

City of Lawrence
Traffic Safety Commission Agenda
May 7, 2012-7:00 PM
City Commission Room, City Hall

MEMBERS: Jason Novotny, Chair; Dan Harden, Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Cody Howard; Edwin Rothrock; Tracy Russell; Chris Storm; and John Ziegelmeier Jr.

Anyone who wishes to be notified when an item will be heard by the City Commission must provide their name and a telephone number or an e-mail address.

ITEM NO. 1: Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, April 2, 2012.

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to prohibit parking along one side of Morning Dove Circle.

Facts:

1. Morning Dove Circle is classified as a "local" street in a residential area and is paved 26 feet wide.
2. Police Department records show there have been three (3) reported crashes involving parked vehicles on Morning Dove Circle during the past three (3) years.

ITEM NO. 3: Consider request to prohibit parking along one side of Stone Creek Drive between Harvard Road & Legends Drive.

Facts:

1. Stone Creek Drive is classified as a "local" street in a residential area and is paved 26 feet wide.

2. Police Department records show there have been two (2) reported crashes involving parked vehicles on Stone Creek Drive during the past three (3) years.

ITEM NO. 4: Consider request to permit parking on Lawrence Avenue north of Bob Billings Parkway.

Facts:

1. Lawrence Avenue is classified as a "collector" street in a residential area and is paved 26 feet wide.
2. Lawrence Avenue carries approximately 1600 vehicles per day in this area.
3. Prior to 2005, parking was prohibited along the east side of the street and along the west side of the street from Bob Billings Parkway, north 150 feet.
4. In June 2005, the Traffic Safety Commission heard a request to prohibit parking along the west side of Lawrence Avenue from 150 feet north of Bob Billings Parkway to Applegate Court; the Commission voted 4-1-1 recommending denial of the request.
5. At their October 4, 2005 meeting, the City Commission voted unanimously to prohibit parking along the west side of Lawrence Avenue from 150 feet north of Bob Billings Parkway to Applegate Court.

ITEM NO. 5: Public comment.

ITEM NO. 6: Commission Items.

ITEM NO. 7: Miscellaneous.

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May 7, 2012 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Novotny, Chair; Dan Harden, Vice-Chair; Stuart Boley; Ryan Devlin; Cody Howard; Edwin Rothrock; Tracy Russell; Chris Storm; and John Ziegelmeier, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: David Woosley, Public Works Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Sarah Dinges, Donna Johnson, Aaron Miller, George Hughes, Heather Hughes, Joe Fike; Ed Noll, Douglas Romary, Mark Stoker, Dennis Moss, Marita Elliott, Tod Sutton, Samuel Elliott, Karen Moore, Jeanne Pees, M.E. Debicki

Chair Jason Novotny called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street.

ITEM NO. 1:

Review and approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, April 2, 2012.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING, APRIL 2, 2012; THE MOTION CARRIED, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 2:

Consider request to prohibit parking along one side of Morning Dove Circle.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Public Comment: None.

Commission Discussion: None.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOLEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO PROHIBIT PARKING ALONG ONE SIDE OF MORNING DOVE CIRCLE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 3:

Consider request to prohibit parking along one side of Stonecreek Drive between Harvard Road & Legends Drive.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted that a number of e-mail's (attached) had been received concerning this item and forwarded to each Commission member.

Public Comment:

Sarah Dinges, 1223 Stonecreek Drive: Visibility is very limited when vehicles park on both sides of the street, especially around the curves; when vehicles meet in the middle, someone has to back up; every house on the street has a two or three-car garage, plus a driveway, so there is no hardship asking for parking on only one side of the street; it is dangerous on game-days and when people have events at their home; if you don't consider the entire street, I would ask that you consider around the curves; it is a young neighborhood, there are a lot of children and pets.

Donna Johnson, 1373 Stonecreek Drive: I am against the proposal; most of us do a good job, we live on the street, we know it is full of kids; I do agree around the walking path may not be a bad idea; it really isn't a big problem.

Aaron Miller, 1227 Stonecreek Drive: I am opposed as well; if safety is an issue, we need to decrease the volume of traffic; putting parking on one side will increase traffic and increase speed and make safety more of an issue.

George Hughes, 1215 Stonecreek Drive: I oppose it too; it will destroy things; it will increase speed; the only time they slow down is for the parked vehicles.

Heather Hughes, 1215 Stonecreek Drive: I am also opposed to this; moving parking to one side of the street will increase the speed; speed is the issue on our street.

