Austin Disc Golf
Past, Present and Future
## Disc Golf Demographics

(PDGA Membership 2008)

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As of 2008, approximately 12 million people have played disc golf.

(increases 10-15% per year)
Benefits of Disc Golf

- Growing popularity
- Organized outdoor activity
- Family activity
- Tourist attraction
- Low entry cost
  - Skill level
  - Equipment
- Low impact development
  - Construction
  - Maintenance
Cost of Development

- Soccer Field $150,000
  - $94,000 per acre
- Baseball Field $250,000
  - $173,000 per acre
- Disc Golf Course $250,000
  - $8,500 per acre
PARD Disc Golf Facilities

- Bartholomew Park
  - 1982 (14 holes)
- Zilker Park
  - 1987
- Mary Moore Searight Park
  - 1991
- Circle C Ranch Park
  - 1992
- Pease Park
  - 1989-2010
Austin Disc Golf – History

Inadequate site selection, construction and maintenance

**Past**

**Present**
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Past

Present
Circle C - Disc Golf Course
A public/private partnership

- Hard surface tees
- Formalized walking paths
- Erosion controls
  - Mulch
  - Cedar rails
  - Stone
- Trash receptacles
  - Placement
- Signage
- Tree care
  - Invasive species removal
  - Dead tree removal
  - Trimming
Public/Private Partnerships

- Waterloo Disc Golf Club
- South Austin Disc Golf Association
- Austin Parks Foundation
- Neighborhood Groups
Sustainable Management Practices

- Site selection
  - Minimize flood plain impact

- Design
  - Limit # of creek crossings
  - Developed
  - Formal path system

- Construction
  - Hard surface tees
  - Signage
  - Benches
  - Natural erosion controls

- Developed Courses
  - Reduce rounds per course
Lessons Learned

- High traffic produces low-quality facilities
- Disc golf courses can be sustainable
- Public/private partnerships are available
- Existing courses can be renovated
- Experience of disc golfers can be improved
Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Metro Park
Proposed Disc Golf Course
Debris Removal and Cleanup
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Project Benefits to the Community

- Meets recreational demand for central city disc golf course
- Provides diverse, lifetime recreational activity
- Provides ADA opportunity
- Provides debris cleanup of undeveloped parkland
- Provides increased security requested by community
- Maintains trees appropriate for park use