

Caring Projects

\$1,952,000

Urban Forest Stewardship in Austin Texas
2015-2021



Development CITY OF AUSTIN
SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Urban Forest Program Mission

Enhancing Austin's quality of life by fostering a healthy urban forest for all.

Care Goal

Support urban forest health by promoting best practices for tree care.





Caring Project:

Restoration of Native Forest Ecosystems in the Balcones Canyonland Preserve

2021 AWARD

\$110,055.00

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT

Restoration of diverse flora and fauna communities through a range of water management and tree planting activities.

LEAD APPLICANT

Austin Water Utility

The project engaged 50 volunteers, who planted over 250 trees and shrubs, of 30 species. Signage helps educate and inspire others to protect habitat.

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/balcones-canyonlands-preserve>



Caring Project:

PEASE PARK INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL Tree Care

2021 AWARD

\$6,100

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT

This tree care project at Pease Park invasive species removals.

LEAD APPLICANT

Pease Park Conservancy

peasepark.org/trees-for-pease



Caring Project: AUSTIN PARKLAND TREE PROJECTS Tree Care

2021 AWARD
\$81,187

IMPACT
171 volunteer projects
occurred across multiple parks
and green spaces that all
received mulch, trees,
education and/or support.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
Austin Parks Foundation
<https://austinparks.org/>



Caring Project:

BUILDING SERVICES PROACTIVE TREE CARE

Tree Care

2021 AWARD

\$43,227

IMPACT

Proactive, structural pruning of trees on Building Services properties, including Fire Stations and other facilities.

This pruning will save maintenance costs in the long term by creating stronger trees that will be less likely to cause property damage or injuries.

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

Building Services Department,
City of Austin



Caring Project: AUSTIN CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS Tree Care

2021 AWARD
\$150,000

IMPACT

City of Austin's, Austin Civilian Conservation Corp (ACCC) is provides jobs in environmental and sustainability-related fields with a focus on public benefit and improvement projects in parks and green spaces.

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/austin-civilian-conservation-corps>

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

City of Austin, Austin Civilian Conservation Corps



Caring Project: Urban Forest Management at Lady Bird Lake

2021 AWARD
\$120,000

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT
The Trail Foundation spent 6 weeks removing invasive plants along the hike and bike trail.

LEAD APPLICANT
The Trail Foundation

They organized planting of 1200 saplings by volunteers.

They held 16 mulching events, using volunteer labor to add mulch where needed.
<https://thetrailfoundation.org/meet/butler-trail-projects/>



Caring Project:

COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT & EQUITABLE ORCHARD CANOPY GROWTH Tree Care

2021 AWARD
\$50,000

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT
Fruitful Commons distributed a total of \$30,000 in Mini-Grants. 14 projects received funding for trees, fertilizer, gardening tools, and additional materials to support a healthy urban forest ecosystem. 39 trees were planted through this year's mini-grants.

LEAD APPLICANT
Fruitful Commons

<https://fruitfulcommons.org/>



Caring Project: AUSTIN PARKLAND TREE PROJECTS Tree Care

2020 AWARD
\$110,500

IMPACT
Austin Parks Foundation facilitated 112 volunteer projects across multiple parks and green spaces. Projects included educational opportunities and mulch for trees.

<https://austinparks.org/>

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
Austin Parks Foundation



Caring Project: AISD PECAN SPRINGS ELEMENTARY IRRIGATION Tree Care

2020 AWARD
\$6,670

IMPACT
Installed irrigation system for
15 trees planted on the Pecan
Springs Elementary campus.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
Austin Independent School
District





Caring Project: WALNUT CREEK LIGUSTRUM CLEARING Tree Care

2020 AWARD
\$3,300

IMPACT
Keep Walnut Creek Wild
engaged volunteers to girdle
hundreds of invasive ligustrum
trees in Walnut Creek Park.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
Keep Walnut Creek Wild



Caring Project: AUCTION OAKS REVITALIZATION PROJECT Tree Care

2020 AWARD
\$ 2,058

IMPACT
A tree assessment was performed for the Auction Oaks Revitalization Project.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
Downtown Austin Alliance
Foundation



