

# Implementation



# The First Phase

## Where to Start

Phase 1 proposes the sequence below for implementing the Master Plan vision for the Turkey Mountain Core Site:

1. **Prescribed Burn Restoration**

The full impact of prescribed burn management will take years to realize. However, just one season of burns will significantly thin the dense understory, making the work of all other construction projects easier to mobilize.

2. **Pond Water Quality Tests**

Ponds in Turkey Mountain were likely used in the process of oil-drilling and may therefore be contaminated with heavy metals or other pollutants. Water and sediment analysis would clarify whether fishing and swimming are feasible potential programs.

3. **Trails Construction**

Trails are the primary means of experiencing Turkey Mountain and are therefore prioritized as the first construction project to be undertaken in the Core Site.

4. **Northeast Access Elements**

With the construction of the rail underpass at the mouth of Mooser Creek and the Mooser Bridge, bikers and pedestrians would gain access to Turkey Mountain from the River Parks West Bank Trail to the north.

5. **South Elwood Ave Closure**

South Elwood Ave, if closed, demolished, and removed, would enable access to the adjacent Water Tank Trails area, providing more wild terrain through which users can hike, bike, run, and explore.

6. **Bales Bridge**

Bales Bridge would connect users to hundreds of additional parking spaces without constructing a new parking lot in Turkey Mountain, and would open a new front door to the site for those arriving from the west.

7. **The Overlook and Rock Scramble**

The Overlook and Rock Scramble would together create an exciting new feature that could directly connect the peak of Turkey Mountain to the River Parks West Bank Trail, creating a fun new challenge, a singular view, and another corridor of access into the Core Site.





Northeast Access  
Elements

4

Prescribed Burn  
Restoration

Bales Bridge

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The Overlook +  
Rock Scramble

