

AGENDA

City of Oregon City, Oregon Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

**City Hall
Commission Chambers
625 Center Street, Oregon City, OR 97045**

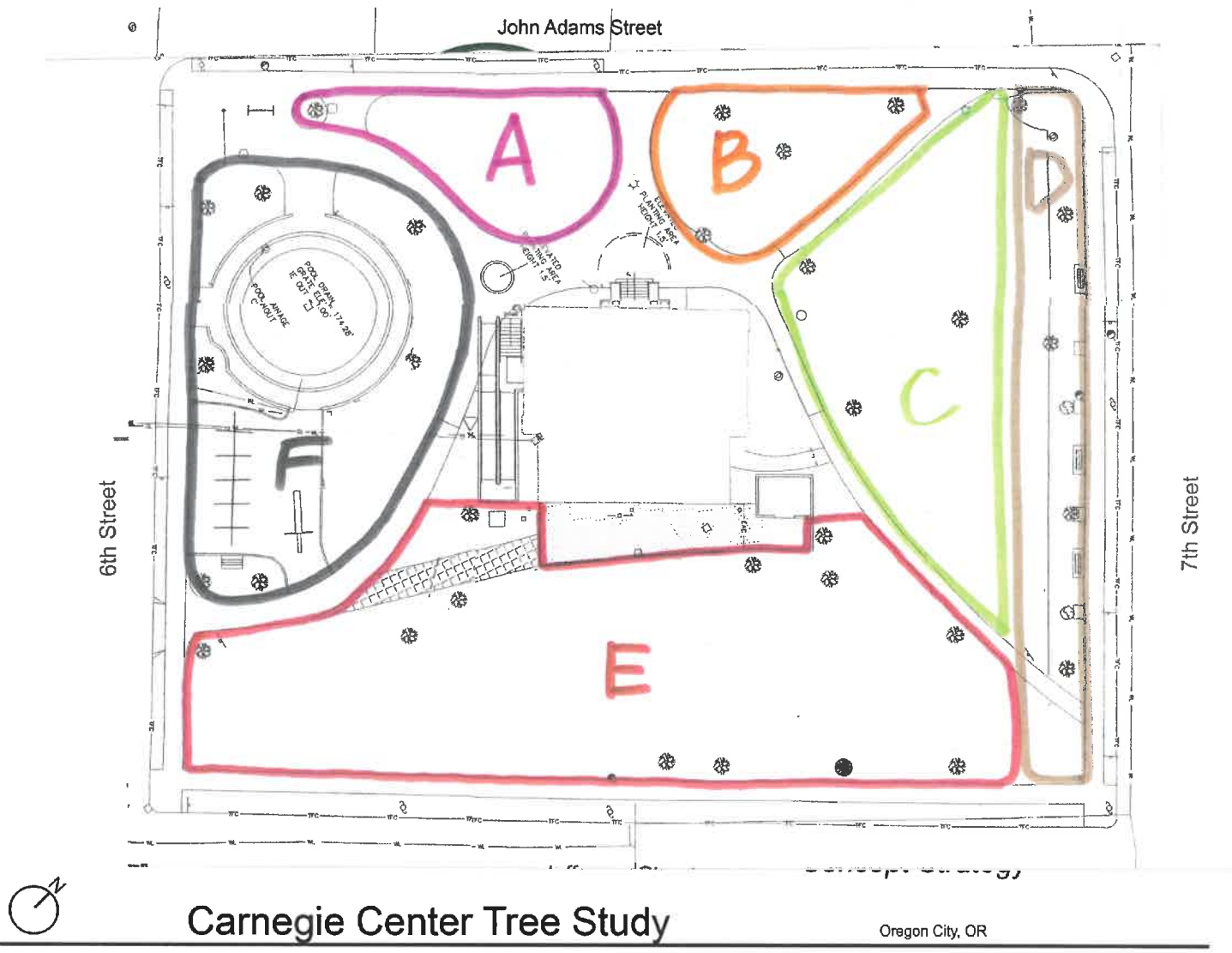
**Thursday, March 31, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approval of minutes – January 27, 2011 (No February minutes – meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather)
- 3) Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda
- 4) General business
 - a) Dog park
 - b) 2011 goals update
 - c) Pocket parks
 - d) Carnegie tree planting plan
 - e) Newell Creek Canyon trail concept
 - f) PRAC applicant
 - g) Citizen request regarding park hours
 - h) Other general business
- 5) PRAC member reports
- 6) Staff reports
 - a) Canemah neighborhood park project update
 - b) Ermatinger House update
 - c) Carnegie spray park renovation
 - d) Sportcraft boat ramp project
 - e) Other
- 7) Next scheduled meeting date – April 28, 2011
- 8) Adjournment