Caring Project: EXOTIC PLANT MAPPING & TREATMENT Tree Care

2020 AWARD
\$50,250

IMPACT
Surveyed and treated invasives
species on the Kent Butler BCP
property.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
City of Austin Water Utility



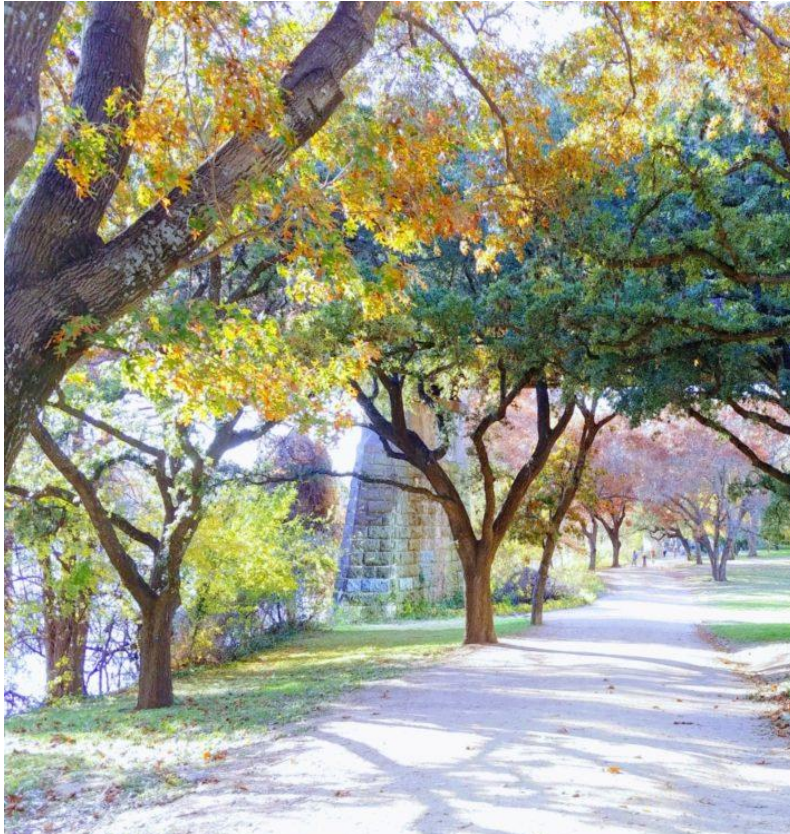
Caring Project: CIRCLE ACRES URBAN FOREST RESTORATION Tree Care

2020 AWARD
\$12,658

IMPACT
Removed invasive trees,
planted trees, installed
groundwater irrigation, and
installed educational signage
on the Circle Acres Nature
Preserve.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
Ecology Action of Texas



Caring Project: THE TRAIL FOUNDATION – URBAN FOREST Tree Care

2020 AWARD
\$120,000

IMPACT
This project provided Lady Bird Lake Trail with 3,165 new trees, tree care for 952 trees, tree care education for 23 people, and engaged with 318 volunteers.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
The Trail Foundation
thetrailfoundation.org/urban-forestry-management-program



Caring Project: OAK WILT ASSESSMENT COMPLETED Tree Care

2020 AWARD
\$1,200

IMPACT
An oak wilt survey and assessment was performed for the Colony at Maple Run neighborhood.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
The Colony at Maple Run
Committee



Caring Project: REMOVE AND REPLACE PROGRAM Tree Care

2018 - 2020 AWARD
\$97,339

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT
Tree Folks removed 31
dangerous trees and gave away
30 saplings to 25 homeowners.

