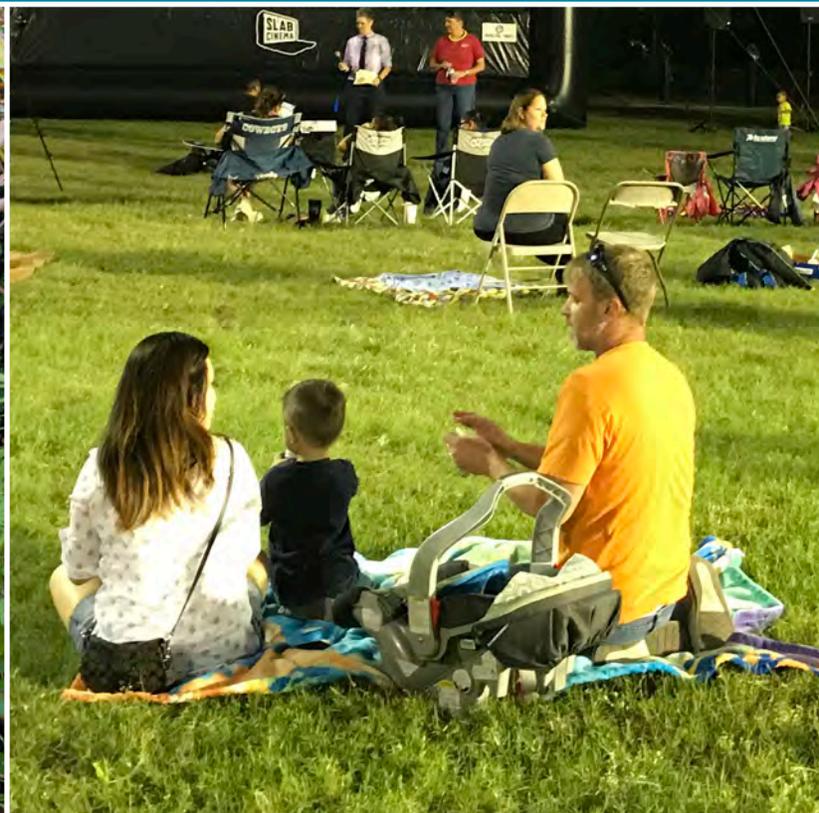
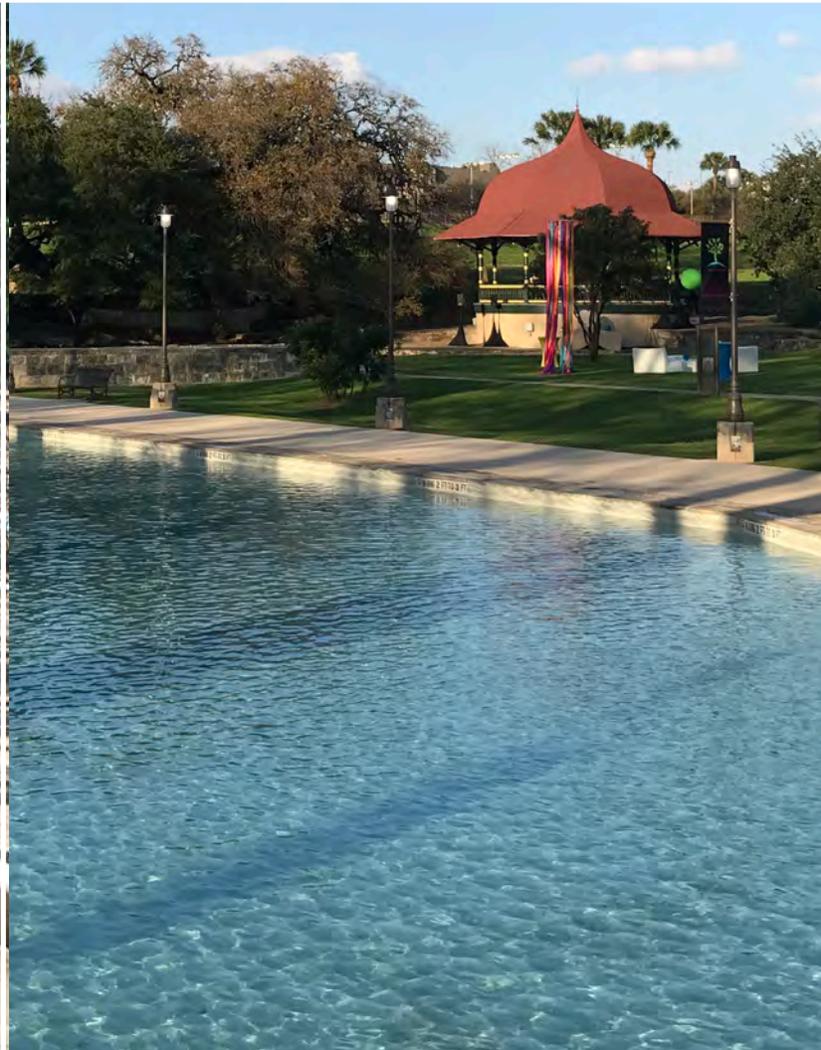




SA PARKS SYSTEM PLAN







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WELCOME!

On behalf of the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department, I am pleased to present to you the 2019-2029 SA Parks System Plan. This system plan will guide future planning decisions about expansion, capital improvements and programming of the more than 250 City-owned parks and recreational facilities, 16,000 plus acres of green space and over 200 miles of trails. The plan also includes an assessment of the Department's Urban Forestry Program and aligns with the SA Tomorrow long-range plan initiative.

Public input remains clear – thoughtful and deliberate planning and promotion of parks, recreation facilities and programs is needed to keep pace with the growth, changing demographics, aging infrastructure and social needs challenging San Antonio as our population grows. Though the City of San Antonio will assume a leadership role in this effort, comprehensive planning can only be accomplished through close coordination with our residents as well as private companies, nonprofit organizations and other public agencies.

With this collaborative spirit in mind, the project team undertook a robust community engagement effort involving the community, staff, various stakeholders and user groups to identify to our park system's needs and formulate a comprehensive set of goals and recommendations that will provide a roadmap for the Parks and Recreation Department over the course of the next ten years. The SA Parks System Plan recognizes the challenges presented by city growth and complex social needs and presents the following recommendations to assure that all parks, facilities and programming keep pace with San Antonio residents for the coming years.

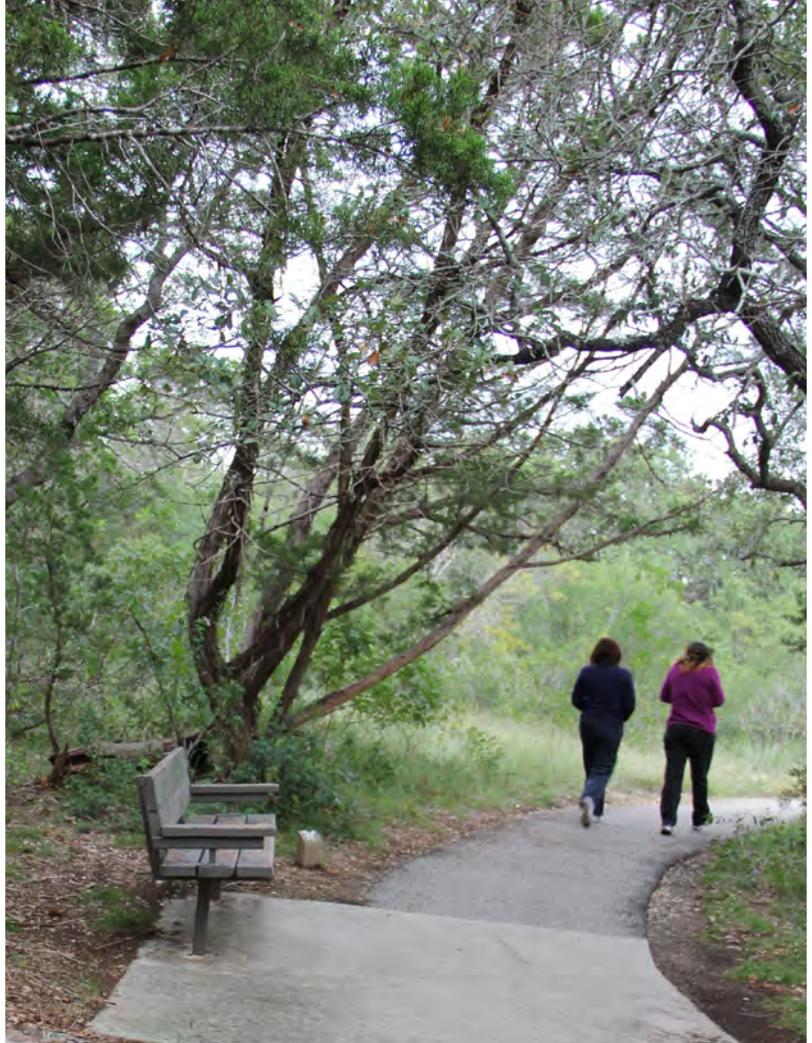
We look forward to working together with everyone in order to achieve the goals identified in the SA Parks System Plan over the next ten years and beyond to transform San Antonio parks into a Responsive, Restorative, Resilient, and Resourceful parks system.

THANK YOU.



Xavier D. Urrutia, Director

Parks and Recreation Department





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The SA Parks System Plan guides future improvements to San Antonio’s system of parks, recreation facilities, trails, programs, and events. The document will inform planning decisions and investments for expansion, capital improvements, and programming over the next ten years. Proposed changes involve forward-thinking initiatives, diversified programming, reinvestment in existing assets, new amenities, and a range of small- and large-scale priority capital projects.

The 18-month parks system planning process involved examination of the current system and identification of needs and ideas for a future premier system. Outreach activities encouraged participation from a wide range of stakeholders, including children, seniors, Spanish speakers, and representatives from diverse interest groups. In total, over 3,200 community members weighed in through online surveys, community events, and workshops.

Drawing on community input, technical expertise, and staff insight, this Plan identifies four goals that describe how the system is envisioned in the future. Each goal includes a number of related objectives that more specifically define the preferred end state. Together, the goals and objectives direct system growth and change.



GOAL 1: San Antonio has a RESPONSIVE parks system.

Objective 1.1: Parks, trails, facilities, and programs align with the character of the neighborhood, place type, and local community.



- Objective 1.2:** Creative approaches provide parks, facilities, trails, and recreation programs that fill gaps in the system and in services.
- Objective 1.3:** The trail network supports fun, exercise, and transportation for all.
- Objective 1.4:** The City provides equitable access to parks and recreation activities and diverse user experiences.
- Objective 1.5:** Hours and services are set with user access in mind.
- Objective 1.6:** Implementation of the system plan adapts to changes over time.

GOAL 2: The Parks System is RESTORATIVE to the community's health.



- Objective 2.1:** The parks system is an equitable, essential part of City infrastructure that supports the physical, mental, and social health of individuals, families, and communities.
- Objective 2.2:** Parks provide a nature-oriented, tree-centric oasis in a hot, urban environment.
- Objective 2.3:** Park lands, trails, and programs connect children and users of all ages to outdoor experiences and nature.
- Objective 2.4:** Residents have healthy habits, supported by access to healthy places, healthy food, farmers' markets, community gardens, and programming.
- Objective 2.5:** Mental health is bolstered by easy access to natural environments and supportive programs and services, including nature play and natural elements.



GOAL 3: San Antonio is more RESILIENT because of parks and recreation.

- Objective 3.1:** The benefits of the urban forest are maximized inside and outside of parks.
- Objective 3.2:** Ecologically sensitive landscape design throughout the parks system supports biodiversity, pollinators, local fauna and flora, and decreases resource-intensive landscape maintenance practices.
- Objective 3.3:** Programming increases knowledge and stewardship of natural and cultural resources for individuals and groups of all ages.
- Objective 3.4:** Stormwater is slowed, reused, and allowed to recharge the aquifer as much as practical through low-impact, ecologically sensitive design.
- Objective 3.5:** Water is provided as a resource for health, attraction, and play.
- Objective 3.6:** Indoor and outdoor facility design, use, and programming is adapted to respond to rising temperatures.
- Objective 3.7:** Policies and practices model a holistic view of sustainability.



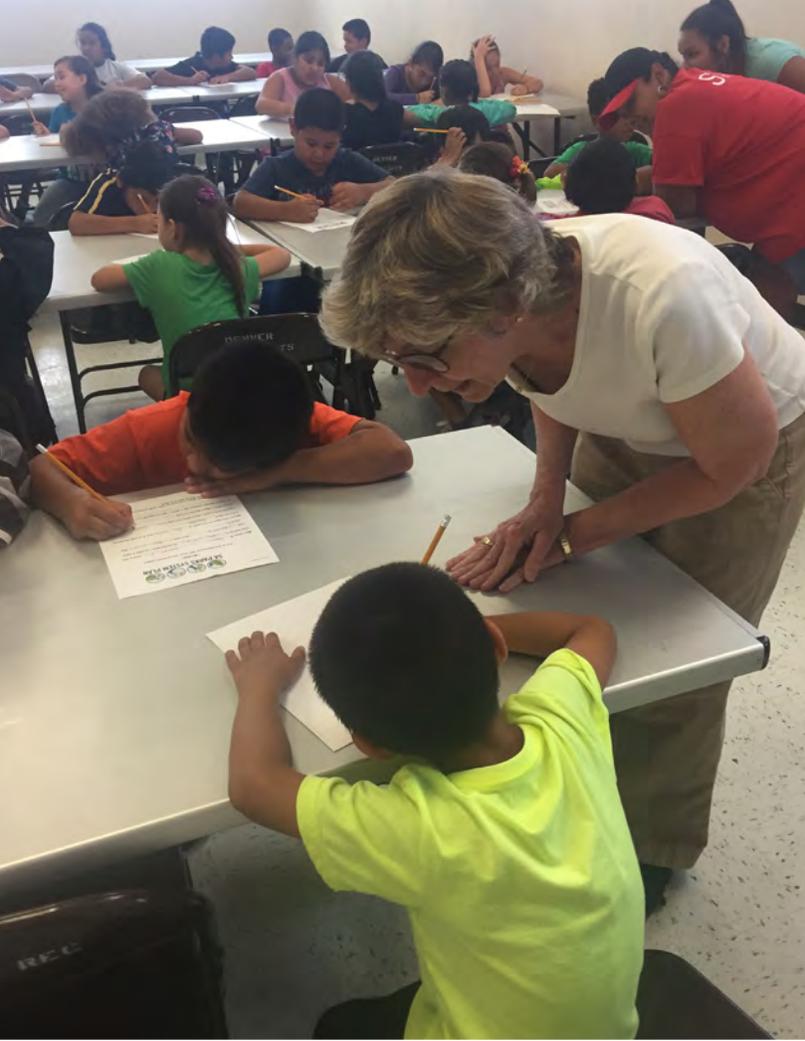
GOAL 4: The City is RESOURCEFUL in creating, maintaining, and changing the parks and recreation system.

- Objective 4.1:** Every project is multi-dimensional, multi-layered, and multi-purpose.
- Objective 4.2:** Projects and services clearly match community priorities and there is an open line of communication between the community and City.
- Objective 4.3:** Partner facilities, programs, and services expand San Antonio's parks system resources.
- Objective 4.4:** Parks and programs build ownership in the local community, shown through public support for funding measures and citizen volunteerism.

- Objective 4.5:** Management, maintenance, operations, and safety provide a high-quality, accessible, and affordable experience to every user.
- Objective 4.6:** Investment in indoor facilities is maximized through multiple uses across the morning, day, and evening hours.

These goals and objectives, along with a series of more detailed actions, serve as important tools to guide Parks and Recreation Department staff in accomplishing their departmental mission, achieving community aspirations, and advancing the overall vision for San Antonio's parks and recreation system. Further, the Plan identifies a set of strategic directions and priority projects for advancement. Plan implementation is envisioned to provide San Antonians with a variety of high-quality recreation experiences, improved trail connections, enhanced health, environmental sustainability, a distinct sense of place, and enriched quality of life.







1 OUR SYSTEM PLANNING PROCESS



Access to the rivers and creeks builds ownership in San Antonio's natural resources.

INTRODUCTION

The future is bright for San Antonio as the City celebrates its 300th anniversary. Long known as a destination for visitors and a cultural hub for Texas, San Antonio was named by Forbes magazine in 2018 as one of the top 10 coolest places to visit. Home to 1.5 million people and the seventh largest American city, San Antonio is also the fastest growing city in the United States. The population increased by more than 24,000 people between 2016 and 2017 alone (U.S. Census Bureau). For these and other assets, San Antonio was ranked as one of the best places in the United States to make a fresh start in 2018 (LendingTree Data, February 2018).

The Parks and Recreation Department is a key contributor to San Antonio's success in drawing and retaining residents and businesses and a major partner in attracting visitors. While the City is nationally known for certain park destinations, such as the Riverwalk and the Alamo, the entire parks system is gaining the momentum to transform, renew, and better reflect the vibrant community from each corner of San Antonio that it serves.

With the recently passed 2017–2022 Bond Program to fund capital park projects, continuing support of the Edwards Aquifer Protection and Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails Propositions, and the adoption of this 2019–2029 SA Parks System Plan, the City is poised to become the leader among Texas parks and recreation agencies, as well a model for the nation.



Parks are an important location for the community's cultural events.

PLAN PURPOSE

The **SA Parks System Plan** guides future planning decisions about expansion, capital improvements, and programming of the more than 250 City of San Antonio-owned parks and additional recreational facilities, a robust system that consists of over 15,000 acres of green space and more than 200 miles of trails. The SA Parks System Plan leverages and works closely with the SA TOMORROW long-range plan initiative and meets the requirements of the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife. The Plan includes an Urban Forestry Program Assessment (see Appendix A) and recommends future funding goals and objectives. It provides guidance for the next ten years on park and facility development, recreation programs, partnerships, urban forestry, funding, and operations. The plan is updated every 10 years and was last adopted in 2006.

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Implementing SA TOMORROW

The SA Parks System Plan was developed in the context of SA TOMORROW'S overarching guidance for the future of San Antonio. SA TOMORROW is a three-part planning effort focused on addressing the challenges and opportunities associated with adding over one million people to the San Antonio region by 2040. The effort will guide San Antonio toward smart, sustainable growth through a multi-pronged approach that encompasses the City's Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Plan, and Multimodal

Transportation Plan. The resulting SA TOMORROW documents serve as a platform for various City departments and community partners, including the Parks and Recreation Department, to build a cohesive and accessible future vision. The three SA TOMORROW components include:

- **SA TOMORROW Comprehensive Plan**

The Comprehensive Plan provides strategic long-range direction for decision-making, planning, development, and community investment for San Antonio. The Plan implements “place-types” that drive planning, design, use, and form of public space, roads, trails, and parking. This Plan elevates the importance of parks, trails and natural areas; and it provides a city-wide vision in which each key place-type has related trail, park and recreation resources that make them great. The parks and recreation system is integral to the following Comprehensive Plan Elements: Community Health and Wellness (CHW), Public Facilities and Community Safety (PFCS), and Natural Resources (NRES).

- **SA TOMORROW Sustainability Plan**

The SA TOMORROW Sustainability Plan focuses on seven key areas: energy, food system, green building and infrastructure, land use and transportation, natural resources, public health, and solid waste resources. San Antonio’s parks and recreation system is integral to all of these key areas, with particular emphasis on natural resources and public health.

- **SA TOMORROW Multi-Modal Transportation Plan**

The Multimodal Transportation Plan builds upon and operationalizes the Comprehensive Plan by recommending an inclusive, sustainable, safe, and efficient transportation system that supports San Antonio’s growth, prioritizes projects, and provides innovative funding models. San Antonio’s parks and recreation system is important to the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan because trails and pathways provide appealing options for non-motorized, active transportation throughout the city, and parks and recreation facilities are important destinations for multi-modal transportation users in San Antonio.

SA Tomorrow’s place-types include focusing development around trails and parks.



SYSTEM PLANNING PROCESS

The SA Parks System Plan update process was conducted in three phases over 18 months, grounded in a robust community and staff engagement process.

SA PARKS SYSTEM PLANNING PROCESS



Phase 1: Context and Assessment

The first phase consisted of relevant plan and policy research, documentation of the parks and facilities inventory, and assessment of demographic and recreation trends. Phase 1 also included the foundational community outreach process, consisting of extensive online and in-person public engagement, documented in the Community Input Report (see Appendix B).

Phase 2: Strategic Direction and Recommendations

In Phase 2, four guiding goals were developed and refined, drawing from the results of Phase 1. Staff and stakeholder interviews and the results of a detailed analysis of Parks and Recreation Department programs and policies were used to refine the goals and inform the objectives.

Phase 3: Plan Development and Review

The SA Parks System Plan document was developed and refined during Phase 3, including review by staff and community engagement in the form of online and in-person community workshops. Following the public review process, the SA Parks System Plan was presented to the Planning Commission and City Council for adoption.

Community meetings informed the development of this Plan and ongoing engagement will be key to implementation.





Community members completing surveys and youth-focused activities. Responses were developed into the Plan's goals and objectives.

COMMUNITY AND STAFF ENGAGEMENT

Community and staff engagement was a foundational component of the system planning process, guided by a Public Participation Plan developed by consultant team member Ximenes & Associates. The engagement

approach incorporated a variety of input methods with the twofold purpose of: gathering feedback about needs and opportunities; and educating the public about the system planning process, as well as various programs offered through San Antonio's Parks and Recreation Department.

Community engagement activities were designed to reach a wide audience that reflects the diverse needs of San Antonio's population, including children, seniors, Spanish speakers, and local



groups of park users and non-users. Public outreach was conducted in person, online, and via social media. Workshops and meetings were held during various times (day and night, weekday and weekend) in multiple locations throughout the city in order to accommodate a variety of participants. Engagement events were publicized in various formats, including email, social media, news media (online, print, television, and radio), and flyers distributed throughout San Antonio. The Community Input Report provides a detailed summary of community engagement activities (see Appendix B).



Answering questions and gathering input at events held at community centers across the city.

Methods for Promoting Public Participation

- **Website:** The City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department established a dedicated web presence and email for the SA Parks System Plan to promote meetings and events and share information about the Plan with the general population.
- **Door Hanger, Flyer, and Yard Sign Distribution:** Bilingual door hangers, flyers, and yard signs were distributed to local libraries, various organizations, and Parks and Recreation community centers and facilities throughout the city. These materials publicized workshops and other opportunities to provide input.
- **Videos:** The Parks and Recreation Department developed a video in English and Spanish that aired on local television and social media. The videos encouraged community members to take the survey, explained the importance of their input, and provided information about accessing the survey.

Public Participation Activities

- **Youth Engagement Activities:** During 2017 City summer camps and programs, youth ages 6–15 were involved in the system planning process using a Mad Libs-style fill-in-the-blank exercise.



The project also went to the people, collecting ideas at community events.

- **Community Workshops:** Seven community workshops were held throughout San Antonio in Phase 1. These workshops included Spanish translation services and opportunities for online and paper feedback with English and Spanish survey stations to encourage feedback from all community members. Engagement activities included exercises about funding, programs, facilities, and transportation.
- **Community Events:** Also during Phase 1, the Parks and Recreation Department staff took Parks System Plan workshop materials out into the community to engage community members who might not typically attend community meetings or visit parks. Events included participatory activities, bilingual online and paper format surveys, and fun information sharing methods. In addition to these organized events, staff also gathered further survey input at a variety of city-wide sponsored events.
- **Community Survey:** From October 2017 to April 2018, a community survey (offered in both English and Spanish) was available both online and in paper format. A total of 2,810 respondents completed the survey, including 546 paper forms collected during community events and workshops during Phases 1 and 2.
- **Stakeholder Questionnaires:** Stakeholder questionnaires were emailed during Phase 2 to gather in-depth input from individuals and organizations with close connections to the City of San Antonio’s parks and recreation system. Stakeholder groups included the Conservation Advisory Board for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program, Phil Hardberger Park Conservancy, San Antonio Botanical Garden, San Antonio Classics Elite Soccer Academy (CESA), San Antonio Zoo, and the YMCA.
- **Plan Review Activities:** The public draft of the SA Parks System Plan was released at the end of 2018. The City collected feedback in the first months of 2019 through a community meeting, online comment form and Telephone Town Hall. Comments from the community helped refine this final plan and inform future implementation activities. The plan was then reviewed and approved by the Parks Commission, Planning Commission and City Council.

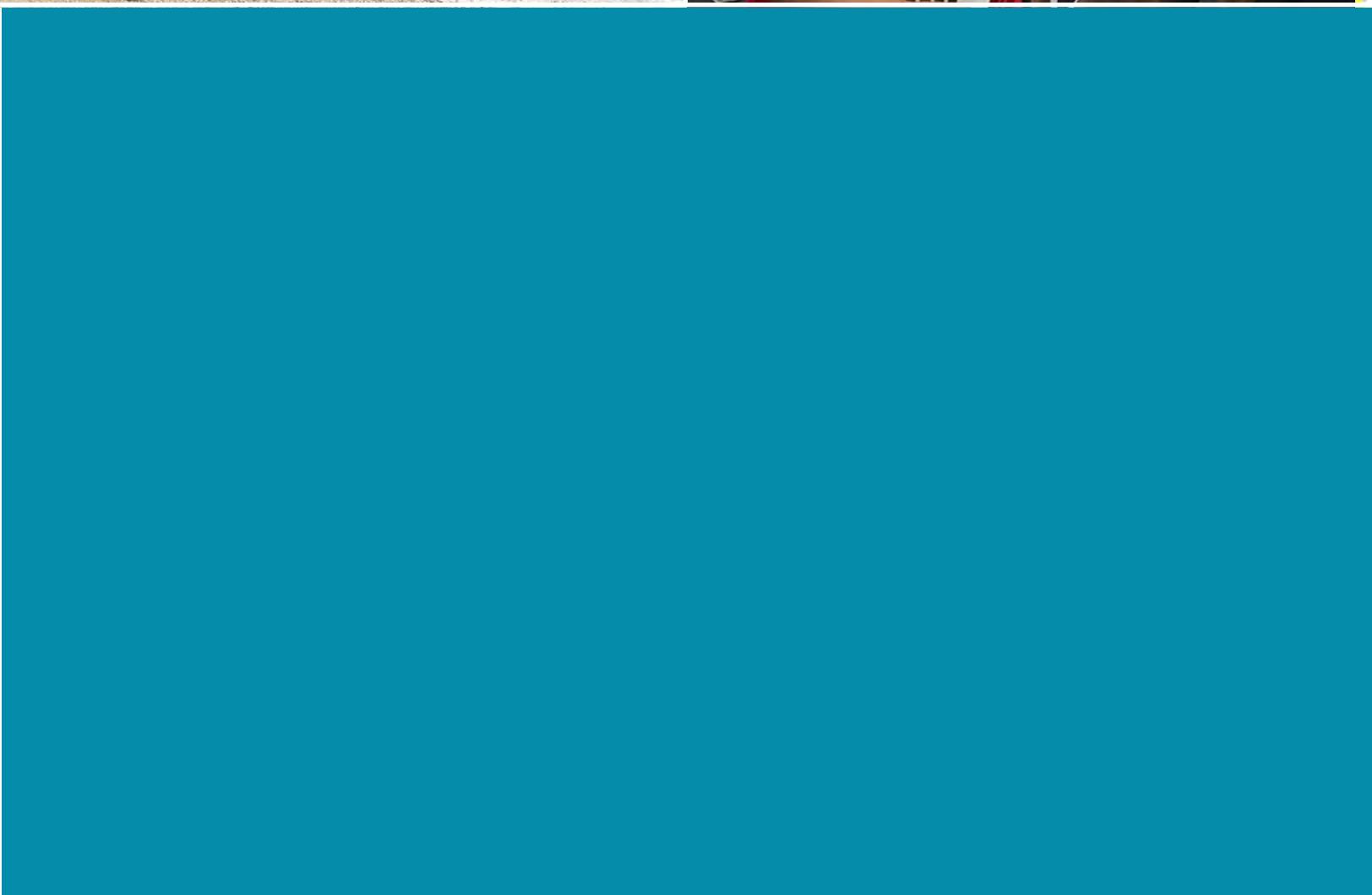
Staff Participation Activities

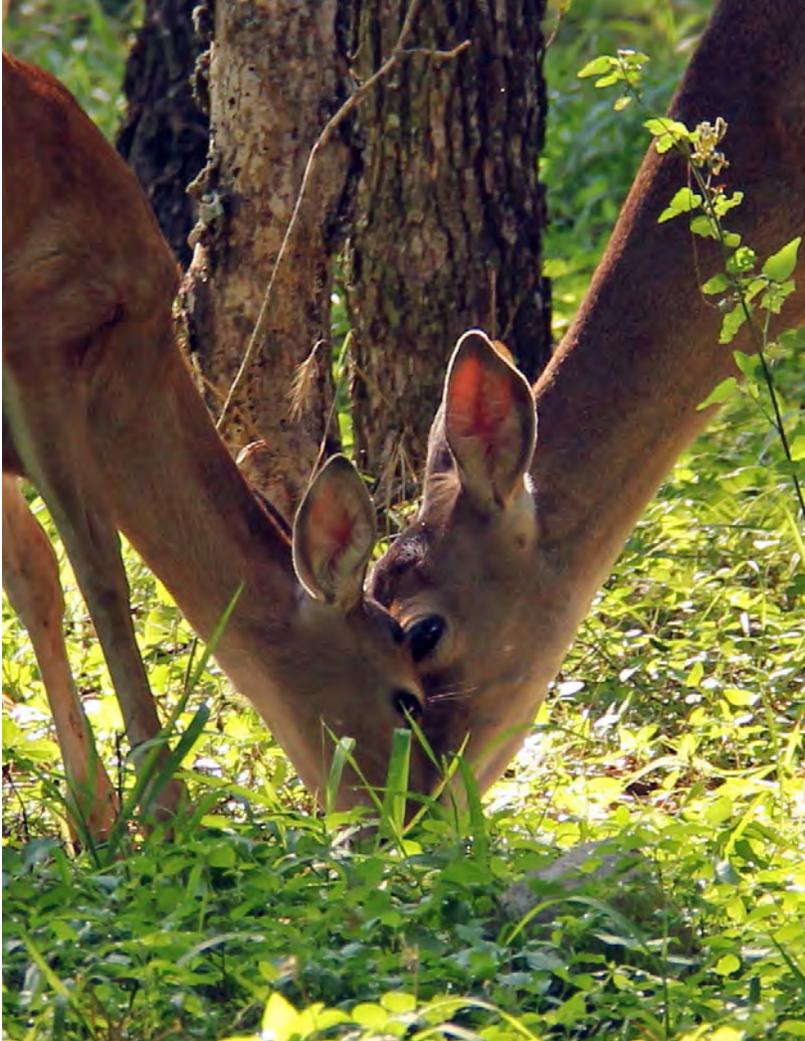
Parks and Recreation Department staff know San Antonio's parks intimately and have daily interactions with San Antonians. The staff engagement approach tapped into this wealth of knowledge about community and parks system needs.

- **Staff Survey:** An in-depth survey was administered to Parks and Recreation Department staff, online and in paper format, throughout March and April 2018. A total of 346 staff provided insights through the survey.
- **Staff Focus Group Meetings:** Over the course of Phase 2, focus group meetings were held with staff from various divisions and work groups within the Parks and Recreation Department. These meetings contributed to the identification of needs, goals, and objectives.
- **Interdepartmental Staff Questionnaire:** Questionnaires were emailed during Phase 2 to gather input from departments that work closely with the Parks and Recreation Department. These included Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI), Center City Development and Operations, Department of Human Services (DHS), Planning Department, Office of Sustainability, and the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL).



Fun, easy-to-answer questions in a fill-in-the-blank form prompted great input from kids in summer programs.





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OUR PARKS SYSTEM



Pools are one of the ways park users keep cool, exercise, and have fun.

INTRODUCTION

San Antonio’s Parks and Recreation Department is the singular most important provider of recreation opportunities in the city. Across San Antonio, there are many providers of, and outlets for, recreation opportunities. Unlike other providers that may cater to certain groups, the City of San Antonio plays a significant and distinct role in managing properties and delivering programming for the public-at-large (at no- or low-fee) with responsibility to the entire community.

PARK INVENTORY HIGHLIGHTS

252



park sites

+32



school parks

16,002



areas of City-owned park lands and natural areas

205



miles of trails

47



parks with community buildings and centers

297



sports fields

28



pools

13



dog parks

PARKS AND RECREATION ASSETS

A wide range of features and assets make up San Antonio’s parks and recreation system (see Citywide Park System Map, pages 16–17). These include a variety of parks (large and small), recreation facilities (buildings and special purpose features in parks), amenities, fields, courts, trails, and recreation programs that work together to create wide-serving recreation experiences. System assets are summarized on the following pages and a detailed inventory of parks, natural areas, and facilities is documented separately (see Appendix C).



Off-leash dog parks provide social space for dogs, and more importantly for their people.

Park Lands

Over 30,000 acres of public park land (across all city, county, and state and national parks agencies) means that more than 10% of the total land area of San Antonio is public park land* (about the same percentage as Austin and slightly less than Dallas or Houston). The City of San Antonio’s Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for managing and maintaining more than 16,000 acres of this expansive network.

The Parks and Recreation Department has used a set of park land classifications for many years. Nine park land categories are carried forward in this Parks System Plan (see sidebar). These park land categories clarify the roles that specific parks play in the larger system. Regardless of the type of park, each site—from the Lady Bird Johnson Fountain at 0.10 acre to natural areas and regional parks over 1,000 acres in size—contributes to the San Antonio park experience.

An important part of the parks system is the inventory of local school sites. Thirty-two school sites throughout the city operate as school parks through a partnership with San Antonio Sports. Each school park site is opened to the public after school hours and on weekends and holidays for exercise and recreation.

*City Park Facts 2018. Center for City Park Excellence, Trust for Public Land.

PARK LAND CATEGORIES

- **Regional Park**
- **Community Park**
- **Neighborhood Park**
- **Greenway**
- **Natural Area**
- **Historic Resource**
- **Sports Complex**
- **Special Use Facility**
- **Urban Space**

FIGURE 3-1. EXISTING PARKS SYSTEM

Parks System

-  SA Parks (All Categories)
-  School Park/Shared Use Sites
-  Parks Less than Two Acres (Emphasized for visibility)
-  Trails

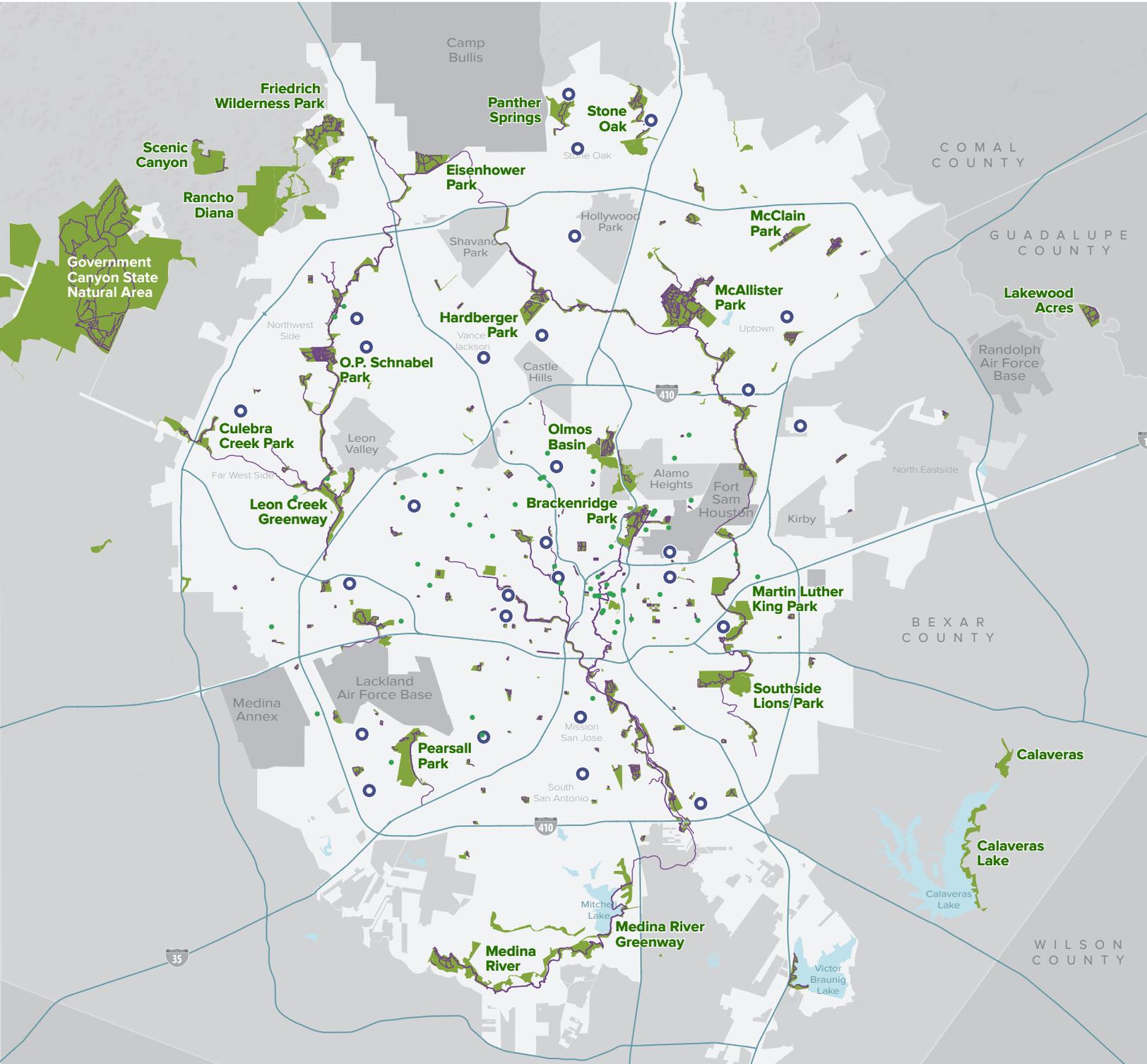
Base Map Features

-  San Antonio City Boundary
-  County Boundary
-  Military Installations
-  Major Highways
-  Rivers and Streams
-  Waterbodies

Data provided by:

- City of San Antonio, 2018
- City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department, 2019
- Bexar County, 2018
- National Hydrography Dataset, 2018
- Texas Department of Transportation, 2015







Paved greenway trails provide long-distance connections for transportation, exercise, and fun.

Trail System

San Antonio’s current park and facilities inventory notes 205 miles of existing trails in San Antonio, with many more miles in design or under construction in 2018. Trail types identified in the inventory include:

- **Hiking/Walking Trails** are soft surface or paved trails in parks and natural areas designated for pedestrian uses. They generally consist of internal circulation within existing park lands.
- **Paved Multi-Use Trails**, also known as Class I multi-use trails, are typically asphalt or concrete paved trails that are separated from roadways and vehicular traffic. Both pedestrian and bicycles use these trails. Paved bicycle trails include San Antonio’s greenway facilities.
- **Unpaved Bicycle Trails** are used for mountain biking in eleven park locations, such as McAllister Park. These trails are located in wooded areas. The bike group South Texas Off Road Mountain-Bikers (STORM) donated time to install some of these trails.

Beyond the three trail types described above, other existing and planned trails and routes (including on-street bikeways, sidewalks, and the Mission Trails system) combine to complement the trail system owned and operated by San Antonio’s Parks and Recreation Department.

The Howard W. Peak Greenway Trail System is a growing network of multi-use creekway trails and connected parks. It is the most prominent trail facility serving San Antonio that includes more than 65 miles of paved multi-use and accessible trails and over 1,400 acres of creek-side open space along Leon Creek, Salado Creek, Westside and tributary creeks, as well as the San Antonio and Medina Rivers.

Recreation Facilities

Within park lands, a wide variety of recreation facilities—including buildings, pools, courts, playgrounds, splashpads, and sports fields—create opportunities for play, competition, learning, and gatherings. Of these facilities, the community centers and pools are key to the provision of classes, events and, drop-in recreation opportunities in San Antonio.

Forty-seven San Antonio parks, mostly regional parks and community parks, have community centers or special purpose buildings on site. Some sites have multiple buildings for a total of 54 community and senior centers. Twenty-six of these community centers focus on sports, dance, fitness, and other recreation programming (see Appendix B).

Other buildings include:

- Adult and Senior Centers
- Fitness Center
- Urban Ecology Center
- Sunken Garden Theater
- Berta Almaguer Dance Studio
- Hillside Acres Club House, Roosevelt Club House, Woodlawn Lake Island House
- Mass Facilities (Rosedale and Camargo)
- McFarlin Tennis Facility
- Japanese Tea Garden
- Natatorium



Outdoor swimming is a free and fun summer activity in San Antonio.



SCHOOL PARKS

The School Parks Program, formerly known as SPARK, is a partnership between the City of San Antonio and San Antonio Sports, a local non-profit. The program provides residents with access to designated school grounds after school hours, and on weekends and holidays. Currently, thirty-two school sites throughout the city operate as School Parks.

