



Onion Creek Metro Park Master Plan

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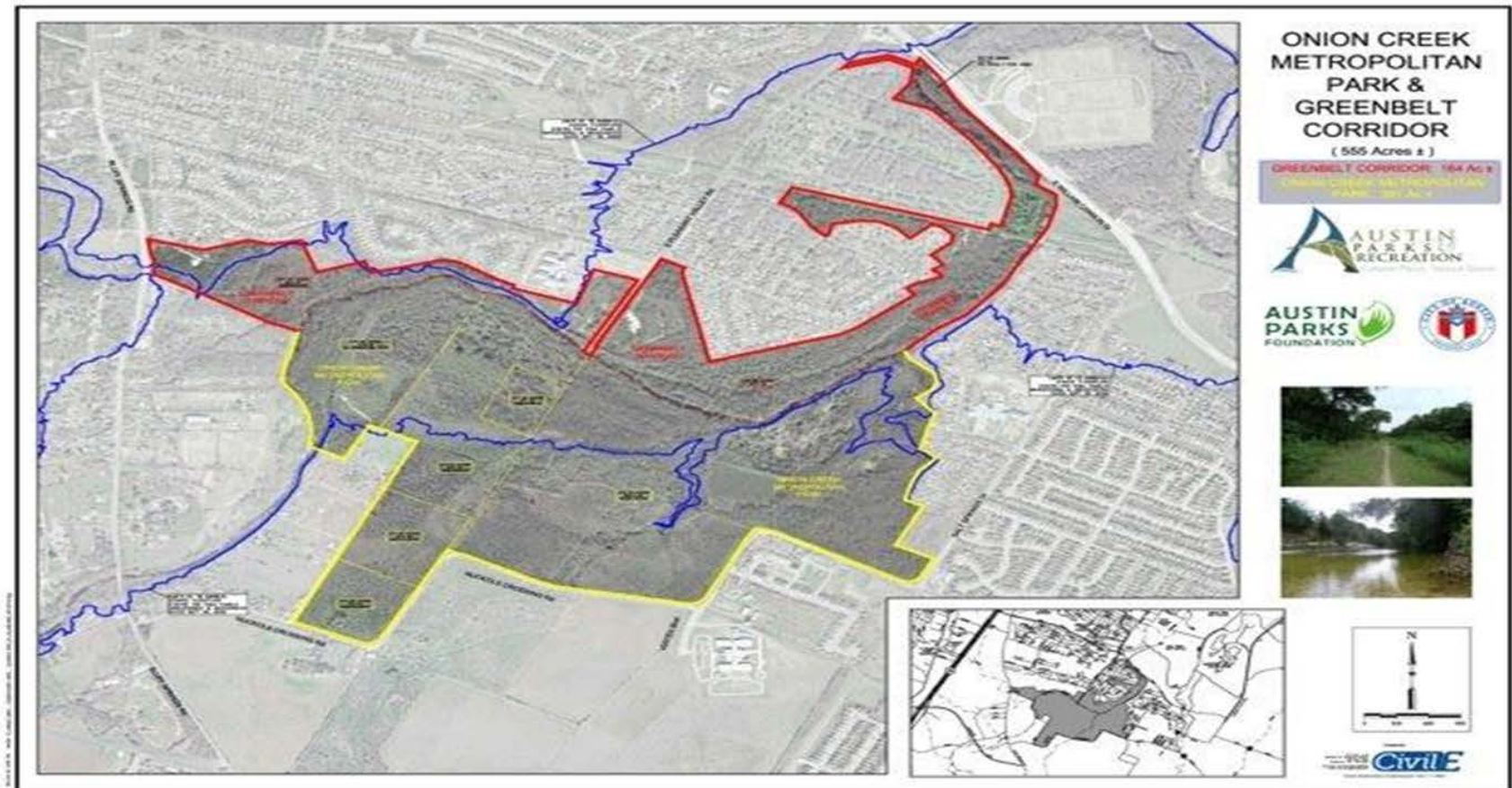




Onion Creek Metro Park

- Presentation Purpose – Staff requests Committee Action to recommend to the City Council the adoption of the Metro Park Master Plan.
- Presentation Outline
 - Park Background
 - Partnership Agreement
 - Public Engagement Process
 - Master Plan Components
 - Implementation Plan
 - Next Steps

Park Background -Existing Conditions



Park Background



- The Onion Creek Metro Park (OCMP) is 555-acres of parkland located in southeast Austin, south of Onion Creek
- 180 of the 555-acres is a part of the Onion Creek Greenbelt
- The park is relatively flat, wooded and undeveloped
- Purchased by the City of Austin in 2000 with 1998 Parkland Acquisition Bonds



Partnership Agreement



- 2013, the Texas Legislature created a Municipal Management District (MMD) to provide ongoing funding for the Onion Creek Metro Park District (OCMP) through fees charged to homeowners in the adjacent Goodnight Ranch community
- 2014, Council approved a Consent Agreement between the COA, Onion Creek Metro Park District and Austin Goodnight Ranch L.P.

