

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**AGENDA DATE:** December 19, 2017

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Tracy Novak, Director (212-1708)

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** Districts 2, 3, 8

**STRATEGIC GOAL:**

Goal 4 – Enhance El Paso’s Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural, and Educational Environments

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action to approve Resolution establishing the Scattered Fields Plan based on 2012 Quality of Life Bond funding.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The Quality of Life Bond program has Scattered Fields funds in the total amount of \$5,000,000. The proposed plan is for expenditure of the total funds allocated for this project over the next six years. The plan is based on information from community input, stakeholder meetings, and sports participants. The prioritized project list uses specific parameters for selection derived from community input. The plan recommends a rollout schedule for each project, based on available funding for each fiscal year, through FY2023.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

- 2/5/13 – City Council approved initial three-year rollout of Quality of Life Bond Projects
- 1/25/16 – City Council approved revised rollout schedule for Quality of Life Bond Projects
- 9/5/17 – City Council deferred action on Scattered Fields Plan

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

2012 Quality of Life Funds - \$5,000,000

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

10/9/17 – Parks and Recreation Board recommended approval of the Scattered Fields Plan for City Council consideration.

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**LEGAL:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ **FINANCE:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** T. Novak

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY MANAGER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, on February 5, 2013, the City Council of the City of El Paso approved the Scattered Flat Fields Project Priority Plan using 2012 Quality of Life Bond funds; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 25, 2016, the City Council of the City of El Paso approved a revised rollout schedule for Quality of Life Bond Projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Parks and Recreation Department has presented a plan to identify the number, location, scope and priority for the Scattered Flat Fields Project pursuant to Schedule “A” attached hereto using the funds allocated under the 2012 Quality of Life Bond.

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Parks and Recreation Department is requesting that the plan to implement the Scattered Flat Fields Project be approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

**THAT** the City’s Parks and Recreation Department has established a plan to implement the Scattered Flat Fields Project, as set forth on Schedule “A”; that such project be funded under the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds; and that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to effectuate budget transfers to facilitate the Plan.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

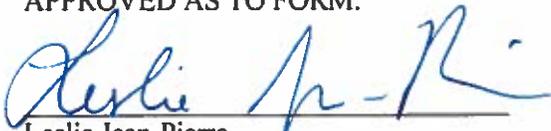
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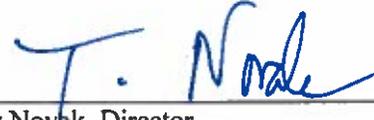
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Dee Margo  
Mayor

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Laura D. Prine  
Interim City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Leslie Jean-Pierre  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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Tracy Novak, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**[PRIORITIZED PROJECT LIST]**



# Scattered Fields Program

## Recommended Plan – City Owned Sites

District	Park/Location Proposed construction	# of Futsal/Flat Fields	Estimate*
3	Alameda Rec Center - Lighted Futsal Courts and Lighted Flat Field	2/1	\$1,500,000
8	WWII Company E Park – Lighted Futsal Courts	2/0	\$700,000
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8	Mary Webb - Futsal Courts (already lit)	2/0	\$300,000
8	Modesto Gomez – Lighted Futsal Courts and Lighted Flat Field	2/1	\$1,750,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8/3</b>	<b>\$5,000,000.00</b>
	*this is just an estimate therefore funding could be used on any project		

*“Delivering Outstanding Services”*



# City of El Paso Parks and Recreation

## **Scattered Fields Plan** 2012 Quality of Life Bond



# Scattered Fields Program

- **Goal 4 - Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments**
  - Deliver bond projects impacting quality of life across the city in a timely, efficient manner



# Scattered Fields Program

## Past City Council Actions

- 2/5/13 - Council approved three year rollout of Quality of Life Bond Projects
- 9/16/14 – City Council approved Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- 1/25/16 - Council approved revised plan for Quality of Life Bond Projects
- 9/5/17 – Council deferred action to obtain more information



