

FIENSLLEY FIELD

DALLAS, TX

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



HISTORY & CULTURAL RESOURCES FOCUS GROUP

May 5, 2021

Purpose + Agenda

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PURPOSE

To review and provide input into the development of the History & Culture Guiding Principle and Goals for Hensley Field

How can we best manage cultural and historic resources at Hensley Field?

AGENDA

- Project Introduction
- Guiding Principles
- History & Culture Discussion
- Existing Assets Discussion

Please write any questions in the chat box and the design team will respond in real time.



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PROJECT INTRODUCTION

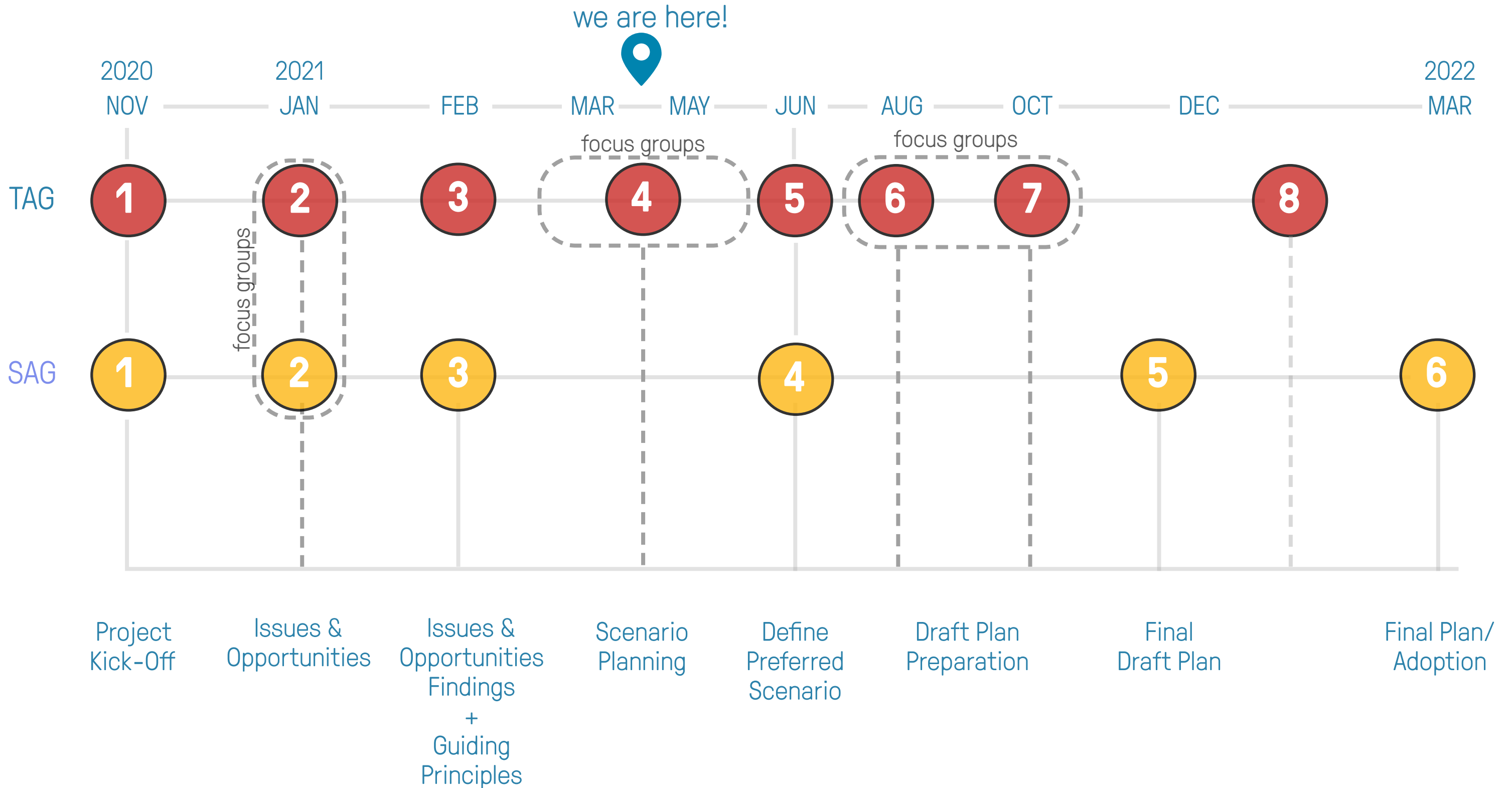
Hensley Field

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Project Status

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Project Mission

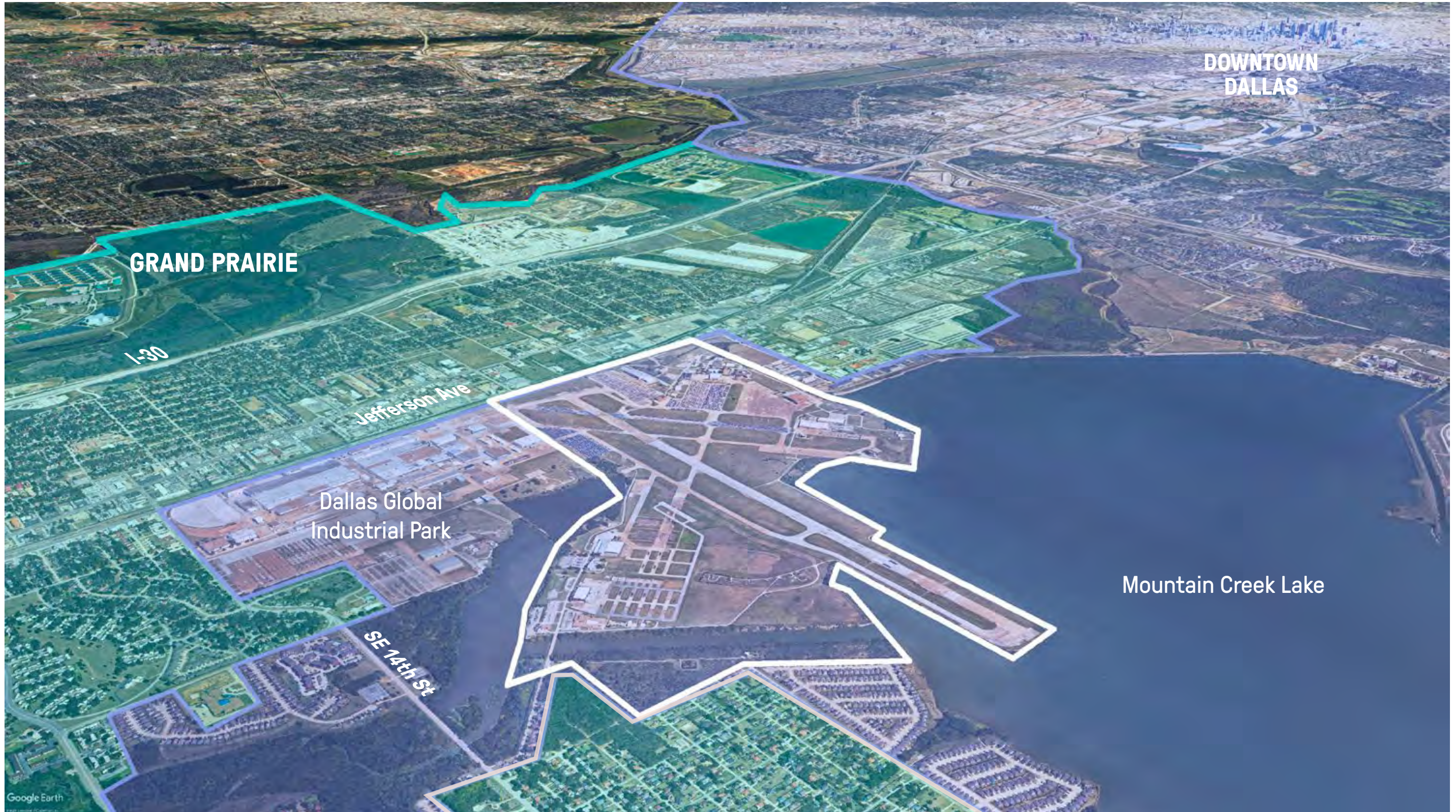
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Leverage the value of this **City-owned asset** to create an **implementable plan** that achieves community objectives related to **social equity, economic vitality** and **environmental stewardship**.