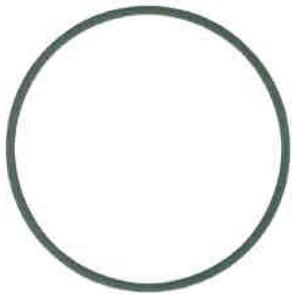
Carnegie Center Tree Study

Oregon City, OR





White Oak
(*quercus alba*)
80-feet wide, 80-feet tall



Red Oak
(*quercus rubra*)
50-feet wide, 60-feet tall



Linden Tree
(*tilia americana*)
50-feet wide, 100 feet tall



European Beech
(*fagus sylvatica*)
50-feet wide, 50-feet tall



Paperbark Maple

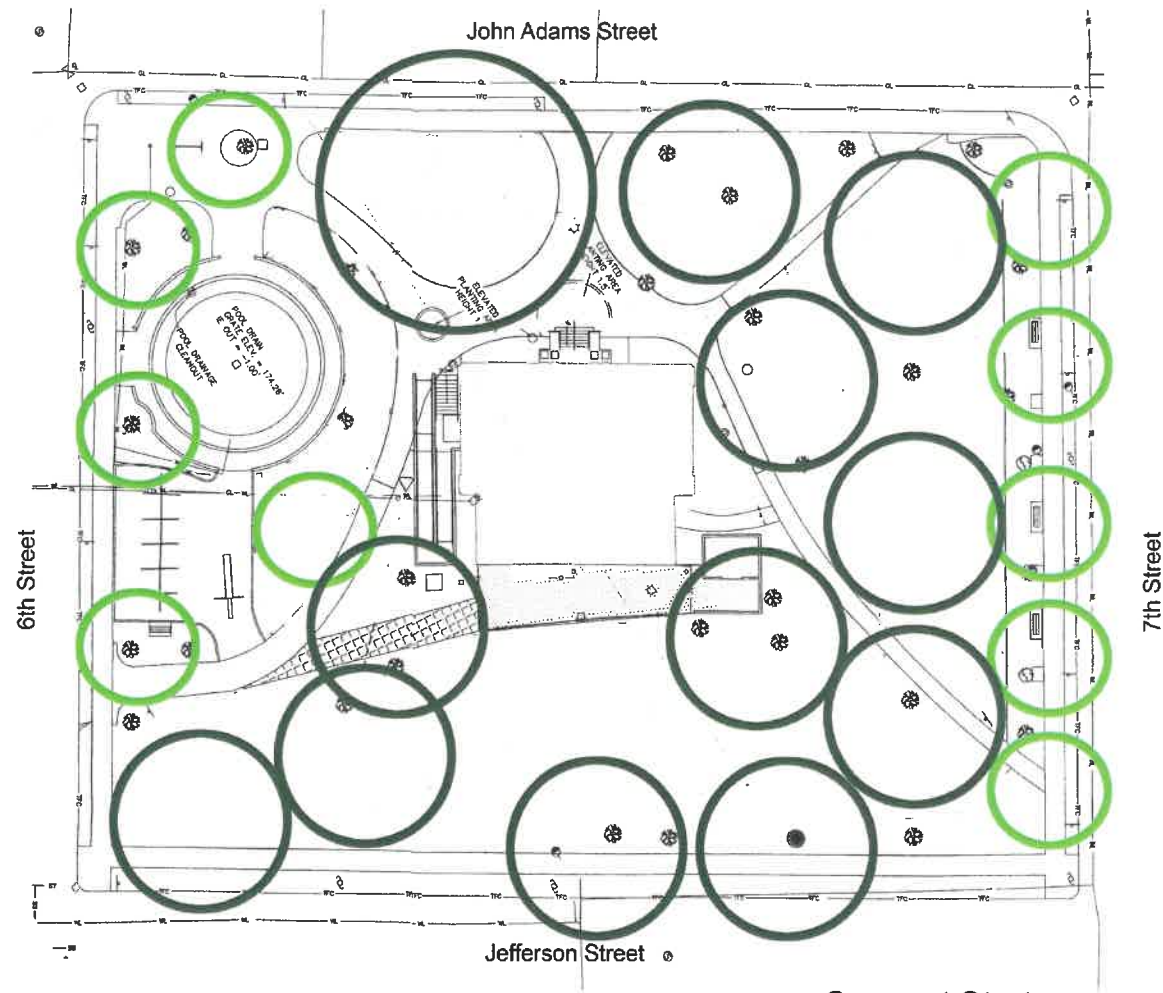


Japanese Snowbell



Flowering Dogwood





Concept Strategy



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Board or Commission Applying For: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Personal Information:

Name: Don Smith

Address: 1505 Madison Street

Home Phone: 971-570-8999

Cell Phone: 971-570-8999

Email Address: don.smith.usa@gmail.com

How long have you lived in Oregon City?: 12 years

Employment:

Current Employer Name/Address:

Disabled American Veterans

Chapter #1

8725 NE Sandy Blvd

Portland, Oregon

Position: Executive Director

How long?: 9.5 Years

Work Phone: 503-255-0171

Work Experience: Large Recreation/Hospitality Management 24 years-waterparks, amusement parks, concessions, catering, large event management,

Education:

Colleges: Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University

Years Completed:

Degrees:

Certifications:

Describe volunteer activity within this or other communities:

Served on Gresham Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Portland Veteran Standdown - Job fair, self help, intervention etc for Homeless Veterans Blanket Hope - Blankets and clothing for homeless

Do you presently serve on a City board or committee: No

If yes, which board or committee?:

Explain your interest in this board/committee and why you think its issues are important: To help promote recreational development to improve the livability of Oregon City in ways that foster economic development.

List any relevant experiences, skills, or interests that have helped to prepare you for a position on this board or committee: Effective meeting organizer, experienced presenter, working knowledge of budgeting and profit/loss, recreation management

Additional information:

I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct: Yes

Note:

You will find me to be a very competent contributor very experienced with committees, process, policies and procedures. Im very much a consensus builder and creative problem solver. Thank you for considering my application.

This park is located in the McLoughlin District across from the Carnegie Center. The sale of this park would be subject to voter approval for the reasons identified above. The park was not dedicated through a deed or plat restriction; however, as suggested above in the *Wessinger* case, a city may "dedicate" property to park use without actually having the dedication in the deed or plat. Moreover, this park was purchased with funds obtained from the Land and Water Conservation Fund ("LWCF") a federal program that provides money to local jurisdictions to purchase parks and open space. When the park was purchased, the City agreed to certain restrictions on the sale of the property. In particular, if the City sought to sell the property, it would need the approval of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and the City would either have to re-pay the LWCF or mitigate by developing another park in the same general area, which would be very difficult in that neighborhood.

2. Stafford Park

This park was purchased in 1978 by the City through a bargain and sale deed from a trustee for the Staffords and has been used as a park since. City Engineering staff wants to use a portion of this park for a road to provide access to landlocked parcels and to eliminate access off Molalla Avenue. The sale of this park would be subject to voter approval for the reasons identified above. The deed itself provides no restriction or other indication of dedication but, as noted above, prolonged use as a park may also lead to dedication. *See the Wessinger case.* However, as also noted in *Wessinger*, because the park was dedicated through use and not by its previous owner, a sale may be possible without vacating the property. Nonetheless, the City Charter prevents outright sale without voter approval.

3. Hazelwood Park

This park was deeded to the City by Parrot Investment, Inc., and the deed specifically provides that the property "shall be used solely for park and public recreational purposes." Thus, the dedication issues raised above are squarely presented by this property. In addition, the sale of this property should also be subject to voter approval.

4. Hartke Park

This park was also deeded to the City by Parrot Investment, Inc., with the same deed restriction and is subject to the same restrictions.

5. Shennandoah Park

This park was created as a part of the Shennandoah development. The plat specifically identifies this property as a "park;" thus, this park is also subject to the restrictions on dedication noted above. In addition, the sale of this property is also subject to voter approval.

6. Dement Park

CHARMAN & LINN
OAK TREE

From Shawn Dachtler

Park-After Dark Issues

Safety
Security
Noise
Drugs
Vandalism
Privacy of surrounding residents

Potential Fixes:

1. Park Host
2. Adjust park closing hours (some variation of the suggestions below). Exceptions should be made for parks with boat landing, ball field and skate park lighting.
 - a. Open at dawn close at dusk
 - b. Open at dawn close 30-60 min past dusk

Pros and cons of adjusting hours

Pros:

1. Gives police more leverage with regards to law enforcement
2. Gives neighbors peace of mind with the ability to call police and hope for a positive result
3. Neighbors will be more inclined to call for assistance knowing they're potentially saving the park from vandalism.
4. Gives neighbors more serenity with less noise out in the dark area behind their houses where they cannot see.