# Scattered Fields Program

## Development of Program

- 2012 Quality of Life Bond Ordinance
  - “Outdoor soccer fields in Central El Paso (approximate aggregate cost: \$5,000,000)
  - Funds could be used for, “acquiring, constructing, improving, renovating and equipping new and existing parks...”
- Bond Overview Advisory Committee (BOAC)

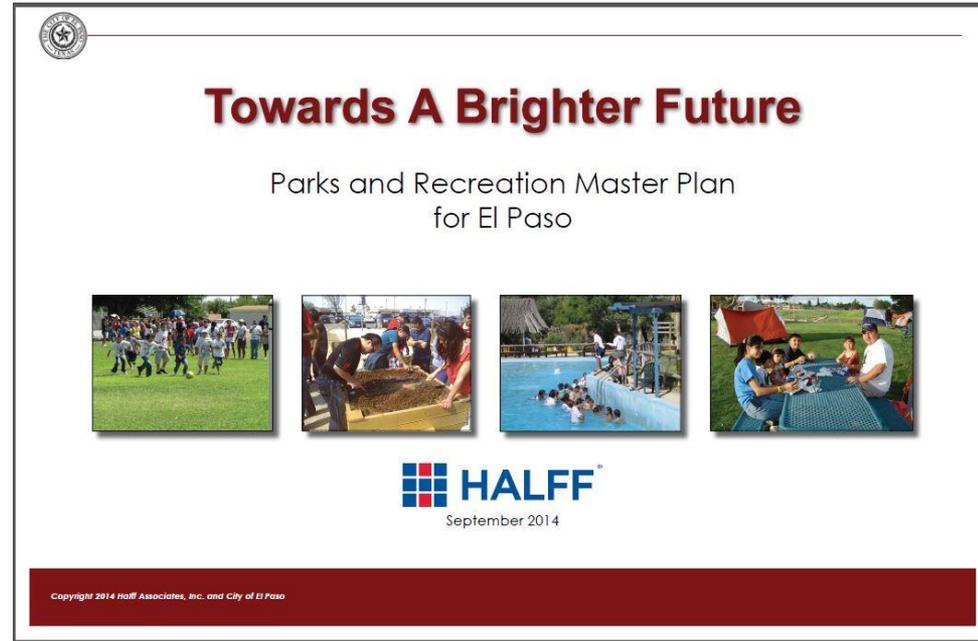
Council District	Category/Project	Estimated Cost
CENTRAL	New scattered flat fields (specific sites TBD)	\$5,000,000



# Scattered Fields Program

## 2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
  - Recommended to City Council: May 12, 2014
- City Council
  - Approved: September 16, 2014