Joe Fike, 1313 Stonecreek Drive: I'm opposed to the change; I think it will increase the speed; the speed is already too high.

Ed Noll, 1309 Stonecreek Drive: I'm opposed to it as well; I'm not sure there is anything to be gained by it.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: I would like to see some traffic and speed counts; I drive that street almost every day and I do think that speed is an issue there.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARDEN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROTHROCK, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO PROHIBIT PARKING ALONG ONE SIDE OF STONE CREEK DRIVE BETWEEN HARVARD ROAD & LEGENDS DRIVE; THE MOTION CARRIED, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 4:

Consider request to permit parking on Lawrence Avenue north of Bob Billings Parkway.

Woosley reviewed the information provided in the staff report and noted that a number of e-mail's (attached) had been received concerning this item and forwarded to each Commission member.

Public Comment:

Douglas Romary, 2341 Massachusetts Street: When the parking was removed in 2005, there were some unintended consequences; some of the properties have to share a driveway and it gets jammed-up; the only parking in the area is on Applegate Ct and people are cutting-through yards which irritates the neighborhood; I would suggest that some of the parking be reinstated; some people have even driven across the lawn to get into driveways; it's been problematic since all parking was removed.

Mark Stoker, 1451 Lawrence Avenue: I agree with the issue of parking and where it should be reinstated; one of the real issues is speed coming down that hill; there is very limited parking in the cul-de-sac and it is difficult to have any guests over; adding some parking shouldn't be an issue for safety.

M.E. Debicki, 1445 Applegate Court: One of the main problems is, of course, speed, but when a car is heading down Lawrence Avenue, they do not realize how it curves into Bob Billings; I took some pictures (attached) showing how you cannot see down Lawrence Avenue and you do not know what is there at the bottom of the street; it is an issue of safety; I know there is a problem with parking, I can never park in front of my own house, there are just too many cars.

Dennis Moss, 1428 Lawrence Avenue: I've taken some pictures too (attached); this is not a minor curve, the curve is the problem; safety is an issue, when cars were allowed to park along the curve, they obstructed the view of cars coming off Bob Billings; the other issue, prior to 2005, was cars swinging out around

parked cars and unexpectedly encounter a northbound car; sometimes they would just jump the curb to avoid an accident; my mailbox has been taken-out and I lost count at 15 times; there is no place for them to go; they have even driven across lawns when having to wait too long for a vehicle parking; there was even a head-on collision prior to the parking removal; they could not see due to vehicles parked on the curve; there were even times when traffic turning off Bob Billings was backed-up because of vehicles waiting on Lawrence Avenue; snow and ice removal was a problem also prior to the parking removal; it is an inconvenience to not have parking, but the minor inconvenience is not worth the safety issues we have had in the past.

Tod Sutton, 1404 Lawrence Avenue: The current configuration is clearly the safest configuration as I've traveled that road multiple times a day for the last 13 years.

Marita Elliott, 1447 Lawrence Avenue: If parking is allowed, my driveway and my mailbox would be affected.

Jo Anne Kready, formerly of 1447 Lawrence Avenue: When there was parking allowed, when I backed out of my driveway I could not see the cars coming up Lawrence Avenue.

Samuel Elliott, 1447 Lawrence Avenue: It is somewhat of an inconvenience, but for the safety matter we would definitely stand opposed to this proposal; we think it is just fine the way it is.

Karen Moore, 1435 Applegate Court: I represent nine (9) senior citizens that live on Applegate Ct; if cars are parked on Lawrence, it would be very difficult to see when exiting Applegate Ct; we ask that you keep the parking ban on Lawrence Avenue.

Jeanne Pees, 2905 Stratford Court: The Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association supports the owner/residents in opposing the request for parking.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Harden asked if it would be possible to widen the driveways that have a problem; Woosley advised that there may be public works and development codes that would apply.

Commission Boley asked if there were any approved traffic calming devices for this portion of Lawrence Avenue; Woosley advised that there were not.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer: I was on the Commission when the parking was removed in 2005; I do think the safety is probably better now; I think they sacrifice some speed; that probably hasn't gotten better.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DEVLIN, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO PERMIT PARKING ON LAWRENCE AVENUE NORTH OF BOB BILLINGS PARKWAY; THE MOTION CARRIED, 9-0.

ITEM NO. 5:

Public Comment:

None.

