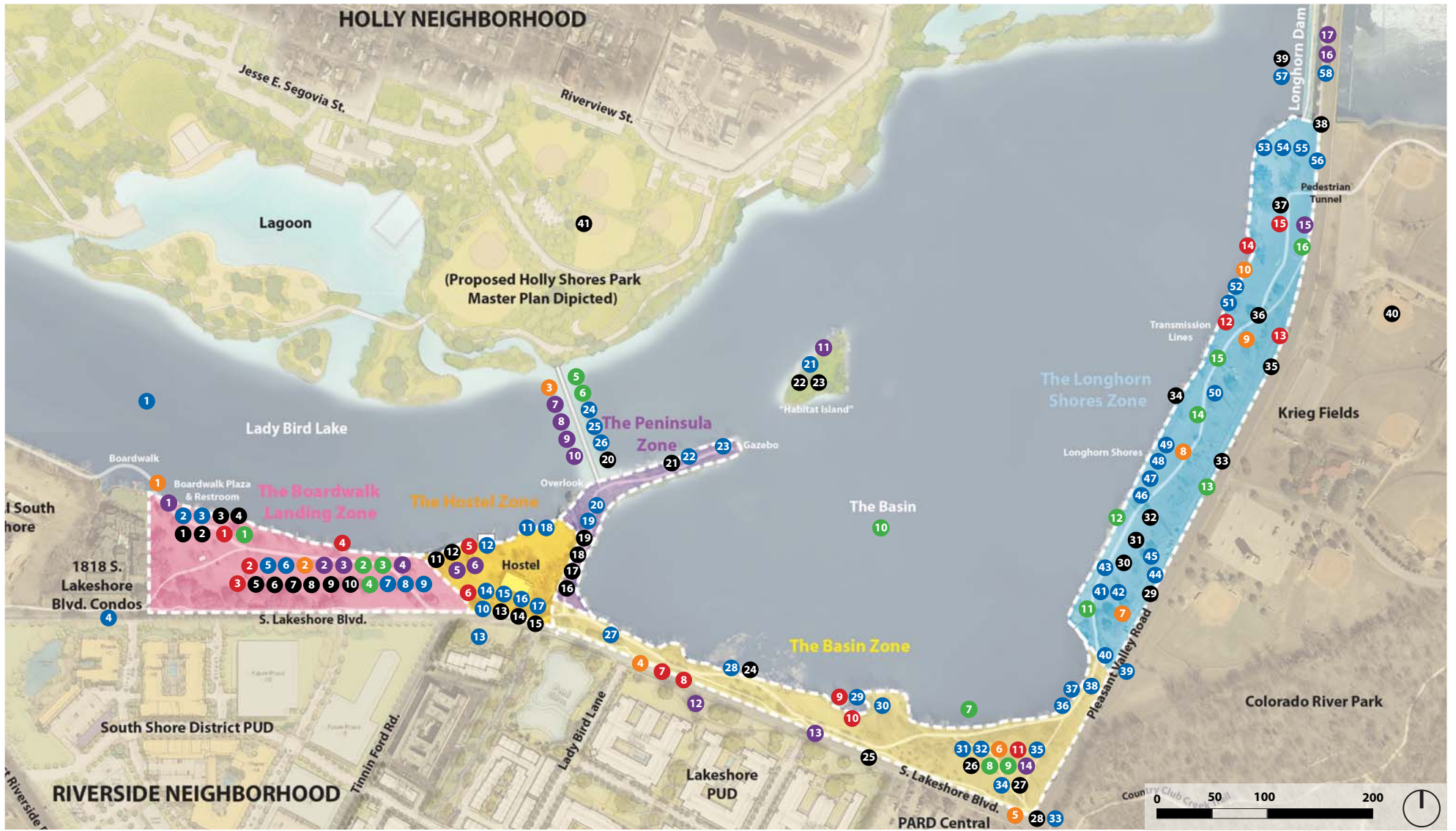


COMMENTS/IDEA MAP
Butler Trail at Southeast Shore: Master Plan and Improvement Strategy
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	Working Group Meeting Monday, June 10, 2013	Adjacent Developments Friday, August 16, 2013	City of Austin Thursday, August 19, 2013	Community Workshop #1 Thursday, October 17, 2013	On-Trail Outreach Saturday, January 18, 2014	Community Workshop #2 Wednesday, January 29, 2014
Park-Wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preserve natural character of park. Dogs are big issue. Park is too small for off-leash dog area. The park's shallowness in depth is challenging. Don't put parking on parkland: make use of street parking to serve park. Colorado River Park's existing parking lots could serve the Southeast Shore. Create places to experience shoreline, views, i.e., overlooks. Manage invasive plants. Provide places where people can contact water. Enhance wildlife habitat. Create bird-friendly places that punctuate/penetrate riparian ecosystem (docks, shelters, etc.), where bird-viewing is possible, places without through-traffic. Trail should not be lit, so natural character is kept. Add water fountains throughout the park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New residents with dogs will primarily use on-property open spaces for dog relief. If an off-leash dog area is proposed, fence it. New residents are interested in accessing health, fitness, yoga and entertainment in park. Increase number of water fountains and restrooms in park. Safety, security and lighting should be the priorities. Build docks for kayaks, paddleboards and other on-water activities. Property managers will host volunteer days for trash pick-up, invasives removal, or even crane myrtle pruning. Keep Austin Beautiful (KAB) could facilitate South Shore District volunteer maintenance activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new structures should be allowed within 100 feet of shoreline. Minimize paved surfaces in park and create cycle tracks along Pleasant Valley Rd. and Lakeshore Blvd. Maintain and repair riparian zone. Remove invasive species throughout park. Use The Wildflower Center's drought resistant Habiturf for lawn areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure that Park Rangers patrol the area for safety. Provide many benches and trash containers along the Trail. Install dog waste stations. Keep the shoreline natural. Make the park child- and family-friendly. Keep the park pristine. Allow for informal use of areas instead of creating spaces for formalized activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide more parking. Keep the trail flat. Make the trail safer. Have lots of trees. Provide different kinds of activities every half mile, i.e. ramps, exercise blocks, pull up bars. Provide water stations- with fountains and bottle spigots every mile. Provide more pet bags. Create art installations that also function as workout stations. Provide more restrooms. Have fewer events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide dog waste stations frequently throughout park. Provide trash and recycling receptacles. Don't allow paid parking meters along Lakeshore Blvd., or Pleasant Valley Rd. Don't allow further commercialization or concessions in park land. Provide more picnic tables and benches. No concrete or impervious surfaces allowed on parkland. Keep park natural. No off-leash dog areas permitted. Increase frequency of trash pickup in along water's edge. Maintain 25' buffer from water's edge to trail. No large events allowed in this segment of parkland.
