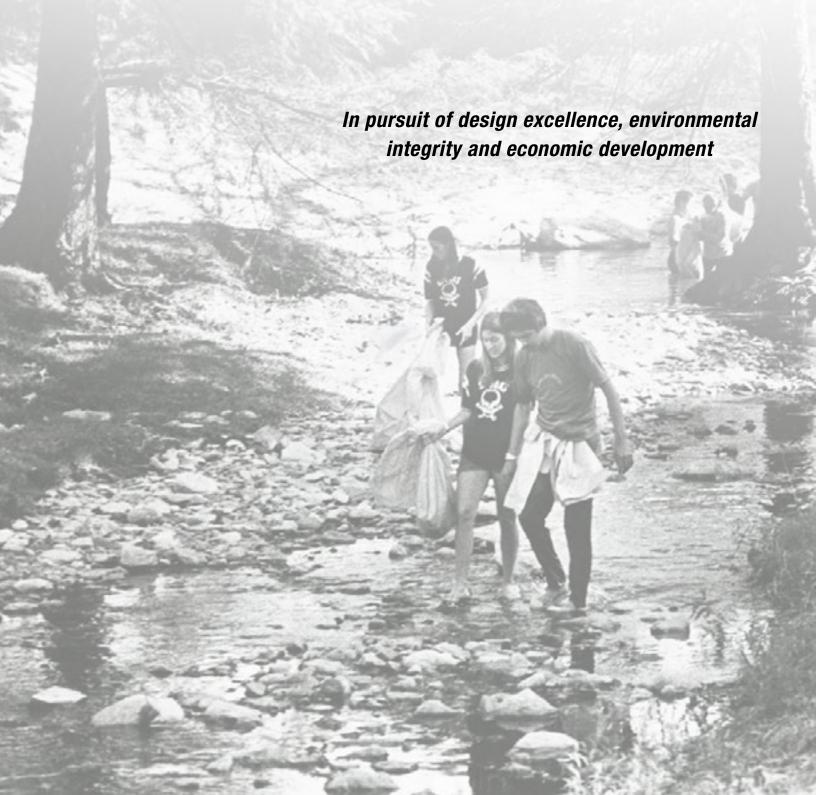
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Waller Creek Timeline

1975

A concerted effort of numerous urban planners, architects, landscape architects and engineers create the Waller Creek Development Plan for improvements to the Waller Creek corridor as part of the City of Austin's U.S. Bicentennial project. The plan includes recommendations for immediate, near future and long-range development through land use, circulation, landscape architectural design elements, and flood and erosion control systems.

1981

13 people drown and \$36 million in damages are incurred as part of a storm event on May 24, 1981, remembered as the "Memorial Day Flood." This short-duration storm with intense rainfall hits many of Austin's urban creeks: Shoal, Walnut, Little Walnut, Bee and Waller Creek.

2010

The Waller Creek Conservancy was created in November to act as the steward of Waller Creek by playing a vital role in the preservation, redevelopment and maintenance of the creek's surrounding parks, nearby businesses, adjoining neighborhoods and community at large.

2011

On April 8, 2011, a groundbreaking ceremony marks the start of construction of the Waller Creek Tunnel. On April 28, 2011, the Austin City Council approved a resolution creating the Waller Creek Local Government Corporation to act on behalf of the City in partnering with the Waller Creek Conservancy to develop, operate and maintain Waller Creek District. The Waller Creek Conservancy formed a historic partnership with the City of Austin, with both committing \$400,000 to fund the design and implementation of a new master plan for the Waller Creek area. In November, the Waller Creek Conservancy launches Design Waller Creek: A Competition, an international design competition that calls for the most innovative and qualified landscape architects, architects and artist to join forces and present their ideas for remaking a currently fragmented and undervalued section of Austin into a vibrant, livable, workable district.

2012

11 months from the initial call for portfolios, *Design Waller Creek: A Competition* concludes with the announcement of the selected design team: Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc. and Thomas Phifer & Partners. Austin City Council unanimously votes to affirm the selected teams on October 18, 2012. In a November 2012 bond election, Austinites approve \$13 million for the redevelopment of Waller Creek.

2013

On April 13, 2013, the Waller Creek Conservancy holds a community picnic in Palm Park. The inaugural Palm Park is a huge success in bringing Austinites back to the chain of parks on Waller Creek.

