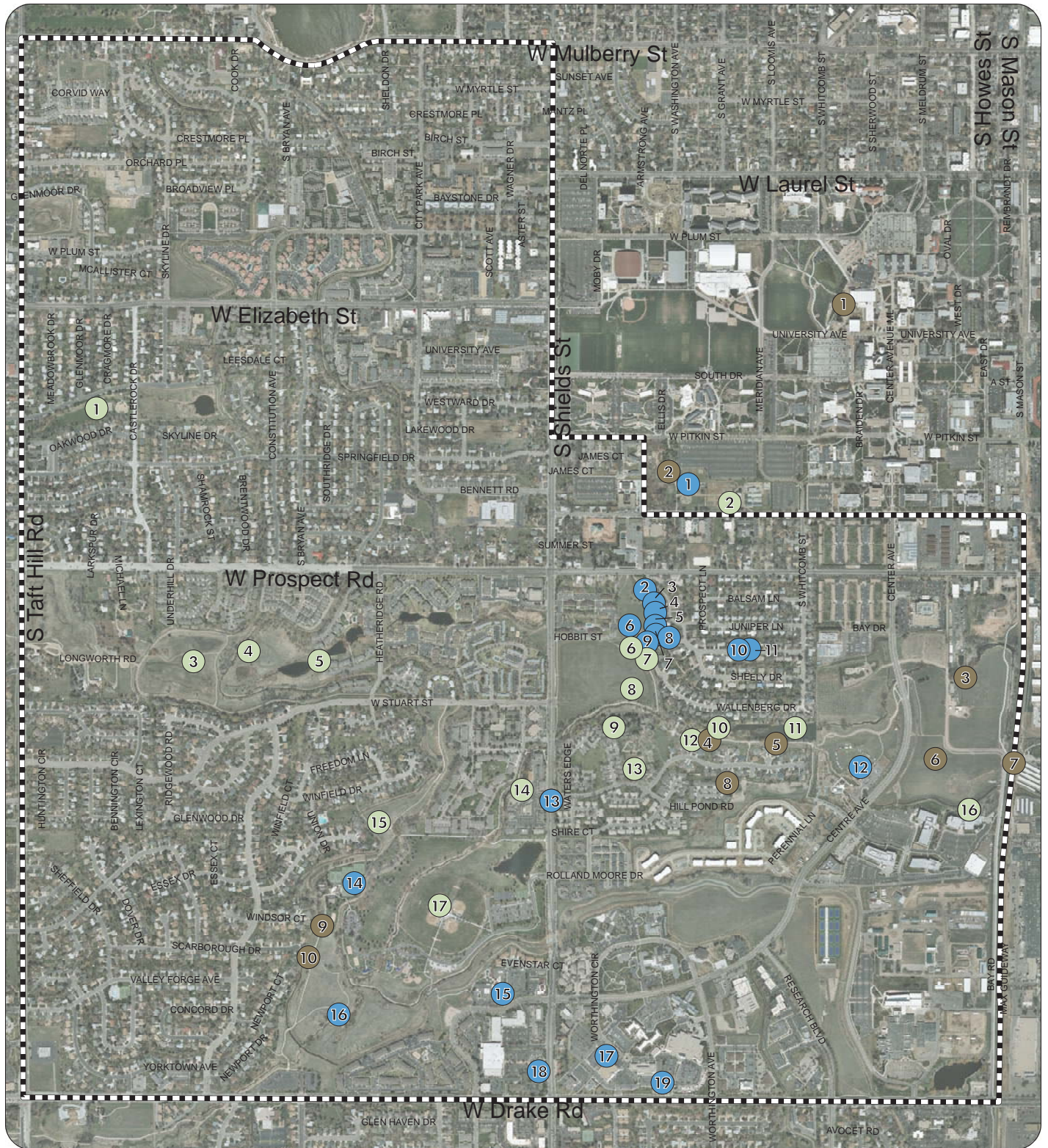


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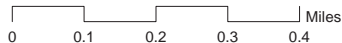
WikiMap - Things I Value



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- Land Use + Neighborhood Character
- Open Space Networks
- Transportation + Mobility
- West Central Neighbors