ITEM NO. 6:

Commission Items:

The Commission acknowledged receipt of a letter from Ken Wertzberger, 907 Arkansas St., concerning possible improvements to the intersection of 9th Street & Michigan Street.

The Commission discussed the possibility of a city ordinance regulating the parking of vehicles on private property in spaces designated as a charging station for electric vehicles.

ITEM NO. 7:

Miscellaneous:

Woosley distributed copies of the City of Lawrence 2011 Annual Report to each member of the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is Monday, June 4, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Woosley

David E. Woosley, P.E.
Transportation/Traffic Engineer

From: Amber Tucker [mailto:ambert44@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 12:22 PM

To: David Woosley

Subject: Parking Inquiry-Morning Dove Circle

Good afternoon,

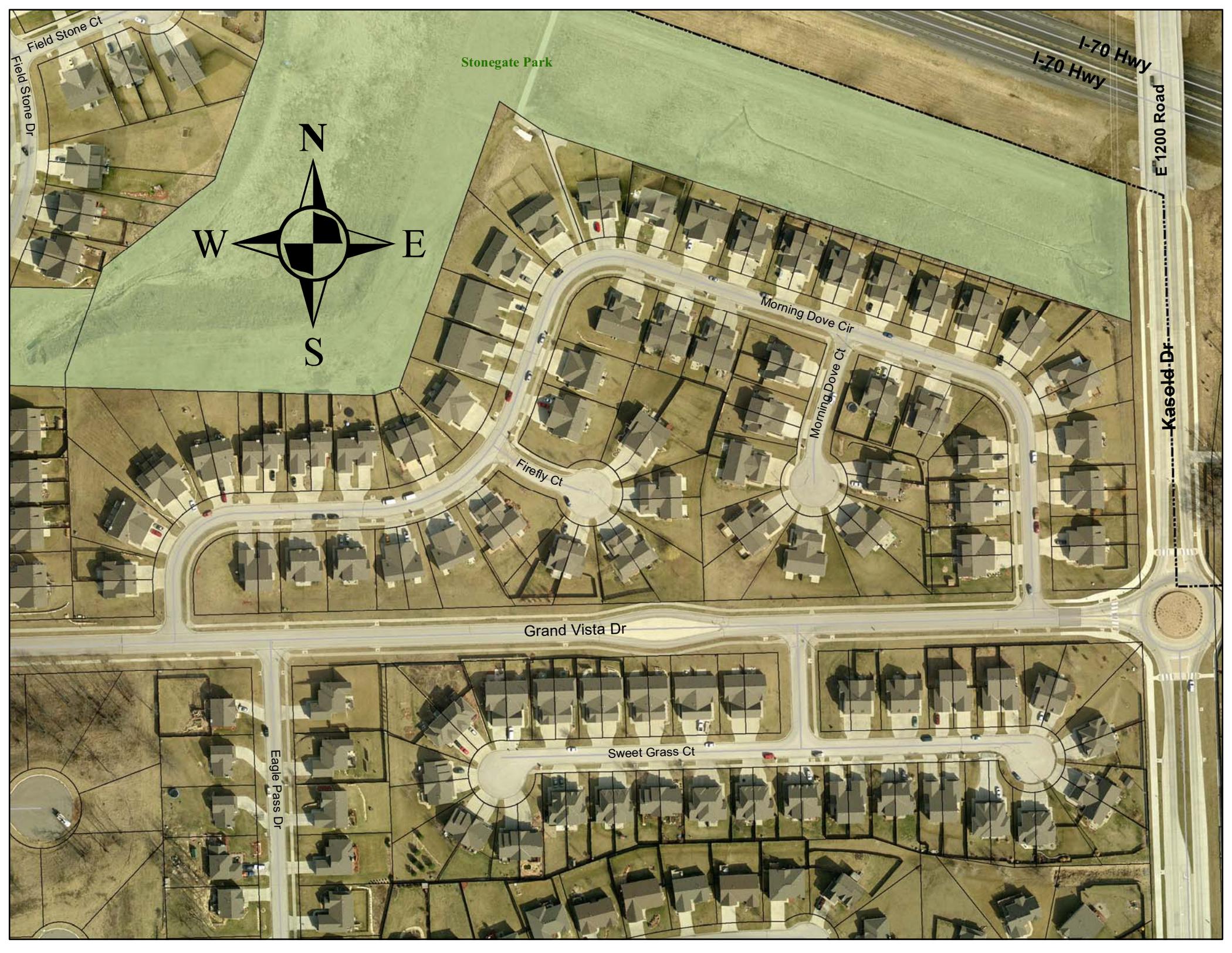
I hope your day is going well. I wanted to inquire about the process for requesting parking restrictions. Specifically, I wanted to inquire about the possibility of restricting parking to only one side of the street on Morning Dove Circle. Currently, it doesn't appear that there are any restrictions to parking and as such, there is near constant parking on both sides of the street. Because there are several curves along this street, it is often extremely difficult to see around the parked cars and I have both observed and been involved in several "near misses" with cars coming from the opposite direction.