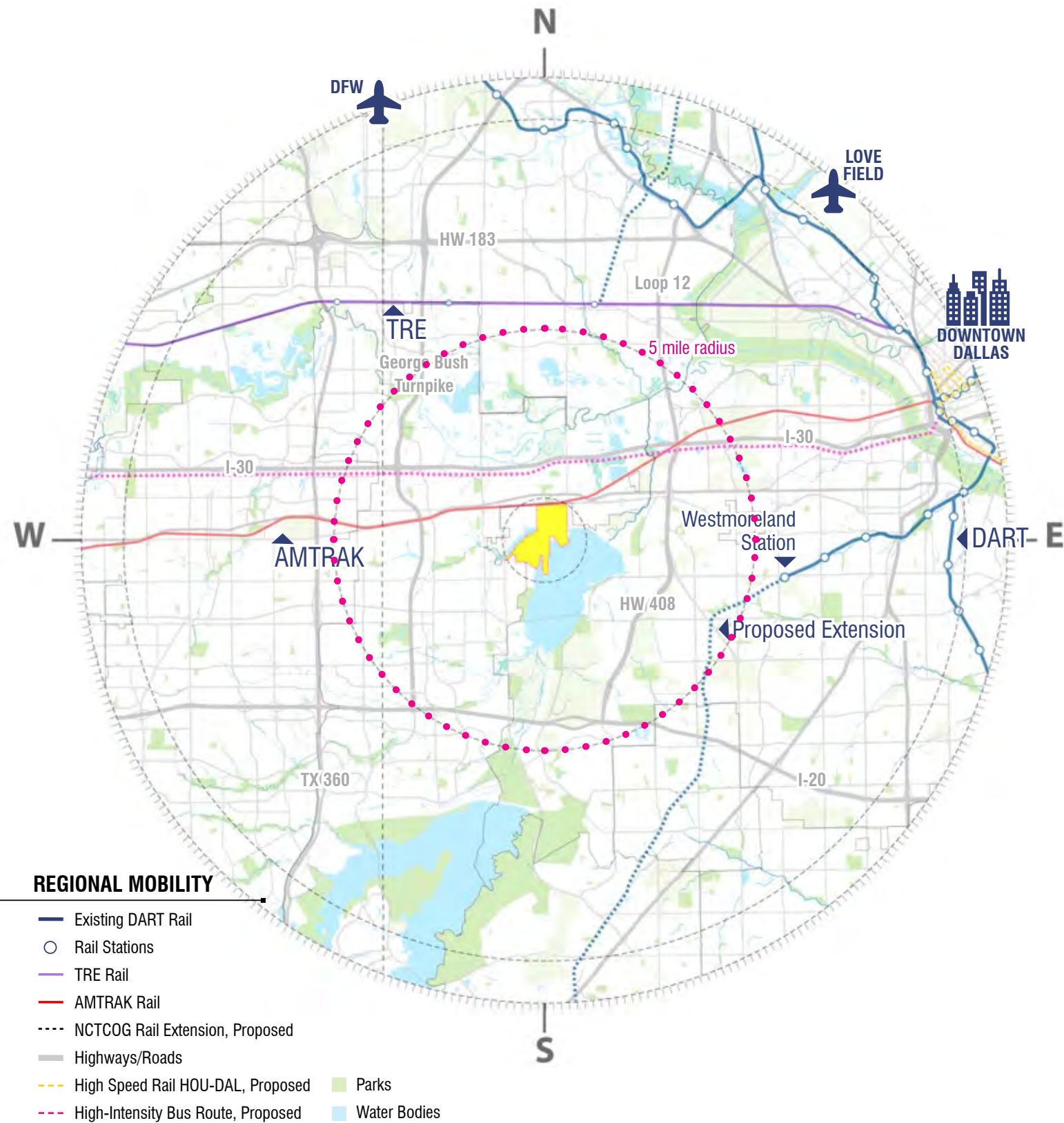
Hensley Field: Municipal Boundaries

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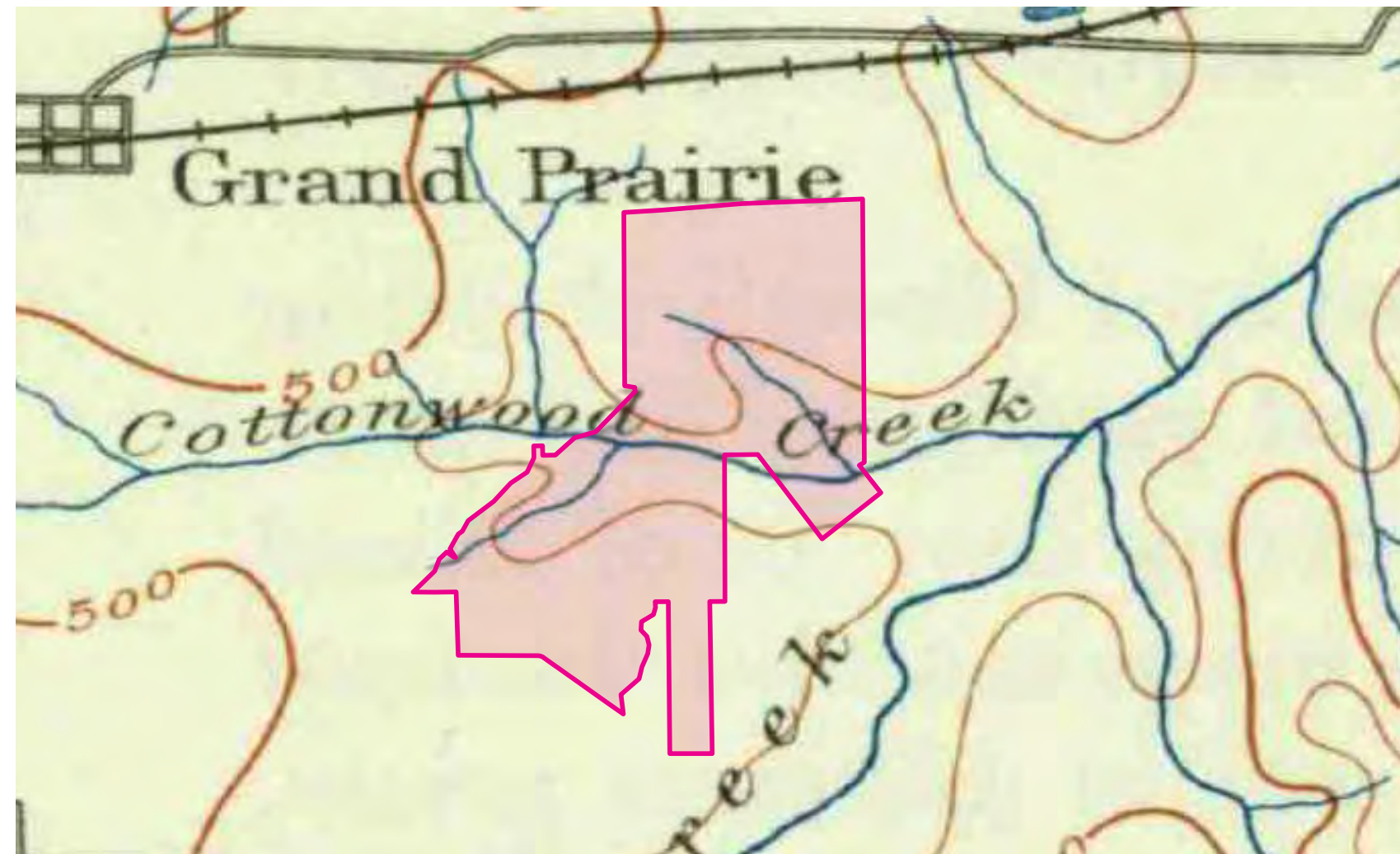
Site Location

