



TULSA URBAN WILDERNESS COALITION

Citizens of Tulsa, TUWC Members & Friends,

In 2013 a group of outdoor and nature enthusiasts watched as bulldozers ascended into the woods of a land parcel adjoining the Turkey Mountain Urban Wilderness area and those bulldozers proceed to forever alter the landscape; they cleared hundreds of fully mature trees and destroyed beloved singletrack trails. In 2014 these people learned an option to buy had been placed on the land and the parcel was facing the real possibility of having a massive retail shopping center placed atop of it. They quickly realized that the urban wilderness they and their families recreated in and cherished wasn't as large as they once thought; the expansion, noise and litter of the city was quickly encroaching on the boundary lines of Turkey Mountain. They wondered why someone didn't do something, and then they realized they were someone.

Over the course of the next few years they learned they were a rather large group of talented professionals comprised of tens of thousands of someone's from across the city of Tulsa and the greater state of Oklahoma. The city of Tulsa's Mayor and the City Councilors were also part of the group which realized the value of preserving Turkey Mountain through expansion and enrichment.

At this very moment a ballot measure (Vision Tulsa Proposition 3) has been placed in front of the Tulsa citizens which if passed will allocate \$7.6 million to Turkey Mountain. The \$7.6 million will be utilized in an attempt purchase additional lands surrounding Turkey Mountain, possibly as much as 150 acres, for future improvements and to preserve our beautiful urban wilderness from the encroaching city. The Proposition 3 measure also includes many other economic development projects which are all designed to help the city of Tulsa continue to grow into the place we are excited to call home. Given the scale of the entire ballot measure, \$510 million spread among 25 different projects, there is a possibility that you may not be fond of every single project on the list. Compromising (giving and taking) with your neighbors is what makes a healthy community. Preserving Turkey Mountain through growth and enrichment must remain at the forefront of our minds.

Over 35 years ago, great visionaries in Tulsa set this undeveloped park land aside to intentionally preserve it for future generations and throughout the years countless individuals have worked tremendously hard to uphold the vision which was set forth. It is now our time to continue on that legacy and to preserve the land that we so love; the wilderness that we recreate in, the wilderness that we use to escape the city, the wilderness that we play in with our children and the wilderness that heals our soul. This is your story and you are someone.

CELEBRATE THE WILDERNESS! VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 3 ON TUESDAY APRIL 5TH.

Respectfully,
Tyler Hanes
President
TULSA URBAN WILDERNESS COALITION

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