

# Keep La Porte Beautiful Committee (KLPB)

## Summary - Parks Review ▶ for 2026 Tree Planting

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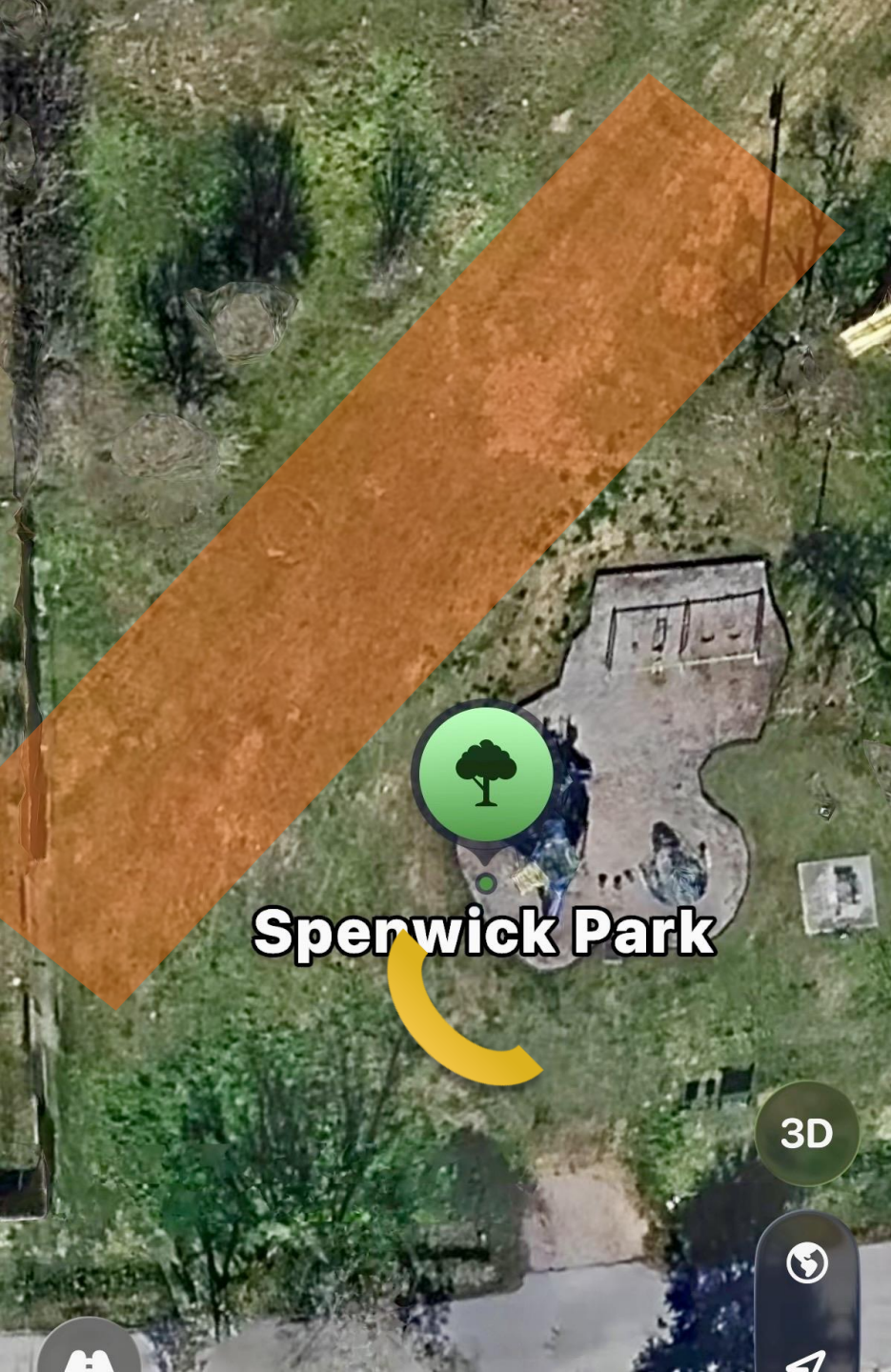
# City Parks Walkthrough

- ❖ Susie Burgess (KLPB), Chris Saucedo (Parks) met with Barry Ward, Certified Arborist and Executive Director of Trees for Houston
- ❖ Overall Considerations/Goals:
  - ❖ Long term survival
  - ❖ Esthetics
  - ❖ Shade where needed
  - ❖ Fall color if possible
  - ❖ Include native species when feasible
  - ❖ Keep 20 feet from playgrounds