School Parks support recreation and healthy lifestyles for San Antonians by expanding neighborhood fitness and recreation opportunities with a variety of amenities such as trails, exercise stations, play facilities, and multi-use sports fields. What if the School Parks also supported cultural, ecological, and community events? Opportunities to further enrich School Parks resources could be explored in collaboration with willing partners.

SA: Our school-park partnerships do so much!



Top: Recreation programs develop dancers and other artists through classes and performance. Above: Indoor recreation is important to year-round physical activity.

Swimming in San Antonio is largely outdoors, taking advantage of a long summer and warm fall. Outdoor swimming pools are located within regional parks and community parks, contributing to the expansive role these large sites fulfill. The year-round indoor pool operated by the City is the San Antonio Natatorium. Several additional indoor pools are operated by partner organizations, some on park land leased from the City.

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

San Antonio organizes recreation programming into nine organizational categories. The specific programs within these categories vary year-to-year as the Parks and Recreation Department adapts to the trends and needs of the community. In all programming categories, the Department has focused on providing inexpensive and free opportunities to maximize

community access to recreation.

Examples of the programming in each category are provided below:

- **Summer Youth Programs:** The Summer Youth and Teen Connection programs provide youth development opportunities and offer the chance to participate in a variety of structured, supervised activities such as traditional sports, active games, craft projects, fitness and nutrition

activities, math and science enrichment lessons, art exploration, as well as summer reading. At a smaller scale, the Out-of-School Camps provide fun and learning during school breaks in the fall, winter, and spring. These programs also offer lunch and snacks for youth.

- Fitness Programs:** This category includes the popular and award-winning Fitness in the Park program, also available as a mobile program called Mobile Fit that travels to schools, parks, and community events. It also includes more traditional studio fitness classes, including Zumba and yoga, offered at community centers.
- Youth Athletics:** Sports teams and leagues for youth participants are organized by individual community centers in sports such as volleyball, soccer, and basketball. Sports offerings also include tournaments, clinics, and sports conditioning classes.
- Aquatics:** In addition to open/recreational swimming opportunities, organized swim lessons, competitive teams, water fitness, and lifeguard training comprise the aquatics program and enhance the water safety skills and health of kids, adults, and seniors in San Antonio.



Top: The San Fernando Boxing program trains amateur athletes between ages 8 and 34. Above: Seasonal programs are both fun and educational.



SA SUPPORTS “TREE CITY” STATUS

Money doesn’t grow on trees, but the City of San Antonio knows that social, economic, and environmental benefits all come with protecting the city’s urban forest. San Antonio has achieved Tree City USA status, meeting specific standards of urban forestry management—including having a community tree ordinance, maintaining a tree board or department, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrating Arbor Day.

Cities across the nation have started to appoint committees to advise staff on matters such as tree species selection, designation, planting, education, funding, and other planning or policy issues related to city trees. San Antonio is well-positioned to form a tree committee to advise the City on all things “trees,” which would benefit the entire community!

SA: Keeping our City growing in the right direction!

- **Cultural Services:** Cultural services offerings include programs in dance, music, and art instruction. Participants showcase their talents in a variety of dance and music recitals and public performances, as well as an annual art exhibit. Cultural Services also manages the Sunken Garden Theater.
- **Special Events:** Recreation Section staff coordinate special events such as 5k runs, seasonal celebrations, and National Night Out events. Additionally, special events include a variety of events in partnership with other agencies and departments, including the July 4th Celebration at Woodlawn Lake and the New Year’s Eve Celebration at Hemisfair Park.
- **Other Programming:** Individual facilities and sites offer specialized programming. This includes the boxing program, as well as nature and science programming. Additional programs are a collaborative effort with other outside groups such as Friends of San Antonio Natural Areas.
- **Community Center Programming:** Community Centers offer a variety of programming in art, education, sports, fitness, nature, science, and teen programming free of charge to the public. These programs have also gained award-winning designation from the Texas Recreation and Parks Association.
- **Adult and Senior Center Programming:** Adult and Senior Centers offer a variety of fitness, cultural, and social activities with some activities appropriate for all adults, while other activities are designed for active senior adults. The centers host a variety of seasonal activities and partner with several outside agencies. The centers also offer intergenerational programming periodically such as Grandparent’s Day celebrations and story times.

Recreation programming changes much more quickly than the built parks and facilities. The City continues to offer new and innovative programming through the community centers by updating a “Fun Menu,” which allows each center to select customized program ideas developed by experienced senior recreation staff. This approach maintains each center’s ability to respond to local interests while incorporating new ideas to keep the program mix fresh.

URBAN FORESTRY

San Antonio’s urban forest encompasses trees in parks, along streets, and on private lands. Our city’s trees beautify neighborhoods, provide shade and clean the air. Guided by the 1997 Tree Preservation Ordinance, the City manages the removal of trees by new development, requiring replacement or a contribution to the Tree Mitigation Fund and Tree Canopy Investment Fund. The City Forester, within the Parks and Recreation Department, is charged with using these funds to plant and maintain new trees to cover more of the city with healthy trees.

The Urban Forestry Program has planted over 88,000 new trees in San Antonio through tree planting events, community education, tree giveaways, and community partnerships.

In 2009, studies by American Forests (using satellite imagery) found that San Antonio had 38 percent overall canopy cover. Since instituting the Tree Preservation Ordinance in 2006, the Urban Forestry Program (through tree planting events, community education, tree giveaways, and community partnerships) has planted over 88,000 new trees in San Antonio. Efforts to inventory the number of trees and coverage of the urban forest continue (see Appendix A).



Tree giveaways have been a popular and effective way to increase the number of trees in San Antonio.

OTHER PROVIDERS AND PARTNERS

Other agencies own and manage park land within San Antonio’s city limits, and numerous organizations and groups are involved with San Antonio’s parks and recreation system. Below is a snapshot of key partner agencies and entities.

City of San Antonio Center City Development and Operations Department

Center City Development and Operations (CCDO) is responsible for the programming of San Antonio’s well-known River Walk, La Villita, Market Square, and select downtown parks such as Travis Park and Milam Park.

San Antonio Parks Foundation

The foundation works with Parks and Recreation, CCDO and Bexar County to enhance park and recreation projects. The Foundation creates new channels for funding from individual gifts and other philanthropic sources such as corporate grants. The proceeds from five large events support the operation of the foundation. These events include: Fest of Tails, Chaparral Music Festival (an official Fiesta event), San Antonio’s Official 4th of July Celebration at Woodlawn Lake Park, Jazz’SALive in Travis Park, and Celebrate San Antonio (official downtown New Year’s Eve Celebration).

In addition to providing monetary support for park projects, the San Antonio Parks Foundation is also able to accept donations of land for future parks and natural areas.



Yanaguana Garden Park.

Hemisfair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation

The City of San Antonio established the Hemisfair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation (HPARC), now a non-profit organization charged with management and revitalization of the Hemisfair area. HPARC opened Yanaguana Garden Park in 2015 and plans to open Civic Park in 2021.

National Park Service

The National Park Service (NPS) owns 990 acres of park land within San Antonio comprising the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, now designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. NPS records show that 1,381,383 visitors went to San Antonio Missions National Historical Park in 2017, making it one of the most visited park sites in San Antonio.

State of Texas

Since 2018, the State of Texas’ General Land Office has owned the Alamo National Historic Site. Annual visitation of the site is estimated at 1.3 million, translating to approximately 32,690 visitors each week. In a joint effort between the State and City of San Antonio, the Alamo building (owned by the State) and Alamo Plaza (owned by the City) is undergoing a master planning and renovation process. Various groups support the historic site, including Friends of the Alamo and Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the previous custodian of the site.

Government Canyon, a 12,000 acre State Natural Area, is located within city limits. A large portion of this property was acquired through the City of San Antonio and the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program funds.



Top: The Alamo. Above: The San Antonio River.



The San Antonio River.

Bexar County

Bexar County, home to an estimated 1.96 million people, is also a parks provider. Eleven parks and three civic centers constitute 480 acres of recreational space available to Bexar County, including destinations such as Bullis Park and Comanche Park. County parks address local historic themes, provide locations for outdoor community gathering, and include some reservable areas. The Bexar County Parks System Master Plan catalogs Bexar County park land, captures County park usage, and provides recommendations in three key areas: operations and maintenance, existing park and recreation amenities, and new acquisitions.

San Antonio River Authority (SARA)

SARA's jurisdiction covers 3,658 square miles, including all of Bexar, Wilson, Karnes, and Goliad Counties. The authority owns 925 acres of park land within San Antonio city limits. The authority's vision is to inspire actions for healthy creeks and rivers, with a mission focused on commitment to safe, clean, enjoyable creeks and rivers. The 2013 SARA Master Plan Update guides the authority's regional activities related to parks, recreation, and natural areas, and identifies goals that support parks, nature, outdoor recreation, and partnership and funding strategies, including identified priorities for Low Impact Development (LID) in Bexar County.

Independent School Districts and Charter Schools

Public schools in San Antonio include seventeen Independent School Districts (ISDs) and numerous charter schools. Of these, one charter school and six school districts provide thirty-two school sites that are available for public park use during designated hours. Additional partnerships expand the summer youth program to school sites.

Non-Profits and Other Recreation Providers

There are eleven YMCA locations in Greater San Antonio, some located within city parks, providing a range of opportunities addressing health and fitness, sports, children and teens, swimming, camps, family activities, and community programming. Parks and Recreation partners with the YMCA for a number of events and programs such as Fitness in the Park.

Catholic Youth Organization

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), a program of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, offers youth sports and recreation programs emphasizing friendly competition through good sportsmanship modeled by adult participants. CYO organizes junior winter basketball teams and organizes tournaments for participants. Other sports include soccer, volleyball, flag football, track, baseball, and summer basketball.

Boys & Girls Club of San Antonio

Boys & Girls Club of San Antonio serves youth with after-school and summer programming with the goal of inspiring youth within a safe, positive and engaging environment. Boys & Girls Club operates programming at its forty school-based sites in San Antonio ISD, Harlandale ISD, and Judson ISD, and at six club house locations.

Community Sports Leagues

Community sports leagues in San Antonio include a variety of providers; some reserve facilities through the City's process and others are formal, contracted partners. There are adult leagues for kickball, volleyball, softball (men's, women's, and co-ed), and girls' fast pitch. The City contracts with USA Softball, San Antonio Tennis Association (SATA) and others to provide programming. San Antonio Sports & Social Club (SCC), a private provider, focuses on casual group sports events for young adults. Other sports leagues that reserve and use City fields are organized by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), Jewish Community Center, National Youth Sports, YMCA/YWCA, among others.



Kickball leagues and other casual sports are popular outdoor activities for adults.





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OUR PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS



Nature education is easy when the park is adjacent to the school, such as this park in Compton, California.

INTRODUCTION

Understanding the people of San Antonio, national trends, parks and recreation standards, and existing assets are critical to evaluating needs and aspirations for the future parks system. All of these factors will inform future strategic decision-making and investments.

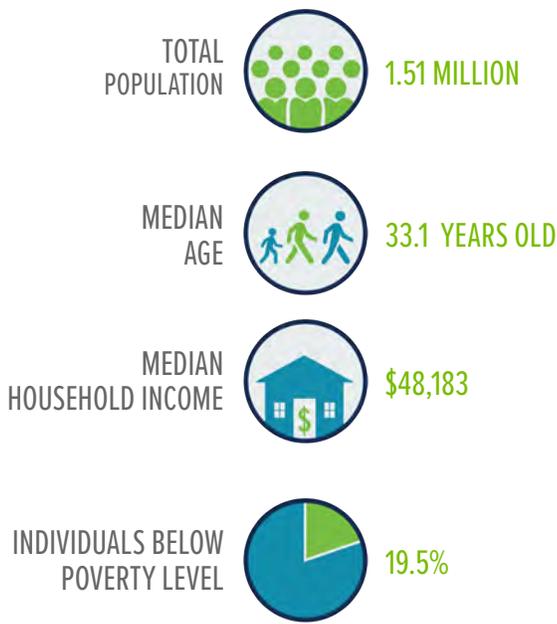
DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Demographic and growth patterns vary across the large geographic footprint of San Antonio and can influence the way people use the parks system.

Demographic indicators such as population, age, income and poverty level, among others, provide insight for parks system planning.

San Antonio is the 7th largest city in the United States. Compared to Texas as a whole, San Antonio's population is younger (median age is 34.2 in Texas) with lower incomes. The median household income in Texas is \$54,727 and 14.7% of the population is below poverty level. Changes in the pace of growth and types of housing being developed can also greatly impact localized park needs in a community.

As San Antonio grows and changes, parks and recreation users are also evolving. There are demands for new facilities, venue-types, and programming that responds to contemporary community needs. The following demographic trends will have a significant impact on recreation needs in San Antonio.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2017 Estimates



Space to gather at Elmendorf Lake Park.

San Antonio is growing. The city grew 12% between 2010–2016 and is predicted to grow an additional 8% by 2021 (U.S. Census Bureau). The city ranked first among U.S. cities in terms of the number of people added from July 1, 2016, to July 1, 2017, with a net increase of 24,200 residents (U.S. Census Bureau). This translates to more than 60 people a day moving to San Antonio. The fastest growing neighborhoods in San Antonio are near the edges of the city and include Alamo Ranch, Canyon Springs, Fair Oaks Ranch, Northwest Crossing, Sonoma Ranch, Roger’s Ranch, and Lakewood.

Housing demand has been increasing in the center of the city. San Antonio has made steady progress toward increasing downtown housing units and is on track to meet its goal of 7,500 new housing units in the downtown area by 2020. Income is also increasing, and the median family income grew 7.8% between 2014 and 2015, reflecting the ongoing recovery and growth of the local and national economy (datausa.io).

Household size is declining and multifamily housing is increasing. Between 2000 and 2010, household sizes in the Hispanic population of San Antonio have fallen from 3.19 to 3.04 people. In addition, a sharp increase in multifamily housing development since 2000 in Bexar County has been largely focused in San Antonio. Of new multifamily units, which make up 50-60% of all housing units, 88% have been built within the city limits.

The largest segment of the community is Hispanic individuals between the ages of 25–44. Based on current Census Bureau statistics documenting race, ethnicity, and age breakdown, 63% of San Antonio identifies as Hispanic or Latino. San Antonio’s Hispanic population is both long-established and growing. San Antonio’s population also includes large groups of people between the ages of 25–54 and over 65.



Technology is a part of our fitness and social routines.

TRENDS AFFECTING RECREATION

In addition to demographic trends in San Antonio, recreation needs are affected by national trends and patterns. Several national trends are especially important when considering San Antonio’s recreation needs.

Technology Impacts

Technology is presenting parks and recreation providers new opportunities as well as new challenges. Technology can simultaneously provide a mass communication tool while improving affordability, accessibility, and efficiency of community facilities and services. Opportunities for tech-aided recreation are growing, while a conflicting trend for technology-free parks and environments is also emerging. Technology is adopted and embraced differently by various population groups. For example, Millennials have grown up with the internet and rely on it in more areas of their lives and, therefore, desire more high-tech and “amenity rich” experiences. Finding the right balance and appropriate use for technology in parks, facilities and programs will be an evolving effort.

San Antonio parks and community centers are access points for internet access, with an increasing number offering free Wi-Fi access. Currently, free Wi-Fi access is offered at over 20 parks. Technology can also be applied to the operations and maintenance of parks and facilities, increasing efficiency and improving data reporting for everything from maintenance to park use.



Brooks City runners.

The Outdoor Lifestyle

According to the Outdoor Industry Association, in 2016, 144.4 million Americans participated in at least one outdoor activity and collectively went on 11 billion outdoor outings. These activities promote wellness, social interaction, and a connection to the outdoors. The need to provide versatile programming, as adults find less and less time to participate in recreation, as well as the need to provide opportunities for stress release are two critical factors that need to be considered in the provision of outdoor recreation. The Baby Boomer generation and millennials are the largest segments driving this new outdoor lifestyle trend.

Today, the active outdoor lifestyle has gone mainstream, and is characterized by an emphasis on wellness and quality time with family and friends. To meet this new and changing demand, people are looking for ways to be outdoors in an urban area. Due to time demands of family and jobs, convenience and accessibility are critical. The opportunity and challenge before parks and recreation professionals is to provide meaningful outdoor activity in urbanized environments.



Exercise and fitness are a major reason for visiting parks and using trails.

San Antonio’s trail system plays a major part in promoting healthy outdoor lifestyles for city residents. The growing network of trails functions as a recreation destination for hikers, joggers, and cyclists of all ages. This network also increases cohesion throughout the entire park system; and it enhances connectivity with adjacent neighborhoods and subdivisions across the city.

The Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System is the result of City’s ambitious initiative to create a contiguous system of linear creekway parks. This undertaking began in 2000 with the passage of a sales tax proposition—a proposition that was subsequently reauthorized by voters in 2005, 2010, and 2015. Currently, this trail system has grown into a network of approximately 65 miles of paved, ADA-accessible, and multi-use trails. These trails are geographically dispersed across the city, running along Salado Creek, Leon Creek, Medina River, Westside Creeks (Apache, Alazan, Martinez, San Pedro, and Zarzamora) and tributary creeks (Huesta Creek and Culebra Creek).

Aging Population

One of the strongest trends in San Antonio and throughout the United States is the aging of our population. This trend means that recreation providers must consider and develop facilities and programs that will serve older adults who possess diverse interests and are in throughout multiple life stages. The older adult population exhibits a variety of needs: those



San Antonio Seniors indicating what they want from the parks system.



Pickleball is a fast growing sport among active seniors. In Bend, Oregon park courts have been striped for multiple games.

interested in developing new skills and learning new activities; those seeking to stay active and physically fit; those with some health issues and accessibility concerns; those desiring passive and more contemplative activities; those looking for intergenerational interactions; and those who want more secluded or quiet environments.

Since many older adults today tend to stay healthier and live longer, the population of seniors is comprised of multiple generations with different lifestyles, preferences and behaviors. Moreover, many older adults do not consider themselves “seniors” and will not participate in programs run by, or taking place at, a senior center. Many adults over the traditional retirement age of 65 continue to work full or part-time outside the home.

Interdepartmental partnerships between San Antonio Parks and Recreation and Human Services are beginning to bridge the gap between traditional community centers, aimed mainly at youth activities, and senior centers. Both departments have found that these populations can be served in complementary ways within the same building, with most senior use in the daytime hours and youth in the afternoon and evening.

Declining Health and Wellness

Our nation is facing a health and wellness crisis on many levels. With high levels of obesity and diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease, our society has become more sedentary and struggles with ever-increasing health care costs. The health care sector itself has begun to look at prevention to improve health and reduce costs. More research is being done on the built environment and its impact on activity levels, and low-cost opportunities to get exercise are receiving attention and funding. Programs that can demonstrate health and wellness benefits, especially those that can quantify benefits, have a competitive advantage in garnering outside funding. Both physical and mental health are relevant to the SA Parks System Plan. In 2014, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District reported that 71 percent of adults in Bexar County were overweight or obese. Childhood obesity rates are high in San Antonio, and there are racial disparities with non-white populations 6–10% more likely to be obese.

A 2016 nation-wide study (Cohen et al. 2016) on neighborhood parks found a connection between different recreational amenities and programming and increased physical activity. Research findings have indicated that facilities, such as walking loops and gyms, increase residents’ physical activity levels. In addition, programming and marketing efforts can substantially increase the amount of exercise that happens in parks.

San Antonio has several high-profile efforts underway addressing the health crisis. The parks system is one of the most visible bridges between public policy and public health. Metro Health (the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District) is leading an effort to make parks tobacco-free zones.



Running for fitness and for fun.

The Fitness in the Park program directly targets the activity level of San Antonio park users. The National Neighborhood Park Study has shown that actively programmed parks generate much more physical activity, contributing to a healthier population. With no cost to the user and widely dispersed locations, this program increases accessibility to a healthy outdoor lifestyle. Classes offered include cross fit, boot camp, interval training, yoga, and water aerobics.

In addition, the Parks and Recreation Department offers a Mobile Fit program utilizing a retrofitted vehicle complete with fitness equipment and a kiosk for health screenings, such as blood pressure and Body Mass Index (BMI). The Mobile Fit San Antonio unit offers free fitness classes and, with the addition of the health kiosk, residents can also become aware of indicators commonly linked to general health and the risk of developing a health-related condition. The Mobile Fit unit travels to parks, schools, and community events throughout the year.



Mobile Fit program combines fitness classes with on-the-spot health assessments.



SA NATURE PROGRAMS

The value of connecting children with nature at a young age has received nation-wide attention. San Antonio has been at the forefront of this movement with programming provided at its natural areas. Through a successful partnership with the Friends of San Antonio Natural Areas (FSANA), enriching, interactive and engaging nature programs are provided at low cost to the public, making them available for everyone to enjoy. Activities such as Growing Up Wild classes, nature hikes, storytelling, singing songs, creating art, and more, invite children to explore nature and wildlife, and provide an early foundation for appreciating our natural world. These programs allow the whole family to draw connections between the natural world and our urban environment.

SA Parks: Providing valuable lessons that last a lifetime!

Connecting Children with Nature

Across the country, there is a movement to re-connect children with nature and the outdoors. This movement is largely in response to the decreased time kids spend outdoors compared to previous generations and the associated negative physical and mental health effects. Parents, planners, and practitioners express concerns about the effects of a sedentary lifestyle, too much screen time, and too little active, unstructured play for children.

Health and recreation organizations nationwide are working to reverse the trend of spending less and less time in the outdoors, also known as “Nature Deficit Disorder.” Parks are at the forefront of addressing the issue by improving families’ access to the outdoors, providing youth programming and classes, and designing play environments that create opportunities for children to interact with nature in ways they might in a wild or undeveloped landscape. Cookouts, camping trips, restoration projects and spaces, and activities that encourage families to learn and experience nature together, as well as kid-driven play and spontaneous nature observation, are all opportunities that link children and the outdoors. Science-based curriculum and technological applications that engage students and enhance knowledge and understanding of local ecology and natural processes can help strengthen this connection with nature.



Nature play can take many forms: here stumps provide a place for jumping and balancing or seats for an outdoor classroom.

Cultural Expression

Art in public spaces can express the multifaceted and culturally diverse qualities of a city. Creating a unique connection with the users of a park and the surrounding community can increase ownership and support, decrease vandalism, and drive additional use of public spaces. Top park and recreation agencies are working with artists and art program managers to activate public spaces through art integration and programming. The engagement in the design, creation and interaction with art in public spaces can be a source of community pride and cultural enrichment for residents and visitors. Public Art San Antonio is completing a new strategic plan in 2018 that encourages coordination and collaboration with public projects and support for projects identified in adopted strategic plans. Public art had been included in the 2012 and 2017–2022 Bond park programs (1%) for parks and recreation projects funded through the program for art that is accessible to the general public.



**Top: “Bloom” by San Antonio artist Leticia Huerta. McAllister Park / Mud Creek Trail. Photo from www.getcreativesanantonio.com/Public-Art/Public-Artworks-Map/
Above: Elmendorf Lake Park. “Aguas Onduladas” by RDG Dahlquist Art Studio.**



One family, many recreation possibilities.

ASSESSING COMMUNITY NEEDS

The system planning process relied on three different means of identifying needs:

- 1. Demand-based:** The demand expressed by community members through surveys, meetings, and interviews.
- 2. Standard-based:** Established standards in the parks and recreation industry compared to the current state of San Antonio's park system.
- 3. Resource-based:** Opportunities created by the unique resources and assets in San Antonio.

The combination of findings from these three approaches strengthens the results and provides a holistic view of the community's needs for parks and recreation facilities, programming, and related services.

Findings: Demand-Based Needs

The SA Parks System Plan is built on a foundation of community, partner, and staff input. The

community has had many different opportunities to engage in the system planning process, fulfilling the aim to hear from a wide variety of San Antonio residents and visitors. This initial input was reviewed alongside shared knowledge of San Antonio's professional parks and recreation staff. While the results of any one activity is useful, confidence in the results is derived from similar outcomes that have emerged from multiple activities. Highlights of findings from community surveys, youth activities, workshops, and interviews are described on the following pages. More detailed community input findings are documented separately (see Appendix B: Community Input Report).

HOW SAN ANTONIANS VALUE THE PARK SYSTEM



HOW SAN ANTONIANS EXPERIENCE THE PARK SYSTEM



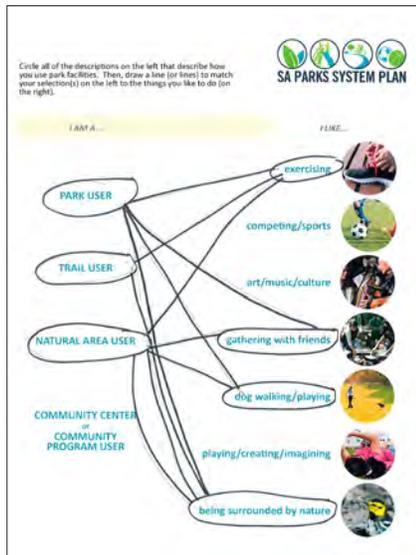
Community Survey Findings

A number of common themes and key priorities emerged from the Community Survey. Overall, findings demonstrated that **parks and recreation facilities and events are very important** to the people of San Antonio, especially for providing **active nature experiences** for the community. **Long trails or large sites** emerged as favorite park and recreation features, and **natural beauty** was also highly valued by respondents.

Key priorities identified by respondents included:

- **Amenity and facility improvements**, including more shade, drinking fountains, lights, restrooms, signage, and more dog parks and play areas.
- **Improvements in safety and cleanliness**, including trash removal, restroom tidiness, lighting, and security.
- **Extended park hours and supervision**, especially after-hours during summer.
- **Expanded bike and trail network and park connectivity**, with respondents supporting the creation of more hiking, biking, and walking trails, including greenways and park-to-park connections.
- **Increase programs for all**, with an emphasis on fitness, exercise, nature and science, aquatics, and interest in expanding opportunities for picnics,

Youth engagement activity participant.



SA PARKS SYSTEM PLAN

"Madlib"

Fill in the blanks to tell your story about parks

My name is Abigail and I am 7 years old.
 The last time Me and my Family and I visited a park
 I felt okay and saw a family in the
playground.
 What I like best in the park is the playground but it would be better
 if it had more stuff.
 I would visit a park more often if it felt more fun
 or if it had a place where I could get out.
 If I had a Million Dollars for a park, I would spend it on a pool
and stuff you can get wet with.
 If you would like, draw a picture on the back of this page of something
 you would really like to see in a park.

art/music events, and specialized recreation activities that are currently limited or prohibited (such as disc golf, mountain biking, skateboarding, fishing, swimming, and geocaching).

Youth Engagement Findings

The Youth Engagement effort included a Mad Libs-style fill-in-the-blank form that asked for the kinds of activities that attract, or would attract, kids to parks. This exercise captured perspectives at summer youth camps and during the community events. From the words added, the following priority themes were developed:

- Places to cool off and **play in the water**
- Traditional and new **play features** such as slides, swings, Wi-Fi and game system
- Availability of **food**, both for youth and for the homeless
- More **programming**, including specific program ideas such as Zumba, sports, and yoga

Community Workshop Findings

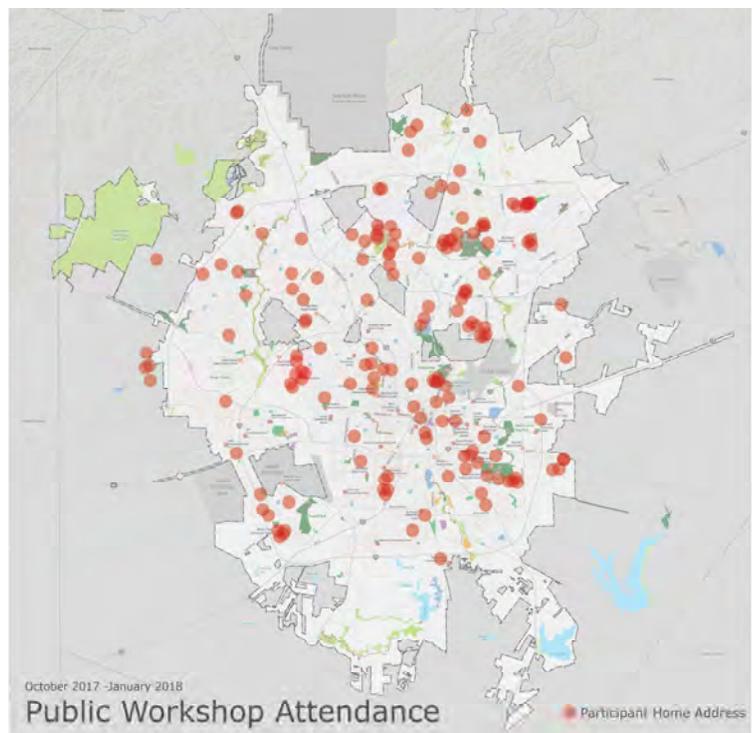
During Community Workshops the community members had the chance to learn about the park system planning process, participate in interactive prioritization and preference activities, and provide feedback about their parks and recreation vision and needs. Workshop findings are summarized on the following pages.

Park and trail users were unified in their desire for:

- **Exercise**
- **Being surrounded by nature**
- **Gathering with friends**



Response to a workshop exercise about how people use parks.



SA Parks System Plan Workshops drew participants from across San Antonio.



Activities with later hours take advantage of cooler nights and fit with more schedules.

A modified Mad Lib exercise, similar to the youth engagement tool, captured ideas from a generally older audience.

The most enjoyed and desired features in this exercise included:

- **Trails**, walking trails, and bike trails
- **Bathrooms** and visitor amenities
- **Relaxing or gathering with groups**

Stakeholder Interview Findings

The following themes and needs emerged as priorities during discussions with stakeholders:

- **Growth:** Expand parks and recreation to support San Antonio's growing population, specifically in areas of the city that are facing the most growth.

- **Nature:** Expand opportunities to connect with nature.
- **Access:** Increase access to natural areas for all segments of the population, including trails.
- **Partnerships:** Expand partnerships with businesses, foundations, clubs, schools, youth programs.
- **Funding:** Raise awareness of potential sources for funding and sponsorships.
- **Events:** Expand special events and programs, from sporting to cultural.
- **Community:** Identify community needs and prioritize quality amenities that are wide-reaching.
- **Communication:** Establish an open network of communication to support parks and recreation advocates and outreach efforts.

Staff Engagement Findings

San Antonio's Park and Recreation staff are the frontline City presence for many park and recreation users. To tap into the collective knowledge and

opinion of City staff professionals, a Staff Survey was conducted, and Staff Focus Group Meetings were also held.

Staff Survey Highlights

- The majority of survey respondents held full-time positions in park operations and maintenance, and were proud that their work helped improve quality of life for San Antonio citizens.
- Staff respondents voiced concern about the following Department issues:
 - Difficulty recruiting and maintaining a quality workforce
 - Lack of resources, both human resources and park equipment/tools
 - Communication, both within the department and with the greater community
- “Big ideas” for Parks and Recreation noted by staff include:
 - Increasing system connectivity
 - Expanding nature in urban areas
 - Improving safety and maintenance
 - Updating park facilities and programs for all to make sure the system is evolving with the times and meeting community park and recreation needs



Small scale programming, such as the storyteller in this park, keeps local parks interesting and active.

Staff Focus Group Highlights

- Considering new small parks as a location for expanded urban forest
- Combining operational needs and public participation in parks through volunteer programming
- Expanding ambassador programs based on trail and dog park successes

- Focusing on the equity of the system
- Connecting the natural world with the urban environment
- Building staff capacity through mentoring and language diversification
- Clarifying direction for responding to requests from other departments
- Engaging parks staff in parkland dedication discussions

Cross-cutting Needs

Across all the park staff and public engagement activities, five needs stood out:

- **Increase trail network (biking, walking)**
- **Expand opportunities for exercise and play**
- **Improve safety**
- **Provide innovative, updated programs and facilities**
- **Increase access to nature for all**

Findings: Standards and Benchmarks—Standard-Based Needs

Over the past 10 years, the methods used to plan for park and recreation services have evolved significantly. In 1983, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) published a book entitled Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. This publication discussed the amount of park land communities need in terms of mile radiuses and acres of parks or numbers of facilities per 1,000 people. However, NRPA and most local park systems have since recognized that each community has different needs that vary based on local preferences. As a result, state-of-the-art planning methods have shifted to tailoring standards and guidelines based on individual community needs. This section discusses standards and benchmarks tailored to San Antonio - responding to local and statewide conditions, the priorities of San Antonians, and development patterns of the city.

TPL ParkScore®

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) annually ranks the park systems of the 100 largest cities in the U.S. (by population size). In evaluating park systems, experts at The Trust for Public Land consider land owned by regional, state,



Volunteering improves parks and builds a sense of ownership in the system.

and federal agencies within these 100 cities—including school grounds formally open to the public and greenways that function as parks. The TPL analysis is based on four important characteristics of an effective park system: acreage, investment, amenities, and access. TPL has developed a scoring system within those four categories, with higher weights for investment, amenities, and access. The scoring system also considers outliers and normalizes those to control for distortion. TPL works with agency staff to collect data annually and has a rigorous process to ensure that data is accurate and comparable for all 100 ParkScore® cities.

TPL updates ParkScore® annually, allowing cities to track themselves and highlight potential areas of need. Thirteen Texas cities are included: Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Garland, Houston, Irving, Laredo, Lubbock, Plano, and San Antonio. Based on population size, park and recreation services and major city status, San Antonio has three peers within Texas for the purposes of park system comparisons and metrics.

Texas cities do not rank highly using the ParkScore® methodology. In ranked order, the top five cities in 2018 were: Minneapolis, St. Paul, Washington, D.C., Arlington, Virginia, and San Francisco. There are several reasons why Texas cities differ from other U.S. cities:

- Sunbelt cities, including cities in Texas, grew rapidly in the mid- to late-20th century, when auto-centric development was the model. This means that Texas cities are less walkable than cities that experienced significant growth prior to the automobile age and, thus, don't score well in the access category compared to cities in the Northeast, Midwest, Mid-Atlantic, and Northwest.
- Fewer park sites translates to fewer amenities per capita, leading to lower scores on the amenities category compared to other U.S. cities.
- Top-ranked cities are costlier than Texas. This means they spend more. While per capita park expenditures in Texas are lower, costs are also lower. Cost factors are not incorporated into the scoring system, which means that Texas cities score lower on the investment criterion than Northeast

TABLE 3-1. PARKSCORE® COMPARISON

City	Total ParkScore®	2018 Ranking
<i>San Antonio</i>	42.0	67
<i>Austin</i>	53.4	42
<i>Dallas</i>	48.9	49
<i>Houston</i>	37.5	77

TABLE 3-2. ACRES PER 1,000 RESIDENT COMPARISONS, ALL PARK LAND

City	Acres Per 1,000 Residents
<i>San Antonio</i>	20.86
<i>Austin</i>	20.49
<i>Dallas</i>	20.43
<i>Houston</i>	28.65

Trust for Public Land—City Park Facts, 2018.

and Mid-Atlantic cities. In addition, park districts with taxing authority are more common in the Midwest, with dedicated funding leading to higher investment in those cities on a per capita basis. Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board and Chicago Park District are two examples.

For these reasons, the national rankings are less relevant, since Texas cities are less comparable to out-of-state cities, according to the weighted criteria. However, the total ParkScore® is useful for comparisons with other major Texas cities. As the table shows, San Antonio scores higher than Houston, is relatively on par with Dallas, and is lower than Austin. This comparison points to some potential needs within San Antonio.

Acres per 1,000 Population

Acres per 1,000 has long been a metric used by parks and recreation agencies to measure their park systems and project needs. An advantage is the ease of calculation. Table 3-2 compares San Antonio to Texas peer cities. Peer city comparison data includes all park land within each jurisdiction - including land owned by regional, state and federal agencies.

As this table shows, San Antonio, Austin and Dallas all provide similar service levels. Though all three score higher than Houston in ParkScore®, Houston has more acreage per capita. These comparisons indicate two major findings regarding needs:

- To maintain its level of service in terms of acres per 1,000 population, San Antonio will need to proactively acquire park land, preferably large parcels, due to the rapid rate of population growth.
- San Antonio’s Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for just over half of the park land in the city. Collaboration with other parks agencies is needed and will be a critical success factor for expanding the park system to keep pace with growth. San Antonio and Houston both have multiple agencies providing park land within city limits, which means that more agencies can help grow the park system in both cities. By contrast, the parks and recreation departments in both Austin and Dallas are the primary park land providers.

10-Minute Walk Park Access

Many studies have demonstrated that proximity to a park has a significant impact on frequency of park use, as well as on maximizing the economic, social, and health benefits parks can provide. For these reasons, the 10-minute walk has become a nationally accepted benchmark approximated by a half-mile distance. It is the centerpiece of a nationwide campaign led by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), the Trust for Public Land (TPL), and the Urban Land Institute (ULI).

By the TPL methodology, almost 38% of San Antonio residents have a public park within a 10-minute walk in 2018; this percentage is lower than that of all three Texas peer cities.

TPL's methodology considers all park acreage, owned by all agencies as well as school parks (where there is a formal use agreement in place). While TPL excludes unpopulated rail yard and airport areas from the baseline city land area, military bases are not excluded. Since San Antonio has four large military bases within its city limits, the presence of these parcels, skews the data compared to other Texas cities.

This comparison points to several needs, primarily with regard to the analysis methodology:

- Ten-minute walk accessibility in San Antonio should be further evaluated to gain a truer picture of how well this metric is met, and to prioritize park acquisition and park provision in areas without access. San Antonio can request TPL's 10-minute GIS files in order to conduct additional analysis to exclude military bases and non-residential areas (such as industrially zoned lands).
- To better gauge how much of the population has a need for a park within a 10-minute walk, San Antonio should also exclude low density residential zones (such as R-20), which are characterized by large lots and little need for parks within walking distance.
- San Antonio also has many gated neighborhoods with private parks. To assess needs more accurately, gated communities should be excluded from the 10-minute walk analysis, as they are self-contained communities that provide for their own close-to-home park needs.

TABLE 3-3. PERCENT OF POPULATION WITH 10-MINUTE WALK ACCESS

City	Percent with 10-Minute Walk Access
<i>San Antonio</i>	37.7%
<i>Austin</i>	59.8%
<i>Dallas</i>	59.7%
<i>Houston</i>	48.7%

Trust for Public Land—City Park Facts, 2018.

TABLE 3-4. DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING BUDGET PER CAPITA

City	Operating Budget per Capita
<i>San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department</i>	\$60.58
<i>Austin Parks and Recreation Department</i>	\$97.57
<i>Dallas Parks and Recreation Department</i>	\$59.34
<i>Houston Parks and Recreation Department</i>	\$22.38

Trust for Public Land—City Park Facts, 2018.

- San Antonio also has a number of ungated subdivisions where private parks were developed for the use of subdivision residents and are maintained by Homeowners Associations. Park lands provided within residential developments are regulated by San Antonio City Code Section 35-503, Parkland Dedication Requirements. These parks serve subdivision residents but are not included on the city’s park inventory or in the 10-minute walk analysis. The 10-minute walk analysis should be updated to include private parks in neighborhoods that are not gated.
- When the analysis is updated to adjust for San Antonio’s land use circumstances, the 10-minute walk percentage and analysis map should be re-evaluated to more accurately identify which neighborhoods have a need for close-to-home parks and to allow San Antonio to tailor individualized park provision strategies for each unserved area.

Operating Budget per Capita

The operating budget per capita is the Department’s parks and recreation operating cost divided by the population.

The operating budget is an important metric for park system investment. Table 3-4 shows San Antonio’s operating budget per capita compared to Texas peer cities.

San Antonio and Dallas invest a similar amount for parks and recreation operating funding on a per capita basis, more than double Houston’s level of investment. In comparison, Austin invests about a third more than San Antonio and Dallas. According to NRPA Park Metrics Urban Agency Performance Review (for agencies serving populations of more than 250,000), the average per capita operating costs for urban agencies nationwide is \$44.01.

- As San Antonio’s population grows, there will be a need to allocate additional operating budget to keep pace with its per capita level of investment.

Key Facility Standards

The 2018 SA Parks System Plan evaluates per capita standards for four key facilities, indicators that align with community priorities identified during the public input process.

Community and Senior Centers

San Antonians highly value opportunities to escape the heat, support health and wellness, and find social engagement opportunities. The Department's community and senior centers support both these priorities, as well as being well-established hubs for recreation programming. Texas peer cities provide a similar level of service for recreation and senior centers, as shown in Table 3-5.

- The Park, Natural Areas and Facilities Inventory (see Appendix C) calls out 54 community and senior center buildings (on 47 sites) owned and operated by Parks and Recreation; the data reported to TPL, which includes those owned by multiple departments and agencies in San Antonio totals 52 centers. TPL standardizes how multiple buildings are reported to make clear and consistent comparisons across cities.
- To maintain its level of service for community and senior centers, San Antonio will need to begin planning for new facilities and exploring alternative approaches to facility provision due to the rapid rate of population growth.