WikiMap - Things I Value Comments

Land Use + Neighborhood Character

- 1 PERC (Plant Environment Research Center)! Stadium here would be most unfortunate.
- 2 Mittry-Young House City Landmark.
- 3 Moyer House City Landmark.
- 4 Wells House City Landmark.
- 5 Galyardt-Puleson House City Landmark.
- 6 This drainage is home to Red-wing blackbirds and other birds and connects Red Fox Meadows Natural Area to Spring Creek.
- 7 McCluskey House City Landmark.
- 8 Shawver House City Landmark.
- 9 This little bridge over the ditch is a neat little local landmark.
- 10 Annual Halloween bonfire and bobbing for apples hosted here.
- 11 Fourth of July breakfast and bike parade starts here.
- 12 Gardens on Spring Creek.
- 13 Prohibit building developments on land for sale by an individual home owner; land should not be sold to a developer and divided up to avoid congestion, traffic, noise problems.
- 14 Best tennis!
- 15 Looking forward to reopening of the Senior Center.
- 16 Value the natural area for beauty, walks, exercise on trail.
- 17 Great to have a theater within biking distance.
- 18 We use this area for errands, bagels, restaurants. Do not use closer sites at Shields/Stuart and Shields/Prospect because the mix of businesses and site design is unappealing. Shields/Prospect does not offer "neighborhood services" - coffee, restaurant, cleaners, and groceries.
- 19 Farmers' Market.

Open Space Networks

- 1 Avery Park is a great place to walk, enjoy the outdoors, and meet people with dogs.
- 2 CSU Horticulture Gardens and Trees.
- 3 I love Red Fox Meadows. Beautiful!
- 4 Drainage area/park...will need to be careful of over-use on the paths here.
- 5 Red Fox Meadows- lovely peaceful area in town to walk and observe wildlife.
- 6 There is a little unofficial dirt bike park here - little hills to bump around. I see college kids as well as neighborhood kids using it, and have witnessed some really lovely friendly and helpful interactions between those often separate groups.
- 7 The native vegetation (rabbit brush, etc) along this trail is fantastic.
- 8 Wildlife right here in Fort Collins! If we can keep some of the mature trees and a bit of the space, that would be fantastic. Perhaps south and east of the planned W. Stuart street could be maintained as an open space buffer around Spring Creek - corridors for wildlife are so important to long-term population persistence.
- 9 Hill Pond - pond behind townhomes on Winterberry Way and larger home owned by [name removed]. Hill Pond HOA has some water rights to this pond and used to use it as an irrigation source.

