



**CITY OF AUSTIN  
AQUATIC MASTER PLAN**

**MY AUSTIN. MY POOL.**



# EXISTING AQUATIC FACILITIES IN AUSTIN

## THE CITY OF AUSTIN OPERATES AND MAINTAINS

- **6 Municipal Pools**
- **29 Neighborhood Pools**
- **3 Wading Pools**
- **A Waterfront Pool -- Barton Springs**
- **11 Splash Pads**
- **A Rental Facility -- Commons Ford Ranch**

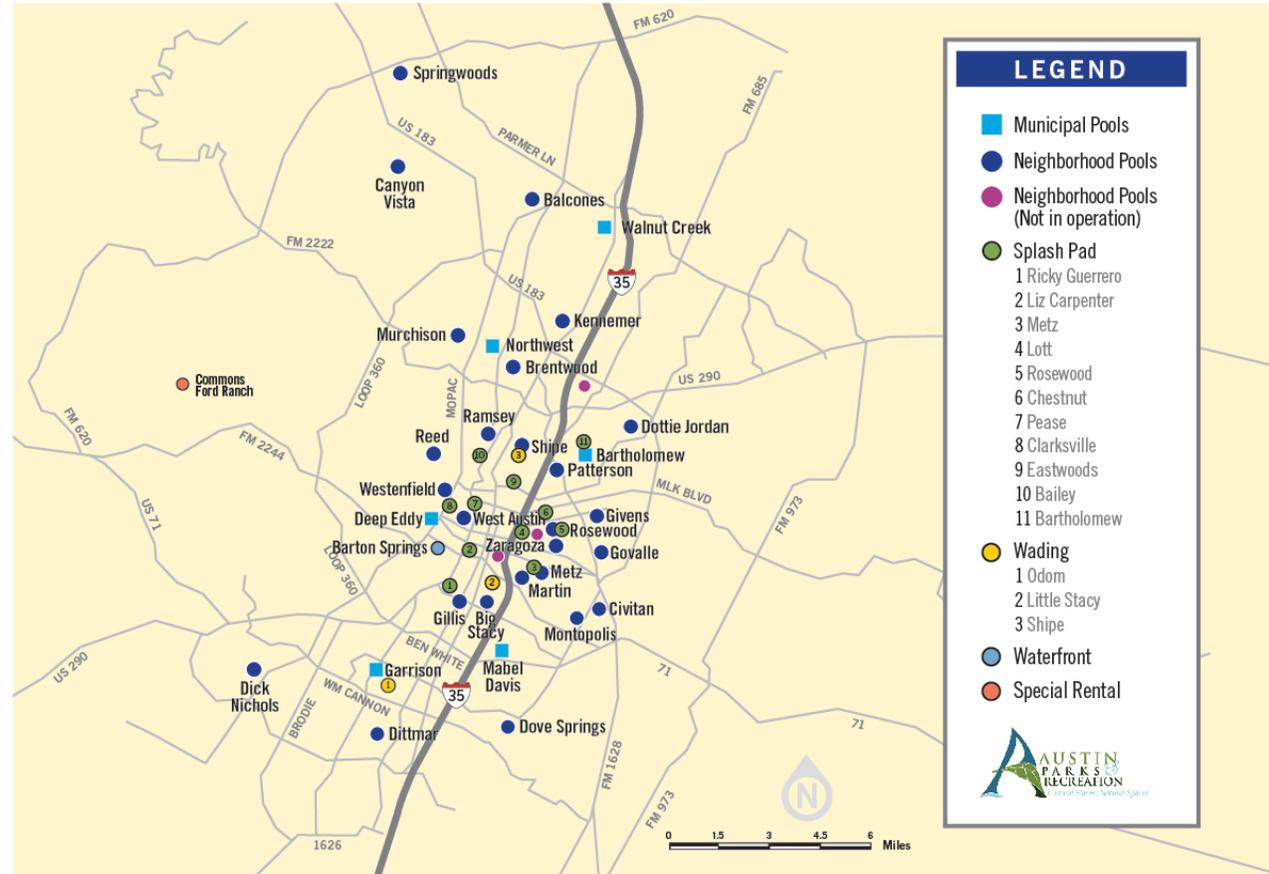


## EXISTING AQUATIC FACILITIES IN AUSTIN

- Most of the facilities were built between 1930 and 1990
- Newest facilities built between 1980 and early 1990
- Average age over 50 years old; Typical useful life is 30 years



# EXISTING AQUATIC FACILITIES IN AUSTIN



# WHY A MASTER PLAN

- **Essential part of Austin community and culture since 1927**
- **Today, more than 1 million people use Austin's public pools**
- **Aging pools, growth, and funding pressures make strategic planning a necessity**
- **Advancements in technology, materials, and science can be included in pools system**
- **Public health and safety issues can be addressed**
- **Bring pools and facilities up to current code and standards for Americans with Disabilities Act**



