

ZILKER
METROPOLITAN
PARK
VISION PLAN

COMMUNITY MEETING #1

JUNE 29, 2021



DESIGNWORKSHOP

AGENDA

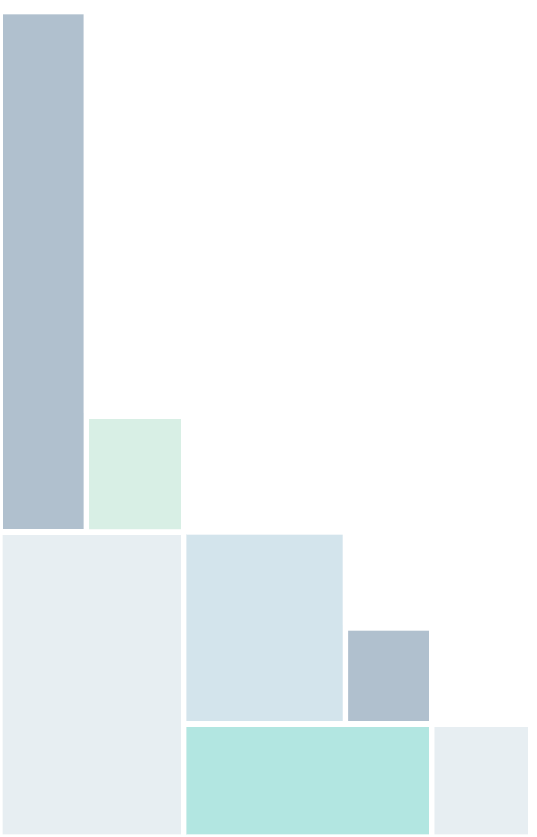
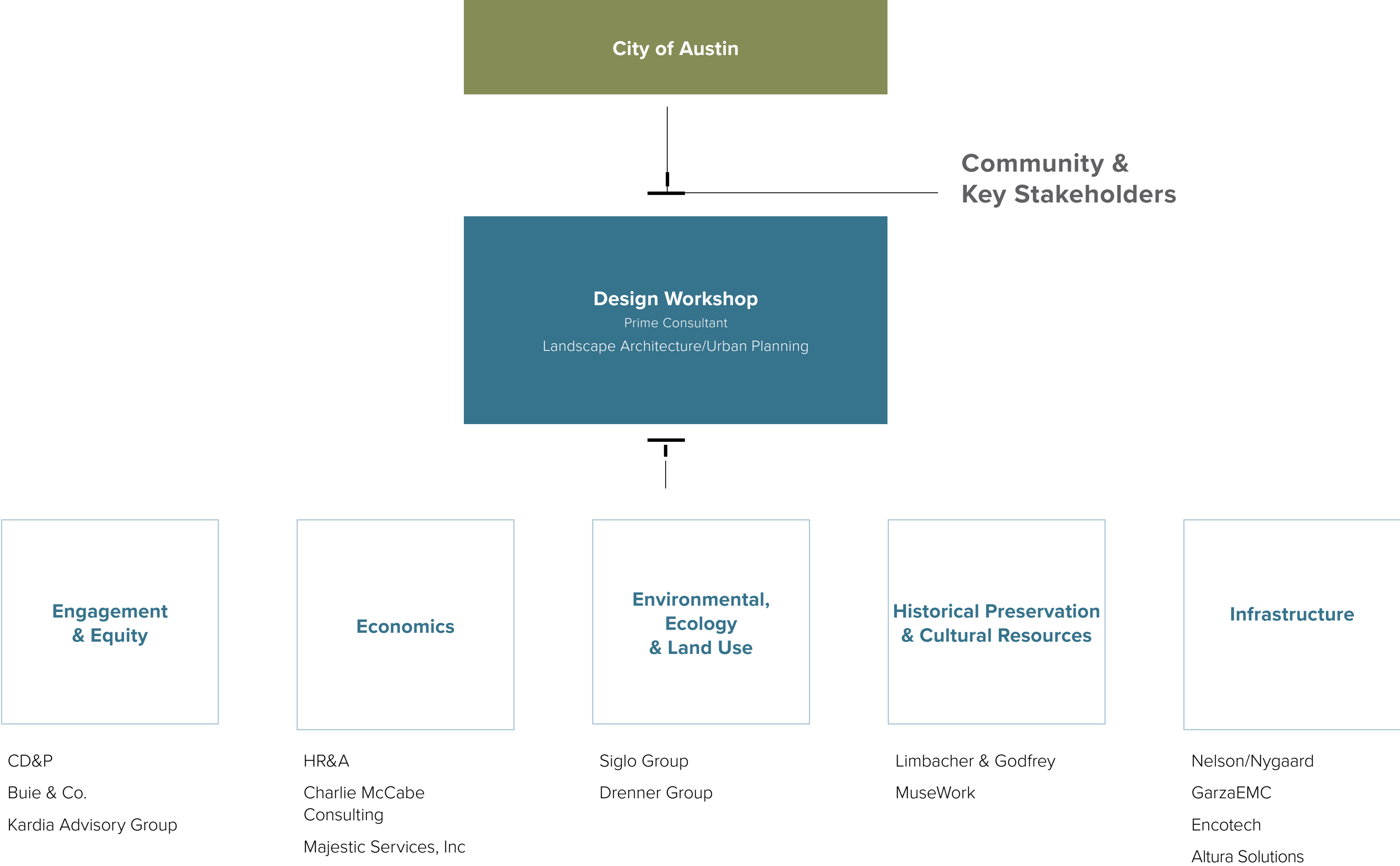
1. Introduction
2. Site Analysis and Needs Assessment Report Overview
3. Goals and Guiding Principles
4. Next Steps



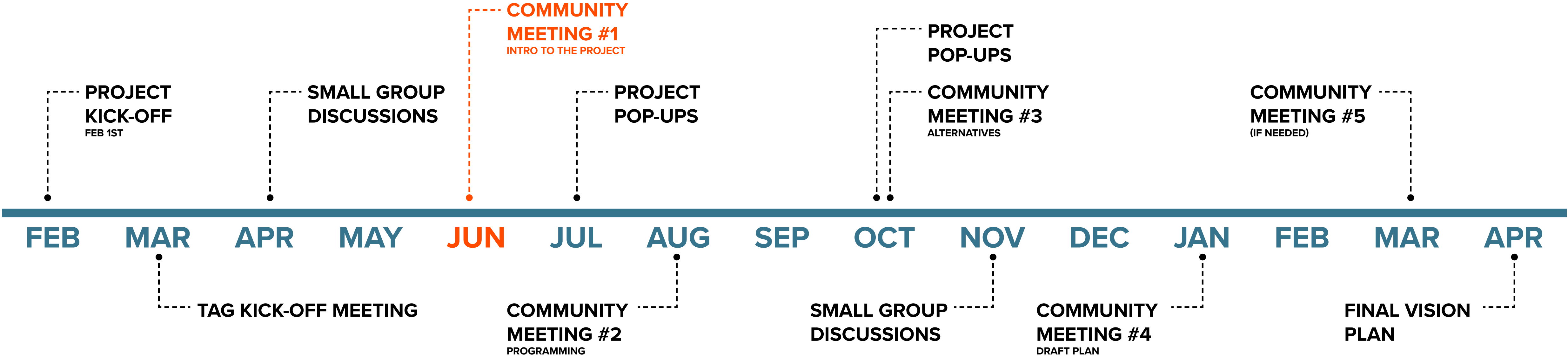
INTRODUCTION



TEAM OVERVIEW



SCHEDULE



Strategic Kick-Off and Project Initiation

- Project Work Plan
- Kick-Off Meeting
- Technical Advisory Group Meetings
- Progress Reports

Site and Contextual Analysis and Data

- Site Analysis and Needs Assessment Report
- Presentation of the Site Analysis and Needs Assessment Report**
- Presentation of the Site Analysis and Needs Assessment Report to City Commission, Boards, City Manager and City Council
- Community Wide Survey

Project Meetings

- Project Meetings Materials
- Stakeholder Contract
- List Meeting Minutes and Summaries

Stakeholder/Community Participation

- Community Outreach and Engagement Plan
- Community Engagement and Outreach

City Staff, Public Review/Boards, Commissions, Council Review

- Draft Vision Plan
- Final Draft Vision Plan Document
- Presentation of Final Draft Vision Plan Document to City Commission, Boards, City Manager and City Council

Vision Plan Report Preparation

- Provide a Needs Assessment Report
- Preliminary Vision Plan Concepts
- Final Vision Plan Document



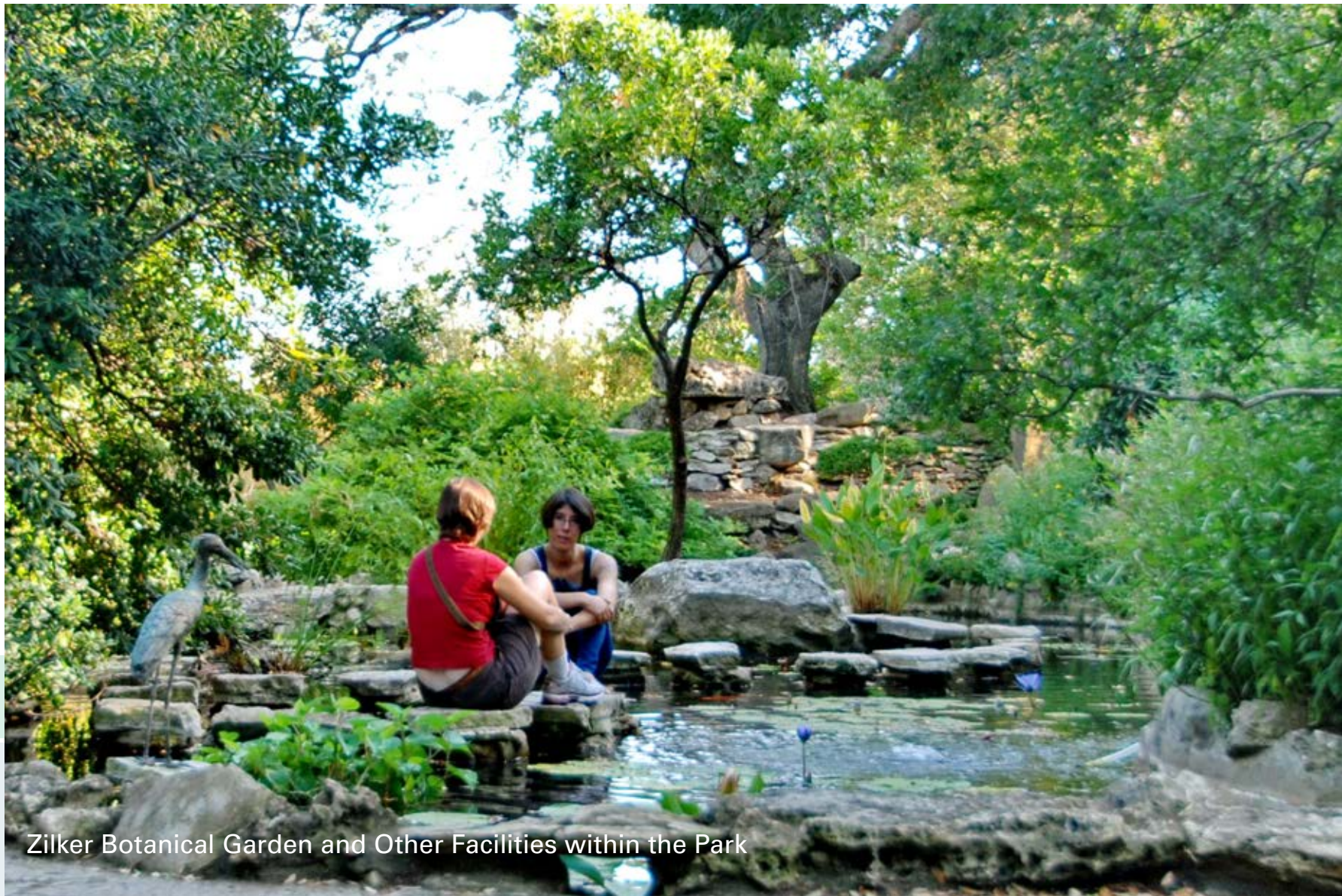
ZILKER PARK: AN AUSTIN TREASURE



Barton Springs



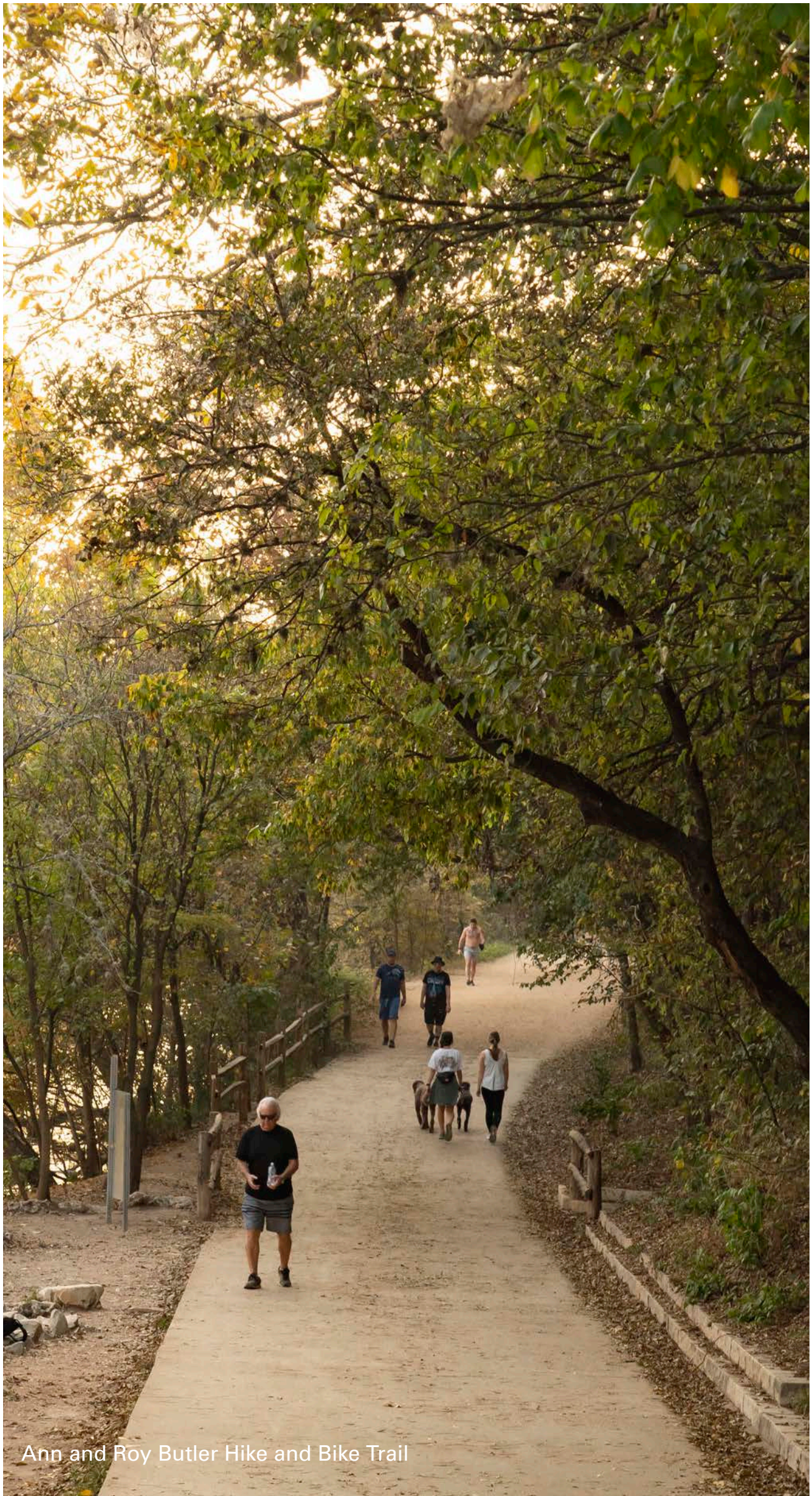
Great Lawn and Rock Island



Zilker Botanical Garden and Other Facilities within the Park



Lady Bird Lake and Barton Creek



Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail

A CALL TO ACTION



Crowds



Accessibility Issue

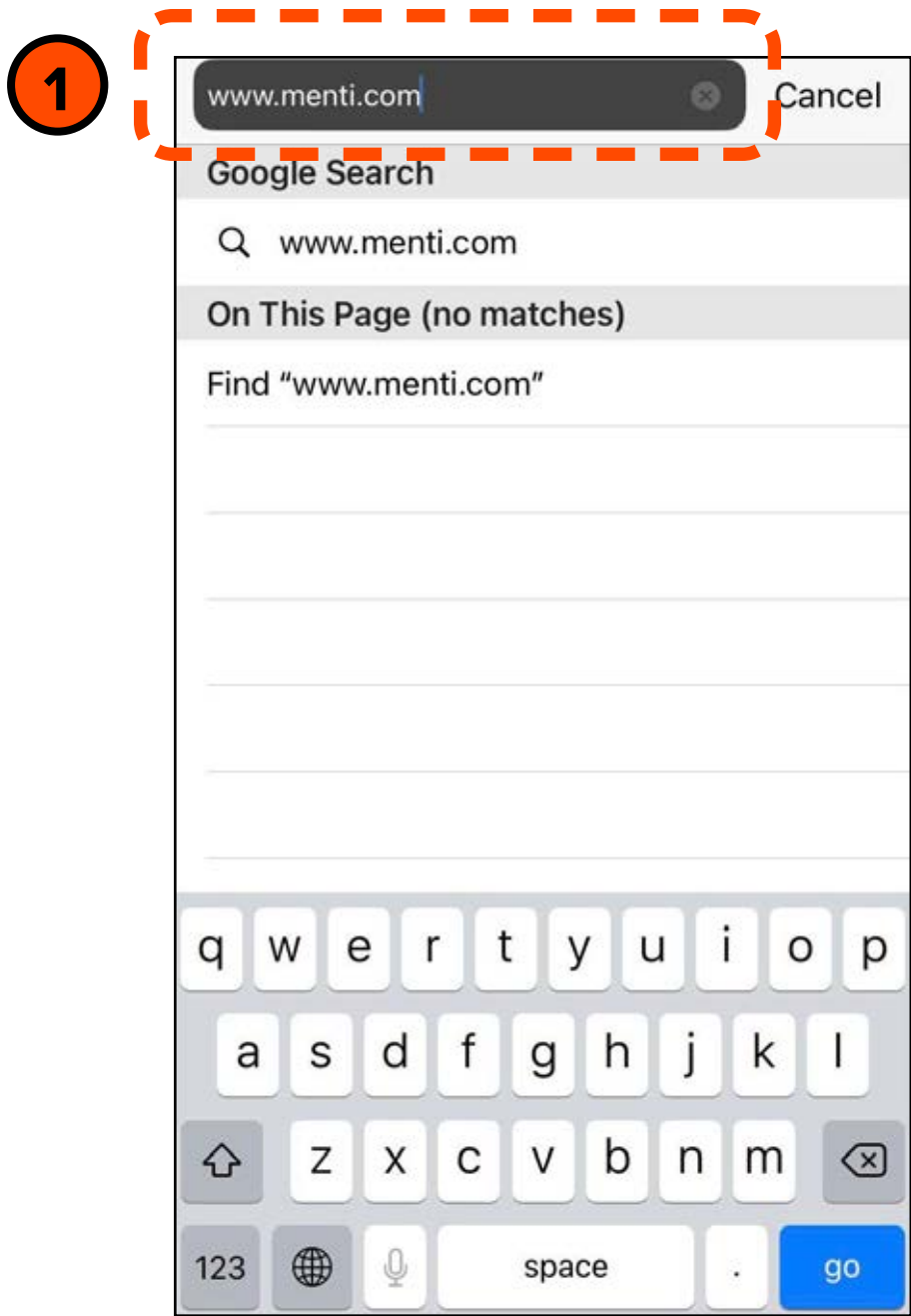


Parking Issues



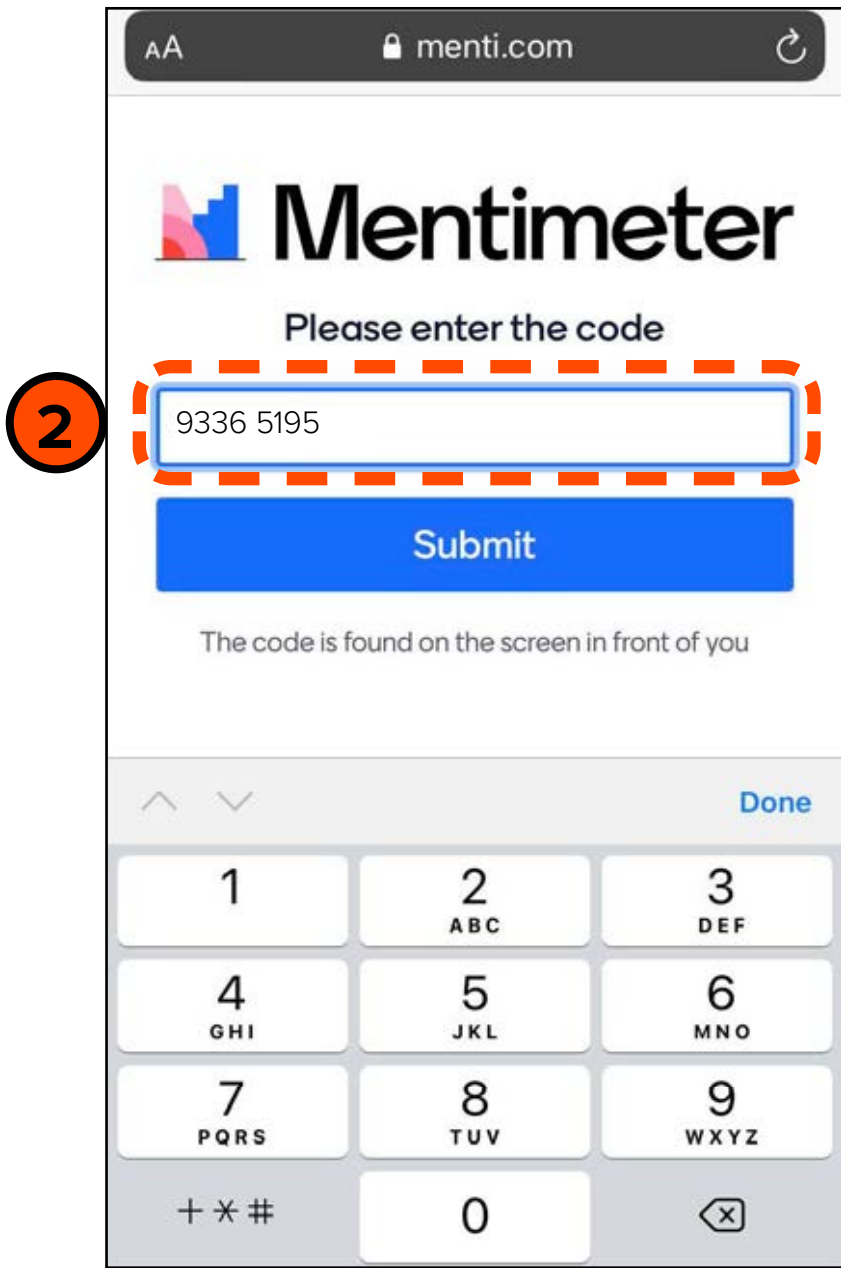
Degradation of Creek Banks and Landscape Area

