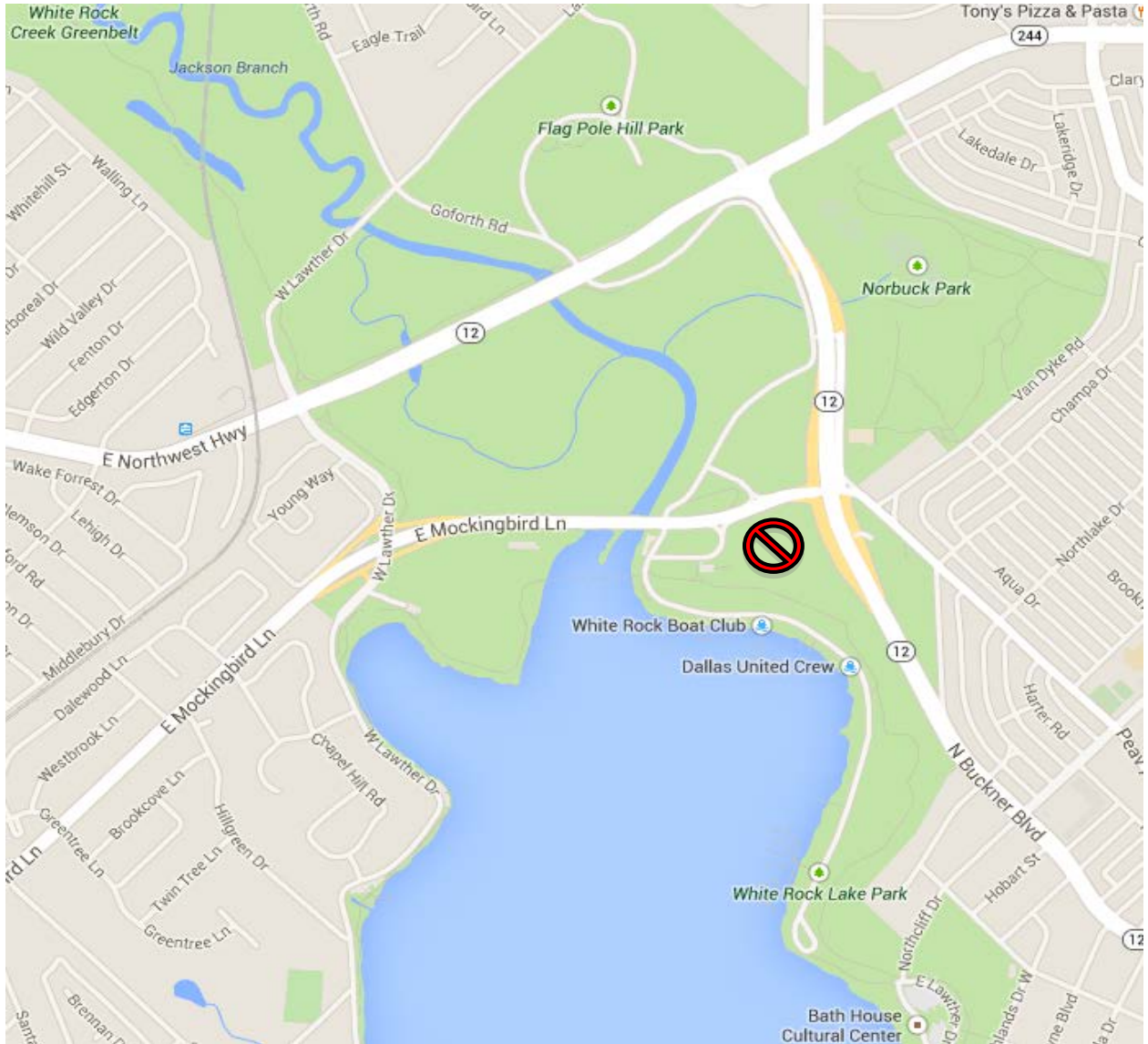


## Reasons against a Restaurant and Commercial Development Within White Rock Lake Park on Boy Scout Hill



It is not surprising that a developer would look upon the 12 acres of virgin land atop Boy Scout Hill and want to plunder and build for their own financial gain. What is surprising is that the Parks Department and the City would not strike it down immediately, but instead entertain the idea. The proposal is to pave over the rare urban Blackland Prairie, wildlife habitat, and jewel in the crown of our city, accessible by all residents throughout Dallas, with a parking lot and restaurant. This would actually make the park less accessible to all, less natural and have decreased usability.

Please sign the petition to prevent this from happening. Below are some reasons to cite in your petition.

- **Increased traffic** on Mockingbird Lane, Buckner Boulevard, Peavy Road and Van Dyke Road – all residential streets in the areas surrounding the restaurant cite. Already, residential Van Dyke Road is treated like a highway cut-through street, with excessive speeding and passing.
- **Increased trash** at the lake will increase due to restaurant trash and tourist trash.
- Potential to **attract drinking and driving**. Absurd given that White Rock Lake Park prohibits alcohol.
- **Loss of protected urban Blackland prairie and Lone Star Land Steward recipient honor**. Let's make decisions consistent with those values.
- **Loss of quiet, wildlife-filled green space.**
- **Noise pollution**. Homes near BSH are elevated and the noise carries. Currently the noise only comes from Norbuck Park for races and baseball games, both appropriate park-emanating sounds, but the noise of a restaurant with increased cars, outdoor patios, late-nights, etc., would be non-stop and much louder.
- White Rock Lake Park is park is public owned land and a natural wildlife habitat. Nearby home owners are shocked and dismayed at the **betrayal of the City and Parks Department for even considering a proposal to commercialize the park for financial gain**, thereby reducing home values and decreasing quality of life of all city residents, not just home owners, but picnic-ers, kite-flyers and people who want to enjoy the quiet in the middle of the city.
- **Visual pollution**: Signage advertising the restaurant and obscuring pristine lake/park views.
- The city and private monies collaborated to make Klyde Warren Park, which underscore the need for green space in the middle of the city. They spent millions to create green space, whereas here, **the goal of the developers is to destroy for a profit**.
- Stakeholders, such as cyclists, runners and walkers in the city come from all over to bask in the **beautiful scenery in the middle of the city**.