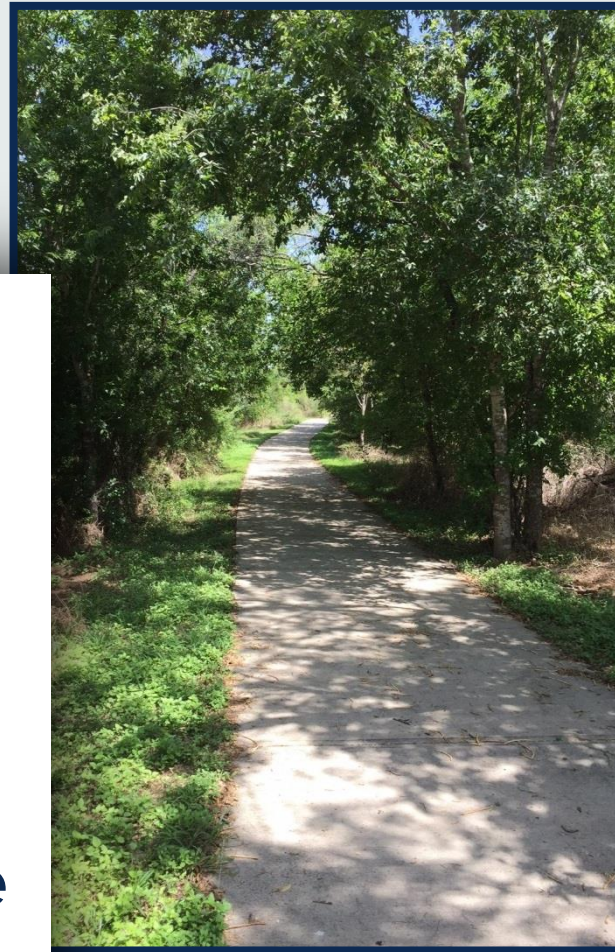




SA PARKS SYSTEM PLAN

Community Health & Equity Committee

March 28, 2019

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GOALS



GOAL 1: RESPONSIVE

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



GOAL 2: RESTORATIVE

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



GOAL 3: RESILIENT

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



GOAL 4: RESOURCEFUL

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



GOAL 1 RESPONSIVE



OBJECTIVE 1.1

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

OBJECTIVE 1.2

Creative approaches to providing 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 park and recreation activities and a diversity of 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 2 RESTORATIVE



OBJECTIVE 2.1

The park 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

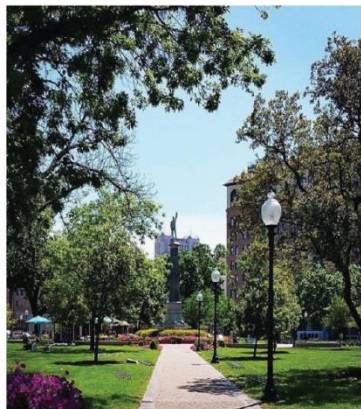


OBJECTIVE 2.5

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



GOAL 3 RESILIENT



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 and recreation 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

Policy and practices model a holistic view of sustainability



GOAL 4 RESOURCEFUL



OBJECTIVE 4.1

Every project is multi-dimensional, multi-layered, 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 park 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

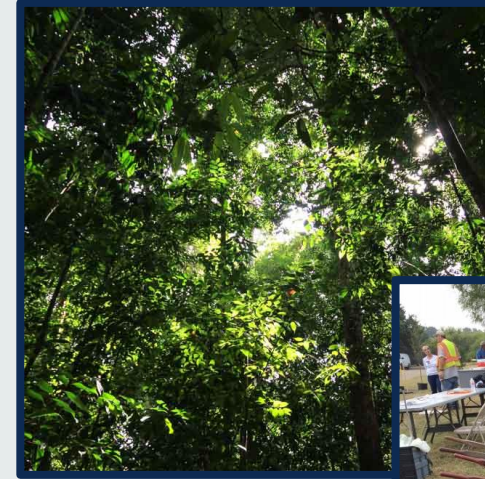
OBJECTIVE 4.6

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

URBAN FORESTRY ASSESSMENT

Recommendation and Strategy Categories:

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



DRAFT PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT

December 2018 – February 2019

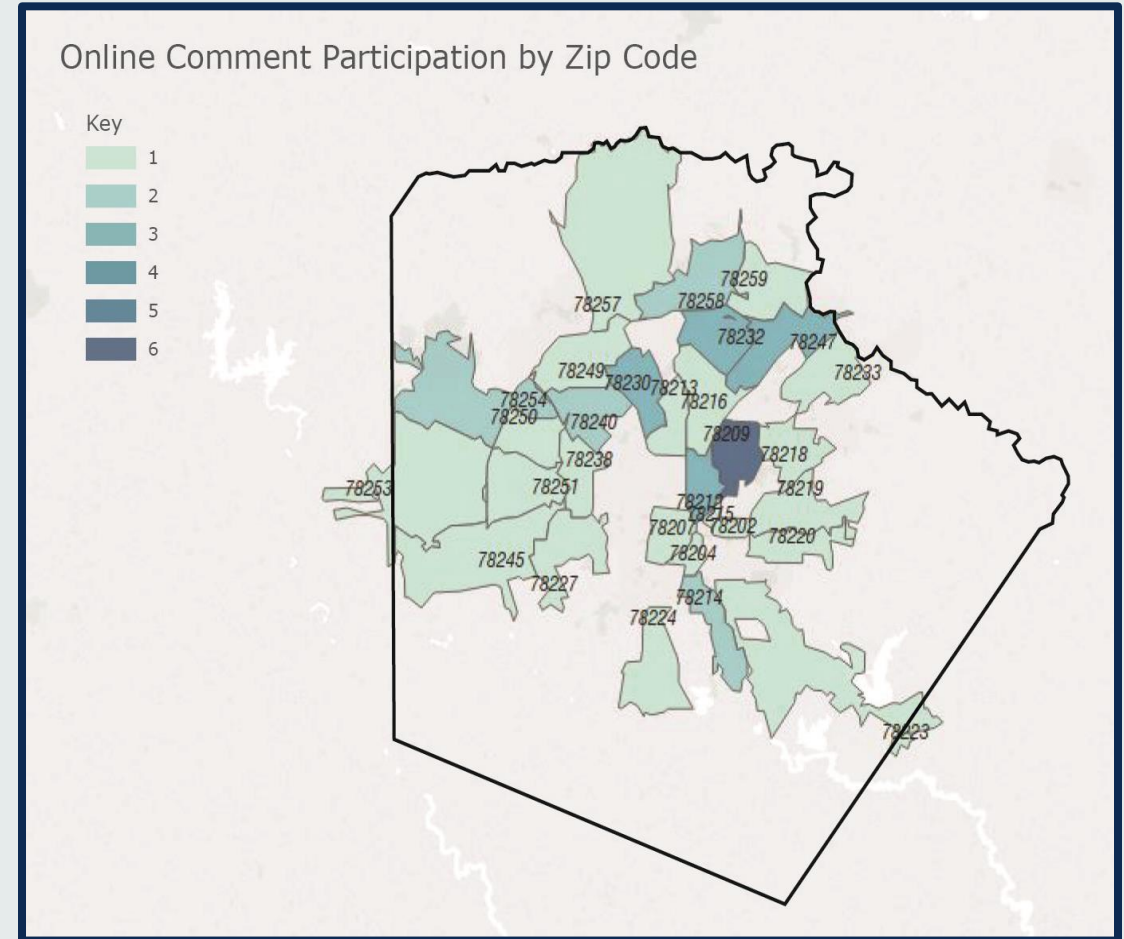
- **371** Online Responses

Public Draft Review

- Bi-Lingual Executive Summary
- Link Advertised Via Bilingual Digital/Print Ads, Social Media, and Parks Website
- Public Meeting – January 24
- Telephone Town Hall – January 31 - Over **2,400** participants