Madison Square Park.

Dog Parks

Community members have expressed a need for more dog parks. As San Antonio becomes denser and has more multi-family residences, there will be an even greater need for dog parks.

San Antonio provides more dog parks on a per capita basis than Houston or Dallas, and fewer- than Austin.

- The Park, Natural Areas and Facilities Inventory (see Appendix C) calls out the 13 dog parks owned and operated by Parks and Recreation; one additional facility currently under construction will bring this total to 14. The data reported to TPL included the then-current number of 11 dog parks,
- At minimum, San Antonio should strive to maintain its service level for dog parks, at 0.8 dog parks per 100,000 residents.
- Over the next 10 years, San Antonio should consider increasing its service level for dog parks. Atlanta and Chicago provide 0.9 per 100,000, Nashville provides 1.2 per 100,000, and Austin provides 1.3 dog parks per 100,000, these represent potential standards to strive for.

Playgrounds

Community members enjoy San Antonio parks because they provide places to play. Playgrounds are an indicator that designated places have been set aside for play within a city. The inventory of playgrounds includes playgrounds at joint-use school sites.

San Antonio provides more playgrounds per capita than the three Texas peer cities, though all are in a similar tier.

The Park, Natural Areas and Facilities Inventory (see Appendix C) calls out 221 playgrounds owned and operated by Parks and Recreation; Data reported to TPL includes 261 playgrounds; this includes other public agency facilities within San Antonio.

- San Antonio should strive to maintain its service level for playgrounds, at 1.8 playgrounds per 10,000 residents.

Approximately 10 percent of San Antonio's playgrounds are at joint-use school sites. San Antonio should explore expanding on its relationships with schools as a potential strategy to increase playgrounds available to residents.

Trails

The trail system creates opportunities for many of the most popular recreation and exercise activities. Additionally, the trail system connects people to parks and to other community destinations.

San Antonio provides more trails per capita than two of the three Texas cities, with only Austin offering more miles per 10,000 residents.

- Many trails are developed based on opportunities, however, the demand will grow as population increases.
- San Antonio should strive to maintain the service level for trails, at 1.4 miles per 10,000 residents.

Resource-Based Needs

The third basis for community needs considers the uniqueness of San Antonio's landscape and resources. Local natural, cultural, and historic resources define quality of life and the experience of recreation in San Antonio

TABLE 3-5. KEY FACILITY COMPARISONS

	SAN ANTONIO	AUSTIN	DALLAS	HOUSTON
COMMUNITY AND SENIOR CENTERS				
Total # of Centers	52	26	43	76
per 20,000 Residents	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
DOG PARKS				
Total # of Dog Parks	11	12	4	16
per 100,000 Residents	0.8	1.3	0.3	0.7
PLAYGROUNDS				
Total # of Playgrounds	261	160	200	403
per 10,000 Residents	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.7
TRAIL SYSTEM				
Total # of Trail Systems	205	158	158	163
per 10,000 Residents	1.4	1.7	1.2	0.7

Source: Trust for Public Land—City Park Facts 2018. Includes all public facilities; trail data collected from official websites for each city.

for residents and visitors. These resources are accessed through a variety of public lands owned and operated by San Antonio and several key agency partners. The community needs parks, trails, and recreation facilities to enjoy, experience, and learn about these resources, and partnerships are a key part of resource-focused parks.



Panther Springs

Water Resources

Water is a key resource for life and one that has shaped, and has been shaped by, human settlement in San Antonio. Humans are drawn to water to fish, swim, cool off, play, or just enjoy the sensations of being close to it. San Antonio shares a name and identity with the San Antonio River, which emerges from a series of springs in Midtown and defines one of the city's most recognizable attractions, the River Walk. Ultimately the San Antonio River joins the Guadalupe River before emptying into San Antonio Bay. The Medina River adds to the natural resources of the region as well, flowing in from the southwest and joining the San Antonio River in the south.

Joining the river systems, a series of creekways flow through the city. Major creeks include Salado Creek and Leon Creek and smaller westside and tributary creeks. Protecting these corridors is important for water quality and aquifer recharge reasons and also to serve as corridors for humans and wildlife to travel across developed areas. The source of the San Antonio River is the Edwards Aquifer, protected by the San Antonio River Authority (SARA).



The River Walk.

Today, protection of, and access to the rivers, creeks and aquifer protection areas are provided by a mix of agencies, including the City of San Antonio, the San Antonio River Authority and Bexar County Heritage and Parks Department. Access to nature and to creeks and rivers was highlighted as a priority in the community input process. This public priority, in combination with the importance of protecting water resources for environmental, aquifer recharge and flood protection benefits, points to a need for more creek, river, and aquifer protection lands in San Antonio, with increased public access and more trails. Since so many agencies are involved with water resources, the City of San Antonio may be best positioned to be a partner and to fill in missing links not being addressed by other agencies in order to avoid duplication of efforts.

Natural Resources

San Antonio is on the edge of the famous Texas Hill Country, a mosaic of unique and sensitive environments with great scenic beauty. Within San Antonio, there are areas of ecological significance that deserve protection, access and interpretation. Phil Hardberger Park epitomizes the way San Antonio can blend the urban and the ecological, tapping into the needs for community



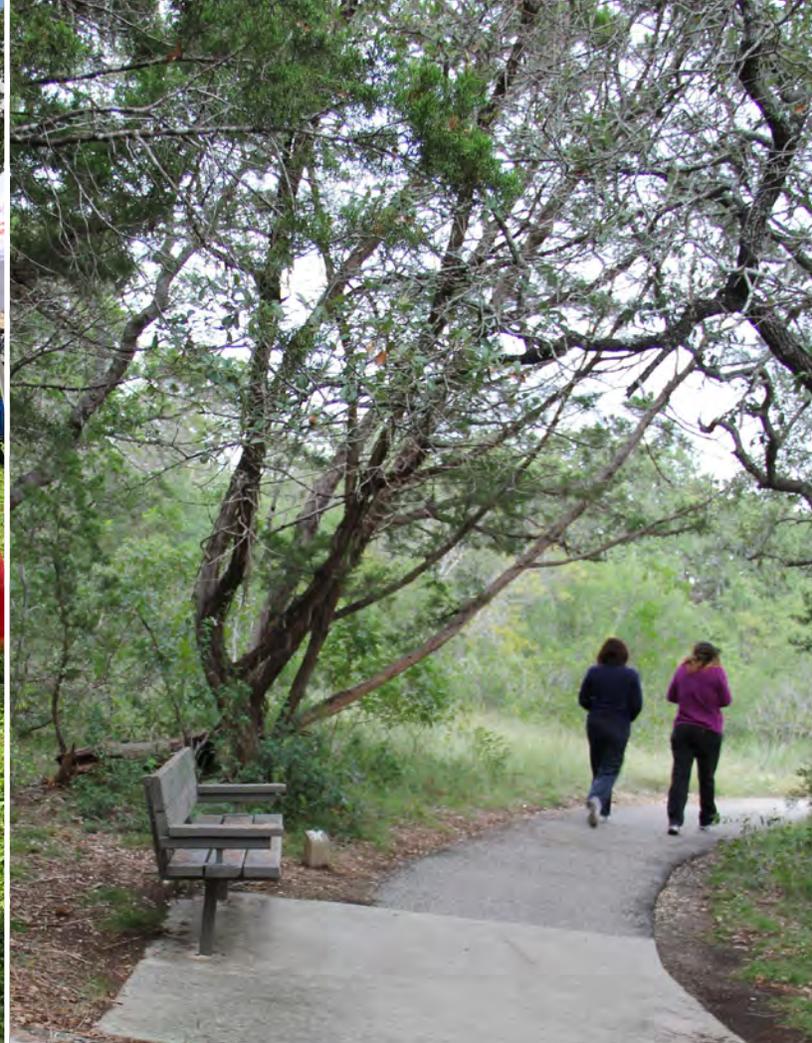
Accessible trail in Phil Hardberger Park.

gathering as well as access to nature. This site also illustrates a successful partnership model, with the Phil Hardberger Park Conservancy adding capacity to the City's park and recreation system. There is a need to preserve sensitive environments as opportunities arise, protecting them for future generations of San Antonians.

San Antonians have expressed a need for more access to natural resources, which also points to a need for reintroduction of natural resources, including native tree canopy, into more traditional developed parks.

Cultural and Historic Resources

Even with more than 15,000 years of documented human settlement in the San Antonio area, the story of the indigenous people (Coahuiltecan, Comanches, Apaches and others) is often neglected. Furthermore, this story is not just history, as nearly 2% of the current population of San Antonio identifies as Native American. Archaeological sites around Bexar County are important to establishing and communicating the (often hidden) story of a variety of cultures that have lived on this land. Additional public lands and interpretive features and programming are needed throughout the park system to protect and share this legacy.



The mission of the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department is to provide exceptional parks, facilities, programs, and services to improve the quality of life for all.



4

**OUR GOALS,
OBJECTIVES,
AND ACTIONS**



INTRODUCTION

Based on the input from the community, staff insight, and analysis of the system, a framework of goals, objectives, and actions will direct the next ten years of system growth and change. These framework elements will guide the development of San Antonio's park lands, recreation programs, and indoor and outdoor facilities. Goals and objectives should be checked against the community's needs within five years to ensure the Plan remains closely aligned with contemporary needs.

Four core goals set the trajectory for the future. Each goal includes a number of objectives and identifies specific actions to accomplish the goals and objectives. These elements comprise the heart of the SA Parks System Plan and are described over the remaining pages of this chapter.

Goals, objectives, and actions answer three key questions for the SA Parks System Plan:

Goals: Where do we *want to be* in the future?

Objectives: What specifically do we want to *achieve*?

Actions: What will *advance* our goals and objectives?



GOAL 1: RESPONSIVE

San Antonio's parks 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 parks system, trail network, and recreation programming will adapt and serve the local needs and neighborhood culture.



GOAL 2: RESTORATIVE

The parks 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 parks 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 acquiesce, 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 parks 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.



GOAL 1

RESPONSIVE

Exercise is the top reason users visit San Antonio parks, trails, and natural area sites.

—Community Input Report: Intercept Activity Summary

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Public intercept events during the planning process helped gauge community demand for facilities and programming.



OBJECTIVE 1.1

Parks, trails, programs, and facilities align with the character of the neighborhood, place type, and local community.



OBJECTIVE 1.2

Creative approaches provide parks, facilities, trails, and recreation programs that fill gaps in the network and in services.



OBJECTIVE 1.3

The trail network supports fun, exercise, and transportation for all.



OBJECTIVE 1.4

The City provides equitable access to parks and recreation activities and diverse user experiences.



OBJECTIVE 1.5

Hours and services are set with user access in mind.



OBJECTIVE 1.6

Implementation of the Plan adapts to changes over time.

GOAL 1: SAN ANTONIO HAS A RESPONSIVE PARKS SYSTEM.

Objective 1.1 Parks, trails, programs, and facilities align with the character of the neighborhood, place type, and local community.

- 1.1.a** Identify each park with the place type (the type, form, and density of development identified in SA TOMORROW) of the surrounding area; improve features in the park to reflect the changes in the surrounding development envisioned in the Comprehensive Plan.
- 1.1.b** Encourage hiring and development of bilingual staff, targeting front-line employees such as community center staff and trail stewards.
- 1.1.c** Create more activities and facilities for the local population including families, active aging population, youth, and working adults.
- 1.1.d** Ensure that adequate community engagement is included in the planning, design, and implementation of specific projects under this plan to build local ownership.
- 1.1.e** Identify where park design should be reviewed for direction and compatibility with existing city-wide plans and where parks and recreation input should be inserted into other City planning efforts.

Objective 1.2 Creative approaches provide parks, facilities, trails, and recreation programs that fill gaps in the system and in services.

- 1.2.a** Conduct a more in-depth analysis of gaps in park network to gain a truer picture of the 10-minute walk access metric by excluding military bases and non-residential lands and accounting for park-type lands provided to residents of gated communities and certain subdivisions.
- 1.2.b** Add new locations for mobile programs such as Fitness in the Park and Mobile Fit. Locations could include school yards and public or private plazas that extend the reach of the parks system.
- 1.2.c** Identify routes that serve as both Safe Routes to Schools and parks as targets for Vision Zero funding for reducing pedestrian and cyclist deaths.



Parks are the gathering place for community celebrations.

- 1.2.d** Explore opportunities for park, natural area, and trail amenities in public rights-of-way, greenways, and tributaries, where compatible with resource protection. Establish processes that support setting aside adequate land in these areas for parks and recreation purposes.
- 1.2.e** Promote the resource-sensitive use of aquifer protection land acquisitions and easements for nature-based activities.
- 1.2.f** Collaborate with Bexar County, San Antonio River Authority, and other appropriate agencies to grow and connect creek-based trail systems.

Objective 1.3 The trail network supports fun, exercise, and transportation for all.

- 1.3.a** Partner with transportation departments (City and State) to coordinate and prioritize safe connections for all non-auto users that link to the off-street trail system.
- 1.3.b** Develop and deliver programming that familiarizes residents with the trail system as a way to get around, get fit, and have fun.
- 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.
- 1.3.d** Implement the recently adopted ordinance regulating motor-assisted scooters and bicycles and monitor ongoing developments in the use and regulation of this emerging form of transportation.
- 1.3.e** Expand east-west trail network connections, particularly where large redevelopment projects create potential to connect the network or link to a destination.

Objective 1.4 The City provides equitable access to parks and recreation activities and diverse user experiences.

- 1.4.a** Expand park, trail, and natural areas throughout San Antonio to meet the needs of a growing population.
- 1.4.b** Move toward equitable distribution of community centers and other community-serving recreation amenities throughout the city.
- 1.4.c** Continue to coordinate, and look to expand, programming with other agencies and departments, including Department of Human Services, libraries, and schools.
- 1.4.d** Create opportunities and model agreements for joint development of recreation amenities on other public or private properties, expanding on the success of School Parks.

Objective 1.5 Hours and services are set with user access in mind.

- 1.5.a** Establish hours for outdoor community gathering places that allow for evening, nighttime, and weekend activities, particularly during the hottest times of year. Related services such as trash collection and restroom hours should be adjusted to accommodate this use.
- 1.5.b** Include services, programs, and features for a larger population of active older adults; consider rebranding Adult and Senior programs and facilities to reflect the resulting change in interests.
- 1.5.c** Strategically distribute programming across all seven days of the week to maximize the reach and value to users.
- 1.5.d** Make use of underutilized time in facilities by scheduling programs for other target user groups during different times of day.

Objective 1.6 Implementation of the Plan adapts to changes over time.

- 1.6.a** Confirm priority strategies periodically (every two years) with the community, adjusting the mix of projects and programs to reflect changing needs.
- 1.6.b** Standardize a process for reviewing programs and features in the parks system and retiring those that see declining use or interest to make room for new ideas.
- 1.6.c** Formalize a consistent strategic planning process across the department, including natural areas, programs, and volunteer services.



SA FITNESS IN THE PARK

Adult yoga, fitness camps, Zumba, “Mommy and Me,” and ballet are just some of the wide-ranging, fun, and health-inspiring classes offered through San Antonio’s Fitness in the Park.

This city-wide program offers free exercise classes to the public throughout San Antonio at local parks, community centers, and libraries, with no registration required and classes open to all fitness levels. Fitness in the Park was recognized by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) with an “Excellence in Innovative Programming Award,” as well as the International City/County Management Association’s (ICMA) “Community Health and Safety Award.”

SA: Way to get San Antonio moving!



GOAL 2 **RESTORATIVE**

84% of online questionnaire respondents rated parks and recreation **“very important”** to **quality of life** in San Antonio.

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Alazan Creek Trail, San Antonio.



Community garden project of the Eastside Promise Neighborhood program.



OBJECTIVE 2.1

The parks system is an equitable, essential part of City infrastructure that supports the physical, mental, and social health of individuals, families, and communities.



OBJECTIVE 2.2

Parks provide a nature-oriented, tree-centric oasis in a hot, urban environment.



OBJECTIVE 2.3

Park lands, trails, and programs connect children and users of all ages to outdoor experiences and nature.



OBJECTIVE 2.4

Residents have healthy habits, supported by access to healthy places, healthy food, farmers' markets, community gardens, and programming.



OBJECTIVE 2.5

Mental health is bolstered by easy access to natural environments and supportive programs and services, including nature play and natural elements.

GOAL 2: THE PARKS SYSTEM IS RESTORATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY'S HEALTH.

Objective 2.1 The parks system is an equitable, essential part of City infrastructure that supports the physical, mental, and social health of individuals, families, and communities.

- 2.1.a** Continually ask who in the community is not using parks, trails and programs; actively remove barriers keeping people away.
- 2.1.b** Encourage more users to arrive at parks and trails by walking, biking, or otherwise under their own power.
- 2.1.c** Intensify fitness-focused improvements and programming in areas of the city or within populations that have higher rates of chronic illness or shorter life-expectancy.
- 2.1.d** Increase the number of opportunities for families, children, and small groups to participate in volunteer efforts together.

Objective 2.2 Parks provide a nature-oriented, tree-centric oasis in a hot, urban environment.

- 2.2.a** Establish shade coverage standards for key park areas such as play, seating, and picnic areas.
- 2.2.b** Provide more opportunities for users to interact with water such as splash pads and pools.
- 2.2.c** Leverage tree mitigation funds to:
 - 1. Grow the protected urban tree canopy by purchasing land with established trees or with the intent to plant new trees; and
 - 2. Buy land for parks, trails, and natural areas that creates urban refuge and increases access to nearby nature.

Objective 2.3 Park lands, trails, and programs connect children and users of all ages to outdoor experiences and nature.

- 2.3.a** Develop trail connections, entrance points, educational programs and partnerships that make it possible for park users to responsibly experience nature in San Antonio.



Connecting children to nature through interpretive programs.

- 2.3.b** Expand natural area programming and efforts of the *Cities Connecting Children to Nature* technical assistance grant program to link San Antonio youth to nearby nature.
- 2.3.c** Develop programs that highlight aspects of ecology and nature in nearby neighborhood parks.
- 2.3.d** Explore opportunities for free or reduced-price transportation to parks and natural areas for lower income residents, particularly children.
- 2.3.e** Expand outdoor recreation options that attract a variety of users with different interests and abilities to connect a wider group (including small children, teens, individuals with special needs, owners of pets, adventure activity seekers, and the active aging population) to the outdoors.

Objective 2.4 Residents have healthy habits, supported by access to healthy places, healthy food, farmers' markets, community gardens, and programming.

- 2.4.a** Utilize department policies to showcase and support healthy lifestyles including healthy food vending and tobacco-free parks.
- 2.4.b** Provide flexible space—both indoors and outdoors—that can be used to host events and programs supporting healthy habits such as markets and healthy cooking instruction.
- 2.4.c** Expand partnerships with other organizations and businesses that support healthy habits, healthy eating, community gardening efforts, and access to fresh food.

Objective 2.5 Mental health is bolstered by easy access to natural environments and supportive programs and services, including nature play and natural elements.

- 2.5.a** Create pocket parks in park-poor areas, including existing or new public properties that provide everyday opportunities to de-stress.
- 2.5.b** Design steward programs for neighborhood groups to maintain these local spaces, emphasizing the mental health benefits as the reason to participate.
- 2.5.c** Develop partnerships with organizations addressing mental health in the community to promote parks as a therapeutic resource.



San Pedro Creek Culture Park provides a calm oasis in the center of San Antonio.



TOBACCO-FREE PARKS

Parks are places for people to play, exercise, relax, and enjoy time outdoors. These experiences are all enhanced when parks are healthy and clean spaces. With support from public health advocates, environmentalists, and cities across the country, a national movement has gained momentum to make parks cleaner and healthier for everyone by making them tobacco free.

Tobacco-free parks protect our health, promote healthy living, reduce litter, remove risk to wildlife, decrease environmental toxins, and provide places for adults to model healthy behavior. As of 2017, more than 500 communities across the country adopted laws establishing smoke free parks—including over 50 Texas municipalities. In an effort to promote community health, the City of San Antonio can join this growing movement and adopt tobacco free parks, allowing healthier lifestyles to spread throughout the city, one park at a time.

SA Parks: A breath of fresh air!



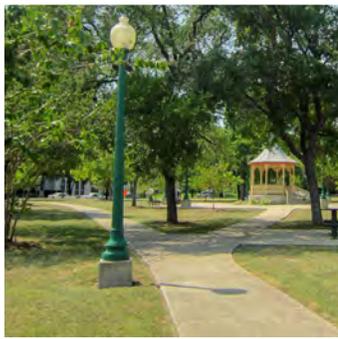
GOAL 3 **RESILIENT**

Parks and Recreation is the only department that has the ability to improve nearly every indicator in the SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan.

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Fans for cooling park in Market Square, Houston



OBJECTIVE 3.1

The benefits of the urban forest are maximized inside and outside of parks.



OBJECTIVE 3.2

Ecologically sensitive landscape design throughout the parks system supports biodiversity, pollinators, local fauna and flora, and decreases resource-intensive landscape maintenance practices.



OBJECTIVE 3.3

Programming increases knowledge and stewardship of natural and cultural resources for individuals and groups of all ages.



OBJECTIVE 3.4

Stormwater is slowed, reused, and allowed to recharge the aquifer as much as practical through low-impact, ecologically sensitive design.



OBJECTIVE 3.5

Water is provided as a resource for health, attraction, and play.



OBJECTIVE 3.6

Indoor and outdoor facility design, use, and programming is adapted to respond to rising temperatures.



OBJECTIVE 3.7

Policies and practices model a holistic view of sustainability.

GOAL 3: SAN ANTONIO IS MORE RESILIENT BECAUSE OF PARKS AND RECREATION.

Objective 3.1 The benefits of the urban forest are maximized inside and outside of parks.

- 3.1.a** Encourage tree planting in parks, along trails, and on private property.
- 3.1.b** Expand partnerships for the Urban Forestry Division to provide trees for other partner organizations throughout the city.
- 3.1.c** Expand efforts to educate the public about the benefits of the urban forest, including carbon sequestration, reducing urban heat island, and improving air quality through bilingual, educational graphics, signage, and programs.
- 3.1.d** Develop and distribute educational media (including video) on new tree care to maximize survival for give-away trees.

Objective 3.2 Ecologically sensitive landscape design throughout the parks system supports biodiversity, pollinators, local fauna and flora, and decreases resource-intensive landscape maintenance practices.

- 3.2.a** Increase climate-appropriate native plantings that require fewer resources and less intensive maintenance.
- 3.2.b** Educate and train staff about the value, function, and maintenance of native, climate-appropriate plants.
- 3.2.c** Provide and protect habitat for pollinators, insects, and wildlife where appropriate.
- 3.2.d** Provide bilingual educational graphics, signage, and programs that highlight the benefits of climate-appropriate and native vegetation, natural resource protection, pollinators, and biodiversity.

Objective 3.3 Programming increases knowledge and stewardship of natural and cultural resources for individuals and groups of all ages.

- 3.3.a** Grow partnerships with schools, partner agencies, and organizations to provide programs in parks that focus on nature, sustainability, and cultural resources such as natural and historic landmarks.



Birds enjoying Woodlawn Lake Park.

- 3.3.b** Develop and distribute educational and interpretive media, including web & mobile applications to educate the public about improving and protecting the environment, natural systems, sustainability, and cultural resources in the parks.
- 3.3.c** Expand volunteer and member-based stewardship, junior-ranger, and naturalist programs targeted at different age groups, from the very young to senior populations.

Objective 3.4 Stormwater is slowed, reused, and allowed to recharge the aquifer as much as practical through low-impact, ecologically sensitive design.

- 3.4.a** Create stormwater management and drainage features in parks that are both beautiful and functional, retain run-off, prevent flooding, and enhance overall park user-experience.
- 3.4.b** Educate and train staff about low-impact design (LID) features and maintenance.
- 3.4.c** Coordinate stormwater management projects to enhance local access to nature and park land.
- 3.4.d** Reuse rainwater in parks for irrigation uses where able or applicable.

Objective 3.5 Water is provided as a resource for health, attraction, and play.

- 3.5.a** Identify locations where San Antonio park and trail users can access water for play in safe, habitat-friendly, environmentally responsible ways.
- 3.5.b** Develop splash pads, interactive water features using state of the art water conserving systems and shaded pool areas to spread access to water play across the city.

- 3.5.c** Provide additional opportunities for fishing and stock fish in park ponds where appropriate.
- 3.5.d** Expand waterway viewsheds and add interpretive experiences to waterways in parks.

Objective 3.6 Indoor and outdoor facility design, use, and programming is adapted to respond to rising temperatures.

- 3.6.a** Establish minimum standards for shade coverage at all new facilities; retrofit existing facilities to shade-critical play, picnic, and seating areas.
- 3.6.b** Provide opportunities to increase user comfort and decrease ambient temperatures using strategies that include shade structures with solar-powered fans, cooling tents, and misting areas.
- 3.6.c** Develop indoor options for team sports and competition during the hottest times of year and provide new facilities with opportunities for more active indoor uses.
- 3.6.d** Establish minimum standards for energy efficiency for all new facilities, including indoor (building) and outdoor (landscape) technologies and appliances.
- 3.6.e** Provide drinking water and encourage the use of refillable water bottles along trails, at parks, and at community facilities.

Objective 3.7 Policies and practices model a holistic view of sustainability.

- 3.7.a** Eliminate polluting and wasteful practices and equipment whenever possible. This includes reducing use of inefficient irrigation systems and fossil fuel powered vehicles and shifting toward use of vehicles and equipment that is greener, cleaner, quieter, and has less impact.
- 3.7.b** Identify additional opportunities and retrofit facilities to increase energy efficiency and transition to renewable energy where appropriate.
- 3.7.c** Reduce waste and practice upcycling, recycling, and composting as much as possible in all indoor and outdoor facilities. Provide adequate signage for clarity of use and educational purposes.
- 3.7.d** Use non-toxic fertilizers, pesticides, and cleaners whenever possible.



SAN ANTONIO TRAIL DESIGN STRATEGY

The San Antonio Trail Design Strategy (TDS) is a concurrent trail implementation project that can help carry out trail related improvements identified in the SA Parks System Plan. The TDS establishes trail design principles, criteria for application, and enhanced features.

Part of the strategy involves integrating trail features that include city-branded elements and highlight unique characteristics of neighborhoods where specific trails are located. In this way, trails can reflect both San Antonio's distinct style *and* a more localized character.

Primary objectives of the TDS are to: align citywide planning efforts, including the SA Parks System Plan; improve the quality of trails; stimulate neighborhood revitalization; and showcase best practices for ecological design, water preservation, and Low Impact Development (LID).

SA: Every trail can be functional AND beautiful!



OBJECTIVE 4.1

Every project is multi-dimensional, multi-layered, and multi-purpose.



OBJECTIVE 4.2

Projects and services clearly match community priorities and there is an open line of communication between the community and City.



OBJECTIVE 4.3

Partner facilities, programs, and services expand San Antonio's parks system resources.



OBJECTIVE 4.4

Parks and programs build ownership in the local community, shown through public support for funding measures and citizen volunteerism.



OBJECTIVE 4.5

Management, maintenance, operations, and safety provide a high-quality, accessible, and affordable experience to every user.



OBJECTIVE 4.6

Investment in indoor facilities is maximized through multiple uses across the morning, day, and evening hours.

GOAL 4: THE CITY IS RESOURCEFUL IN CREATING, MAINTAINING, AND CHANGING THE PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM.

Objective 4.1 Every project is multi-dimensional, multi-layered, and multi-purpose.

- 4.1.a** Design multi-use facilities with flexible spaces that can serve multiple community and program needs.
- 4.1.b** Identify opportunities to retrofit facilities to create multi-functional, technology-ready, and multi-purpose spaces.
- 4.1.c** Integrate site features such as public art, landscape materials, and hardscape elements that provide both functionality and beauty.
- 4.1.d** Make the most of art investments by integrating public art into play, nature, and learning experiences in parks.

Objective 4.2 Projects and services clearly match community priorities and there is an open line of communication between the community and City.

- 4.2.a** Ensure that the local community has opportunities for input on capital improvement projects through a wide variety of platforms including online communications, surveys, workshops, and social media.
- 4.2.b** Educate the community about the role of Parks and Recreation at community events and through online media.
- 4.2.c** Actively promote program and activities through physical and online media.

Objective 4.3 Partner facilities, programs, and services expand San Antonio's parks system resources.

- 4.3.a** Identify the strengths and gaps in recreation programming opportunities across the City and outside agency organizations. Strategically partner to create the most comprehensive, affordable and accessible parks system for San Antonio residents.



Teen volunteers being recognized at Garza Park.

- 4.3.b** Expand partnerships with other public agencies, including other departments within the City, that have park-adjacent facilities and programs.
- 4.3.c** Cooperatively expand the School Park Program to include more school sites; locations should be prioritized to fill gaps in 10-minute walk access; explore the use of indoor school facilities through an expanded agreement.
- 4.3.d** Focus field trips and programming related to youth, education, health, nature, sustainability, and active living at City parks and recreation sites to strengthen connections between Parks and Recreation and the community.

Objective 4.4 Parks and programs build ownership in the local community, shown through public support for funding measures and citizen volunteerism.

- 4.4.a** Advertise opportunities to get involved in ongoing community discussions and volunteer opportunities.
- 4.4.b** Encourage community groups to get involved and hold their meetings in local park facilities.
- 4.4.c** Develop a park steward program modeled on the Trail Stewards to put more eyes on the parks and clarify reporting of any issues.
- 4.4.d** Form a Tree Commission advisory group to build advocates for San Antonio’s urban forest. Consider other areas where citizen advisory and advocacy groups may benefit the entire parks system.

Objective 4.5 Management, maintenance, operations, and safety provide a high-quality, accessible, and affordable experience to every user.

- 4.5.a** Develop responsive standards for maintenance at parks with more and less intensity of use, recognizing that parks serving more people due to local density or attractive features/events will require more maintenance resources.
- 4.5.b** Implement a proactive replacement program, based on life-expectancy, for critical systems and features.
- 4.5.c** Continue to support affordable programs, including those that are free and low cost, and consider adding premium options (with higher cost recovery expectations) to expand services where appropriate.
- 4.5.d** Identify strategic opportunities for revenue generation, priced at reasonable costs to the public, to fund enhanced services or programming in the system.

Objective 4.6 Investment in indoor facilities is maximized through multiple uses across the morning, day, and evening hours.

- 4.6.a** Develop indoor facilities for maximum flexibility. Each building should be able to accommodate meetings, messy art spaces, fitness, exercise, and other programming.
- 4.6.b** Strategically schedule programming and events for different user groups at times that maximize facility utilization.
- 4.6.c** Identify additional complementary uses across public agencies, such as expanding shared senior services and recreation facilities, that demonstrate efficient use of public resources through high utilization of expensive indoor spaces.



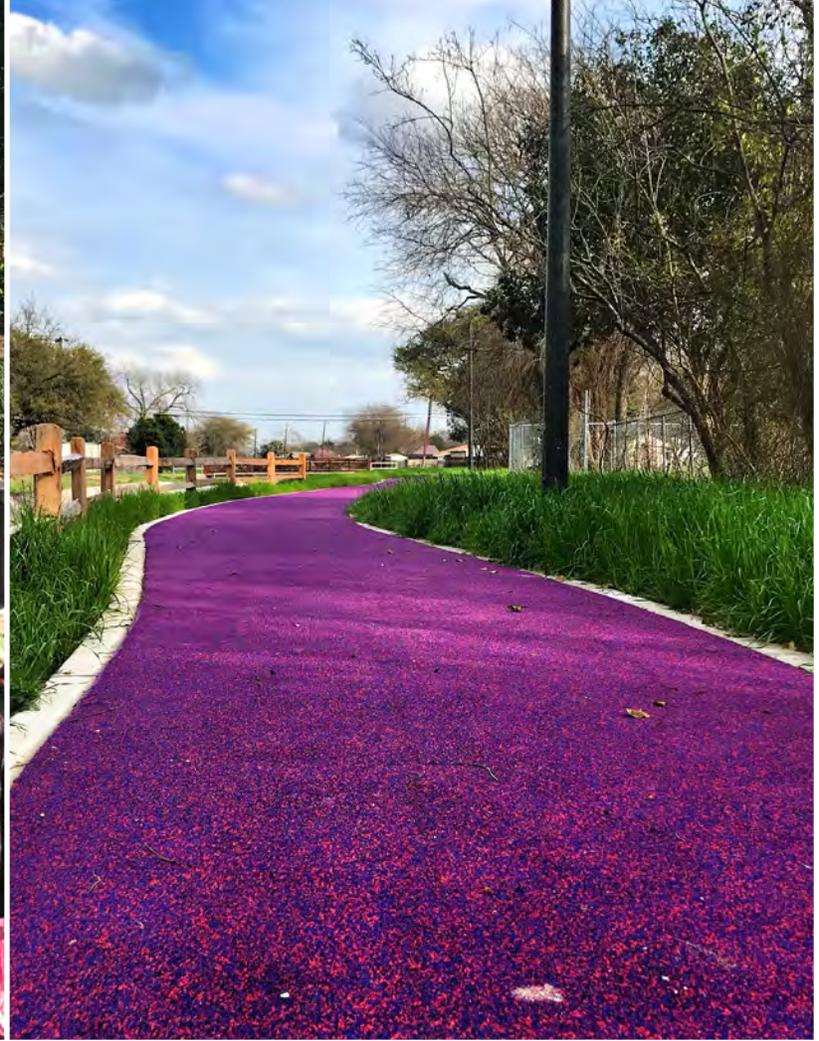
SAN PEDRO CREEK CULTURE PARK

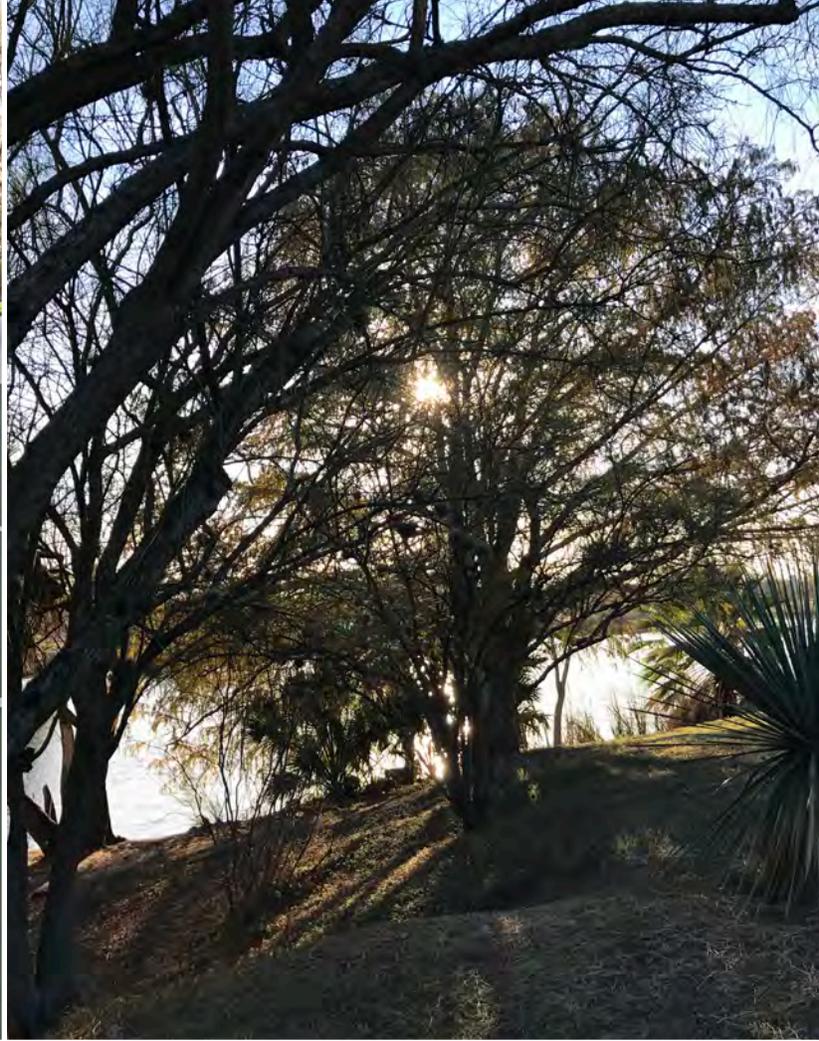
The City of San Antonio, Bexar County, and the San Antonio River Authority are working together to create a unique natural and cultural greenspace along San Pedro Creek. In the water, the wider and deeper channel will protect against flooding while plantings and low-impact development features enhance the water quality.

At the edge of the creek, where evidence of indigenous people lived goes back over 12,000 years and where the Spanish first established what would become San Antonio, this park celebrates the past, while creating new opportunities for living, working, and playing in the city.

This park highlights how one project can contribute to multiple City and partner goals through quality design.

SA: Working together for function and beauty at the heart of San Antonio!





5 OUR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



Fourth of July Children's Parade at Woodlawn Lake celebrating 100 years of community investment in this park.

INTRODUCTION

The SA Parks System Plan sets a strategic direction for the ongoing development and management of vibrant, exceptional parks and recreation in San Antonio. The San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department, along with many partners, will strive to turn this Plan's goals and objectives into reality through strategic directions and priority projects.

STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTIONS

In order to optimize limited public resources, the City of San Antonio aims to align parks and recreation efforts where there are opportunities to meet multiple objectives and continue to build support from the public and partner organizations. Following are the top nine strategic directions to guide the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department in implementing the actions outlined in this Plan:

- 1. Maintain Equity as a Primary Decision Factor:** Emphasizing equity in all aspects of the park system will strengthen project and program design. The decision-making process should consider questions such as “who is not yet involved?” and “what barriers can we remove?” to determine the best course of action.
- 2. Optimize Operations, Programming, and Communications from the Users' Perspective:** Preferences and perspectives of San Antonio's diverse residents and user groups should drive system management decisions. From the timing of program registration to hours of restroom operation, and more, user experience is paramount.



- 3. Implement the Capital Bond Projects:** The current and future capital bond resources represent the biggest opportunity to reshape the system according to the goals of this Plan. Working with Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) to apply the goals and objectives of this Plan while implementing these projects is a critical step.
- 4. Expand the System and Services through Partnerships:** City staff should continue to grow the number and variety of partnerships that extend recreation programming (such as Fitness in the Park) and places to recreate (such as School Parks) across the entire city.
- 5. Align Internal Resources for Parks and Recreation:** Many City efforts have the potential to advance parks and recreation goals. Engaging with other departments and divisions, including Development Services, Planning, Transportation and Capital Improvements, and Sustainability, will ensure the park and recreation potential of all City projects is maximized. 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.
- 6. Pursue New Resources to Extend the City's Investment:** The Parks and Recreation Department should pursue grants and philanthropic funding for environmental, social, and health benefits of parks and recreation to expand the pool of resources available for system improvement. This may involve existing parks conservancies or the establishment of new conservancies or foundations.
- 7. Add Indoor Recreation Opportunities through Development and Partnerships:** A greater number and variety of indoor recreation opportunities is needed. Many such opportunities already exist and could be accessed through expanded partnerships with schools (for gyms,

San Antonio has created beautiful, community-supported places, such as Yanaguana Garden, through creative partnerships and public investment.

classrooms, etc.) and other partners. City staff should also explore other mechanisms such as concessionaire, or non-profit-operated facilities, especially for new types of facilities such as indoor athletic field space.

8. Create Physical and Programmatic Connections to Key Local

Resources: Safe access to parks, schools, and larger regional destinations is critical. Expanding the Greenway Trail system and creating smaller linkages to surrounding recreational resources are key priorities. Historic, natural, and cultural programming can also be enhanced by collaborating with other service providers outside the City.

9. Acknowledge and Support the Value of

Quality Design: Quality is a fundamental principle for planning, design, and construction of new parks, trails, and facilities in the system. It supports memorable experiences, civic pride, and sense of belonging.



Green, shady spaces to sit and play.

PRIORITY CAPITAL PROJECTS

This Plan’s implementation approach involves guidance for prioritizing the variety of potential capital projects the Parks and Recreation Department may develop, implement, and evaluate, as funding is identified, through San Antonio’s capital improvement process. These may include, but are not limited to, the park land and creekway trail acquisitions, fields, courts, buildings, and others that fulfill community needs for equity, connectivity, variety, nature access, and enhanced programming through improved facilities. This section identifies priority projects based on their alignment and support of the goals in the SA Parks System Plan. Consistency with the four goals will communicate their priority to funding partners and maximize local dollars invested in the system, including Texas Parks and Wildlife Division grants.

