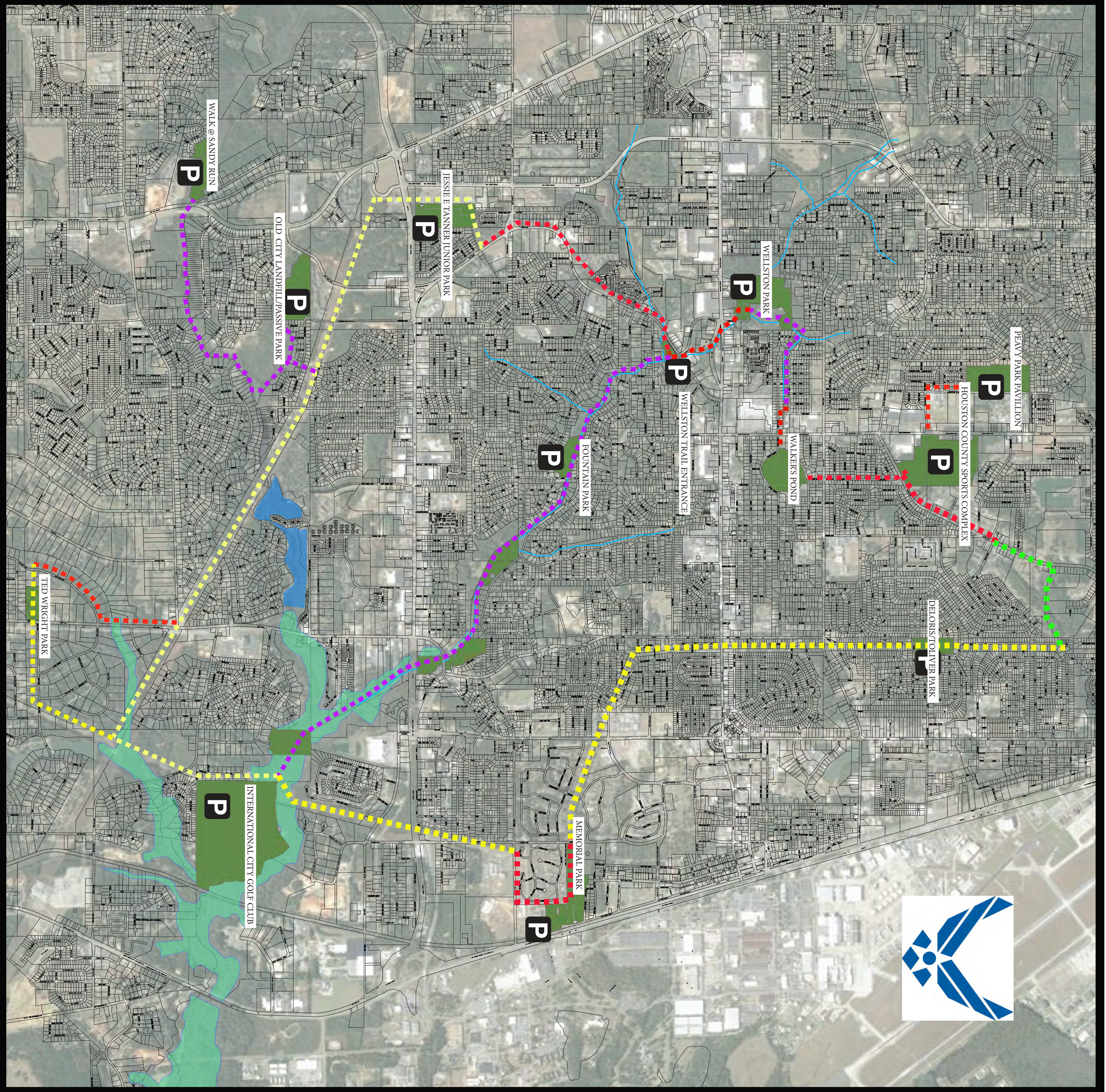
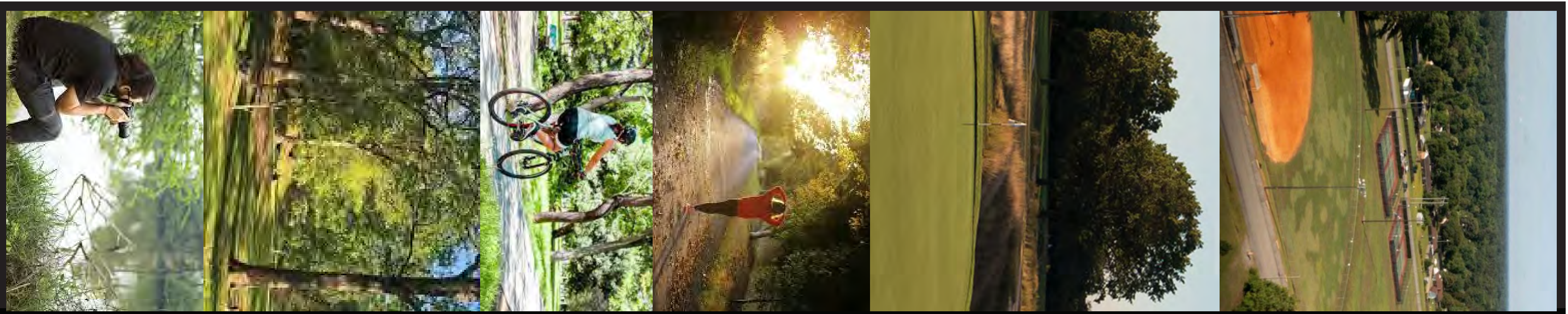


