



Austin Disc Golf Past, Present and Future





Disc Golf Demographics

(PDGA Membership 2008)

	Age		Household Income (US\$)	
0-29	35%	0-50,000	53%	
30-49	53%	50-100,000	35%	
50+	12%	>100,000	12%	

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





PARC 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

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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



Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Metro Park: Disc Golf Area





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