The tables on the following pages outline potential capital projects and identify their relation to this Plan’s four major goals (responsive, restorative, resilient, and resourceful) with check marks indicating which goal(s) the project most advances. This format highlights projects that can potentially accomplish

multiple goals and serves as a tool for prioritization and decision-making. As new projects emerge during the implementation of this plan they too should be evaluated against the four goals. Projects are organized into four recreation categories, translating the community’s needs into actions for each of the four physical components of the system:

1. **Park Lands**
2. **Trails and Greenways**
3. **Outdoor Recreation Facilities**
4. **Indoor Recreation Facilities**

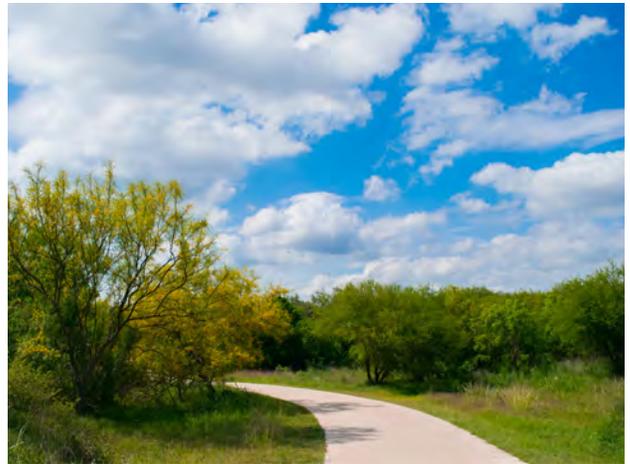


TABLE 5-1. PRIORITY PROJECTS—PARK LANDS

	 Responsive	 Restorative	 Resilient	 Resourceful
Complete park improvements in existing master plans	✓	✓		✓
Acquire, plan, and develop community and regional parks	✓		✓	✓
Acquire and develop new parks in areas lacking neighborhood park access	✓			✓
Renovate parks for enhancement of user experience, particularly addition of shade, restrooms, drinking fountains, and picnic areas	✓	✓		✓
Acquire land for the development of new facilities	✓	✓		✓
Plant trees, enhance park landscapes, and create stormwater management to enhance overall park function and user experience	✓	✓	✓	✓
Enhance and protect habitats and other natural resources in the park system		✓	✓	✓
Integrate native plants, native trees, pollinator plantings, and natural resources in developed parks		✓	✓	
Promote excellence in design in new developments and/or redevelopments of the system	✓	✓	✓	✓

TABLE 5-2. PRIORITY PROJECTS—TRAILS AND GREENWAYS

	 Responsive	 Restorative	 Resilient	 Resourceful
Complete planned trails and greenways	✓	✓	✓	✓
Expand the network of trails and greenways, including land acquisition or easements if required	✓	✓	✓	✓
Implement trail user amenities, including trailheads (with parking and/or restrooms), formalized trail access points, and wayfinding signage	✓	✓		
Enhance street crossings and in-right-of-way connections	✓	✓		✓
Expand habitat corridors, especially habitat connections	✓	✓	✓	✓
Enhance highway, railroad, and river over- and under-crossings	✓	✓	✓	✓
Promote excellence in design in new developments and/or redevelopments of the system	✓	✓	✓	✓



TABLE 5-3. PRIORITY PROJECTS—OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES

	 Responsive	 Restorative	 Resilient	 Resourceful
Aquatics facilities, e.g., swimming pools and splash pads	✓	✓		
New sports fields and facilities	✓			
Enhancements to existing sports fields (renovations, lighting, artificial turf)	✓			✓
Enhancements and additional courts, especially courts that broaden the facility types already present in San Antonio, or that serve multiple sports	✓			✓
Adventure/challenge facilities such as climbing walls, skate parks, bike parks, and others		✓		✓
Community gardens	✓	✓	✓	
Dog parks	✓			✓
Playgrounds and nature play areas	✓	✓	✓	✓
Outdoor fitness zones	✓	✓		
Picnic areas/outdoor living rooms, e.g., ping pong, games, seating, etc.	✓	✓		
Performance/event space	✓	✓		✓
Picnic shelters and picnic areas	✓	✓		
Promote excellence in design in new developments and/or redevelopments of the system	✓	✓	✓	✓

TABLE 5-4. PRIORITY PROJECTS—INDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES

	 Responsive	 Restorative	 Resilient	 Resourceful
Multi-generational recreation centers	✓	✓	✓	✓
Specialized recreation facilities, e.g., tennis center, field house, art center, indoor sports facility	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gymnasiums, e.g., basketball and volleyball	✓		✓	
Senior centers	✓	✓		✓
Nature/environmental centers	✓	✓	✓	✓
Historic/cultural facilities	✓			✓
Rentable event facilities	✓			✓
Promote excellence in design in new developments and/or redevelopments of the system	✓	✓	✓	✓

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APPENDIX A: URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Introduction and Purpose

San Antonio has long recognized the importance of the urban forest. It plays an integral role in San Antonio’s vitality. Trees provide social, ecological, and economic benefits and enhance the quality of life for San Antonio residents. As the city grows and becomes more complex, trees become an important part of planning for a healthy future.

San Antonio is 300 years old, but up until recently our efforts have been to preserve the existing forest around us as we grow into it. As other cities have realized, replanting has become an important part of urban forestry. San Antonio has lost tree canopy and it is not just about preservation: it is about re-forestation of the urban area.

What is an Urban Forest?
An urban forest encompasses all of the community vegetation within the city.

As part of the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Parks System Plan (SA Parks System Plan), this document provides an assessment of the urban forestry program and provides recommendations and strategies for expanding the program.

The City of San Antonio has been a Tree City USA city since 2016. To achieve Tree City USA status, the City must meet **four core standards** of sound urban forestry management:

- maintain a tree board or department,
- have a community tree ordinance,
- spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and
- celebrate Arbor Day.

This program offers direction, assistance and national recognition for the community and a framework for sustainable tree programs, initiatives, and ordinances. San Antonio is one of more than 3,400 communities that have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City USA.

The first criteria for Tree City USA was met with the inclusion of a City Arborist and City Forester overseeing the collection and expenditure of funds for planting and maintenance of new trees.



The second criteria of having a community tree ordinance was met in 1997 with San Antonio’s first Tree Preservation Ordinance which has been updated several times, most recently in 2015. The ordinance, enforced by the Development Services Department, requires preservation of trees on sites as they are developed or fees for mitigation of trees removed.

The third criteria, the spending of at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, has been met in part by the collection of monies paid into the mitigation funds supporting a \$2.48 million tree fund in 2018, according to data reported to the San Antonio City Council.

The fourth criteria, the celebration of Arbor Day, takes place throughout the City. There are also many tree plantings, tree giveaways, and other tree-centered events that occur throughout the year, including a TREEcentennial Program to add 300 trees at colleges and universities during the City’s tricentennial celebration year.

This SA Parks System Plan process has included many discussions with staff involved in planting and maintaining trees, with staff involved in the regulation of the tree preservation ordinance, and with other departments. In addition, public meeting and survey results were evaluated which showed a strong interest in maintaining trees in the city, including planting trees in neighborhoods and preventing diseases in trees.

SA Tree Preservation Ordinance

The continual increase in development has put a strain on the existing tree cover of the city. For that reason, the San Antonio City Council adopted the Tree Preservation Ordinance in 1997 (Section 35-523 of the UDC). The ordinance seeks to maximize tree preservation and urban tree canopy. Meeting the ordinance:

- Requires a tree permit to be obtained prior to any land development in the city limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ)
- Requires developers to submit tree preservation plans showing how they will meet the requirements or pay a fee in lieu
- Is implemented by the Development Services Department of the City

Tree Funds

SA Tree Ordinance Tree Mitigation Fund Use: 35-523(o)(3) states:

“The funds collected from civil penalties and mitigation fees in the fund shall be utilized to pay for the planting of trees, to include a maintenance period not to exceed three (3) years. Generated funds may be used by the city forester to plant trees on public or private properties. Trees planted with mitigation funds shall not be used to meet any municipal code requirements for preservation, mitigation, landscaping, buffers, streetscape or other requirements. Trees planted with tree mitigation funds are considered mitigation trees as defined in appendix A of the UDC. The funding of tree preservation including the yearly digital imagery and planting programs shall be administered by the Parks and Recreation Department and City Forester. The Director of the Parks and Recreation Department shall seek the advice of the Parks and Recreation Board in regard to the selection of projects to be funded. A portion of the fund may be used, on an annual basis, to fund activities directed towards educating the public on the importance of trees in the environment, ecological issues and pollution prevention.”

SA Tree Preservation Ordinance

Two funds were established with the ordinance: the Tree Canopy Fund and the Tree Mitigation Fund.

These two funds are managed through two city departments. The funds are assessed and collected by the City Arborist and staff in the Development Services Department while the expenditure of the funds is coordinated through the City Forester in the Parks & Recreation Department.

The Urban & Community Forest Matters





SA Tree Canopy Investment Fund Use: 35-523(q)(3) states:

“The funds collected shall be utilized to pay for the planting and maintenance of trees to include a maintenance period not to exceed three (3) years. Generated funds may be used by the city forester to plant trees on public or private properties and the yearly digital imagery to proactively enhance the city’s tree canopy area. Trees planted utilizing funds from the tree canopy fund are protected trees, and if approved to be removed, shall be mitigated at 1:1 unless heritage size which are mitigated at 3:1 (with the exception of species listed in table 523-2 , column B, row 1 which will be mitigated at 1:1) and are to be maintained by the project applicant. In addition, ten (10) percent of the funds collected will be kept in a separate budget line to be used for any litigation necessary in the enforcement of this section.

The program is to be administered by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Director of the Parks and Recreation Department and the City Forester shall seek the advice of the Parks and Recreation Board on the selection of projects to be funded.”

The strategy for utilizing these funds has included tree planting initiatives, community education, tree adoptions, and tree partnerships. Funds available have grown from \$240,000 in 2006 to over \$2,400,000 in 2018, with more than 88,000 trees planted. These funds are based on development in the City and ETJ.

Tree mitigation funds require that trees be planted and maintained by City staff on City-owned public properties including parks, trails, natural areas, public buildings and other such properties. The City also partners with outside agencies to plant trees on public lands not owned by the City such SARA properties, creeks, greenway trailheads, public golf courses, and other public sites. Trees are also currently planted on private property but under limited programs. The Urban Forestry Program has recently developed projects such as the Neighborhood Tree Program and collaborated on others such as Under One Roof to facilitate the integration of new trees on private property. These trees are maintained by the property owners.

Goals of the Program

Why are trees important? Trees provide social, ecological, and economic benefits. These include air pollution reduction, water quality enhancement, and urban heat island mitigation. They provide habitat for wildlife, increase public health and increase property values. The goals of the program are to increase these benefits to the City.

VISION

Place the urban forest as a high priority with respect to the quality of life and the environment of San Antonio. To add tree canopy, manage existing tree canopy, enhance and maintain recently planted trees, and generally protect vegetation in the City. Provide education both internally to city staff and externally to the public at large.

City of Dallas Code text:

“The director shall administer the reforestation fund to purchase trees to plant on public property, to create an urban forest master plan and to update it periodically, to fund a staff position for managing and directing the fund for planting and forest education, or to acquire conservation easements or wooded property. A minimum of 50% of all funds provided for each fiscal year must be available to planting trees on public property or to acquire conservation easements or wooded property.”

See page A-4 “Recommendations and Strategies: 1) Codes and Institutional Changes”

Recommendations and Strategies

1. Code and Institutional Changes

- Expand the use of funds for conservation easements or to buy property to increase or preserve the urban tree canopy. This will require a change in the UDC (Uniform Development Code). Other cities including the City of Dallas allow their tree funds to be used for these expenditures.
- Identify and coordinate on other ordinances that might need to be modified with respect to trees.
- Explore changes to the UDC to allow mitigation funds to be used for canopy, landscaping, and streetscape requirements on public property.
- Explore changes (increases) to mitigation fees amounts associated with tree removal to preserve more existing trees.
- Ensure that all capital improvement projects look at opportunities for tree planting, above what is required by code, early in the design process. Every project should identify opportunities as part of the site design. Additional trees can be added to capital improvement projects and paid for under the tree funds. Those trees may be planted by the contractor for the project who will be paid for labor and materials or by city staff. Scoping meetings for all City projects should include a discussion of all things related to trees (tree save areas identified and recorded on plats, for example). Trees are not typically considered early in the planning process.
- Better coordinate with other departments and review standard details and specifications for construction with respect to improvements near trees (example: hand pruning of roots during sidewalk construction).

2. Additional Tree Planting Goals

- Further coordination with groups promoting good arboreal practices.
- Continue to plant trees in public areas and look for every possible opportunity to plant in public lands including cemeteries, police stations, areas within the R.O.W., senior and community centers, disc golf courses, and any other site that might be appropriate.
- Continue to work with the City's Sustainability office in formulating a Street Tree Strategic Plan.
- Place more urban trees in pocket parks — look for potential sites both in the public and private realm that could result in greater socio-economic impacts on the immediate surrounding area.

3. Management of the Program

- Consider establishing an Urban Forestry Board (or a sub-committee of the Parks Board) to direct programs with an associated non-profit organization that can collect and distribute funds outside of the monies paid into the tree funds for other purposes such as education. This could relieve the Urban Forestry staff of some of the management responsibilities they now have and let them get back to what they want to do: plant trees.

Frisco, Texas Urban Forestry Board

The Urban Forestry Program is led by a board of volunteers that advise the City Council on the promotion, improvement and protection of the urban forest. The board's mission is to provide wise stewardship and leadership to ensure that the protection of existing trees and to encourage proper selection, planting methods and maintenance of new trees in order to continually enhance the quality of life in Frisco.

The board seeks to increase community understanding of the value of the urban forest and takes responsibility for the education and publicity of those values. Members participate in a variety of educational initiatives in cooperation with local elementary schools, the Boys' and Girls' Clubs and other groups throughout the city.

See "Recommendations and Strategies: 3) Management of the Program"

- Consider developing an Urban Forestry Master Plan (see City of Austin’s Urban Forest Plan) to be updated every 5 years with an established vision, general and educational goals, plans for future staff additions (new or current positions to be filled), and avenues for the training and recognition of new staff and volunteers.
- Better monitor the distribution of trees in the tree giveaway programs to know where they are going (track zip codes of participants). This may be accomplished by a web presence (asking for videos or photographs of your tree: How is it? Where is it?), a form or subscription, or even using self-addressed stamped postcards for return to the City asking recent recipients how their trees are doing.

CASE STUDY: Society of Municipal Arborists



The Society of Municipal Arborists is a group of municipal arborists, urban foresters and others concerned with the promotion and protection of trees.

Their mission is: “The Society of Municipal Arborists builds the confidence, competence, and camaraderie of professionals who manage trees and forests to create and sustain more liveable communities.”

The Society offer programs including an exchange program, conferences, and publications. They strive to promote and improve the profession, support investigation of problems, and promote awareness.

The SA Parks System Plan includes recommendations promoting coordination between groups and education of the public.

CASE STUDY: Cool Schools Tree Planting and Education Program

This program between the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power partnered with the Los Angeles Unified School District to plant trees around school buildings to make classrooms cooler and provide a more comfortable environment while using electricity more efficiently. The program also engaged at-risk youth to plant the trees and educate students.

The SA Parks System Plan includes recommendations to expand partnerships for tree planting and to educate young people on the importance of trees.



- Expand tree planting programs, particularly to underserved neighborhoods and properties.
- Better monitor the survival rate of trees in the tree giveaway programs to know how they are doing.
- Urban Forestry Inventory analysis has been performed since the 1920’s. The Texas Forest Service has provided fixed plots where data is analyzed for a quantifiable inventory of trees in the City. This important information provides a data set for the City Forester to track and assess the urban forest as the City expands.
- Provide resources for staff to track and assess the resource of our urban forest and to assess disease, drought and other potential factors that may harm the urban forest. This could include the assessment of each park in the City once a year, particularly in areas where there are consequences of the loss of tree canopy, such as those trees shading a playground. This assessment could be integrated with the overall city tree inventory.

4. Education

- Coordinate with arborist groups to promote arboricultural practices.
- Educate citizens on the value of trees through expanding programs with community partners.
- Educate citizens on the care of trees, particularly trees associated with tree giveaways.
- Offer Urban Forestry courses and expand citizen forestry courses.
- Expand courses such as adult education forums on planting and maintaining trees.
- Work with the City Arborist and Development Services to expand landscape industry courses on proper pruning techniques and other technical courses.

5. Green Corridors

- Designate certain areas of R.O.W by City Council as Green Corridors. This could be modeled similarly to the City of Houston where green corridors enhance the beauty of both R.O.W.s and adjacent properties in high visibility corridors similar to the Gateway Corridor Ordinances in San Antonio.

6. Promotion

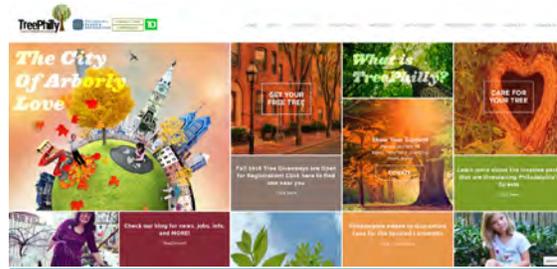
- Develop a website dedicated exclusively to Urban Forestry.
- Enhance the City's 311 app so that it has the ability to report tree issues. Currently, the app does not enable or support reporting dangerous trees, tree health, damaged trees on public property, etc.

7. Partnerships

- Identify or develop a non-profit organization to collect additional funds (as mentioned above). This could help maintain a certain level of funding through varying economic conditions as the fund is currently dependent on the continuing expansion of the City. This could also allow the City to provide equipment and training to other groups for maintenance and light pruning of public properties. The partner organization could provide storage for tools, event management, and other active promotion of urban forestry.
- Expand partnership opportunities for planting trees. This also provides education opportunities for schools.
- Develop expanded relationships with the courts via restitution and community service programs for probationers and juvenile offenders to plant trees and rid parks of invasive species.
- Inform neighborhood and community organizations on all opportunities to increase tree planting, particularly in underserved areas of the City.
- Develop volunteer training on maintenance, hand pruning, etc. and expand programs currently coordinated with the Master Naturalists, etc. This could include volunteers leading others during events.

8. Maintenance

- Educate and train maintenance staff (or outside contractors) to preserve existing and new trees on public property. For example, mowing contractors should be aware of tree guards, maintaining mulch rings, and watering pans or bags around trees. "No mow Areas" could also help to preserve the investment of forestry in parks.
- Train staff on removal of invasive species (identification and proper removal techniques).



CASE STUDY: TreePhilly

TreePhilly (a program of the Philadelphia Parks & Recreation Department) developed their website as a user-friendly portal to provide general tree information and resources. The site offers information on the benefits of trees, care of trees, invasive pests, where to get a free tree, etc. Visitors can share their tree story and upload pictures to the website and their submissions are posted by the website team. This interactive approach creates a site that makes it easy for visitors to find everything they need to know about trees suitable for their area.

The SA Parks System Plan includes a recommendation for the Parks & Recreation Department to develop a dynamic user-friendly website for the Urban Forestry division.

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October 2017
to
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COMMUNITY INPUT REPORT

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Overview

The Bender Wells Clark Design Team (BWCD Team) has been hired by the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department (P&R) to assist in the update of the SA Parks System Plan. The SA Parks System Plan is the plan that will guide future planning decisions on the expansion, capital improvements, and programming of the more than 240 City-owned parks and recreational facilities, 15,000 plus acres of green space, and over 181 miles of trails. The plan is updated every 10 years with the last plan being adopted in 2006. The current effort to update the plan will leverage the work of and coordinate closely with the SA Tomorrow plan initiative, include an Urban Forestry Strategic Plan, and recommend future funding goals and objectives. The entire update process will take approximately 18 months.

Given that park users have a significant role to play in this process, the BWCD Team and Parks staff developed a robust public outreach effort that included a series of community workshops and community events. This report provides a summary of the outreach, process, and outcomes of those workshops and events.



Outreach

In-person public participation for this phase of the system plan development consisted of children's outreach events, community events, and community workshops. The children's outreach events were held the summer prior to the community events and workshops. The community events and workshops were held throughout the City of San Antonio and were meant to engage a diverse group of park users and non-users. As such they were held at various parks facilities and during different hours of the day. A total of five event-based activities were held and seven community workshops. The following is a list of the community workshops and events followed by the various means used to advertise them to end-users.

Children's Events

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, August 1, 2017	10:45 AM	Father Roman Community Center; 11030 Ruidosa
Tuesday, August 1, 2017	12:30 PM	Normoyle Community Center; 700 Culberson
Tuesday, August 1, 2017	2:15 PM	Tobin Community Center; 411 N. Brazos St.
Wednesday, August 2, 2017	10:45 AM	Denver Heights Community Center; 300 Porter
Wednesday, August 2, 2017	12:30 PM	Hamilton Community Center; 10700 Nacogdoches

Community Events

Date	Time	Location
Friday, October 13, 2017	7:00 PM	Harlandale Movie in the Park; 7227 Briar Place
Saturday, October 14, 2017	7:00 PM	Harlandale Movie in the Park; 7227 Briar Place
Saturday, November 11, 2017	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	McAllister Park Clean Up; 13102 Jones Maltsberger
Saturday, December 9, 2017	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Lincoln Park Tree Adoption; 2915 E. Commerce
Saturday, January 6, 2018	10:00 AM	OP Schnabel Trailhead Tour & Bike Rodeo; 9606 Bandera

Community Workshops

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, October 12, 2017	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Central Library; 600 Soledad
Tuesday, October 24, 2017	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Southside Lions Community Center; 2805 E. Commerce
Wednesday, November 8, 2017	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Garza Community Center; 5627 Mira Vista
Saturday, December 2, 2017	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Claude Black Community Center; 2805 E. Commerce
Monday, December 11, 2017	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Hardberger Park Urban Ecology Center; 8400 NW Military Hwy
Wednesday, January 10, 2018	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Miller's Pond Community Center; 6175 Old Pearsall
Tuesday, January 23, 2018	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	The Toolyard; 10303 Tool Yard

E-mail Notifications

Bilingual electronic notices (emails) were sent to Ximenes & Associates' public outreach database as well as the City of San Antonio's neighborhood and homeowner association database, databases of professional organizations, local colleges and universities, and of several City Council members. It was also included in the Park & Recreation Department's newsletter that is distributed to stakeholders who have signed up to receive

park related information. Below is a table detailing the dates for notices sent, the number of recipients per send, and the opens/clicks for each distribution.

Sender	Date	Recipients	Opens	Clicks
X&A Distribution	October 4, 2017	3,796	527 (13.9%)	64 (1.7%)
X&A Distribution	November 30, 2017	3,624	494 (13.6%)	72 (2%)
X&A Distribution	January 5, 2018	3,378	380 (11.3%)	84 (2.5%)
X&A Distribution	January 19, 2018	3,271	374 (11.4%)	50 (1.5%)
Parks Distribution	October 2, 2017	8,346	1,453 (21.5%)	909 (10.9%)
Parks Distribution	November 2, 2017	8,346	1,247 (18.5%)	801 (9.6%)
Parks Distribution	November 30, 2017	8,353	1,442 (21.4%)	626 (7.5%)
Parks Distribution	December 7, 2017	8,332	1,164 (17.4%)	667 (8.0%)
Parks Distribution	January 22, 2018	8,343	1,418 (21.3%)	659 (7.9%)

Social Media

The Parks & Recreation Department’s Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube social media channels were used to advertise the community workshops and events. Social media friendly graphics were developed for this purpose and were shared by numerous social media influencers, a few of which are listed below. Facebook and Twitter likes/follows are used, as these social media channels are known to have a higher penetration rate. This is not an exhaustive list but is rather provided to give a sense of the social media reach and diversity of distribution.

Name	Handle	FB Likes	Twitter Followers
Alamo Area Council of Governments	@AlamoAreaCOG	1,400	2,900
Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization	@AlamoAreaMPO	2,900	2,000
City of San Antonio	@cosa-gov	31,000	118,000
Councilman Roberto Trevino, District 1	@Trevino_D1	700	3,000
Councilman Clayton Perry, District 10	@district10perry	700	1,900
Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association	@DignowityHillNA	1,016	1,644
Dual Generation- Eastside Promise Neighborhood	@dualgenerationSA	1,668	*
EastPoint San Antonio	@EastPointSA	2,200	745
East San Antonio Community Development Corporation	@eastsacdc	688	596
Eastside Promise Zone	@SAPromiseZone	1,432	265
Edmond Ortiz	@satscribe	500	3,700
Green Spaces Alliance	@greenspacestx	2,500	800
SA Parks & Recreation	@SAParksandRec	22,100	5,500
SA Parks Fitness	@SAParksFitness	3,500	3,200
San Antonio Water System	@MySAWS	9,800	15,500
Senator Jose Menendez	@Menendez4Texas	11,400	7,900
Swell Cycle (formerly BCycle San Antonio)	@SWellCycle	3,500	3,600
The Rivard Report	@RivardReport	24,700	18,300

* No associated Twitter accounts.

Website

The City of San Antonio Parks & Recreation Department established a dedicated web presence and email for the SA Parks System Plan. Additionally, the meetings and workshops were highlighted on the official City of San Antonio website and calendar. Every effort was made to ensure the meetings were promoted extensively across all city platforms.

Advertising/Media Relations

The Parks and Recreation Department purchased sponsored social media ads in the Rivard Report to try to increase attendance and also purchased traditional print media ads. The following media and news entities published the ads or covered the community workshops and events.

Date	News Channel/Publication	Story Title
October 4, 2017	La Prensa	Print ad
October 4, 2017	South Side Reporter	Print ad
October 4, 2017	San Antonio Current	Print ad
October 5-24, 2017	Texas Public Radio	Radio ads
October 5-28, 2017	Univision Radio – KXTN 107.5 and Latino Mix 95.1	Radio ads
October 9, 2017	News 4 San Antonio	News story
October 10, 2017	Rivard Report	Social media ad
October 10, 2017	San Antonio Express News	Print ad
October 11, 2017	La Prensa	Print ad
October 11, 2017	San Antonio Current	Print ad
October 13, 2017	KENS 5 Eyewitness News	News story
October 15-28, 2017	La Prensa	Digital ads/Social media ad
October 15-28, 2017	San Antonio Current	Digital ads
November 1, 2017	San Antonio Current	Print ad
November 1-29, 2017	San Antonio Current	Digital ads
November 1, 2017	Southside Reporter	Print ad
November 3-11, 2017	Texas Public Radio	Radio ads
November 3-11, 2017	Univision Radio – KXTN 107.5 and Latino Mix 95.1	Radio ads
November 5, 2017	San Antonio Express News	Print ad
November 6, 2017	Rivard Report	E-blast
November 8, 2017	Southside Reporter	Print ad
November 8, 2017	San Antonio Current	Print ad
November 8, 2017	Rivard Report	E-blast
November 26, 2017	San Antonio Express News	Print ad
November 26, 2017	La Prensa	Print ad
November 29, 2017	San Antonio Current	Print ad
November 29, 2017	Southside Reporter	Print ad
November 28-December 12, 2017	Texas Public Radio	Radio ads
November 28-December 12, 2017	Univision Radio – KXTN 107.5 and Latino Mix 95.1	Radio ads

Date	News Channel/Publication	Story Title
December 1-31, 2017	Rivard Report	Digital ads
November 28-December 1, 2017	Facebook	Sponsored post
December 6, 2017	San Antonio Current	Print ad
December 3-December 9, 2017	Facebook	Sponsored post
December 8, 2017	Rivard Report	E-blast
December 10-December 31, 2017	San Antonio Current	Digital ads
December 10-11, 2017	Facebook	Sponsored post
December 27, 2017	San Antonio Current	Print ad
December 31, 2017	San Antonio Express News	Print ad
December 27, 2017	La Prensa	Print ad
January 3, 2018	Southside Reporter	Print ad
January 3, 2018	La Prensa	Print ad
January 3, 2018	Rivard Report	E-blast
January 1-6, 2018	Texas Public Radio	Radio ads
January 1-6, 2018	Univision Radio – KXTN 107.5 and Latino Mix 95.1	Radio ads
January 7-13, 2018	San Antonio Current	Digital ads
January 7-13, 2018	Rivard Report	Digital ads
January 7-13, 2018	Texas Public Radio	Radio ads
January 7-13, 2018	Univision Radio – KXTN 107.5 and Latino Mix 95.1	Radio ads
January 21-27, 2018	San Antonio Current	Digital ads
January 21-27, 2018	Rivard Report	Digital ads
January 28, 2018	Rivard Report	Print ad
January 21-27, 2018	Texas Public Radio	Radio ads
January 21-27, 2018	Univision Radio – KXTN 107.5 and Latino Mix 95.1	Radio ads

Videos

The Parks & Recreation Department also developed a video in English and Spanish that encouraged people to take the survey, told them why their input was important, and explained where people could access the survey. The videos were posted to the Parks & Recreation Department YouTube page and shared across other social media channels. Information about the SA Parks System Plan was also covered on the Parks & Recreation Department video series called Park Bench. The information appeared in multiple episodes, which were also posted, to the department YouTube page and across social media channels.

Door Hanger, Flyer, and Yard Sign Distribution

Bilingual door hangers, flyers, and yard signs were distributed to local libraries, various organizations, as well as Parks & Recreation community centers and facilities. City staff and council members were also provided notices to distribute. The following outlines these efforts.

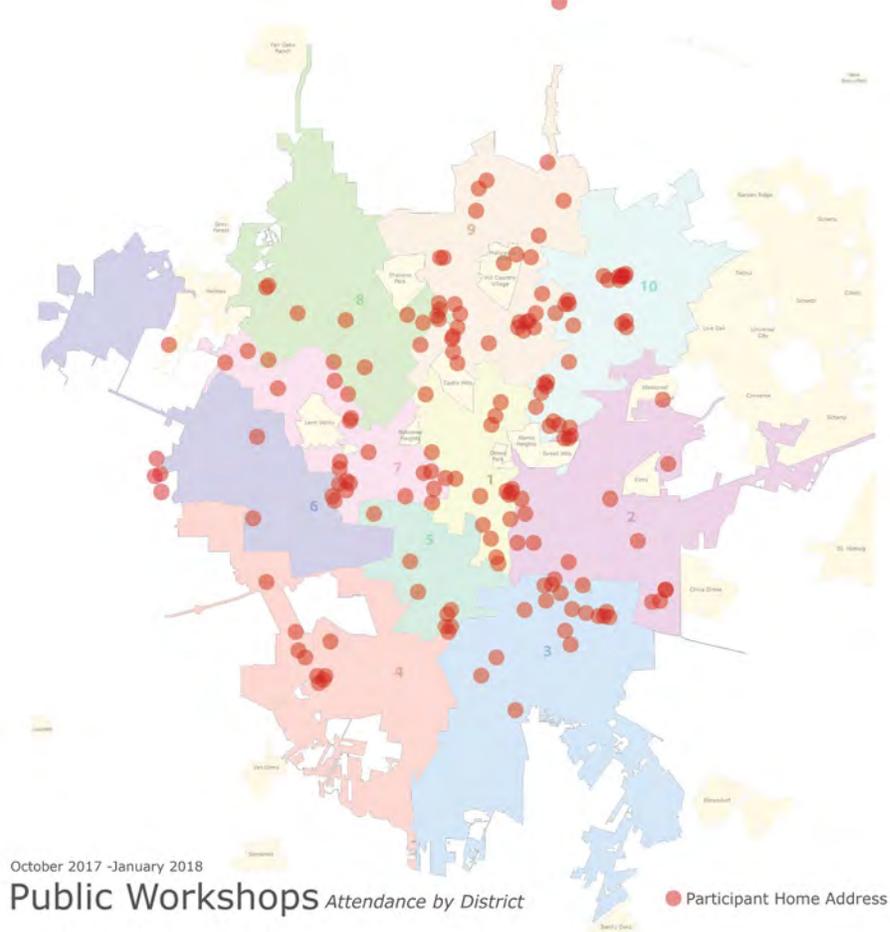
- 3,000 bilingual door hangers distributed within a two-mile radius of Southside Lions Community Center.
- 5,000 bilingual door hangers distributed within a one-two mile radius of Garza Community Center.
- 36" tall and 24" wide sandwich boards at each location.

- Two sided bilingual real estate signs announcing upcoming community workshops were posted throughout each of the community center locations that hosted the community workshops.
- All Fitness in the Park staff instructors were given the information to pass out at their classes.
- Mobile Fit personnel handed out information when appropriate.
- Information was sent to 150 running groups and lessee email addresses.
- Flyers were distributed to the following locations:
 - City Council Offices
 - Mayor's Office
 - City of San Antonio Libraries
 - City of San Antonio Departments
 - 10 WIC Clinics
 - Bark in the Park Event
 - Geekdom
 - LOOP San Antonio
 - Tech Bloc
 - Parks and Recreation volunteers
 - Homeowner associations
 - Metro Health District
 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
 - Linear Creekway Advisory Board contacts
 - Conservation Advisory Board (CAB)
 - Friends of McAllister Park
 - South Texas Off-Road Mountain Bikers (STORM)
 - Carter Dennis (skateboard community leader)
 - Bender Wells Clark
 - Ximenes and Associates
 - Disc Golf Association
 - San Antonio Parks Foundation
 - City of San Antonio Development Services
 - Friends of Comanche Lookout
 - Friends of San Pedro Park
 - Mayor's Fitness Council
 - REI Camping Equipment and Gear store

Attendance

A total of 202 people attended the community workshops. The following is a geographic distribution map of participants by zip codes, as well as a list of participants by date and location.

Geographic Distribution of Participants by District



LOCATIONS AND PARTICIPANTS

Date	Location	Number Registered*
October 12, 2017	San Antonio Central Library	26
October 24, 2017	Southside Lions Community Center	32
November 8, 2017	Garza Community Center	25
December 2, 2017	Claude Black Community Center	11
December 11, 2017	Hardberger Park Urban Ecology Center	47
January 10, 2018	Miller's Pond Community Center	28
January 23, 2018	The Toolyard	33
TOTAL		202

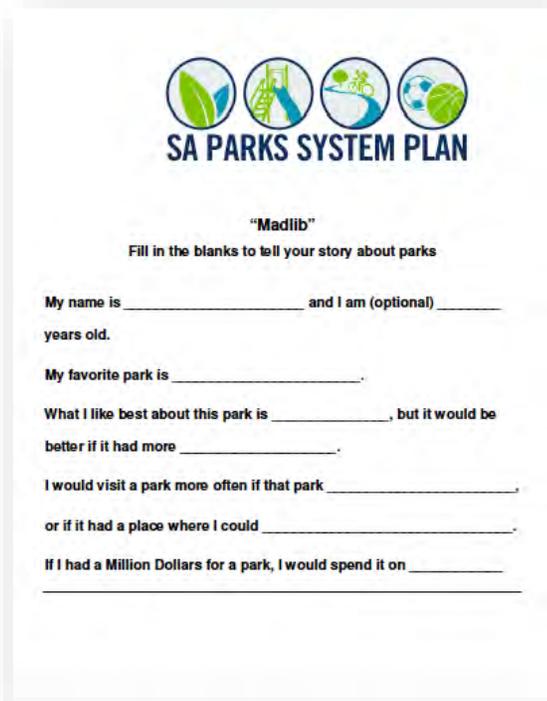
*Some participants opted not to sign-in.

Format

Feedback from park users on existing facilities and input for the system plan update was collected through 1) an online survey, 2) community events, 3) community workshops and 4) children’s events. The online survey was promoted alongside the community workshops and events but had a larger reach as the Parks & Recreation Department’s website hosted the survey so participants were able to participate from the comfort of their home. For more information on survey results, please see Appendix A. This report primarily discusses the in-person comment opportunities provided as part of the community workshops and events. The different types of events had slightly different purposes and also included different activities. The following describes the formats used.

Children’s Events

Prior to engaging the general public, the BWCD Team conducted targeted outreach to engage children ages 6-15. For this effort, the team developed a worksheet that follows a fill in the blank similar to a Mad Libs where people are prompted for a series of words that are then used to fill in the story. The team felt that this type of worksheet would be more accessible for children and would allow them to more freely express themselves. The following is the Mad Lib exercise created to garner children’s input. The same exercise was later utilized to gather input at the Community Workshops from people of all ages.



The worksheet features the SA Parks System Plan logo at the top, which includes icons for a leaf, a ladder, a bicycle, and a globe. Below the logo, the title "SA PARKS SYSTEM PLAN" is displayed. The activity is titled "Madlib" and instructs participants to "Fill in the blanks to tell your story about parks". The form contains several lines of text with blank spaces for input:

"Madlib"
Fill in the blanks to tell your story about parks

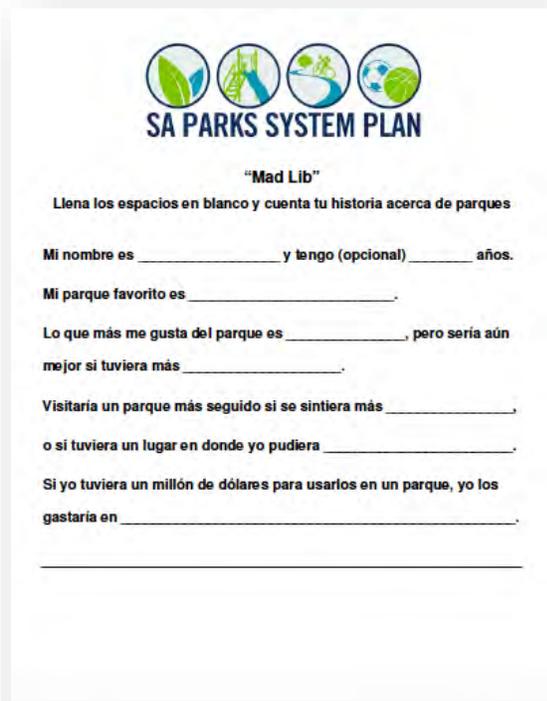
My name is _____ and I am (optional) _____ years old.

My favorite park is _____.

What I like best about this park is _____, but it would be better if it had more _____.

I would visit a park more often if that park _____, or if it had a place where I could _____.

If I had a Million Dollars for a park, I would spend it on _____.



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"Mad Lib"
Llena los espacios en blanco y cuenta tu historia acerca de parques

Mi nombre es _____ y tengo (opcional) _____ años.

Mi parque favorito es _____.

Lo que más me gusta del parque es _____, pero sería aún mejor si tuviera más _____.

Visitaría un parque más seguido si se sintiera más _____, o si tuviera un lugar en donde yo pudiera _____.

Si yo tuviera un millón de dólares para usarlos en un parque, yo los gastaría en _____.

Community Events

Community events were primarily held to promote the community workshops. They were held along with a fun community activity to attract people who would not typically attend community meetings or visit parks. Flyers with meeting information and the link to the online survey were distributed at these events. Bi-lingual survey stations were also established at each event allowing for attendees to provide immediate feedback. Attendees were provided the opportunity to complete a survey online on electronic tablets or they could submit a paper copy at the survey stations.

In addition to these organized events; further survey input was solicited at a variety of city-wide events including Síclovia, the Underwater Easter Egg Hunt at the S.A. Natatorium, LULAC's Easter Basket Give a Way at Woodlawn Park and the Pushcart Derby at Dignowity Park to name a few.



Community Workshops

Seven community workshops were held to provide the public with an opportunity to inform the team as to what their future desires are for the park system. Spanish language translation services were offered at all of the meeting locations, all workshop exercises were translated to Spanish including the survey station that offered the survey online using electronic tablets or hard copy versions. Each workshop opened with an overview presentation conducted by Parks & Recreation staff and the BWCD Team. Participants were then allowed to ask clarifying questions prior to being released to an open house so they could interact with staff one-on-one, complete the survey, complete the public comment cards, and participate in the following open house activities.

A.) Park User Activity

This activity asked people to circle all of the descriptions that described how they use their park facilities and then draw lines to match that selection with the things they like to do. Options for the types of user included park user, trail user, natural area user, and community center or community program user. Options for the types of things they like to do included exercising, competing/sports, art/music/culture, gathering with friends, dog walking/playing, playing/creating/imagining, and being surrounded by nature. The following images illustrate the worksheets used for this exercise.



B.) Compatibility Activity

This activity was designed as a visual preference survey and asked participants to cross out any activities they felt were not compatible with the park they frequent. They were also encouraged to add their thoughts on what uses would be compatible with their park. Like the other activity, this was intended to be completed quickly and easily in both English and Spanish.



C.) *Mad Lib Activity*

This activity was designed as a fill in the blank Mad Lib geared towards getting participants to share their story about parks. People were encouraged to talk about their favorite park, why it was their favorite, and what could make it better. It also invited people to envision the park of their dreams by including an "If I had a million dollars" prompt.



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"Madlib"
Fill in the blanks to tell your story about parks

My name is _____ and I am (optional) _____ years old.

My favorite park is _____.

What I like best about this park is _____, but it would be better if it had more _____.

I would visit a park more often if that park _____, or if it had a place where I could _____.

If I had a Million Dollars for a park, I would spend it on _____.