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESENTATION'S SURVEY



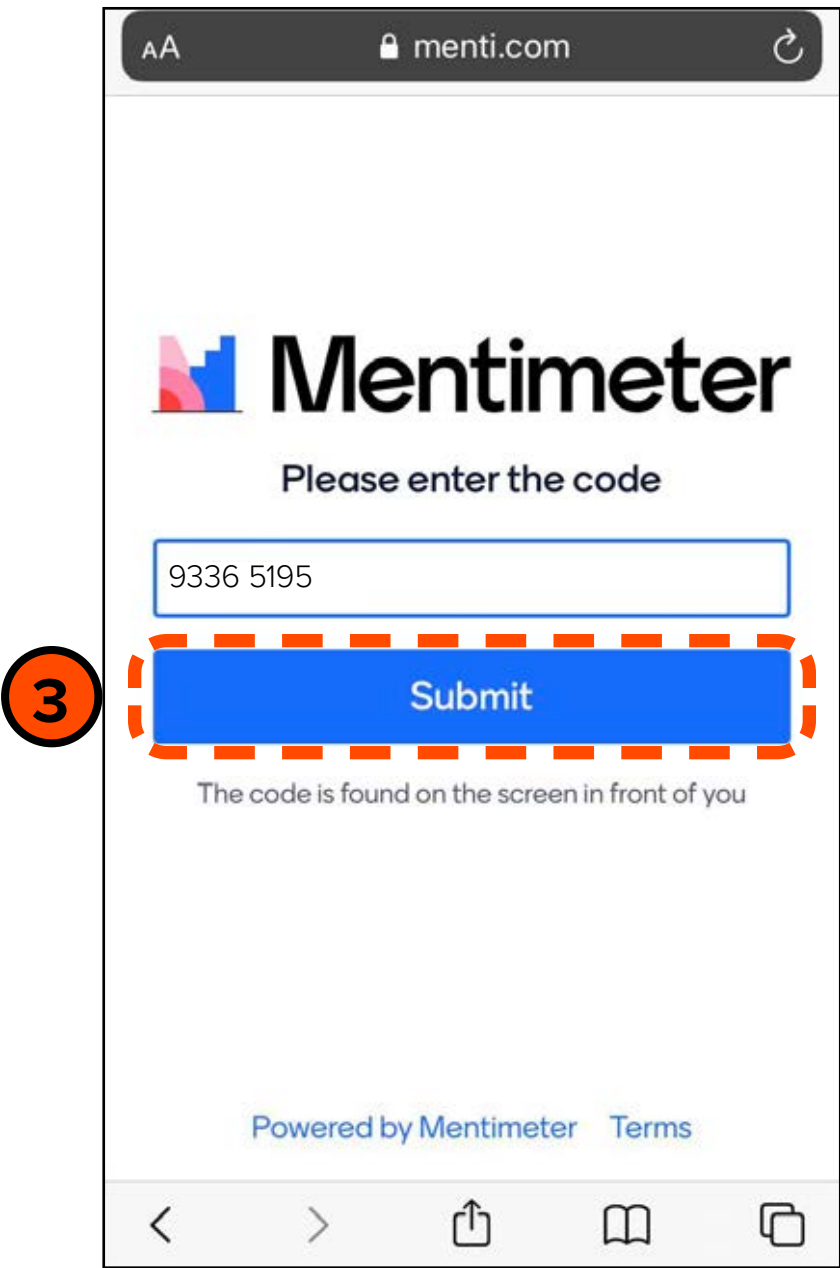
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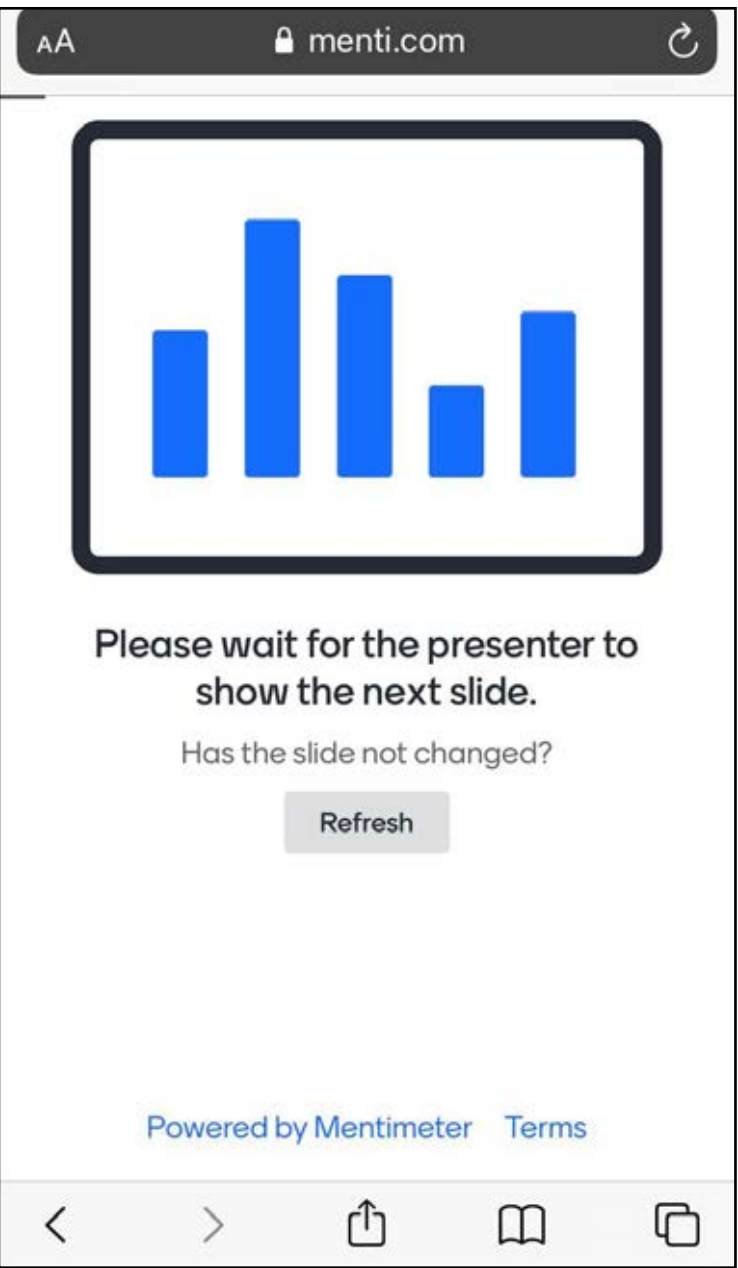


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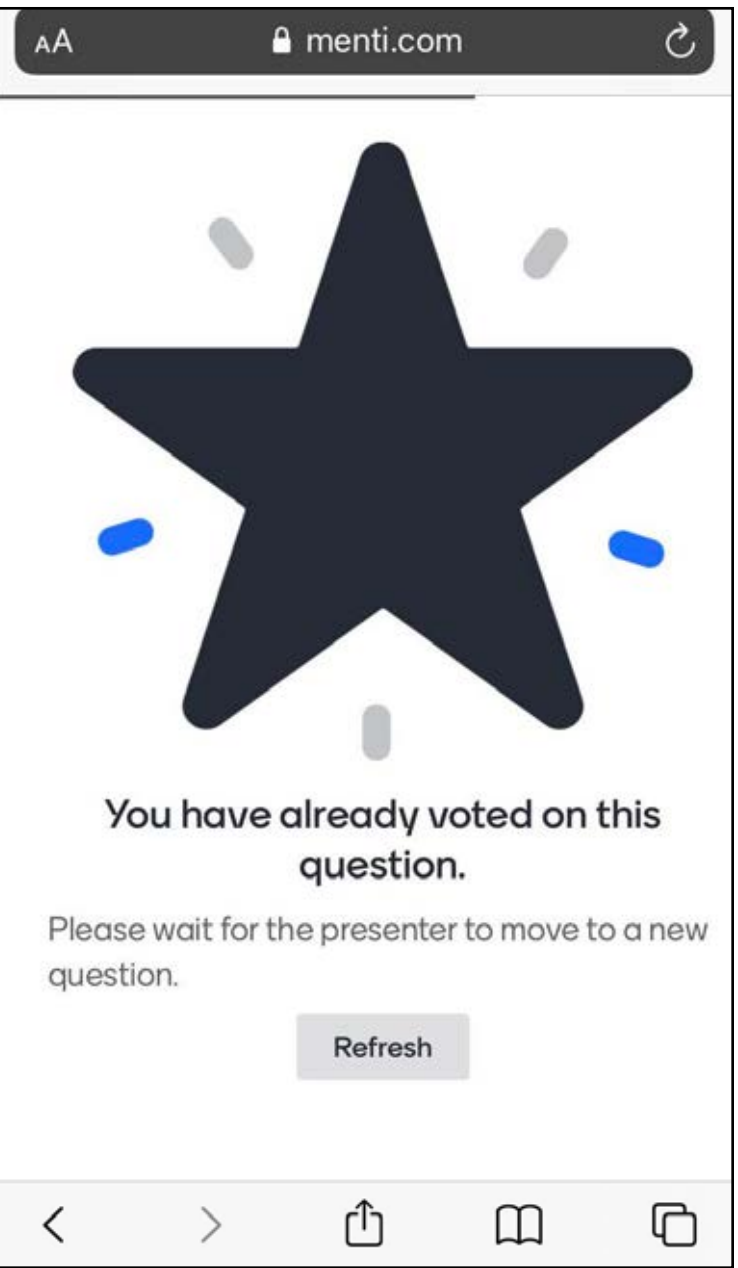
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THE PURPOSE OF ZILKER PARK VISION PLAN

To develop a visionary framework to guide the restoration and future stewardship of Zilker Metropolitan Park

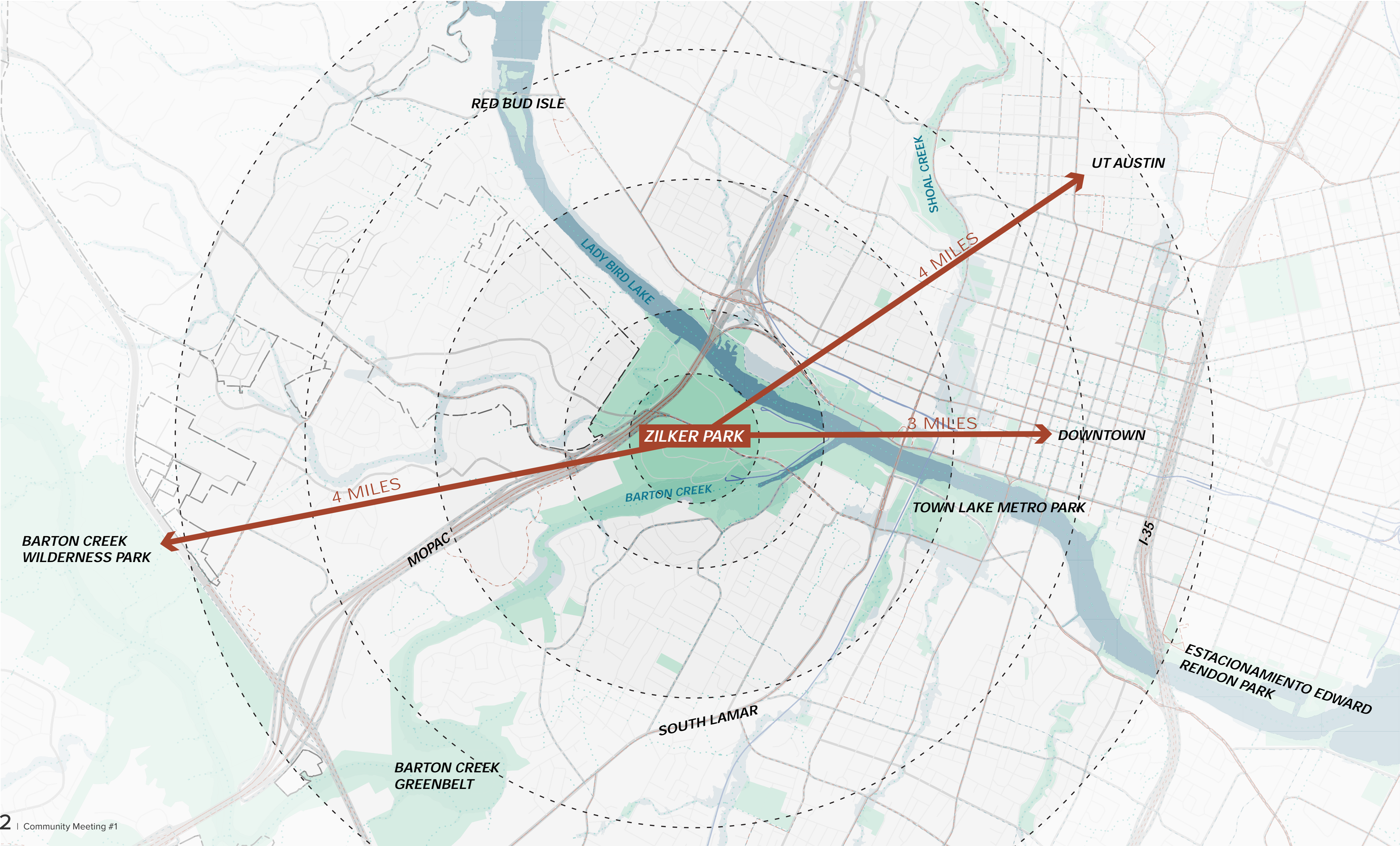
- Recommendations of enhancement of the park’s existing facilities and programs
- Determine the recreational and amenity needs
- Restorative focus on the historic, cultural, ecological and cultural features
- Recommendations for mobility within and around the park
- Sustainable revenue strategy



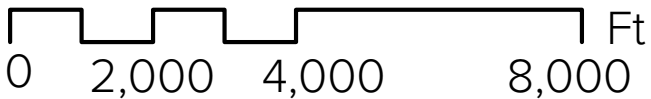


SITE ANALYSIS AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT

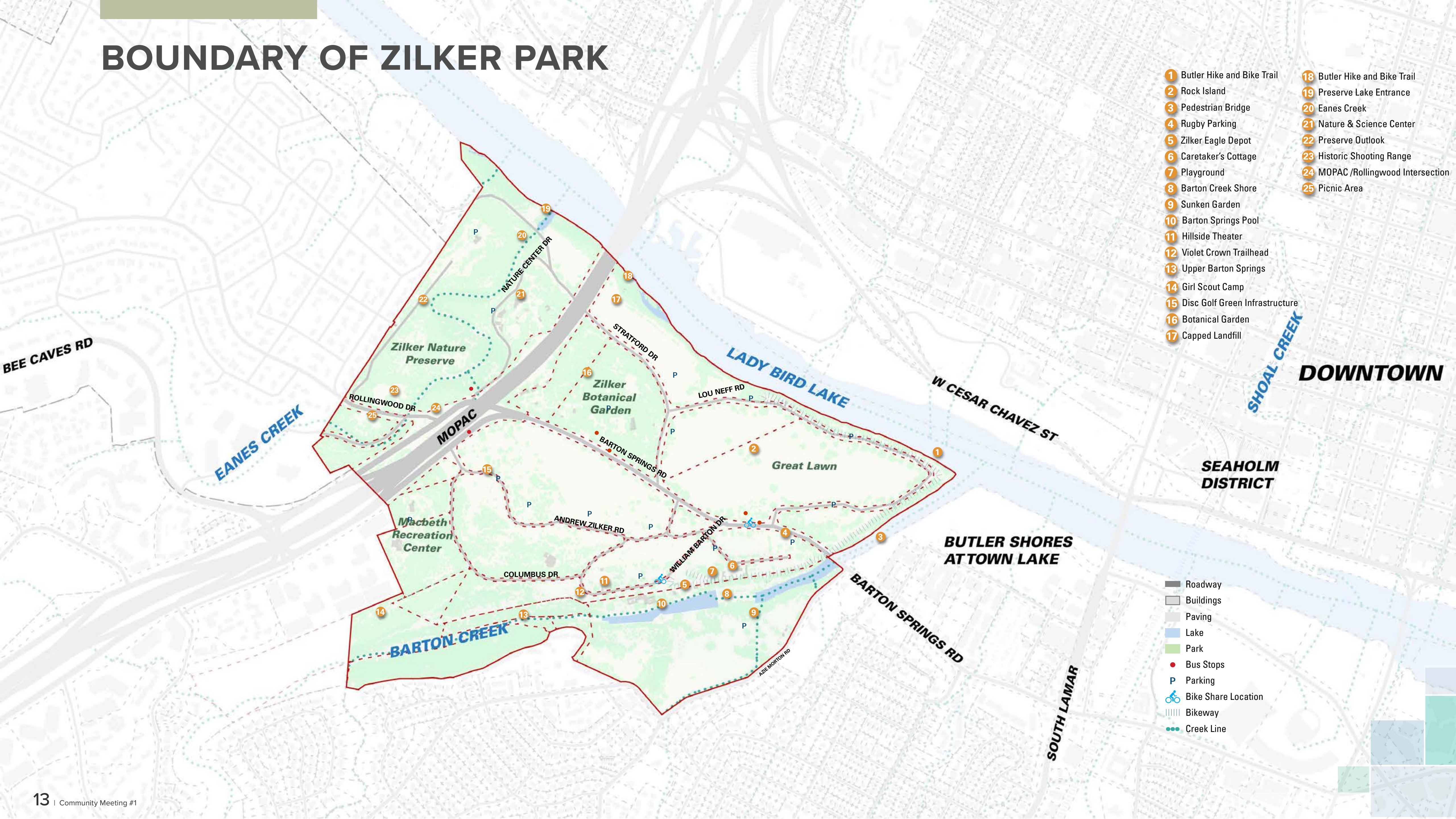
REGIONAL CONTEXT



- City Limit
- Roadway
- Buildings
- - - Bus Routes
- · - · - CAMPO Bikeway
- Creek Line
- Lake
- Park
- 100yr Floodplain



BOUNDARY OF ZILKER PARK



- 1 Butler Hike and Bike Trail
- 2 Rock Island
- 3 Pedestrian Bridge
- 4 Rugby Parking
- 5 Zilker Eagle Depot
- 6 Caretaker's Cottage
- 7 Playground
- 8 Barton Creek Shore
- 9 Sunken Garden
- 10 Barton Springs Pool
- 11 Hillside Theater
- 12 Violet Crown Trailhead
- 13 Upper Barton Springs
- 14 Girl Scout Camp
- 15 Disc Golf Green Infrastructure
- 16 Botanical Garden
- 17 Capped Landfill
- 18 Butler Hike and Bike Trail
- 19 Preserve Lake Entrance
- 20 Eanes Creek
- 21 Nature & Science Center
- 22 Preserve Outlook
- 23 Historic Shooting Range
- 24 MOPAC /Rollingwood Intersection
- 25 Picnic Area

- Roadway
- Buildings
- Paving
- Lake
- Park
- Bus Stops
- P Parking
- 🚲 Bike Share Location
- ||||| Bikeway
- ... Creek Line