# Parks and Recreation Master Plan

## Central Planning Area

### Key Outdoor Gaps and Needs – Immediate

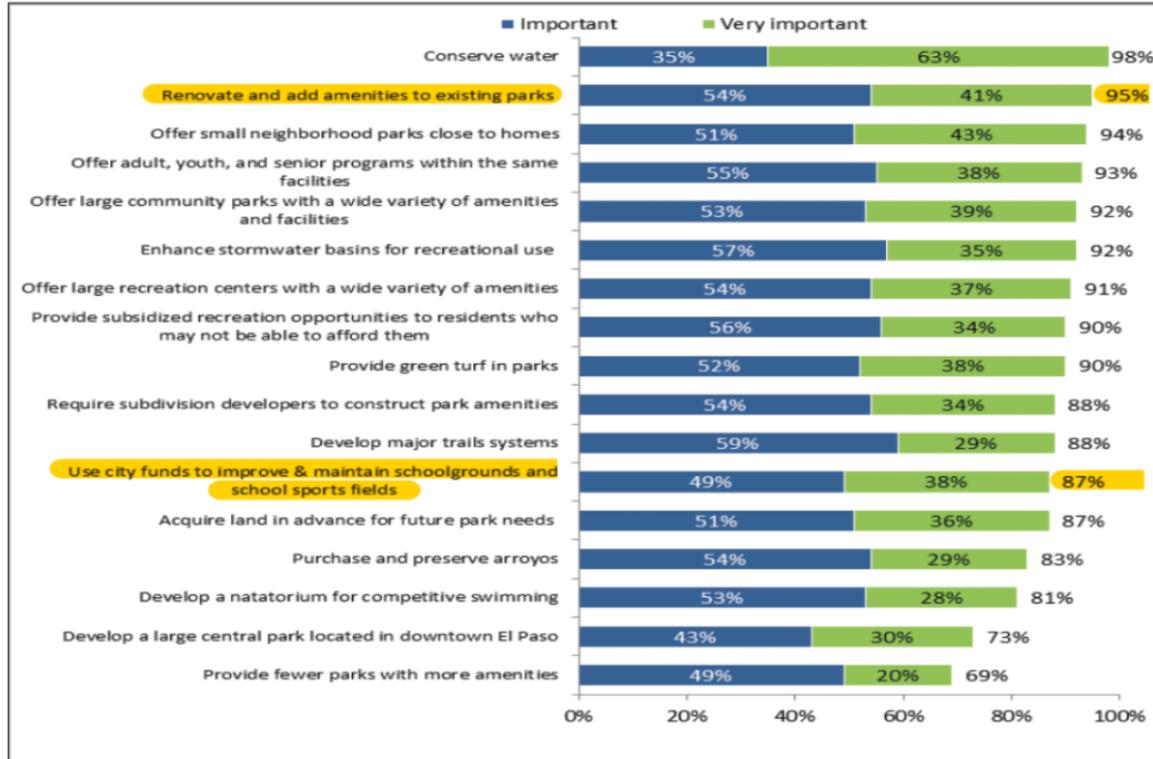
- Lacks access to flat fields for soccer and football.
- Additional flat fields are needed. Given the lack of available land in the central area, smaller “quick soccer” courts that are the size of basketball courts may be considered as an innovative alternative.

Type of Park or Facility	Target Level of Service (unit of measure)	Target Inventory to meet 2020 population	2012 Actual Inventory	Excess/ (Deficit)
Add flat Fields/quick soccer courts where feasible	1 game field / 10,000 residents	13	2	(11)



# 2014 P&R Master Plan - Survey

OVERALL IMPORTANCE OF FUTURE PARK DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS





# Scattered Fields Program

**The following was considered to address the flat field deficit:**

1. Available undeveloped City owned land in Central El Paso
2. Impact of EPISD Joint Use Agreement
3. EPISD properties for sale
4. Potential private parcels
5. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Recommendations