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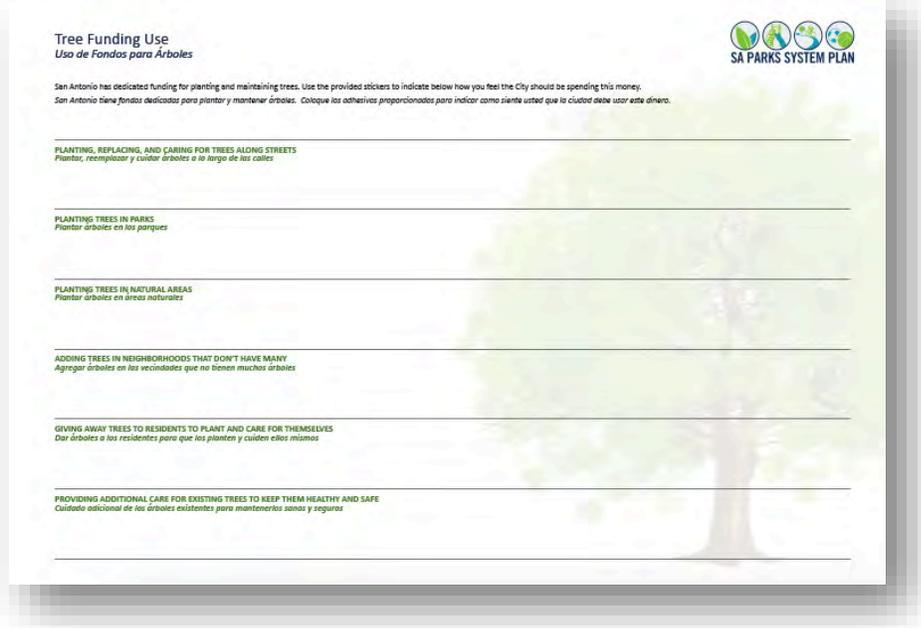
Lo que más me gusta del parque es _____, pero sería aún mejor si tuviera más _____.

Visitaria un parque más seguido si se sintiera más _____, o si tuviera un lugar en donde yo pudiera _____.

Si yo tuviera un millón de dólares para usarlos en un parque, yo los gastaría en _____.

D.) Tree Funding Activity

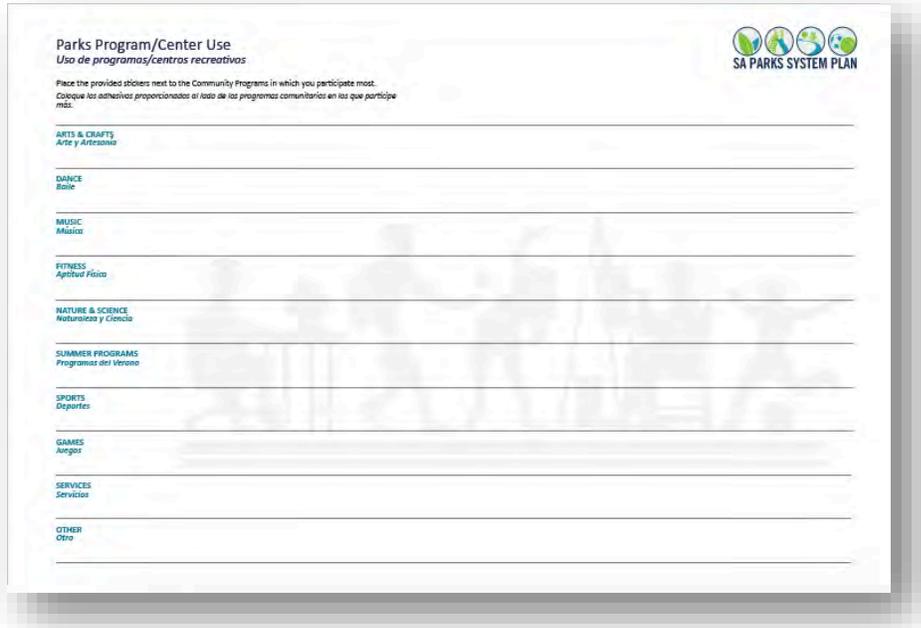
Asked participants to use dots as currency for a limited budget to indicate how tree funding should be allocated.



The form is titled "Tree Funding Use" and "Uso de Fondos para Árboles". It features the "SA PARKS SYSTEM PLAN" logo in the top right corner. The instructions state: "San Antonio has dedicated funding for planting and maintaining trees. Use the provided stickers to indicate below how you feel the City should be spending this money. San Antonio tiene fondos dedicados para plantar y mantener árboles. Coloque los adhesivos proporcionados para indicar como siente usted que la ciudad debe usar este dinero." The form lists seven categories for funding allocation, each with a horizontal line for stickers: "PLANTING, REPLACING, AND CARING FOR TREES ALONG STREETS", "PLANTING TREES IN PARKS", "PLANTING TREES IN NATURAL AREAS", "ADDING TREES IN NEIGHBORHOODS THAT DON'T HAVE MANY", "GIVING AWAY TREES TO RESIDENTS TO PLANT AND CARE FOR THEMSELVES", and "PROVIDING ADDITIONAL CARE FOR EXISTING TREES TO KEEP THEM HEALTHY AND SAFE". A background image of a tree is visible on the right side of the form.

E.) Program and Community Center Activities

Program and Center Use Activity – Participants were asked to indicate which programs they use at parks and recreation facilities



The form is titled "Parks Program/Center Use" and "Uso de programas/centros recreativos". It features the "SA PARKS SYSTEM PLAN" logo in the top right corner. The instructions state: "Place the provided stickers next to the Community Programs in which you participate most. Coloque los adhesivos proporcionados al lado de los programas comunitarios en los que participe más." The form lists ten categories for program use, each with a horizontal line for stickers: "ARTS & CRAFTS", "DANCE", "MUSIC", "FITNESS", "NATURE & SCIENCE", "SUMMER PROGRAMS", "SPORTS", "GAMES", "SERVICES", and "OTHER". A background image of people participating in activities is visible on the right side of the form.

F.) Programs to Add Activity

Participants were similarly asked what programs were missing or needed to be added to the parks they frequent the most.

SA PARKS SYSTEM PLAN
What programs would you like to add?

This survey card features the SA Parks System Plan logo at the top, which consists of four circular icons representing different park activities. Below the logo, the text asks 'What programs would you like to add?'. The card is otherwise blank, providing space for handwritten responses.

SA PARKS SYSTEM PLAN
Which Center do you go to?

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G.) Center Most Frequented Activity

An exhibit was set up in the room to encourage people to write down the community centers they frequent most often.

H.) Mode of Transportation Activity

This activity asked members of the public to mark a check to indicate the typical mode of transportation used to get to the park they frequent the most. This information is helpful in understanding how people access the park system.

SA PARKS SYSTEM PLAN
How do you get to the park you visit the most?
Car? Bike? Bus? Walking?

CAR

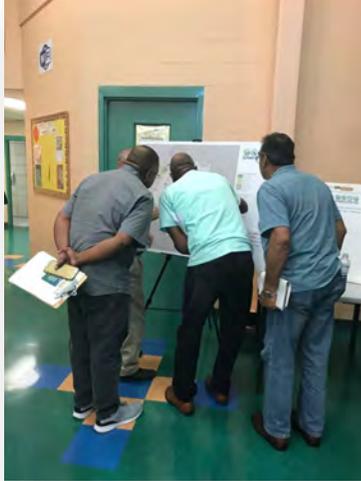
BIKE

BUS

WALK

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I.) Outreach Photographs



Children's Mad Lib Results

The following are the results of the children's Mad Lib exercise. The most revealing question for the children was what they would do if they had a million dollars. The response to this question is shown in the form of Word Clouds for each location and then in a cumulative Word Cloud. The larger the word appears in the Word Cloud signifies the frequency in which the response was received. Not surprisingly, children living in South Texas want parks that help them cool off in the summer. Things like pools, water slides, water parks, and ice cream stands were mentioned frequently across all parks. Some more typical park offerings like slides, swings, and playgrounds were also mentioned frequently. New to the realm of play are things like Wifi and game systems. However, some of the more surprising things mentioned were things like free food, charity, and food for the homeless. While very real needs, it is surprising to see in a conversation about parks but perhaps highlights the need for fruit and nut bearing trees and community gardens.

Respondents by Location

Location	# of Children
Denver Heights	41
Father Roman	51
Hamilton	46
Normoyle	33
Tobin	43



Park User Activity Results

As can be expected, different types of users visit parks for different reasons. Park and trail users overwhelmingly cited exercise as the primary reason for their visits. The following are a series of word clouds that identify the frequency for the reasons users visit park facilities.

Park Users

Park users visit for exercise, to gather with friends, be surrounded by nature, and participate in competitive sports. Playing/creating/imagining was the least mentioned activity for this group.



Trail User

Trail users most often cited exercise, being surrounded by nature, and dog walking/playing. Arts/music/culture ranked the lowest with this user type.



Natural Area User

For people who consider themselves natural area users, the primary reason for visiting a city park facility is to be surrounded by nature. In other activities, these same users wrote comments about wanting areas free from loud children and places with native plants and wildlife. Gathering with friends then exercise were secondary reasons for visiting. Competing or participating in sports ranked last.



Community Center or Community Program User

Gathering with friends, arts/music/culture, and exercise were the primary reasons this user type uses parks facilities, followed closely by competitive sports. Given that comments about sports, sports equipment, and building sports complexes were raised quite often, it may be that the primary reason for participating in sports is to gather with friends. Walking or playing with a dog was the least mentioned for this user type.



Compatibility Activity Results

This exercise asked people to identify the types of uses that were incompatible with their parks based on a visual preference survey. The following are the things people found to be incompatible by park.

Park	Incompatible Activities							Other ideas that DO fit my park
	Active Sports	Nature	Play	Events	Community Classes	Sport Courses	Fitness	
Brackenridge Park 6 Responses	Volleyball (2) Baseball (2) Basketball (2) Soccer (2) Pickle ball (2)		Net (1) Water (1) Blocks (1) Dog Park (2)	Market (3) Food Trucks (4) Movie (2)		Parkour (2) Skateboarding (2) Bike Skills (2) Disc Golf (2)	Exercise Stations (2) Yoga (1)	Senior Activities More Trees Bird Trails Tennis Courts Farmer's Market No Big Concerts Bridge Over River Walking Club Musicians
Collins Garden 1 Response	Soccer (1) Pickle ball (1)	Fishing (1)	Dog Park (1)	Food Trucks (1) Movie (1)		Parkour (1) Skateboarding (1) Bike Skills (1) Disc Golf (1)		
Cuellar 1 Response		Bikes (1) Bird Watching (1) Fishing (1)		Food Trucks (1)	Art (1) Music (1)	Skateboarding (1) Bike Skills (1) Disc Golf (1)		Sports Complex
Dawson/ Denver Heights 1 Response								Frisbee Golf Outdoor Volleyball Basketball Camps
Father Manual Ramon 1 Response								No gangs No crime

Park	Incompatible Activities							Other ideas that DO fit my park
	Active Sports	Nature	Play	Events	Community Classes	Sport Courses	Fitness	
Friedrich 7 Responses	Volleyball (5) Baseball (5) Basketball (5) Soccer (5) Pickle ball (5)	Bikes (3) Bird Watching (1) Fishing (3)	Net (4) Water (4) Blocks (4) Dog Park (5)	Market (2) Food Trucks (5) Movie (5)		Parkour (5) Skateboarding (5) Bike Skills (4) Disc Golf (4)	Exercise Stations (3) Yoga (3)	No Smoking Local Concerts No Theft
Friesenhahn 1 Response	Volleyball (1) Baseball (1) Basketball (1) Soccer (1) Pickle ball (1)		Dog Park (1)			Parkour (1) Skateboarding (1) Bike Skills (1) Disc Golf (1)		Bike Trails
Garza 9 Responses		Fishing (2)	Water (1) Dog Park (1)	Food Trucks (1)		Skateboarding (2)		Gathering Facility Available to Rent Kickboxing Self-Defense Movies Dog Park
Golden Park 1 Response	Pickle ball (1)							Community Garden Dirt Bike Go Cart Trail
Hardberger 9 Responses	Volleyball (1) Baseball (1) Soccer (2) Pickle ball (2)			Market (1) Food Trucks (1) Movies (1)		Skateboarding (4) Bike Skills (2)		More Concrete Paths Recycling Events Bike Repair Station Drone Flight Environmental Education
Hemisfair 3 Responses	Volleyball (1) Baseball (1) Basketball (1) Soccer (1) Pickle ball (1)		Dog Park (1)			Skateboarding (1) Disc Golf (1)		Biking/jogging trail Entertainment

Park	Incompatible Activities							Other ideas that DO fit my park
	Active Sports	Nature	Play	Events	Community Classes	Sport Courses	Fitness	
Highland Park 2 Responses		Bird Watching (1)	Dog Park (1)					Skateboarding Outdoor Grilling Adequate Restrooms Table Top Board Games
Jackson Keller/ McCullough 1 Response								Inclusive Playground Equipment Cultural Park
Joan Price Park 1 Response	Baseball (1) Soccer (1)	Bikes (1)	Dog Park (1)		Art (1) Music (1)			Connection to Linear Park
Labor Street Park 1 Response		Bikes (1) Fishing (1)	Dog Park (1)					Drinking Fountain Restroom Picnic Tables
Lakeside Tealer 1 Response	Volleyball (1) Baseball (1)		Dog Park (1)	Market (1) Food Trucks (1) Movie (1)		Parkour (1) Skateboarding (1) Bike Skills (1) Disc Golf (1)		
Lady Bird Johnson 6 Responses	Pickle ball (1)		Water (1) Dog Park (1)					EMTs Fitness More Bike Trails Natural Events Restrooms Classes Running

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	Active Sports	Nature	Play	Events	Community Classes	Sport Courses	Fitness	
Lincoln Center/San Fernando Boxing Club 1 Response								Regulation Baseball Field
Lou Kardon 1 Response					Art (1) Music (1)			Basketball Dog Park More Fitness Classes
Martin Luther King Park 1 Response				Food Trucks (1)				Nature Education Stations More Benches More Walking Trails Cultural Highlight Signs

Park	Incompatible Activities							Other ideas that DO fit my park
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McAllister Park 24 Responses	Volleyball (6) Baseball (8) Basketball (8) Soccer (8) Pickle ball (13)	Fishing (2)	Net (1) Dog Park (1) Water (1)	Market (3) Food Trucks (10) Movie (7)	Art (2) Music (1)	Parkour (6) Skateboarding (13) Bike Skills (3) Disc Golf (12)		No Off-Roading Trails Mountain Biking Trail Running No More Fields Progressive MTB Skills Park Nature Sports Courses Fitness Bird Blind No Structures for Community Classes Change & Shower Facility Walking Hiking Jogging
Medina River Natural Area 1 Response								Natural Biking Trails
Menger 1 Response			Dog Park (1)		Art (1) Music (1)	Skateboarding (1)		More Play Equipment
Milam/Teater Park 1 Response	Volleyball (1) Baseball (1) Basketball (1) Soccer (1) Pickle ball (1)			Food Trucks (1) Movie (1)	Art (1) Music (1)	Bike Skills (1)		Kayak Exercise Station Nature Watch

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Miller's Pond 4 Responses			Dog Park (2)	Market (1) Food Trucks (1) Movie (1)		Parkour (1) Skateboarding (1) Bike Skills (1) Disc Golf (1)		Walking Trails Active Sports Football Modified Sports Complex Seniors Activities Swimming Pool Basketball Court Covered Patio
Nani Falcone 1 Response	Volleyball (1) Basketball (1) Pickle ball (1)				Art (1) Music (1)	Parkour (1) Skateboarding (1) Bike Skills (1) Disc Golf (1)		Sport Complex
Normoyle 2 Responses						Skateboarding (1) Disc Golf (1)		More Softball Fields
Olmos Basin Park 2 Responses								Disc Golf Handicap Sports Access

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OP Schnabel 6 Responses	Pickle ball (1)	Fishing (1)	Dog Park (3)	Market (1) Food Trucks (1) Movie (1)	Art (1) Music (1)	Parkour (2) Skateboarding (2) Bike Skills (2) Disc Golf (2)		Bike Skills MTB Skills Park Biking Trails RC Flying Food Truck Events MTB Trails Bike Pump Track Disc Golf Drone Racing More Trails BMX Race Track Skateboarding STEAM Education Splash Pads
Palm Heights 1 Response	Soccer (1) Pickle ball (1)	Bikes (1) Bird Watching (1)	Dog Park (1)	Food Trucks (1) Movie (1)		Parkour (1) Skateboarding (1) Bike Skills (1) Disc Golf (1)		
Panther Springs 2 Responses	Volleyball (1) Baseball (1) Basketball (1) Soccer (1) Pickle ball (1)			Market (1) Food Trucks (1) Movie (1)	Art (1) Music (1)			Exercise Stations Disc Golf Nature Classes

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Pearsall Park 10 Responses	Volleyball (1) Baseball (1) Basketball (1) Soccer (1) Pickle ball (2)	Fishing (1)		Market (1) Food Trucks (1) Movie (1)	Art (1) Music (1)	Parkour (1) Skateboarding (1) Bike Skills (1) Disc Golf (1)	Yoga (1)	More Lighting BBQ (3) More Skateboarding Events Disc Golf (2) More Water Parks Tables Golf Courses Sidewalk Path Natural Hiking Trail
Rainbow Hills 1 Response	Pickle ball (1)	Bikes (1) Bird Watching (1) Fishing (1)						Volleyball Sand Exercise Equipment Inside
Roosevelt 1 Response	Baseball (1)				Art (1) Music (1)			Dog Park Disc Golf Weights
Rosedale 1 Response		Bird Watching (1) Fishing (1)						Dog Park More Parking Picnic Areas
Salado 1 Response	Baseball (1) Soccer (1)							MTB
San Pedro Park 2 Responses		Fishing (1)		Food Trucks (1) Movie (1)		Bike Skills (1) Disc Golf (1)		Paved Trail to Skate Garden Heritage Trees

Park	Incompatible Activities							Other ideas that DO fit my park
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Southside Lions 10 Responses	Baseball (1) Soccer (1) Pickle ball (1)		Water (1) Dog Park (1)	Market (1) Food Trucks (2) Movie (1)		Parkour (1) Skateboarding (4) Bike Skills (1) Disc Golf (1)		No ATV or Dirt Bikes (3) Lighting (4) Off-Road Hike & Bike Climbing Wall Splash Pads Sand Pits Bike Trails Running Natural Hiking Trails More Parking Food Trucks More Activities Indoor Pool
Stinson 2 Responses								5K Water Splash Pond Swimming Pool BBQ Zumba Live Music

Park	Incompatible Activities							Other ideas that DO fit my park
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Stone Oak 4 Responses	Volleyball (1) Baseball (3) Basketball (1) Soccer (3) Pickle ball (3)		Blocks (1) Water (1) Dog Park (1)	Market (1) Food Trucks (3) Movie (1)	Art (1)	Parkour (2) Skateboarding (2) Bike Skills (1) Disc Golf (2)		Nature Programming Civic Engagement Handicap Accessibility Interpretive Walks Environmental Education Nature Studies
Sunrise 1 Response	Baseball (1)	Fishing (1)		Food Trucks (1)		Disc Golf (1)		Seating for Groups Shade Parking Paths/Sidewalks
Tom Slick Park 1 Response				Market (1) Food Trucks (1) Movie (1)		Parkour (1) Skateboarding (1) Bike Skills (1)		More Shade Structures
UTSA/1604 Park 1 Response				Food Trucks (1)				
Walker Ranch 2 Responses	Volleyball (1) Baseball (1) Basketball (1) Soccer (1) Pickle ball (1)			Market (1) Food Trucks (1) Movie (1)				Art Events

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Woodlawn Lake 6 Responses		Bikes (1)	Dog Park (3)	Market (1) Food Trucks (1)		Parkour (1) Skateboarding (1) Bike Skills (1) Disc Golf (1)		No Dog Park Bike Rental Bike Trail Butterfly Garden Fitness Class No Smoking Bikes Not on Park Trail

Mad Lib Workshop Results

The following are the results of the Mad Lib exercise shown in the form of Word Clouds. The overwhelming majority of people were fond of the trails at various parks and the hike and bike trails that connect them. Several felt they would like to see more money invested in connecting the city’s parks via a comprehensive trail system. McAllister Park seemed to be a favorite because of its natural trails. Some of the greatest barriers to visiting more often for people were safety, lighting, and proximity to their home. When provided with the idea of having a million dollars, many people wanted to see those funds spent on trails or increasing the number of parks and acreage available for parks. The following are the Word Clouds prepared by counting the number of similar responses. The Mad Lib form also asked for respondent’s age.

Respondent’s Age

Age Bracket	# of People
Under 18 years	10
18 to 24 years	8
25 to 44 years	41
45 to 64 years	39
65 years and over	32

Favorite Parks



Other Results

The following documents the results for the Tree Funding Activity, the Program and Center Use Activity, the Programs to Add Activity, the Parks Most Frequented Activity, and the Mode of Transportation Activity.

Trees Funding

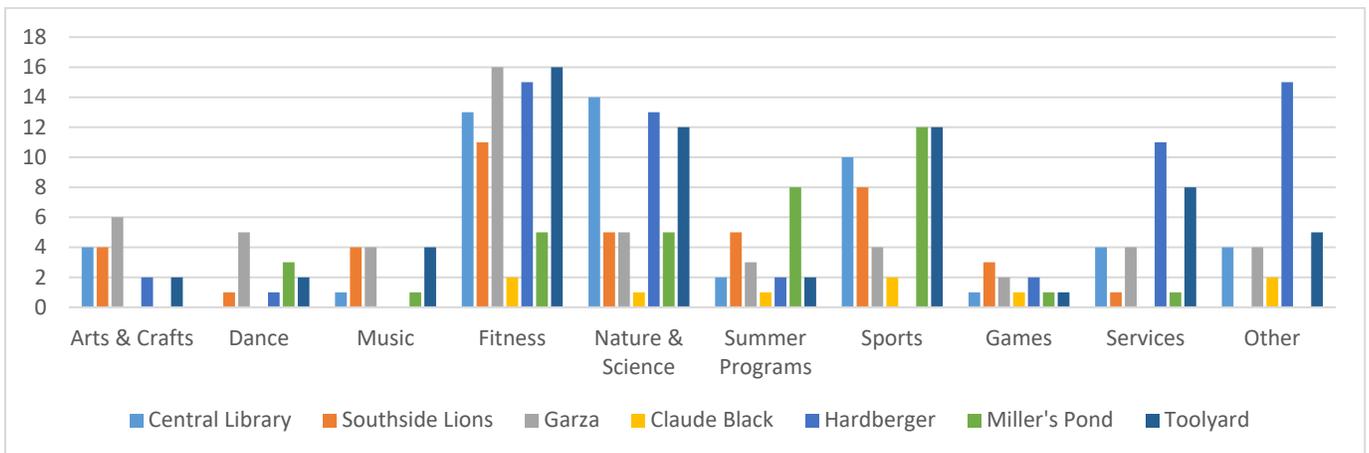
The spread on where funding for trees should be directed was spread pretty even across all suggested areas with the exception of natural areas which received the least number of mentions. At least two participants recommended spending money to add trees at schools and a few others mentioned adding trees along the greenways. The highlighted cells indicate the areas with the largest percent support for funding.

Funds should be allocated to trees for...	Central Library 10/12/17		Southside Lions 10/24/17		Garza 11/8/17		Claude Black 12/2/17		Hardberger 12/11/17		Miller's Pond 1/10/18		Toolyard 1/23/18		TOTAL	
Streets	17	23%	21	20%	10	16%	5	9%	19	18%	5	8%	23	18%	100	20%
Parks	11	15%	17	17%	15	23%	6	12%	14	14%	13	21%	27	21%	103	21%
Natural Areas	4	5%	8	8%	7	11%	6	12%	16	15%	6	10%	13	10%	60	12%
Neighborhoods	16	21%	23	22%	10	16%	14	27%	16	15%	12	19%	23	18%	114	23%
Residents	11	15%	15	15%	10	16%	7	13%	13	13%	13	21%	18	14%	87	17%
Existing Tree care	16	21%	19	18%	12	18%	14	27%	26	25%	13	21%	25	19%	125	25%
TOTAL	75		103		64		52		104*		62		129		500	

*Give to schools (x2)

Program and Center Use

A total of 318 people responded. Fitness, nature and science, and sports were the programs most frequently selected by respondents. Out of 318 respondents, 25% of respondents said fitness programs were their primary use, followed by 17% for nature and science, and 15% for sports. Games were the least used program at 4% but this might be the result of the respondents being primarily adults. Below please find a chart and a table displaying this information.



Programs to Add	Central Library 10/12/17		Southside Lions 10/24/17		Garza 11/8/17		Claude Black 12/2/17		Hardberger 12/11/17		Miller's Pond 1/10/18		Toolyard 1/23/18		Total	
50+ Basketball													1	2%	1	<1%
50+ Women's Softball													1	2%	1	<1%
"Leave No Trace"	1	4%													1	<1%
Art Appreciation (Teen & Adults)													2	4%	2	1%
Basketball Court	1	4%									1	4%			2	1%
Basketball Camps (week-long)							1	8%							1	<1%
Batting Cages											2	8%			2	1%
Better Running Tracks			1												1	<1%
Bicycle Clinics			2		2	6%									4	2%
Bicycle Rental Stations									1	3%					1	<1%
Bike Trails	1	4%											1	2%	2	1%
Birding									1	3%	1	4%			2	1%
Camping	3	13%													3	1%
CHEF/Healthy Foods/Nutrition					5	14%									5	2%
Children's Outdoor Activities	1														1	<1%
Civic Engagement Classes									1	3%					1	<1%
Classes (i.e. gardening)			5												5	2%
Community Garden					1	3%					1	4%			2	1%
Connect Bike Trails	1	4%							9	29%					10	5%
Crossfit	1	4%													1	<1%
CycloCross Courses													6	13%	6	3%
Cycling Classes for Kids/Adults					5	14%			1	3%					6	3%
Dance for Kids			1												1	<1%
Dedicated Mountain Bike Parks									1	3%					1	<1%
Dirt bike/go-cart trail											1	4%			1	<1%
Dog Parks/Etiquette							2	15%							2	1%
Dog Training/Behavior Classes													1	2%	1	<1%
Drone Flight Programming					1	3%									1	<1%
Entertainment			3												3	1%
Equal emphasis on jogging paths and bike paths									1	3%					1	<1%
Exercise Classes			3												3	1%

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Exercise Stations											1	4%			1	<1%
Family Basketball/Volleyball							1	8%							1	<1%
Family-Oriented Programs							1	8%							1	<1%
Farmer's Market					5	14%							3	7%	8	4%
Fishing											1	4%			1	<1%
Garden Nature Class							1	8%							1	<1%
Geocaching							1	8%							1	<1%
Geriatric programs	1	4%													1	<1%
Guided Bike Tours							2	15%					3	7%	5	2%
Hardberger Natural Resource Library & Research Center									1	3%					1	<1%
Hiking	2	8%													2	1%
Horticulture Classes											1	4%			1	<1%
Integration with STEM Ed Programming					3	8%									3	1%
Kayaking			1	3%											1	<1%
Keep LBJ Course Open All Year									2	6%					2	1%
Kickboxing					5	14%									5	2%
Kids' Fish & Wildlife Programs	1	4%													1	<1%
Large Shade Canopy (Olmos)													1	2%	1	<1%
Life-size Chess			1	3%											1	<1%
Lighting at Night			2	6%											2	1%
Map & Compass	1	4%													1	<1%
Marathon Training	1	4%													1	<1%
Martial Arts													1	2%	1	<1%
Monthly 5k Races			1	3%											1	<1%
Monthly Local Organizations Intros					1	3%									1	<1%
More Disc Golf											9	35%			9	4%
More Education									1	3%					1	<1%
More Fitness													2	2%	2	1%
More Splashpads			4	12%											4	2%
More Zumba					1	3%									1	<1%
More Social Media Advertisements							1	8%							1	<1%
More/better Walking Trails									1	3%					1	<1%

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Mountain Biking	1	4%							2	6%			6	13%	9	4%
Natural Resource Class/Seminar							1	8%			1	4%			2	1%
Native Landscaping									1	3%					1	<1%
Native Photography									1	3%					1	<1%
Natural Swimming Sites (lakes, etc.)													1	2%	1	<1%
Neighborhood Trail Connections to Bulverde Marketplace													1	2%	1	<1%
Open Trail/Greenway until 9/10 pm year-round									1	3%					1	<1%
Outdoor Exercise Class	1	4%													1	<1%
Outdoor gathering area at Bulverde Marketplace													1	2%	1	<1%
Park Care Education Classes									1	3%					1	<1%
Pedestrian Only Paths (no bikes)													1	2%	1	<1%
Pickle ball (D10 Senior Ctr)	1	4%													1	<1%
Ponds	1	4%													1	<1%
Racquetball	1	4%													1	<1%
Reading to preschoolers													1	2%	1	<1%
Recycling	1	4%													1	<1%
Research Facilities									1	3%					1	<1%
Restrooms (Olmos)													1	2%	1	<1%
Roller Skating											1	4%			1	<1%
Running Clubs													1	2%	1	<1%
Science Walks (biology, geology, flora/fauna)													2	4%	2	1%
Self-Defense					6	17%									6	3%
Senior Activity/Exercise			1	3%	1	3%									2	1%
Shade for Basketball Courts			1	3%											1	<1%
Skateboard Programs											1	4%			1	<1%
Special Needs programs	1	4%													1	<1%
Street to Greenway Bike Connections													1	2%	1	<1%

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Table Tennis			2	6%										2	1%	
Tai Chi												1	2%	1	<1%	
Target/Include Baby Boomers			1	3%										1	<1%	
Teen Programs (not only sports)												1	2%	1	<1%	
Televisions (to show boxing fights and instruction videos)							1	8%							1	<1%
Theater													3	7%	3	1%
Trail Running	1	4%													1	<1%
Trail Safety Education									1	3%			2	4%	3	1%
Trail Watch for Natural Areas (like Mission Reach)									1	3%					1	<1%
Ultimate Frisbee			1	3%											1	<1%
Volleyball	1	4%													1	<1%
Walking Teams			1	3%											1	<1%
Water Fountains for Basketball Courts			1	3%											1	<1%
WiFi at the Park							1	8%							1	<1%
Yoga/Meditation			2	6%					2	6%					4	2%
Youth Sport Complex											5	19%			5	2%
TOTAL	24		34		36	13		31		26		45		209		

Center Most Frequented

The centers/parks most frequently mentioned included Lady Bird Johnson Park, Hardberger Park, and Southside Lions respectively. Participants tended to visit centers/parks in the vicinity of their meeting location with these centers/parks standing out as having more of a regional draw.

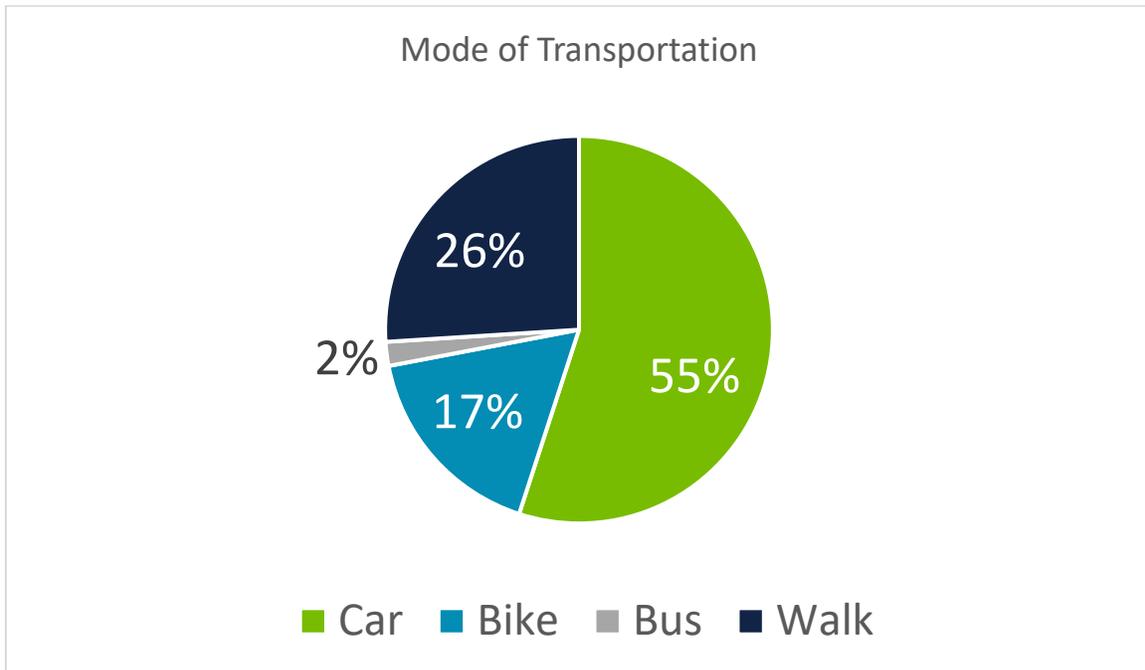


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Alderete					1	4%									1	1%
Bertha Almaguer													1	4%	1	1%
Bode Center							1	9%			1	5%	1	4%	3	2%
Commanders House							1	9%							1	1%
Copernicus							1	9%					1	4%	2	1%
Cortez											3	14%			3	2%
Cuellar					1	4%					1	5%			2	1%
Dawson							1	9%							1	1%
Denver Heights							1	9%							1	1%
Dorie Miller							1	9%							1	1%
Eisenhower Park									1	4%					1	1%
Enrique Barrera Community Fitness Center													1	4%	1	1%
Father Manuel Roman	1	8%	3	23%											4	3%
Friedrich Classroom									3	12%					3	2%
Garza					6	25%									6	4%
Golden Park											1	5%			1	1%
Hardberger							1	9%	8	31%			4	15%	13	10%
Harlandale Community Center	1	8%											1	4%	2	1%
Hays St. Bridge											1	5%			1	1%

Park	Central Library 10/12/17		Southside Lions 10/24/17		Garza 11/8/17		Claude Black 12/2/17		Hardberger 12/11/17		Miller's Pond 1/10/18		Toolyard 1/23/18		TOTAL	
Hemisfair											1	5%			1	1%
Heritage					2	8%									2	1%
Jackson Keller													1	4%	1	1%
Lady Bird Johnson	3	23%			1	4%			8	31%			6	22%	18	13%
Leon Creek Greenway					1	4%									1	1%
Lincoln							2	18%							2	1%
Lions Field	4	31%					1	9%					2	7%	7	5%
Lockwood Park							1	9%							1	1%
Lou Hamilton													1	4%	1	1%
McAllister					1	4%			4	15%			1	4%	6	4%
McCullough Park													1	4%	1	1%
Melendrez					1	4%									1	1%
Miller's Pond											4	19%			4	3%
Natatorium	1	8%											1	4%	2	1%
NE Senior Center									1	4%					1	1%
OP Schnabel	1	8%			3	13%			1	4%					5	4%
Palm Heights			1	8%									1	4%	2	1%
Pearsall					1	4%					6	29%			7	5%
Pickwell			1	8%											1	1%
Ramirez Community Center	1	8%									1	5%			2	1%
Raymond Russell					1	4%									1	1%
Roosevelt			1	8%									1	4%	2	1%
South San													1	4%	1	1%
Southside Lions	1	8%	5	39%	1	4%							2	7%	9	7%
Stinson Park											1	5%			1	1%
Tobin Community Center			1	8%											1	1%
Woodlawn Lake			1	8%	3	13%									4	3%
WS YMCA					1	4%									1	1%
Yates											1	5%			1	1%
TOTAL	13		13		24		11		26		21		27		135	100%

Mode of Transportation

With regards to the mode of transportation, the majority of people are getting to parks in cars, approximately 55% of all meeting attendees. When asked how parks could be improved under the Mad Lib exercise, many people mentioned the need for improved parking conditions, which is consistent with the percent of people driving. However, 17% of people said they get to parks on their bicycles and 26% said they walked.



Mode of Transportation	Central Library 10/12/17		Southside Lions 10/24/17		Garza 11/8/17		Claude Black 12/2/17		Hardberger 12/11/17		Miller's Pond 1/10/18		Toolyard 1/23/18		TOTAL	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Car	12	52%	13	54%	23	77%	4	33%	24	45%	19	76%	18	49%	113	55%
Bike	3	13%	3	13%	2	7%	4	33%	13	25%	2	8%	8	22%	35	17%
Bus	0	0%	2	8%	0	0%	1	8%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	4	2%
Walk	8	35%	6	25%	5	17%	3	25%	16	30%	3	12%	11	30%	52	26%
TOTAL	23		24		30		12		53		25		37		204	

Meeting Evaluations

A total of seven community workshops were held and 46 comment cards were returned. The following is a brief summary of the comments received on the comment cards.

Meeting Evaluation

A strong majority, or approximately 96% of participants, either strongly agreed or agreed that the objectives for the workshops were clear. Similarly, 93% of respondents said their questions were answered, 91% said the workshop helped them understand the System Plan update, and 95% said they were interested in attending other meetings for the System Plan. The following are the complete results for the meeting evaluation portion of the comment card.

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
1. The objectives of the meeting were clear to me.	23	50%	21	46%	1	2%	1	2%
2. I was able to get my questions answered.	18	39%	20	44%	2	4%	1	2%
3. This meeting helped me to understand better the City's Parks System Plan update.	23	50%	19	41%	3	7%	1	2%
4. I am interested in attending other meetings for the development of the City's Parks System Plan.	23	50%	18	39%	1	2%	1	2%

New Information Learned

- Urban Forestry program is part of Parks and Recreation Department
- Number of programs – Fitness in Park much bigger than realized
- Number of parks and acreage under Parks system
- That a system plan exists
- Amount of acreage protected by voter approved propositions
- Parks and COSA goals

General Comments

- Great way to get input with various stations.
- Want more info on process and content of plan including costs.
- Bike skills park
- More lighting – after 8 p.m. – on trails and in parks

- Shade for playgrounds
- Park space/green space needed in Medical Center area (Census Tract 1813.03 – UT Health School of Nursing)
- More neighborhood parks to be more accessible to everyone.
- Interested in remote control flying and drone racing in parks.
- Connect the linear trails – fragmented trails are frustrating to users.
- Need gates and more security after dark.
- Only a third of citizens live within a half mile of a park – sad!
- Need to teach users how they can help take care of park – too much trash.

What People Love About Parks

- Really love basketball – make more indoor/outdoor courts.
- Children love swings.
- Fitness stations and shade covers for playgrounds.
- Preservation of natural resources, walking trails.
- Safe area for children and appreciate the beauty.
- Love that P&R helps the community come together by nature and be outside.



SA PARKS SYSTEM PLAN

Community Survey Summary

Introduction



- The **San Antonio Parks System Plan** was last adopted in **2006**.
- The plan is intended to be updated every **10 years**.

Introduction



- The current update will guide decisions about the expansion, capital improvements and programming of the City’s Parks and Recreation system, including:
 - ✓ **240 facilities**
 - ✓ **15,000+ acres of green space**
 - ✓ **181+ miles of trails**

Introduction



- The City of San Antonio conducted a public survey to gather information about **community priorities and needs**.
- The online survey was administered between **October 11, 2017 – May 24, 2018**.
- The survey was available online and in paper format in both **English and Spanish**.

Introduction



3637 Visitors to the survey

- 3,153 answered at least one question

2810 Respondents completed* the survey.

- Includes 546 paper forms completed at community events

*“Completing” the survey required hitting submit on the final page, all questions were optional so respondents could skip questions.

Introduction



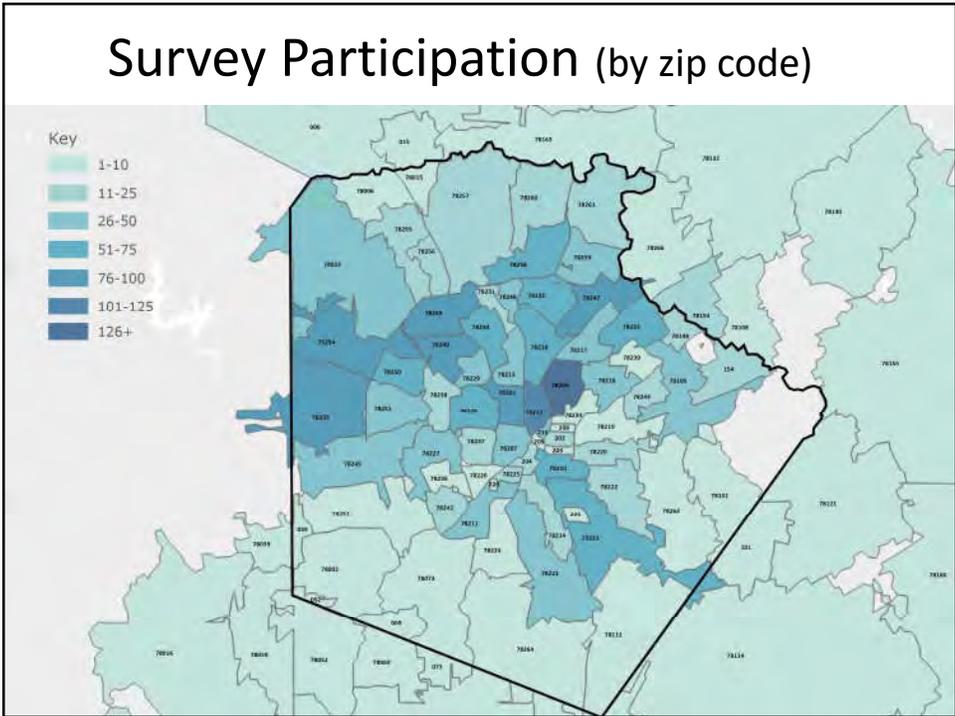
7 Survey Sections

- *Introduction*
- *How do you use parks, trails and recreation facilities?*
- *What keeps you from using parks, trails, and recreations facilities more?*
- *What is most important to you?*
- *Do you take classes, use community/senior centers?*
- *How important are natural areas and trees in San Antonio?*
- *About You*



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Community Survey Findings



Parks, Natural Areas and Events are **Important** to Us!