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Site History

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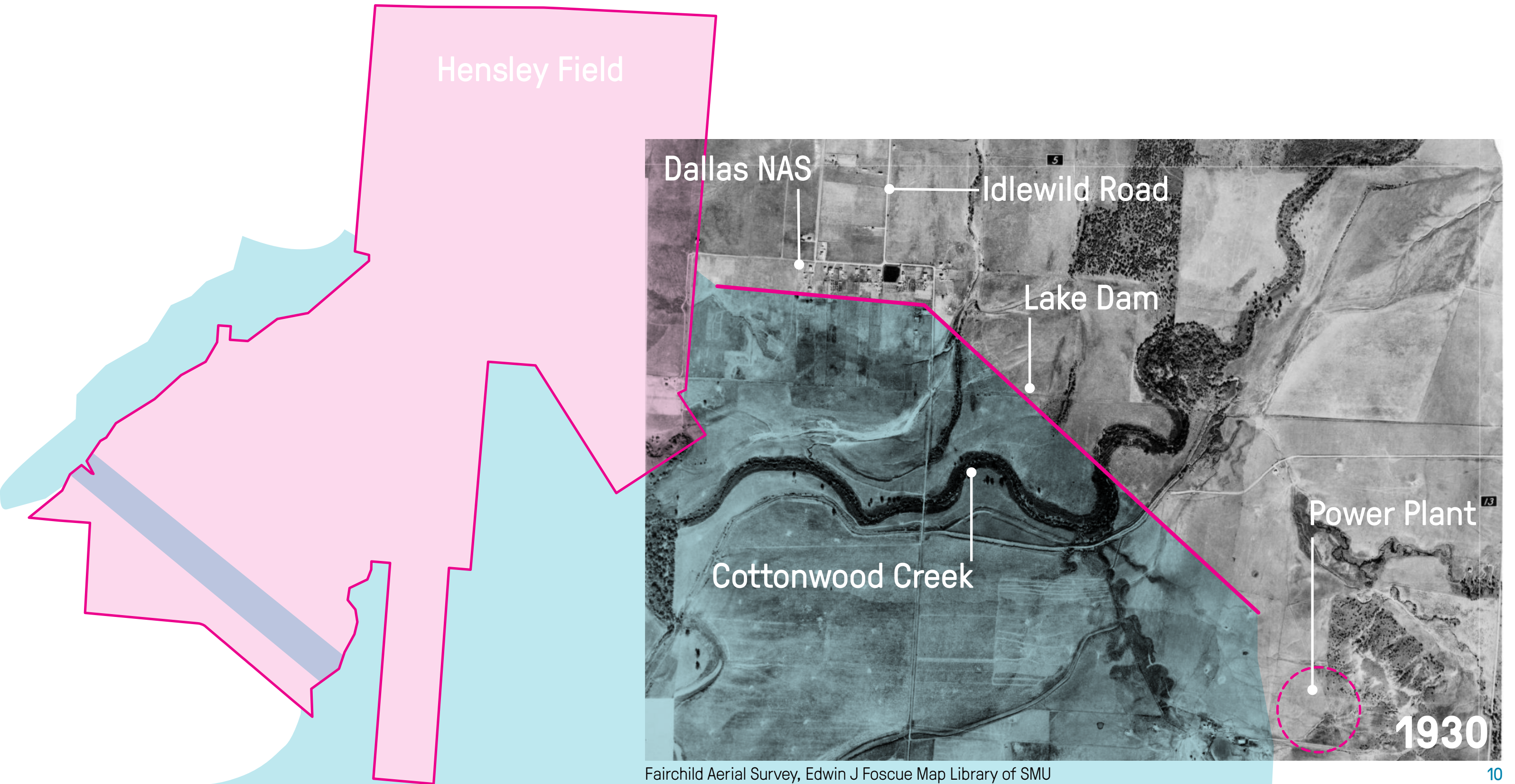


USGS Topographic Survey

1893

Site History

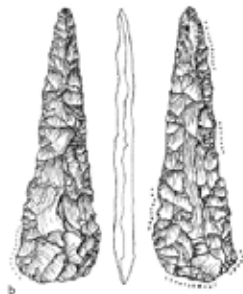
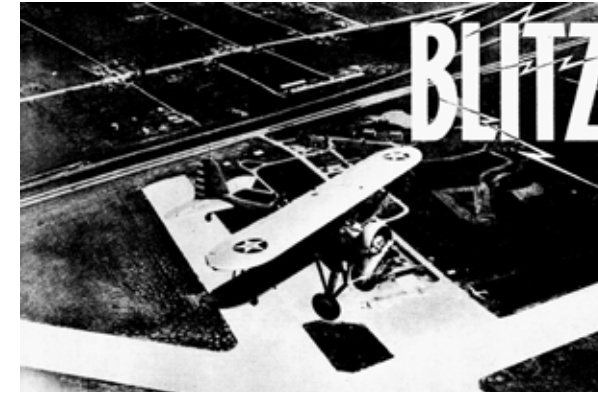
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Fairchild Aerial Survey, Edwin J Foscue Map Library of SMU

Site History

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early pioneers arrive for **Peters Colony** land grants

Mountain Creek Lake Dam construction begins

30-acre **Naval Air Reserve Base** constructed

Hensley Field administration transferred to Navy

Marine Corp Reserve Training Center constructed

Closure by Dept. of Defense, partially reopened as **Grand Prairie Armed Forces Reserve Complex**

1800

1900

1928

1929

1938

1941

1943

1949

1950s & 60s

1970

1991

1998

2000

1830s & 40s

tribes such as the **Caddo, Comanche, Cherokee,** and **Wichita** freely hunt and travel across North Texas

Dallas purchases 281 acres, leases to **US Army**

Dam completed, **Dallas Power & Light Plant** in operation

WWII flight training for Pacific Theater pilots

Redevelopment of Hensley Field, original Hensley Field facilities **demolished**

Operation **Desert Shield** & **Desert Storm** combat support

Site History

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The Grand Prairie Texan

The Home Newspaper for Twenty-Nine Years—Advocating City and Community Interests.

TWENTY-NINTH YEAR

GRAND PRAIRIE, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1937

NUMBER 52

“Undoubtedly the shores of Mountain Creek Lake will soon become a section filled with modern country homes.”



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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Six Draft Guiding Principles

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-  1. Environmental Health
-  2. Economic Opportunity & Investment
-  3. Affordability & Diversity
-  4. Healthy Communities
-  5. Mobility & Access
-  6. History & Culture