Similarly, when this happens, one car often has to back up in order to allow the other car room to go through, as there is not enough room for two cars to pass when cars are parked on both sides of the street. The current parking situation is certainly inconvenient for drivers, but also poses a significant safety hazard with the limited visibility. Could you please let me know how I might go about making a formal request into changing the parking allowances on this street? Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks and have a great day.

Sincerely,

Amber Tucker

[785-393-3376](tel:785-393-3376)



Field Stone Ct

Field Stone Dr

Stonegate Park



I-70 Hwy

E 1200 Road

Morning Dove Cir

Morning Dove Ct

Firefly Ct

Grand Vista Dr

Kasold Dr

Eagle Pass Dr

Sweet Grass Ct

From: Sarah Dinges [mailto:sdinges@sunflower.com]
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 5:49 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: A traffic restriction for Stone Creek Dr

To whom it may concern,

I would like to request a parking restriction on Stone Creek dr, so that people can park on only one side of the street. Cars will easily be accommodated by a one-side restriction.

Currently, despite the availability of a two-three car garage plus a driveway for every house on the street, there are cars parked everywhere on the street. The combination of turns in the roadway plus cars parked on both sides often restricts traffic and makes the street feel like an obstacle course.

The street is wide enough that it can accommodate one-side parking and two-way driving at the same time. With the current system of everyone parking where they feel like, the street is often restricted to one-way driving in places where it can be difficult to see oncoming traffic. Drivers are forced to stop and maneuver to allow oncoming traffic to pass because parked cars have constricted the roadway by parking on both sides.

I would like to reiterate that all of the cars that park on Stone Creek will be accommodated by one-side parking, but that the overall safety of the street will be increased immensely.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sarah Dinges
1223 Stone Creek dr
Lawrence, KS, 66049
(785) 550-4212

From: [David Woosley](#)
To: 'Sarah Dinges'
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 7:52 AM
Subject: RE: A traffic restriction for Stone Creek Dr

Hi Sarah,

What portion of Stone Creek Drive are you referring to? The street stretches from Legends Drive northerly to Branchwood Drive.

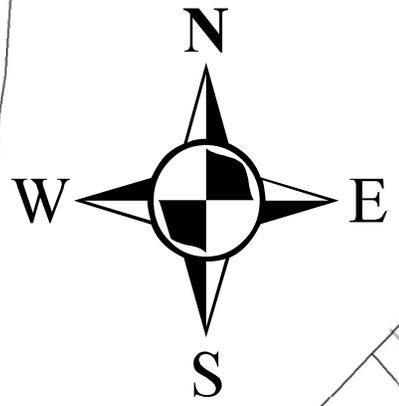
Thanks,



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From: Sarah Dinges [<mailto:sdinges@sunflower.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 10:07 AM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Re: A traffic restriction for Stone Creek Dr