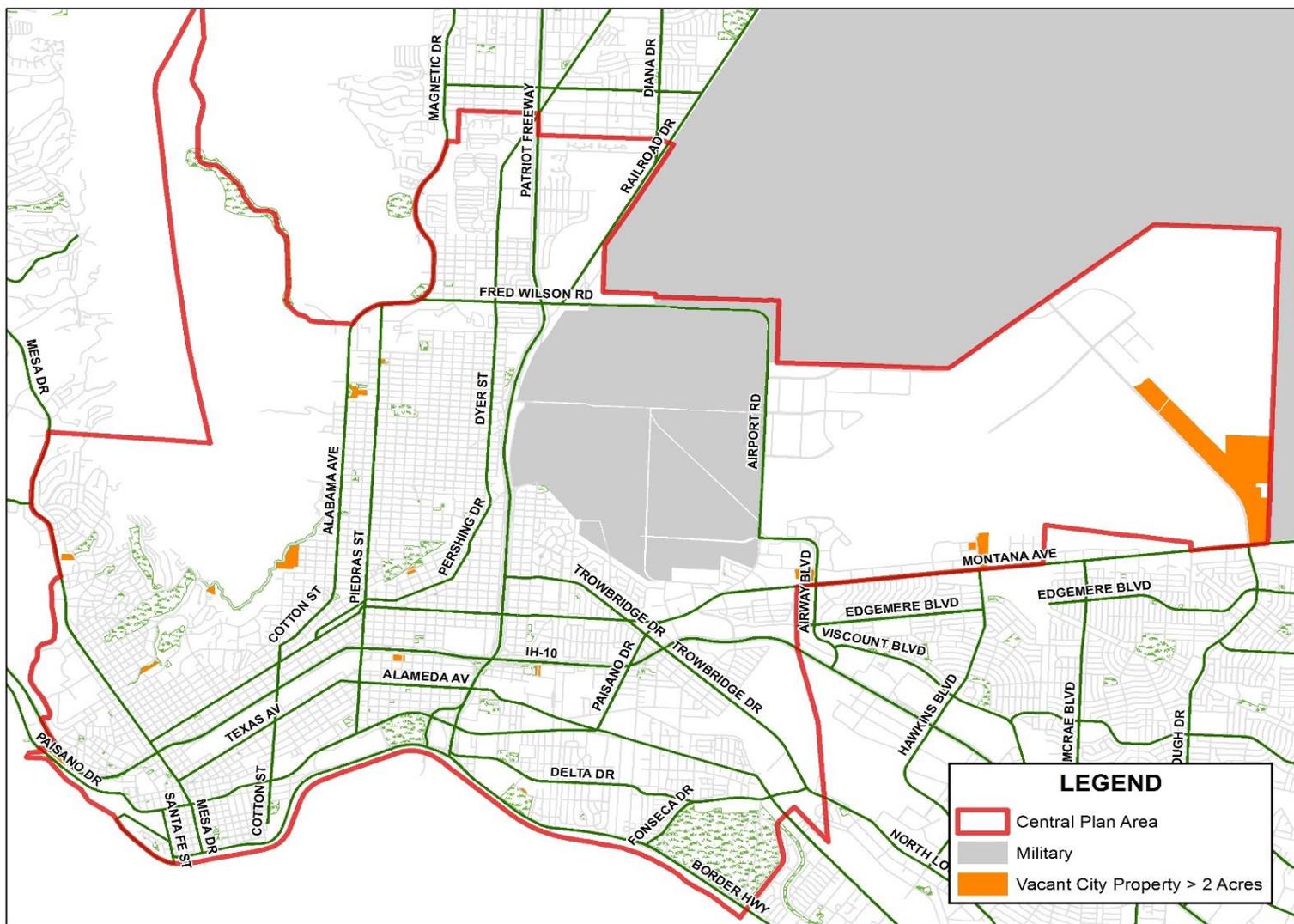
# Undeveloped City Owned Parcels

**Properties need to meet the following design standards:**

- Land that is flat
- No competing uses
- Opportunities for support facilities:
  - Restrooms
  - Parking
  - Lighting



