

Community Gardens on Public Land



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Why Community Gardens?

- The City of Austin recognizes the importance of local food and access to fresh, healthy food.
- It's estimated that Austin's Community Gardens are currently producing over 100,000 pounds of fresh local, organic produce for Austin residents every year!
- The Parks and Recreation Department views community gardens as another amenity we can provide for residents, just like tennis courts, dog parks, or splashpads.
- Our goal is to have urban agriculture opportunities available for all residents of the City of Austin.
- Gardening should be another form of recreation!



Community Gardens and Good Food

- **Grow Your Own!**
 - You'll know it's organic if you yourself have grown it
 - Children who grow vegetables are more familiar with them and more likely to want to eat them (...and the same goes for adults!)
- **“Food miles” matter for nutrition!**
 - Food traveling long distances undergoes more chemical processing to preserve it for market
 - Food traveling long distances is often older and less nutritious
- **Save Money!**
 - A packet of organic tomato seeds can cost less than one organic tomato
 - Community gardens let you share tools, thus reducing individual buy-in



Existing Gardens on Public Land

COMMUNITY GARDENS:

- Deep Eddy Community Garden
- Festival Beach Community Garden
- Blackshear Community Garden
- Gus Garcia Community Garden
- North Austin YMCA Community Garden
- Patterson Park Community Garden
- Clarksville Community Garden
- Homewood Heights Community Garden

SENIOR GARDENS:

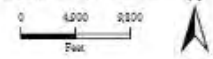
- South Austin Senior Center
- Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center
- Gus Garcia Recreation Center
- Pan American “Cantu” Recreation Center
- Dottie Jordan Recreation Center (grand opening 9/13!)





- Future Community Gardens
- Existing Community Gardens
- Existing Senior Gardens

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City of Austin: Public Community Garden Sites

Deep Eddy Community Garden

Parks Land | Operating for 30 years |

Location: Lady Bird Lake (Mopac and Deep Eddy)



The Garden has been an active organic community garden for more than 30 years. There are more than 30 garden plots of various sizes with the largest being 20 x 20.

Festival Beach Community Garden

Parks Land | Created with SFC
Location: Lady Bird Lake



The garden offers approximately 80 member plots (10' x 20'), 2 cooperative plots (40' x 40') and raised beds, as well as native plant and herb beds, wildlife habitat areas, fruit trees and nopalitos.



Blackshear Community Garden
Watershed Land| Started Jan. 2008
Location: 2011 E. 9th St.

This garden is the size of an urban city lot. The garden offers shared neighborhood rows and 8 individual plots. Blackshear is on City land that the Watershed Department owns because of a storm water pipe installed to prevent flooding.

Clarksville Community Garden
The Haskell House, 1703
Waterston Avenue, 78703



19 total plots. Founded in 2004 in partnership with City of Austin, American YouthWorks, and Clarksville NA