Partnership Agreement



■ **Goodnight Contributions**

- ❑ Funding for a master plan for the metro park
- ❑ Annual funding for on-going maintenance of the City's initial investment in the park

■ **City's Contributions**

- ❑ Construction of initial park improvements (Fall of 2017)
- ❑ Direct implementation of the master plan through future bond dollars

Public Engagement Process

- March 4, 2014: Visioning Workshop, Mendez Middle School
- September 11, 2014: Opportunities and Constraints Workshop, Blazier Elementary
- December 4, 2014: Scenarios Workshop, Blazier Elementary
- March 12, 2015: Presentation of Final Draft Plan, Widen Elementary
- April 28, 2015: Unanimous approval by Parks and Recreation Board



Master Plan Components



- Topographic ribbon following creek and forest bends
- Ribbon pathway to active and passive recreation areas
- Connection from the Metro Park to the Greenbelt and the Buyout Area
- Active recreation areas south of the creek
- Passive recreation areas near the creek

Master Plan Amenities



- Green ovals are multi-purpose fields
- Ribbon trails surround the fields
- Orange ovals are wildflower meadows and prairie grass areas for passive recreation and nature observation
- Pavilions, restrooms, pedestrian bridge over Onion Creek adjacent to the Greenbelt (Buy Out Area)



Master Plan-Active Area (south)



- Two primary entrances at the southeast corner of the park
- Active playfields, trails, fitness stations and large playground

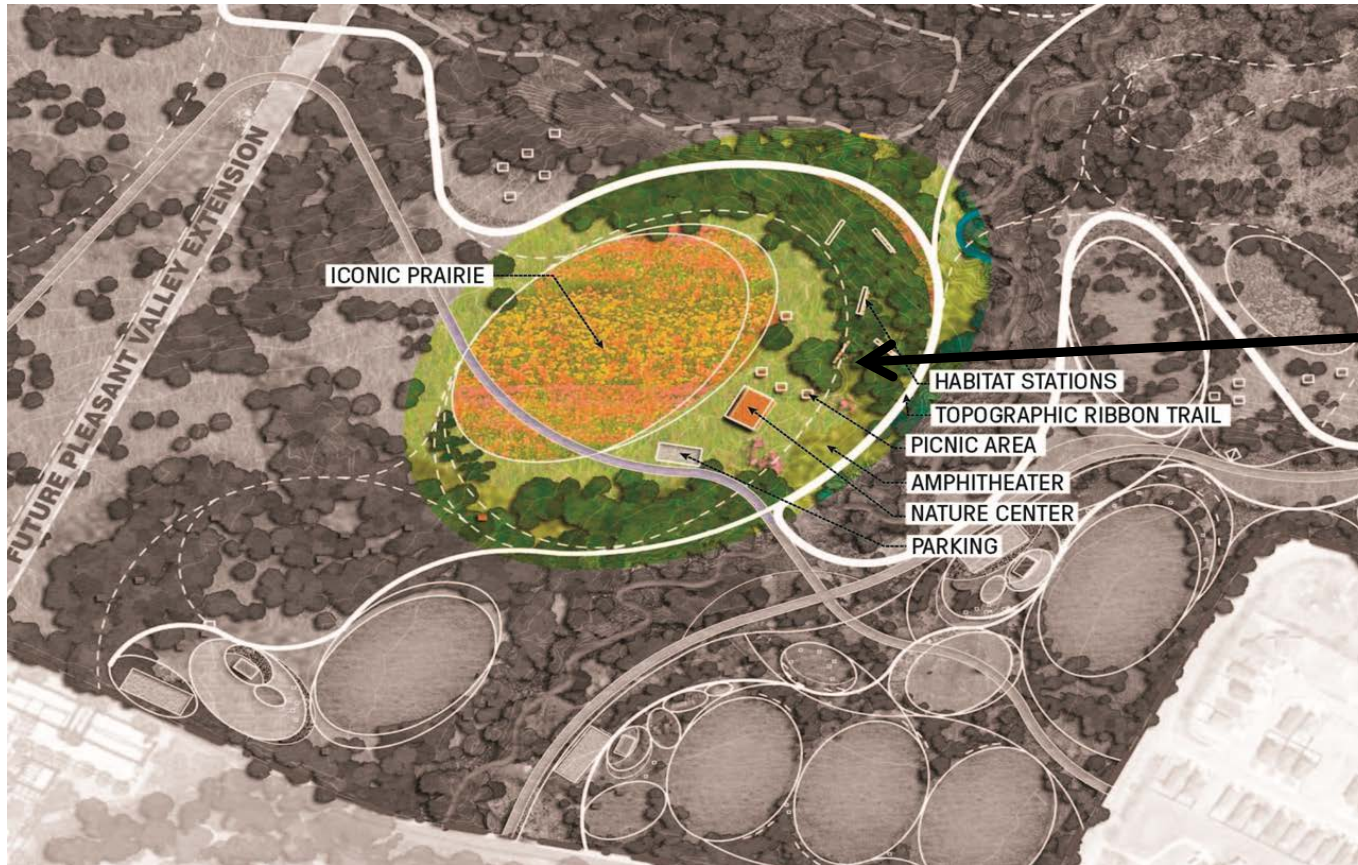


Master Plan-Community Event Area



- Great Lawn and Event Center for concerts/movies in the park, picnic grove with parking/unloading area

