &amp; maintenance plans must adhere to development limitations of Chapter X</li> </ul>	<b>Allows</b>	<b>Allows</b>	<b>Allows</b> <b>Risk:</b> 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"> <li>• Acquired by bond where voters explicitly designate a park to Chapter X</li> </ul>	<b>Allows</b>	<b>Allows</b>	Unspecified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property owner may convey property to the City as a "Nature Preserve"</li> </ul>		<b>Allows</b>	Unspecified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks, Rec, &amp; Natural Resource Advisory Board nominates park as "Nature Preserve" &amp; City Council ratifies</li> </ul>		<b>Allows</b>	Unspecified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks &amp; Rec. Director nominates park as a "Nature Preserve" &amp; City Council ratifies</li> </ul>		<b>Allows</b>	Unspecified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Council may designate property by majority vote subject to Chapter X development limitations</li> </ul>		Unspecified	<b>Allows</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voters may designate additional parks as a "Nature Preserve" by ballot initiative</li> </ul>		<b>Allows</b>	Unspecified
Process to Address Future Needs	Current Chapter X	Measure 3-568	City's Measure 3-575
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City identifies a compelling need that is prohibited by Chapter X's development limitations</li> </ul>	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"> <li>• Ballot Title- Caption, Question &amp; Summary</li> </ul>		Written by City Attorney Dec 12, 2019 <b>Misleading wording &amp; omissions designed to garner a "no" vote</b>	Written by City Attorney Aug 3, 2021 <b>Biased &amp; favorable wording designed to garner a "yes" vote</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explanatory Statement</li> </ul>		City Attorney consulted w/ Initiative's Chief Petitioner Aug 9, 2021	<b>MAJOR conflict of interest with citizen-initiated measure</b>