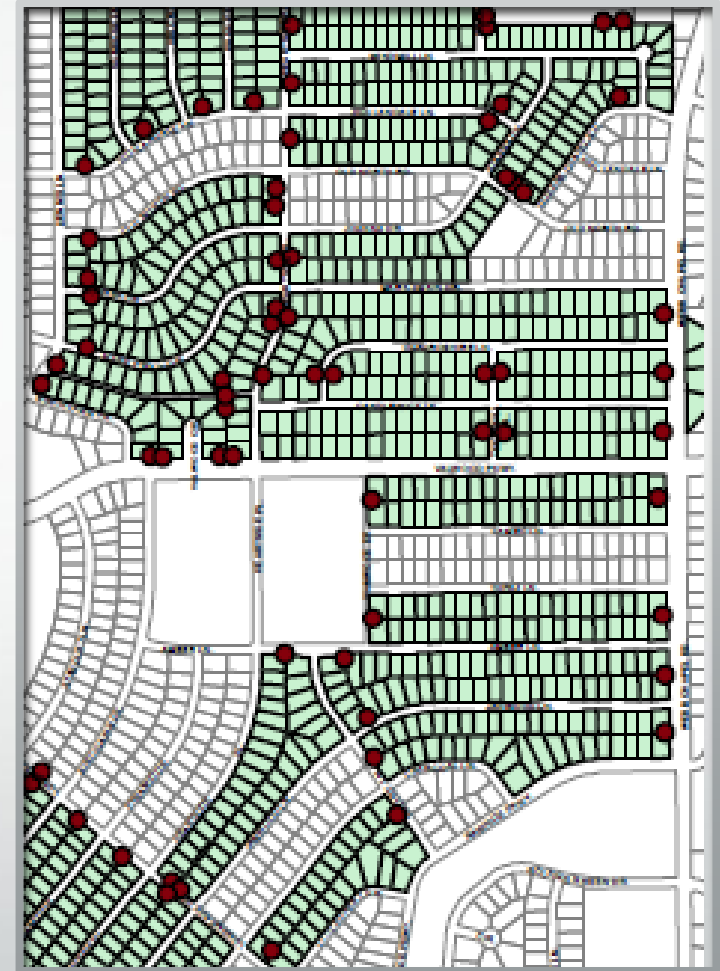




# Alleyways and Easements

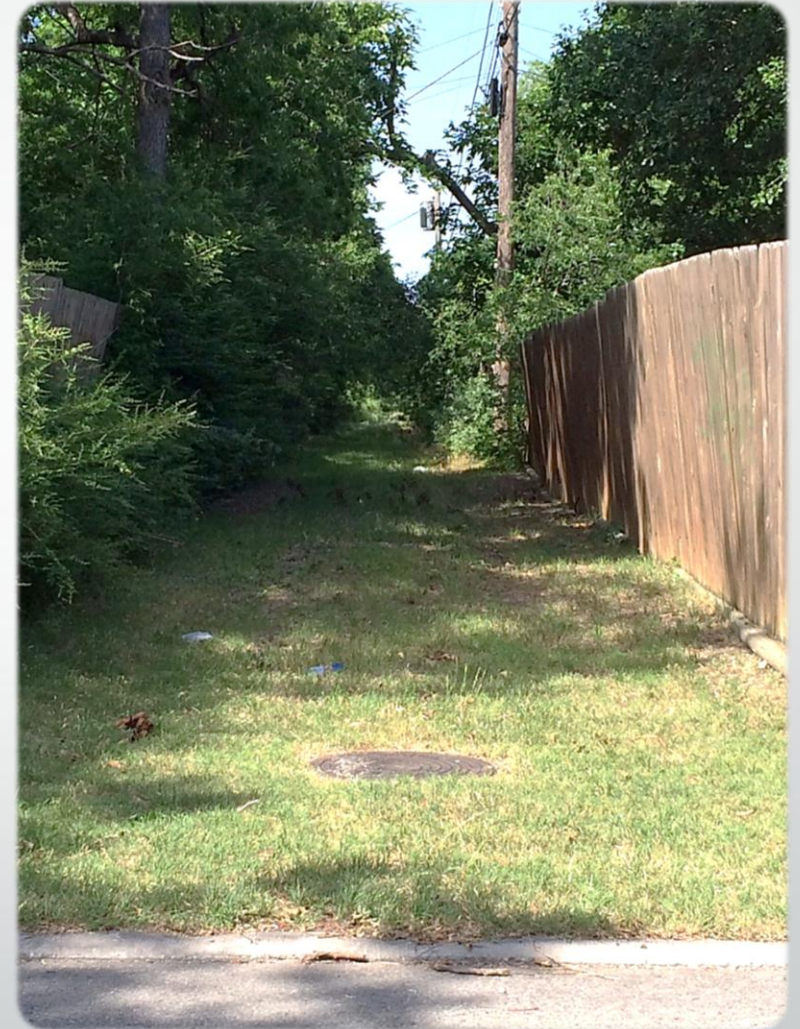
## Why are we talking about this now?