Homewood Heights Community
Garden

2606 Sol Wilson Ave. 78702



7 total plots. Founded in 2009 in partnership with City of Austin

Gus Garcia Community Garden

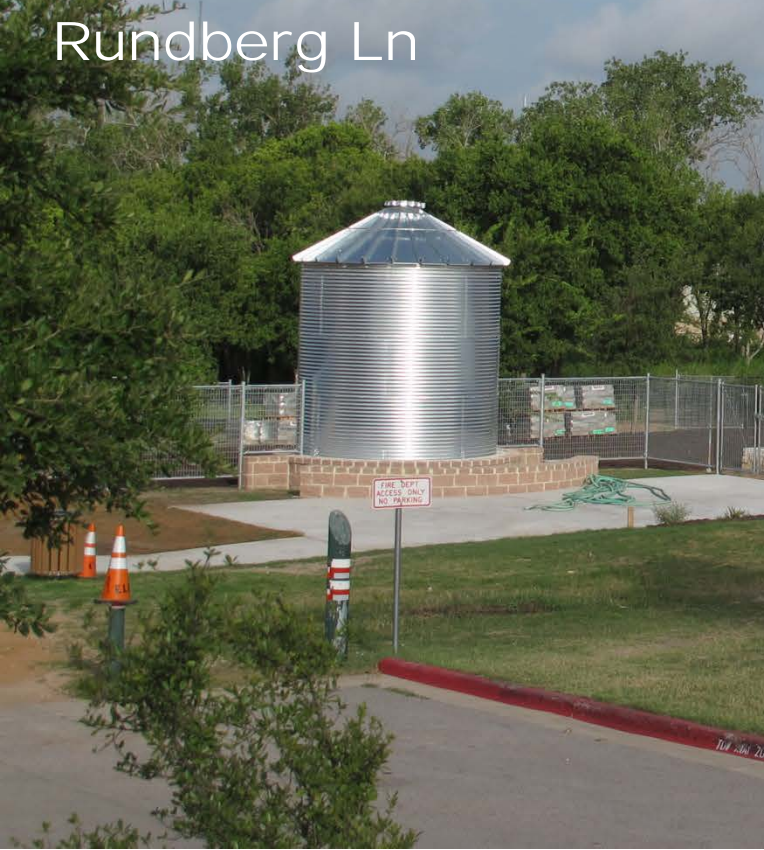
PARD land | Garden Permit Issued |

building phase | February 2014

expected completion

Location: North Austin - 1201 E

Rundberg Ln



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Community Garden at Gus Garcia Park and Recreation Center, 1201 E. Rundberg Lane, across from Dobie Middle School

Jardín de la comunidad en Gus Garcia Park and Recreation Center, 1201 E. Rundberg Lane, frente a Dobie escuela secundaria.

Accepting applications for garden plots, bed size: 5' x 16' (80 sq ft), \$50 annual fee

Aceptando solicitudes para huertos tamaño 5' x 16' (80 pies cuadrados), \$50 anual

Senior gardening space provided by St. David's Foundation

Espacio de jardinería para mayores proporcionado por St. David's Foundation

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North Austin YMCA – AIPP Project

PARD land | Garden Permit Issued

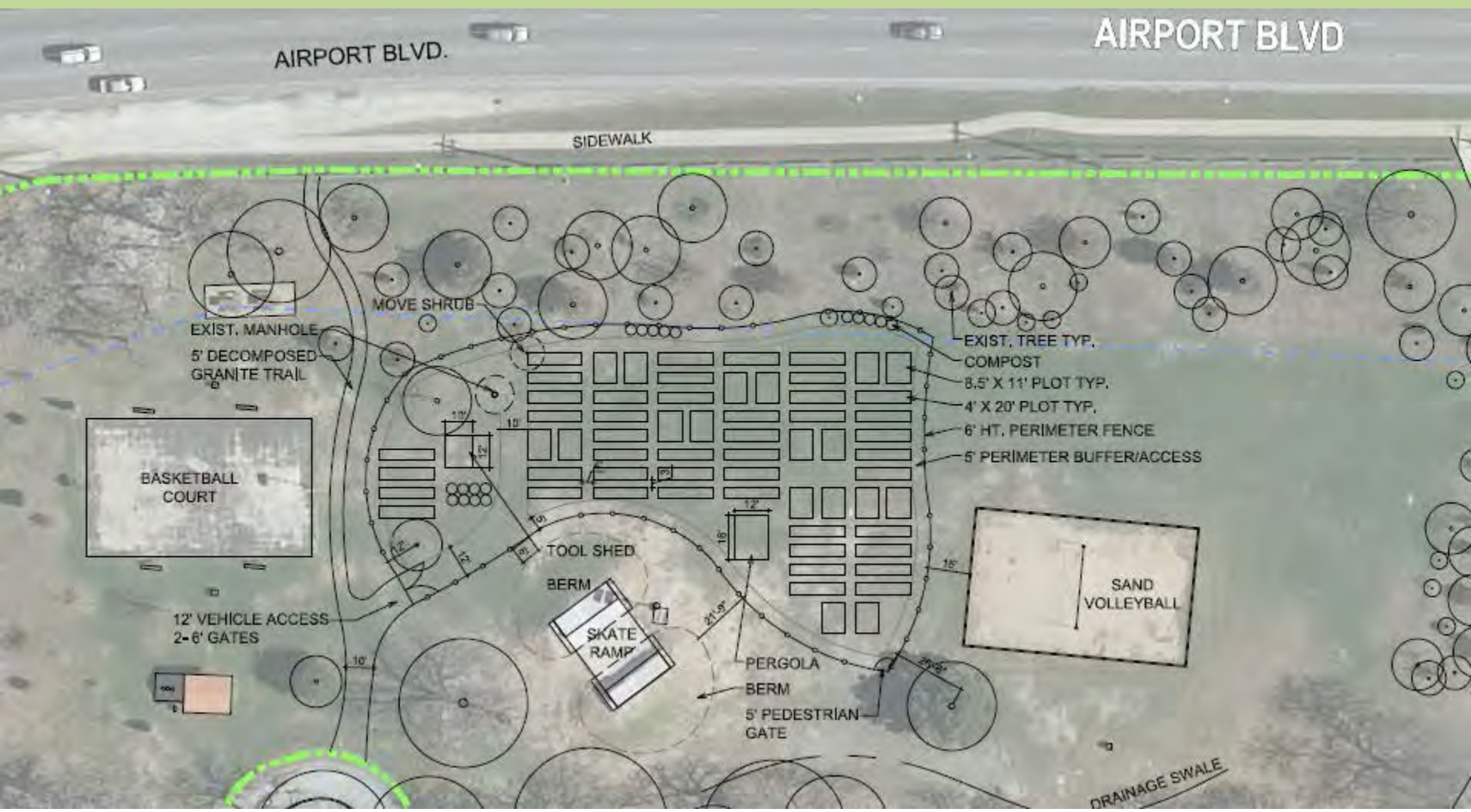
Location: North Austin – 1000 W. Rundberg Ln