# AQUATIC MASTER PLAN

- **A community planning tool used to define 20-year vision for Austin's aquatic system**
- **Master Plan to include:**
  - **ADA accessibility**
  - **Amenities and features**
  - **Improvements to existing pools and programs**
  - **Latest BSP technology**
  - **Public health and environmental safety**
  - **Costs for maintenance and new pools**
  - **Best methods and locations to build new pool facilities**
- **Final approval by Austin City Council**



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## YOUR INPUT WILL HELP PARKS & RECREATION

- **Decide how to manage aging pools**
- **Guide installation of new pools where they are most needed**
- **Influence the team of architects, pool industry experts and city staff as they lay out a 20-year vision for Austin's pools**



# AQUATIC MASTER PLAN

## THREE PHASES

- **Phase I – Assessment of facility structures, mechanics, and infrastructure – COMPLETED**
- **Phase II – Public Engagement – August - December 2015 - COMPLETED**
- **Phase III – *Aquatic Master Plan Development - information and data to develop criteria and planning tools for projecting a future community supported aquatic system – 2016***



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## GOALS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM AUSTIN'S CITIZENS, INCLUDING:

- **Broad cross section, input from 10 Districts**
- **Underrepresented populations**
- **Areas not currently served by public pools**



# AQUATIC MASTER PLAN

## STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

- **Technical Advisory Group**
    - **Watershed Protection**
    - **Land Development Group**
    - **Imagine Austin and Code Next**
    - **Austin Office of Sustainability**
    - **University of Texas Aquatics**
    - **Aquatic Construction Specialist**
    - **AISD**
  - **Aquatic Advisory Board**
  - **District Representatives Group**
  - **PARD Technical Team**
  - **PARD Public Information Office**
  - **COA Public Information office**
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## **PHASE I – FACILITY ASSESSMENT – COMPLETED (2014)**

**Addressed all aspects of the pool experience:**

- **Pool and filtration system condition**
- **Parking lot and site conditions**
- **Bath houses**
- **Restrooms**
- **Pump rooms**
- **Access to public transportation**
- **Historical aspects**
- **Included cost information for the repair or renovation of the facilities**



# PHASE I – FACILITY ASSESSMENT – COMPLETED (2014)

## FINDINGS

- **Austin pools are between 25 and 80 years old\***
- **Structural and maintenance issues due to materials used when facilities were built and age**
- **New compliance, building, environmental guidelines and requirements for safety measures (Unmet)**

**\* Intended life for an aquatic facility is 30 years.**





## **PHASE II – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT – SWIM 512**

**Engaged with more than 1,000 residents (adults and youth)**

- On-Site Community Conversations at 3 municipal pools and 8 neighborhood pools**
- Neighborhood Talks at neighborhood association and organization meetings**
- Community Focus Groups at recreation centers**



- **[Insert pictures of Swim 512 public meetings] – Do not have access to these. Could not find in Drop Box.**



## PHASE II – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT – SWIM 512

### WHAT WE LEARNED

- **Keep pools open and affordable**
- **Increase hours and swim season**
- **Improve restrooms, bathhouse, shade, and seating**



**PHASE III – MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT  
CURRENTLY UNDERWAY – 2016  
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**The Master Plan addresses:**

- **Accessibility**
- **Amenities and features**
- **Improvements to existing pools**
- **Programs**
- **Latest aquatic technology**
- **Public and environmental safety**
- **Costs for maintenance and new pools**
- **Best methods and locations to build new pool facilities**



## PHASE III – MASTER PLAN PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **March 7 & 8 – City Wide Open House, 4– 8 p.m.**
- **June 20–23 – Regional Neighborhood Meetings, 6–8 p**
- **August 15 – Public Meeting to Review Draft Master Plan, 4 – 8 p.m.  
Presentation at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Oct 11 – Public Meeting on Final Master Plan, 4 – 8 p.m. Presentation at 6:30  
p.m.**



## GIVE YOUR INPUT – SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

- Join a meeting
- Request a meeting
- Complete a survey:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/swim512>
- Give us a call: 512.895.9591
- Send an email to [swim512@austintexas.gov](mailto:swim512@austintexas.gov)



# STAY INFORMED

## Website

<http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/aquatics-assessment>

## Facebook

## Austin Water eNewsletters



# **AQUATIC MASTER PLAN TEAM**

**City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department  
Aquatic Division**

## **Consultant Team**

**Brandstetter Carroll Inc.**

**Architecture Plus, Inc.**

**Adisa Communications**

**JLJ Enterprises LLC.**

**Site Civil & Sustainability**

**Prime Consultant Architecture**

**Public Engagement**

**Aquatic Operations**

**Chan & Partners Engineering**