Boardwalk Landing Zone	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Limit paved areas and create more shade. Address conflict between peds and cyclists, as The Trail serves an important transportation role. Allow recreational cycling next to shoreline. Boardwalk may or may not be open 24 hrs -- consider appropriate lighting. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> If 24-hour access to Boardwalk is implemented, provide lighting for increased safety. Create a small event space in the park for performances and pop-up events around SXSW and other festivals. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continue concrete surface from Boardwalk to proposed, cycle tracks on Lakeshore Blvd. at no more than 5% slope. Re-grade open space for pick-up soccer and other informal recreation. Create small event space near boardwalk landing. Build deck structure over new stormwater outlet, and maintain access for service. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide trailhead concessions, like snacks and water. Minimize food concessions due to the trash that these produce. Provide water sports rental. Provide dock or viewpoints from land. Provide more bicycle parking. Farmers market would be nice in this area. Small events space for families of slightly larger groups. No amplified music. Free [unscheduled] activity area. No formal fields. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide more water fountains. Keep running trails separate from bike trails. Create kids play areas. Provide exercise stations. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Designate space for sports vs. recreational use to reduce water navigation conflicts. Do not allow more boat launches. Provide launch for personally-owned paddle boards, canoe, kayak and small sail boats. Need visual clearance for exiting driveways onto Lakeshore Blvd. Protect Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) trees. Widen trail for shared use. Provide exercise stations for public use. Allow pop-up art installations. Plant native grasses.
Hostel Zone	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reconsider creating a new trailhead near Hostel, given conflicts with hostel parking. Provide more restrooms along the Trail, as Hostel restroom is often used by trail users. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Remove non-functioning stormwater outlet and fix sink holes. Add trailhead functions. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide bicycle parking for concessions. Confine concessions to this zone. Do not add more concessions. Keep Hostel functioning at this location. No metered street parking -- parking should be free for park users. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Allow light food and drink service. No space provided for off-leash dog areas. Plant more shade trees. Concessions should be located out of park. Leave hostel in park. (8) Hostel should become community rental space. Dougherty Arts Center should move to hostel site. Allow an off-leash dog area.
Peninsula Zone	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed ped bridge landing to Holly Shores should be located as far from tip of peninsula as possible to preserve quiet, bird habitat. Perhaps prohibit bike access to peninsula. Implement proposed ped bridge to Holly Shores: it will help connect Hostel visitors. Proposed bridge could become a hangout space itself. Any new bridges should provide sufficient clearance for boats: river boats, rowing boats and stand-up paddle boards. "Habitat Island" is known as "Snake Island" - a popular party venue on full moons. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the proposed ped bridge to Holly Shores. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Keep this zone natural. Keep this zone quiet. Clear the invasives, especially ragweed. Protect the riparian zone. Build a new pedestrian bridge by dam instead. Keep the water and trail connections limited (i.e., don't allow continuous view - and dog access - to the water). Don't allow people on the Habitat Island off the tip of the Peninsula. Provide an outdoor classroom for canoers on the Habitat Island 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Likes the pedestrian bridge connection to Holly Shores Park Master Plan. Does not like the pedestrian bridge connection to Holly Shores Park Master Plan. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Allow a sculpture park. Provide public art opportunities. Keep Habitat Island preserved. Keep peninsula preserved. Like existing gazebo at end of peninsula. Like bridge connecting to Holly Shores. (6) Don't like bridge connecting to Holly Shores. (18) Need clearance for boats under bridge.
