# Planning Three New **Nature Preserves**

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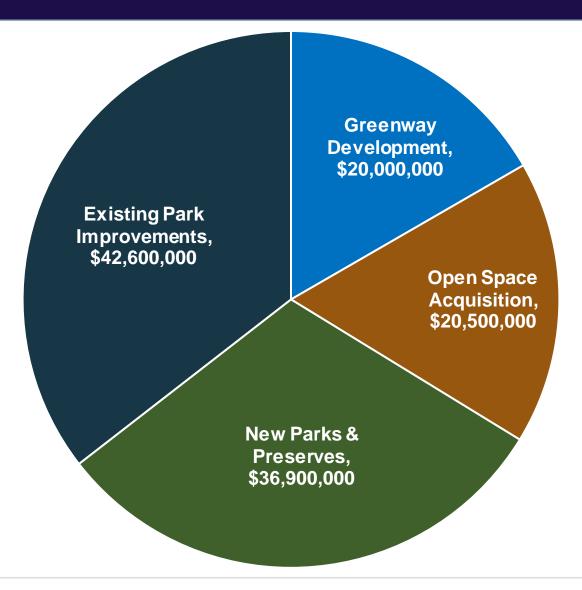
## **Topics for Today**

Two separate items, consider each separately.

- CIP Funding
- New Nature Preserves
- Swift Creek Greenway

## **Current CIP Projects and Available Funding**

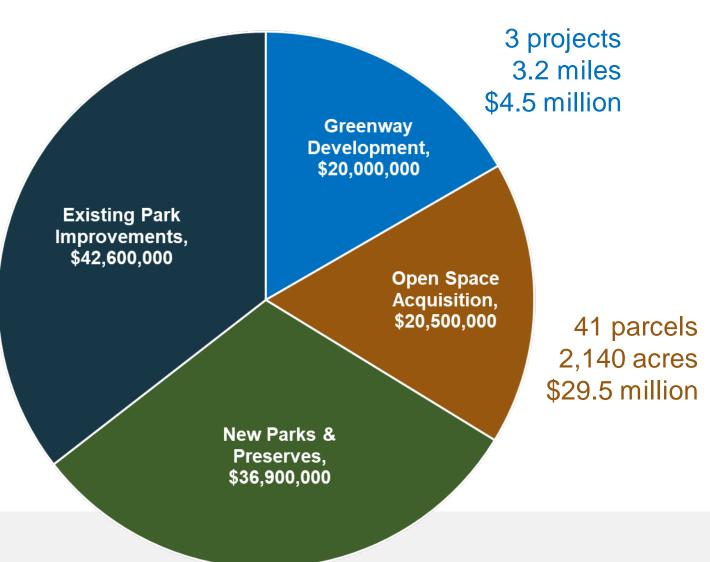
\$120 million



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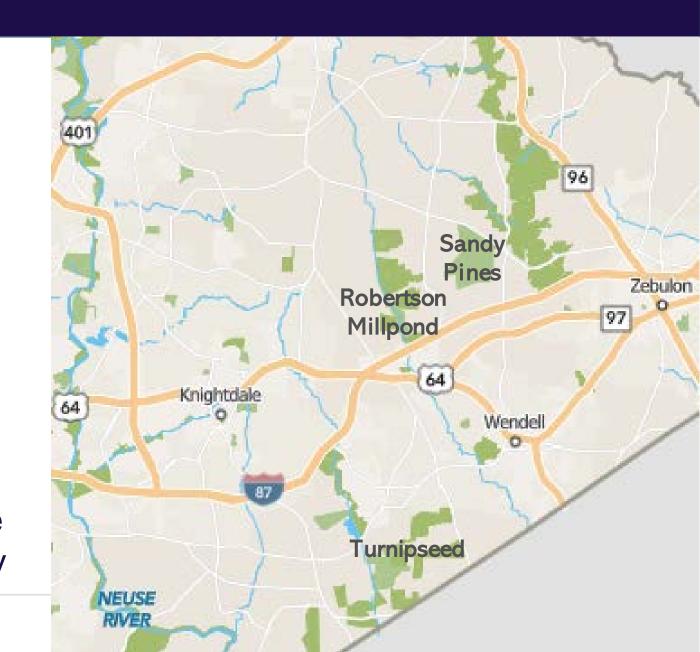






