



# Wildlife and Vegetation Report

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### **General Site Description**

The Site is approximately 1.9 acres and is located on the southwest corner of West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Eldridge Street in Jefferson County.

There are not any existing structures on the property and the property is surrounded by a wire fence.

A field inspection was conducted on June 28, 2013 to identify and document the presence of natural vegetation communities and general wildlife use.

### **Wildlife Habitat and Species**

This vacant land is surround by large lot (1 acre average) residential homes providing limited foraging, refuge, and nesting to various wildlife species. This area could also act as a very limited movement corridor for various smaller mammals accustom to more urban environments. Some local wildlife species that MAY use this habitat within the site include coyote (*Canis latrans*), red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), rabbit (*Lepus sp.*), raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), and hawks (*Buteo sp.*), but none were spotted during the site visit.

Historic land use practices have limited the development of natural vegetation on the Site and therefore have limited the overall quality and availability of potential wildlife habitat. Generally, there are features on the site and the surrounding area that provide general habitat for local songbirds and small mammals, however habitat on site is highly degraded from a wildlife perspective by historic and current land use practices, the presence of non-native plants, the surrounding developments, and the lack of water. Any future land use changes on the site are likely to have minimal adverse effect to general wildlife in the local vicinity.

### **Existing Vegetation**

Only one primary vegetation community exist within the site. Historic and current land use practices have significantly limited the development of any significant natural vegetation communities. Existing vegetation communities are primarily comprised of modified pasture grasslands consisting of few native but mostly non-native grasses and forbes. The few existing trees on site are adjacent to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue along the wire fence. The majority of the site consists of modified dry pasture grassland that was recently cut to approximately 6" height. Vegetation coverage is good but dormant or stressed due to lack of moisture. Dominant vegetation in this area includes; various native and non-native grasses, Yucca (*Yucca spp.*), Siberian Elm (*Ulmus pumila*), and various weed species.

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