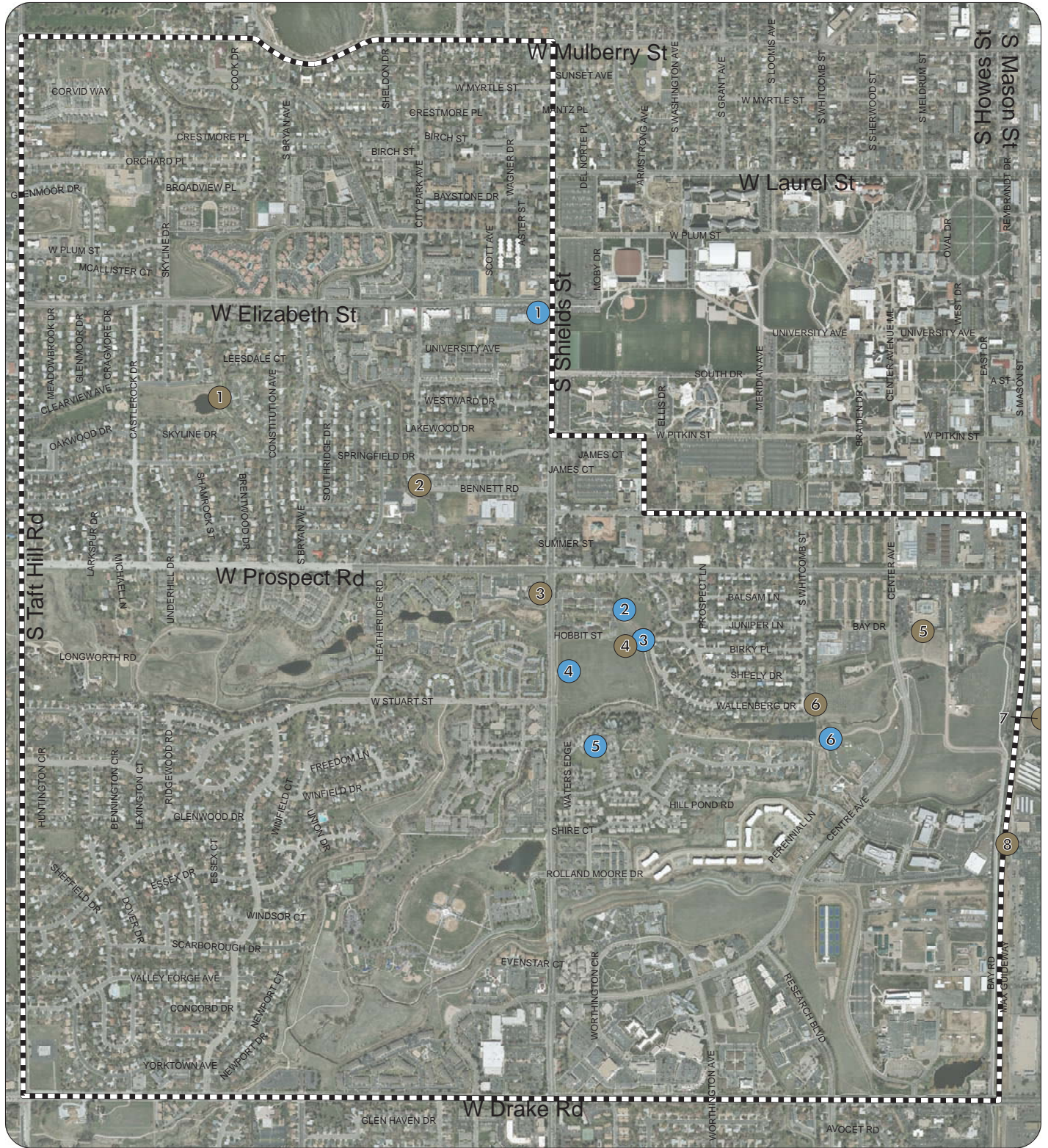
- 10 This stretch of wild grasses, etc. is lovely in summer. Kids' favorite exploring adventure and picnic spot.
- 11 Spring Creek Pond. Geese coming and going. Pelicans dropping in like motorcycle gang at a church picnic. Ducks muttering. Occasional muskrat or beaver. Fox prints on the ice.
- 12 Creek and trees on trail.
- 13 Wildlife and mature pines, cottonwoods and lilac bushes - there is proposed development plan for property at Hill Pond & Gilgalad. Request to save as much of mature landscaping as possible.
- 14 Ducks like to hang out in the creek behind the medical park.
- 15 Natural Areas/Parks.
- 16 Deer hang out by the NRRC (Natural Resources Research Center) detention pond. Lots of spring froggy singing. Path undeveloped, only a few people seem to know about it.
- 17 Best park in town.

Transportation + Mobility

- 1 Value the bike route through CSU (from Center/Lake to east of Lory to Laurel/Meldrum.
- 2 The bike trail through the forest is lovely.
- 3 Nice job on the new trail alignment.
- 4 Recreational trail is a huge asset to the area. Opportunity/threat: overuse for size of trail.
- 5 City is ON IT when it comes to snow removal from the bike trail! Thanks!
- 6 Drainage/natural area flood protection AND habitat for birds/rodents/fox.
- 7 Underpass below railroad. City needs more crossings.
- 8 Kudos to Windtrail Townhomes which keeps its half of this link clear of snow and ice during winter. Sometime they even do Windtrail at Spring Creek's half.
- 9 Bike Trail.
- 10 This link from Spring Creek Trail to Points West, north of Drake.