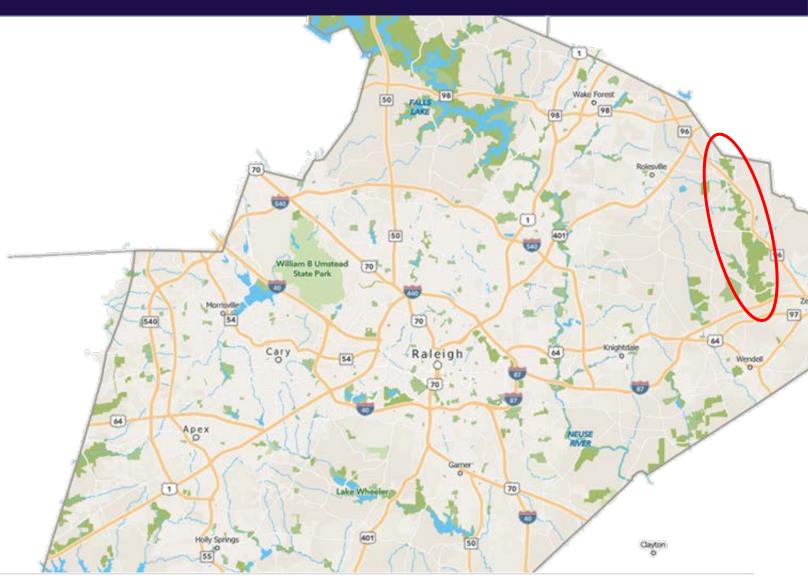
# **Existing Preserves**

- Sandy Pines Preserve
  - Equestrian & Hiking
- Robertson Millpond Preserve
  - Canoe/Kayaking & Fishing
- Turnipseed Nature Preserve
  - Hiking & Walking
- Minimally Developed
- Goals of the Open Space
   Program while also meeting the needs/desires of the community



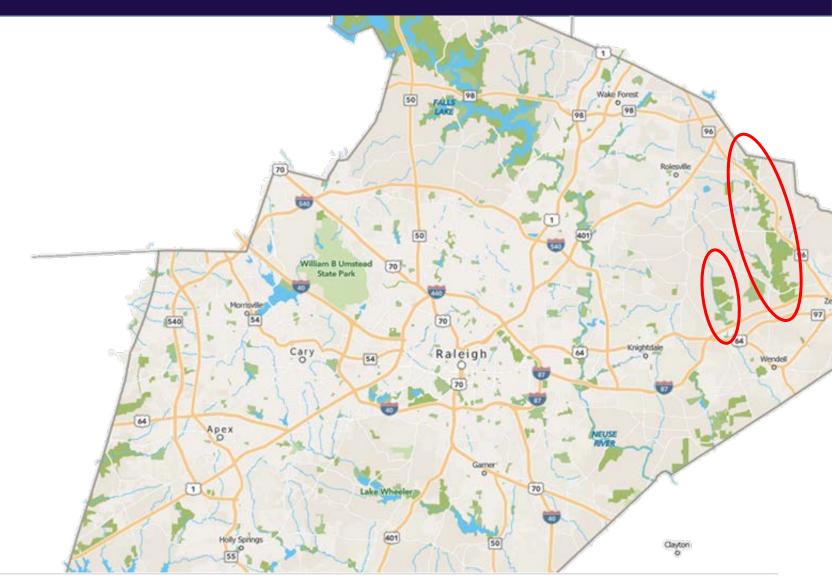
# Proposed Preserves

Little River



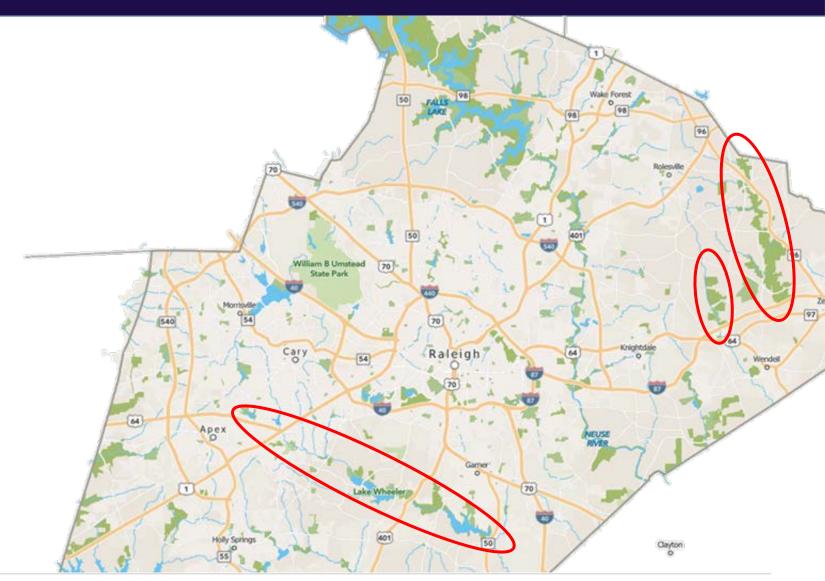
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### Little River & Buffalo Creek