- Occasional citizen inquiry
- Recent Council inquiry re: paving alleyways



# History

Unrestricted Access  
Property Destruction  
City Notification  
City Provided Repairs



# History

Grading became overwhelming

Service became cost prohibitive

Bollards were installed to control access and  
identify responsibility for damages

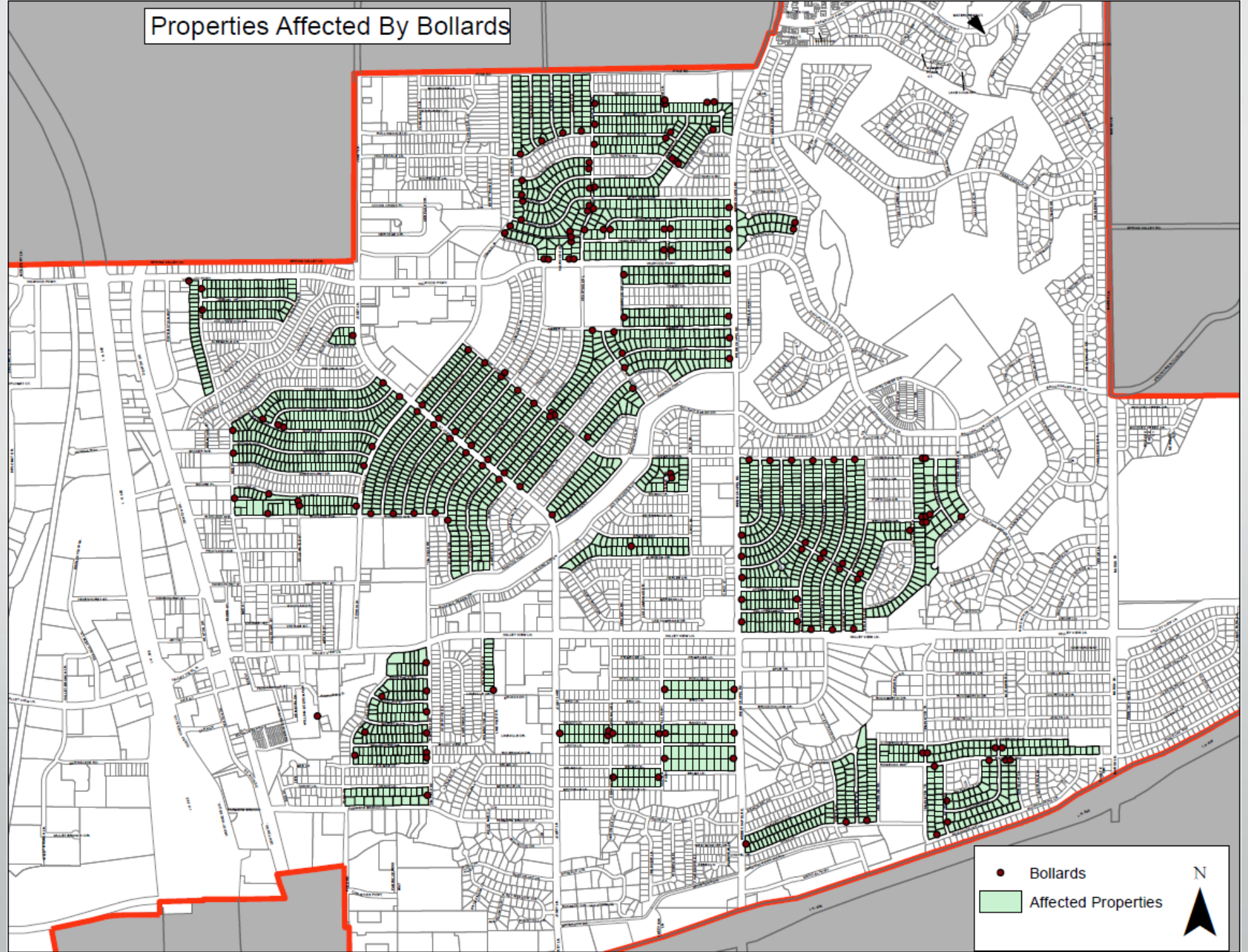
183 bollards now in place at 91 different unpaved  
easements throughout the City