BEE CAVES RD

EANES CREEK

Zilker Nature Preserve

ROLLINGWOOD DR

MOPAC

NATURE CENTER DR

Zilker Botanical Garden

STRATFORD DR

LOU NEFF RD

LADY BIRD LAKE

Great Lawn

W CESAR CHAVEZ ST

SEAHOLM DISTRICT

DOWNTOWN

SHOAL CREEK

Macbeth Recreation Center

ANDREW ZILKER RD

COLUMBUS DR

BARTON CREEK

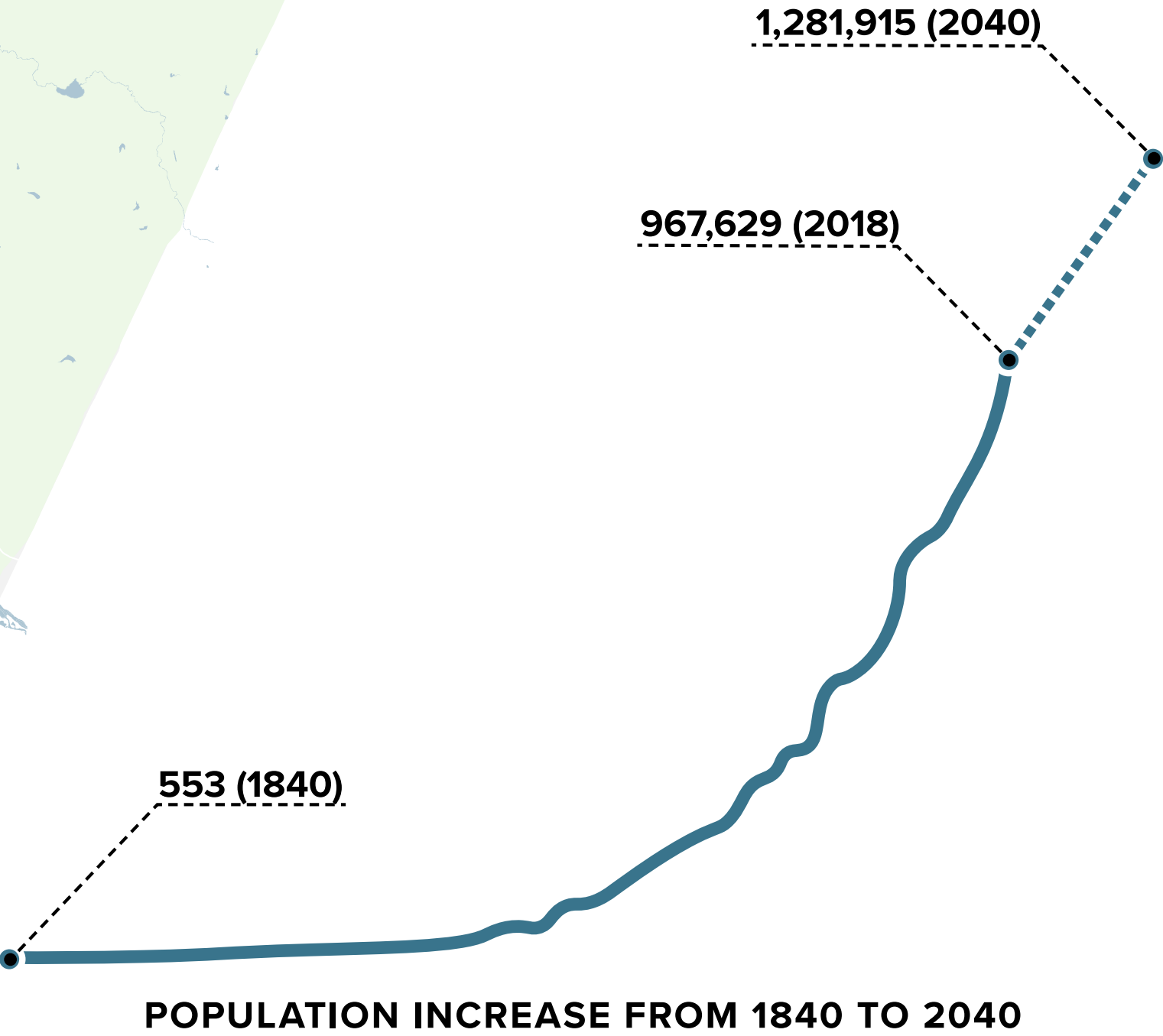
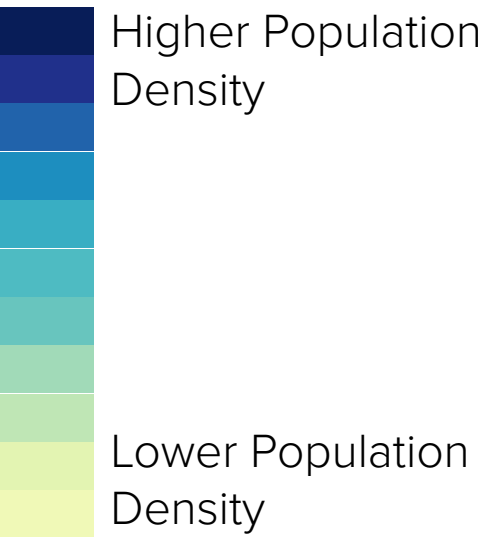
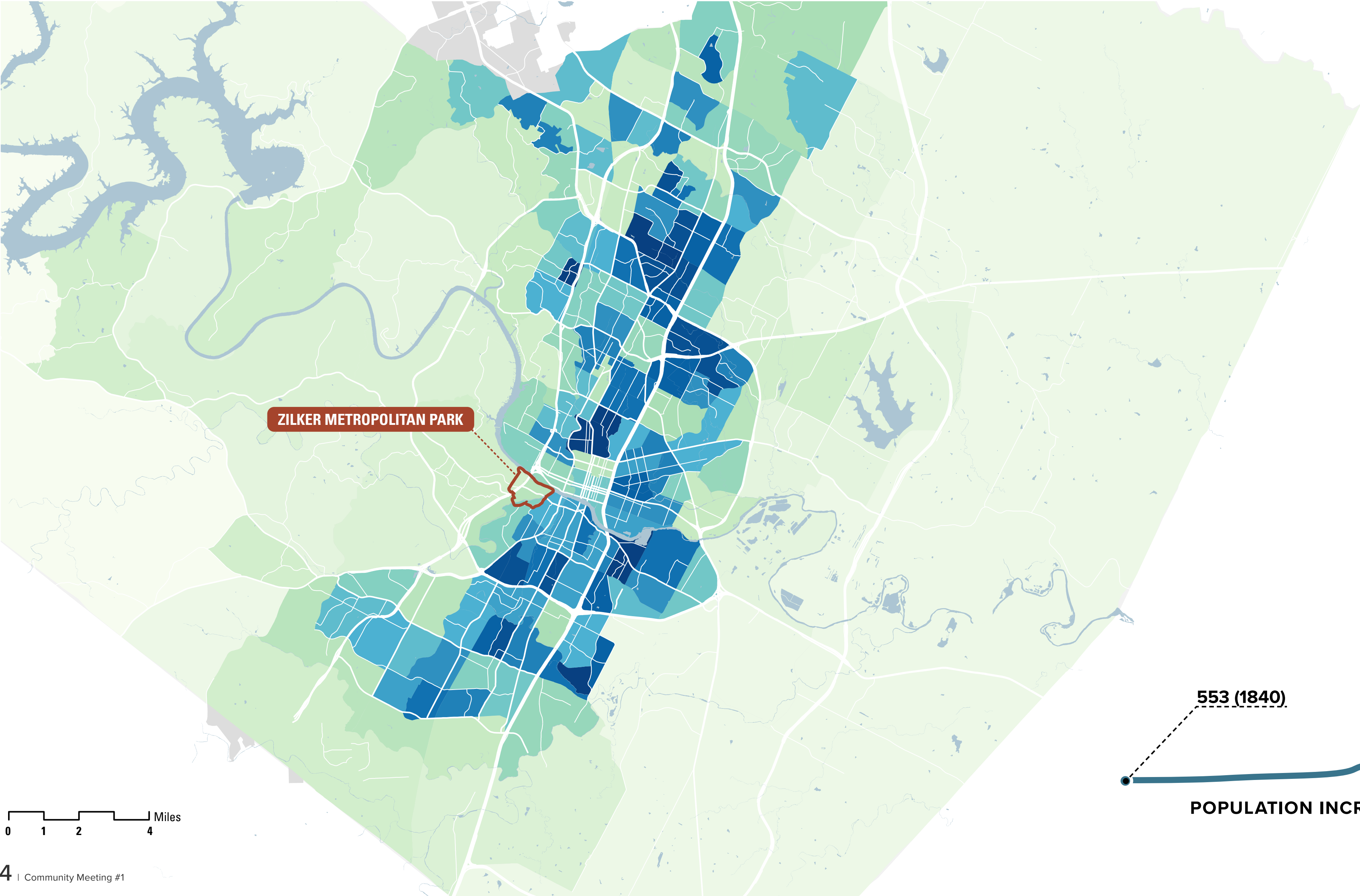
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BUTLER SHORES AT TOWN LAKE

BARTON SPRINGS RD

SOUTH LAMAR

AUSTIN POPULATION PROJECTION

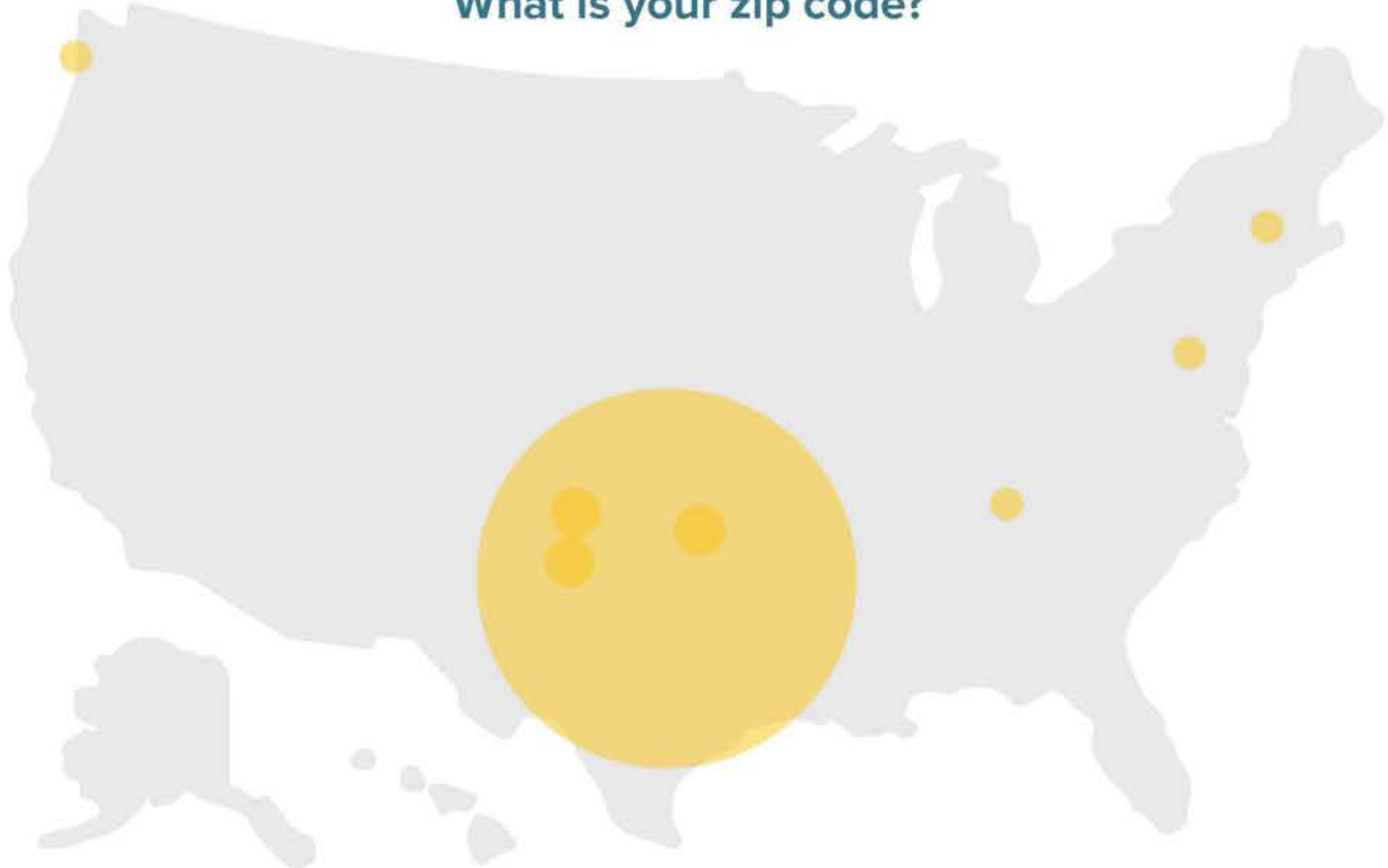


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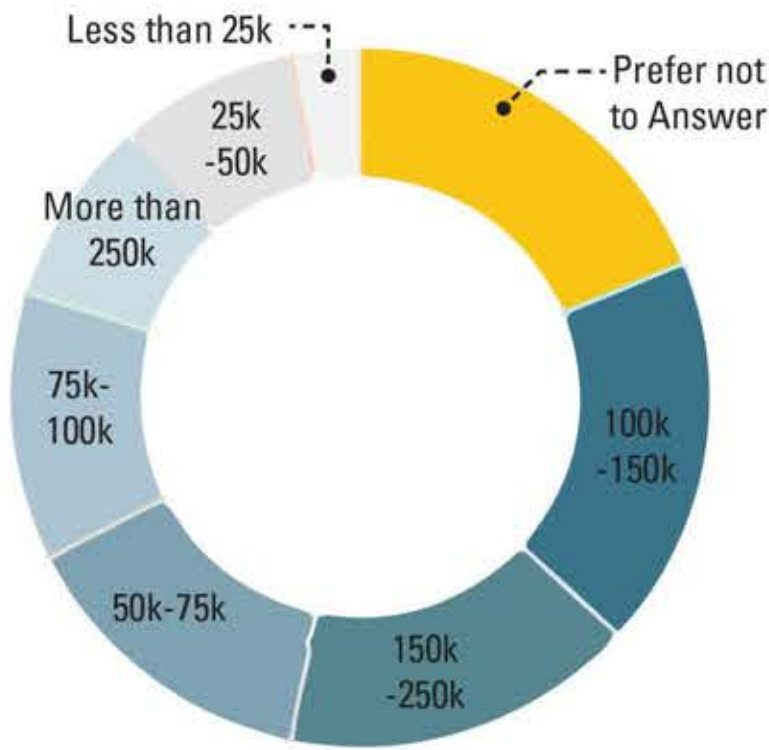
ZILKER METROPOLITAN PARK BASELINE SURVEY

4,054 Participants, 108,937 Responses (From November 2020 to June 1, 2021)

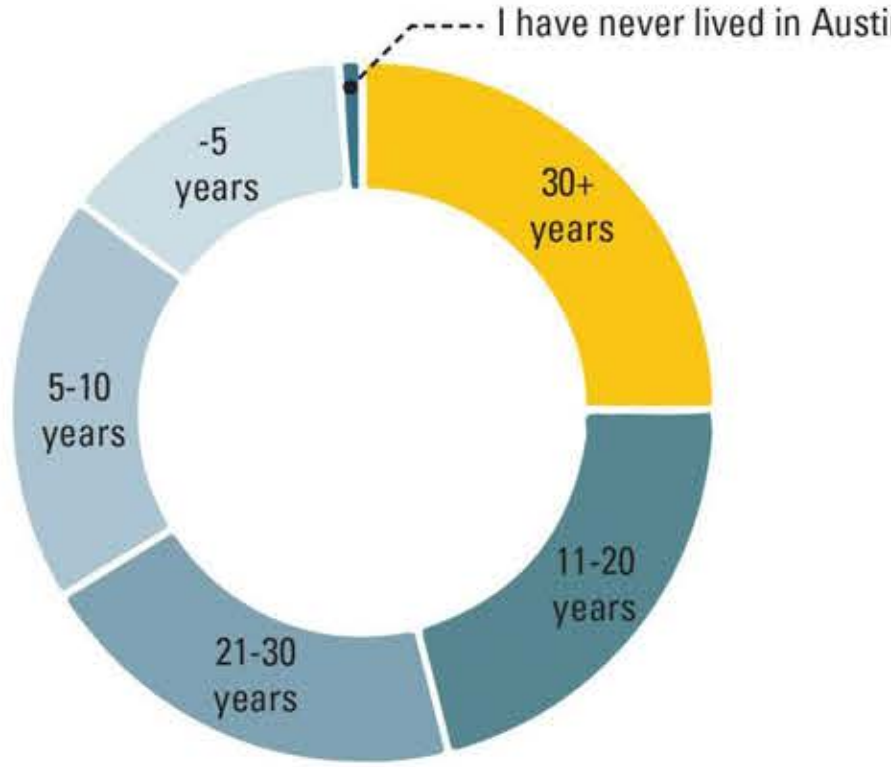
What is your zip code?



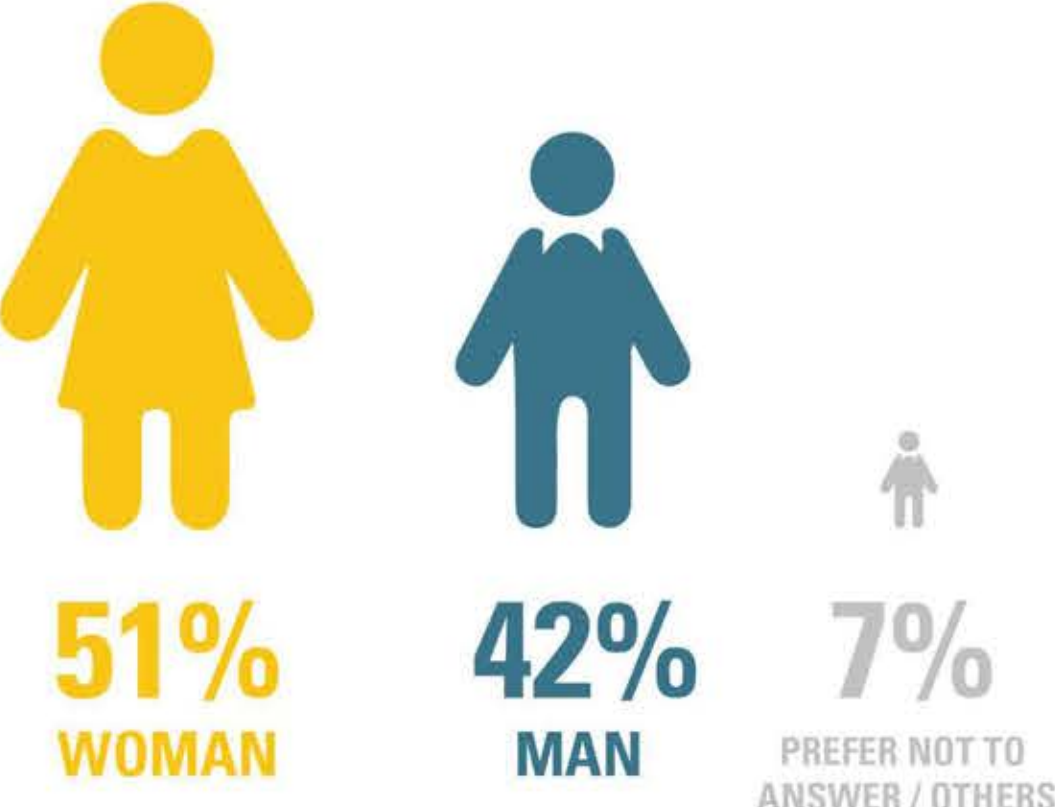
What is your household income?



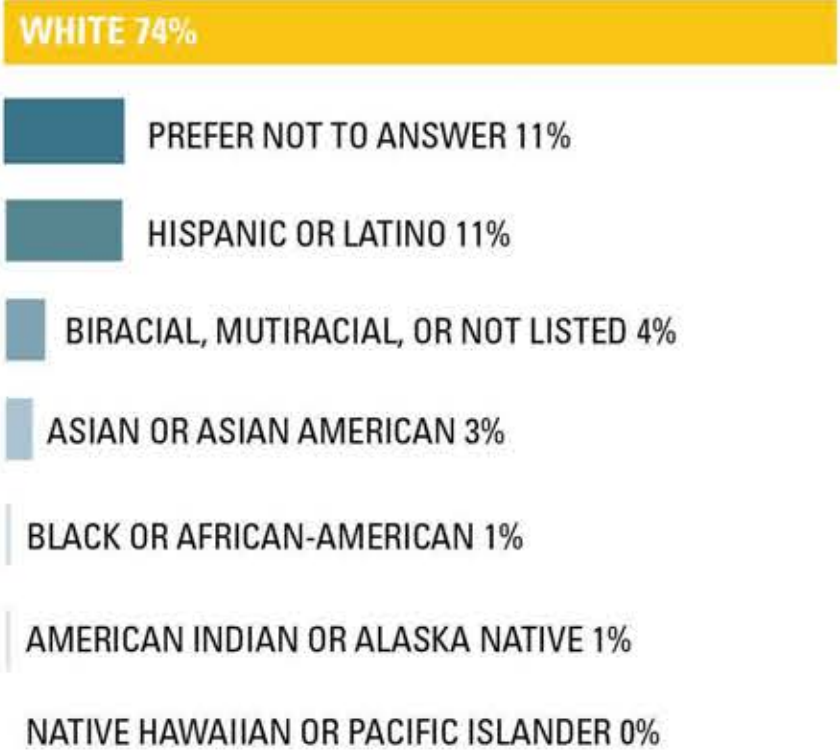
How long have you lived Austin?



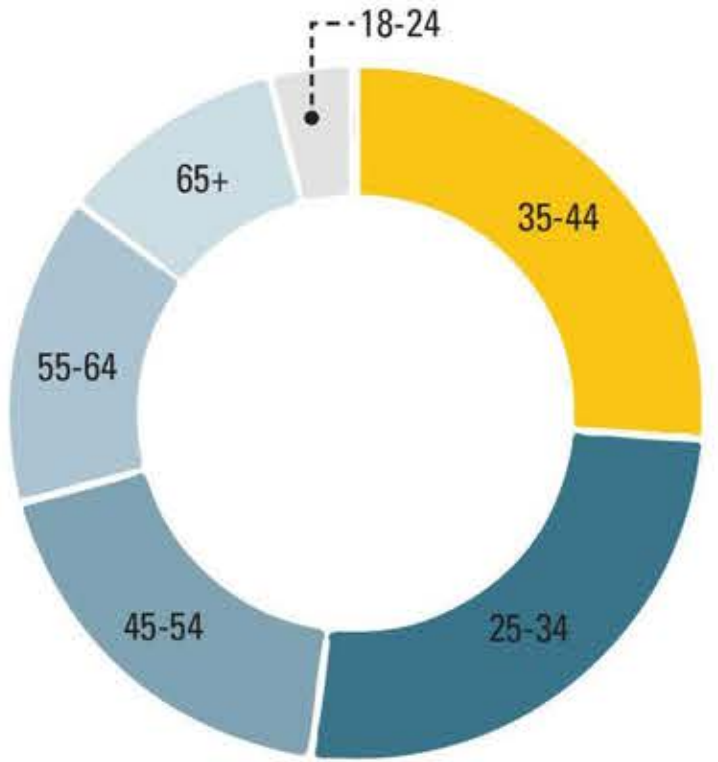
What is your gender?



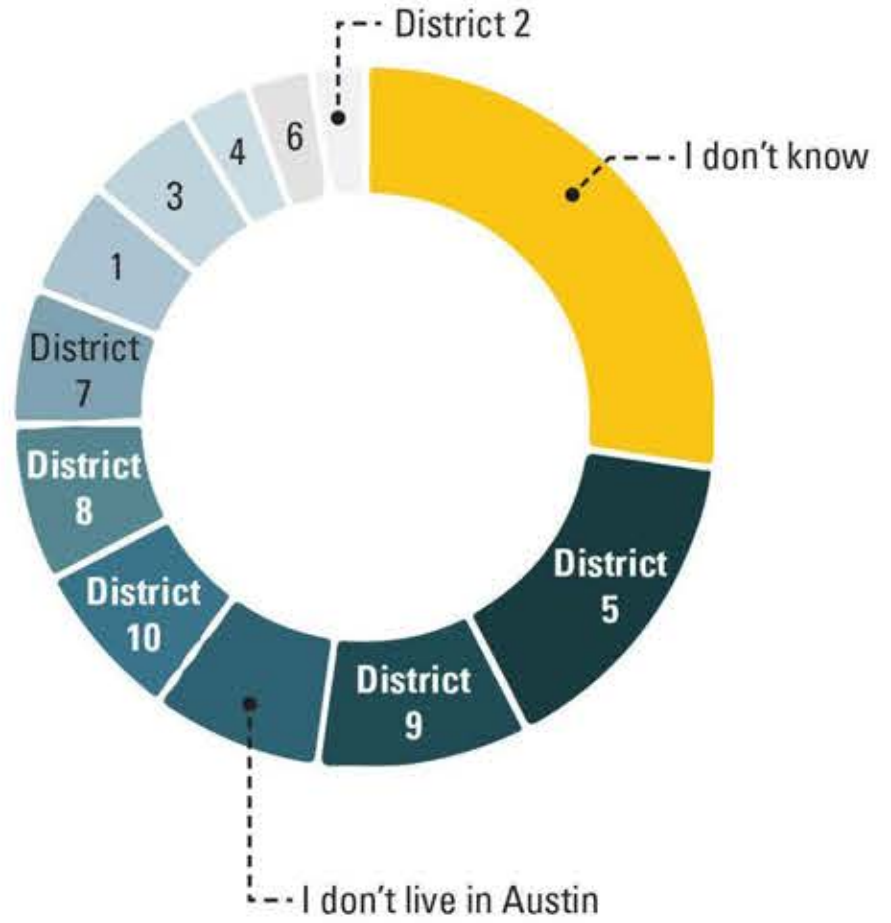
What is your race/ethnicity?