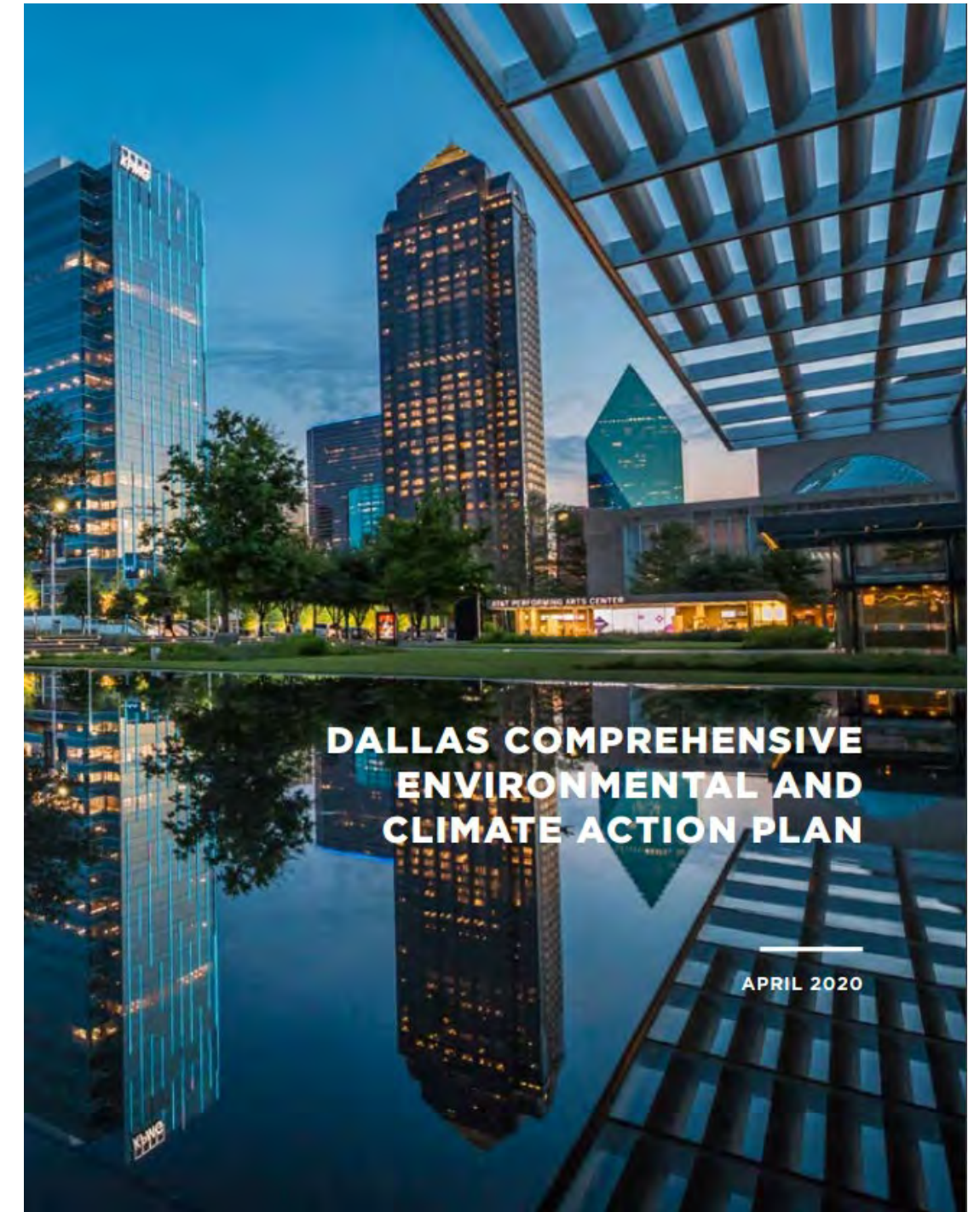
Each Principle has a series of corresponding Goals that will be used as Measurements of Performance

Guiding Principle: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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“Develop Hensley Field as a **“living laboratory of resilience”** for site, infrastructure, and buildings, and a **“proof of concept”** of Dallas’ Comprehensive Environmental Climate Action Plan (CECAP).”