Natural Areas . . . 84% of respondents considered natural areas very important to San Antonio's quality of life

Parks and Recreation . . . 84% of respondents considered parks and recreation very important to San Antonio's quality of life

Special Events . . . 53% of respondents thought special events were critical or important

Park Use: When?

40% of respondents visited parks **very often**, more than once a week

- ✓ **57%** of respondents visited parks in **morning**
- ✓ **49%** of respondents visited parks in **evening**

Park Use: Why?



55% . . . Nature Experience

“Being surrounded by trees, plants, water and wildlife”

53% . . . Getting Exercise

29% . . . Active Recreation

“Walking, exercising or playing with my dog/pet”

Park Use: Where?



67% are **park** users

66% are **trail** users

44% are **natural area** users

36% of respondents use **community centers**

Key Themes

Program Priorities

- Fitness Programs
- Programs for Nature and Science
- Urban Forestry

Community Centers

- Visited by few respondents

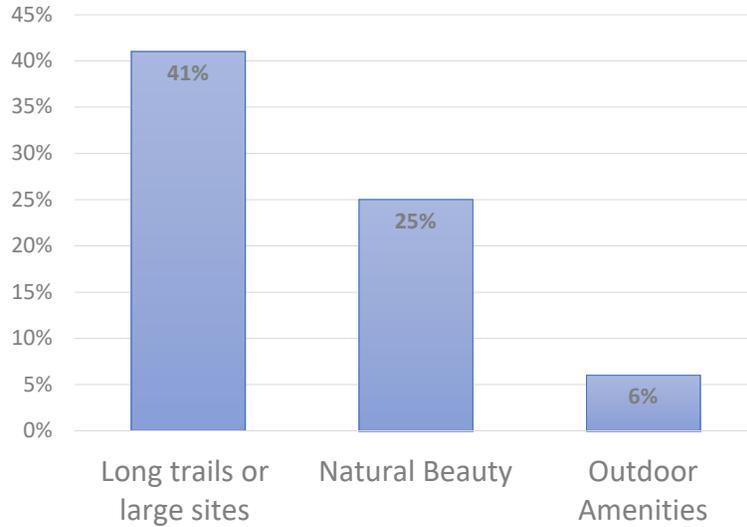
Social Media

- How 55% of people hear about parks, events or programs

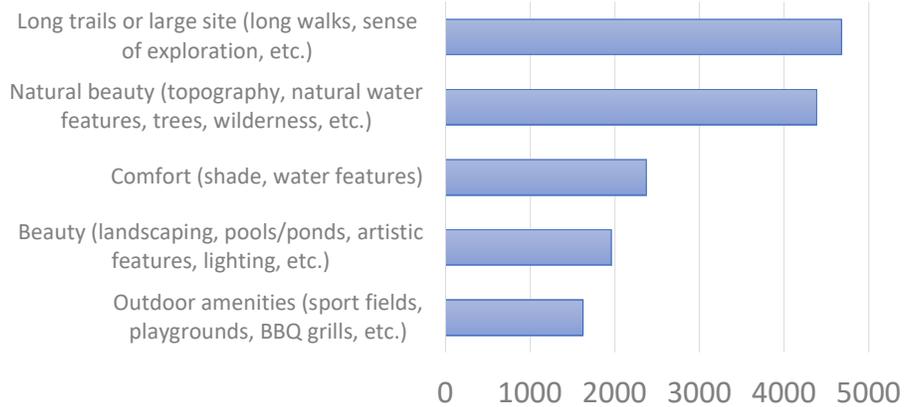
Most Visited Parks

Brackenridge	Leon Creek	Salado Creek
Bryan McClain	Greenway	Greenway
Cuellar Park	McAllister Park	San Pedro Park
Eisenhower	Mission Reach	Southside Lions
Friedrich	and Trails	Stone Oak Park
Government	Museum Reach	Tom Slick Park
Canyon	Nani Falcone	Walker Ranch
Hardberger Park	O.P. Schnabel	Woodlawn
Harlandale Park	Pearsall Park	
Lady Bird Johnson	Riverwalk	

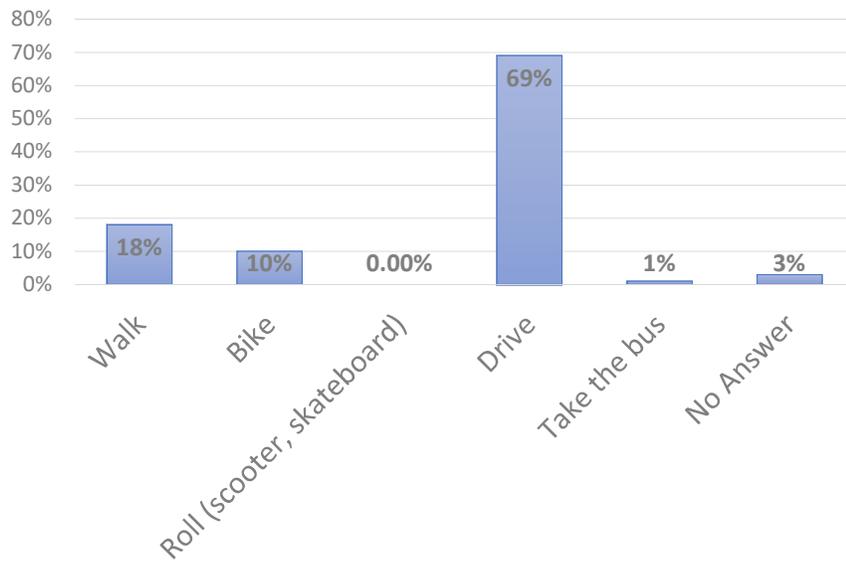
Favorite Park Features – Top 3



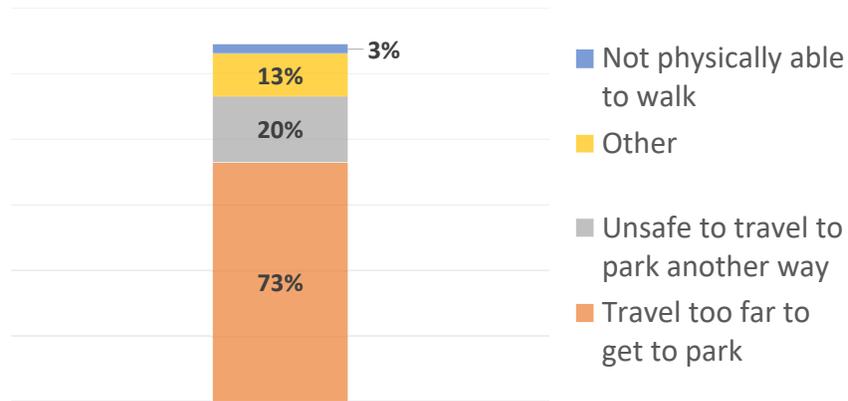
Favorite Park Features - Weighted



Getting There: Mode of Travel

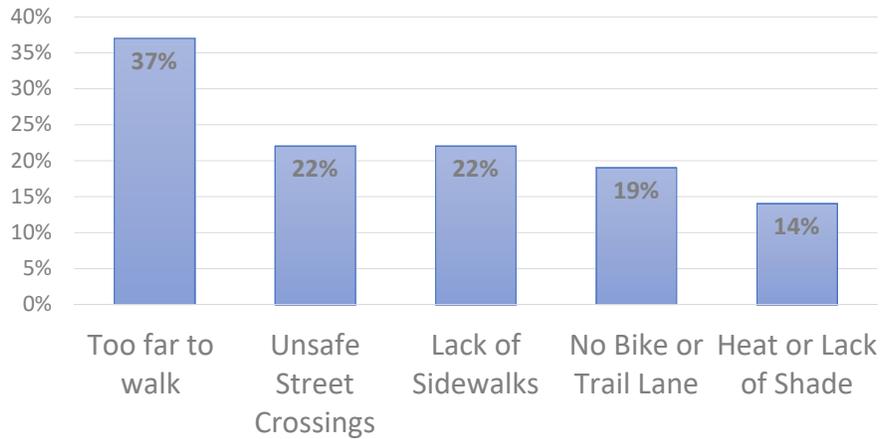


Why We Drive to Parks



Other: Not easy to travel with the whole family, Few safe routes to parks, no bus service

Barriers to Parks (top 5)



Park Issues

Cleanliness

- Trash pick-up, restrooms

Safety

- Lighting, security at parks, supervision

Lack of fitness opportunities

- Exercise equipment

Lack of trail network/signage

Limited water fountains

- Especially on trails

Few pet/dog zones

Lack of options for swimming, wading, splashing

Park Issues: Process

Limited hours/night time trail closure

- For cyclists and commuters

Leash law

- Lack of enforcement

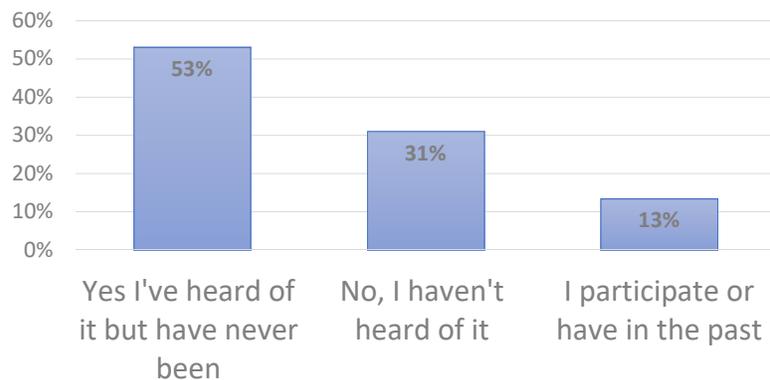
Difficult reservations

- Pavilion/event reservations

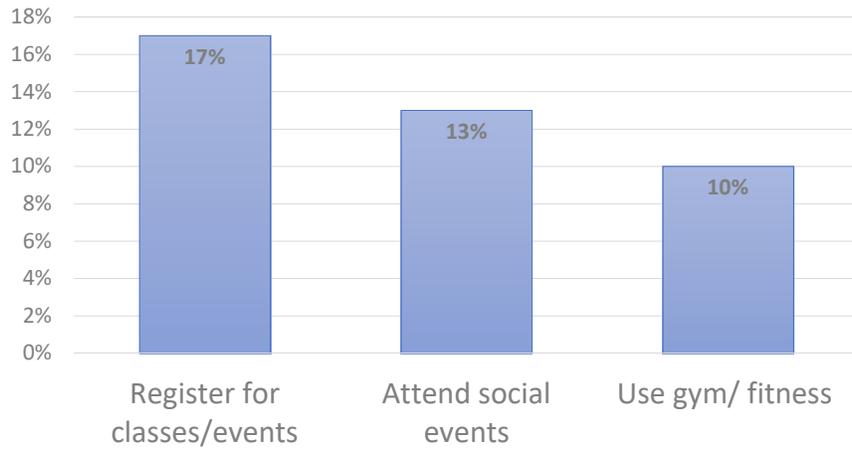
Prohibited activities

- Mountain biking
- Fishing
- Skateboarding
- Geocache

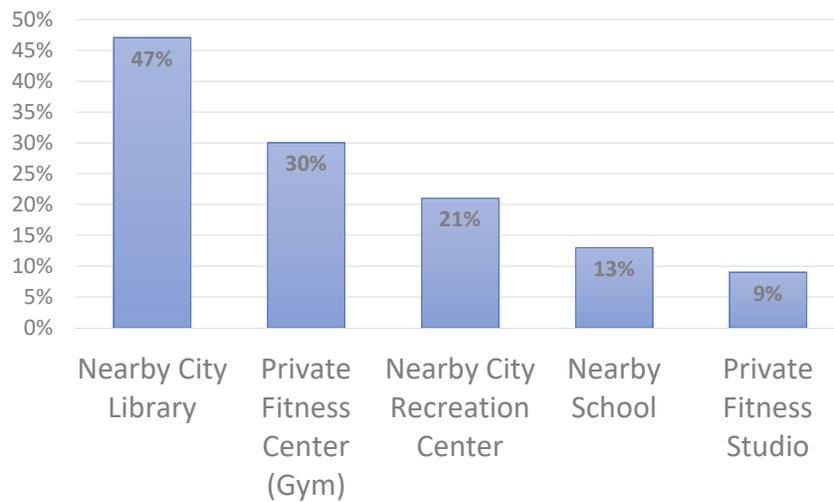
Aware of “Fitness in the Park”?



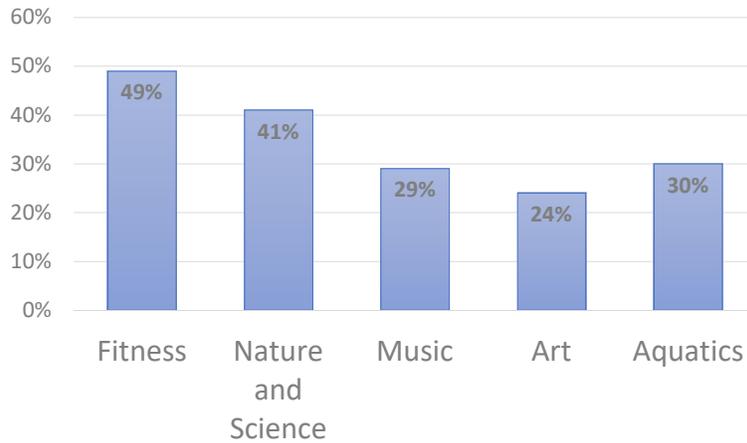
Top Community Center Activities



Other Recreation Destinations?

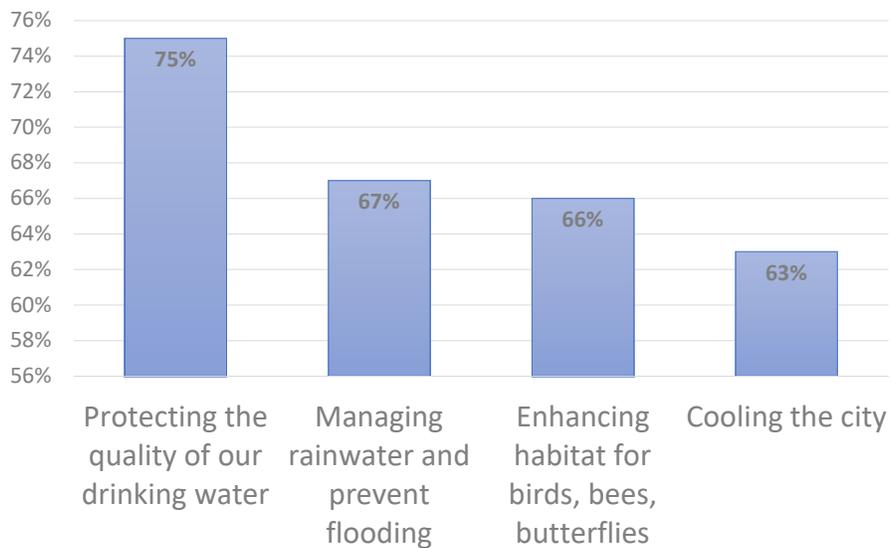


Class/Program Priorities

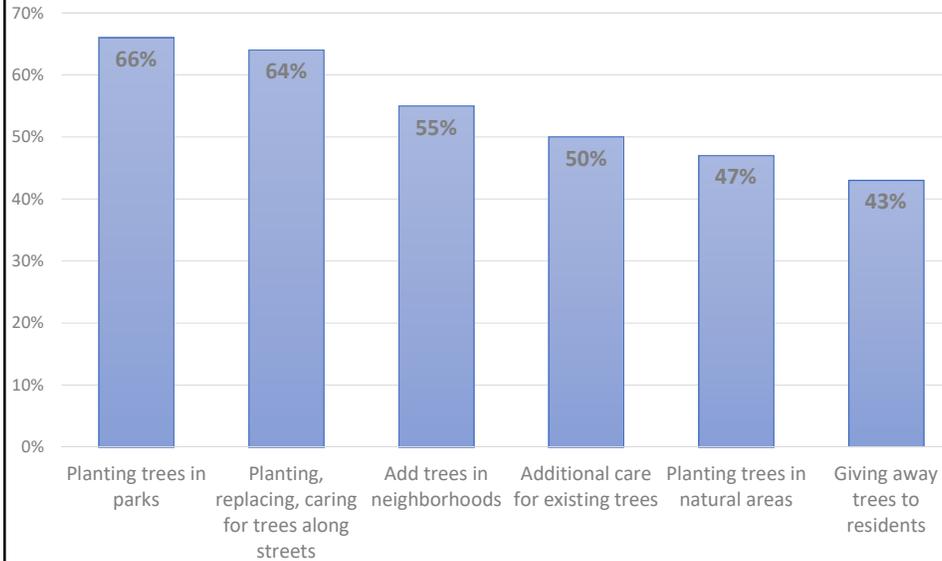


Other: Volunteering, Sports, Summer Camps

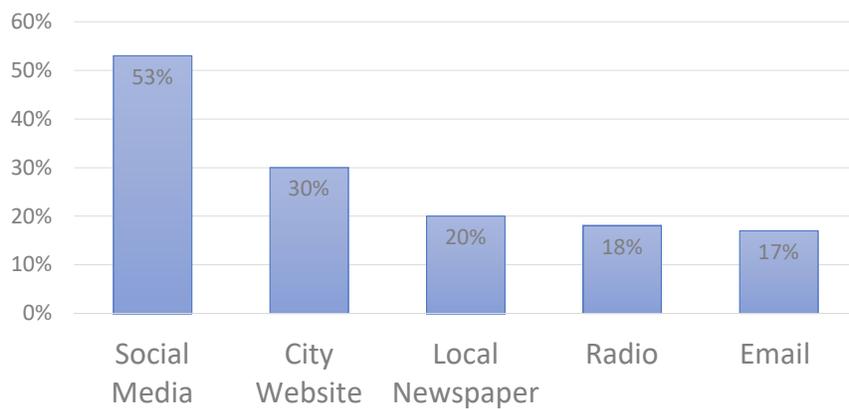
Environmental Benefit Priorities



Urban Forestry Priorities



Top Outreach Channels



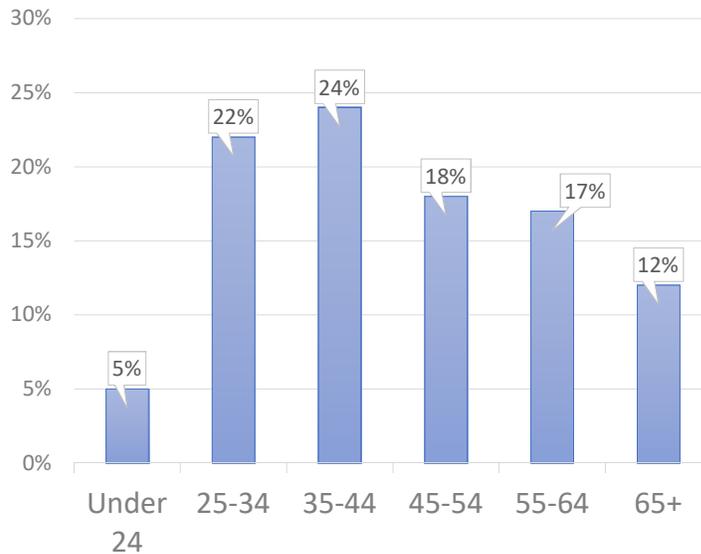
Other: Word of mouth (friends and park staff)

Participant Profile: *Respondent Identity*

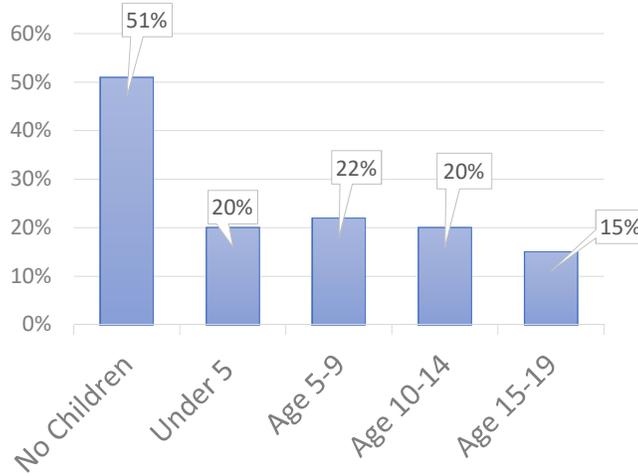


*Could select multiple responses

Participant Profile: *Age*

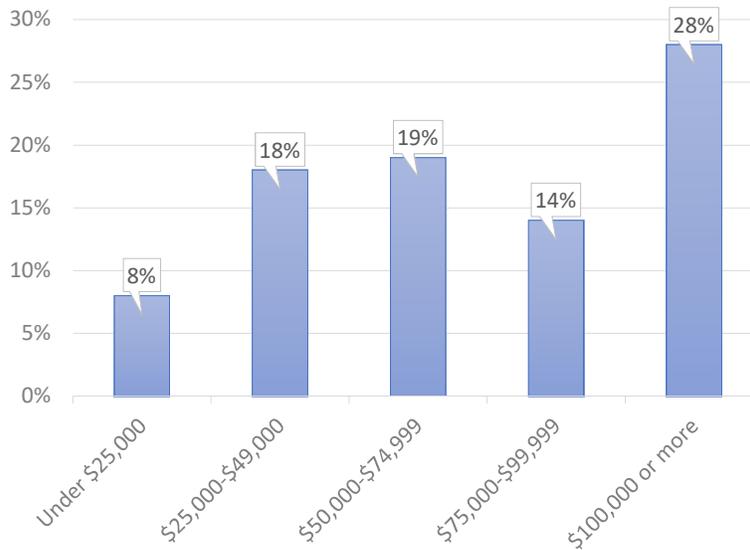


Participant Profile: *Children In Household**

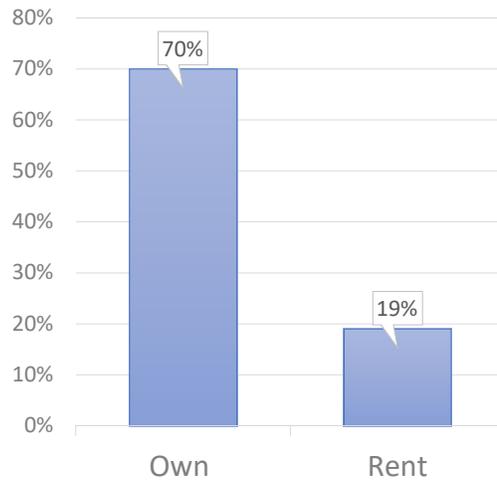


*Percentage of respondents that indicated children in this age range living in household

Participant Profile: *Annual Income*



Participant Profile: *Home Ownership*



Additional Comments

Approximately 1,000 respondents shared comments, themes included:

Bike and Trail Network/Park Connectivity

- Create a network of trails (biking and hiking)
- Create more park connectivity
- Add more bike lanes and “natural” trails
- Connect greenways

Park Programming for All Ages

- Fitness and exercise
- Geocaching, disc golf, fishing, swimming
- BBQ/Picnic
- Art/music events
- Flexible space for classes, events with food, etc.

Additional Comments

Approximately 1,000 respondents shared comments, themes included:

Amenities/Facilities Improvements

- Increase shade, drinking fountains, lights, restrooms
- More dog parks, play areas

Outreach and Education

- Create more outreach and education for parks and public amenities (i.e. libraries, community centers)

Safety Improvements

Increase Park Hours

*...Keep up the **good work**
City of San Antonio!*




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**PARK SYSTEMS PLAN
FEEDBACK REPORT**

Submitted by:
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Overview

The Bender Wells Clark Design Team (BWCD Team) has been hired by the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department (P&R) to assist in the update of the SA Parks System Plan. The SA Parks System Plan is the plan that guides future planning decisions on the expansion, capital improvements, and programming of the more than 240 City-owned parks and recreational facilities, 15,000 plus acres of green space, and over 181 miles of trails. The plan is updated every 10 years with the last plan being adopted in 2006. The current effort to update the plan will leverage the work of and coordinate closely with the SA Tomorrow plan initiative, include an Urban Forestry Strategic Plan, and recommend future funding goals and objectives. The entire update process will take approximately 18 months.

Given that park users have a significant role to play in this process, the BWCD Team and Parks staff developed a robust public outreach effort that included a series of community workshops and community events during the development of the plan.

Once the plan was prepared, it was presented to the public at a public meeting held January 24, 2019, a tele-townhall on January 31, 2019, and an online survey that ran through Friday, February 15, 2019. This report provides a summary of the outreach, process, and outcomes of the outreach conducted to present and solicit feedback on the draft plan.



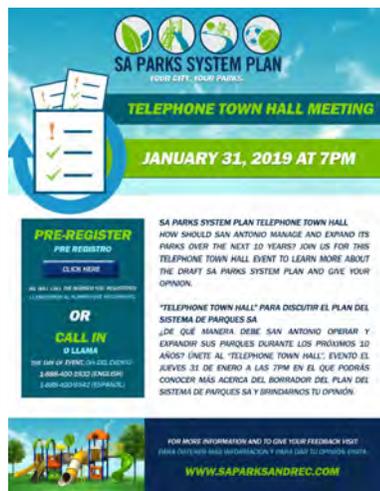
Public Engagement Activities

The City of San Antonio held three primary activities to engage the public in providing feedback on the draft park system plan. These activities are outlined below.



Public Meeting

The City held a public meeting on January 24, 2019, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army Peacock Center located at 2810 W. Ashby Place, San Antonio, Texas, 78201. This meeting provided citizens with an in-person opportunity to meet with the study team, ask questions, and provide their feedback on the draft plan, goals, and objectives.



Telephone Townhall Meeting

In addition to the in-person public meeting, members of the public also had the opportunity to participate in a telephone townhall meeting held on January 31, 2019 at 7 :00 p.m. This opportunity allowed members of the public to ask questions and interact with the study team from the comfort of their home. The telephone townhall was interactive, and people were able to provide their feedback and opinions.



Online Survey

The third opportunity for public feedback on the draft plan was through an online public survey. The survey was available in English and Spanish and was available online through Friday, February 15, 2019.

Public Outreach Activities

These opportunities to provide feedback on the draft plan were advertised in a variety of ways by the study team and City of San Antonio staff in both English and Spanish. The following sections summarize the outreach effort undertaken to get the word out about the various public engagement activities.

E-mail Notification Via Vertical Response

Electronic notices (emails) were sent to Ximenes & Associates’ public outreach database as well as the City’s neighborhood and homeowner association database, databases of professional organizations, local colleges and universities, and of several City Council members. Below is a table detailing the dates for notices sent by Ximenes & Associates, Inc., the number of recipients per send, and the opens/clicks for each distribution.

Social Media

The Parks & Recreation Department’s Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube social media channels were used to advertise the public meeting, tele-townhall, and online survey. Social media friendly graphics were developed for this purpose and were shared by numerous social media influencers, a few of which are listed below. This is not an exhaustive list but is provided to give a sense of social media reach and diversity.

Name	Handle	FB Likes	Twitter Followers
Explore San Antonio	@ExploreSanAntonio	350	7,036
Eco Centro	@EcoCentro1	2,274	-
San Antonio Walks	@sanantoniowalks	584	10
Gardopia Gardens	@gardopiagardens	2,132	118
CM Roberto C. Trevino	@Trevino_D1	3,605	3,593
City of San Antonio-Municipal Government	@cosagov	41,171	134,000
Friends of McAllister Park, San Antonio, TX	@friendofmcallister	991	-
SASpeakUp	@SASpeakUp	2,930	1,357
Phil Hardberger Park Conservancy	@philhardbergerparkconservancy	7,096	1,662
Circles of San Antonio Community Coalition	@Circlesofsa	853	2,013
Nature-Lovin’ Homeschoolers	@naturelovinhmeschoolers	518	-
STORM South Texas Off Road Mountain-Bikers	@southtexasoffroadmtb	1,163	-
Siclovia	@Siclovia	12,790	3,914
Selma Pathfinders Volkssporting Walking Club	@selmapathfindersvolkssporting	73	-
Randolph Roadrunners Volkssport Club	@RandolphRoadrunnersVolkssportClub	168	-
EPIcenterUS	@EPIcenterUS	600	503
Hemisfair	@hemisfair	69,000	13,400
BikeLanesForStoneOak	@BikeLanesForStoneOak	-	42
KFW Engineers & Surveying	@KFWEngineering	1,001	1,897
SA2020	@SA2020	10,908	8,754
TPR Community	@tprcommunity	-	6,041

Name	Handle	FB Likes	Twitter Followers
E-N Communities	@ENcommunities	-	1,503
Alamo Area MPO	@AlamoAreaMPO	3,196	2,383
DreamSA	@idream_sa	671	123
Rebecca Viagran	@VoteViagran	1,210	2,843
Amanda Merck, MPH	@AMFitnessHealth	-	877

Media Relations

The following media and news entities published articles and news stories covering the public meeting and online comment opportunities.

Date	News Channel/Publication	Story Title
February 3, 2019	San Antonio Express-News	Plan will guide San Antonio parks system growth
January 31, 2019	Rivard Report – Jackie Wang	City’s 10-Year Plan Calls for ‘Responsive, Resilient’ Parks
January 24, 2019	NEWS4SA	San Antonio parks seek upgrade ideas for parks, security
January 23, 2019	Rivard Report – Commentary	The Time for Tobacco-Free Parks in San Antonio is Now
January 23, 2019	Spectrum News	San Antonio Residents Asked to Speak on Draft SA Parks System Plan
January 22, 2019	Texas Public Radio – Jan Ross Piedad	San Antonio is Planning to Improve, Expand City Parks. What do you want to see?
January 8, 2019	KENS-5 – Erica Zucco	Finding Updates on SA Park Projects
January 4, 2019	La Prensa Texas	The Parks System Plan
December 14, 2018	NEWS4SA	Parks & Recreation Department recommends making city parks tobacco-free
December 14, 2018	KSAT-12	Tobacco use at San Antonio city parks may soon be banned

Attendance

A total of 53 people attended the public meeting, 2,424 participated in the telephone townhall, and 371 comments were received through the online survey. Each effort is outlined below.

Public Comments

Feedback collected at the public meeting, via the telephone townhall, and online fell into three categories:

1. Comments relating to particular subjects addressed in the plan, such as natural resource protection and sustainability.
2. Comments on specific park facilities, rules, operations or concerns to be reviewed by staff for further action but too specific to be included in the plan due to the document's macro-level approach.
3. Text-level changes that focused on grammar, punctuation and sentence structure that were used to improve the overall flow of the document.

This report provides a summary of the feedback collected that was used to develop and refine the final draft of the San Antonio Parks System Plan.

Public Meeting Summary

The SA Parks System Plan Public Meeting was held on January 24, 2019, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army Peacock Center located at 2810 W. Ashby Place, San Antonio, Texas, 78201. Simultaneous translation services to Spanish were available.

Larry Clark, with Bender, Wells, Clark Design, opened the meeting and introduced Xavier D. Urrutia, the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Director. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them of the extensive public involvement process that took place from 2017-2018 to develop the draft system plan which sets the framework for the next ten years. He thanked everyone and encouraged them to tell their friends and family to review and comment on the plan online to ensure it reflects the input provided by the public during the development of the plan.

Background and Purpose

Mr. Clark talked about the background and purpose of the system plan. He noted there are a lot of different types, sizes, and kinds of parks in the community. He explained parks is also responsible for the urban forestry program that provides for more trees within the city, which helps with air quality. He said the parks system plan is updated every ten years and provides a guide for the City's Park and Recreation Department. The current plan will be tied to the SA Tomorrow plan. Mr. Clark stated the purpose of the system plan is to guide future plans about San Antonio parks and for capital improvements, expansions, and programming of parks. The system plan will be the policy document that drives the decision-making process.

Community Engagement

Mr. Clark went on to say the community engagement was quite robust and included through the use of videos. Mr. Clark then shared one of these short videos. He talked how several of the people in the videos were people who had attended some of the workshops for the process. He also talked about some of the fun activities used to get younger audiences involved, like the Mad Lib exercise. He said the community workshops were held across the city. Another engagement exercise was posing the question to the public about what they would do with a million dollars if they had it to invest in parks.



Figure 1 - The public meeting to collect feedback on the draft park system plan was held at the Salvation Army Peacock Center.

He also stated a bilingual survey that went out in print, via social media, and on the project website. He pointed out that the response received has really been from throughout the community.

Mr. Clark continued and provided information on the parks inventory that shows all the assets in the current park system including greenways, park facilities, visitor centers, and sports complex centers. The team also reviewed the urban forestry program and made some recommendations. Mr. Clark noted San Antonio has a tree preservation ordinance with a tree mitigation fund that collects civil penalties for tree removal. The fund can be used to purchase and plant trees and may potentially benefit parks.

System Goals

Mr. Clark said the park system of the future should be responsive, restorative, resilient, and resourceful in how efficiently and effectively park services are utilized and offered. With respect to responsive parks, this measure calls for project programs to align with local neighborhood character and provide equitable access to diverse experiences. It also means setting hours with users in mind and the ability to adapt to change over time. Mr. Clark said the restorative idea is that parks should support our health and well-being and should help restore our ecology. They should also promote better well-being with better access to nature and to play. He said to be resilient they should benefit everyone through property design and stewardship, as well as help with stormwater management. He said they should also be as sustainable as possible. With regards to resourceful, he said parks should have multiple uses and be multi-layered. Finally, a main goal is for the Parks and Recreation Department to continued community partnerships. These partnerships have proved beneficial and the community has responded in a positive manner.

Next Steps

Mr. Clark explained the next step is to get feedback on the draft plan. The plan will then be finalized and is slated for City Council adoption in spring 2019. Mr. Clark then opened the floor to questions and answers.

Public Questions & Comments

Question/Comment	Response
Will the comments we make tonight be presented to the City Council ?	We are gathering comments that will be incorporated into the plan, so the answer is yes.
How does this 10 year park plan address climate action and what specific things will parks be doing? Will park fleets be converted to electric vehicles? Will you be adding EV charging infrastructure? Will you be reducing impervious cover? What will you be doing specifically?	Each one of those points are great, and the answer to your question is that we will be making recommendations to resources and resource use. This is a 30,000 ft view of all the parks but responding to climate change and changing temperatures is something that will need to be addressed. Mr. Urrutia said that in general overall, the City has decided to follow

Question/Comment	Response
	the Paris Accord, so the City is already looking at converting the fleet, we are also looking at recharge stations.
The city initiatives are great, but people come out to parks to enjoy nature and if people come out to parks in their electric vehicles, they need to have access to EV charging infrastructure as well.	Thank you very much.
Is there a website where we can provide online comments.	Yes, you can do so at www.saparksandrec.com .
I tried to look into the draft plan before the meeting and I could not find it on the parks page. There are so many parks and I'm only interested in two of them.	Mr. Clark said the system plan covers the overall system. He said that if you go to the website you can find the system plan under News & Events, there is a tab that will have the parks on the inventory. Mr. Urrutia cautioned that the system plan does not identify what is proposed for specific parks but rather overall guidelines for how to approach parks investments.
Alejandro Soto with the Woodlawn Lake Community Association said that one of the provisions is tobacco free parks which he felt is well overdue. He asked if this would be cold turkey or if it would be implemented over time.	The response is that this would be a decision made by Council. Mr. Urrutia said that the Health and Equity Committee recommended moving this item forward to the full Council. Once it is adopted by the full Council, they will then move an ordinance forward. However, there will be a public education period.
When does the public comment period close?	February 8, 2019
I only scanned through the plan but is there an implementation plan specified?	No. It only includes goals, objectives, and recommendations.
I live outside Loop 410 and Loop 1604 and we don't have very many amenities as you do in the inner city and we have a lot of kids who would like to have the same amenities in the inner city. It seems that where you have the most incompatible activities are in places where you're having the most growth.	Thank you – your comment is noted.
I understand we are not going to be dealing with any specific park, but the Medina Natural Area is the only area south but frankly it needs more investment. Equity is a major issue out there. What we are asking for is equity amongst all the natural areas. There was supposed to be a trail from the Mission Trails to the Medina Natural	Equity is a key component of this plan and we have visited the Medina River area and understand the archeology and ecology of that zone.

Question/Comment	Response
<p>Area and it's still not there. Let's be realistic that if people want to go to the Medina Natural Area, they can tell that the investment and equity is not there. The Medina Natural Area is getting short changed. The educational coordinator was moved to Hardberger and never replaced at Medina Natural Area. Does that mean you feel the children of the southside do not deserve STEAM activities? We need actual equity and City administrators need to go out there and experience it so they can see the difference in resources.</p> <p>Is there going to be equity in the natural areas or are we only going to talk about it? What do we have to do to get equity?</p>	
<p>Hector Cardenas, Friends of San Pedro Creek Parks. 1) Inner city parks seem to be having a bigger problem with homeless invasion and prostitution after dark. After 10:00 p.m. these folks come out and take over the park. Will there be a continuing effort to eradicate this type of behavior? 2) Is there a plan to water park plants with grey water, similar to golf courses? 3) Are we increasing the amount of green space or parks or are they cutting that back? 4) There has been talk of Connect SA taking bond money and Edwards Aquifer mitigation funds to use for transportation.</p>	<p>156,000 acres have been preserved for natural areas and conservation easements. The idea to use bond money or propositions to fund transportation will have to be approved by voters. It is being discussed as an option but no decisions have been made.</p>
<p>I didn't see much in the plan about how you protect natural resources but every time you put in a trail you affect the natural hydrology of an area. You also introduce impacts when you bring people into natural areas. How will you preserve the natural areas?</p>	<p>In the actual draft plan, there are recommendations under every objective. We can discuss this one specific issue at the breakout stations in just a few minutes.</p>
<p>Is there a goal to try to link up some of these green spaces to allow the animals to be able to migrate and live?</p>	<p>Thank you very much. The Hardberger Bridge is being constructed. We can answer your questions more fully at the stations.</p>
<p>I want to thank parks and recreation for adding a pickleball court at Fairchild. It went from no one using it to all of a sudden being used by the community. Get more pickleball courts out there. Right now, there are 2.8 million pickleball players</p>	<p>Thank you very much.</p>

Question/Comment	Response
and that has probably increased by now. If you put them out there, we'll work to get people out there and playing it.	

Station Exercises

After the question and answer session, participants were asked to provide their feedback at stations that covered each of the system plan goals. Following are the comments recorded at each of the goal exhibits.

Goal 1 Station Comments

- All bikes, scooters, etc. need a horn or bell
- Like all the trails, worry about Salado Creek closed to James John Park, that they want to add more parking to the wild area on Wilshire Terrace Park
- Allow the use of “personal electric vehicles” on the entire trail system to enable objective 1.3 “transportation for all” – a “personal electric vehicle” is any electric device that is just as small as bikes, just as light as bikes, and just as fast as bikes
- 1.3 with planned trails – please use smooth pavement that is functional for in-line skating – flagstone rock is not good – thanks
- 1.5 the Howard W. Peak Greenway trails need to have extended hours to allow true transit potential to/from work and school

Goal 2 Station Comments

- Objectives are vague. Not measurable. Start with verbs.
- 2.1:2.2:2.3 should keep natural and greenspaces adjacent to developed parks as natural and greenspaces, i.e. John James Park is developed – allow Wilshire to remain green. Maintain a balance between developed parks and greenspaces; especially when they are adjacent to one another.
- Allow the use of personal electric vehicles to enable easier access for older and limited mobility people to experience nature and the parks
- Objectives 2.1-2.2 link urban greenspaces
- 2.1 make parks across the city truly equitable in quality of amenities, etc., especially on the south side

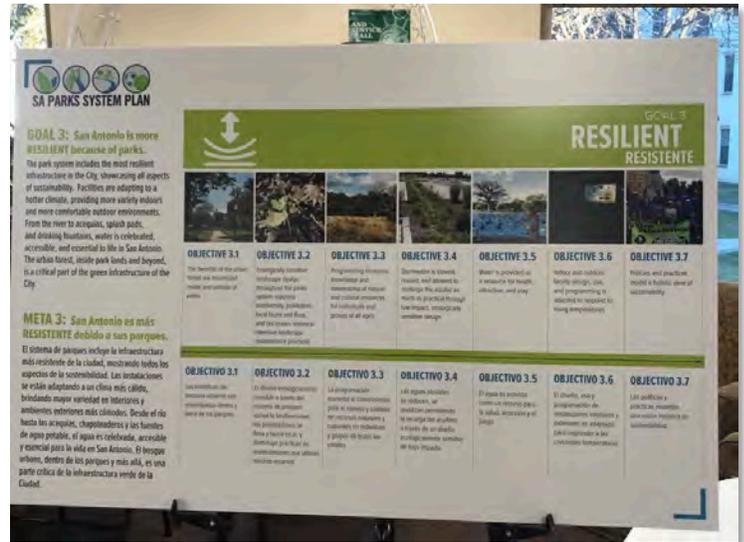


Figure 2 - Each station included a board describing the goal statement and the supporting objectives. All boards were provided in English and Spanish.