What is your age range?



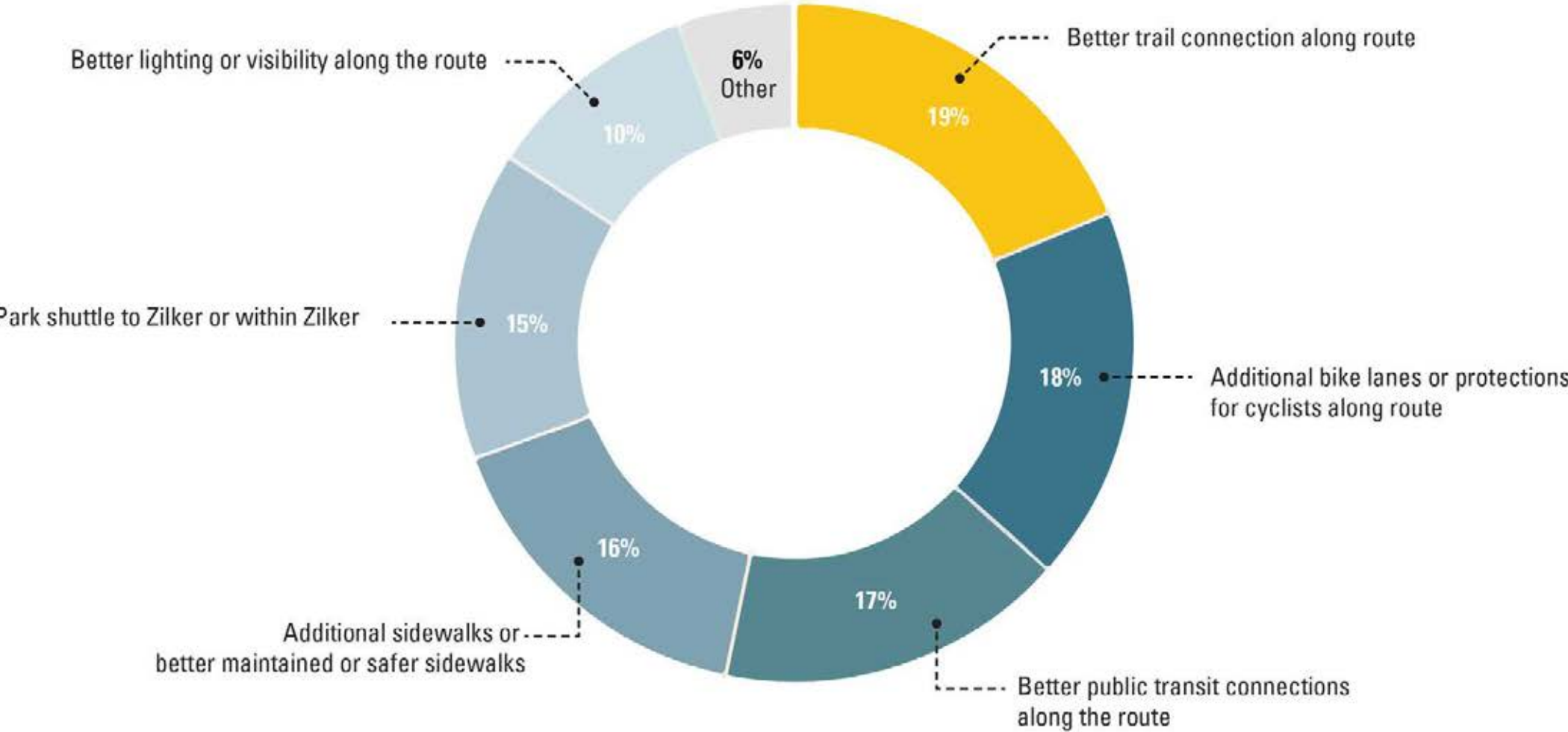
Which City Council District do you live in?



ZILKER METROPOLITAN PARK BASELINE SURVEY

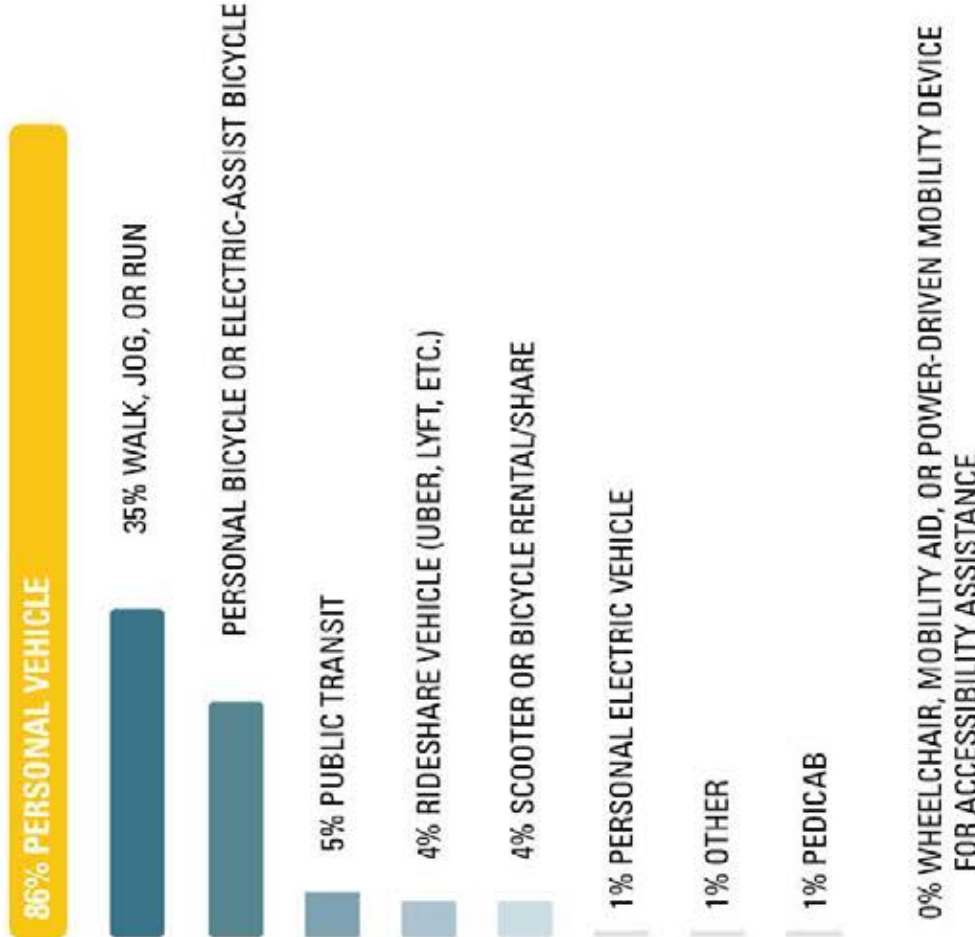
Mobility

What would encourage you to walk, bike, or use public transit more to travel to the park?



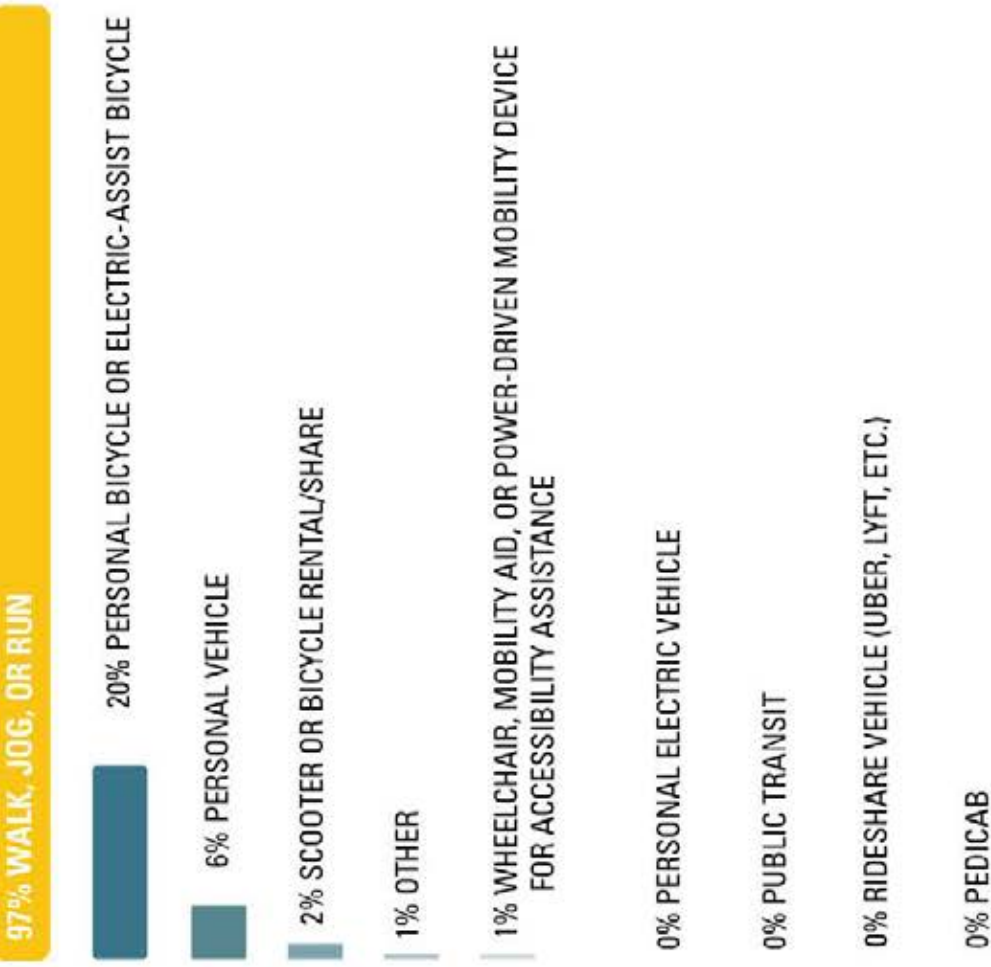
19% Better Trail Connection Along Route

When visiting Zilker Park how do you get there?



86% Personal Vehicle

Once at Zilker Park, how do you move around the park?



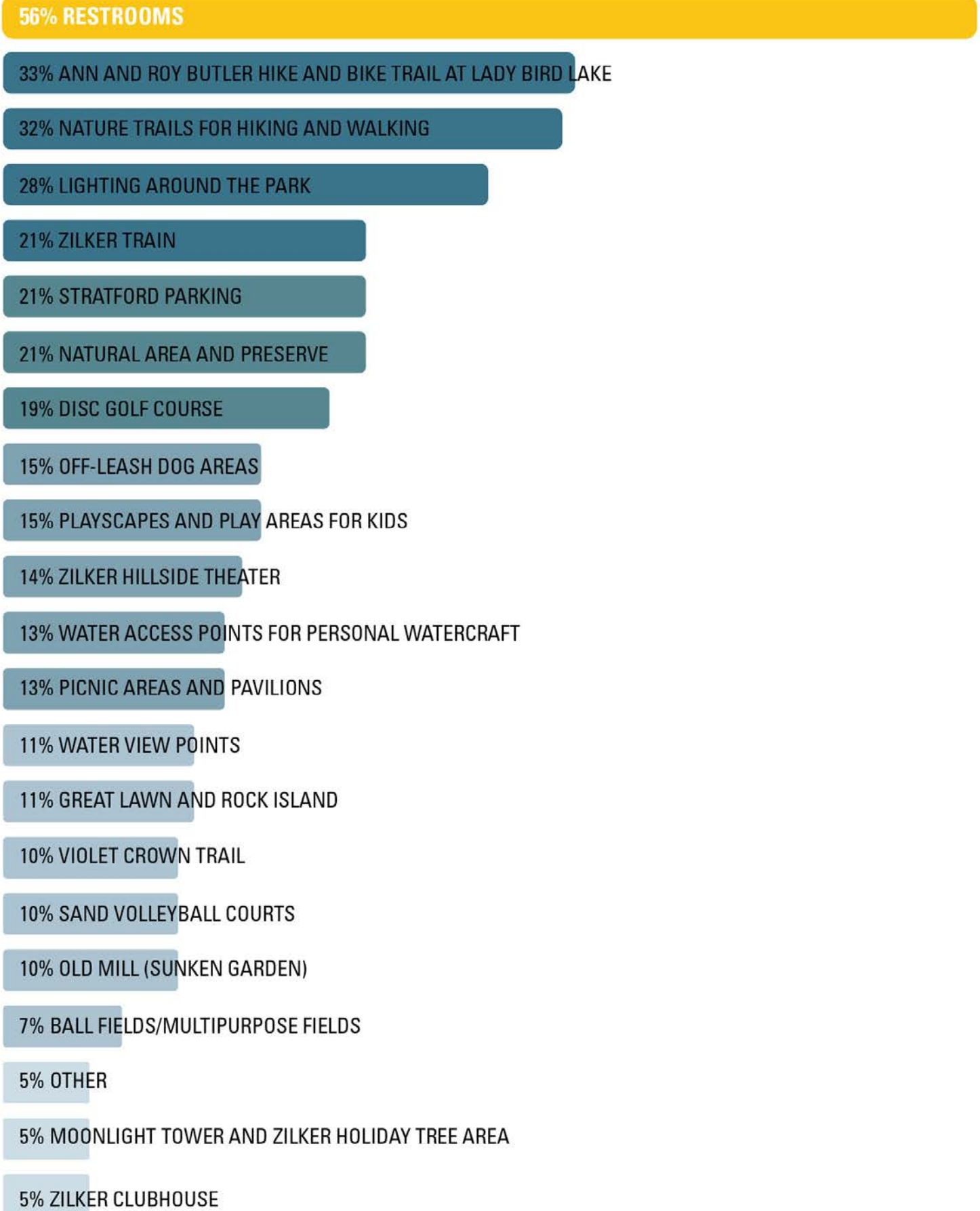
97% Walk, Jog, or Run

ZILKER METROPOLITAN PARK BASELINE SURVEY

What are your favorite recreational amenities or activities?



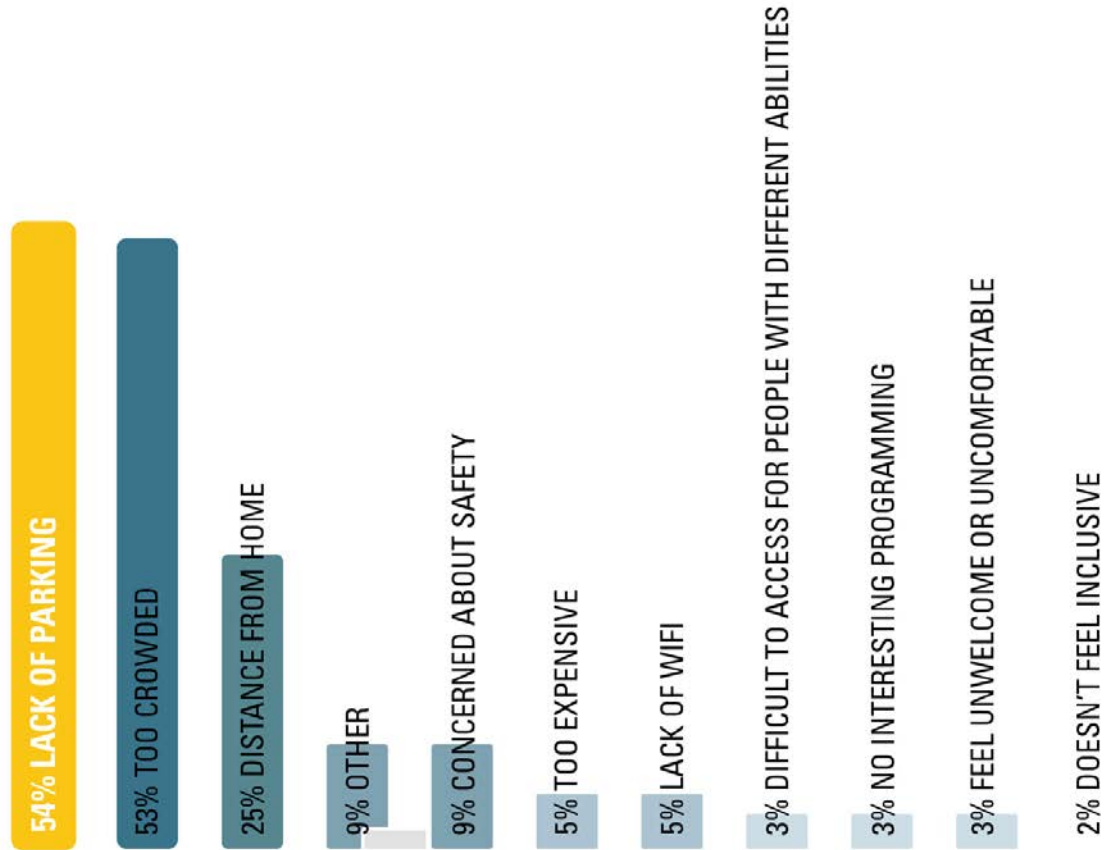
Please select up to 5 of the following existing amenities that you would like to see improved at Zilker Park.



How well are the following facilities or amenities meeting your and your family's needs?

NATURAL AREAS	80% MEET NEEDS		8% NO OPINION
PARKING AREAS	45% MEET NEEDS	46% DOES NOT MEET NEEDS	9% NO OPINION
PICNIC AREAS	59% MEET NEEDS	17% DOES NOT MEET NEEDS	24% NO OPINION
SPORT COURTS OR FIELDS	45% MEET NEEDS	15% DOES NOT MEET NEEDS	40% NO OPINION
TRAILS	79% MEET NEEDS	13% DOES NOT MEET NEEDS	7% NO OPINION
WATER ACCESS POINTS FOR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT	34% MEET NEEDS	22% DOES NOT MEET NEEDS	44% NO OPINION
WATERFRONT VIEWING AREAS	60% MEET NEEDS	22% DOES NOT MEET NEEDS	18% NO OPINION

If you DO NOT visit or avoid visiting Zilker Park, why?



61% Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail
61% Barton Springs Pool and Bathhouse

56% Restrooms

54% Lack of Parking

ZILKER METROPOLITAN PARK BASELINE SURVEY

Stories about Zilker Park

Consider a land bridge!!

Bathrooms would be great! Prioritize natural beauty, trails, space!...

Barton Springs is a true Austin jewel. Ensure that it remains very easy to access...

Don't mess with anything

There should be soccer goals and futsal courts for people to play pickup soccer...

Only that as the city continues to get more populated, more natural parks like Zilker and local watering holes...

Zilker Park is an important part of Austin's climate and carbon footprint...

Zilker is a place where people from all over Austin (and tourists) can come together...

Add more parking. Evict the homeless. Dogs need to be leashed...

"Zilker should have a "landing spot" or visitors center for people coming from out of town...

An increase in the number of clean restrooms in the park and along the trail would really help out families...

A permanent restroom at the lawn would be awesome...

Wonderful childhood memories.

ACCESSIBILITY. ACCESSIBILITY. ACCESSIBILITY...

As the city has grown, it seems increasingly obvious that the park is increasingly difficult to access...

Connections and programs for every age and ability

...I hate to see more open space converted to parking or other uses...

Austin needs to build Parks of comparable size and features all over Austin...

ACL is the best thing that has ever happened to Zilker! The park would be a dust bowl without the money donated to APF...

a dedicated bike lane...

ACL should be moved to a location other than Zilker Park

Bicycle infrastructure on Azie Morton is badly needed to access the springs safely...

Bring back Dillo buses, add more natural areas...less focus on the park as an ACL venue and more as a place for Austinites...

a Few more restrooms would be a great benefit and clean drinking water stations (especially on the hike trail)...

Bury Barton Springs Road and connect Zilker park to Barton springs...

...We need well maintained and plentiful facilities for the masses...

Expand the volleyball courts and add lights...

Barton Springs road needs to be moved underground...

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

List of Small Groups

- 4/29/2021 Operations and Management
- 5/3/2021 Environment-Water Interests
- 5/4/2021 Events I (Large)
Events II (Small)
- 5/5/2021 Neighbors
- 5/6/2021 History/Culture/Tourism
- 5/10/2021 Businesses
Exploring Equity and Inclusion
- 5/11/2021 Parkners & Nonprofits
- 5/12/2021 Higher Education
- 5/12/2021 Recreation
- 5/13/2021 K-12 Schools and Youth Partners
- 5/14/2021 Circulation/Connectivity/Transportation
- 5/18/2021 Neighbors
- 5/19/2021 Facility Managers
- 5/27/2021 Exploring Equity and Inclusion
- 6/28/2021 Texas School for the Deaf
- TBD Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired



HISTORY



ZILKER METROPOLITAN PARK THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

700 - 1530 A.D.
The Cultural traditions of the communities in the area included pottery, pigment, pendants, beads, needle and fishhook making.

7,000 B.C.
Main Spring at Barton springs is re-exposed, coming from a deep fault located near the south side of the current pool.

1534
Spanish colonizer Cabeza de Vaca reaches Austin by a game trail from Galveston. He makes note of the American Indian population with ties to a riparian environment.



Spring Creek (Barton Springs) and William Barton's Home, taken from Austin and Vicinity, 1839. Source: Austin History Center

1730
Mission est. on bank of Barton creek.

1835
A league of land (now a portion of Zilker Park) is given to a settler named Henry Hill during the early days of the Mexican government in Texas.

1837
William Barton moves onto 177 acres of the Henry Hill league, bringing with him 25-30 enslaved people and establishes one of the first plantations in Austin, making Barton Springs a significant foundation of Austin's African American population.

1838
Surrounding area of settlement surveyed for the capitol to the new Republic.

1839
Austin is founded.

1901
A.J. Zilker makes first land purchase.

1913
A.J. Zilker acquires over 350 acres of land surrounding the springs.



A Baptism at Barton Springs, 1924. Sources: Pipkin and Marshall Frech, Eds. Barton Springs Eternal.

1917
The City of Austin and A.J. Zilker's land agreement gives the city access to abundant fresh water of the Barton Springs tract with the condition that the city pay into a trust for educational developments at Austin High School.



Improvements at Barton Springs (1926) Source: Austin History Center

1926
City of Austin allocates \$15,000 for new parks, appoints new park board.

1928
Austin City Council passed an ordinance creating the new Austin Recreation Division.

1929
The Barton Springs opens with a new concrete dam and an expanded circumference of 2,500 feet.



Elks Lodge (1915) Source: Austin History Center

1931
A.J. Zilker and City of Austin enter into a new land deal of 250-300 acres of land adjoining Barton Springs creek along the south bank of the Colorado river, sold for \$200,000 paid in 20 installments into the school treasury.

1933
FDR's New Deal begins federally funded work on Zilker Park.

1934
Final plot of land is given by A.J. Zilker; Boy and Girl Scout cabins completed.



Aerial Photograph of Zilker Park (1935)
Source: Austin History Center



Isamu Taniguchi in his Garden (1970)
Source: Austin History Center

1936

Construction of rock garden using 1,200 shrubs.