Basin Zone	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cypress "Paseo" will be a place where peds will cross Lakeshore Blvd.: create and designate this crossing clearly. Access is critical across Lakeshore Blvd.: consider installing "Hawk" (pedestrian-activated) signals. Develop a trailhead at Lakeshore/Pleasant Valley Road intersection linking to Country Club Creek Trail, that includes parking, amenities, way-finding, etc. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide designated crosswalks and possibly pedestrian-activated crosswalk. Improve public street-lighting on Lakeshore Blvd. and Pleasant Valley Rd. Provide quiet places for yoga/Zen garden as well as cross-fit/boot camp space at intersection of Pleasant Valley Rd. and Lakeshore Blvd. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide better lighting, sidewalk and pedestrian cross-walks along Lakeshore Blvd. Propose two-way cycle tracks and parallel parking along Lakeshore Blvd. Remove debris, improve landscape and water quality near the "Cove". Create a vegetated embankment into the water at the "Cove". Create landscape feature for stormwater drainage near the intersection of Lakeshore Blvd. and Pleasant Valley Rd. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Protect riparian zone. Connect the trails from the new developments along Lakeshore to Butler Trail. Create a "food forest", with native trees like pecan, at the corner of Pleasant Valley and Lakeshore Blvd. Provide trail concessions like snacks and water. Make pedestrian crossing make safer and allow left turn from Lakeshore. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Create a protected water play area for kids. Provide an exercise station. Create something that will activate area. Create a sailing Olympic triangle. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No food trailers allowed. On-leash water access for dogs. Need conversation with Watershed Protection Department about the "Cove" improvements. Like the plans for the "Hollow". Like increasing the number of native plants. Need a barrier between park and traffic. Provide safe connection to Country Club Creek Trail. Allow for view of lake from trail. Provide a small fishing pier to preserve landscape from being trampled. Provide launch for personally owned paddle boards, canoe, kayak and small sail boats. Don't allow street vendors. Like the rain garden idea. Provide safe crossing to Guerrero Park.
Longhorn Shores Zone	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Make explicit and improved connection(s) to Colorado River Park. Austin Energy is looking at options for renovating the dam, one of which may be the construction of a labyrinth weir on top of an existing foundation located on the east side of the dam structure and removal of existing mechanical gates. Foot of Longhorn Dam (east side) is a great place for birds, but not a good place to observe birds. Colorado River Park's existing parking lots could serve the Southeast Shore. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Install sidewalks along Pleasant Valley Rd. Larger events should take place on Longhorn Shores. Provide multiple boat launches for kayaks on north end of Longhorn Shores. Consider a dog park at Longhorn Shores that would address a regional need, but may be too distant for residents' daily use. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Include boat launch location to align with entry to Krieg Fields. Provide left turning lane for entry to both Krieg Fields and boat launch. Provide solid surface for dog entry into water to reduce shoreline erosion. Define a specific fenced-in area for dogs. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Keep/facilitate the fruit truck vendor. Create informal fields for pick-up games. Make picnic tables available for neighborhood use. Don't allow big festivals. Formalize edge of Pleasant Valley with parking, cycle tracks and sidewalks. Protect the riparian zone. Provide cycle tracks from Lakeshore Blvd. to Longhorn Dam on west side of Pleasant Valley Road. Maintain new trees and landscaping. Improve/widen the existing pedestrian tunnel. Create bicycle access from Riverside Drive to Cesar Chavez Street. Build new pedestrian bridge near Longhorn Dam. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Create something that will activate area. Provide a boat launch. Create better defined trails near baseball fields. Provide a water station. Provide a better top dressing on trail. Make the sidewalk going uphill to Longhorn Dam safer and wider. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Don't allow food trucks. Provide more shade. Plant native plants. Keep visual access to lake. Provide pedestrian crossings across Pleasant Valley Rd. Replace wood fence with art panels. Trail needs directional signage. Doesn't want promenade structure. Doesn't want overlook into water. Plant more trees. Keep graffiti art. (2) Provide launch for personally owned paddle boards, canoe, kayak and small sail boats. No boat launch wanted. (2) Want an off-leash dog park. (6) Water entry in off-leash dog park. Do not want an off-leash dog park. (5) Provide lighting for pedestrian underpass. Like pedestrian bridge. Maintain four-lane road layout on Pleasant Valley Rd. at Longhorn Dam.
Other				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce glare created from Krieg Fields lighting. Reduce glare from Austin Energy sports lights. 		