LEAD APPLICANT
Tree Folks



Caring Project: AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TREE MAINTENANCE Tree Care

2020 AWARD

\$31,075.00

FUNDING SOURCE

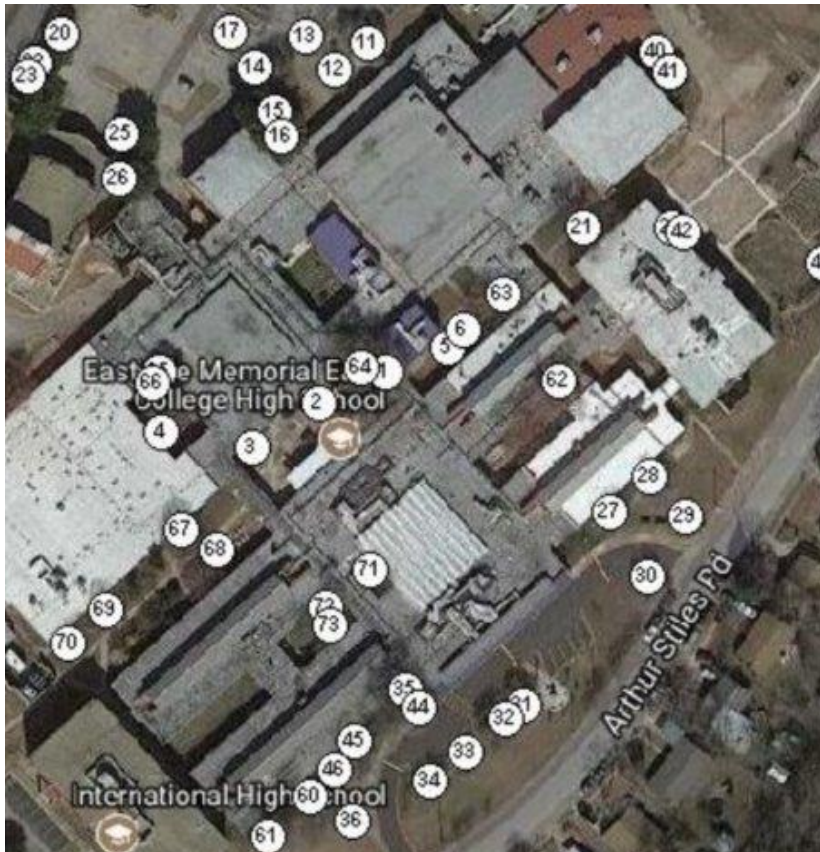
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT

Funding was made available for tree maintenance on Austin Public Library campuses.

LEAD APPLICANT

City of Austin Public Library



Caring Project:

Urban Forest Specialist Tree Mapping

2017 - 2019 AWARD

\$68,019

IMPACT

An Urban Forest Specialist was hired to assist AISD with the creation of an inventory of trees on AISD property as well as assess tree health and risk mitigation. The Forest Specialist coordinates with school communities to plant new trees for long-term health of the tree canopy on AISD campuses.

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

Darien Clary, Austin Independent School System



Caring Project:

AUSTIN PARKS FOUNDATION TREE PROJECTS Tree Care Projects

2019 AWARD

\$133,430

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

Austin Parks Foundation
<https://austinparks.org/>

IMPACT

183 volunteer projects occurred across multiple parks and green spaces that all received mulch, trees, education and/or support. An estimated 442 trees were cared for.



Caring Project:

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRENGTHS & GAPS ASSESSMENT

Research

2019 AWARD

\$10,000

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

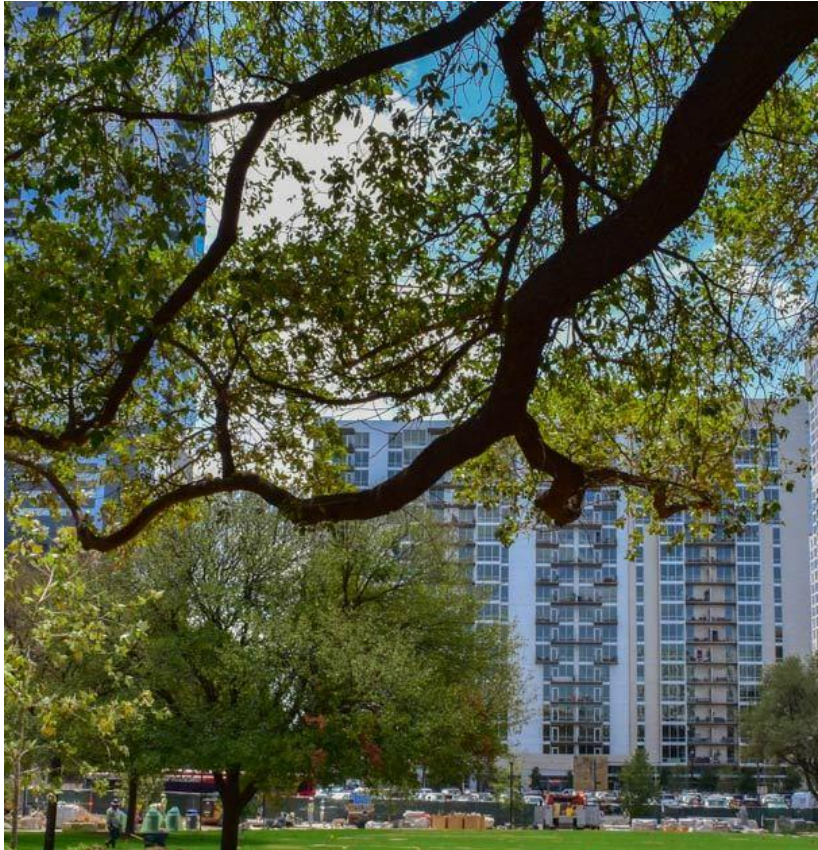
IMPACT

This was a contribution to hire consultant to determine areas of efficient use (strengths) and deficiencies (gaps) of green infrastructure using geographic analysis methodologies.

LEAD APPLICANT

Office of Sustainability





Caring Project:

REPUBLIC SQUARE AUCTION OAKS BOUGH
SUPPORT

Tree Care

2019 AWARD

\$16,504

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT

A structural support was installed on a critical bough of the Auction Oak in Republic Square.

LEAD APPLICANT

Downtown Austin Alliance



Caring Project:

ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION Tree Care

2019 AWARD
\$140,275

IMPACT

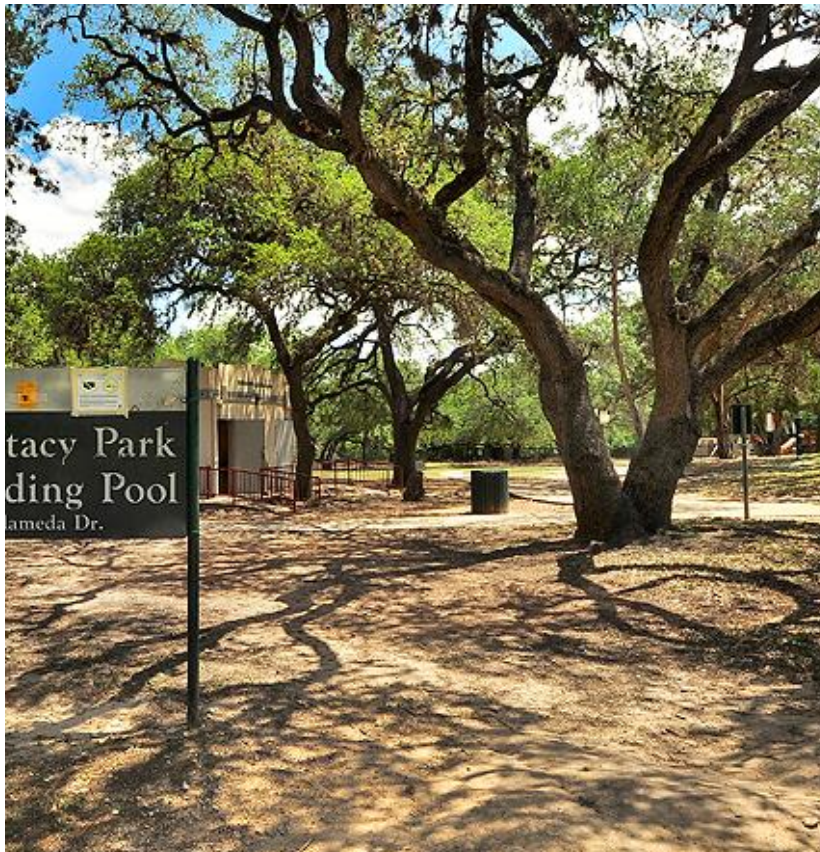
This projects improves Austin's urban forest as it exists along the Trail through mulching, removing invasive species on trees, conducting a Trail-wide tree risk assessment, tree pruning, planting seedlings, and educating the public on the importance of proper tree care.