1938

Completion of the Sunken Gardens.

1963

PARD facilities officially integrated.

1969

Japanese Inspired stroll garden is opened along 3 acres within the Botanical Garden, designed by Isamu Taniguchi.

1974

Work begins on a \$200,000 project to provide badly needed parking lots and paved areas to control traffic flow and reserve open green space for activities.

1979

Members of the Austin City Council voted to permit more multiple-family housing and apartments on a 38-acre tract of Barton Creek north of Zilker park.

1992

SOS ordinance enacted in Austin



Blues on the Green (2011)
Source: This Austin Life

1947

The New bathhouse at Barton Springs was needed to meet the crowded conditions and changing needs at the pool and was completed for \$170,000.

1967

The Zilker Christmas Tree is constructed out of a relocated moonlight tower from the late 1800s.

1962-64

The Botanical Gardens is constructed as a garden center hub for local clubs.

1960

Black students from Stephen F Austin High School hold a series of "swim-ins" in protest of the segregation of Barton Springs Pool.

1953

The City of Austin acquires the Rabb homestead for \$59,000, giving them control of an additional 4,000 feet of creek and bluff overlooking Barton Springs and the park.

1973

Austin Parks and Recreation Board votes to recommend an approval to construct a new natural science center building, a pioneer homestead and to clear nature trails on the west side of the park.

2002

Austin City Limits music festival begins with over 25,000 attendees with 67 bands playing on 5 different stages.

1999

Blues on the Green a free music festival by Austin radio KGSR moves to Zilker park from the Arboretum.

1997

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the Barton Springs salamander as an endangered species.



Zilker Christmas Tree (1970)
Source: Austin History Center



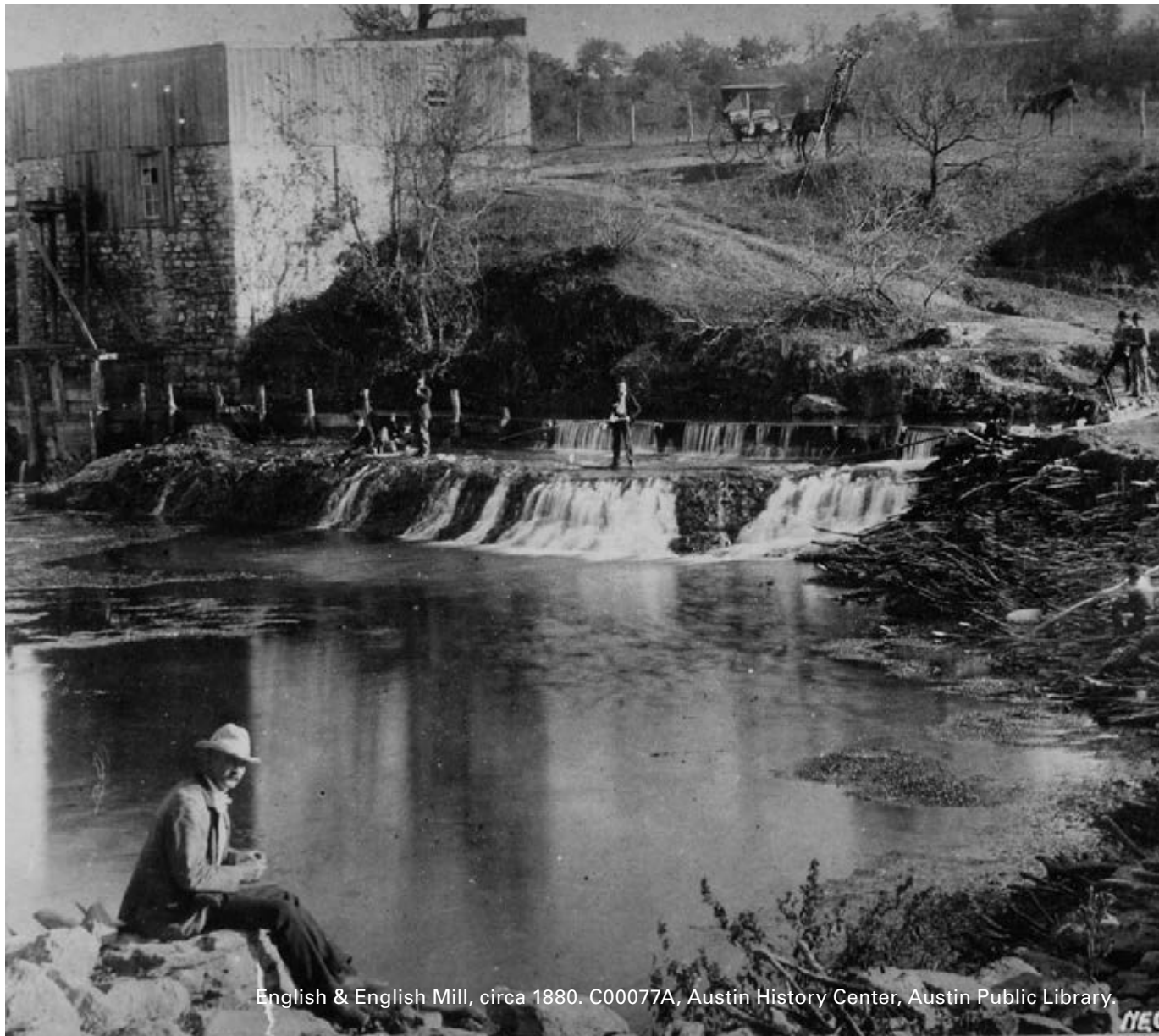
Austin City Limits (2018)
Source: Austin Parks Foundation

HISTORIC ASSETS IN THE PARK



- 1** Barton Springs Road Bridge
- 2** Main Entrance
- 7** Rock Island
- 17** Mirror Pond
- 24** Trail House
- 28** Skeet Field Concession
Comfort Station
- 29** Pistol Range
- 30** Lookout Point
- 31** Zilker Park Club House
- 32** Picnic Unit
- 34** Zilker Cabin
- 37** Picnic Unit
- 40** Rock Garden
- 42** Lamp Posts
- 43** Bandstand
- 44** Barton Springs Bath House
- 45** Sand Pit
- 48** Barton Springs Pool/Dams
- 53** Caretaker's Lodge
- 54** Maintenance Shop
- 60** Sunken Garden
- 62** Ballfield with Dugouts
- 63** Ballfield with Dugouts
- 64** Footpath System
- 68** Zilker Amphitheater

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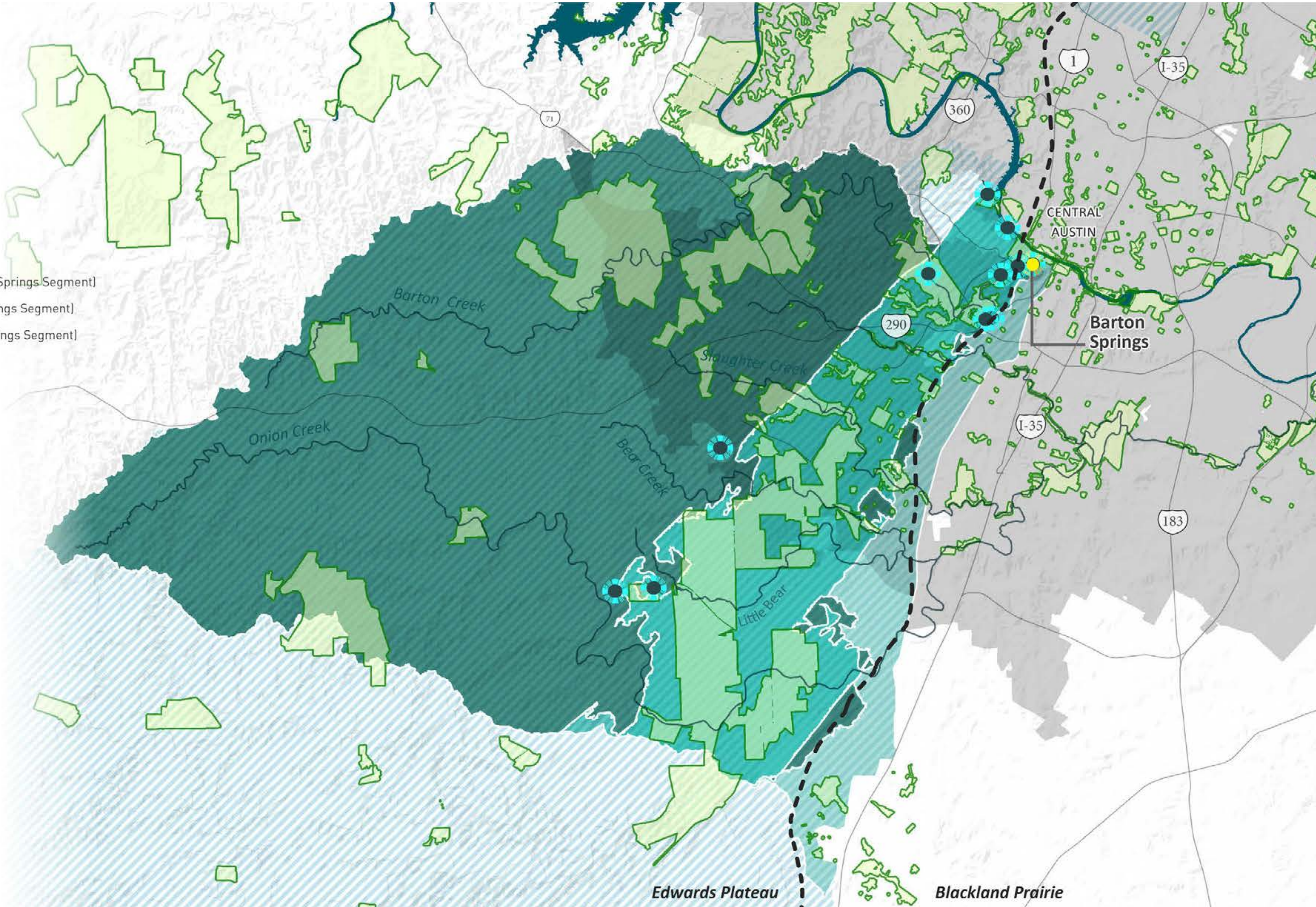
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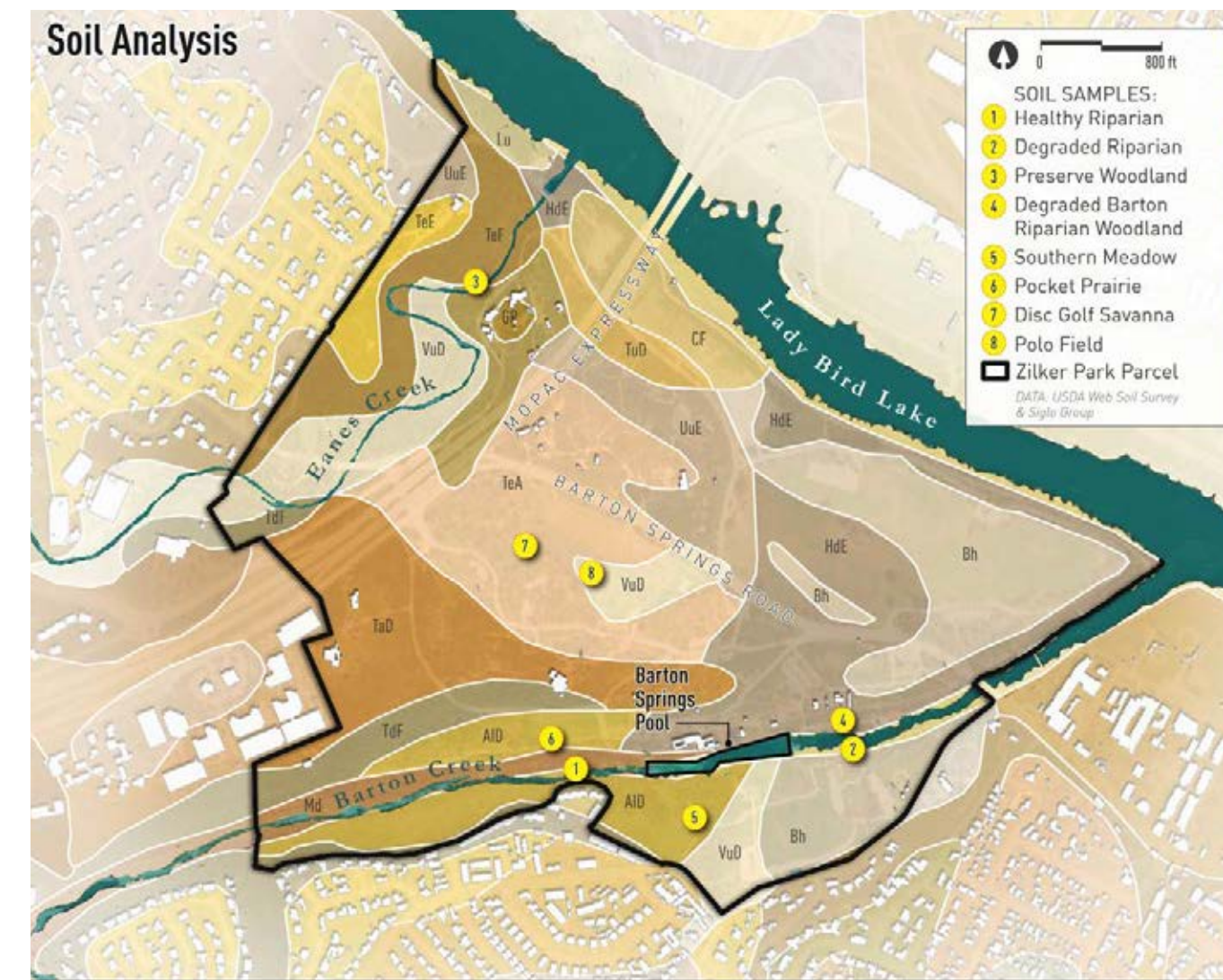
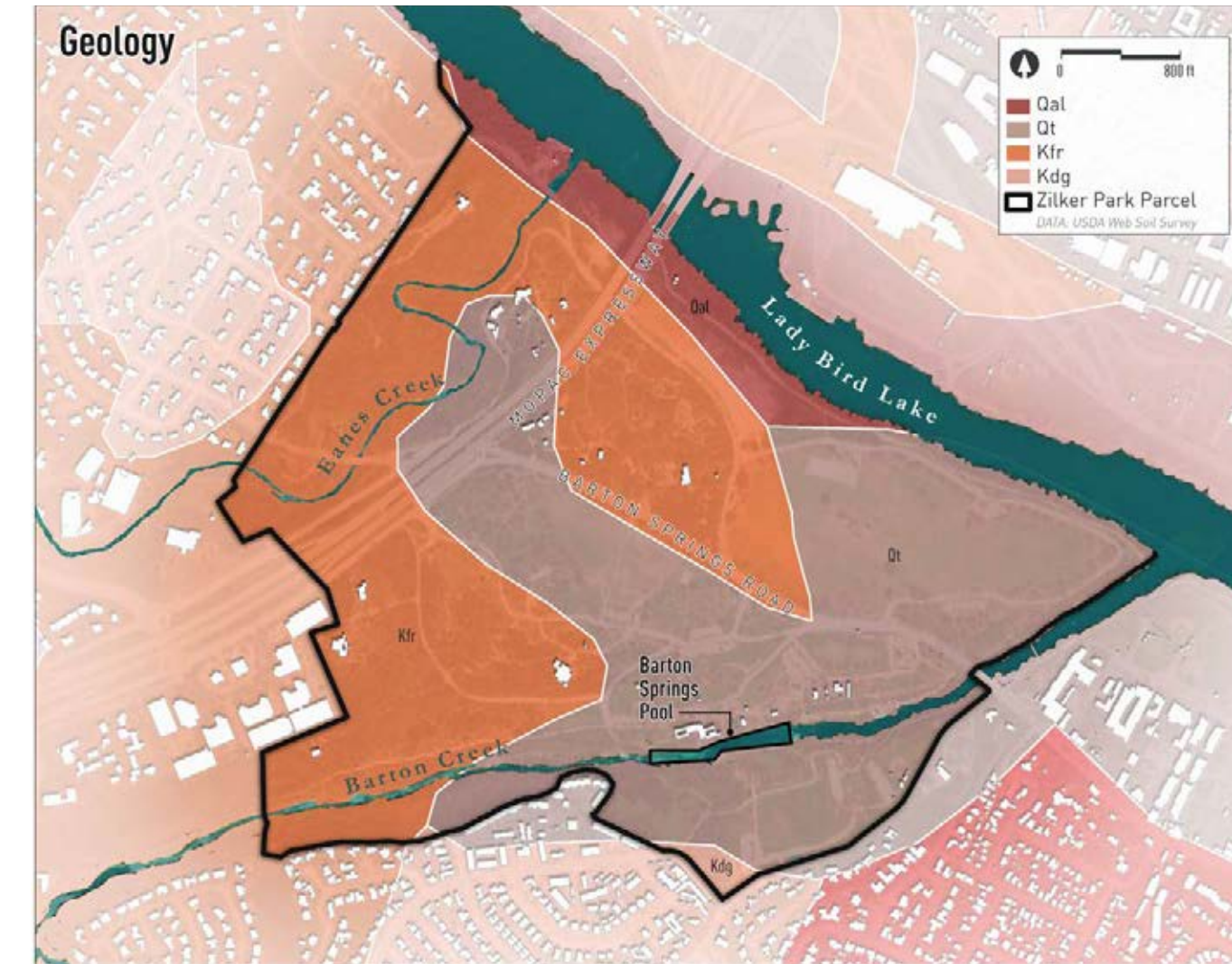
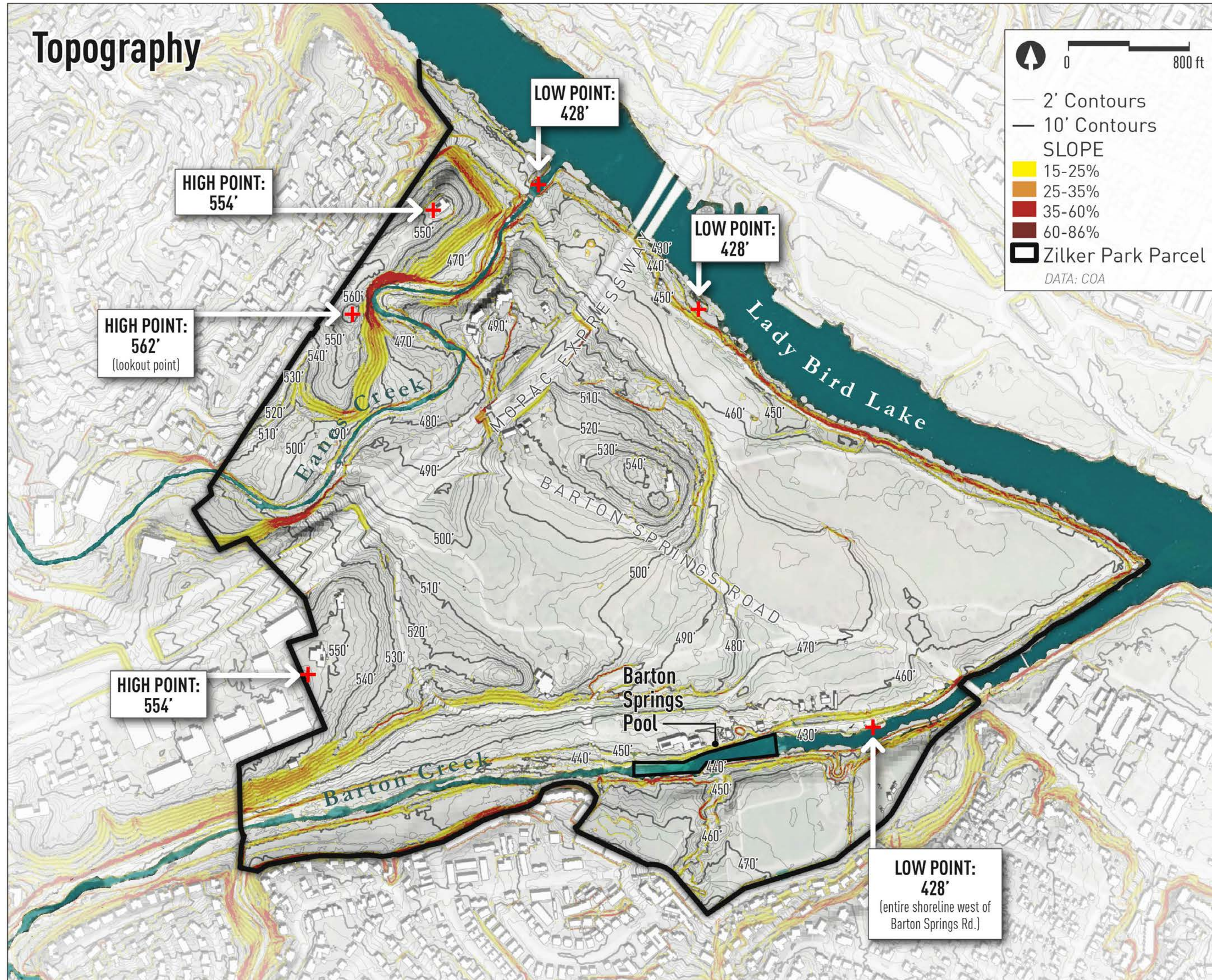
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Ecological Context