\*Not all unpaved easements hold bollards





# Properties Affected By Bollards



# Paving Alleyways\*

## Petition Submitted

- Petition form obtained from City Manager
- Petitioner(s) must obtain 80% or more of impacted owner signatures
- Owners must have existing utility/drainage easement  $\leq 15$  feet
- Owners must agree to remove all obstructions and encroachments

## Petition Reviewed

- City Manager reviews petition for compliance
- City Manager furnishes alley easements to petitioners
- Existing utility/drainage easements convert to alley easements
- Petition and executed alley easements presented to Council for approval in consideration of public interest

## Plans and Costs

- As part of review process, City Manager must review plans and costs of improvements
- Costs review should include cost to acquire land of owners not willing to provide alley easement
  - Costs could include appraisal fee, cost of land at appraised value, possible legal fees
- Costs borne by property owners but waived by City if alley easement executed and encroachments removed

\*Process provided for in Ch. 70, Article II of Code of Ordinances

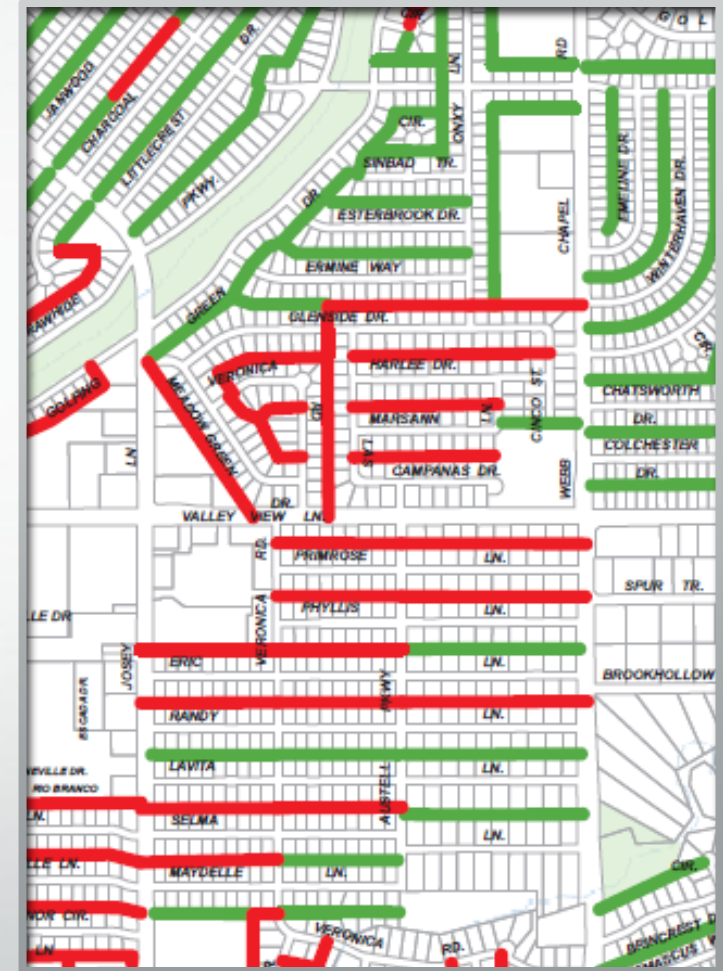
# Where do we stand now?