# More to Consider...

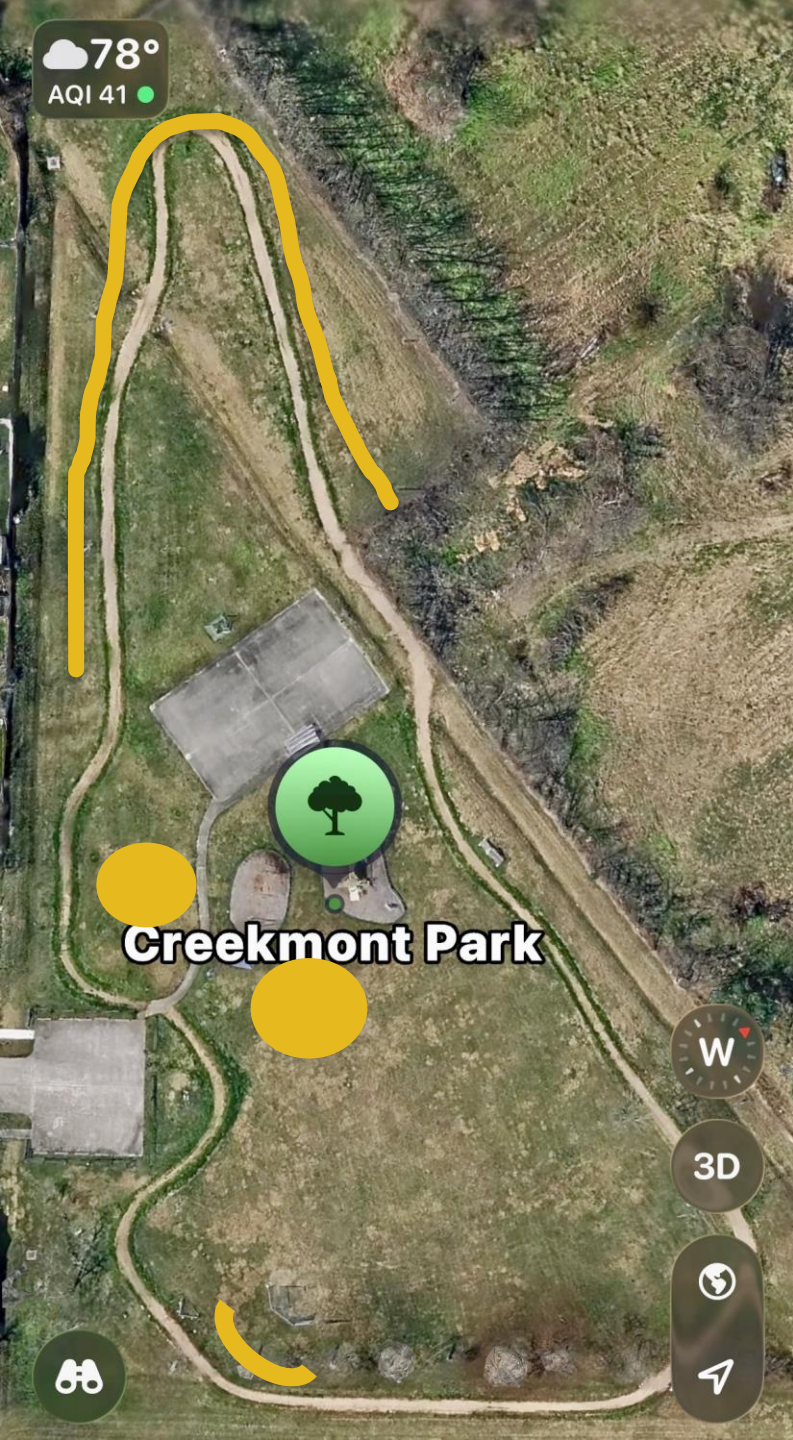
- ❖ We agreed that rather than determine a set number of trees to plant city-wide, we should focus on what works best for a few parks
- ❖ This will help us aim for success and ensure approval for continued annual tree projects
- ❖ It's essential to consider access for watering and ongoing maintenance



Yellow areas = general tree placement

## Spenwick Park

- ❖ 3 upright trees in a southwest arc near the playground, possibly pine or sycamore
- ❖ Avoid the pipeline corridor behind, and to the north of, the playground (shown in red)
- ❖ Leave space for equipment to access pipeline for future maintenance needs



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## Creekmont Park

- ❖ Possibly 15-20 trees at this location
- ❖ Most trees to follow in alternating patterns along the trail
- ❖ 2-3 trees west & south of playground - deciduous preferred
- ❖ 1-2 trees behind home plate bleachers
- ❖ Plant a variety of trees, including Fall color if possible
- ❖ Question: Can we get San Carlos Red Oak trees planted at this location?



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## Seabreeze Park

- ❖ Harsh environment; only select species will survive; Live Oak & Hackberries do well up and down the coast
- ❖ On south/west of pathway leading down to pier - alternate Live Oaks with smaller flowering trees; spaced at 5-6 ft to allow for mower deck passage
- ❖ 2-3 trees west of the table/bbq shelters; Keep center green space open for activities

# Next Steps

- ❖ Barry's team will review notes and provide google maps with dots indicating recommended placement and tree varieties
- ❖ Trees will be reserved now for planting in the Fall, giving them their best chance for survival
- ❖ Recommendations only: plans may be adjusted
- ❖ Park & Recreation makes the final decision on placement of trees

# Thank you!

- ❖ Thank you Barry and Chris!
- ❖ It was so helpful to have a tree expert and a "boots on the ground" parks person there to do this walk-through and discussion
- ❖ Nothing like being there in person to get an accurate assessment of what will or won't work