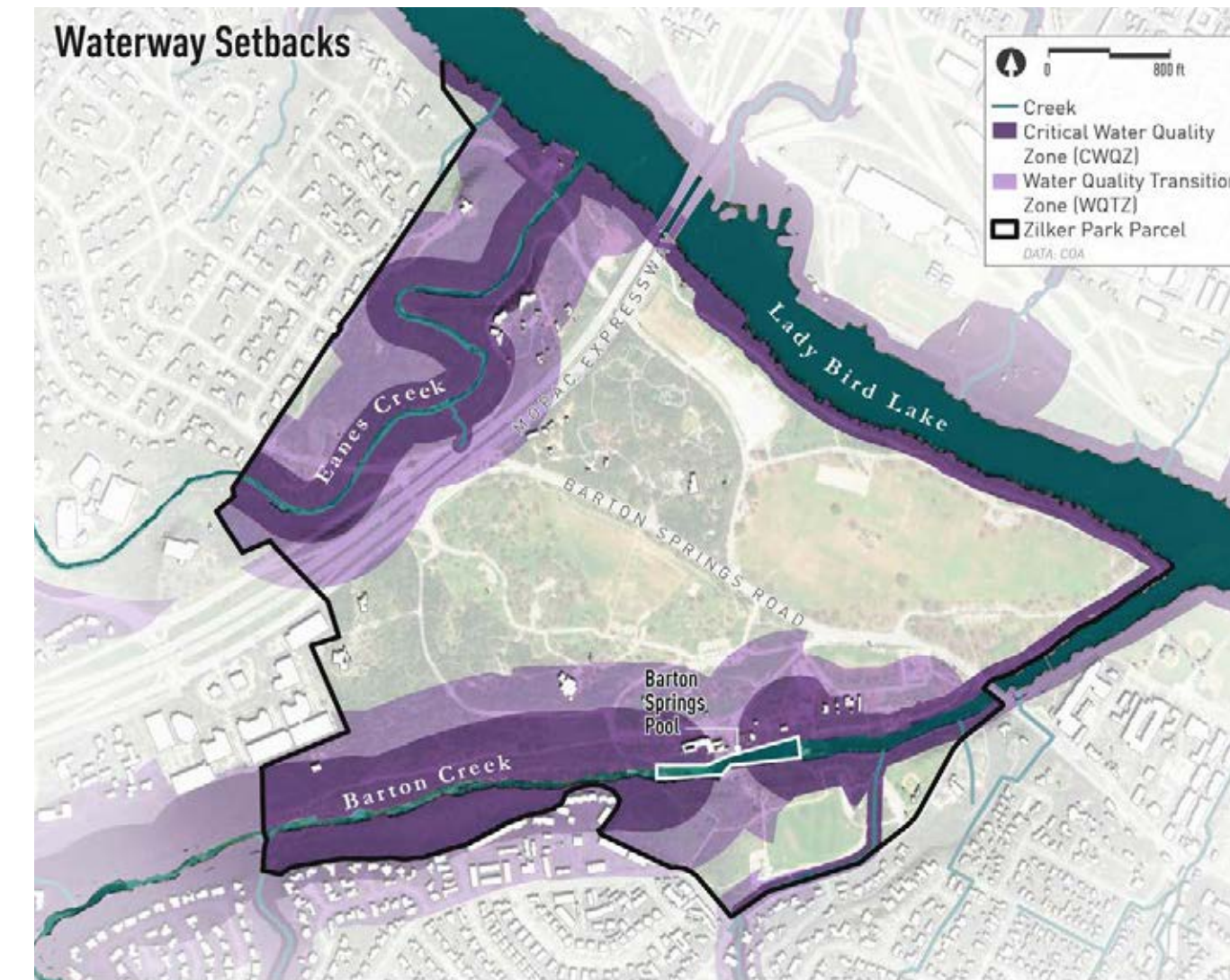
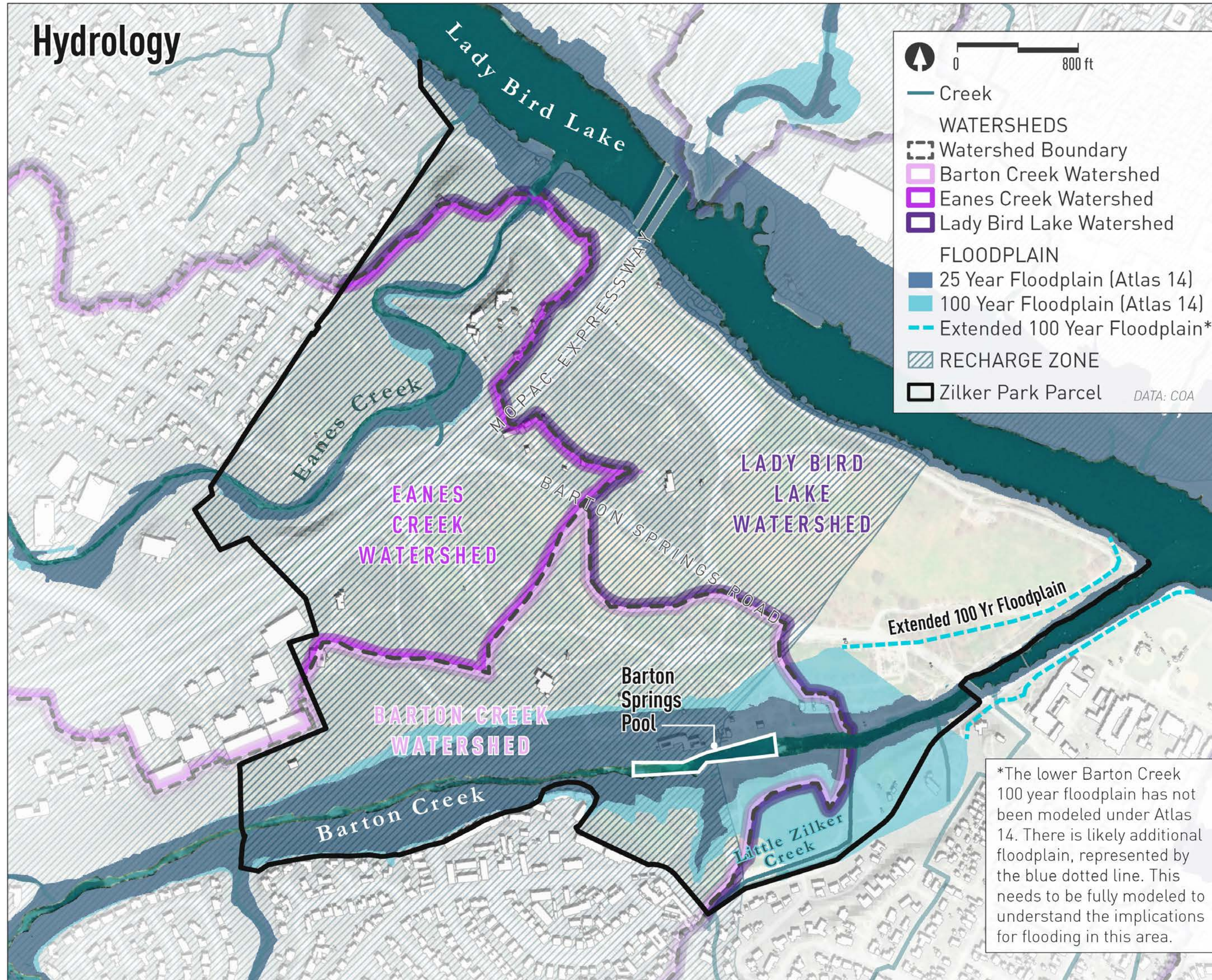
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- Springs
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- Lakes and Waterways
- Conserved Land
- Edwards Aquifer (EA)
- Contributing Zone (Barton Springs Segment)
- Recharge Zone (Barton Springs Segment)
- Transition Zone (Barton Springs Segment)
- Austin City Limits



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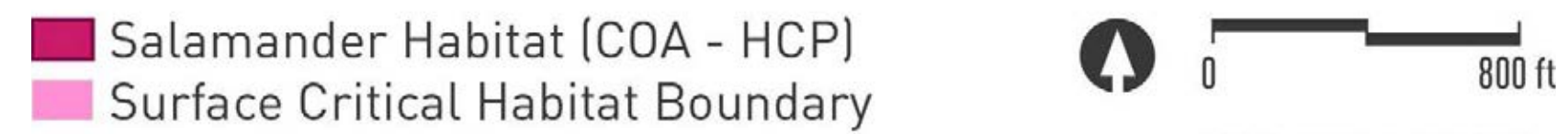
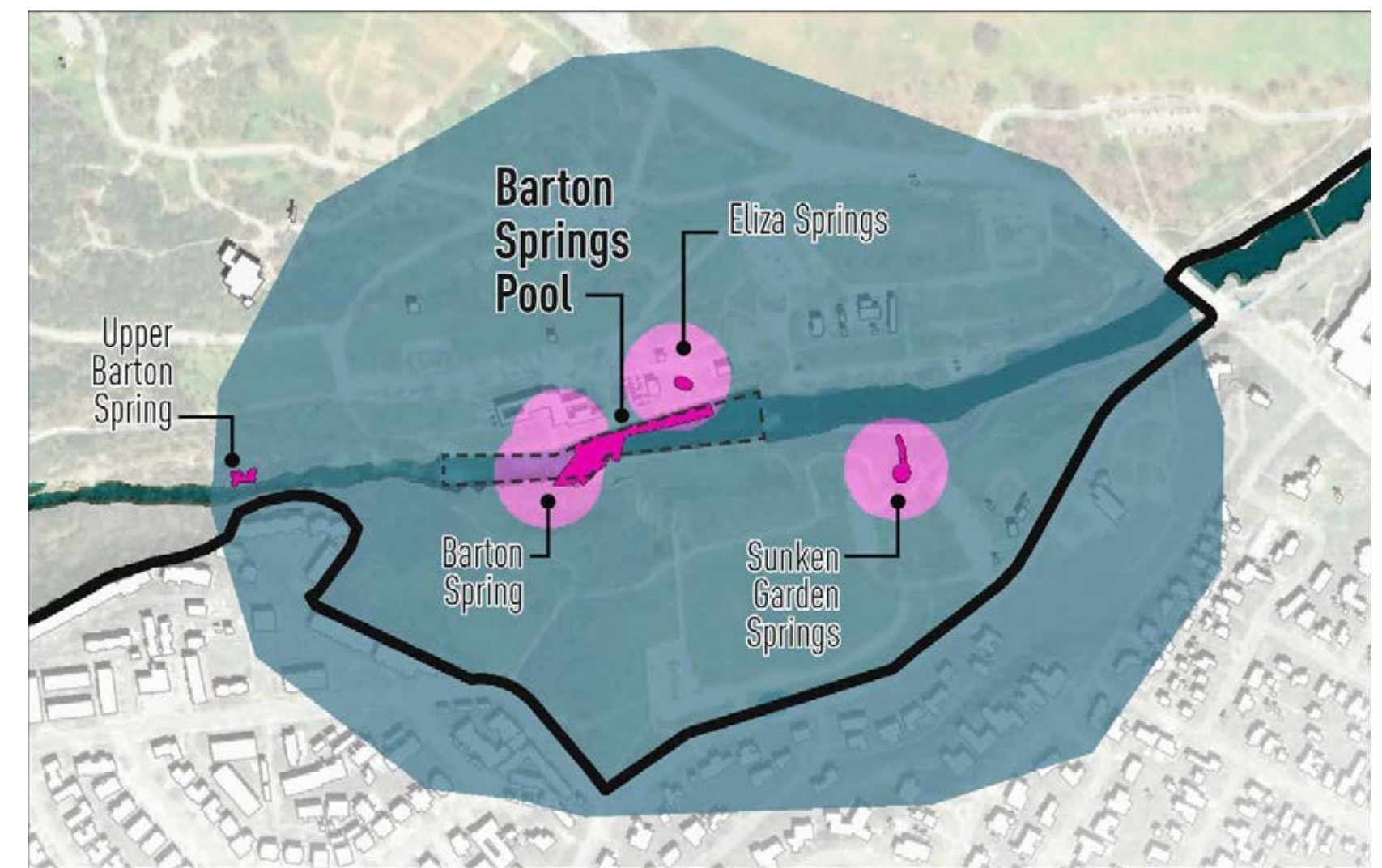
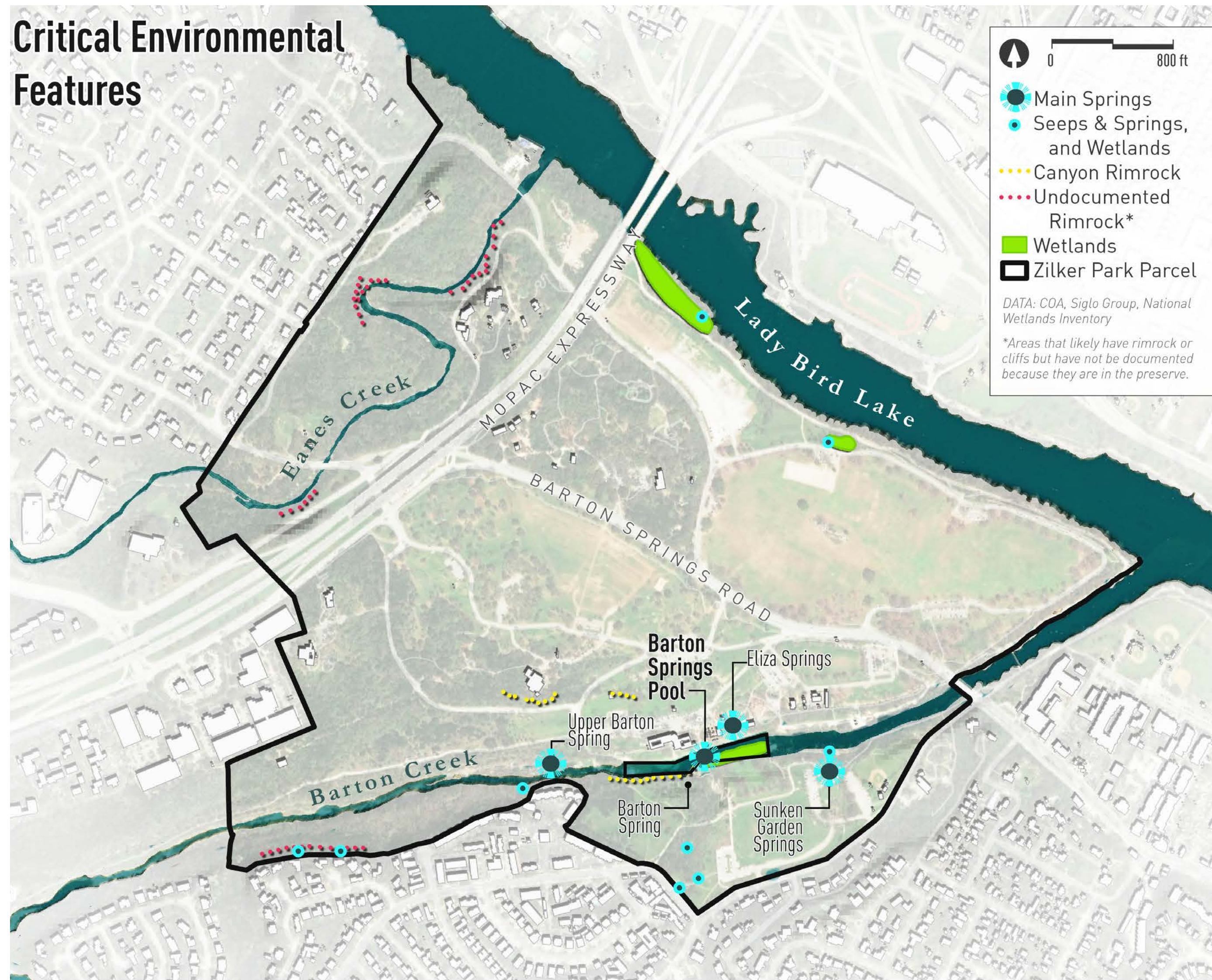


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Critical Environmental Features



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Existing Plant Communities



A man and a woman are kayaking on a calm river. The man is in the front, and the woman is in the back. They are both wearing life jackets. The river is surrounded by dense trees and foliage, with a large tree branch hanging over the water on the right side. The water is clear, and the overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

FUNDING, PROGRAMMING AND PARTNERSHIPS

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- Daily visitation to Zilker continues to rise, due to increases in Barton Springs Pool visitation, as well as programming, events & activity offerings at multiple destinations – namely, Splash, The Austin Nature and Science Center and the Zilker Botanical Garden.
- An average of **7,200 visitors** visit Zilker Park daily, totaling **2.6 million visitors annually** (based on 2019 visitation)
- The City collected fees of \$2.4 million in fiscal 2019 for large and small events, as well as fees and entry payments for reservable facilities, the Barton Springs Pool and the Zilker Botanical Gardens. Most fees are deposited in the city’s general fund.
- A coalition of nonprofits work to fund improvements at Zilker, but there’s more potential in better coordination of programming, funding and improvements park-wide. That ranges between \$500,000 to \$3 million annually, depending on projects and programming.

FUNDING, PROGRAMMING & PARTNERSHIPS



- Concessions at Zilker Park are governed by long term contracts and provide the city with minimum required payments and a percentage of gross sales.
- Large Events continue to be governed by the ordinance(s) implemented following the 2017 Parkland Events task force report. Events remain capped and have not expanded in terms of total days or attendance. Current large event visitation is 957,500 people annually or 36,827 people per event day.
- Income from Events and Concessions
 - Austin City Limits Music Festival: \$1.55 M
 - Barton Springs Pool: \$547,485
 - The Rowing Dock \$138,699
 - Zilker Botanical Gardens: \$83,797
 - Zilker Canoe Rental: \$67,678
 - Playing Fields, rentals: \$40,000
 - Zilker Relays: \$3,240

ZILKER EVENT CALENDAR

ZILKER METROPOLITAN PARK PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

Zilker Park is home to a large number and variety of events and programs throughout the year, ranging between large and small, public and private, and formal and informal. The following calendar is an abbreviated list of some of the regular public events and programs that happen in Zilker each year.

PUBLIC EVENTS
In addition to the events listed below, public events are hosted in Zilker sporadically throughout the year by the Botanical Garden, the Nature and Science Center, Umlauf, Zilker Hillside Theater, McBeth Recreation Center, and the City of Austin. These events range from tours and educational programs to music performances and celebrations.

PRIVATE EVENTS
The venues available for reservation for private events such as fundraisers or weddings include the Zilker Botanical Garden, Zilker Clubhouse, Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum, Zilker Hillside Theater, the Girl Scout Cabin, and the Nature and Science Center.

EDUCATION
Education plays a large role in the programming at Zilker. The Nature and Science Center and the Botanical Garden regularly offer workshops, educational exhibits, school field trips, tours, and host public educational events. The Sheffield Education Center hosts educational exhibits. As shown on the calendar, Zilker is home to many summer camps and after-school programs that are rooted in educating the people of Austin.



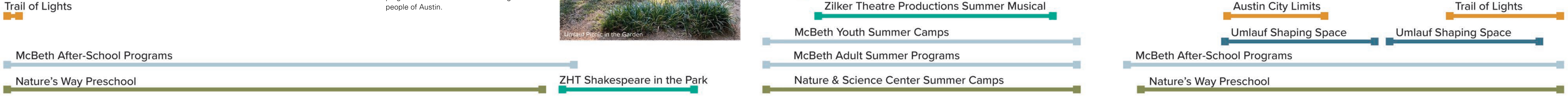
Umlauf Picnic in the Garden



Blues on the Green



Nature and Science Center Summer Camp



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Kite Festival



Zilker Hillside Theater



MOBILITY

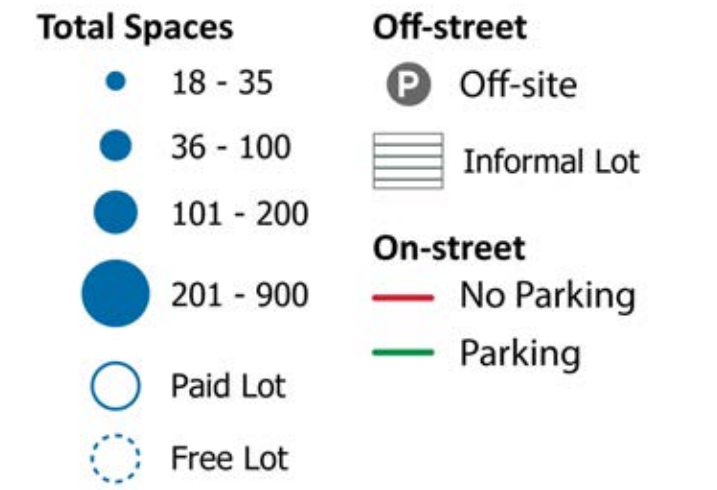
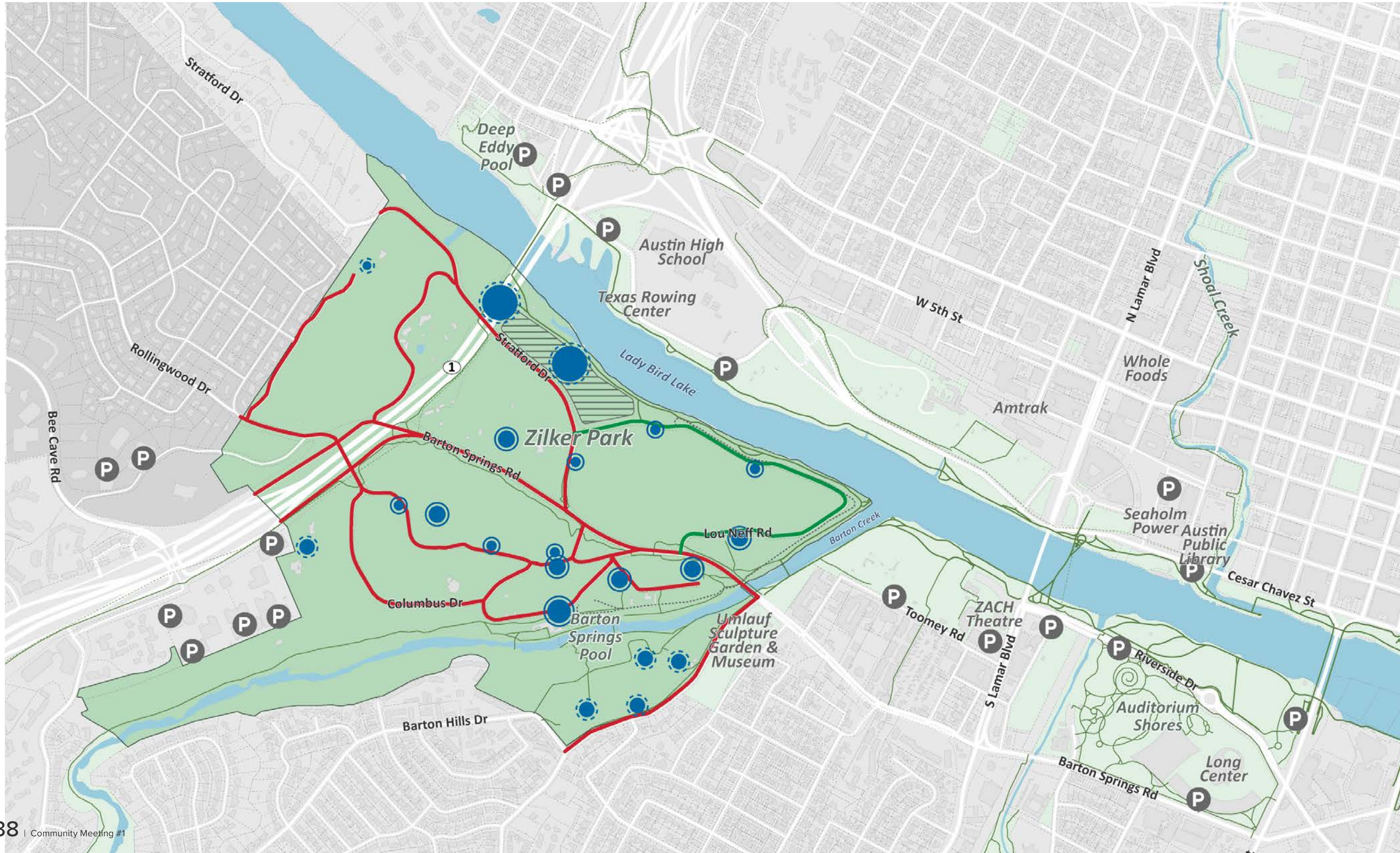
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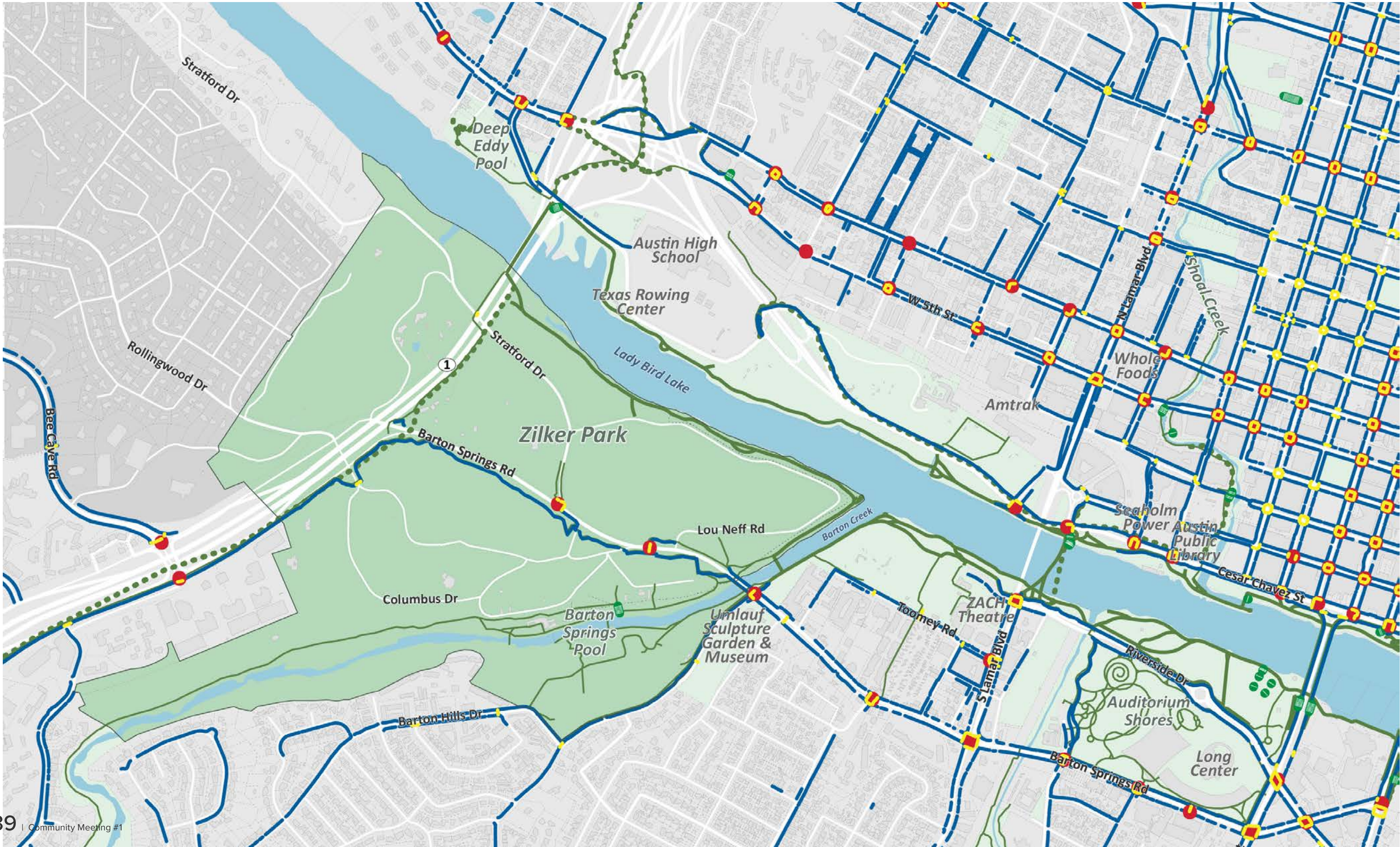