**EXISTING CITY  
OWNED  
PROPERTY > 2  
ACRES**





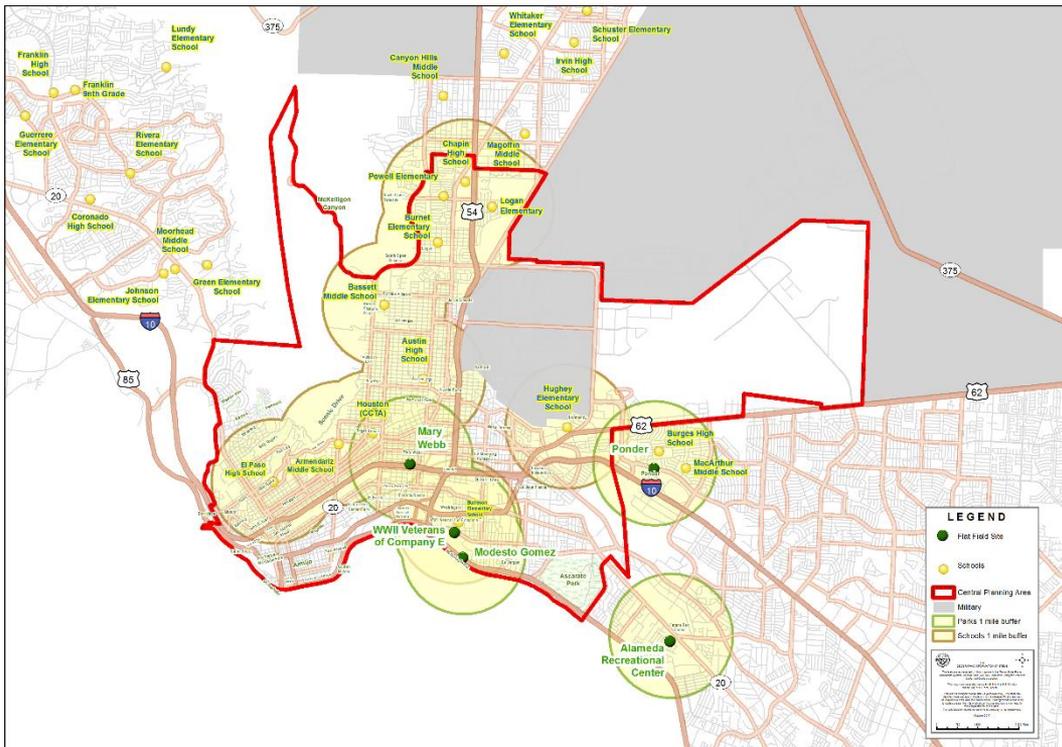
# EPISD Joint Use

- Researched available School District properties
  - EPISD Joint Use agreement approved: June 13, 2017
  - Opened 31 overall to public use, of which 14 fields are in Central El Paso
  - Available to the public during non-school hours