Cons:

1. Discourages public use of a public space when it's dark.
2. Gives teenagers less places to park and cause a nuisance.

I think there is an assumed duty of a park neighbor. We pick up the trash and dog mess. We are usually the first to call maintenance when there is a broken swing or stuck faucet. We are an extension of the limited park maintenance staff. I like to think of the park as my neighbor. As a neighbor, the only issues I have with the park are its nuisance traits that creep up after dark. People stand out behind our fence in the dark smoking illegal substance. They drive their cars at high rates of speed through the parking lot to show off to their friends. They even sit in groups under the stars and yell and scream at late hours. Drug deals have been observed in the parking lots and there are records showing recent drug busts in one City Park

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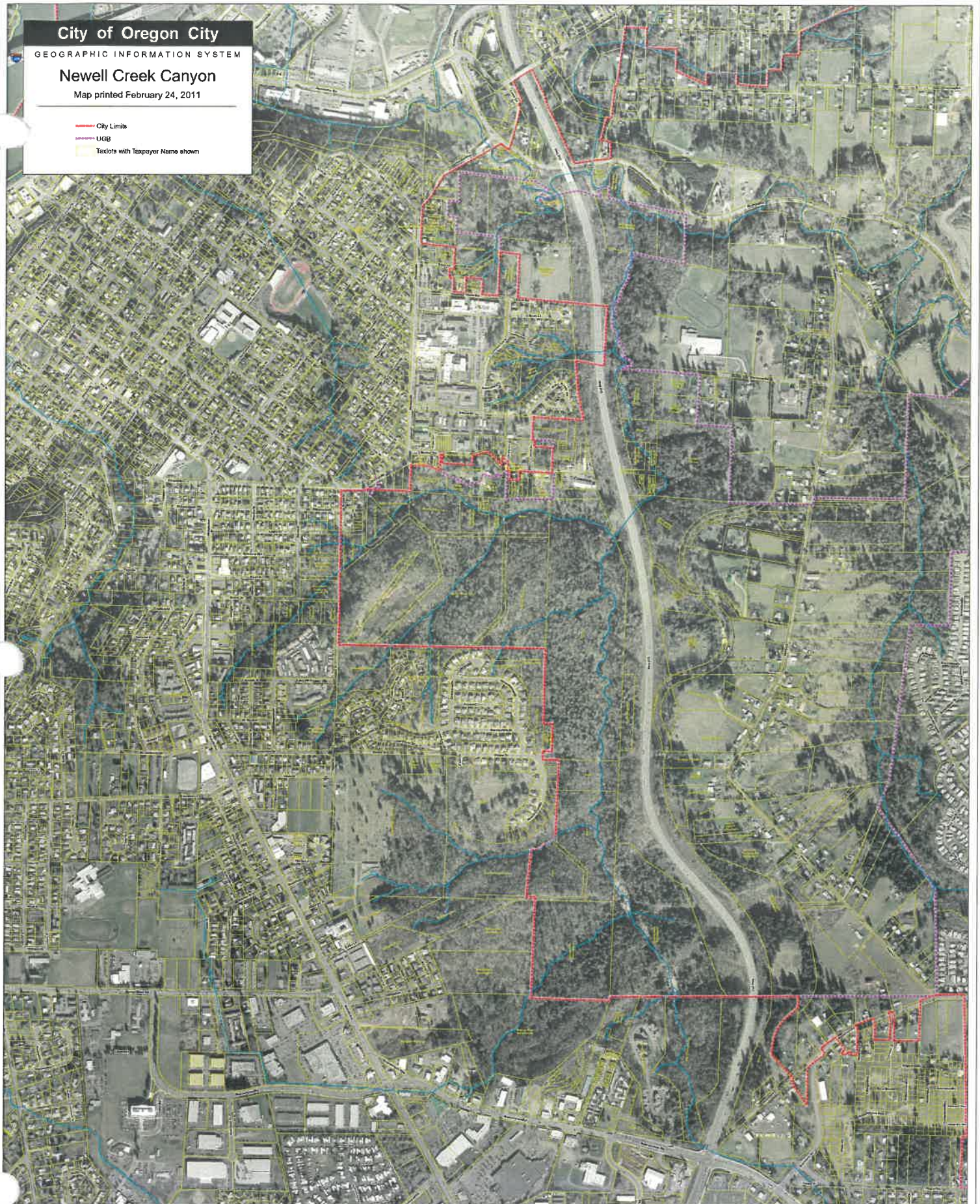
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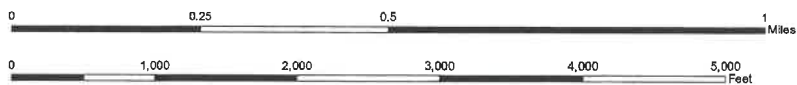
Newell Creek Canyon

Map printed February 24, 2011

- City Limits
- UGB
- Taxlots with Taxpayer Name shown



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