Master Plan-Nature Center



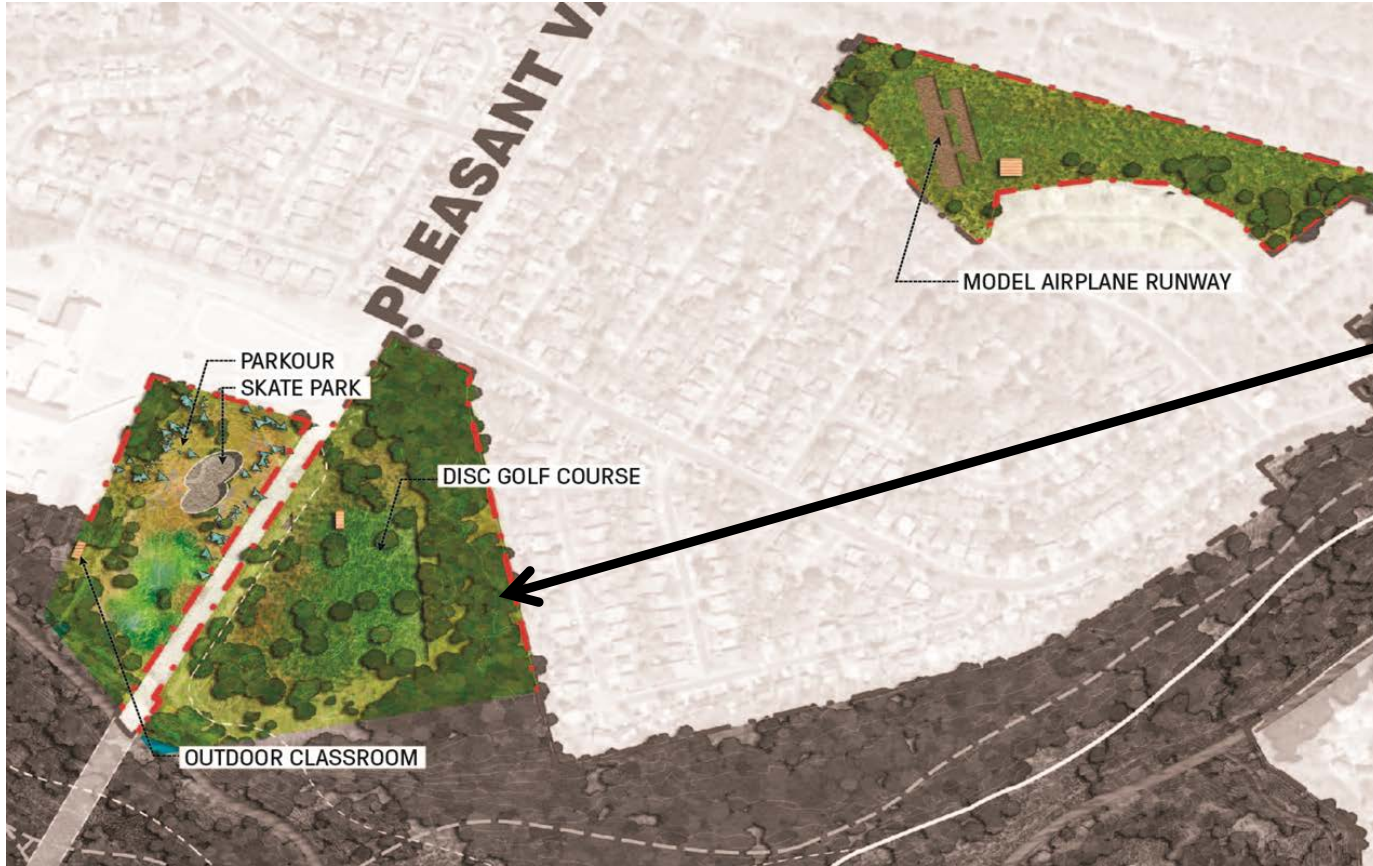
- Community Event Area which includes an Amphitheater for performances and education lectures
- Native grass and habitat observation areas

Master Plan-West Meadow Area



- Wildflower Meadow and picnic areas
- Bridge crossing Onion Creek

Master Plan – Active Area (north)



- Skate Park and Model Airplane Facility, and Disc-golf course
- Outdoor classroom for adjacent Perez Elementary School



Staff Request



- Staff Requests approval by Open Space and Environmental Sustainability Committee to forward the Onion Creek Master Plan to Council for adoption



Next Steps



- June, 2015: Present the Onion Creek Master Plan to the Council for adoption
- Phase I Park Development - Engineering and Permit Drawings
- Phase 1 Site Plan Submittal
- Bidding/Contracts
- Complete construction of Phase I by 2017



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