Pre-Council Meeting  
May 1, 2023  
Carolyn Robbins Conference Room  
700 Watson Blvd. Warner Robins, GA 31093  
4:30 pm

1. Discussion of May 1, 2023 Draft Agenda
  - a. Item #13 - Annexation - Darin Curtis - Planning and Zoning
2. New Business
  - a. City of Warner Robins Park and Greenway Concept - Mack
3. Old Business
4. Discussion

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# CITY OF WARNER ROBINS PARK AND GREENWAY CONCEPT

This document is intended to illustrate a possible alignment for a pedestrian and bicycle trail or greenway. The program depicted here utilizes powerline easements, naturally occurring drainage areas, and neighborhood streets to connect the parks and recreation facilities of the City of Warner Robins.

TRAIL LENGTH: 23.25 MILES

LEGEND	
POWER EASEMENT	■
DRAINAGE AREA	■
STREET/SIDEWALKS	■
SANITARY EASEMENT	■

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## **Wellston Trail Expansion Efforts:**

As stated previously, there are **several trail expansion opportunities** that have been explored and discussed.

1. Expanding the existing Wellston Trail **westward** from **Kimberly Road to Moody Road**.
  - a. This effort would double the existing trail by utilizing the existing sidewalk along Lakeshore Drive to Briarcliff Road and then utilizing the pathway of both Bay Gall Creek and the City's existing sewer easement.
  - b. There would be NO EXPENSE acquiring private property for easement purposes since all the property along that area is already owned by the City of Warner Robins, except for one **2.73-acre tract owned by Tower, Inc.** who has been more than willing to **donate the property** to the city for over 6 years.
  - c. Paving the unpaved portion of the trail would not only increase access for a broader sector of our community to include those with mobility issues, but would greatly decrease the need for the Utilities Department in mowing a larger area of the sewer easement for periodic maintenance and inspections.
  - d. Expected expenses would include:
    - i. Paving a 12 ft. wide trail.
    - ii. Installing 2 walk bridges over the Bay Gall Creek where needed.
    - iii. Installing street balustrades (where needed) where existing streets dead end on or near the property to prevent vehicular traffic from entering the trail areas.
  - e. **This would prove to be the least expensive but effective expansion** of any of the other trail expansion efforts.
2. Expanding the existing Wellston Trail **north-westward** from **Corder Road to Watson Blvd and Wellston Park**.
  - a. This effort would add the needed connection from Corder to Watson Blvd.
  - b. Property needed would follow Bay Gall Creek and Radio Loop
  - c. Existing city easement would be used allowing for the 12 ft. buffer required by EPD (top of the bank of the creek outward).
  - d. Expected expenses would include:
    - i. Paving the unpaved easement area (12ft wide)

- ii. Corder Road crosswalk with caution light. In past conversations with Tommy Stalnecker (Past Chairman of County Commissioners), Houston County would be willing to make that available. The cost would be nominal, if any, to the city.
- 3. Expanding the existing Wellston Trail westward from Wellston Park to Centerville Center Park.
  - a. This effort would add approximately 2+ miles of trail space.
  - b. Following Bay Gall Creek and its easement, this would allow a walking trail connection between Wellston Park and Centerville's Center Park.
  - c. Expected expenses would include: (These expenses would be shared between the City of Warner Robins and the City of Centerville)
    - i. Paving of unpaved easement area (12 ft. wide)
    - ii. Private property acquisition where easement area would not be sufficient.

In conclusion:

There have been strides made over the years by both the public and private sectors of our community to make Warner Robins and the surrounding area a great place to live, work and play. Opportunities are plentiful to make it even better for years to come. Wellston Trail and the Wellston Park project have led the way by providing more trail space and passive parks for all the citizens of the Warner Robins area, but so much more can be done. **In some cases, we need to finish what we started, but in others, we need to expand upon the work that has already been done.** It has been proven that community-minded businesses and their leaders, along with the many volunteer organizations and individuals are more than willing to help when called upon to create and improve the quality of life for all. Improving and expanding trails, passive parks, and green spaces has been proven in many other communities to not only keep but draw companies and their people to a community that supports these efforts. ***We now have the opportunity to do it in OUR COMMUNITY.***