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

The Trail Foundation



Caring Project: LITTLE STACY PARK Tree Care

2019 AWARD
\$14,500

IMPACT
Tree care for eight large live
oaks at Stacy Park.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
Friends of Blue Bonnet Hills
Neighborhood Association



Caring Project:

WALNUT CREEK METRO PARK ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

Invasive Species Control

2018 AWARD

\$3,300

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT

Removal and monitoring of invasive plant species at the Walnut Creek Metro Park.

LEAD APPLICANT

Keep Walnut Creek Wild

<http://www.meetup.com/Keep-Walnut-Creek-Wild-The-Meetup-Group/>



Caring Project:

AUSTIN PARKS FOUNDATION TREE PROJECTS Tree Care

2018 AWARD

\$148,101

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT

177 volunteer projects occurred across multiple parks and green spaces that all received mulch, trees, education and/or support.

LEAD APPLICANT

Austin Parks Foundation
<https://austinparks.org/>



Caring Project: AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES Tree Care

2018 AWARD

\$118,651

IMPACT

Tree care maintenance at
Austin's public libraries.

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

City of Austin, Austin Public
Library



Caring Project: MASSEY TRACT SITE Land Appraisal

2018 AWARD
\$35,148.00

IMPACT
Purchase of a forested 5-acre tract of land to compliment the Balcones Canyonland Preserve.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
City of Austin, Water Utility



Caring Project: ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN Tree Care

2018 AWARD

\$16,900

IMPACT

Tree care at the Zilker Botanical Garden as part of the Taniguchi Garden Restoration.

FUNDING SOURCE

Planting for the Future Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

City of Austin, Parks and Recreation



Caring Project: SHIPE PARK_BALL MOSS REMOVAL Tree Care

2017 AWARD
\$5,500

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT
This project removed 90% of the ball moss from 9 trees located at Shipe Park. Additionally, small and necessary pruning cuts were completed to bring the trees back to health.

LEAD APPLICANT
Friends of Shipe Park



Caring Project: SHADE TREE PRUNING BETWEEN BRIDGES Tree Care

2017 AWARD
\$2,800

IMPACT
Four live oak trees and one pecan were pruned between the Pfluger Pedestrian Bridge and historic Union Pacific Railroad bridge. This project improved access to the trail and supported the health of the trees receiving care.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
The Trail Foundation



Caring Project:

PARD FORESTRY TREE ESTABLISHMENT Tree Care

2017 AWARD
\$40,375

IMPACT
PARD Forestry undertook preventive care for 793 park trees.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT
Urban Forestry Operations,
Parks and Recreation
Department,
City of Austin



Caring Project:

PARD FORESTRY TREE MAINTENANCE Tree Care

2017 AWARD

\$31,454

IMPACT

PARD Forestry performed proactive tree maintenance on 212 park trees at South Austin Neighborhood Park and Adams-Hemphill Park.

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

Urban Forestry Operations,
Parks and Recreation
Department,
City of Austin



Caring Project:

BAILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL Tree Care

2016 AWARD
\$880

IMPACT

This project amended the soil of 20 trees at Bailey Middle School Campus. Costs included compost, mulch, and a 4 wheeled cart to move the material around the site.