Patterson Park Community Garden

PARD land | Garden Permit Issued| solarizing Summer 2014,
construction to begin late Fall 2014

Location: East Austin – Airport Blvd. and Brookview Rd.



Pending Gardens on Public Land

(Active Applications)

- Adelphi Acre Community Garden
- Cherry Creek Community Garden
- East Lola Drive Community Garden
- Oakview Park Community Garden
- George Washington Carver Freedom Garden (Kealing Park)
- Holly Shores Food Forest



Adelphi Acre Community Garden

PW land | Garden Permit application expected in August

Location: Northwest Austin - corner of Adelphi Ln & Amherst Dr.



Highly motivated and organized community group working steadily on CG design and garden permit. May apply for future grants for garden and general improvements of the parcel.



Cherry Creek Community Garden

WPD land | Garden Permit issued | planning phase |

Spring 2014 expected completion

Location: South Austin - Bayton Loop and Burrough Cove



This is a joint project with SUACG and NPP (Public Works). Funding has been provided by NPP and we are sharing the design, community engagement, and implementation responsibilities. The garden will have 24 beds and serve the Cherry Creek Neighborhood. LadyeAnne Wofford of KAB is one of the garden organizers.

Oakview Park Community Garden

PARD land | Garden Permit issued summer 2013 | design phase | fall 2014 expected completion

Location: Northwest Austin
- 10800 Oak View Dr.



Garden leadership team working hard at revising garden design and applying for water tap and city permits; gathering community support and fundraising. They are going to incorporate the native persimmon (small tree, center) into the garden itself and plan to incorporate other fruit trees into the garden.

Potential Gardens on Public Land

(No active application yet)

- Dove Springs Recreation Center Community Garden
- UT Elementary School Community Garden



How Do We Get a License Agreement and Get Permitted?



Questions???

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1. Locate a suitable piece of public land (generally PARD property)
2. Get support from neighborhood (i.e. letters of support)
3. Put together a written description, design sketch, membership contract, and project timeline
4. Find a sponsoring nonprofit (like SFC)
5. Fill out SUACG application including site plan and AWU meter application (TAPS form)
6. Get endorsed by the SUACG (with the City)
This process will take some time. The SUACG office will sign off on your application or request that you make changes if need be. What official endorsement means:
 - Water fee waivers
 - You've been through our process
 - You have constant SUACG support
7. File for permits and sign "license agreement" with owner of property (i.e. PARD, Public Works, Watershed) which says you can use site
8. Begin gardening!