# EPISD Joint Use Agreement

1 mile buffer for walking distance

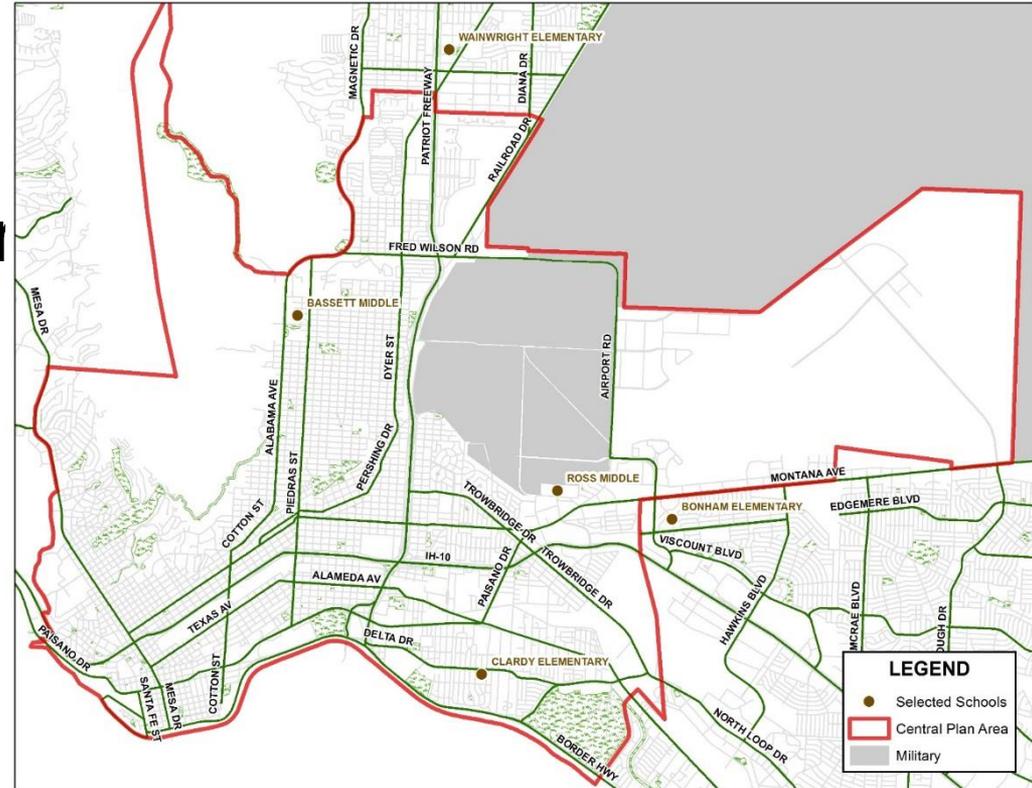


Location	# of Fields
Chapin HS	2
Powell Elem	1
Logan Elem	1
Burnett Elem	1
Bassett MS	2
Austin HS	2
Houston	1
Armendariz MS	1
El Paso HS	1
Burleson Elem	1
Hughey Elem	1
<b>Total Fields</b>	<b>14</b>



# EPISD Available Properties

- Reviewed Potential School District Land for Sale
  - Bassett Middle
  - Bonham Elementary
  - Clardy Elementary
  - Ross Middle
  - Wainwright Elementary



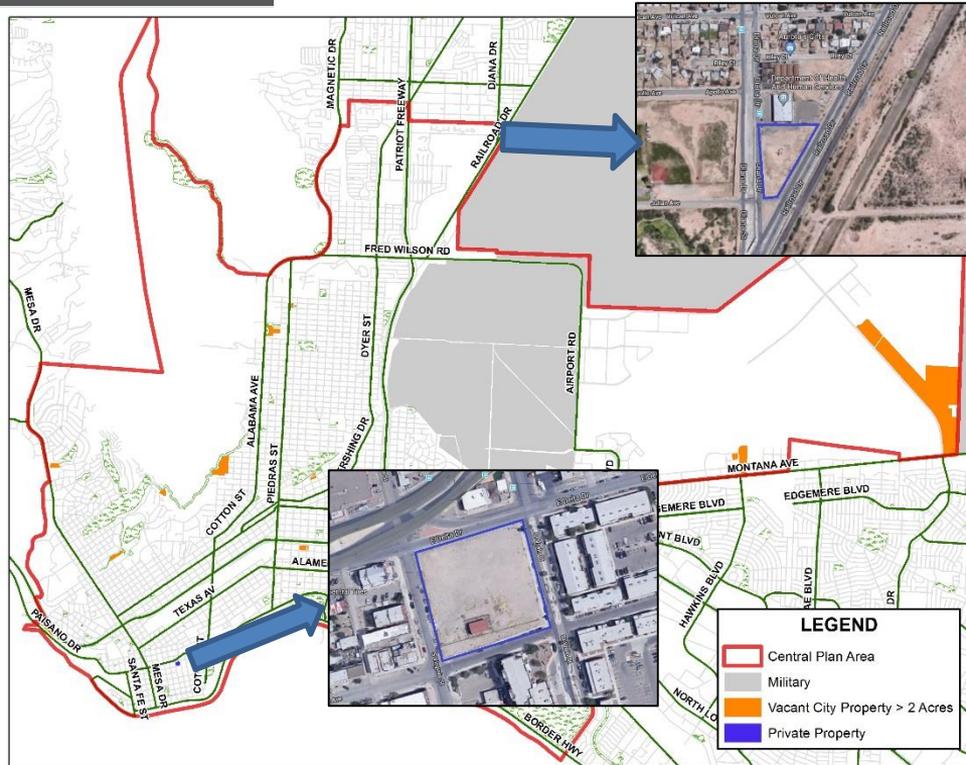


# EPISD Land Development Cost

- Land Acquisition: \$200,000 per Acre
- Acres: 5 Acres
- Demolition/Construction: \$2 Million to \$5 Million
- Number of Fields: 3 - 5