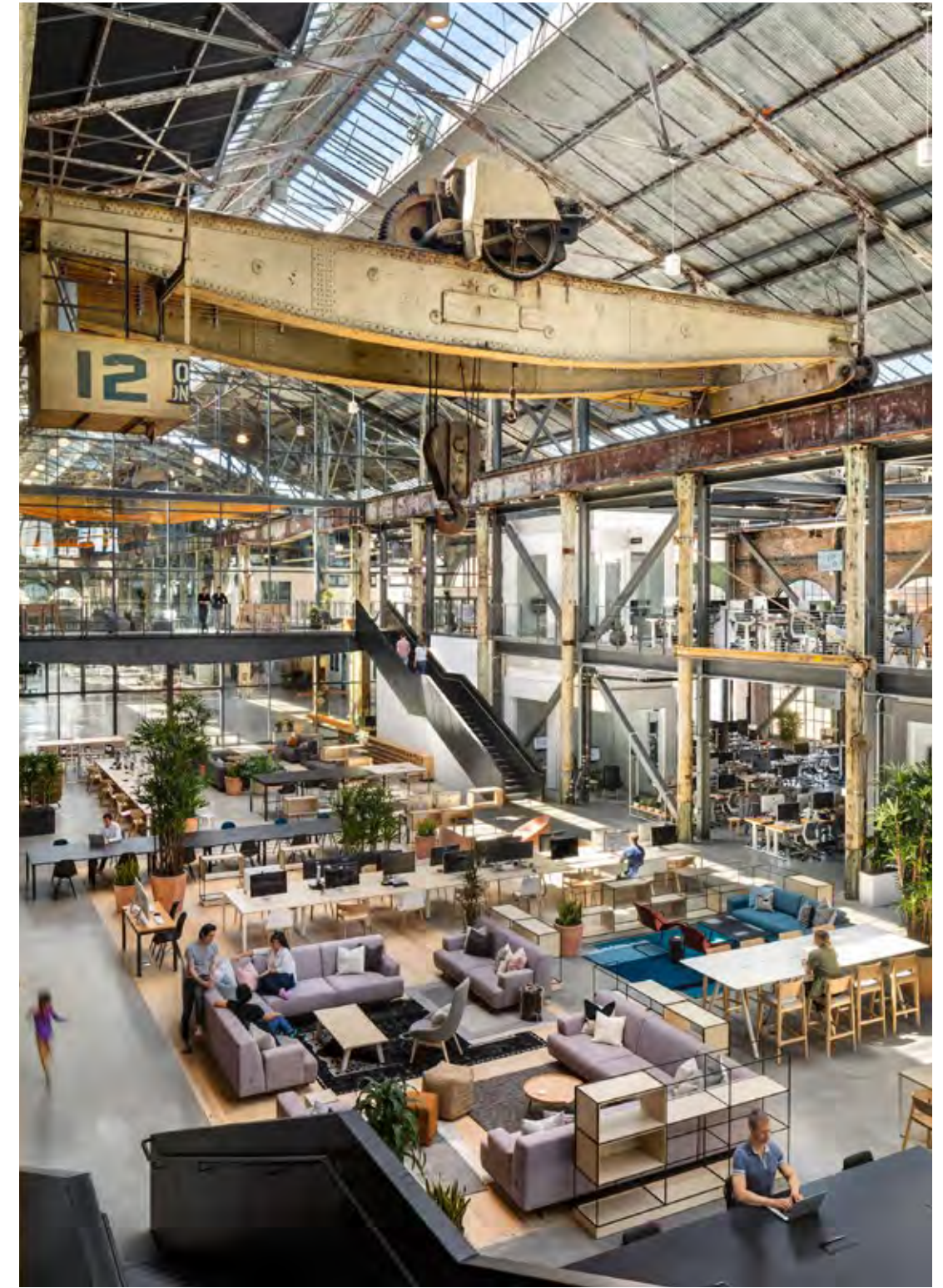


Guiding Principle: ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY & INVESTMENT

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“Hensley Field will increase economic opportunity for southern Dallas by attracting public and private sector investment that creates new jobs, raises incomes, and provides a diverse and attractive range of housing types and community amenities.”



Warehouse renovation, Pier 20, San Francisco

Guiding Principle: AFFORDABILITY & DIVERSITY

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“Hensley Field will offer a wide range of business and housing choices that support an inclusive community of socially and economically diverse residents.”



source: Ketut Subiyanto for Pexels