Goal 3 Station Comments

- 3.5 We need cold filtered water to drink.
- Education for people to keep parks clean.
- 3.1 – link greenspaces to allow urban animal populations safe passage and habitats in which to flourish
- 3.6 – increase event opportunities across all parks across the city to allow greater access and participation
- 3.1/3.2 yes! Protect the wild spaces.

Goal 4 Station Comments

- 4.6 We would like to see more indoor sports facilities outside 410. The city does not offer sports organizations space for practices or games, ex. Volleyball – no indoor courts provide an issue to clubs to hold practice because they are owned by the church or by private organizations that pick and choose their clients. Example, Alamo Soccer Club.
- 4.1 Please make paved trails (where planned) smooth pavement, safe for in-line skating – flagstone rock is not functional – thank you.
- Remember the plants and animals must be considered, too.
- 4.1 Please consider a highly coordinated effort between your IT and development communities to create more programs with parks and recreation aimed at increasing participation through mobile applications, i.e. (Pok-e-mon Go)(exercise equipment)(etc...)

Additional Written Comments

At the public meeting, participants were provided a comment card to provide feedback on the four goal areas. Each goal area listed numerous objectives that provided greater detail about what the goal was trying to accomplish. Below are the results and the feedback provided by participants. A total of 24 forms were received.

GOAL	Do you generally agree with this goal?			COMMENTS
	YES	NO	NO ANSWER	
<p>Goal 1: San Antonio has a RESPONSIVE parks system. 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.</p>	75%	0%	25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider disc golf as a cost-effective, all-ages sport. • Make trails ADA accessible and smooth for use scooters/skates. • Connect to local neighborhoods through streets and signage. • Need more green space, not just flood plain areas. • Prohibit scooters, keep focus on exercise. • Prioritize safety along greenway trails. • Increase availability of programming to all city parks. • Objectives are too vague and need to be SMART – specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timebound • Bikes and scooters need to use bells near pedestrians
	18	0	6	
<p>Goal 2: The Parks System is RESTORATIVE to the community’s health. 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.</p>	83%	0%	17%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider disc golf as a restorative activity. • Link urban green space to provide more habitat for urban wildlife. • Emphasize Low Impact Development. • Minimize impacts to habitat when building trails. • Ban tobacco/vaping from parks. • Increase quantity of community gardens. • Improve erosion and drainage issues. • Maintain and enhance historic buildings for use by community.
	20	0	4	

GOAL	Do you generally agree with this goal?			COMMENTS
	YES	NO	NO ANSWER	
<p>Goal 3: San Antonio is more RESILIENT because of parks and recreation. 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.</p>	80%	0%	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider golf clubs as a resource for keeping park areas clean, safe, and accessible. • Link greenspaces to support urban wildlife. • Emphasize no trace left behind. • Great goal and objectives. • Promote native trees and plants. • Encourage public transit, walking, and biking. • Reconsider water contact opportunities – water conservation is very important for our region. • Engage local beekeepers to increase pollinators. • Include riparian buffers. • Incorporate sustainable, renewable energy sources. • Provide a restroom at Bryan McClain Park. • Park vehicles should be electric. • Increase pool hours. • Keep park facility rentals affordable.
	19	0	5	
<p>Goal 4: The City is RESOURCEFUL in creating, maintaining, and changing the parks and creation system. 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 active maintaining partnerships efficient and effective management, and provision of services.</p>	80%	0%	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disc golf community loves the sport and wants to see it grow. • Consider needs of community before adding amenities that will not be used. • Need more security at inner city parks after 10 p.m. • Add an objective that speaks to the cost of infrastructure per park. • Emphasis on low impact development.

GOAL	Do you generally agree with this goal?			COMMENTS
	YES	NO	NO ANSWER	
	19	0	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage local businesses to sponsor parks and trails and help with maintenance. • Use smooth pavement on planned trails. • Include local disc golf clubs in new course designs. • Allocate more funding towards operations and maintenance. • Need more details to properly comment on plan. • Need to ensure equity of facilities across different parts of town.

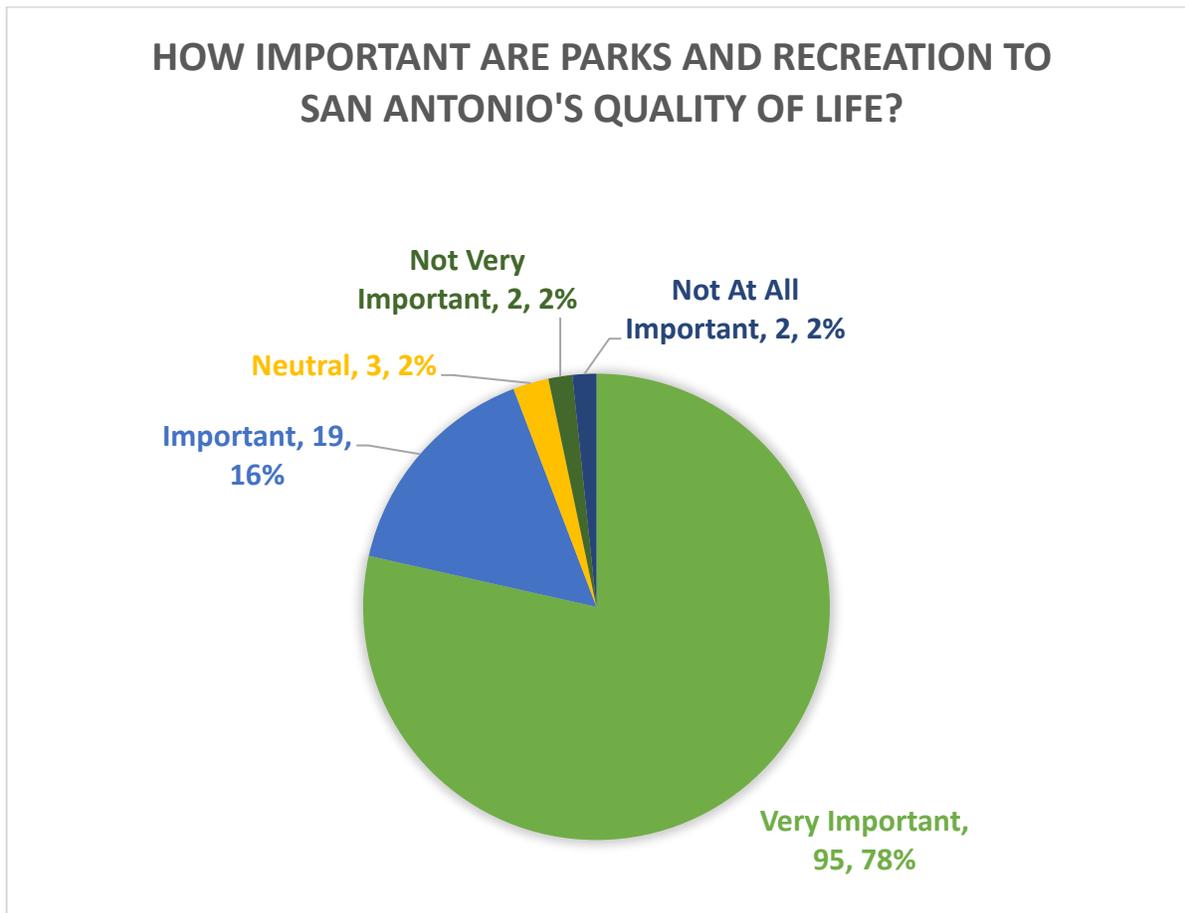
General Comments

In addition to the written comments, the following general comments were received via email.

- Mark Sullivan (marktexo@gmail.com) I hope you are having a great day. I will not be able to attend the meeting tonight. Can I give input now ? I simply recommend continuing with the BIKESA plan. It is an off-the-road bikeway system encircling SA, 4 radiating spokes and a downtown central circle – the Nirenbergring. I spoke with Ron recently and he loves it. Call me anytime. Thank you, Mark Sullivan (210-707-7000).

Telephone Townhall Summary

The Telephone Townhall Meeting was held on January 31, 2019. A total of 24,953 were selected for the telephone townhall event, with 13,095 people answering the day of the townhall, and 2,424 agreeing to participate. In all participants spent an average of 4.72 minutes on the call meaning that some spent considerably longer and others considerably shorter. While on the call, 17 individuals asked to speak and 13 were given the opportunity to do so during the time allotted. The greatest amount of participation happened between 5 to 20 minutes into the call. A total of 86 people participated in the Spanish simulcast meaning they pressed 1 after receiving the initial call to request to join that separate broadcast. Following are some of the findings.



Participant Comments

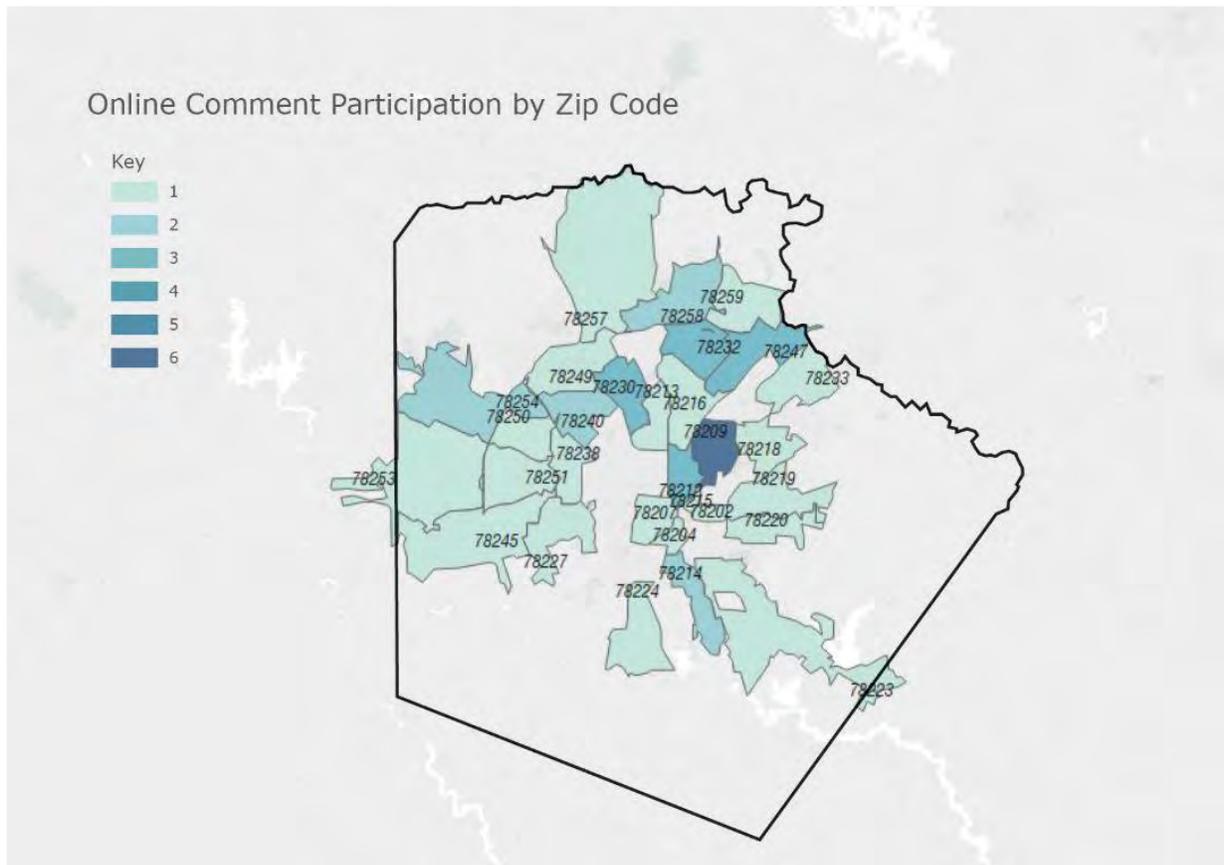
- How do you determine what parks get upgrades and where security measures implemented?
- Will the plan's implementation require a bond or is it already part of a bond?
- We need a space to educate kids on how to build and make things.
- What are the plans for Salado Creek south of Pecan Valley Park?
- I did not see where the plan talks about acquiring new land for parks. How much green space are you looking to acquire outside of Loop 1604?

- This plan looks excellent but what will the system of oversight be to ensure it is successful?
- The restoration of the San Antonio River and the greenway trails is excellent. Are there any plans to extend greenways program to additional creeks on the westside?
- Why is the parks department hiring process so lengthy? No one has ever been able to provide an answer.
- We need to find a way to cover more playgrounds with canopies so they can be used more.
- Are we going to have accommodations for kids of all abilities.
- I live in the Morning Glen addition. The neighbors here wanted the duck pond to go dry to remove the ducks. Why hasn't the city stepped in to prevent this?
- Are horses going to be allowed along the Salado parkway all the way to 410?
- What happened to proposed hike and bike trails along Lawrence Creek from McAllister Park towards Henderson Pass?
- Why do we have to have fireworks at Woodlawn Lake Park? They are detrimental to the environment and they scare the wildlife. Can we get rid of the fireworks?
- Has there been any mention regarding restoration of Mira Flores Park?
- Will there be any programming offered that has to do with animals?
- Are these playground equipment sets inspected by licensed inspectors, and if not, why not?

Online Comment Summary

The draft plan was released online through the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department’s website on December 17, 2018. Public feedback on the plan was accepted through February 15, 2019. During this period, QR Code cards providing the public access to the System Plan homepage were distributed at various program sites, public events and public input meetings. Park staff conducted an email marketing campaign to promote the plan and solicit feedback.

This resulted in 371 public comments that helped inform the final draft of the San Antonio Parks System Plan. The following figure shows the geographic distribution of survey respondents.



These comments provided SA Parks staff with many specific ideas for implementation of projects in the future. The planning team also made a series of revisions to the document, particularly regarding sustainability and natural resource protection, in response to this set of comments.

SA PARKS SYSTEM PLAN



APPENDIX C: PARKS, NATURAL AREAS, AND FACILITY INVENTORY



Parks, Natural Areas, and Facilities Inventory

Introduction

The attached inventory and base map are the basis for the SA Parks System Plan and represent the most up-to-date information available from the City of San Antonio.

Data Notes

- City of San Antonio GIS data is presented “as-is” with no modifications
- GIS inventory provided is dated November 2018
- Excel inventory file maintains the “ID NUM” field matching all inventory data back to the appropriate GIS shape

Park and Facility Classifications

San Antonio’s park classifications and definitions were set in past planning efforts and are maintained here for consistency.

Park Classifications

- **Regional Park (RP)**
Regional parks supplement neighborhood and community parks, serving broader community-based recreation needs in addition to those addressed by neighborhood and community parks. These parks may include large areas of undeveloped land with natural vegetation and/or water features. Park location is determined by the size, quality, and suitability of available sites. Restroom facilities and off-street parking should be provided for facility users. Park lighting should be for security and safety as well as facility use. Optimal size for a regional park is over 50 acres but each park is unique.
- **Community Park (CP)**
A community park meets the recreational needs of several neighborhoods and may also preserve unique landscapes and open spaces. These parks accommodate group activities and recreational facilities that are not provided in neighborhood parks. Community park sites should be accessible by arterial and collector streets. Restroom facilities and off-street parking for facility users should be considered. Park lighting should be for security and safety as well as facility use. Optimal size for a community park is between 10 and 50 acres.
- **Neighborhood Park (NP)**
Neighborhood parks are the basic unit of a park system and are recreational and social centers for those living in the nearby service area. Neighborhood parks are not intended to be used for programmed activities that attract city-wide users and that could result in overuse, noise, parking problems, and congestion. It is important for these parks to be easily accessible from throughout the neighborhood area, and for particular attention to be paid to non-vehicular access. Trails or sidewalks and low-volume streets may all be used to provide access. Playgrounds are usually a high priority. Restroom facilities

for users are not normally included because of access to home by users. Off-street parking should be minimal. Park lighting should be primarily for safety and security. Optimal size for a neighborhood park is from 3 to 10 acres.

- **Greenway (GW)**
Greenways are linear features that emphasize harmony with the natural environment. Their purpose is to allow safe, uninterrupted pedestrian movement along both natural and/or manmade corridors. They will often follow suitable natural features such as rivers and creeks, but may also follow man-made corridors including revitalized waterways, drainage ways, utility easements, and abandoned railroad beds. Greenways may connect neighborhoods and/or natural landscape features and provide non-motorized transportation routes as well as recreation opportunities. Minimal infrastructure may include access, parking, signage, and security lighting as appropriate.
- **Natural Area (NA)**
Natural Areas are park sites established for the protection and stewardship of outstanding natural attributes of local, regional, and statewide significance. Natural Areas are intended to be used in a sustainable manner for scientific research, education, aesthetic enjoyment, and appropriate public use not detrimental to the primary purpose. Minimal infrastructure may include access, parking, signage and security lighting as appropriate.
- **Historic Resource (HR)**
Historic resources are sites, structures, buildings, and individual park items or features set aside to preserve and enhance their historic, cultural, and archaeological significance.
- **Sports Complex (SC)**
Sports complexes consolidate programmed athletic fields and associated facilities at large sites which are to be strategically located throughout the community. Sports complexes, unlike neighborhood and community parks, are meant for city-wide use. These complexes should be located within reasonable driving distances of target populations, and adjacent to non-residential land uses. They relieve the negative impacts on smaller parks such as overuse; noise, traffic congestion, and parking issues. Adequate spectator seating and parking should be provided. Lighting should be for security, safety, and facility use.
- **Special Use Facility (SUF)**
Special use facilities have a broad range of single-purpose uses. The service area for these facilities is community-wide. Each facility is unique, and should be developed as determined with community input.
- **Urban Space (US)**
Urban space includes a broad range of remnant landscapes related to metropolitan area development including parkways, ornamental areas, medians, traffic islands, and minor drainage ways.

A wide variety of buildings, amenities, fields, courts and trails are included in the attached inventory table. Some of these are noted on the base map including:

- Community Centers
- Senior Centers
- School Parks (formerly SPARK Parks)
- Bicycle routes
- Park trails
- Park trailheads

The full tabular inventory is provided on the following pages.

NOTE: the plan document includes some updated numbers that include facilities under construction.

Park Name and Address	GENERAL INFORMATION										RECREATION FACILITIES											
	Council District	Park Classification	Historic Significance or Historic Facility	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Undeveloped Acres	Year Acquired	Method of Acquisition	Lease on Property	Managed and Operated by	Building Facilities				Park Amenities							
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San Pedro Springs 1315 San Pedro 78212	1	RP, HR	1	46.05	46.05	-	1733	Spanish Land Grant	Yes				1	1	4	1	2	25	1			
Schnabel, O.P. 9606 Bandera Road 78240	7	RP	1	296.69	202.05	94.64	1964, 2017	Purchased	Yes		1	1	18	9	1	2	57					
Southside Lions 3100 Hiawatha 78210	3	RP	1	600.10	203.10	397.00	1944, 1964	Purchased, Donated	Yes		1	1	4	1		2	41	1		yes	1	
Woodlawn Lake 1103 Cincinnati 78201	7	RP	1	62.00	62.00	-	1918	Purchased			2	1	2	7		3	25			yes	1	
COMMUNITY PARKS																						
Arnold, Hendrich 1011 Gillette Road 78224	4	CP		24.63	24.63	-	1972	Purchased			1		2			1	14					
Blossom, Virgil T. 15015 Heimer Road 78232	9	CP		17.54	6.13	11.41	1972	Purchased, Leased	Yes						1	1	13					
Cassiano 1728 Potosi 78207	5	CP	1	2.90	2.90	-	1898	Purchased				1	1		1	1	20					
Cathedral Rock 8002 Grissom Road 78251	6	CP		56.86	30.00	26.86	2000, 2001	Purchased								1	2					
Classen-Steubing Park Hardy Oak 78258	9	CP, NA		204.06	-	204.06	2016-17	Purchased														
Concepcion 600 E. Theo 78210	3	CP	1	21.39	21.39	-	1925	Purchased				1		1	1	1	26					
Conner, Bonnie 13345 Woller 78249	8	CP		24.06	9.50	14.56	2004	Purchased					1	1		1	8					
Copernicus, Nicholas 5003 Lord Road 78220	2	CP		21.04	21.04	-	1972	Purchased	Yes		1		1	1		1	8					
Crystal Hills 6441 Shadow Mist 78251	7	CP		69.69	1.00	68.69	7/2	Donated Purchased														
Cuellar, Patrolman Richard 5626 San Fernando 78237	6	CP		27.01	27.01	-	1972	Purchased	Yes		1	1	2	1		1	9	1				

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Dawson, Robert B. 2500 E. Commerce 78203	2	CP	1	4.15	4.15	-	1890	Dedicated			1				1	1	6				
Dellview 507 Basswood 78213	1	CP		5.55	5.55	-	1953	Dedicated				1	1		1	11					
Denver Heights 300 Porter 78210	2	CP		4.16	4.16	-	1891	Dedicated			1				1	3					
Elmendorf Lake 3700 W. Commerce 78237	5	CP		29.60	29.60	-	1917	Donated	Yes				1	1	1	24					
Escobar Field 1400 S. Zarzamora 78207	5	CP		2.33	2.33	-	1935	Purchased													
Fairchild, Eureka 1214 E. Crockett 78202	2	CP		6.80	6.80	-	1923 - 1979	Purchased				1		1	1	6					
Falcone, Nani 8701 Mystic Park 78254	7	CP		65.51	28.00	37.51	1996, 2001	Purchased					2		1	1	3	1	1		1
Flores, Jimmy 803 Southcross 78211	4	CP		11.08	11.08	-	1955	Dedicated	Yes		1	1	3		1	14					
Fox 6518 Hausman Road West 78249	8	CP		34.80	-	34.80	2005	Purchased													
French Creek 7701 Krueger Moore 78250	7	CP		28.72	-	28.72	2008	Donated													
Friesenhahn 15701 O'Connor Road 78247	10	CP		37.59	11.57	26.02	1979, 2016	Donated, Purchased					1			8					
Garza, Gilbert 1450 Mira Vista 78228	7	CP	1	21.52	21.52	-	1972	Purchased			1	1	2	1	1	3			yes		
Gold Canyon 18402 Corporate Woods 78261	9	CP		72.02	-	72.02	2007	Donated													
Golden 7801 Somerset Road 78211	4	CP		15.99	15.99	-	1994	Purchased					1		1	2					

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Gorrell, Patrolman Edwyn J. 4802 De Zavala Road 78230	8	CP		24.81	10.00	14.81	2006	Donated							1	3					
Granados, Virginia Marie 500 Freiling 78213	1	CP	1	4.25	4.25	-	2003	Donated			1									yes	
Harlandale 7227 Briar Place 78221	3	CP		11.11	11.11	-	1950	Purchased			1			1	1	15				yes	
Highland 901 Rigsby 78210	3	CP	1	4.87	4.87	-	1926	Purchased			1				1	6				yes	
Hillside Acres 8110 Clegg 78242	4	CP		1.13	1.13	-	2007	Transfer from Public Works Dept.			1										
Jane Dubel Park 4741 Callaghan 78238	7	CP		6.36	-	6.36	2013	Purchased							1	3					
Kardon, Lou 6161 Gibbs Sprawl Rd. 78218	2	CP		23.39	23.39	-	1998	Purchased						1	1	3					
Kennedy, John F. 3101 Rose Lawn 78226	5	CP, SC		39.40	39.40	-	1979	Purchased	Yes			1	1	1	1	16					
Kenwood 305 Dora 78212	1	CP		6.47	6.47	-	1978	Dedicated	Yes		1			1	1	8					
Kingsborough 350 Felps 78221	3	CP		12.85	12.85	-	1979	Dedicated				1			1	6					
Lackland Terrace 7902 Westshire 78227	4	CP		7.18	7.18	-	1972	Purchased	Yes		1		2		1	8	1				
Las Palmas 503 Castroville Road 78237	5	CP		5.54	5.54	-	1974	Purchased	Yes		1		2	1	1	6					
Leon Vista 8561 Rochelle Road 78240	7	CP		6.17	3.06	3.11	1998	Purchased													
Levi Strauss 6100 Enrique M Barrera Pkwy 78227	6	CP		19.76	19.76	-	1981	Donated					1		1	7					

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Lincoln 2915 E. Commerce 78202	2	CP		32.71	32.71	-	1927 - 1970	Purchased			3	1	2		1	5			yes	
Lockwood 801 N. Olive 78202	2	CP		3.77	3.77	-	1928	Donated						1	1	5				
Maverick Park 1000 Broadway 78215	1	CP		3.00	3.00	-	1881	Donated								4				
McClain, Bryan 15700 O'Connor Road 78247	10	CP		97.50	50.00	47.50	2001	Purchased					1			3		1		
Meadowcliff 1260 Pinn Road 78227	6	CP		0.47	0.47	-	1976	Donated, Leased	Yes		1									
Medina Base Road 6303 Medina Base Rd. 78227	4	CP		44.53	17.00	27.53	2000	Purchased					1	1	1	10	1			
Milam Wesley Tealer Park 5640 Lakefront Drive 78222	2	CP		30.42	16.42	14.00	1998	Purchased					1		1	9				
Miller, Dorie 2802 Martin Luther King 78220	2	CP		1.04	1.04	-	1991	Purchased			2		1	1	1	2				
Miller's Pond 6175 Old Pearsall Road 78242	4	CP	1	42.15	42.15	-	1976	Purchased	Yes		1		1		1	15				
Monterrey 5909 W. Commerce 78237	5, 7	CP	1	51.01	51.01	-	1962	Purchased	Yes		1	1	2	1	1	20				
New Territories 9023 Bowen 78250	6	CP		11.09	8.09	3.00	1996, 1999	Purchased					1	1	1	5				
Normoyle 700 Culberson 78211	5	CP		30.18	30.18	-	1960	Purchased			1	1	3	1	1	14	1		yes	
Northampton 8989 FM 78 78109	2	CP		20.61	8.30	12.31	2000	Donated							1					
Old Spanish Trail (Laddie Place) 3668 Fredericksburg 78201	1	CP		27.72	14.50	13.22	2016	Purchased												

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Palm Heights 1201 W. Malone 78225	5	CP	1	2.04	2.04	-	1929	Donated			1			1	1	1				yes	
Parman Library Trail 20735 Wilderness Oak 78258	9	CP		10.00	9.00	1.00	2011	Dedicated						1	1						
Perez, Oscar 8601 Timber Path 78250	6	CP		17.02	10.17	6.85	2001	Purchased					1		1	4	1				
Pittman-Sullivan 1101 Iowa 78203	2	CP		25.45	25.45	-	1733	Spanish Land Grant	Yes		2	1	4	1	1	14					
Pytel, San Antonio Park Ranger Paul M. 6220 S. New Braunfels 78223	3	CP	1	34.48	14.98	19.50	1993	Donated							1	19					
Rainbow Hills 528 Rasa Drive 78227	4	CP		12.05	12.05	-	1994, 2002	Donated			1		1	1	1	28				yes	
Riverside Park 203 McDonald 78210	3	CP		89.35	89.35	-	1936	Purchased													
Roosevelt 331 Roosevelt 78210	5	CP	1	12.88	12.88	-	1916	Donated, Purchased			1	1	2		2	25					
San Juan Brady 2307 S. Calaveras 78207	5	CP	1	3.51	3.51	-	1977	Donated, Leased	Yes		1			1	1	1					
Slick, Tom 7400 Highway 151 78227	6	CP		62.77	27.72	35.05	1999, 2000	Purchased					1	1	2	7					2
South San 2031 Quintana Road 78211	5	CP	1	1.32	1.32	-	1948	Purchased			1				1					yes	
Spicewood 3139 Fidelia 78224	4	CP		31.96	10.00	21.96	1989	Donated	Yes						1	2					
Spring Time 6571 Spring Time 78249	8	CP		2.76	2.76	-	2002	Purchased				1		1	1		1				
Stablewood Farms 3903 Crooked Trail Road 78227	4	CP		7.14	7.14	-	2006	Dedicated							1	1	1				

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Stinson 900 March 78214	3	CP		75.48	49.68	25.80	1895	Purchased	Yes					3		1					
Sunset Hills 500 Inspiration 78228	7	CP		1.91	1.91	-	1977	Purchased				1				1	2				
Tobin, John 1900 W. Martin 78207	1	CP	1	1.06	1.06	-	1944	Donated				1									
Villa Coronado 11031 Ruidosa 78214	3	CP		14.81	14.81	-	1979	Purchased				1	1	1		2	6				
Ward, Joe 435 E. Sunshine 78228	7	CP	1	4.21	4.21	-	1978	Purchased				1	1			1	5				
West End 1401 N. Hamilton 78207	1	CP		5.32	5.32	-	1931	Purchased				2		1		1					
Westwood Village 7627 S.W. Military Drive 78227	6	CP		5.12	5.12	-	1976	Purchased					1			1	3				
Woodard, Ruth 1011 Locke 78208	2	CP		3.87	3.87	-	1973	Purchased				1				1	5			yes	
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS																					
36th Street park 2542 36th Street 78229	7	NP		0.97	0.97	-	2015	Dedicated									2				
Acme 534 S. Acme Road 78237	6	NP		2.80	2.80	-	1963	Dedicated					2	1		1	9				
Adam's Hill 2003 Hunt Lane South 78245	4	NP		1.64	-	1.64	2000	Purchased													
Alderete, Clarissa 300 Aurora 78228	5	NP		9.60	9.60	-	1952, 1953	Donated					2			1	13				
Amistad 1600 Tampico 78207	5	NP		5.76	5.76	-	1971	Donated									5				
Apache Creek Linear Park 4239 W. Commerce 78237	5	NP		22.36	18.00	4.36	2010	Dedicated									5				

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Arroyo Vista 506 Pharris 78237	6	NP		0.47	0.47	-	2006	Dedicated					1		1	1	5				
Beacon Hill Neighborhood Linear Park 1144 W Gramercy Pl 1406 Michigan Ave 1032 W Lynwood 1009 W Rosewood Ave 78201	1	NP		0.91	0.24	0.68	2010	Purchased							1	1					
Bellaire 733 Ansley Road 78221	3	NP		6.50	2.00	4.50	1956	Dedicated								1	3	1			
Belmeade 119 W. Hathaway 78209	10	NP		4.09	4.09	-	1945	Dedicated													
Benavides, Father Albert 1500 Saltillo 78207	5	NP		7.97	7.97	-	1976	Dedicated					1	1	1	1	7				
Buckeye 1610 W. Wildwood 78201	1	NP	1	0.51	0.51	-	1945	Purchased							1	1	3				
Camino Santa Maria open space Lot at Camino Santa Maria & W. Woodlawn, 3802 W. Woodlawn 78228	7	NP		0.24	0.24	-	2010	PW purchased													
Cherry Street Pocket Parks 635 Claude W. Black 601 Claude W. Black 403 Dakota Streets 78220	2	NP		1.09	1.09	-	2005	Dedicated					1			2	2				
Cincinnati & Tulane traffic island	7	NP		0.20	0.20	-	2010	Dedicated													
Coliseum Oaks 101 Ambrosia 78220	2	NP		3.84	3.84	-	1999	Dedicated					1		1	2	2				
Collin's Gardens 1525 Nogalitos 78204	5	NP	1	8.35	8.35	-	1917	Donated					1	1		1	12				
Columbus 511 Columbus 78207	1	NP		2.05	2.05	-	1733	Spanish Land Grant					3				2				

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Crockett 1300 N. Main 78212	1	NP	1	5.32	5.32	-	1875	Other					1		1	1	6				
Dafoste 210 Dafoste 78220	2	NP		15.06	6.60	8.46	1977	Purchased					1		1	6					
Davis Park 900 E. Mulberry 78212	1	NP		5.75	0.22	5.53	1917	Transfer from Bexar County													
Dellcrest 1701 Diane 78220	2	NP		6.00	6.00	-	1958	Dedicated							1						
Denman, Gilbert Morgan, Jr. 7735 Mockingbird Lane 78229	8	NP		12.53	1.00	11.53	2007	Purchased	Yes												
Dignowity 701 Nolan 78202	2	NP	1	3.19	3.19	-	1951	Purchased						1		10					
Farias, Mario 1012 Leal Street 78207	1	NP		2.11	2.11	-	1975	Purchased					1	2	1	1	9				
Feather Ridge Park 13047 Feather Ridge 78233	10	NP		5.36	2.35	3.01	2011	Dedicated													
Florida Park 144 Florida 78210	1	NP	1	0.29	0.29	-	1914	Purchased					1								
Forge, Al 1900 W. Pyron 78211	4	NP		3.15	3.15	-	1976	Purchased							1	5					
Garcia, Eduardo S. 1200 N. Frio 78207	5	NP		5.94	5.94	-	1925, 1935, 193	Purchased							1	1	3				
Gateway Terrace 5605 Stonybrook Dr. 78242	4	NP		5.34	-	5.34	2004	Transfer from Bexar County						1							
Haskin 200 Haskin 78209	10	NP		0.93	0.93	-	1955	Dedicated							1						
Healy Murphy 210 Nolan 78205	2	NP		1.02	1.02	-	1978	Purchased							1						

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Heritage Duck Pond 900 Ellison Drive South 78245	4	NP		6.73	6.73	-	2000	Donated					2		1	1	9	1			
Heritage Neighborhood Pool 1423 S Ellison Drive 78245	4	NP		2.33	2.33	-	2008	Donated				1		1							
Herrera, Fernando Q. 130 "I" Street 78210	2	NP		4.49	4.49	-	1919, 1980	Purchased							1		4				
Huebner Creek 6300 Whitby 78240	7	NP		11.14	-	11.14	2001	Purchased													
J Street Park 3500 "J" Street 78220	2	NP		11.78	11.78	-	1970	Purchased					1			1	12				
Jim Mattox Park 1222 Mission Grande 78207	3	NP		3.00	3.00	-	2010	Donated	No						1		1				
Joan Price park formally Ingram Hills 3803 Majestic Drive 78228	7	NP		3.28	3.28	-	2001	Purchased									3				
Kallison, Morrison 9500 Moroga 78217	10	NP		15.24	5.00	10.24	1973	Purchased									6				
Kelly Area 949 W. Thompson Place 78226	5	NP		3.50	3.50	-	1998	Purchased					2	1	1		2				
King William 131 King William 78204	1	NP, HR	1	0.74	0.74	-	1901	Purchased, Donated					1								
Labor Street park 436 Labor Street 78210	1	NP		1.95	1.00	0.95	2015	Donated							1	1	3				
Lee's Creek 1101 E. Sunshine 78228	7	NP		7.81	7.81	-	1986	Donated						1			2				
Los Angeles Heights 1700 W. Hermosa 78201	1	NP		0.69	0.69	-	1945	Purchased	Yes				1		1						
Madison Square 400 Lexington 78215	1	NP	1	5.14	5.14	-	1858	Dedicated							1		4				1

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Mahncke 3400 Broadway 78209	2	NP, HR	1	12.44	12.44	-	1906	Donated														
Martinez, Patrolman Guadalupe 201 Merida 78207	5	NP		9.84	9.84	-	1975	Purchased					1			1	10	1				
Maverick Creek Park Babcock & Hausman 78249	8	NP		19.88	-	19.88	2018	Donated														
Menger Creek Park 1526 N. Walters 78202	2	NP		9.97	9.97	-	2017	Purchased					2	13		1	12					
Mission Creek Park 9138 Mission Pass 78223	3	NP		12.22	12.22	-	2012	Donated	No							1	10					
Monticello 444 Club Drive 78201	7	NP	1	0.50	0.50	-	Unknown	Unknown					1									
Morrill 238 E. Hart 78214	5	NP		1.38	1.38	-	1944	Dedicated								1	4					
Navarro, Jose Antonio 500 N.W. 24th Street 78207	5	NP		3.01	3.01	-	1917, 1953, 1971, 1973	Dedicated								1	3					
Northridge 821 Chevy Chase 78209	10	NP		4.62	4.62	-	1952	Dedicated					1			1	8					
Oak Hills 200 Edgevale 78229	7	NP		8.10	-	8.10	Unknown	Unknown														
Oakhaven 2215 Rest Haven 78232	9	NP		9.53	9.53	-	1972	Dedicated									4					
Ojeda, Willie 1100 N. Trinity 78207	1	NP		2.30	2.30	-	1975	Purchased								1	2					
Olmos Park Terrace 201 W. Mandalay Dr. 78212	1	NP		0.30	0.30	-	1931	Dedicated					1	1								
Olympia 2101 Basse 78213	1	NP		2.13	2.13	-	1950	Dedicated					1			1	3					

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Oxbow 11619 Spring Crest 78249	8	NP		0.95	-	0.95	Unknown	Unknown													
Palo Alto Terrace 9700 Celeste Drive 78211	4	NP		7.17	7.17	-	1974	Purchased					1		1		9				
Palo Alto 1625 Palo Alto Road 78211	4	NP		12.03	12.03	-	1965, 1984	Purchased					2	1	1	15	1				
Pershing 500 Sandmeyer 78208	2	NP		1.88	1.88	-	1931	Purchased							1						
Pickwell 6911 Pickwell 78223	3	NP		10.99	10.99	-	1957	Dedicated						1	1						
Piper's Meadow Park 7353 Joe Newton St. 78251	6	NP		3.03	-	3.03	2012	Purchased													
Price Memorial, Camille Curry 100 Dalewood 78209	10	NP		6.37	-	6.37	1955	Dedicated													
Raintree 6860 Raintree Path 78233	10	NP		7.42	0.20	7.22	2006	Purchased					1		1		2				
Rohde Park 11777 Spring Rain 78249	8	NP		0.90	-	0.90	2008	Donated							1						
Royalgate 5900 Royalgate 78242	4	NP		7.78	7.78	-	1974	Leased	Yes						1		6				
Scates 434 N. Meadow Lane 78209	10	NP		0.56	0.56	-	Unknown	Unknown					1		1		5				
Scenic Sunset 7000 Prue Rd 78249	8	NP		26.80	-	26.80	2008	Purchased													
Seeling 105 Placid Drive 78228	7	NP	1	1.46	1.46	-	1939	Dedicated													
Sgt. Matthew E. Mendoza, USMC 5206 Hillje St. 78223	3	NP		4.60	2.60	2.00	2010	Purchased							1						

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Skyline 800 Green Valley 78219	2	NP		1.23	1.23	-	1955	Dedicated					1			1	4				
Sun Valley (adjacent to Johnston Library) 6307 Sun Valley 78227	4	NP		3.00	2.50	0.50	2010	Dedicated						1		1					
Sunrise 6525 Binz Engleman Road 78244	2	NP		5.50	5.50	-	2000	Purchased									2				
Tejeda, Frank 541 Division 78214	5	NP		8.76	8.76	-	1977	Purchased					1		1	14					
Tierra del Sol 5122 Acequia Pass 78237	5	NP		0.55	0.55	-	41061	Donated	no						1						
Timber Ridge 3103 Rim Rock 78250	6	NP		3.01	3.01	-	2018	Donated													
Van de Walle, Gregory 1925 Herbert 78227	6	NP		0.72	0.72	-	1979	Donated							1	2					
Vidaurri, Juan 1201 Merida 78207	5	NP	1	7.46	7.46	-	1952	Purchased					1	1	1	11					
West Quill Park 224 W. Quill Dr. 78228	7	NP		3.30	-	3.30	2017	Purchased													
Wheeler, Patrolman John Randolph 10239 Ingram Road 78251	6	NP		3.55	3.55	-	2006	Donated								3					
Wilshire Terrace 3911 Rittiman Road 78218	2	NP		11.16	2.30	8.86	1952	Donated													
Windsor 2300 Ingleside 78213	1	NP		2.51	2.51	-	1958	Dedicated							1	4					
SPORTS COMPLEXES																					
Calderon Boys & Girls Club 600 S. W. 19th Street 78207	5	SC		3.86	3.86	-	Unknown	Unknown	Yes			1				1	9				