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

Bailey Middle School PTA



Caring Project:

LADY BIRD JOHNSON WILDFLOWER CENTER Tree Care

2016 AWARD
\$11,886

IMPACT

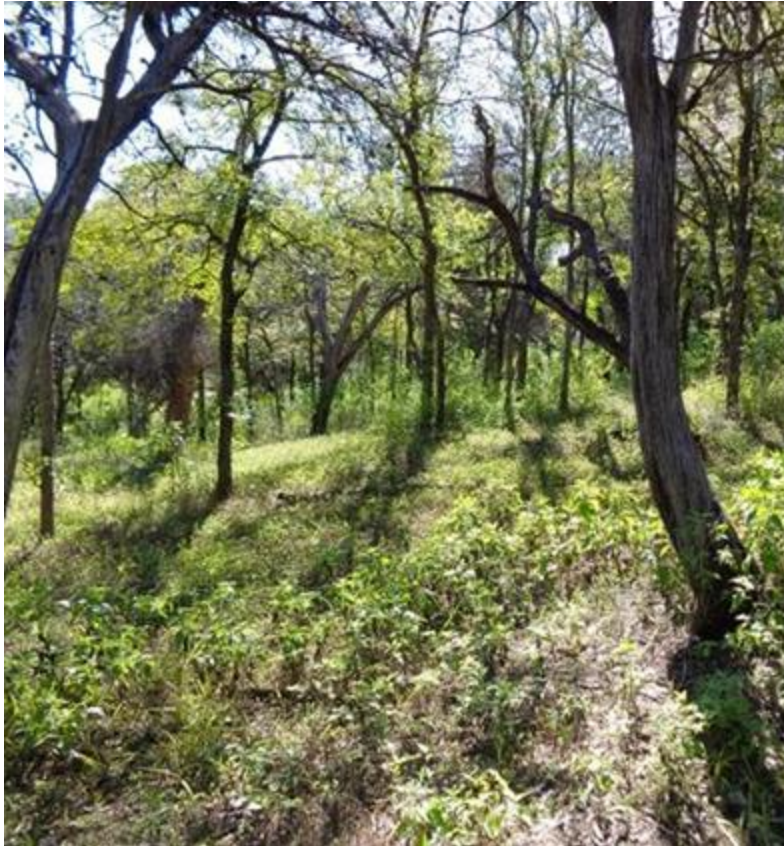
This project supported the hiring of an arborist intern at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. The intern assisted staff arborists in the care and culture of trees at the Wildflower Center, including tree ID, propagation, planting, pruning, climbing techniques, and equipment operation.

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

University of Texas at Austin Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center



Caring Project:

BUTLER TRAIL

Tree Care

2016 AWARD

\$55,000

IMPACT

This project focused on seven areas around Lady Bird Lake that required pruning in live oak groves. Extensive root grown cleaning and structural pruning was required.

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

The Trail Foundation



Urban Forest Sustainability and Management Review



AUSTIN'S URBAN FOREST PLAN 2017

Inspiring Project: URBAN FOREST IMPLEMENTATION Planning

2016 AWARD
\$18,060

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT
The UFSMR is a tool created by the U. S. Forest Service to guide continued improvement for urban forest programs. The City of Austin, along with other governmental, non-profit and commercial groups undertook the review to assess Austin's progress in meeting the long-range vision of the Urban Forest Plan.

LEAD APPLICANT
Development Services, City of Austin



Caring Project:

PEASE PARK Tree Care

2015-2016 AWARD

\$72,945

IMPACT

This tree care project at Pease Park included tree planting, invasive species removals and structural pruning for both tree health and public safety.

peasepark.org/trees-for-pease

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANT

Pease Park Conservancy



Caring Project:

BURNET ROAD TREE WATERING PROJECT Tree Care

2015 AWARD

\$1,500

FUNDING SOURCE

Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

IMPACT

86 non-irrigated trees, planted along the right-of-way, were hand watered during the summer months. Tree were planted during a different phase of the project along Burnet Road from 2222 to Highway 183. Costs included landscape fabric, trunk guards, mulch. Watering was conducted by volunteers and paid staff.

LEAD APPLICANT

Sustainable Neighborhoods of North Central Austin



Caring Project:

OAK WILT PREVENTION Disease + Pest Control

2015-2019 AWARDS
\$1,943,106

IMPACT
Over 100 live oak trees have been treated with oak wilt preventative, and two suppression trenches have been installed to prevent the spread of oak wilt to new trees.

FUNDING SOURCE
Urban Forest Replenishment Fund

LEAD APPLICANTS
City of Austin, Development Services & Public Works Departments



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