



SA PARKS SYSTEM PLAN

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City Council A Session

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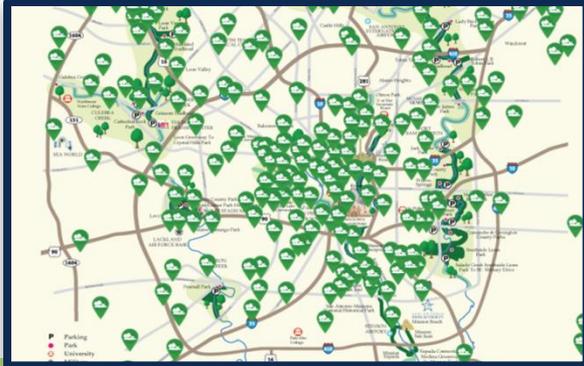
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PURPOSE

Guides Future Planning Decisions



Expansion

- Green Space
- Parks
- Trails



Capital Improvements

- New Park Amenities
- Addresses Aging Infrastructure



Programming

- Types of Programming
- Partnerships

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Robust Effort

Wide-Ranging Audience

- General Public, Park Users, Key Stakeholders & Partners, Parks Staff & Other City Employees

Broad-Ranging Interfaces

- Social Media, Print, Radio, Television, News Stories, Workshops, Free Events

Paper/Online Survey – Fall 2017

- 2,800 Completed Responses



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JOIN THE CONVERSATION
SHARE YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUR PARKS!

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
OP SCHNABEL TRAILHEAD TOUR & BIKE RODEO
9006 BANDERA, 10AM

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10
MILLER'S POND COMMUNITY CENTER
6375 OLD PEARSCALL, 6PM - 8PM

TAKE A SURVEY
LEARN ABOUT THE SYSTEM PLAN AND TAKE THE SURVEY AT:
WWW.SAPARKSANDREC.COM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23
THE TOOL YARD
10303 TOOL YARD, 6PM - 8PM

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SPREAD THE WORD!
We need your help!

<http://bit.ly/saparksandrec>

How do YOU envision your city parks over the next 10 years?
Visit the link above to take the online survey!

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<http://www.sanantonio.gov/ParksAndRec/News-Events/SAParksSystemPlan>

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PLAN PARA EL SISTEMA DE PARQUES DE SAN ANTONIO

TALLERES COMUNITARIOS

¿CÓMO IMAGINA SUS PARQUES DE LA CIUDAD DURANTE LOS PRÓXIMOS 10 AÑOS?

¡ÚNASE A LA CONVERSACIÓN Y COMPARTA SUS OPINIONES!

12 DE OCTUBRE
BIBLIOTECA CENTRAL, 600 SOLEDAD
600 SOLEDAD, 5:30PM - 7:30PM

24 DE OCTUBRE
CENTRO COMUNITARIO DE SOUTHSIDE LIONS
3507 HARBATHA, 6:PM

8 DE NOVIEMBRE
CENTRO COMUNITARIO GARZA
3627 MIRIA VISTA, 6:PM

2 DE DICIEMBRE
CENTRO COMUNITARIO CLAUDE BLACK
2905 E. COMMERCIE, 9-11AM

11 DE DICIEMBRE
PHIL HARDENBERGER PARK URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER
8400 N.W. MILITARY HWY, 6-8PM

10 DE ENERO
MILLER'S POND COMMUNITY CENTER
6375 OLD PEARSCALL, 6-8PM

23 DE ENERO
THE TOOLYARD
10303 TOOL YARD, 6-8PM

TU CIUDAD. TUS PARQUES.
OBTÉNEN MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL PLAN DEL SISTEMA DE PARQUES Y CÓMO PARTICIPAR EN:
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GOALS



GOAL 1: RESPONSIVE

San Antonio's park system responds flexibly to dramatic growth and change. *SA TOMORROW*, made up of comprehensive multimodal transportation and sustainability plans, focuses on the challenges and opportunities associated with adding one million people to the region by 2040. The park system, trail network, and recreation programming will adapt and serve the local needs and neighborhood culture.



GOAL 2: RESTORATIVE

The park system is key to community health and wellbeing. Parks and trails provide calm, cool places to relax as well as exciting places to interact and work up a sweat. San Antonio celebrates in the community's parks and this fun is far from frivolous. Through events, classes and sport, community members learn about and from each other.



GOAL 3: RESILIENT

The park system includes the most resilient infrastructure in the City, showcasing all aspects of sustainability. Facilities are adapting to a hotter climate, providing more variety indoors and more comfortable outdoor environments. From the river to acequias, splash pads, and drinking fountains, water is celebrated, accessible, and essential to life in San Antonio. The urban forest, inside park lands and beyond, is a critical part of the green infrastructure of the City.