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Pond Water  
Quality Tests

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Trails  
Construction

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South Elwood  
Ave Closure

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# Early Expansion

Phases 1 and 2



**Phase 1: Restore the Core Site**



## Phase 2: Expand Regional Access

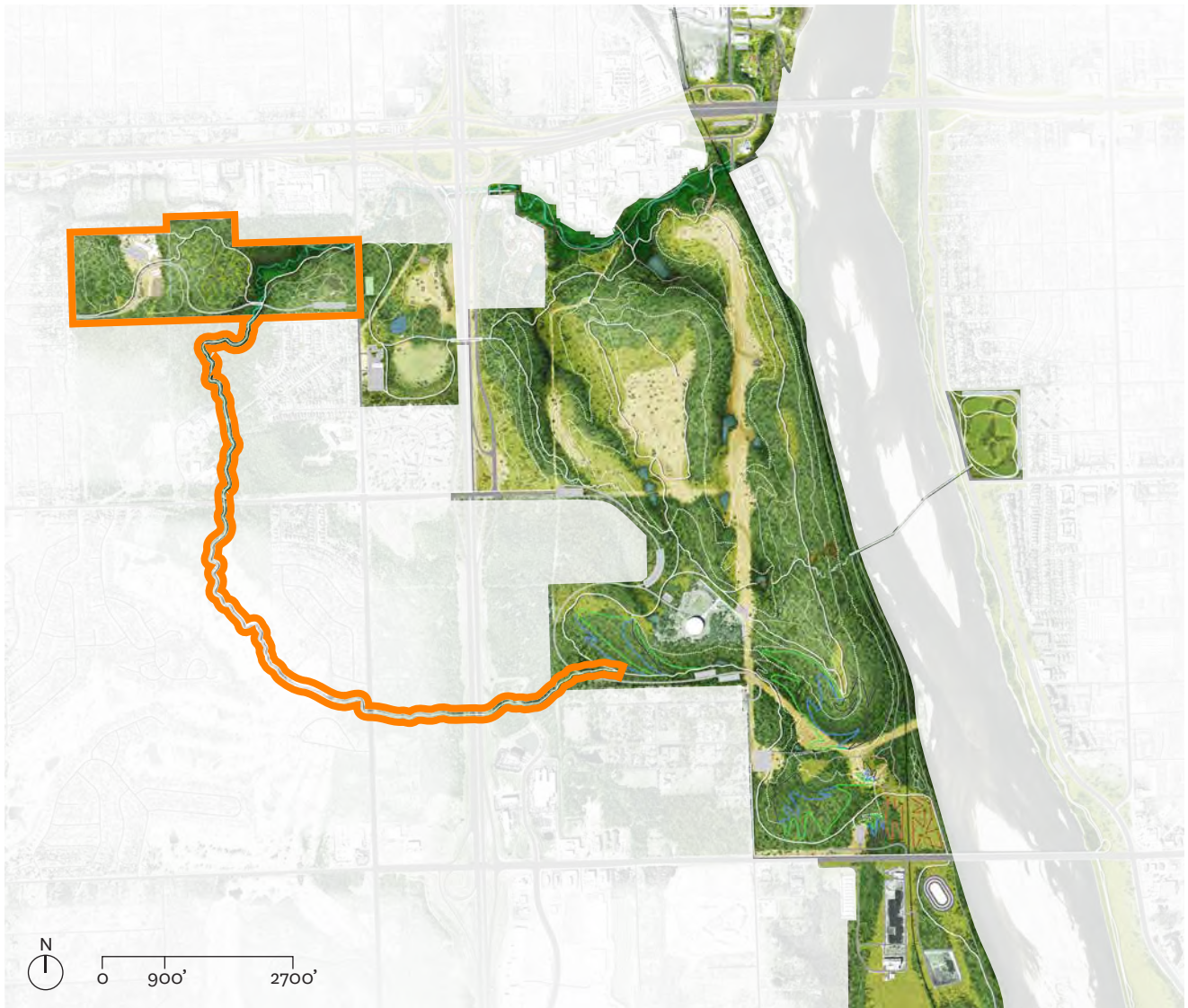


# The Long Term Vision

Phases 3 and 4



**Phase 3: Integrate City of Tulsa Parks**



## Phase 4: Develop Adventure Center



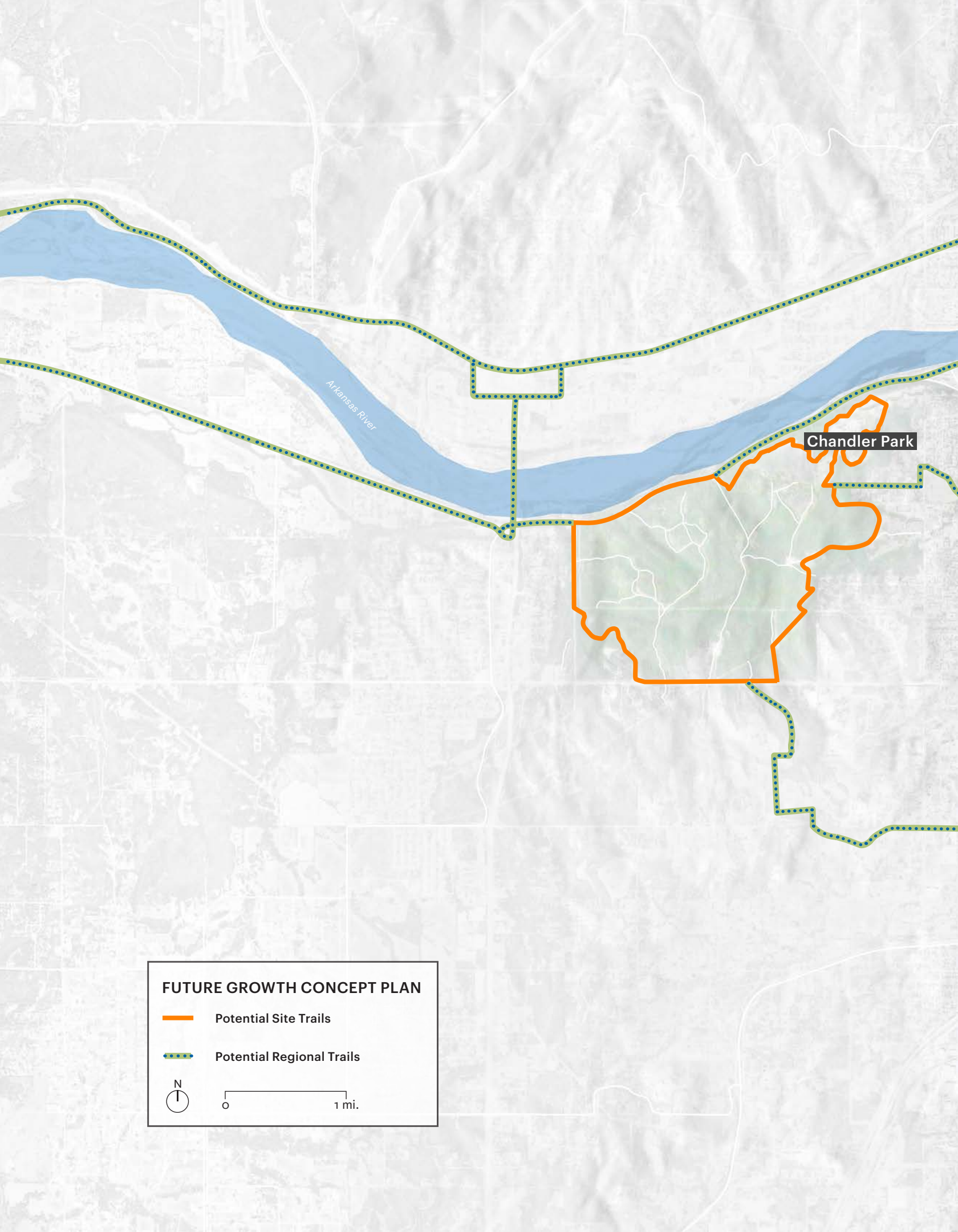


# Turkey Mountain's Legacy

Building stewardship around this much-loved wild space has the power to affect real positive change through the health benefits of the active lifestyles it promotes, the economic benefits of reestablishing Turkey Mountain as a destination for tourism in the region, and civic pride felt by Tulsans for the urban wilderness that is so much part of the city's identity.

Turkey Mountain is something you cannot buy—an irreplaceable resource that can be saved, restored, and enjoyed by future generations to come.