#### **Little River**

Future Reservoir 1,938 acres

County Park 341 acres

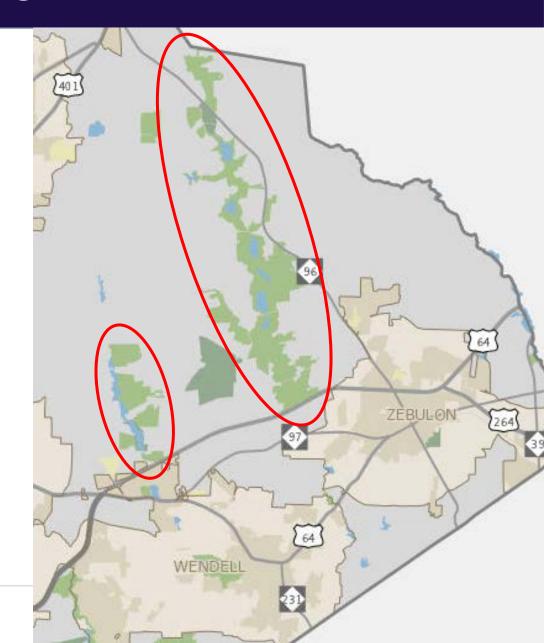
State Park 80 acres

County Open Space <u>1,330 acres</u>

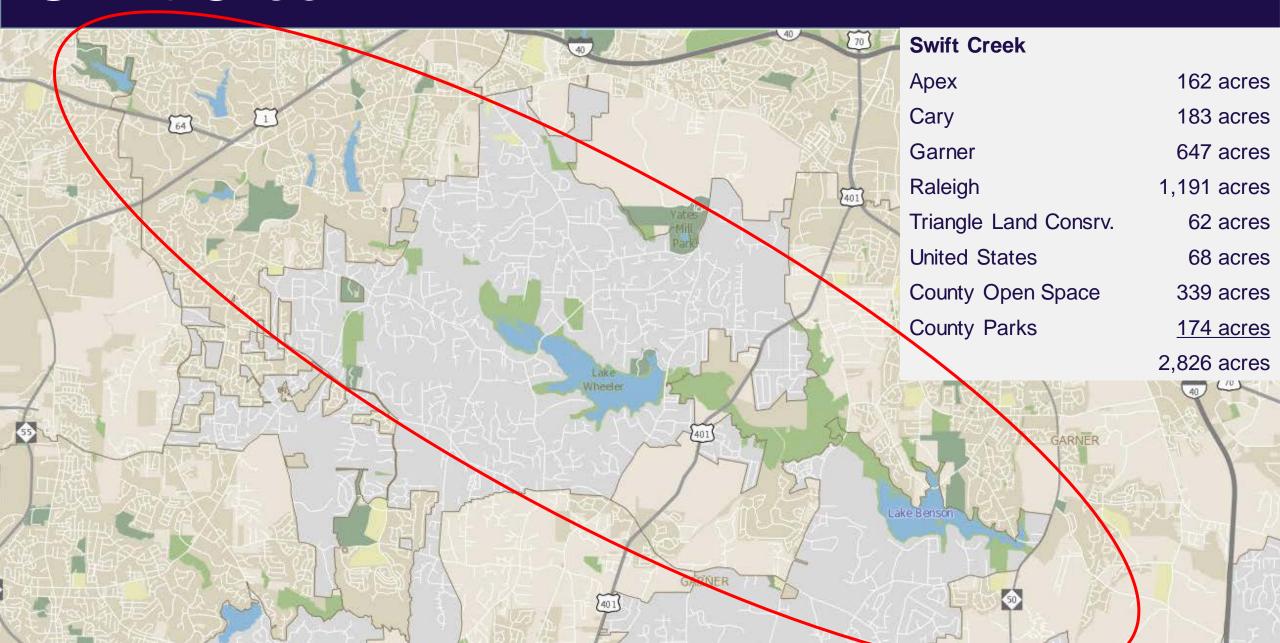
3,689 acres

#### **Buffalo Creek**

County Open Space 939 acres



## **Swift Creek**



## **Planning Process**

- ✓ Site Identification
- Consultant selection
- Master plan
- Design and permitting
- Bidding
- Construction
- Opening

Concept plan is a less detailed illustration of the core ideas you wish to incorporate on your site, and the opportunities that might exist to facilitate these ideas.

### Recommendation

Utilize up to \$200,000 of 2018 Parks Recreation Greenway and Open Space bond funding to produce three concept plans for nature preserves in Little River, Buffalo Creek and Swift Creek.

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#### Recommendation

Authorize a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Consultant

Utilize up to \$3.5 million of 2018 Parks Recreation Greenway and Open Space bond funding to complete 100% design on the Swift Creek Greenway

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