Legends to Harvard



DeVictor Park

Stonecreek Dr
Harvard Rd

Plymouth Dr

Rankin Dr
Waverly Dr

Douglas Dr

Wagstaff Dr

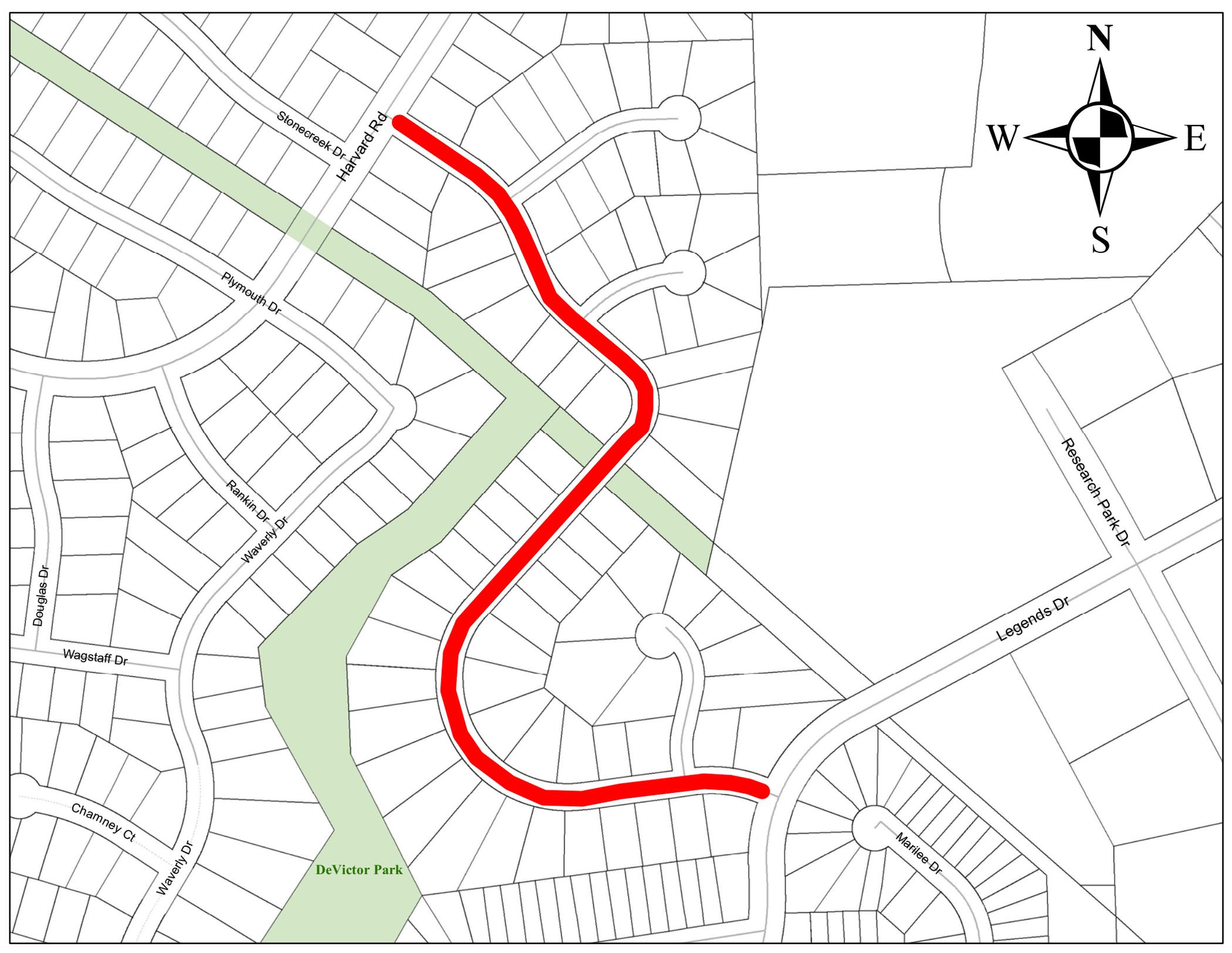
Chamney Ct

Waverly Dr

Research Park Dr

Legends Dr

Marilee Dr





Stonecreek Dr

Harvard Rd

Stonecreek Ct

Plymouth Dr

Thorn Tree Ct

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Waverly Dr

Stonecreek Dr

DeVictor Park

Wagstaff Dr

DeVictor Park

Morgan Ct

Legends Dr

Chamney Ct

Waverly Dr

Marilee Dr

Research Park Dr



parking on lawrence avenue

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PUBLIC WORKS

From: **Douglas Romary** (kschickpea@hotmail.com)

Sent: Sun 3/11/12 5:34 PM

To: traffic@lawrenceks.org

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Traffic safety commission,

1. I have enclosed some photos of this street, and one can easily see that lawrence avenue is a residential street. Please take note of all the driveways that connect to lawrence avenue.
2. About 4 years ago, on street parking was eliminated on both sides of lawrence avenue, north of bob billings parkway, up to the top of the hill.
3. Parking had not been a problem up until that change occurred, but has become a constant irritant to residents, neighbors and visitors ever since.
4. I have lived in lawrence for quite some time, and i am not aware of any other residential street that has had parking banned on it, on both sides of the street, for such a great distance.
5. I am hoping that the commission can correct this error by once again allowing residents and visitors to park on the street as it does on any other residential street.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