Arkansas River

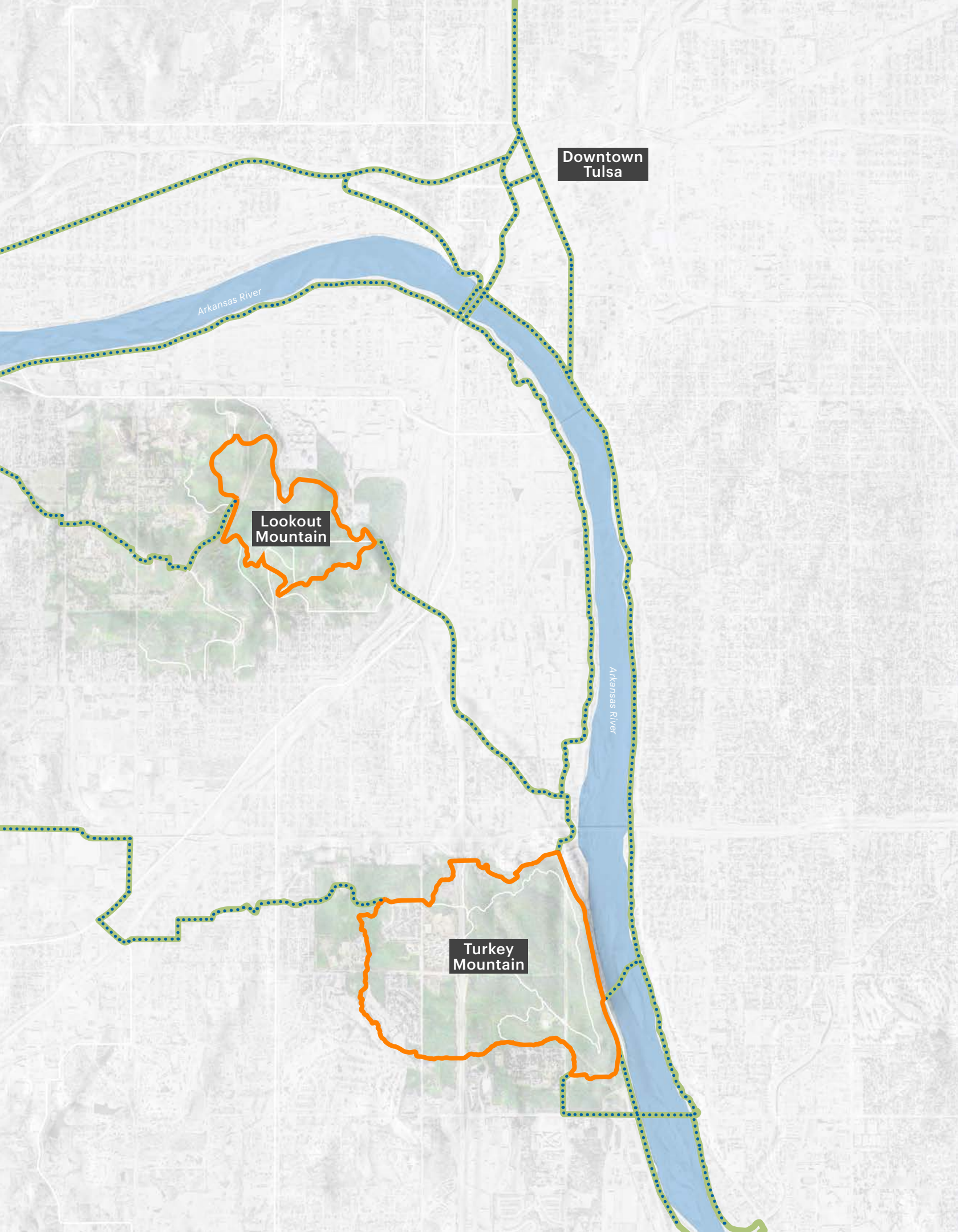
Chandler Park

**FUTURE GROWTH CONCEPT PLAN**

-  Potential Site Trails
-  Potential Regional Trails



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Downtown  
Tulsa

Arkansas River

Lookout  
Mountain

Arkansas River

Turkey  
Mountain



## **George Kaiser Family Foundation**

The George Kaiser Family Foundation (GKFF) is a Tulsa-based charitable organization with a mission to provide equal opportunity for children in Tulsa. As a complement, GKFF works on a variety of civic enhancement efforts to ensure Tulsa is a vibrant and inclusive city for those children and their families to live. GKFF has contributed over 200 acres of property to the Turkey Mountain Urban Wilderness and funded improvements to the main trailhead.

## **River Parks Authority**

River Parks Authority (RPA) is a public trust that manages over 1,000 acres of park land and facilities. RPA's mission is to enhance community life through stewardship of premier parks and public spaces that offer a diversity of outdoor experiences along the banks of the Arkansas River in Tulsa.

## **Project Consultants and Advisors**

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Wetland Restoration: **Inter-Fluve**

Ecology: **Timothy J. O'Connell**

Bike Trails: **Progressive Trail Design**

Public Engagement: **Saxum Strategic Communications**

