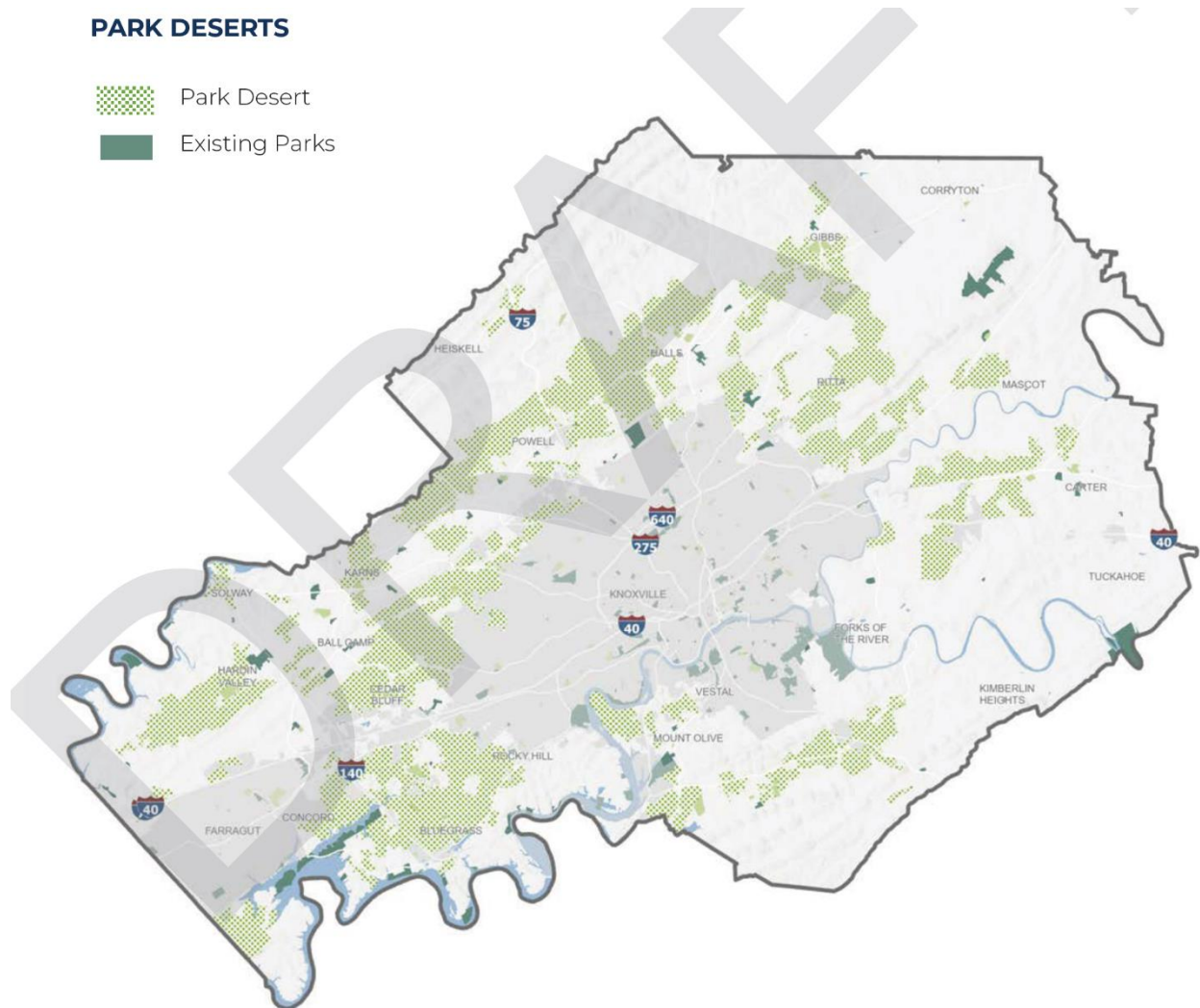


Dear Growth Plan Committee,

The Knox County Commission is currently considering adoption of the updated Master Parks Plan, which is on the agenda for the Commission meeting on December 18th. In the new plan, they have identified types of facilities that are needed, like softball fields, pools, etc. However, the plan does not identify the locations needed for new parks; it does not identify where we should be building new parks to accommodate prior or planned growth.

In the Advance Knox plan draft, there is a figure that identifies “Park Deserts” (below). If you examine the proposed expansion of Planned Growth Areas, the expanded Planned Growth Areas are... mostly Park Deserts.



One of the points of the Growth Plan process is to coordinate growth with infrastructure, utilities, and services. The county is considering a master parks plan that does not propose new parks in the Planned Growth Area.

If I were on your committee, I would ask: what is the plan to provision new parks in the proposed Planned Growth Areas? And what is the plan to provision new parks and recreational facilities in the existing Planned Growth Areas that are Park Deserts?

For your consideration,

--Kevin

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