184,690 linear feet of unpaved easements

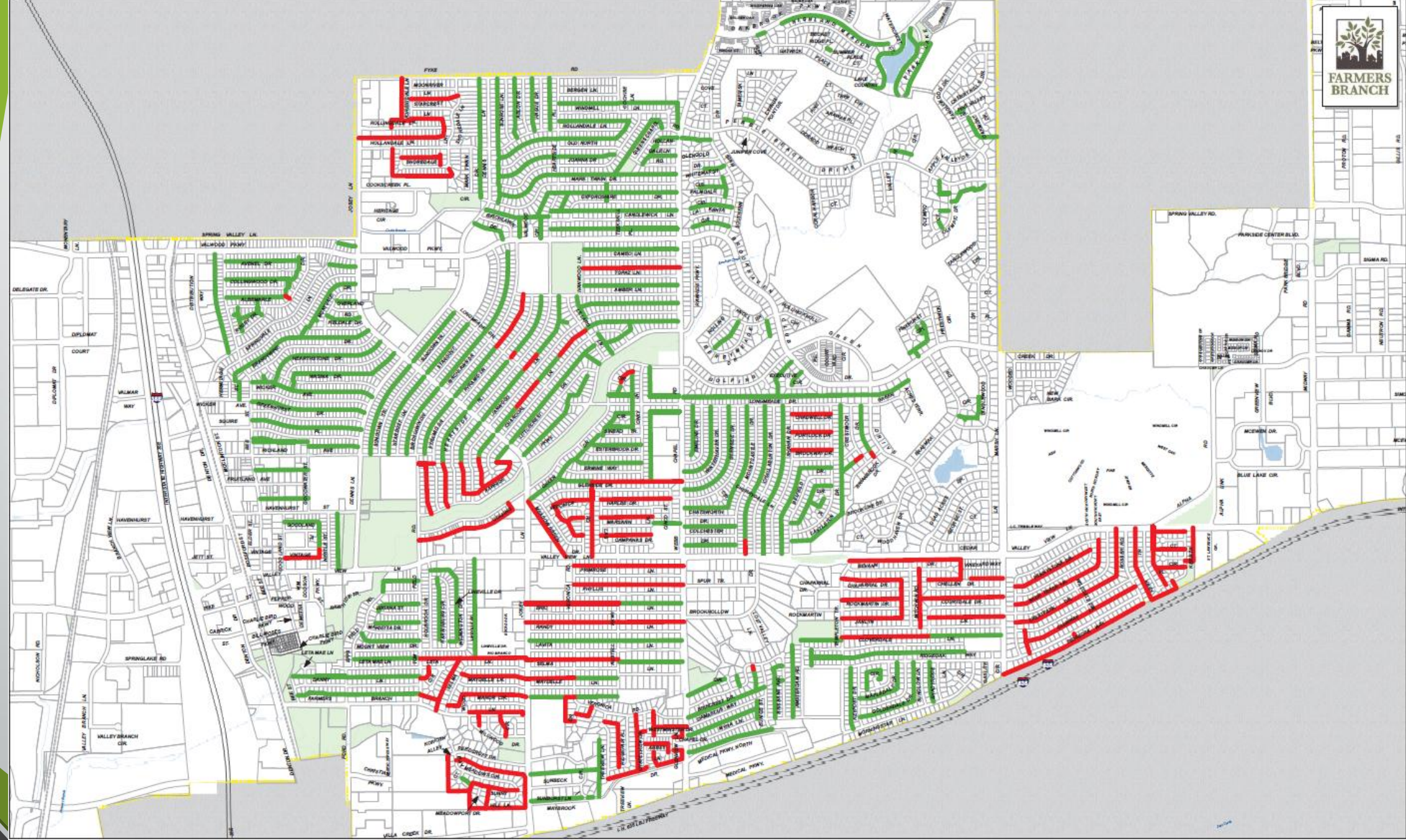
Spent \$20,278.70 in 2013 to maintain these unpaved easements