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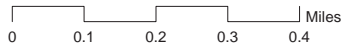
WikiMap - New Opportunities



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- Transportation + Mobility
- West Central Neighborhoods

WikiMap - New Opportunities Comments

Land Use + Neighborhood Character

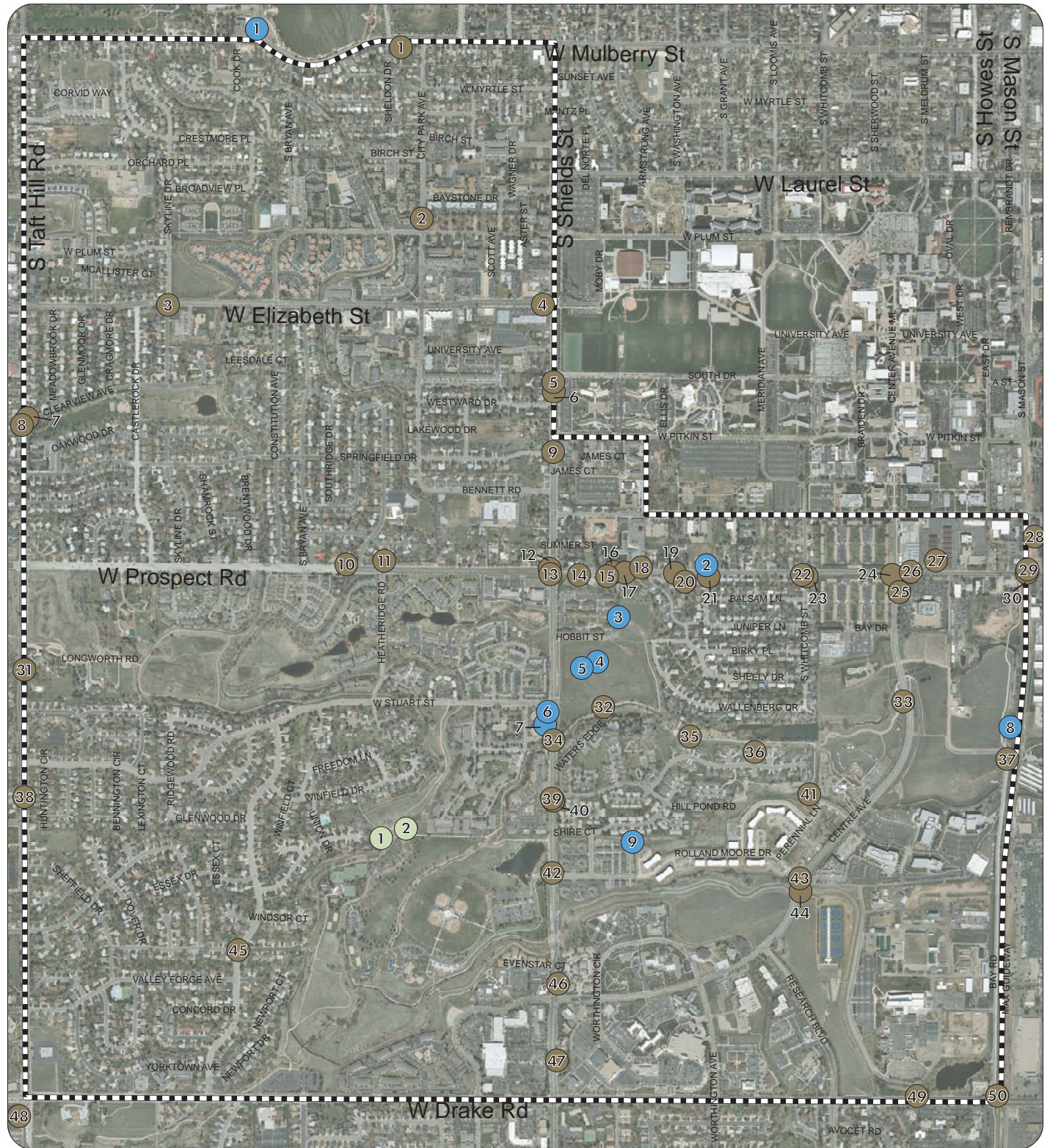
- 1 The market easily exists for a small to mid-sized grocery store near Elizabeth and Shields, given the number of student residences within close walking distance.
- 2 Residents of the Landmark Apartments use this former pasture to fly kites, play ball, and exercise their dogs. It would make a great park/open space.
- 3 Small shopping center with lofts above stores - e.g., coffee shop, restaurant, specialty shop
- 4 Opportunity for a neighborhood commercial center with élan, vigor and community.
- 5 Would be great if this area had a few "social" opportunities, such as a pub (but catered to middle age crowd) and coffee shop.
- 6 Would be nice if playground/park was added as approved in the Gardens on Spring Creek Project Development Plan or elsewhere in area (perhaps near Young's/Otterbox). Large geographic area with no school or park playground; Rolland Moore is not walkable for children.