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Brackenridge Golf Course 2315 Avenue B 78215	1,2	SC, HR		114.58	114.58	-	1899	Donated		Golf Operations Department				4							
Brooks 3902 Lyster Road 78235	3	SC		47.63	47.63	-	1975	Donated, Purchased, Leased	Yes				1		1		3				
Cedar Creek Golf Course 8250 Vista Colina 78255	8	SC		172.72	172.72	-	1991	Dedicated		Golf Operations Department				3							
Leija Gymnasium, Jesse James 319 W. Travis 78205	1	SC		0.92	0.92	-	1974	Purchased			1										
Mission del Lago Golf Course 1250 Mission Grande 78221	3	SC		182.66	182.66	-	1988	Donated		Golf Operations Department				3							
Northern Hills Golf Course 13202 Scarsdale 78217	10	SC		131.39	131.39	-	2015	Purchased		Golf Operations Department				1							
Olmos Basin Golf Course 7022 N. McCullough 78212	1	SC		167.00	167.00	-	1963	Spanish Land Grant		Golf Operations Department				1							
Riverside Golf Course 203 McDonald 78210	3	SC	1	86.65	86.65	-	1936	Purchased		Golf Operations Department				3			7				
S.T.A.R. Soccer Complex 5103 David Edwards Dr. 78233	10	SC		94.00																	
San Antonio Natatorium 1430 W. Durango 78207	5	SC		2.89	2.89	-	1979	Donated	Yes			1									
San Pedro Driving Range and Par 3 6102 San Pedro 78216	1	SC		31.00	31.00	-	Unknown	Unknown					1	1			4				
Willow Springs Golf Course 202 Coliseum 78219	2	SC		188.60	188.60	-	1945	Purchased		Golf Operations Department				3							
NATURAL AREAS																					
Bamberger 12401 Babcock Road 78249	8	NA		70.91	10.00	60.91	1997	Donated													

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Bulverde Road Property East of Bulverde Road, north of 1604, south of Evans Road	10	NA		24.83	-	24.83	2014	Donated														
Caracol Creek 10939 Rousseau 78245	4	NA		37.24	-	37.24	2010	Donated														
Cedar Creek 9680 Menchaca 78255	8	NA		239.60	-	239.60	2001	Purchased														
Crownridge Canyon 7222 Luskey Blvd. 78256	8	NA		210.58	63.80	146.78	2001	Purchased					1									
Friedrich, Emile & Albert 21395 Milsa 78256	8	NA	1	609.10	160.00	449.10	1973, 2001, 2004, 2013	Donated, Purchased				1		1	2				6		yes	
Hardberger, Phil 13203 Blanco Rd & 8410 NW Military 78231	8, 9	NA	1	313.37	124.00	189.37	2006, 2007	Purchased	Yes			1			4	2	2	19		yes	2	
Leon Creek Preserve 15730 Applewhite Road 78264	3	NA		185.33	-	185.33	2007	Donated														
Medina River Natural Area 15890 Highway 16 S. 78264	4	NA	1	511.63	511.63	-	2001, 2006	Donated	Yes					1	2				10			
Medina River Preserve 17510 Applewhite Road 78264	3	NA		219.61	-	219.61	2007	Donated														
Panther Springs - Mays Family YMCA 21456 Blanco Road 78258	9	NA		289.33	49.63	239.70	1991, 2001, 2011	Donated	Yes			1		1	2							
Panther Springs - Wilderness Oak Trailhead 22635 Wilderness Oak 78258	9	NA		same as above	same as above	same as above	2014	Donated						1					4			1
Rancho Diana 9680 Menchaca 78255	8	NA	1	1,074.30	30.00	1,044.30	2001, 2002	Purchased							2							
Scenic Canyon 19115 Scenic Loop Road 78255	ETJ	NA		494.29	-	494.29	2007, 2016	Purchased														
Sinkin Natural Area, Fay and William 7711 High Mountain Road 78255	8	NA		145.50	-	145.50	2002	Purchased														

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Stone Oak 20395 Stone Oak Parkway 78258	9	NA		245.30	60.20	185.10	2000	Purchased, Donated					3	1	1	2	2				
White, Jack 3803 Seguin Road 78219	2	NA		59.27	4.20	55.07	2004	Purchased						3			2				
GREENWAYS																					
Apache Creek 2901 El Paso Street 78207	5	GW		80.80	80.80	-	1971	Donated									17				
Acequia 8500 Mission Parkway 78223	3	GW, NA	1	72.53	22.50	50.03	1965, 1975	Purchased, Donated		San Antonio River Authority							30				
Brown 9601 Villemain Road 78214	3	GW		26.49	2.40	24.09	1977	Purchased		San Antonio River Authority							4				
Centex Donated Properties 8 tracts of land approximately 1000 feet east of Bulverde Rd beginning just behind Fire Station #48 and running north up to Northland Hills Subdivision.	10	GW		77.11	-	77.11	2009	Donated													
Espada 1750 S.E. Military Drive 78214	3	GW		10.80	10.80	-	1978	Dedicated		San Antonio River Authority							8				
Leon Creek Greenway IH- 10 to IH- 35 south		GW											7								
Leon Creek Greenway - North Segment Loop 1604 North to Loop 410	6, 7,8	GW		768.00	768.00	-	Various	Various					7								
Leon Creek Greenway - South Segment Loop 410 to IH-35 South	4,6	GW		229.00	229.00	-	Various	Various													
Lorence Creek 14800 Henderson Pass 78232	9	GW		49.46	-	49.46	1997	Purchased, Donated													
Mainland Trail Head		GW																			
Medina River Greenway 15667 Pleasanton Road 78264	3	GW		242.10	-	242.10	2007	Donated													
Mission Parkway 3600 Mission Parkway 78214	3	GW		72.35	72.35	-	1968	Purchased, Donated									13				
Salado Creek Greenway - North Segment Huebner Rd. to Ft. Sam Houston	2, 8,9,10	GW		403.00	395.00	8.00	Various	Various	Yes								4				

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Salado Creek Greenway - South Segment Ft. Sam Houston to SE Military Dr.	2,3	GW		251.00	221.00	30.00	Various	Various														
Tobin, Robert L.B. 2126 N.E. Loop 410 78218	10	GW		60.59	7.00	53.59	2003	Donated														
SPECIAL USE FACILITIES																						
Camargo, Mateo 5738 Highway 90 West 78227	4	SUF	1	41.84	15.00	26.84	1927, 1935, 194	Purchased					3	1		1		26				
Darner, Ron Park Facility Headquarters 5800 Enrique M Barrera Pkwy 78227	6	SUF	1	35.96	17.96	18.00	2004	Purchased	Yes			1						3			yes	
Hemisfair 600 Hemisfair Park 78205	1	SUF	1	150.00	150.00	-	1975	Dedicated					1	4		1		1				
Historic City Cemeteries 2015 E. Commerce 78202	2	SUF, HR	1	46.73	46.73	-	1894 - 1998	Spanish Land Grant, Donated	Yes													
Main Plaza 100 E. Commerce 78205	1	SUF		0.91	0.91	-	1733	Spanish Land Grant						2				29				
Market Square 514 W. Commerce 78207	1	SUF		4.10	4.10	-	1894	Spanish Land Grant						5								
Milam, Ben 501 W. Commerce 78207	1	SUF	1	3.54	3.54	-	1733	Spanish Land Grant					1		1	1		28				
Military Plaza 200 W. Commerce 78205	1	SUF	1	1.16	1.16	-	1876	Purchased						1								
Paseo del Alamo 123 Losoya 78205	1	SUF	1	0.38	0.38	-	Unknown	Unknown														
Portal San Fernando 100 Main Plaza 78205	1	SUF		0.24	0.24	-	1733	Spanish Land Grant					2									
San Antonio Botanical Center 555 Funston 78209	2	SUF		38.50	38.50	-	1905	Purchased	Yes			1		6							yes	
San Jose Burial Park - Operated by Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries 8235 Mission Road 78214	3	SUF		83.71	83.71	-	1895	Purchased	Yes	San Antonio River Authority				3								

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Travis 301 E. Travis 78205	1	SUF	1	2.56	2.56	-	1870	Dedicated													1
Veteran's Memorial Plaza 100 Auditorium Circle 78205	1	SUF		0.75	0.75	-	Unknown	Unknown													
HISTORIC RESOURCES																					
River Walk Lexington to S. Alamo 78205	1	HR	1	15.37	15.37	-	1936	Spanish Land Grant													
Alamo Plaza 300 Alamo Plaza 78205	1	HR	1	1.11	1.11	-	1905	Spanish Land Grant				1	1								
Commander's House 622 S. Flores 78204	1	HR	1	2.29	2.29	-	1948	Dedicated			1		2							yes	
La Villita 418 Villita Street 78205	1	HR, SUF	1	3.60	3.60	-	1939, 1940, 1943	Purchased					17								
Spanish Governor's Palace 105 Plaza de Armas 78205	1	HR	1	0.43	0.43	-	1929	Purchased					1								
Walker Ranch 12603 West Avenue 78216	9	HR	1	82.98	82.98	-	1993, 1997 - 1999	Purchased, Donated				1		1	1	12					
URBAN SPACES																					
Blue Grass Lawn 203 Carnahan 78209	2	US		0.52	-	0.52	1907	Dedicated													
Catalina 1400 Fresno 78201	1	US		0.77	0.77	-	1944	Purchased					1								
Clover Lawn 300 Catalpa 78209	2	US		0.45	-	0.45	1907	Dedicated													
Flores, Gene 225 Austin Rd. 78209	2	US		0.14	-	0.14	Unknown	Unknown													
Huizar, Pedro Garden 500 E. Durango 78204	1	US		0.23	0.23	-	1978	Donated													

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Johnson Fountain, Lady Bird 300 E. Crockett 78205	1	US		0.10	0.10	-	1974	Unknown													
King Plaza, Martin Luther 2202 E. Houston Street 78220	2	US		0.33	0.33	-	Unknown	Unknown													
Mesquite Lawn 100 Catalpa 78209	2	US		0.55	-	0.55	1907	Dedicated													
Quill 1450 Bandera Rd 78228	7	US		0.50	-	0.50	1924	Dedicated									2				
Romana Plaza 100 Camden 78205	1	US		1.10	1.10	-	1920	Purchased													
Smith 1301 Buena Vista 78207	5	US	1	0.25	0.25	-	1916	Donated									2				
Swampy Marsh Medford & Wyanoke 78209	2	US		0.16	-	0.16	Unknown	Unknown													
Urban Art Island N. St. Mary's & W. Josephine 78212	1	US		0.14	0.14	-	Unknown	Unknown													
Wesley Place 300 Eleanor 78209	2	US		0.10	-	0.10	Unknown	Unknown													
Woody Tucker Huisache & Kings Court 78212	1	US		0.20	-	0.20	Unknown	Unknown													
SCHOOL PARKS																					
Adams Elementary School 135 E. Southcross 78214	3	SP					2014	School park/ shared use		School District						1					
Bellaire Elementary School 142 E. Amber 78221	3	SP					2014	School park/ shared use		School District						1					
Boone Elementary School 6614 Spring Time 78249	8	SP						School park/ shared use		School District						1					
Burke Elementary 10111 Terra Oak 78250		SP						School park/ shared use		School District						1					

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Camelot Elementary School 7410 Ray Bon 78218	2	SP					2013	School park/ shared use		School District					1							
Canyon Ridge Elementary 20522 Stone Oak Pkwy 78258		SP						School park/ shared use		School District					1							
Colonial Hills 2627 Kerrybrook Ct. 78230		SP						School park/ shared use		School District					1							
Colonies North Elementary 9915 Northampton 78230		SP						School park/ shared use		School District					1							
El Dorado Elementary School 12634 El Sendero St. 78233	10	SP						School park/ shared use		School District					1							
Five Palms Elementary 7138 Five Palms Dr. 78242		SP						School park/ shared use		School District					1							
Gates Elementary School 510 Morningview Dr. 78220	2	SP					2015	School park/ shared use		School District					1							
Hidden Forest Elementary 802 Silver Spruce 78232	9	SP						School park/ shared use		School District					1							
Higgs-Carter-King 702 Cincinnati 8201		SP						School park/ shared use		School District					1							
Larkspur Elementary School 1802 Larkspur 78213	9	SP					2014	School park/ shared use		School District					1							
Lowell Middle School 919 W. Thompson Pl.		SP						School park/ shared use		School District					1							
Margil Elementary School 1000 Perez Street 78207	1	SP					2015	School park/ shared use		School District					1	1						
Mission Academy 9210 S. Presa 78223	3	SP					2014	School park/ shared use		School District					1							
Neal Elementary School 2407 Capitoll 78201	1	SP					2013	School park/ shared use		School District						1						

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Page Middle School 600 Sandmeyer 78208		SP						School park/ shared use		School District					1						
Palo Alto College 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. 78224		SP						School park/ shared use		School District					1						
Passmore Elementary 570 Pinn Road 78227	6	SP				2014		School park/ shared use		School District					1						
Price Elementary School 245 Price 78211	4	SP				2014		School park/ shared use		School District					1						
Rhodes Middle School 3000 Tampico 78207	5	SP				2014		School park/ shared use		School District					1	1					
Rodriguez Elementary School 3626 W. Cesar Chavez Blvd 78207	5	SP						School park/ shared use		School District											
Serna Elementary School 2569 NE Loop 410 78217	10	SP				2014		School park/ shared use		School District					1						
Sky Harbour Elementary School 5902 Fishers Bend 78242	4	SP				2013		School park/ shared use		School District					1	1					
Villareal Elementary School 2902 White Tail 78228	7	SP						School park/ shared use		School District					1						
Wheatley Middle School 415 Gabriel St. 78202	2	SP						School park/ shared use		School District					1						
Woodstone Elementary 5602 Fountainwood 78233		SP						School park/ shared use		School District					1						
Total			55	16,002	9,172	6,736					54	27	184	201	72	149	1,839	16	3	20	13

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REGIONAL PARKS																														
Comanche Lookout 15551 Nacogdoches 78247	10												yes	yes		4.55		4		1	8		22	3	4	1			110	6
Brackenridge, George 3700 N. St. Mary's Street 78209	1, 2		3				2						yes	yes		2.80	6	2	1	1	53	144	258	17	3	5	9	6	1500	48
Calaveras 10441 New Sulphur Springs Rd 78101	ETJ																		1											
Culebra Creek 10919 Westwood Loop 78254	6						2									1.60		2	1				9	2		1			111	8
Eisenhower, Dwight D. 19399 N.W. Military Hwy. 78257	8												yes			6.35	2	1	1							1			301	6
John James 3910 Rittiman Road 78234	2			1		1	2						yes	yes		1.07		2	1							1	2		44	2
Johnson, Lady Bird 10700 Nacogdoches 78217	10	3	4	4				4									1	1	1							1	23	12	452	9
King, Martin Luther 3503 M.L. King Drive 78220	2	1					1	4	2				yes			0.33	1	2	1		2	21	37	3		2	5	2	112	3
McAllister, W.W. 13102 Jones-Maltsberger 78247	9, 10	16	2	22			6						yes	yes	yes	15.00	5	2	3	1						2		30	520	40
Mud Creek 16675 Jones Maltsberger 78232	10												yes		yes	1.40		1	1							1			5	1
Olmos Basin 851 Devine 78216	1, 2	7	2	3		2	4						yes			2.37	6	1	3		57	39	97	10	4	2	31	18	929	32
Pearsall 5102 Old Pearsall Road 78242	4			6				4					yes			10.00	1	2	1	2	2		2	2		2			259	20
Rosedale 303 Dartmouth 78237	5	3	1	1			3	2	3				yes			0.50	2		1		14		50	4		1	14	8	526	16

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San Pedro Springs 1315 San Pedro 78212	1		2						22							1.00	1		2		32	19	64	2		5	3	4	325	17
Schnabel, O.P. 9606 Bandera Road 78240	7	5		7		1		4					yes	yes	yes	4.50	2	1	2		40	19	65	5	2	3	29	12	473	26
Southside Lions 3100 Hiawatha 78210	3	8	1			1	1	1	6				yes			2.50	4	1	2		26	38	66	4		2	24	18	475	13
Woodlawn Lake 1103 Cincinnati 78201	7		1					3	4				yes	yes		1.30	2		4		36	19	59	8	4	2	2	2	311	22
COMMUNITY PARKS																														
Arnold, Hendrich 1011 Gillette Road 78224	4		1	3				2		2			yes			0.62		1	1		5			4		1	1	2	91	4
Blossom, Virgil T. 15015 Helmer Road 78232	9		1					4	2																			2	19	
Cassiano 1728 Potosi 78207	5							2									2				6	8	13	1		1			35	
Cathedral Rock 8002 Grissom Road 78251	6												yes	yes	yes	1.88		1	1		2			1		1			10	2
Classen-Steubing Park Hardy Oak 78258	9																													
Concepcion 600 E. Theo 78210	3		2					2								0.50	1				71	25	40	1		2		4	45	2
Conner, Bonnie 13345 Woller 78249	8			1			1						yes			0.50		1	1				2	2					37	2
Copernicus, Nicholas 5003 Lord Road 78220	2		1	1		1	1	2	2			1	yes			0.50	1				21	8	20	1		1	6	2	92	4
Crystal Hills 6441 Shadow Mist 78251	7												yes			1.30		1	1		4		2	1	1	4			25	2
Cuellar, Patrolman Richard 5626 San Fernando 78237	6	3	1	1				2		1		1	yes			0.60	1	1		1						1	5	8	129	8

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Dawson, Robert B. 2500 E. Commerce 78203	2		1				2														2	2	9	1		1	2		28	2	
Dellview 507 Basswood 78213	1					1											2	2					7	12	2		1		2	50	
Denver Heights 300 Porter 78210	2	1					2	2													9	2	12			1		2			
Elmendorf Lake 3700 W. Commerce 78237	5	1											yes			1.25	2			2	23	21	39	1		1		2	90	8	
Escobar Field 1400 S. Zaramora 78207	5						9	2		2								1	1		3		5	1		1			17		
Fairchild, Eurette 1214 E. Crockett 78202	2								15												2	2					1		50	6	
Falcone, Nani 8701 Mystic Park 78254	7						1						yes			1.10		1	2	1	14			1		1			19	2	
Flores, Jimmy 803 Southcross 78211	4		1				2						yes			0.42	1				1	13	17	1		1	9	2	86	6	
Fox 6518 Hausman Road West 78249	8												yes	yes				1	1							1					
French Creek 7701 Krueger Moore 78250	7																														
Friesenhahn 15701 O'Connor Road 78247	10												yes			0.54		1	2										18	1	
Garza, Gilbert 1450 Mira Vista 78228	7		2				2	2				1	yes			0.50										1	2	4	36	7	
Gold Canyon 18402 Corporate Woods 78261	9												yes	yes	yes	1.00		1	1				6	1		1			15	2	
Golden 7801 Somerset Road 78211	4						1	4					yes			0.25	1					7		3	2		1		17	2	

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Gorrell, Patrolman Edwyn J. 4802 De Zavala Road 78230	8											yes			0.27		1	1				3	6						17	1
Granados, Virginia Marie 500 Freiling 78213	1																								1					
Harlandale 7227 Briar Place 78221	3		1	1			2					yes			0.25		1				12	15	24	2		1	4	2	82	6
Highland 901 Rigsby 78210	3						2	6				yes			0.40						5	5	14	1		1			19	1
Hillside Acres 8110 Clegg 78242	4																											5	2	
Jane Dubel Park 4741 Callaghan 78238	7											yes			0.30		1													
Kardon, Lou 6161 Gibbs Sprawl Rd. 78218	2		2									yes			1.56		1	1			2	3	9		1	1	2	4	18	2
Kennedy, John F. 3101 Rose Lawn 78226	5		4			2	4	9			1	yes			0.65	2					2	14	30	2		1		8	522	19
Kenwood 305 Dora 78212	1		1				4								0.25		1				18	8	10	3		1	1	2	30	3
Kingsborough 350 Felps 78221	3																				3			1		1			25	3
Lackland Terrace 7902 Westshire 78227	4	3		1			2					yes			0.25	1					6	5	4	1		1	6	6	20	2
Las Palmas 503 Castroville Road 78237	5		1	1			2	1				yes			0.25		1				6	6	15	2		1	3		54	
Leon Vista 8561 Rochelle Road 78240	7																1				3		3		2	1			30	5
Levi Strauss 6100 Enrique M Barrera Pkwy 78227	6			4			2											1	1		9	5	18	2		1			30	2

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Lincoln 2915 E. Commerce 78202	2	2	1			1	4						yes		1.00	1		1		3	1		4		1	6	6	140	9
Lockwood 801 N. Olive 78202	2					1	2										1			4	5				1		1	1	
Maverick Park 1000 Broadway 78215	1															1						2			1				
McClain, Bryan 15700 O'Connor Road 78247	10																		1										
Meadowcliff 1260 Pinn Road 78227	6				1	1	4	3																	1	3			
Medina Base Road 6303 Medina Base Rd. 78227	4					1						yes			0.25		1	1				8	1		1			32	3
Milam Wesley Tealer Park 5640 Lakefront Drive 78222	2											yes			0.65		1	2				7	18	1		1		9	2
Miller, Dorie 2802 Martin Luther King 78220	2						2													8		3						24	3
Miller's Pond 6175 Old Pearsall Road 78242	4		1	1	1		2					yes	yes		1.00		1	2		15	7	8	2		1	4	2	123	6
Monterrey 5909 W. Commerce 78237	5, 7		2	5			2	4				yes			0.43		4	1	1						1	7	4	282	12
New Territories 9023 Bowen 78250	6						4	2				yes			0.33		2			4	3		2	1	1			28	6
Normoyle 700 Culberson 78211	5	1	2	1				4			2						3			14	12	48	3		2	10	6	464	15
Northampton 8989 FM 78 78109	2											yes			0.33		1	1							1			8	1
Old Spanish Trail (Laddie Place) 3668 Fredericksburg 78201	1					5						yes			0.50		2	2				9	2					150	6

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Palm Heights 1201 W. Malone 78225	5		1				4														4	1	10	1		1		2			
Parman Library Trail 20735 Wilderness Oak 78258	9												yes			0.80						3		3			1				
Perez, Oscar 8601 Timber Path 78250	6			1			1	2					yes			0.50		1	1		4		5	1		1			33	2	
Pittman-Sullivan 1101 Iowa 78203	2	1	1					6	2				yes			0.17	2				2	6	24	1		1	4	4	228	12	
Pytel, San Antonio Park Ranger Paul M. 6220 S. New Braunfels 78223	3						1						yes	yes		0.53		1	1		2	19	17	1		1			21	1	
Rainbow Hills 528 Rasa Drive 78227	4			1			2	2					yes			0.50	1						21	2	1		1		56	6	
Riverside Park 203 McDonald 78210	3																				6	2	5				1				
Roosevelt 331 Roosevelt 78210	5						1	2									1				25	13	27	2		3			90	4	
San Juan Brady 2307 S. Calaveras 78207	5						1	2	2														3			1	1		92	8	
Slick, Tom 7400 Highway 151 78227	6	1					1	2					yes	yes		0.70		2	2		4	4				1	2	2	61	5	
South San 2031 Quintana Road 78211	5							1													12		3			1			41	2	
Spicewood 3139 Fidelia 78224	4							2					yes			0.20		1			4	2	4	1		1			6	1	
Spring Time 6571 Spring Time 78249	8																			1			5	2		1			33	2	
Stablewood Farms 3903 Crooked Trail Road 78227	4							1					yes			0.66		1	2		4		3			1					

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Stinson 900 March 78214	3	4	1		2	1						yes			0.35	2		2		4		12			1	18	10			
Sunset Hills 500 Inspiration 78228	7						2									1				4		6			1			19	3	
Tobin, John 1900 W. Martin 78207	1																					3			1			5	1	
Villa Coronado 11031 Ruidosa 78214	3		1	1		1	2	2								1					6	6			1	1	2	43	4	
Ward, Joe 435 E. Sunshine 78228	7			2			4																		1	3		36	3	
West End 1401 N. Hamilton 78207	1					1	2	1				yes			0.50		2			33		8	1		1	2	2	111	5	
Westwood Village 7627 S.W. Military Drive 78227	6																			2		2			3			37	3	
Woodard, Ruth 1011 Locke 78208	2		1	1			2													9	5	6	1		1	2	2	32	2	
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS																														
36th Street park 2542 36th Street 78229	7											yes			0.10					2										
Acme 534 S. Acme Road 78237	6					1	4					yes			0.17	1	1			2	3	9	1		1	2		36		
Adam's Hill 2003 Hunt Lane South 78245	4																													
Alderete, Clarissa 300 Aurora 78228	5		1	1			2					yes			0.25	1				21	6	15	2		1		2	22	1	
Amistad 1600 Tampico 78207	5		1	1																8	4	8	2				2	45		
Apache Creek Linear Park 4239 W. Commerce 78237	5											yes	yes		0.80		1	1		5	3	5	1		1					

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Arroyo Vista 506 Pharris 78237	6																				3	2	2	1						1
Beacon Hill Neighborhood Linear Park 1144 W Gramercy Pl 1406 Michigan Ave 1032 W Lynwood 1009 W Rosewood Ave 78201	1																		1	1						1				
Bellaire 733 Ansley Road 78221	3					1	1						yes			0.15			1		3			1						
Belmeade 119 W. Hathaway 78209	10												yes			0.20			1		7		1							
Benavides, Father Albert 1500 Saltillo 78207	5		1					6					yes			1.00		1	1			5	9	1		1	4	2		
Buckeye 1610 W. Wildwood 78201	1							2										1	1		6	3	7	1						
Camino Santa Maria open space Lot at Camino Santa Maria & W. Woodlawn, 3802 W. Woodlawn 78228	7																				2		2							
Cherry Street Pocket Parks 635 Claude W. Black 601 Claude W. Black 403 Dakota Streets 78220	2												yes			0.30					2		2							
Cincinnati & Tulane traffic island	7																													
Coliseum Oaks 101 Ambrosia 78220	2												yes			0.38		1			2		2	2						
Collin's Gardens 1525 Nogalitos 78204	5							4	2				yes			0.79	1				14	10	12	1		1				
Columbus 511 Columbus 78207	1							2									1		4	1	16		8	1		1			14	

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Crockett 1300 N. Main 78212	1																		1	11			2		1					
Dafoste 210 Dafoste 78220	2						4	2										1			4	7	3							
Davis Park 900 E. Mulberry 78212	1																		1											
Dellcrest 1701 Diane 78220	2		1			1																								
Denman, Gilbert Morgan, Jr. 7735 Mockingbird Lane 78229	8												yes			0.36		1	1											
Dignowity 701 Nolan 78202	2																	1	1	2		2								
Farias, Mario 1012 Leal Street 78207	1						4											1		7	3	13	2		1	2		8		
Feather Ridge Park 13047 Feather Ridge 78233	10					1															2					1				
Florida Park 144 Florida 78210	1																		1	4						1				
Forge, Al 1900 W. Pyron 78211	4		1				2	1									1				8	5	8	1				2		
Garcia, Eduardo S. 1200 N. Frio 78207	5												yes			0.25				1	6	3	7					19	3	
Gateway Terrace 5605 Stonybrook Dr. 78242	4												yes			0.25														
Haskin 200 Haskin 78209	10																				3		1	1						1
Healy Murphy 210 Nolan 78205	2						2														6		3							

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Heritage Duck Pond 900 Ellison Drive South 78245	4					1	2					yes			0.50		2	1	1	14	3		2		1	2				
Heritage Neighborhood Pool 1423 S Ellison Drive 78245	4																								1			20		
Herrera, Fernando Q. 130 "I" Street 78210	2		1				2										1			1	3	12	1		1		2	21	3	
Huebner Creek 6300 Whitby 78240	7																													
J Street Park 3500 "J" Street 78220	2						4	1				yes			0.30	1		1		14	10	10	3		1			34		
Jim Mattox Park 1222 Mission Grande 78207	3								1									1			2	1	2		1			10	1	
Joan Price park formally Ingram Hills 3803 Majestic Drive 78228	7											yes			0.20			1				3	3	1						
Kallison, Morrison 9500 Moroga 78217	10		1			1	1																					9	1	
Kelly Area 949 W. Thompson Place 78226	5											yes			0.25			1				2	10	1		1			48	2
King William 131 King William 78204	1																				4		6	1	1					
Labor Street park 436 Labor Street 78210	1					1	2														6		2			1				
Lee's Creek 1101 E. Sunshine 78228	7											yes			0.30								4	1						
Los Angeles Heights 1700 W. Hermosa 78201	1					1	2																							
Madison Square 400 Lexington 78215	1											yes			0.20											1				

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Mahncke 3400 Broadway 78209	2											yes			0.50			2	1												
Martinez, Patrolman Guadalupe 201 Merida 78207	5	1		1			4											1			7	6	15	1		1		2	16	1	
Maverick Creek Park Babcock & Hausman 78249	8																														
Menger Creek Park 1526 N. Walters 78202	2						2					yes	yes		1.50			1			8		6	2	2	1			22	2	
Mission Creek Park 9138 Mission Pass 78223	3						2					yes	yes		0.75						4	10	10						4		
Monticello 444 Club Drive 78201	7											yes			0.20						10		4	1							
Morrill 238 E. Hart 78214	5						4														5	4	5	1							
Navarro, Jose Antonio 500 N.W. 24th Street 78207	5		2				2														13	3	3	1				2			
Northridge 821 Chevy Chase 78209	10		1				1										1									1				1	
Oak Hills 200 Edgevale 78229	7																														
Oakhaven 2215 Rest Haven 78232	9		1				2				1	yes			0.47			1										2	6	1	
Ojeda, Willie 1100 N. Trinity 78207	1						1	2													2	2	3								
Olmos Park Terrace 201 W. Mandalay Dr. 78212	1																														
Olympia 2101 Basse 78213	1		1				2											1					1	4	1		2		2	2	

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Oxbow 11619 Spring Crest 78249	8																													
Palo Alto Terrace 9700 Celeste Drive 78211	4		1				1	4	1				yes			0.23	1				1	6	8	1		1	3	2	34	4
Palo Alto 1625 Palo Alto Road 78211	4		1	1			1	4					yes			0.40			1		1	9	20	3		1	2	2	20	2
Pershing 500 Sandmeyer 78208	2						1	2													4		2			1				
Pickwell 6911 Pickwell 78223	3		1					4	1				yes			0.35	1			1	9		8	2	2	1		2	7	
Piper's Meadow Park 7353 Joe Newton St. 78251	6																													
Price Memorial, Camille Curry 100 Dalewood 78209	10																													
Raintree 6860 Raintree Path 78233	10												yes			0.50					1									
Rohde Park 11777 Spring Rain 78249	8																									1				
Royalgate 5900 Royalgate 78242	4		1	1				2	1				yes			0.17			1		7	6	6	1		1		2		
Scates 434 N. Meadow Lane 78209	10						1														2	3	3	1	1	1				
Scenic Sunset 7000 Prue Rd 78249	8																													
Seeling 105 Placid Drive 78228	7						1						yes			0.20					4		3							
Sgt. Matthew E. Mendoza, USMC 5206 Hillje St. 78223	3																									1				

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Skyline 800 Green Valley 78219	2					1	2											1			5		2	1						
Sun Valley (adjacent to Johnston Library) 6307 Sun Valley 78227	4														0.25						2		1			1				
Sunrise 6525 Binz Engleman Road 78244	2												yes		0.25			1				2	3					15	2	
Tejeda, Frank 541 Division 78214	5		1					4	3								1				11	12	26	1		1	3	2	49	4
Tierra del Sol 5122 Acequia Pass 78237	5																													
Timber Ridge 3103 Rim Rock 78250	6																													
Van de Walle, Gregory 1925 Herbert 78227	6							4													19	2	6	1		1				
Vidaurri, Juan 1201 Merida 78207	5						1	2										1		1	16	9	18	1		1	2	2	55	5
West Quill Park 224 W. Quill Dr. 78228	7																													
Wheeler, Patrolman John Randolph 10239 Ingram Road 78251	6												yes		0.25			1			3	3	3			1				
Wilshire Terrace 3911 Rittiman Road 78218	2						1												1											
Windsor 2300 Ingleside 78213	1			1					1																	1	1			
SPORTS COMPLEXES																														
Calderon Boys & Girls Club 600 S. W. 19th Street 78207	5							2														2					1		39	2

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Brackenridge Golf Course 2315 Avenue B 78215	1,2																		1										148	7
Brooks 3902 Lyster Road 78235	3			4	2			2					yes			0.50		2		1	3	2	4	1		1			71	3
Cedar Creek Golf Course 8250 Vista Colina 78255	8																					2							203	5
Leija Gymnasium, Jesse James 319 W. Travis 78205	1																				2		6			1			24	
Mission del Lago Golf Course 1250 Mission Grande 78221	3																		11				8						114	4
Northern Hills Golf Course 13202 Scarsdale 78217	10																1													
Olmos Basin Golf Course 7022 N. McCullough 78212	1																		3										166	7
Riverside Golf Course 203 McDonald 78210	3																1		8				5						124	11
S.T.A.R. Soccer Complex 5103 David Edwards Dr. 78233	10																													
San Antonio Natatorium 1430 W. Durango 78207	5																				2		1			1			124	11
San Pedro Driving Range and Par 3 6102 San Pedro 78216	1																1		1		10		8						97	2
Willow Springs Golf Course 202 Coliseum 78219	2																1		6										193	7
NATURAL AREAS																														
Bamberger 12401 Babcock Road 78249	8												yes		yes	2.50		1	2								1		9	2

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Bulverde Road Property East of Bulverde Road, north of 1604, south of Evans Road	10																													
Caracol Creek 10939 Rousseau 78245	4																		1											
Cedar Creek 9680 Menchaca 78255	8																													
Crownridge Canyon 7222 Luskey Blvd. 78256	8												yes			1.90	1		2	1						1			31	2
Friedrich, Emile & Albert 21395 Milisa 78256	8												yes			7.50	1	1	4										48	2
Hardberger, Phil 13203 Blanco Rd & 8410 NW Military 78231	8, 9							2					yes	yes	yes	5.64	2	6	1		8	10	10	4	8	8			80	4
Leon Creek Preserve 15730 Applewhite Road 78264	3																		1											
Medina River Natural Area 15890 Highway 16 S. 78264	4												yes	yes	yes	4.68		2	1	1	2	1	8	2	2	1			30	2
Medina River Preserve 17510 Applewhite Road 78264	3																		4											
Panther Springs - Mays Family YMCA 21456 Blanco Road 78258	9	4		10															1								14	8	418	8
Panther Springs - Wilderness Oak Trailhead 22635 Wilderness Oak 78258	9															2.50			1				5	2	4	1			47	2
Rancho Diana 9680 Menchaca 78255	8																		2											
Scenic Canyon 19115 Scenic Loop Road 78255	ETJ															0.50			3											
Sinkin Natural Area, Fay and William 7711 High Mountain Road 78255	8																		1											

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Stone Oak 20395 Stone Oak Parkway 78258	9												yes			2.70		1	3	1						1			33	4
White, Jack 3803 Seguin Road 78219	2																									1				
GREENWAYS																														
Apache Creek 2901 El Paso Street 78207	5					1	2						yes	yes		3.38			1		15	16	26	1				5	48	1
Acequia 8500 Mission Parkway 78223	3																1	1				30	35							
Brown 9601 Villemain Road 78214	3																1	1		1		2			1			11	1	
Centex Donated Properties 8 tracts of land approximately 1000 feet east of Bulverde Rd beginning just behind Fire Station #48 and running north up to Northland Hills Subdivision.	10																		1											
Espada 1750 S.E. Military Drive 78214	3																1	3				8	13						49	3
Leon Creek Greenway IH- 10 to IH- 35 south																19.50		3	2		6		4	2		5			44	6
Leon Creek Greenway - North Segment Loop 1604 North to Loop 410	6, 7,8												yes	yes	yes	15.00		3	1					2		4			44	6
Leon Creek Greenway - South Segment Loop 410 to IH-35 South	4,6															4.50			1							1				
Lorence Creek 14800 Henderson Pass 78232	9																		1											
Mainland Trail Head																														
Medina River Greenway 15667 Pleasanton Road 78264	3												yes	yes		7.00			1		2		4						6	1
Mission Parkway 3600 Mission Parkway 78214	3												yes	yes		7.20		1	1		13	13	18						184	2
Salado Creek Greenway - North Segment Huebner Rd. to Ft. Sam Houston	2, 8,9,10												yes	yes	yes	15.50		2	2	1	2		9	1	4	2			22	2

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Salado Creek Greenway - South Segment Ft. Sam Houston to SE Military Dr.	2,3											yes	yes		8.00			1								2				
Tobin, Robert L.B. 2126 N.E. Loop 410 78218	10											yes	yes		-		1	1				2		1	1			18	1	
SPECIAL USE FACILITIES																														
Camargo, Mateo 5738 Highway 90 West 78227	4																1				11		22	3				287	8	
Darner, Ron Park Facility Headquarters 5800 Enrique M Barrera Pkwy 78227	6	1																								1		538	12	
Hemisfair 600 Hemisfair Park 78205	1																2		1	1	25		25	1	3	3		176	7	
Historic City Cemeteries 2015 E. Commerce 78202	2																													
Main Plaza 100 E. Commerce 78205	1																1		1		10		7			1				
Market Square 514 W. Commerce 78207	1																		1	1	20		25					187	6	
Milam, Ben 501 W. Commerce 78207	1											yes			0.25			1	1						1	1				
Military Plaza 200 W. Commerce 78205	1																		1		7		6					73	6	
Paseo del Alamo 123 Losoya 78205	1																		1	1										
Portal San Fernando 100 Main Plaza 78205	1																1		3		3		3			1				
San Antonio Botanical Center 555 Funston 78209	2																		1							1		174	7	
San Jose Burial Park - Operated by Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries 8235 Mission Road 78214	3																		1				16					11	1	

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Travis 301 E. Travis 78205	1																		1	28		19	3		1						
Veteran's Memorial Plaza 100 Auditorium Circle 78205	1																		1												
HISTORIC RESOURCES																															
River Walk Lexington to S. Alamo 78205	1												yes			2.30			1	1											
Alamo Plaza 300 Alamo Plaza 78205	1																		1	17		4				1					
Commander's House 622 S. Flores 78204	1																											36	4		
La Villita 418 Villita Street 78205	1																4									1		84			
Spanish Governor's Palace 105 Plaza de Armas 78205	1																		1												
Walker Ranch 12603 West Avenue 78216	9												yes	yes	yes	1.63		2	2	1							1		35	2	
URBAN SPACES																															
Blue Grass Lawn 203 Carnahan 78209	2																								1						
Catalina 1400 Fresno 78201	1																														
Clover Lawn 300 Catalpa 78209	2																								1						
Flores, Gene 225 Austin Rd. 78209	2																														
Huizar, Pedro Garden 500 E. Durango 78204	1																														

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Johnson Fountain, Lady Bird 300 E. Crockett 78205	1																		1												
King Plaza, Martin Luther 2202 E. Houston Street 78220	2																			1											
Mesquite Lawn 100 Catalpa 78209	2																								1						
Quill 1450 Bandera Rd 78228	7																						1								
Romana Plaza 100 Camden 78205	1																														
Smith 1301 Buena Vista 78207	5																					2	2								
Swampy Marsh Medford & Wyanoke 78209	2																														
Urban Art Island N. St. Mary's & W. Josephine 78212	1																			1											
Wesley Place 300 Eleanor 78209	2																														
Woody Tucker Huisache & Kings Court 78212	1																														
SCHOOL PARKS																															
Adams Elementary School 135 E. Southcross 78214	3																														
Bellaire Elementary School 142 E. Amber 78221	3																														
Boone Elementary School 6614 Spring Time 78249	8																														
Burke Elementary 10111 Terra Oak 78250																															

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Camelot Elementary School 7410 Ray Bon 78218	2																														
Canyon Ridge Elementary 20522 Stone Oak Pkwy 78258																															
Colonial Hills 2627 Kerrybrook Ct. 78230																															
Colonies North Elementary 9915 Northampton 78230																															
El Dorado Elementary School 12634 El Sendero St. 78233	10																														
Five Palms Elementary 7138 Five Palms Dr. 78242																															
Gates Elementary School 510 Morningview Dr. 78220	2																														
Hidden Forest Elementary 802 Silver Spruce 78232	9																														
Higgs-Carter-King 702 Cincinnati 8201																															
Larkspur Elementary School 1802 Larkspur 78213	9																														
Lowell Middle School 919 W. Thompson Pl.																															
Margil Elementary School 1000 Perez Street 78207	1																														
Mission Academy 9210 S. Presa 78223	3																														
Neal Elementary School 2407 Capitoll 78201	1																														

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Page Middle School 600 Sandmeyer 78208																														
Palo Alto College 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. 78224																														
Passmore Elementary 570 Pinn Road 78227	6																													
Price Elementary School 245 Price 78211	4																													
Rhodes Middle School 3000 Tampico 78207	5																													
Rodriguez Elementary School 3626 W. Cesar Chavez Blvd 78207	5																													
Serna Elementary School 2569 NE Loop 410 78217	10																													
Sky Harbour Elementary School 5902 Fishers Bend 78242	4																													
Villareal Elementary School 2902 White Tail 78228	7																													
Wheatley Middle School 415 Gabriel St. 78202	2																													
Woodstone Elementary 5602 Fountainwood 78233																														
Total		66	63	90	2	10	66	233	112	3	2	7	101	26	11	205	93	111	185	40	1,193	800	1,923	192	56	188	286	244	14,961	699