- Legend**
- MetroBus Route
 - MetroRapid Route
 - MetroBike Dock
 - Medium to High Comfort Bike Facilities
 - On-site Parking
 - Off-site Parking

PARKING

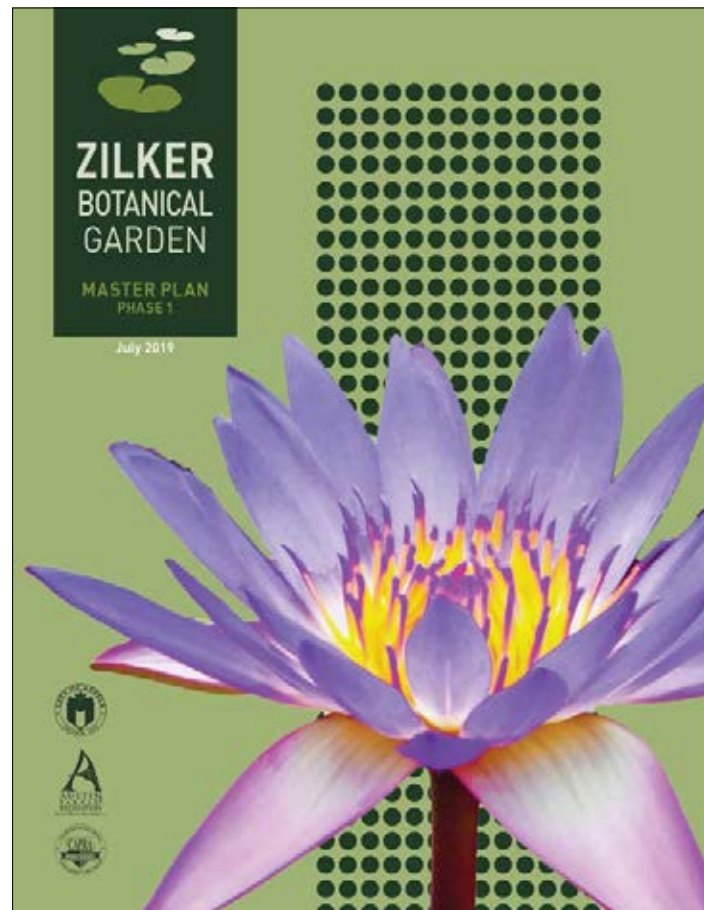
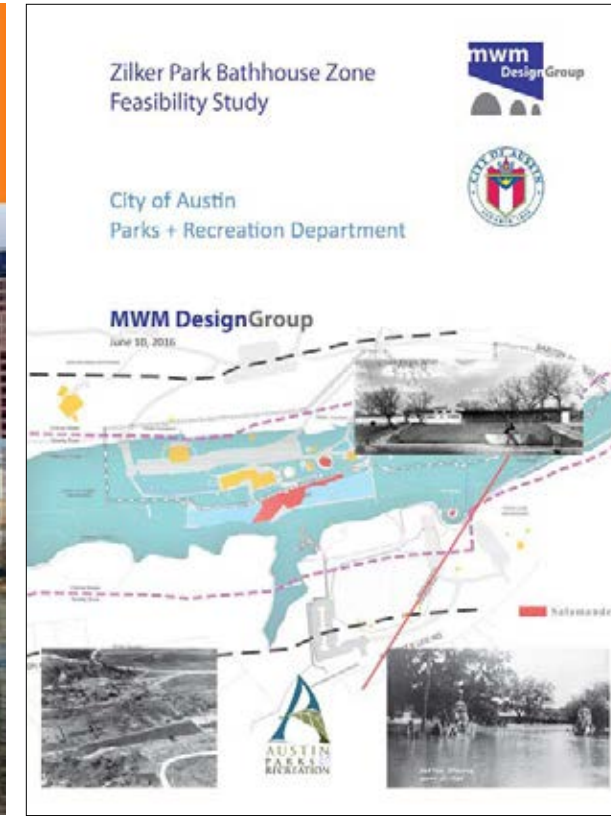
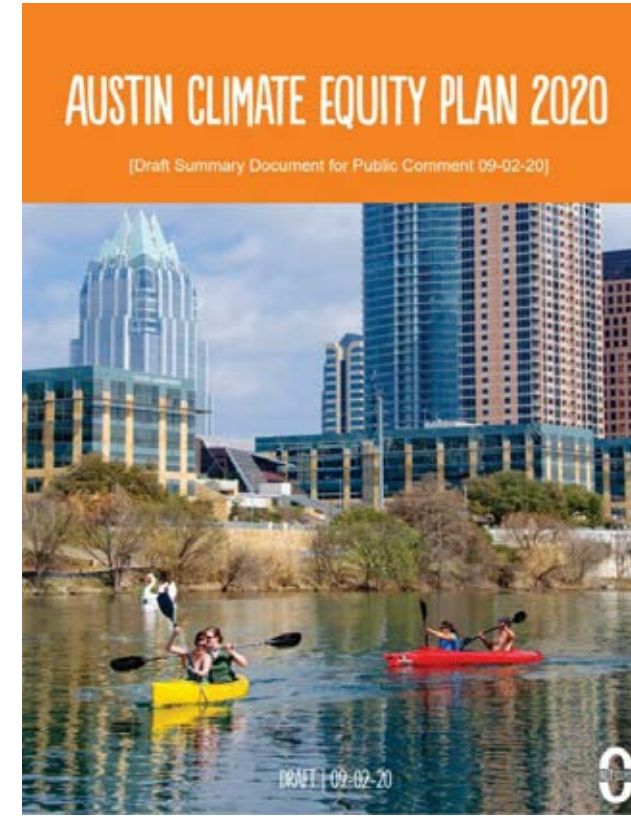
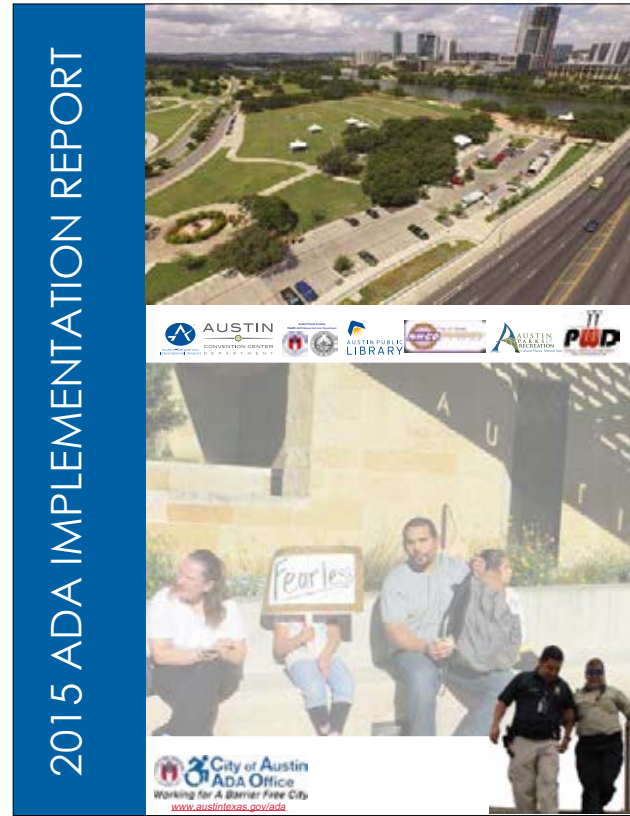
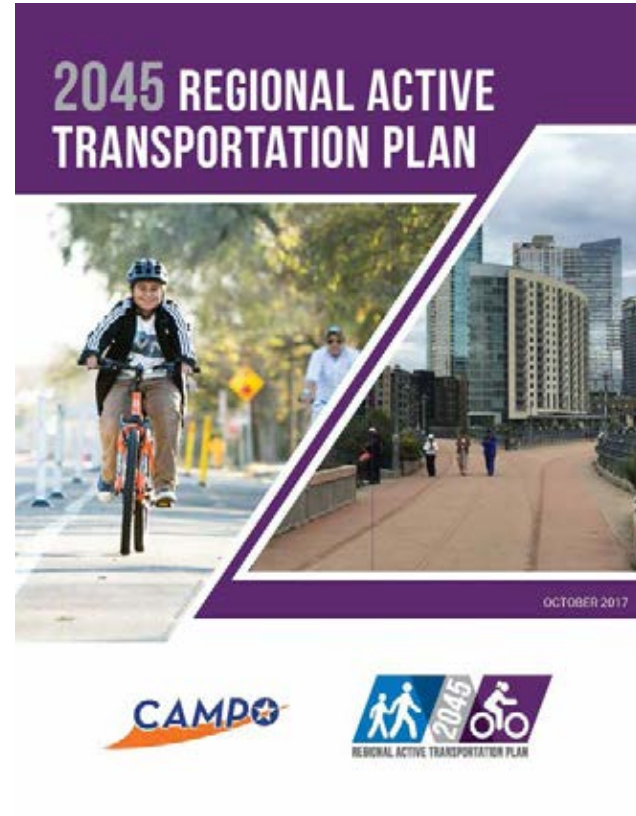
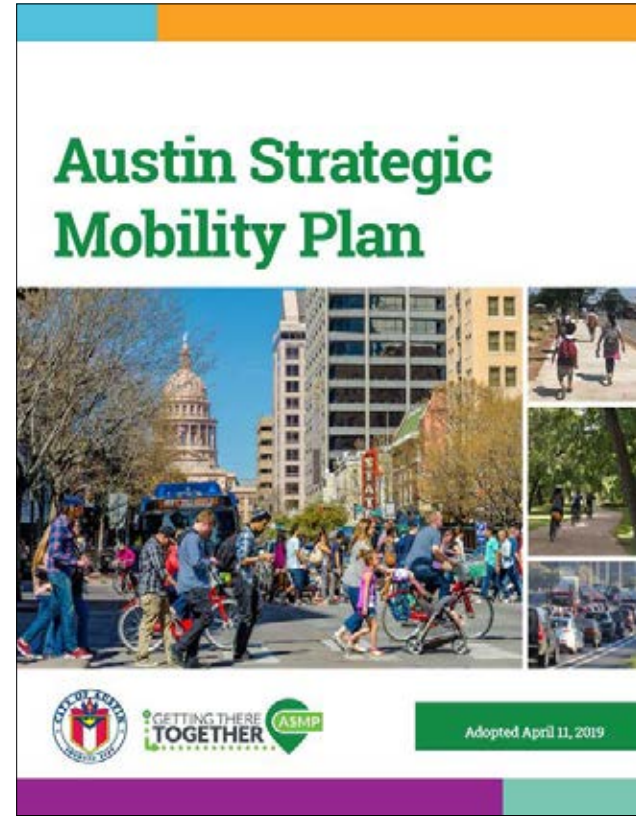
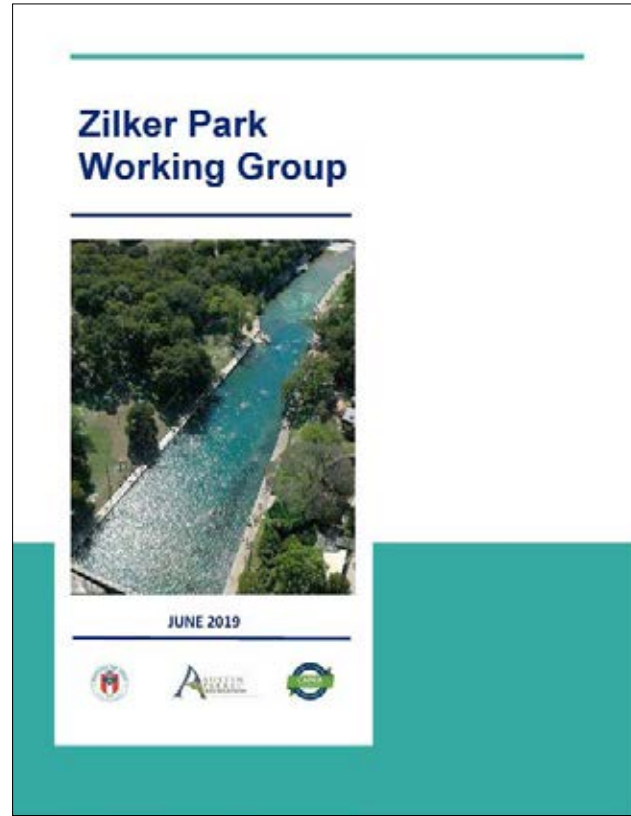


PEDESTRIAN



- Legend**
- Sidewalk
 - Crosswalk
 - Stairs
 - Pedestrian Traffic Signal
- Trails**
- Adjacent Trails
 - - - Butler Trail
 - · · Urban Trails Planned

RELEVANT PLANS



NPS Form 10-900 (Rev. 10-01)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. NAME OF PROPERTY
Historic Name: Zilker Park Historic District
Other Name/Site Number: Zilker Metropolitan Park; Zilker Park, Barton Springs

2. LOCATION
Street & Number: 2100 Barton Springs Road
City or Town: Austin
State: Texas Code: TX County: Travis Code: 453 Zip Code: 78746

3. STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ___ nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that the property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide ___ locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of State Historic Preservation Officer: *Carrie Jewell* Date: 4-16-19

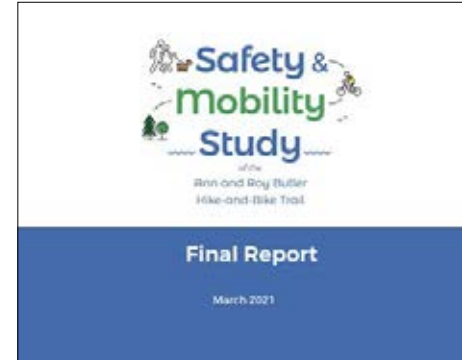
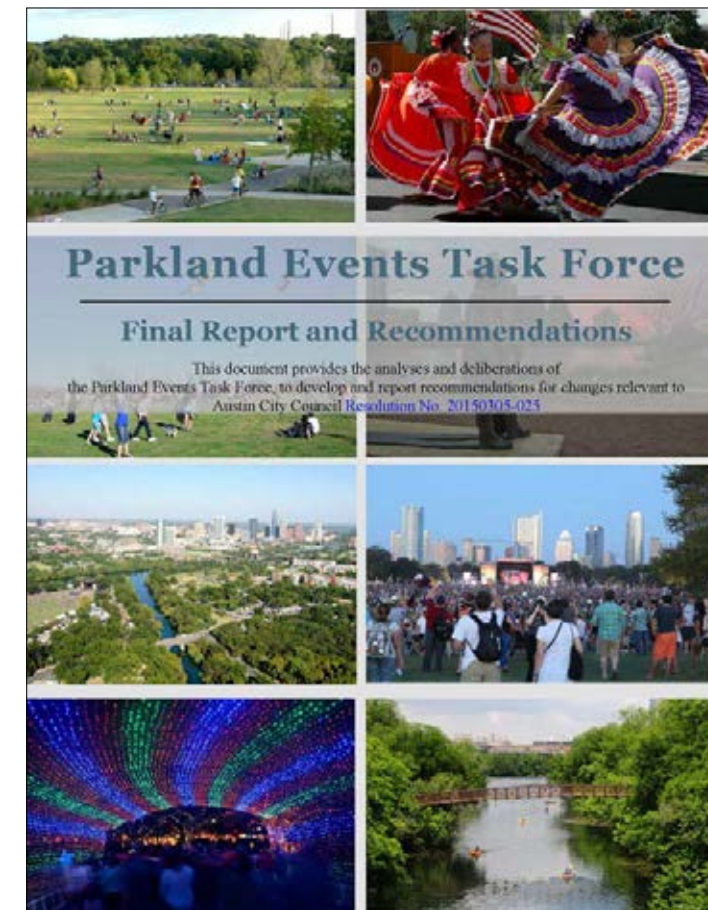
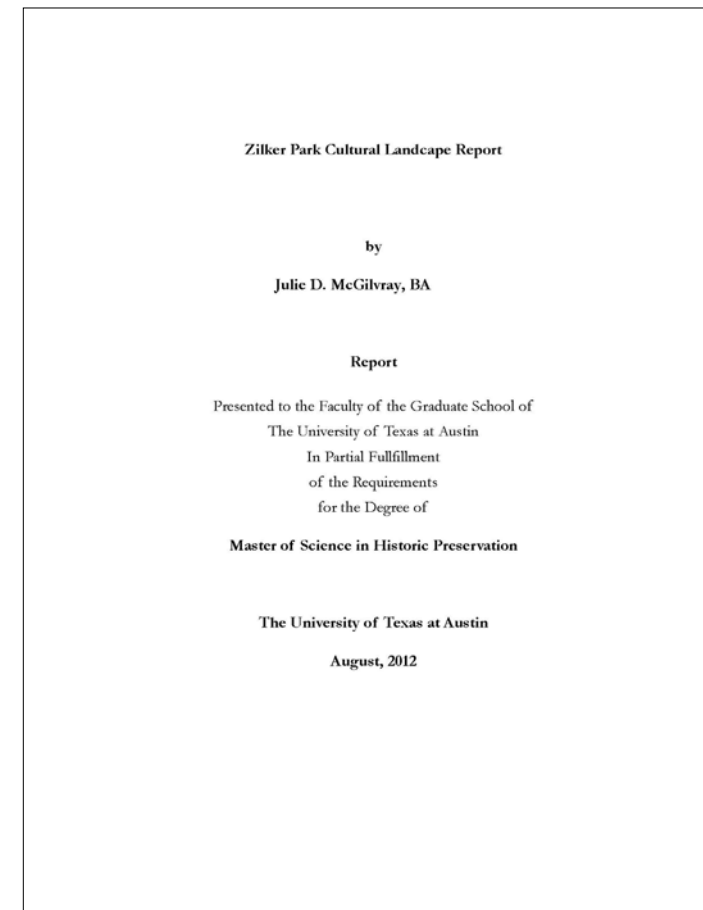
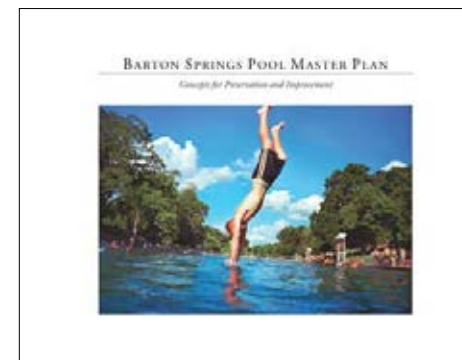
Signature of Federal agency and bureau: _____ Date: _____