Guiding Principle: HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

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“Hensley Field will promote active and equitable lifestyles with enhanced access to fresh food, healthcare, parks and trails, quality education and healthy homes and workplaces.”



source: Laura James for Pexel

Guiding Principle: MOBILITY & ACCESS

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“Hensley Field will be seamlessly connected to the regional and local transportation networks with a safe, multi-modal transit-orientation.”



Guiding Principle: HISTORY & CULTURE

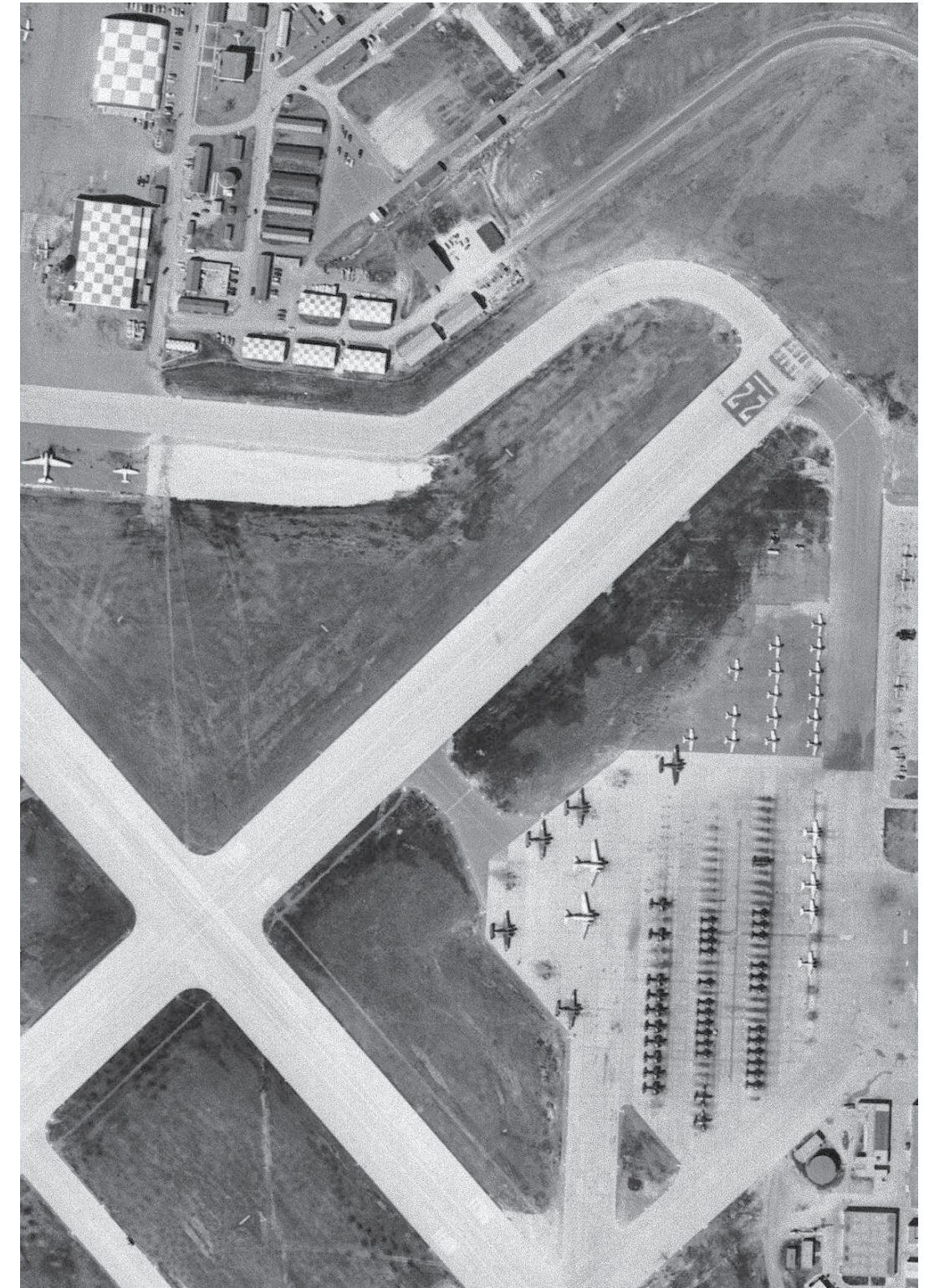
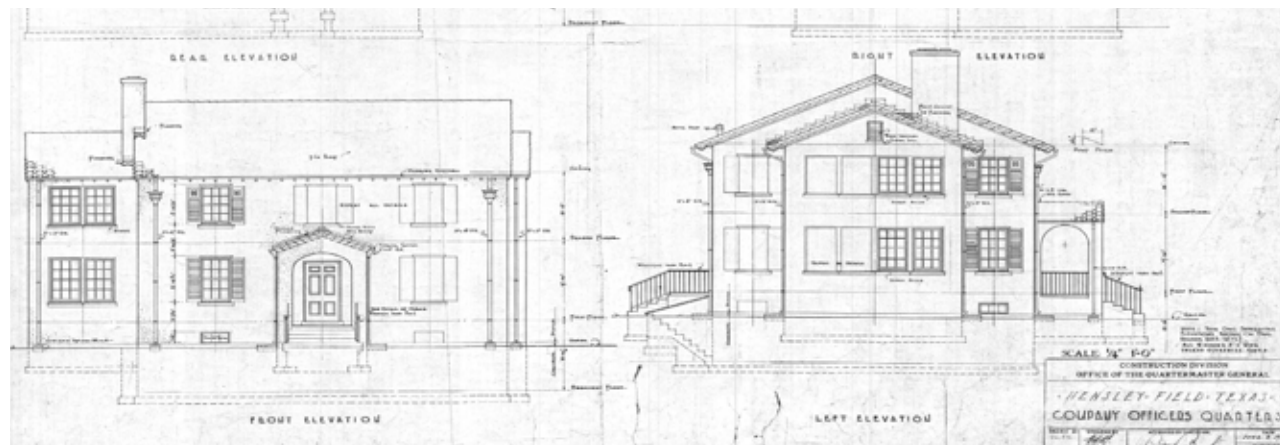
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DRAFT LANGUAGE



