



## **WILDLIFE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT – CORRIDOR INITIATIVE: SCHENCK'S CREEK**

The most ecologically significant wildlife habitat corridors are ones that:

- (1) include contiguous properties, offering natural land connectivity for wildlife shelter and foraging, and
- (2) advance biodiversity in fauna and flora, supplying a variety of food sources, e.g., leaves, berries, insects, etc. In most current situations, biodiversity requires removal of invasive plant species which choke out native species and, ideally, the planting of native species to keep invasive plants at bay.

**Schenck's Creek Pilot Program:** Collaboration with property owners in corridors is key to protecting and enhancing local habitat. Schenck's Creek Wildlife Corridor extends from Lorimer Rd to the Davidson K8 School and The Pines, a contiguous mile of mostly wooded natural land flanking the Creek. It includes the back property of at least 15 private properties plus the Town-owned Community Center at 251 South Street and CMS-owned K-8 School land. The K8 Nature Preserve in back of the K-8 School is a key part of the Schenck's Creek Corridor and has been a focus area for DLC for years.

DLC has identified the Schenck's Creek Corridor as its pilot to engage neighbors in the stewardship of their adjoining properties. DLC will make available local volunteer experts to guide interested neighbors in healthy yard maintenance, the removal of invasive plants, and the planting of natives.

This effort relies on the goodwill and enthusiasm of neighbors, who will likely be inspired by and learn from each other as they witness the growing beauty and biodiversity of their properties and the corridor. And the wildlife, from the tiniest pollinators to larger mammals like hawks, owls, deer and rabbits, will benefit from the ecological balance and restored habitat brought about by this program's participants.

**Where:** Lorimer Road to The Pines

**Why:** DLC aims to preserve and enhance healthy ecosystems and diverse and thriving wildlife habitat. As our community urbanizes, wildlife and their habitat are stressed. In Davidson, we are blessed with so many special, but not-well-known corridors rich in wildlife that are typically wooded and positioned along small streams. Schenck's Creek is an example.

**What:** Educate neighbors about the eco values of the corridor and best land management practices for habitat and wildlife. Participants are given materials, knowledge and advice in exchange for commitment to best practices. There is no legal commitment or land restriction with participation in the program.

**When:** The goal is to engage and gain participation by all neighbors in the corridor by the end of 2023.

**Vision:** Connected, well-managed properties to enhance and conserve wildlife.



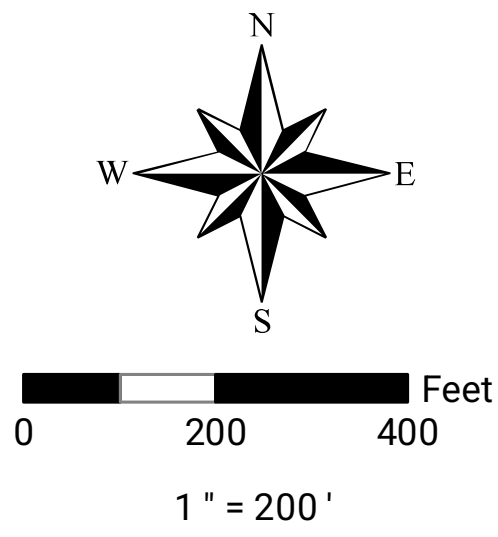
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## Overall Map - 2022 Aerial Orthoimagery

June 2023



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### LEGEND

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| Schenck's Creek Wildlife Corridor | Buildings          |
| DLC Protected Property - Ault     | Schools            |
| The Pines                         | Streets            |
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| The Pines Campus                  | Parcels            |
| Parks                             |                    |



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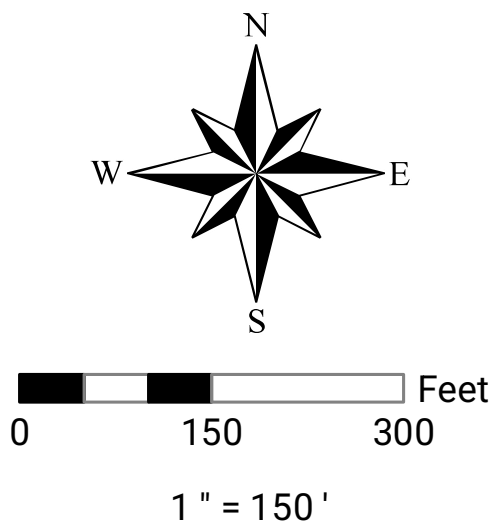
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April 2023



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- DLC Protected Property - Ault
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- Parks
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