Public Support

- Overwhelming Support for Draft



INPUT

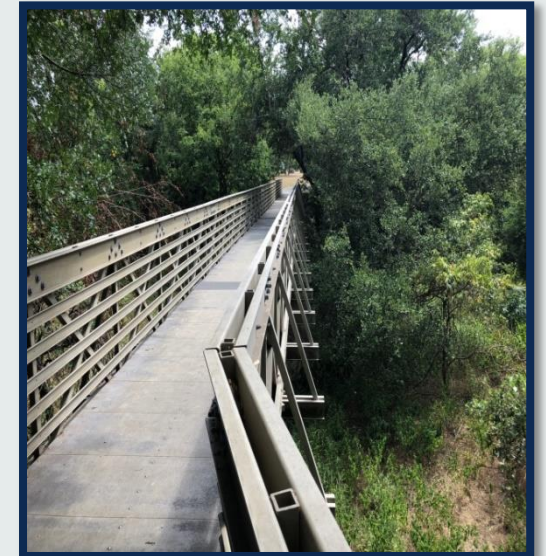
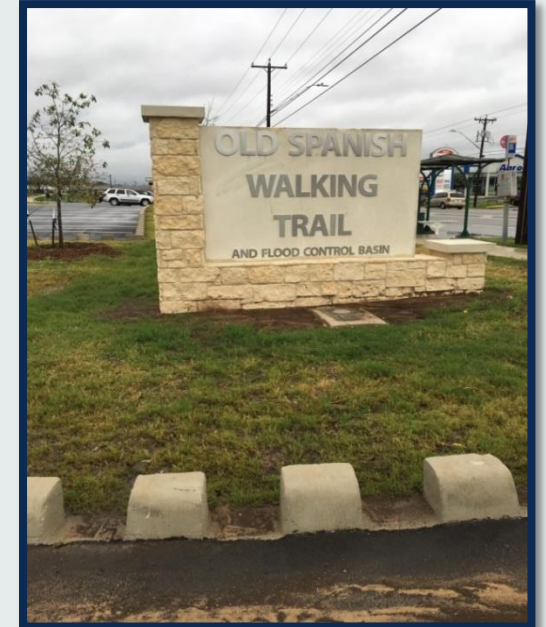
Natural Resource & Wildlife Habitat Protection

STRATEGIES:

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

PRIORITY PROJECT TABLE 5-1:

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



INPUT

Sustainability

STRATEGIES:

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

STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTIONS:

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



NEXT STEPS

December 2018 – February 2019

Public Engagement

Draft Plan Review
Online Survey
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Tele Town Hall

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Final Plan

Final Plan Review

Parks & Recreation
Board

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Final Plan Presentation & Approval

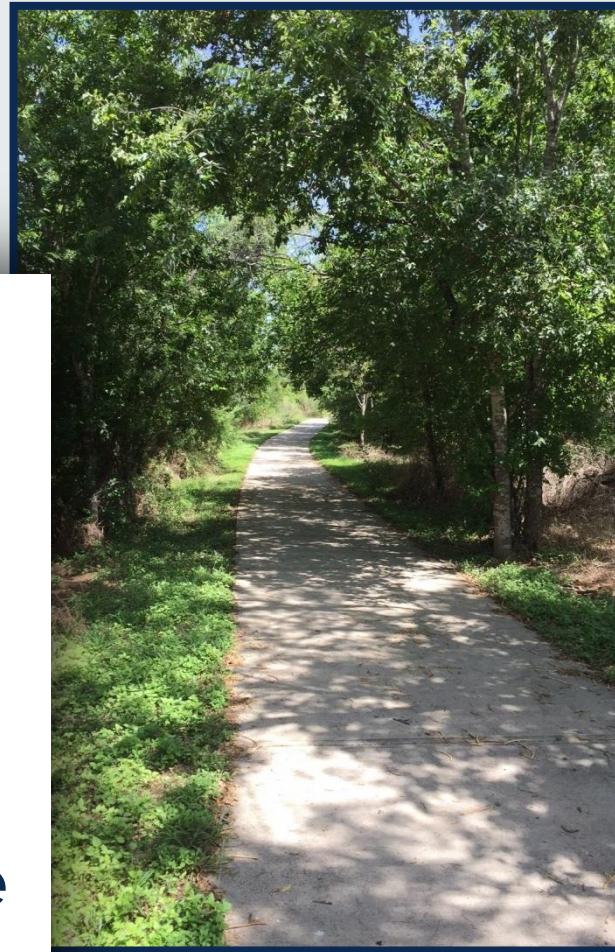
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