“Hensley Field will leverage historic & cultural resource management to support broader sustainability, equity and economic project goals.”

“Hensley Field will celebrate connections to the *past*, maintain continuity with the surrounding area in the *present*, and support and promote active community cultural expression in the *future*.”





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HISTORY & CULTURE: DRAFT GOALS

History & Culture

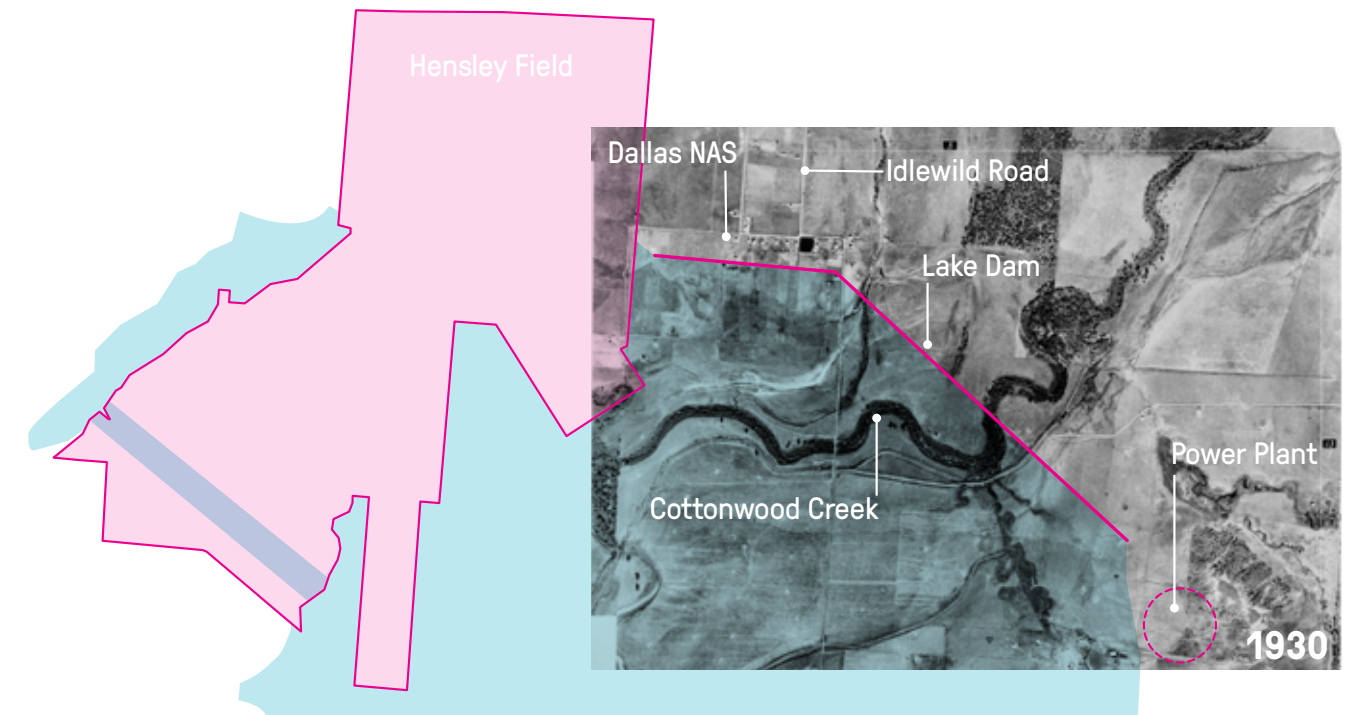
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GOAL

H&C-1: Introduce interpretive elements that tell **under-recognized stories**, celebrate **local culture** and highlight the **military and pre-military history** of Hensley Field.