Transportation + Mobility

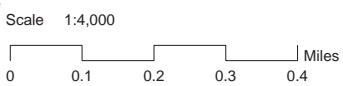
- 1 Bicycle or walking path along canal.
- 2 Add a bike path that connects City Park Ave. with Prospect from here.
- 3 This shopping center needs a boost in some way.
- 4 It would be great if the neighborhoods from the east (Sheely Addition, Wallenberg) could access the planned shopping area by bike or foot from the back. I love what has happened with the alleys downtown, and see that as a great example for how to use space. So rather than showing an unsightly back step to the trail and the neighborhoods, a welcoming front with cafés and access through to shopping would be just wonderful.
- 5 There is plenty of already-paved ground here for a parking structure rather than just open lot.
- 6 Need a new trail connection from Wallenberg to Spring Creek Trail here.
- 7 City made serious error by allowing The Summit to be developed without sufficient parking. The MAX is no substitute. Proposed parking structure to fix the problem needs ground level commercial and attractive neighborhood gathering development along the Spring Creek (sunny side) and College Avenue frontages. Allowing it to be developed for cars only at ground level will make it an atrocity. And we aren't talking a little sandwich shop convenience store in the corner (Lake Street Market). Too bad the TOD tax break can't be retrieved - at least make Capstone do the garage correctly as a mixed use development that fronts the park with attractive venues. They can make money at it - it just needs more work and imagination, and maybe a bit less immediate profit, but that would only be in the short run.
- 8 Faster access over the train and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) ways would be fantastic. The overpass serves the Federal campus pretty well, but serves bike commuters less well. I've tried the overpass on my bike: it's very long and tall and not engineered for biking, so I'm probably going to skip and continue through to College and take the horrible sidewalk to the Whole Foods shopping center.

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WikiMap - Things That Could Be Improved



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WikiMap - Things That Could Be Improved Comments

Land Use + Neighborhood Character

- 1 Due to its proximity to City Park, this commercial area could be better utilized to provide services to Park patrons and local residents.
- 2 Failed development project currently a large slab of cement at approximately 800 W Prospect - eyesore, can this land be used for something?
- 3 Landmark Apartments has a trash problem. Their dumpsters overflow into the pasture and drainage and often contains noxious junk like burned couches and mattresses
- 4 Small neighborhood shopping center with lofts, coffee shop, nice restaurant.
- 5 Area needs neighborhood services, especially groceries given planned densities. Need to avoid creation of urban desert with lack of healthy food.
- 6 A lovely feature of this shopping area is the greasy BBQ smoker parked in the lot.
- 7 I'm not sure what the problem is but there is some kind of arrest or traffic ticket given daily around here. Flashing police lights at night here are incredibly common.
- 8 The stretch between the bike path and the creek up to the railroad ROW is dicey. Trash, hobo camps, railroad debris, mysterious mounds of moldering materials, windblown construction debris from projects both recent and days of yore. Could use a semi-annual cleanup, just enough to keep it wild but attended to. Like a hedgerow.
- 9 Care Housing trash enclosures are inadequate. Windblown and rain-washed trash fills the detention pond and blows into neighboring properties.

Open Space Networks

- 1 Piles of tree debris - safety and appearance concern.
- 2 Piles of tree debris - safety hazard in flood and unsightly.