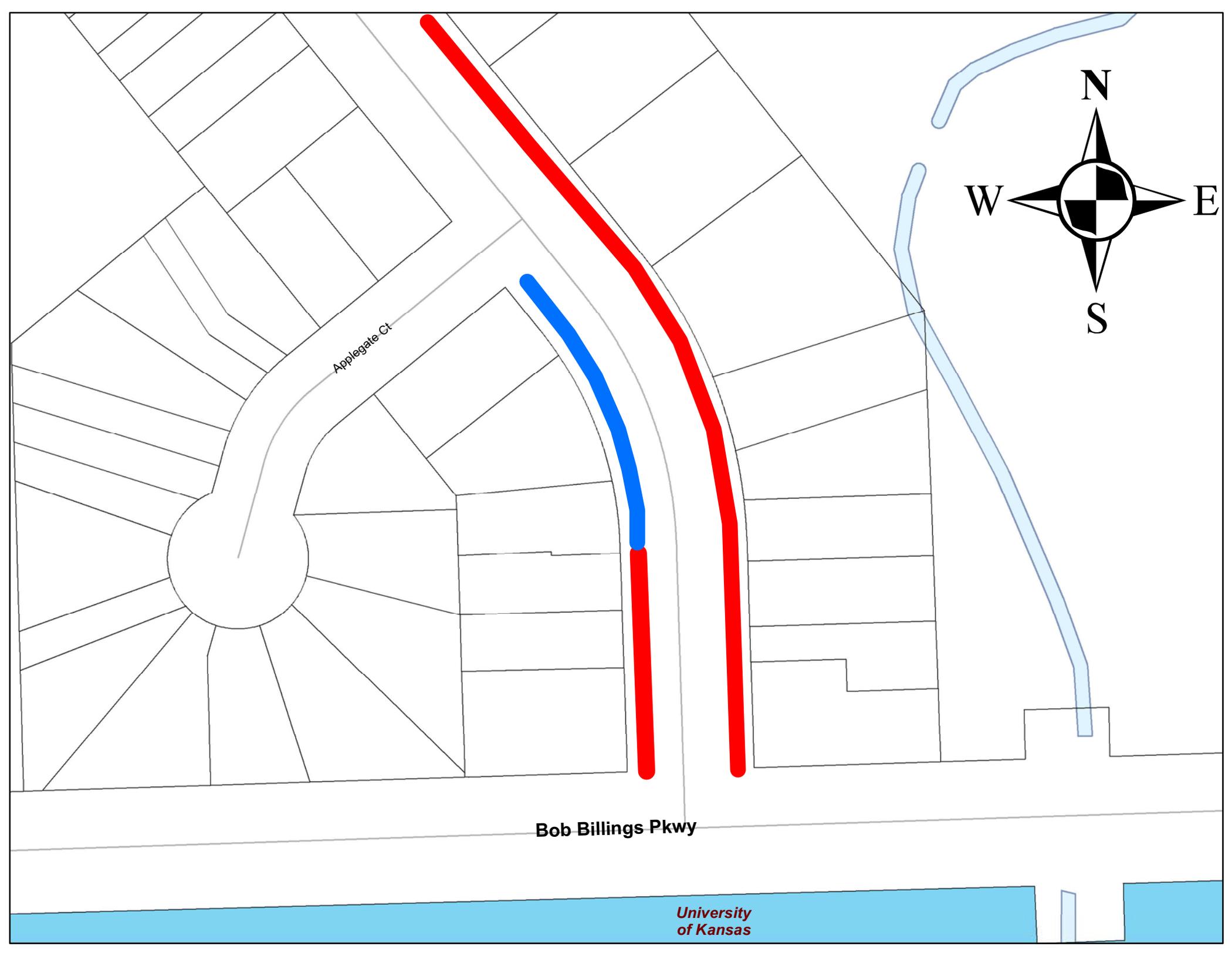
Douglas Romary

2341 Mass St.
Lawrence, KS 66046

785. 423. 5715 cell
785. 865. 3783 home

owner
1453 Lawrence Ave
Lawrence, KS 66044

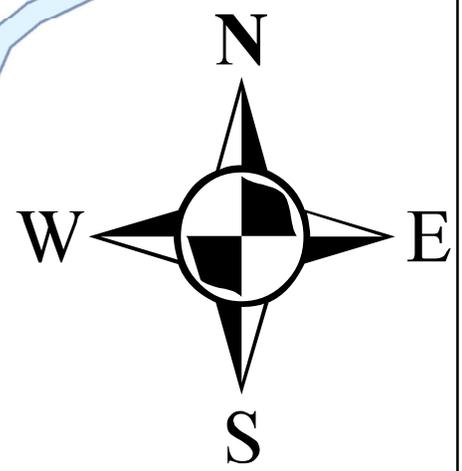