79,554 linear feet of alleys are paved

Spent \$10,655.87 in 2013 to maintain these paved alleyways







- Legend
- City Limit
  - Streets and Roads
  - Parks
  - Lakes and Streams

- Un-Paved Easements
- Paved Alleys

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# Can we pave unfinished alleyways/easements?

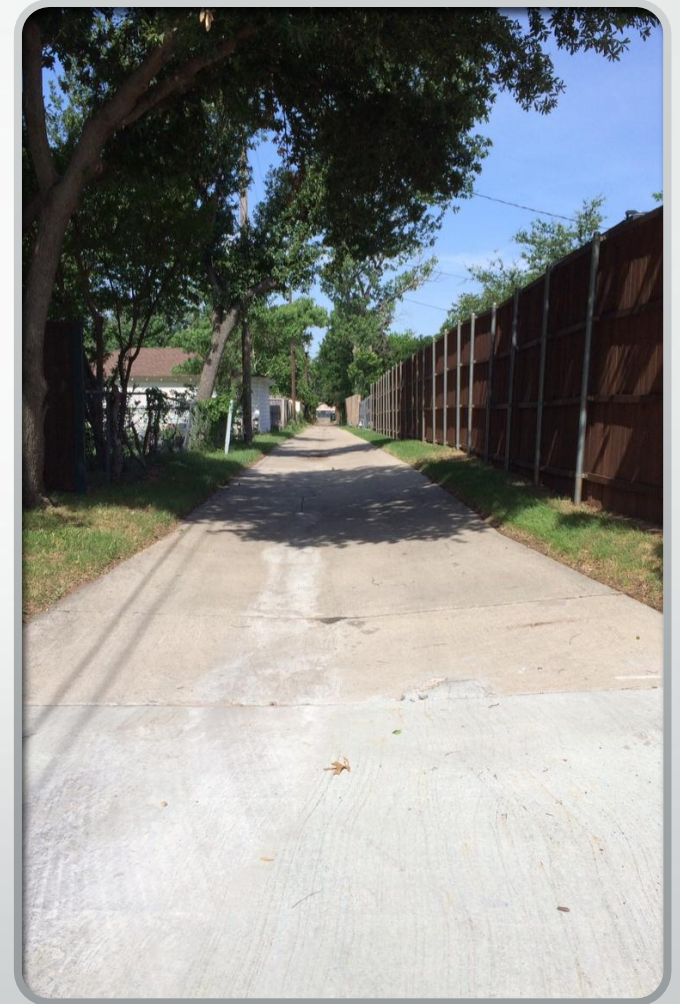
Currently have 263,000 square yards of unpaved easements in City that would qualify for paving

Current average cost of paving materials is \$125 per square yard

263,000 square yards at \$125 per square yard =

\$32,875,000 for **materials only**

\$33 million does not include associated costs, which effectively double this price tag





Questions?