Transportation + Mobility

- 1 The Mulberry corridor west of Shields could benefit from bike lanes. Narrowing the driving lanes and increasing bike and pedestrian options could help to slow traffic and increase safety for bikers and pedestrians using this corridor.
- 2 City Park is, in my opinion, one of the most dangerous streets in Fort Collins for bikes. Students don't know how to drive around a bike. And students don't know how to bike safely. Lots of paint and signs should be installed here that essentially teach basic driving skills on-location to students in the area.
- 3 There could be a better pedestrian crossing at Skyline across Elizabeth. The current crossing is between Skyline and Castlerock, which is hard to access with a bicycle or a stroller due to the narrow sidewalk. Plus many motorists run the red light at the pedestrian signal, probably because they don't want to be stuck at a red light for minute. A flashing pedestrian crossing signal would be great.
- 4 This intersection sucks for bikes and peds. An underpass would be awesome.
- 5 Marked/signalized crosswalk needed crossing Shields on south border of intersection with South Dr. South border preferred to provide space for median island without interfering with southbound to eastbound left turns.

- 6 Increasing numbers of pedestrians, bikers and boarders are crossing partway, and then waiting for the chance to cross the rest of the way across Shields. The distance between Lake and Elizabeth seems too far without a crosswalk given the numbers of people crossing. Tradeoffs in ability to cross vs. through car traffic will need to be made if we are to continue to add density. (Currently, it seems getting traffic through is taking priority).
- 7 It's very hard to turn left onto Taft Hill from Clearview (facing west out of Clearview). It's hard to see without inching out into the bike lane and even though there is a pedestrian light/walk, it's rarely in use. At rush hour it's nearly impossible. Could a sensor be put in the street that would make the light turn red for the Taft Hill traffic when a car is present on Clearview? This would be good for both sides of the street.
- 8 #6 southbound Taft Hill at Clearview stop requested. Needed to reduce stop spacing from 1/2-mile to 1/4-mile.
- 9 Crosswalk needed across Shields between Pitkin and Springfield. Special emphasis on bicycle movement needed, as Springfield/Pitkin could function as a "poor-man's" Prospect bike route.
- 10 Prospect Ave., being so close to campus and located between the main campus and vet school, ought to be bike friendly, transportation friendly, and safe for students, families, and others. It needs a facelift, much like West Elizabeth. The sidewalk is too narrow and there are very few turn lanes. Pedestrians traveling on foot after a rain or snow get drenched by splashing puddle as cars travel or turn...I've seen it happen numerous times. I've seen students (likely new to the area) biking down the right lane...a death wish if you ask me. Have yellow blinking lights to caution cars to slow down, slope sidewalk with road to increase sidewalk size for bikes and peds and have additional cross walks for students. This road divides the campus...get people to SLOW down and allow more time for students to cross.
- 11 Traffic light not visible to those going north/south - find this very confusing. Difficult to cross as a pedestrian or cyclist at Heatherridge & Prospect.
- 12 Dangerous intersection. Can crossings be improved for bikers who do not feel comfortable using bike lanes? Saw biker this morning trying to maneuver bike to get to button for walk signal.
- 13 Cyclist and vehicular traffic accidents may be reduced with a stop light camera and ticketing.
- 14 Get easement on 929 W. Prospect to permit lane straightening due to dangerous lane shift. Also widen walks to two persons wide.
- 15 Sidewalks on south side of Prospect are not safe or accessible to all.
- 16 The sidewalks along Prospect feel unsafe. They are very narrow and close to traffic.
- 17 Students from Landmark Apartments cross Prospect here and go through the church parking lot to get to CSU. They do this because it's not safe to walk along Prospect and no fun to walk along Shields.
- 18 Current lack of rights-of-way leads to car/bike/ped cut-through traffic and related impacts between Centre & Lake.
- 19 Prospect is signed 35mph, but speeds of 40-45 are very common. More enforcement would be good, and could help limit the severity of accidents.
- 20 The half-mile to mile of Prospect between Shields and Center or Shields and College is really unique. Prospect will always be a through-fare for folks heading out to the freeway, etc., but this one section is simply different from most of the rest of Prospect because of the neighborhood on one side, and campus and a grade-school on the other. The sidewalks are too narrow, and a bike lane is really needed. Could this section go to three lanes plus a bike lane like on Laporte? People would get used to a short slower section on their drive.
- 21 No access to Lake St. Prospect sidewalk too narrow for safe bicycle and pedestrian traffic.
- 22 Please keep the visual sensor for bikes and cars on year round! It seems to have been turned off, yet students still use it for summer school, local residents use it to get to work anywhere north, and commuters who come from the Spring Creek trail use it too.
- 23 Pedestrian safety at the intersection and along Prospect.
- 24 Need a left-hand turn signal for vehicles traveling north on Centre (or Center, according to CSU).