# Private Land Development Cost



- Two Potential Sites
- Land Acquisition: \$600,000 per site
- Flat Field Construction: \$1,500,000 each
- Total number of fields could be built: three (3)



# Scattered Fields Program

## Benefits – Staff Recommendation

- No land acquisition costs
- Use existing infrastructure
  - Restrooms, parking, lighting
- More fields (11) vs 3-5
- Use existing amenities
  - Benches, shade, playground, etc



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## Community Input

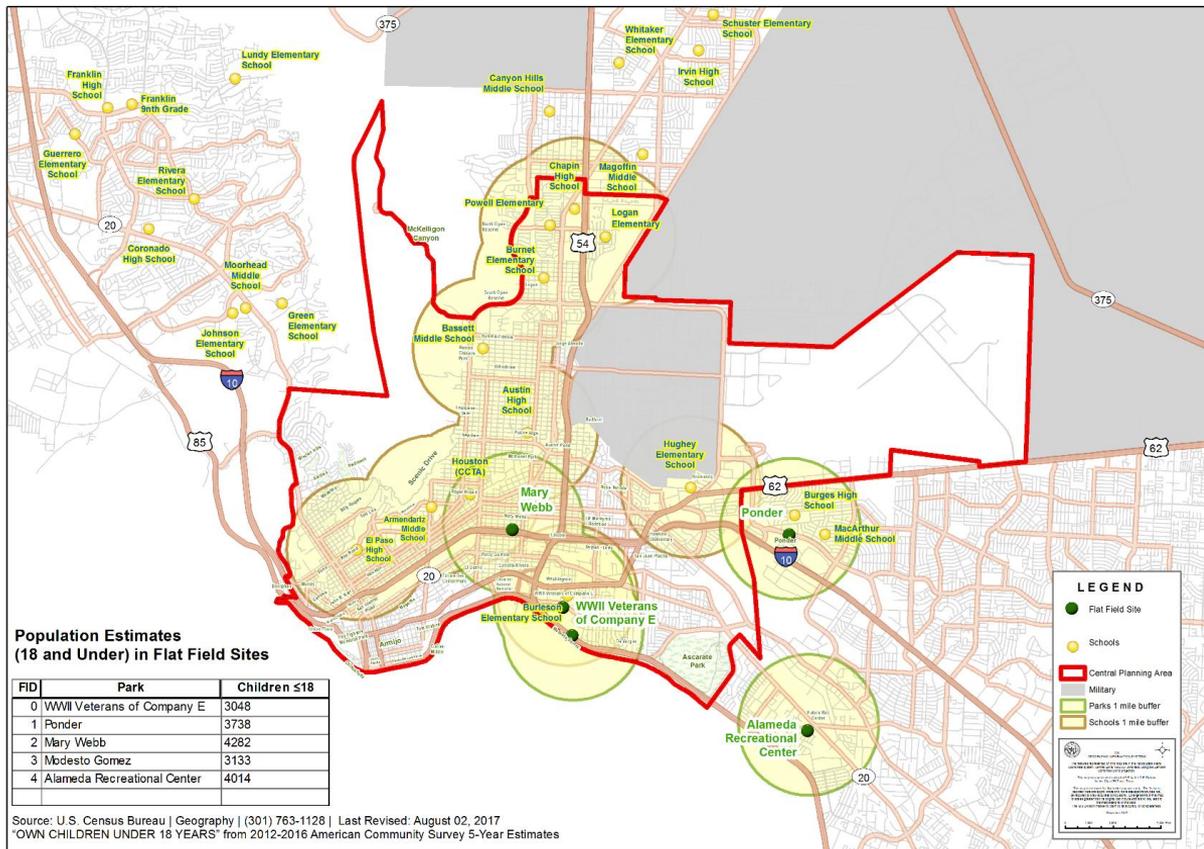
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2014)
  - Recommended additional flat fields as #2 goal to address gap in service in Central El Paso
- Independent Leagues Meeting - 8/8/16
  - Recommended Futsal Courts where fields were overused and grass is difficult to maintain, or where boundaries needed to keep balls from going into the street.
- Community Input - 9/16/16; 4/11/17; 4/12/17
  - Recommended providing an accessible field for players with disabilities
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – 10/9/17