OPPORTUNITY

Interpret



History & Culture

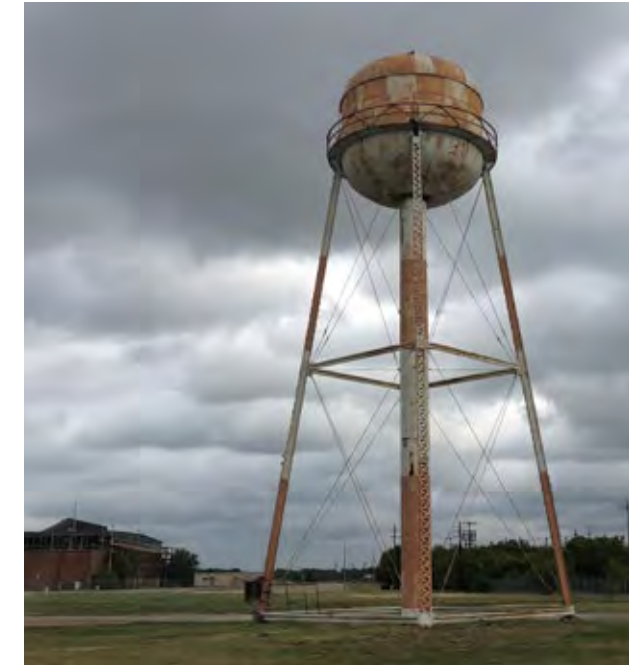
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GOAL

H&C-2: Promote a range of **green jobs** in the local economy through **preserving existing buildings and site features** that reveal the heritage of the site, leverage the embodied carbon of existing structures, and reduce construction waste.

OPPORTUNITY

Green Jobs Through Preservation



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H&C-3: Explore the feasibility of the **adaptive reuse of hangars** and other structures for creative and cultural uses.

OPPORTUNITY

Adaptive Reuse



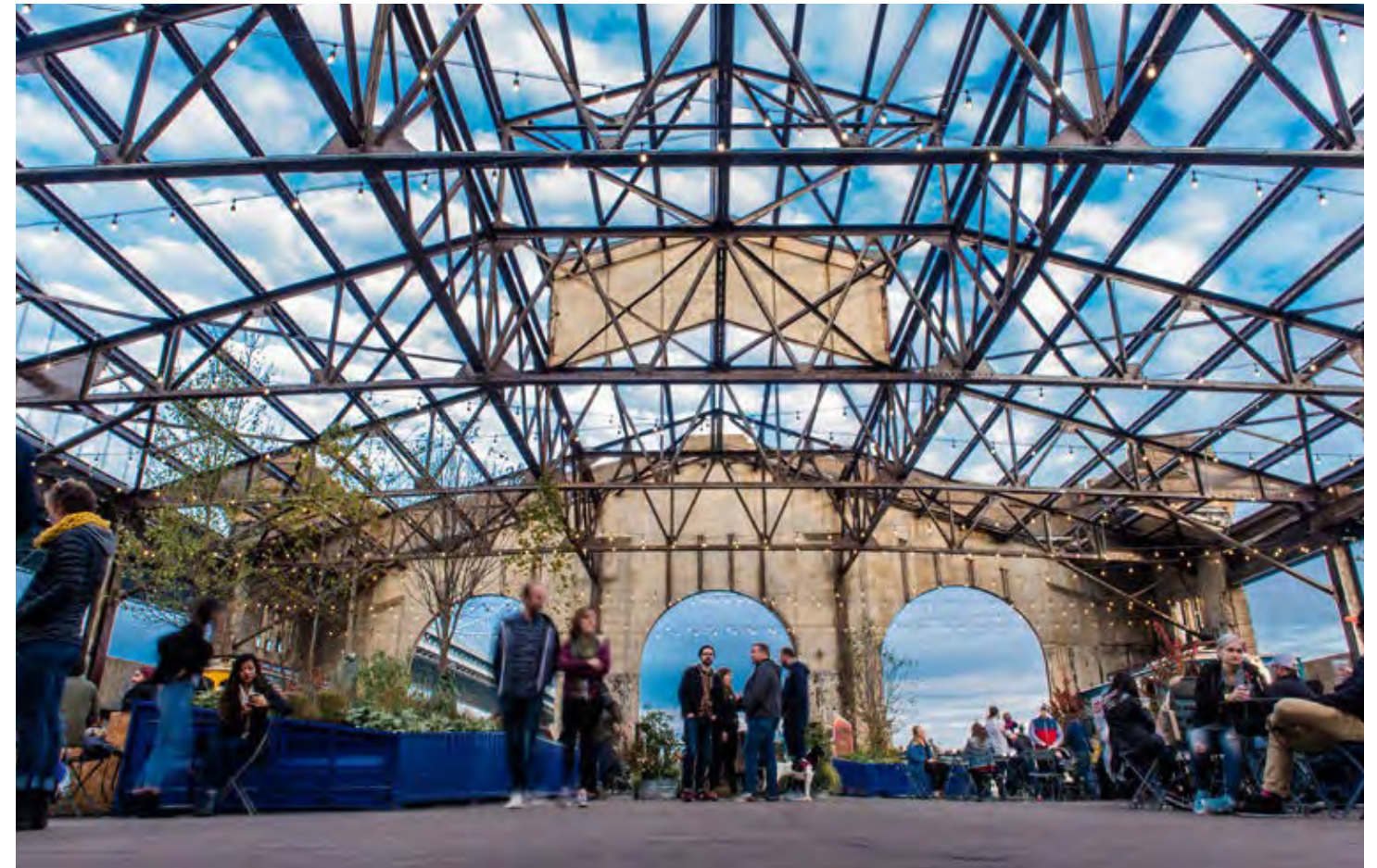
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GOAL

H&C-4: Create places and landscapes that support active forms of **cultural and creative expression**.

OPPORTUNITY Gathering



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FEEDBACK

What have we missed or mis-stated?

DRAFT GOALS

H&C-1: celebrate military and pre-military history

H&C-2: preserve existing buildings and site features

H&C-3: adaptive reuse of hangars & other buildings

H&C-4: active cultural and creative expression



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EXISTING ASSETS

Existing Conditions

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Existing Assets

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STORY MAP TOUR

How do you see these assets being preserved and/or reused?



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NEXT STEPS

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- Refine, compare and evaluate the Scenarios: *May/June*
- “Discovery Tour” Community Event: *June 5th*
- City Council Briefing: *June*
- Develop the Master Plan: *July through March 2022*



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THANK YOU!

More input to share? Let us know!

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