- 25 Is there a way to reconfigure to add a northbound bike lane approaching Center & Prospect. Bikers frequently go between the right turn lane and the straight-through lane, especially when there is a long line of cars waiting to go straight.
- 26 Sidewalks here are ridiculously close to traffic and too narrow.
- 27 The sidewalks along here are too close to fast-moving traffic. There needs to be some sort of buffer (boulevard) between the sidewalk and the traffic that's going along at 40 mph+. It's very unnerving to walk along here. I did see a car drive up onto the sidewalk one day and it's a miracle no one was walking there.
- 28 Continue bike path at Prospect and tracks north to CSU campus!
- 29 Multiple stop lights at the RR tracks/MAX are causing serious traffic back-ups. How is additional heavy traffic to the "proposed" stadium going to be managed?
- 30 Multiple obstructions to cyclists attempting left turn onto Mason Trail immediately after crossing MAX on the north sidewalk of Prospect.
- 31 #6 northbound and southbound stops requested at Taft Hill at Suffolk. Needed to reduce walking distance and increase desirability of transit.
- 32 This section of trail is really heavily used, which is great. Would it be possible to widen it with gravel to the N so that joggers and bikers have fewer run-ins? Joggers create little side paths in any case, so making an official one, on just one side, would be both safer and prettier.
- 33 Informal bike and ped cut-offs downhill from Centre to bike path has grown dramatically in past year or so. Increased density and bike/ped use has spillover impacts on area.
- 34 The bike/pedestrian underpass at Shields can be quite dangerous when bicyclists speed through the area. I have almost been hit several times by bicyclists speeding downhill going east on the wrong side of the path.
- 35 The Spring Creek Trail could use some maintenance. Lots of concrete blocks are sticking up creating a pretty bumpy ride from the Gardens on Spring Creek west to Shields St.
- 36 Make some kind of deal with Windtrail on Spring Creek HOA to include the spur connecting Gilgalad to the bike trail in the snow-clearing schedule. A perpetual hazard, never shoveled all winter.
- 37 Blind corner for cyclists - dangerous.
- 38 Traffic light/pedestrian crossing area needs to be moved; crossing at grade school is not sufficient for all the foot/bike/car traffic trying to cross on Stuart.
- 39 #19 southbound Shields at Hill Pond stop requested. Needed for access to medical offices on west, and residential neighborhood on east.
- 40 Marked/signalized crosswalk of Shields at Hillpond needed to reduce distance between the two flanking signalized crosswalks.
- 41 This sidewalk needs corners smooth out/widening to accommodate student housing development traffic.
- 42 Relocate #19 southbound stop from Shields at Shire to Shields at Rolland Moore Park, nearside. Needed to reduce the desirability of jaywalking, as stop is at signalized intersection. ADA-compliant access is best provided nearside with new pad, due to sidewalk slope.
- 43 Consider putting a traffic light at Phemister/Rolland Moore and Centre. Since Rolland Moore now connects to Centre, it has become very difficult at high traffic times to turn onto Centre. Also, the lanes on Phemister have not been repainted so there's no indication of which lane you should be in if you are going straight. The only options are turn left or turn right.
- 44 The solid guardrail on the east side of Centre just south of Phemister prevents people turning onto Centre from Phemister from seeing northbound traffic. It is extremely dangerous and should be replaced with an open style guardrail.
- 45 This is a blind left turn onto Constitution for cyclists travelling west on Scarborough.
- 46 #19 northbound bus stop is not ADA accessible. A grass strip exists today; a concrete pad is required by ADA law.
- 47 Bike lane on Shields from Drake to Centre is way too narrow.

- 48 Connection from Spring Creek Trail to Drake could be improved. Not bad, just ordinary.
- 49 It is nearly impossible to turn right out of the veterinary clinic.
- 50 This is a really awkward series of lights for bicyclists and vehicle drivers also.