GOAL 4: RESOURCEFUL

The broad base of support for the park system reflects the positive impact on many users, partners, and related City services. San Antonio makes the most of the available resources by actively maintaining partnerships, efficient and effective management, and provision of services.

URBAN FORESTRY ASSESSMENT

Recommendation and Strategy Categories:

- Code and Institutional Changes
- Additional Tree Planting Goals
- Management of the Program
- Education
- Green Corridors
- Promotion
- Partnerships
- Maintenance



DRAFT PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT

December 2018 – February 2019

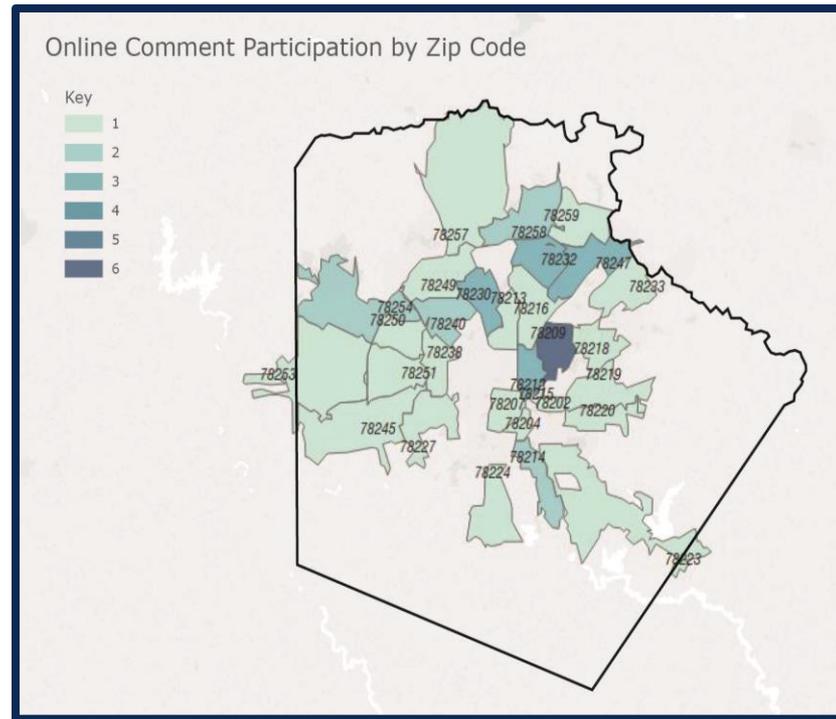
- **371** Online Responses

Draft Plan Public Review

- Online Link Advertised Via Bilingual Digital/Print Ads, Social Media, and SA Parks Website
- Community Meeting
- Telephone Town Hall – Over **2,400** Participants

Public Support

- Overwhelming Support for Draft Plan



DRAFT PLAN CHANGES

Natural Resource & Wildlife Habitat Protection

STRATEGIES:

- 1.2.d - Explore opportunities for park/natural areas/trails in public right of way, greenways, & tributaries **where compatible with resource protection**
- 1.2.e – Promote **resource-sensitive** use of aquifer protection land acquisitions & easements for nature based activities
- 3.2.c – Provide habitat **and protection** for pollinators, insects, and wildlife where appropriate

PRIORITY PROJECT TABLE 5-1:

- Plant trees, enhance park landscapes, **and create stormwater management to enhance park function and user experience**
- Enhance **and protect** habitats and other natural resources in the park system



DRAFT PLAN CHANGES

Sustainability

STRATEGIES:

- 1.3.c – Adopt trail width and design standards that consider increased future use, **environmental impact**, and safety for people of all ages and abilities on wheels, foot, and bike

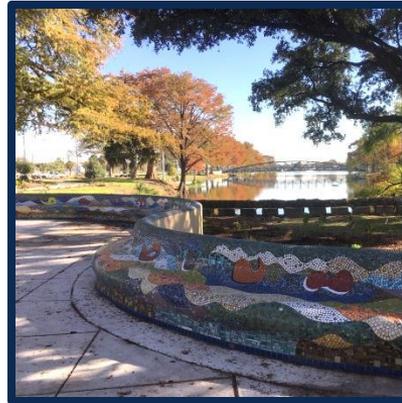
STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTIONS:

- Add sentence at the end of Strategic Implementation Direction #5: ***The implementation of projects resulting from this plan will conform to the City's adopted guidelines and strategies such as the TCI Guidelines and the Trail Design Strategy (TDS)***



RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends Approval of SA Parks System Plan





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