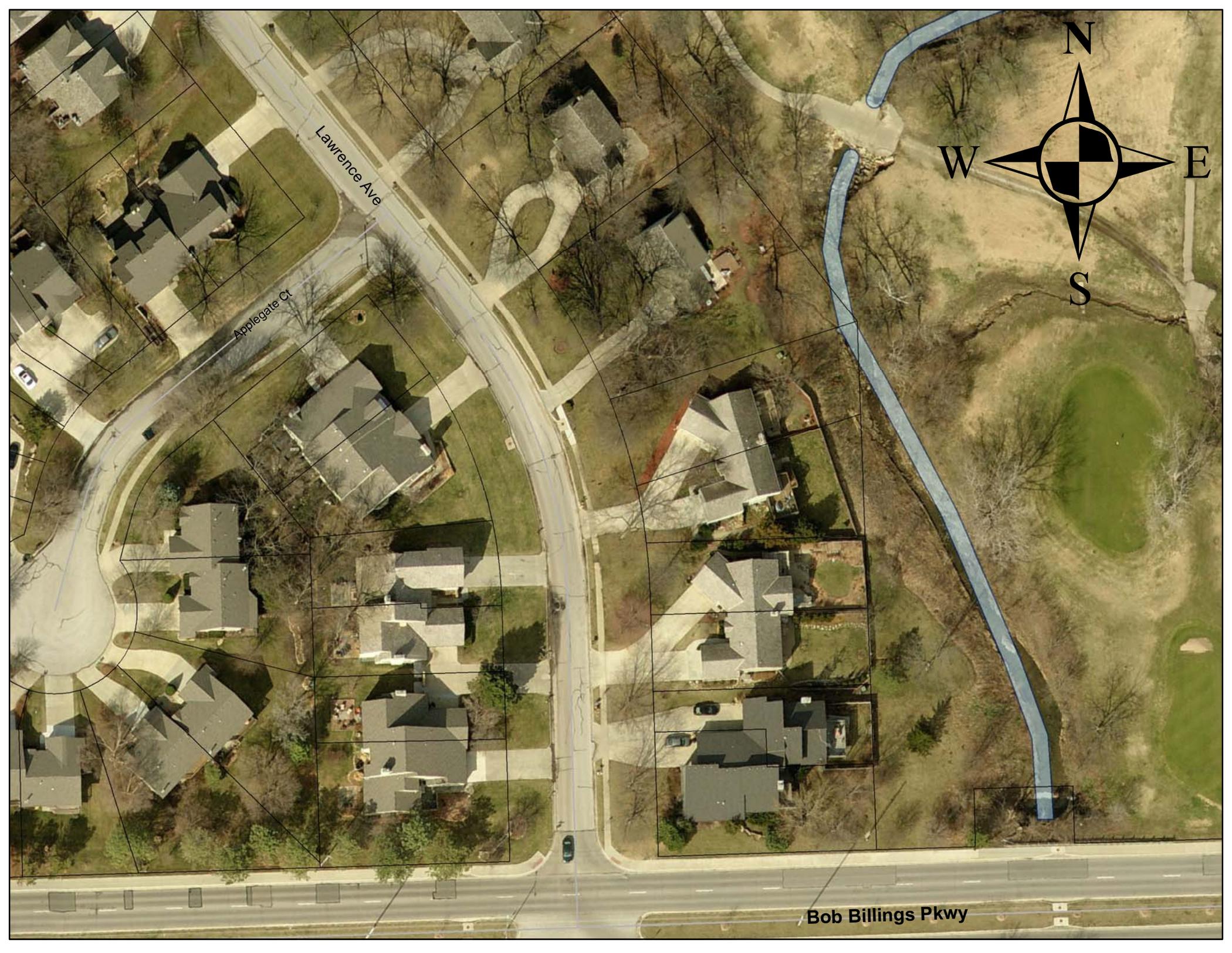


Applegate Ct

Bob Billings Pkwy

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Lawrence Ave

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