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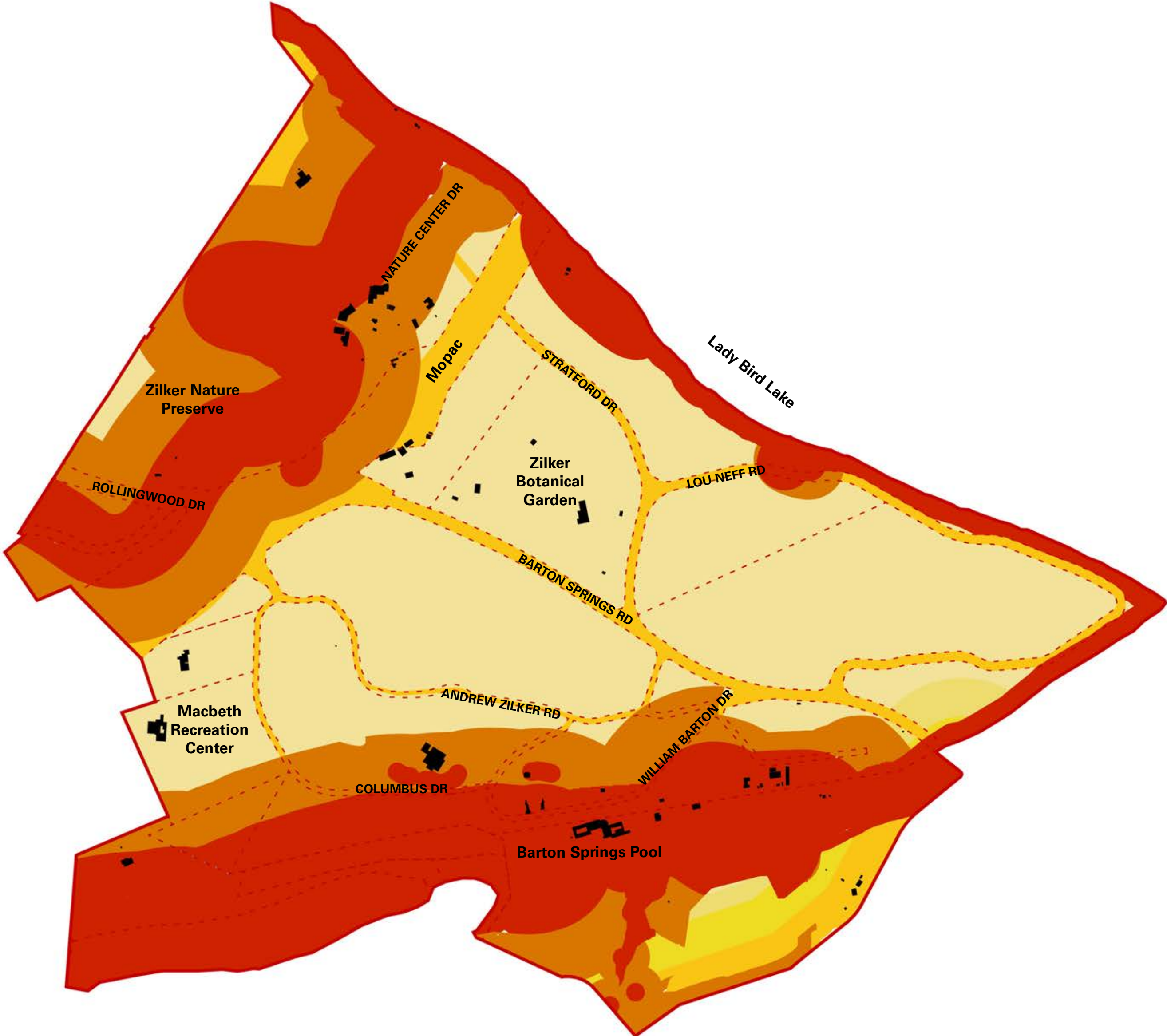
Signature of nominating or other official: _____ Date: _____

State or Federal agency and bureau: _____

4. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that this property is: _____
 related to the National Register
 determined eligible for the National Register
 determined not eligible for the National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other (explain): _____

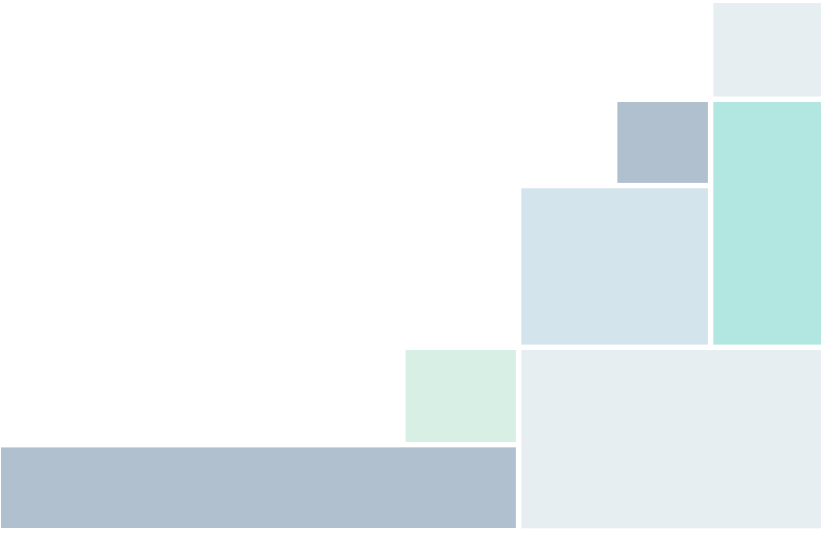


REGULATIONS



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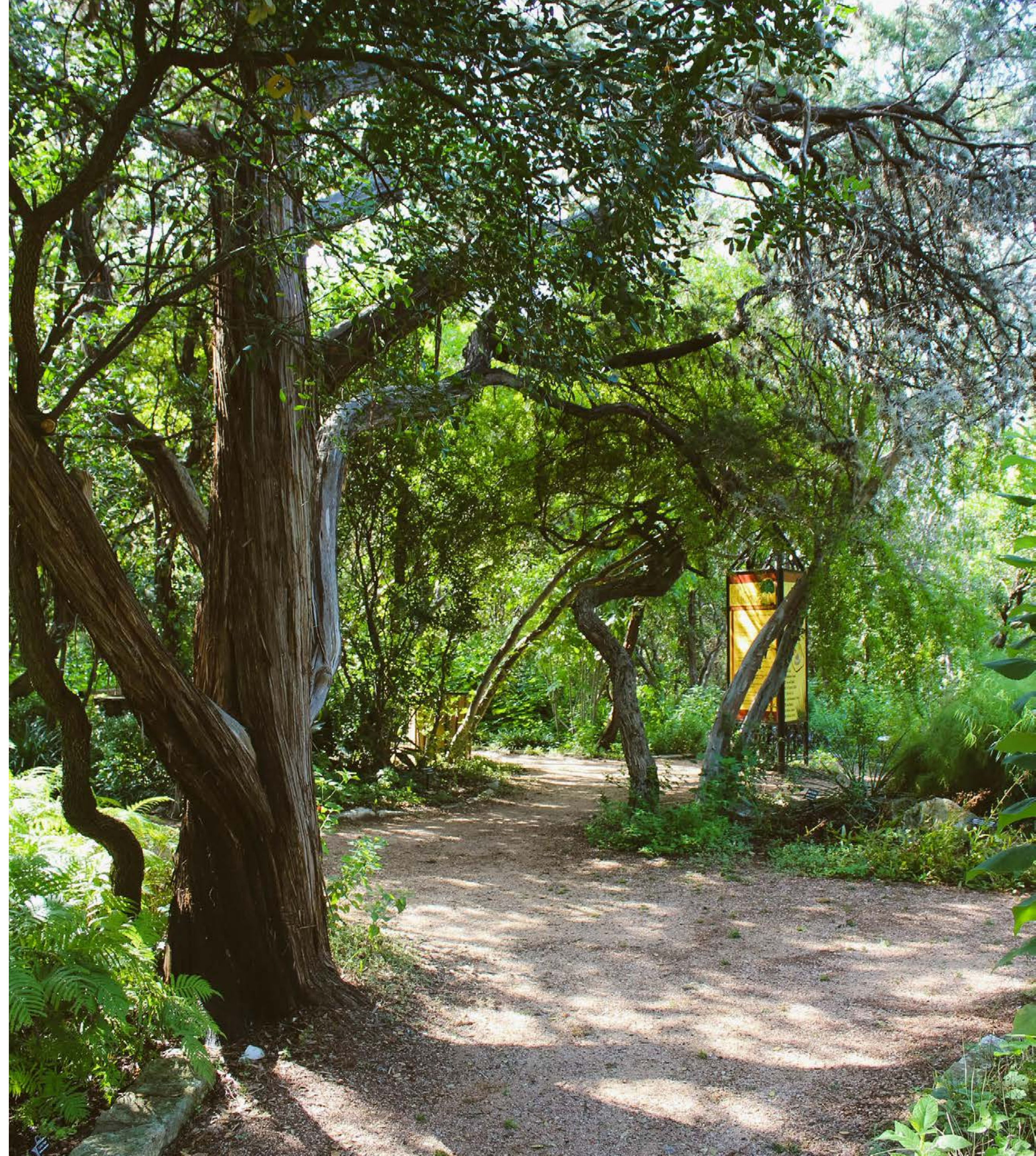
- This area has multiple regulations prohibiting most of development. It is determined as Critical Water Quality Zone, 25-year floodplain, or erosion site.
- This area has a regulation prohibiting development which is Water Quality Transition Zone (WQTZ).
- This area is not part of City of Austin so additional approval is needed for development.
- This area can be developed but has several regulations such as compatibility standards.
- All of Zilker Park site is within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone or Barton Springs Zone. This limits impervious cover to 40% for commercial and/or multifamily projects.



KEY THEMES AND IDEAS

EDUCATION

- Better accommodations for field trips
- Preschool partnerships
- Afterschool programming
- Outdoor classrooms
- Ranger educational program
- Environmental education summer camp
- Technology for educational opportunities
- Honoring all of Zilker's histories
- Bring classroom learning outside



KEY THEMES AND IDEAS

ACCESSIBILITY

- Bus drop-off and navigation is difficult
- Improve connections to accommodate non-vehicular travel
- Better connectivity and wayfinding
- Improvements needed for ADA access
- Shuttle through the park
- Create gateways and a central hub



KEY THEMES AND IDEAS

PARKING

- Consider all options for parking quantity and locations, including off-site and shared-use
- Improve parking and access to Botanical Garden and Austin Nature & Science Center for large and small events
- Consider alternative use for boneyard and landfill areas: parking, restored ecological habitat, access to water for Nature & Science Center
- Restore underutilized areas/overflow parking areas to a better use

RESTROOMS

- Inadequate facilities

PROGRAMMING

- Events and programs happening in park need better synchronization

SAFETY

- Lighting in the park at all times
- The lack of APD presence at the park

NOISE

- Noise concerns with facilities near Mopac (Zilker Botanical Garden, Austin Nature & Science Center, trail)



KEY THEMES AND IDEAS

ECOLOGY

- Erosion/compaction
- Water quality impacts
- Integrate of park use with environmental protections
- Environmental education
- Re-wilding key areas of degradation
- Addressing urban heat island effect
- Habitat restoration
- Increasing pervious cover
- Events and programs should protect/preserve environment and habitat for animals
- Mitigate and adapt to climate change



KEY THEMES AND IDEAS

EVENTS

- Large events close the park to the public
- Need for better, safer, wider connections into park to facilitate better accessibility without cars
- Review location of major utilities within park to best site events
- Could use more infrastructure to reduce reliance on generators
- Events in Zilker should set the example for green best practices



GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND GOALS



GUIDING PRINCIPLES



- The plan should be forward-looking and should embrace both its challenges and its opportunities for future generations.

Guide Future Growth



- The plan should treat the Park as an ecological treasure.
- Recognize the park’s relation to water and explore opportunities for interaction with the lake without compromising environmental integrity.

Nature and Ecology



- The park is a metropolitan park which has a regional draw and focus.
- The plan should treat the Park’s historic and cultural resources as a valued legacy to be celebrated for future generations.

History and Culture



- Zilker Park should serve the entire community of Austin.
- Align programs with community interest.

Diversity and Inclusion



- The plan should knit the segmented pieces of the park together, ensuring a more accessible, safe and connected park– north and south sides of Barton Springs Road, north and south shores of Lady Bird Lake, east and west sides of Barton Creek, east and west sides of MoPac.
- The park is a place you can arrive to by multiple travel options.

Accessibility



- The plan should champion sustainability best-practices for the Park.
- Zilker Park should serve as an example of sustainability, protecting and enhancing our natural spaces and assets.

Sustainability

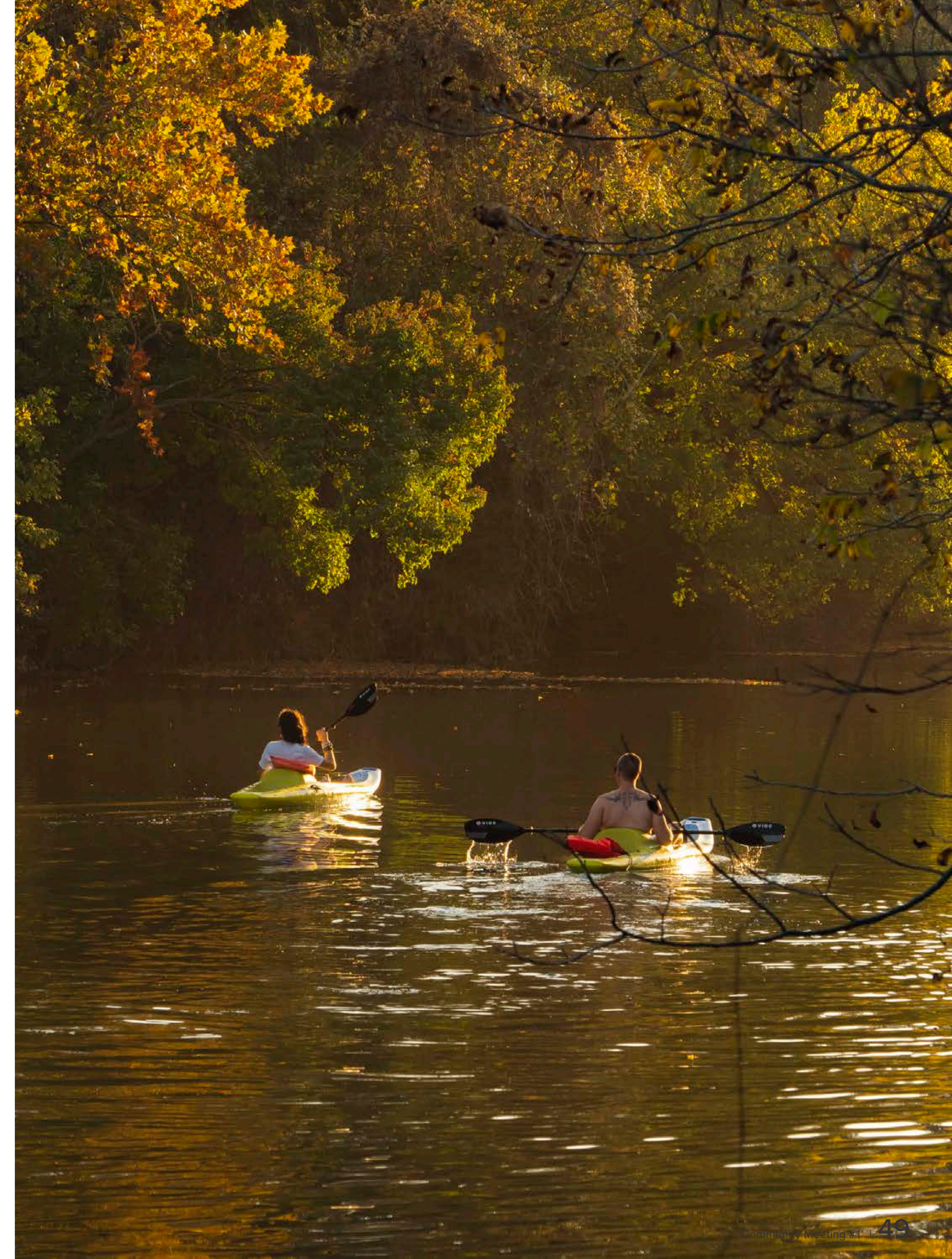


GOALS



Nature and Ecology

- Protect, enhance, and restore land and waterscapes.
- Establish an interpretive program to educate visitors about the park's sensitive features. Public stewardship should be developed as part of the interpretive program.
- Champion best practices in green design, planning and land management.
- Ensure safe and sustainable access to the water including entry to Lady Bird Lake and protection of Barton Creek.
- Protect Zilker's natural resources for generations to come.



GOALS



Diversity and Inclusion

- Welcoming to individuals, small groups and able to accommodate large groups.
- The Plan should support equitable access, with special focus on:
 - Safety
 - Accessibility
 - Diverse events and programming
 - Connectivity
- Support new and enhance existing learning opportunities within the park.



GOALS



History and Culture

- Honor and respect the Park's historic and cultural resources, and should integrate them into the future life of the park.
- Provide a successful balance between historic preservation and current/future needs.
- Tell the stories of the people and the history of the park to better enrich the visitor experience.
- Create opportunities for local artists and art to be a part of park spaces. These opportunities may include music, performance and temporary exhibits.
- Celebrate the stories of the people that lived on the land throughout history, and bring to light those stories that are not often heard.

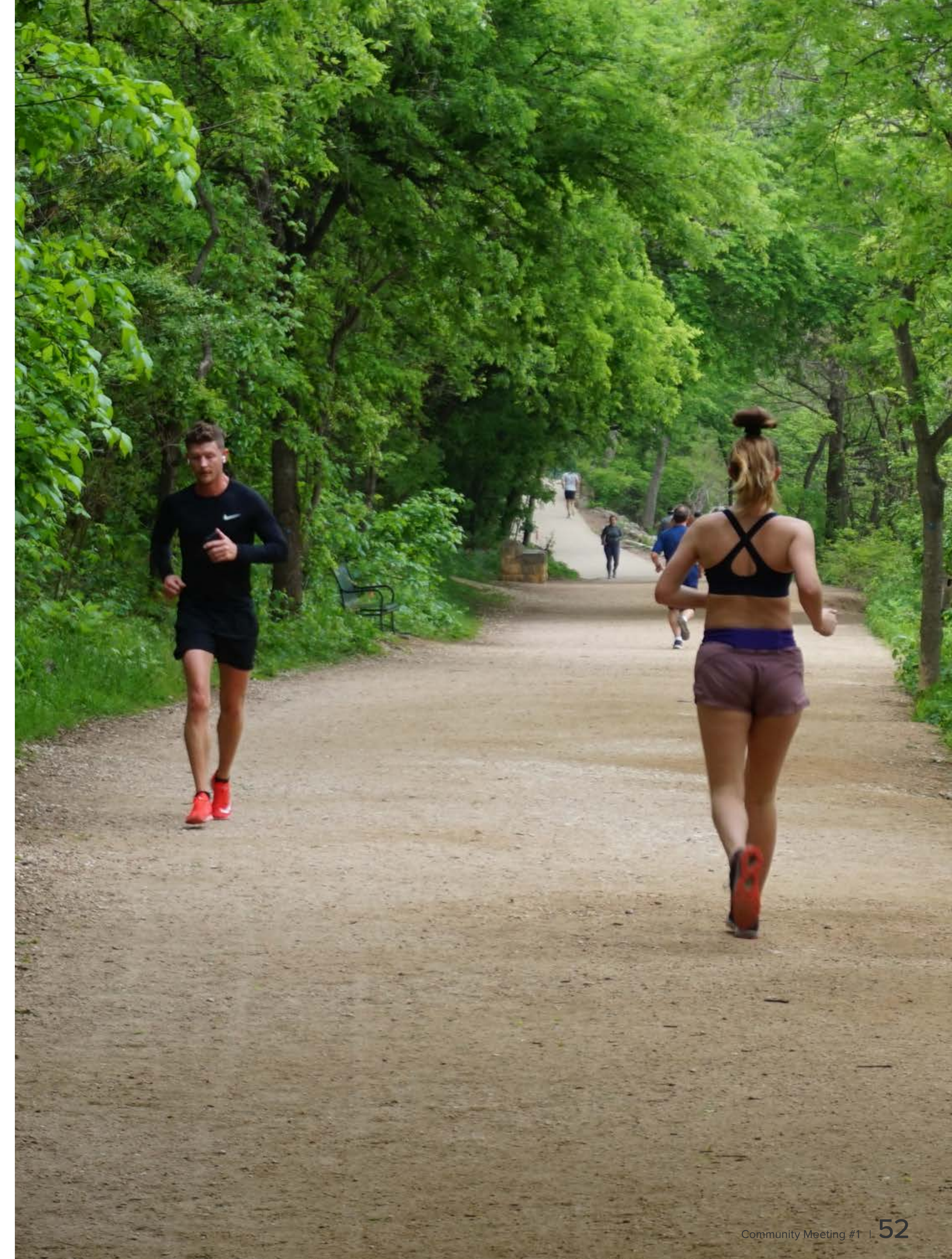


GOALS



Accessibility

- Ensure there are multiple safe, enjoyable, and convenient modes of transportation to access the park.
- Improve non-automobile mode access to, from, and within the park, in support of the ambitious mode split and climate goals within Austin City policy (ASMP, Climate Action Plan).
- Improve pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular circulation.
- Examine the surrounding trail network.
- Improve the wayfinding to and from different park destinations.
- Use transportation assets efficiently, so as to preserve park space for ecological and recreation systems.



GOALS



Sustainability

- Implement adaptive management strategies to create a resilient landscape in the face of climate change and dynamic user needs.
- As an urban park, Zilker should achieve balance between metropolitan use and ecological/environmental.
- Balance revenue needs with operations and maintenance of the park.
- Provide equitable opportunities for access to the park and the enjoyment of amenities.
- Explore public/private partnerships that extend the reach of the Parks Department to accommodate new opportunities.
- Sustain the implementation and maintenance of the park and utilize the support of volunteers.



NEXT STEPS

• July Pop Ups

• Community Meeting #2

August 10

• Contact Information

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ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov

• Zilker Metropolitan Park Vision Plan Website

<https://www.austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision>

Givens Park (D1)

3811 E 12th St
Saturday, July 3, 2021
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Bartholomew Pool (D4)

1800 E 51st St
Sunday, July 11, 2021
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Govalle Pool (D3)

5200 Bolm Rd
Saturday, July 17, 2021
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Northwest Family YMCA (D6)

5807 McNeil Dr
Monday, July 19, 2021
7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Balcones Neighborhood Pool (D7)

12017 Amherst Dr
Sunday, July 25, 2021
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Ramsey Neighborhood Park (D10)

4301 Rosedale Ave
Saturday, July 31, 2021
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Garrison Pool (D5)

6001 Menchaca Rd
Saturday, July 10, 2021
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Zilker Park

Barton Springs Pool
Friday, July 16, 2021
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Dittmar Pool (D2)

1009 W Dittmar Rd
Sunday, July 18, 2021
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Shipe Neighborhood Pool (D9)

4400 Avenue G
Saturday, July 24, 2021
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Southwest Family Y 6219 Oakclaire Dr (D8)

Monday, July 26, 2021
7:00 AM - 10:00 AM