# Community Served

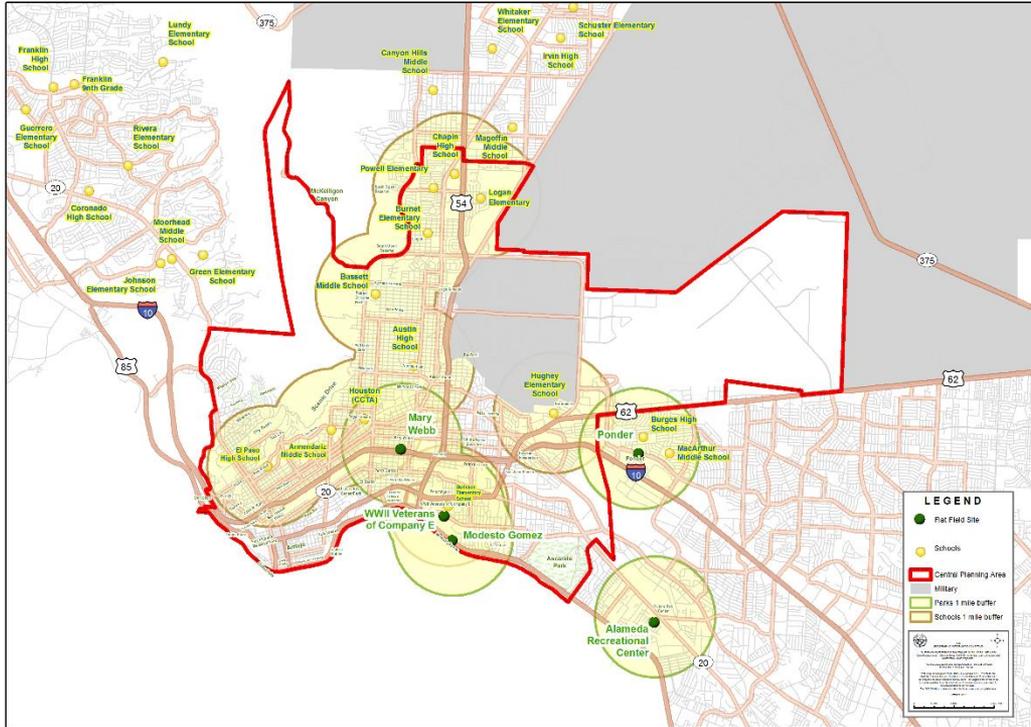
## Demographic Analysis

As many as 18,215 children under age 18 will directly benefit from the City's Recommended Plan





# Create 25 More Fields



- 11 fields - (5 Park sites)
  - 14 fields – (11 EPISD sites)
- RESULT: 25 Total Fields**



# Staff Recommendation

## Opportunities

- Maximizes the number of fields for Central El Paso – 25 overall
- Eliminates Level of Service deficiency, creates more fields, adds capacity for future growth
- Leverages Scattered Fields funding with other QOL projects to deliver a better project overall
- Funding goes towards building fields rather than land acquisition and infrastructure development
- Follows Master Plan Recommendation to improve existing Fields



# Scattered Flat Fields Plan

## Alameda





# Scattered Flat Fields Plan

## WW II Company E



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# Scattered Flat Fields Plan

## Ponder Park



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# Scattered Flat Fields Plan

## Mary Webb Park





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## Modesto Gomez Park



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# Comments?