2014

On April 16, 2014, the Local Government Corporation, or LGC, meet to approve the Joint Development Agreement & Operating Maintenance Agreement, a landmark agreement that governs the work in the Waller Creek District.

On May 23, 2014, the Creek Corridor Framework was approved by the LGC, a major planning effort to design the trail system and restoration of ecology along Waller Creek from Lady Bird Lake through Waterloo Park.

Looking towards the bright future of Waller Creek. On November 13, 2014, working with local architects and University of Texas Architecture students, the Conservancy launches Creek Show. Creek Show is a series of events that will bring Austin back to the creek and inspire the community with temporary design installations.

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Development Service Department - DSD

Local Government Corporation - LGC

Parks and Recreation Department - PARD

Planning and Zoning Department - PZD

Recommendation for Council Action - RCA

Waller Creek Conservancy - WCC

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Waller Creek District Design Guidelines Team - WCDDGT

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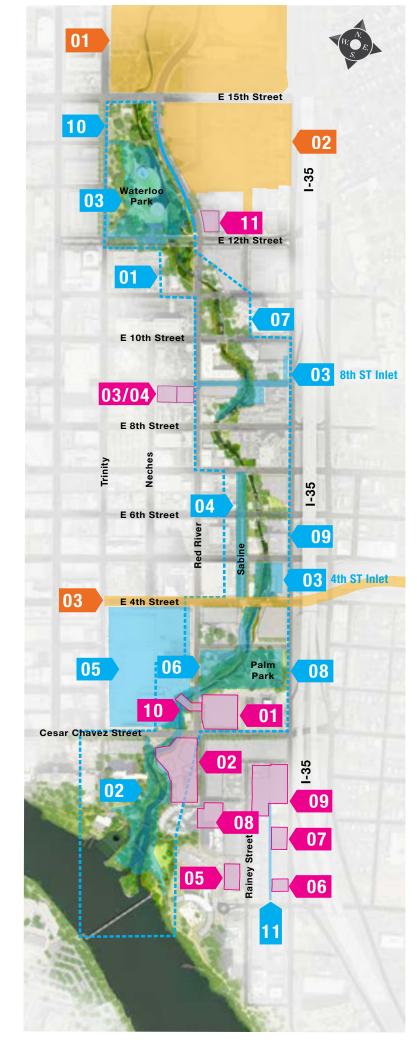
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District Highlights

Summary

The Waller Creek District was established to pursue design excellence, environmental integrity, and economic development. Such an effort requires the unique partnership of the City of Austin, Waller Creek Conservancy, and Local Government Corporation (LGC) to strategically plan, coordinate, and deliver the projects needed to make the District vision a reality. This monumental effort involves public and private partnerships to navigate the challenges of funding, property acquisition, utility coordination, and creation of signature destination reaches along Waller Creek. Accomplishments completed since June 2015 include the LGC approval of the Creek Mouth Schematic Design Phase Plan, Waterloo Park Schematic Design Phase Plan, Palm Park Concept Design, and the Waller Creek District Annual Plan.

Waller Creek Conservancy Highlights

- Hosted a series of public meetings called the New Waller Creek.
- Kicked off the design phase for Waterloo Park and Creek Mouth in September 2015.
- Hosted 4th annual Stubb's benefit concert.

Waller Creek District Design Guidelines Team (WCDDGT) Highlights

· No action items to report.

Waller Creek Tunnel Project Highlights

• Construction of the Waller Creek tunnel and its major components are ongoing. Key highlights include the Dam that will impound water at the Inlet Facility location on 12th Street and Red River Street has been completed. It is expected that flood waters from upper reaches of Waller Creek watershed will now be diverted into the tunnel through the Morning Glory. The tunnel was filled during the rain event on May 5, 2015. Since and including that event, there have been a total of 26 rain events, and the tunnel has been engaged during each of those events. Dry weather recirculation of water from Lady Bird Lake began in early June 2015 and to date, we have recirculated approximately 1425 acre-ft. Construction at other program components is continuing with the Outlet facility nearing substantial completion in the next few weeks.

City Council Action Items

No action items to report.

Local Government Corporation (LGC) Action Items

- Approved Creek Mouth Schematic Design Phase Plan on June 10, 2015.
- Approved Waterloo Schematic Design Phae Plan on July 8, 2015.
- Approved Palm Park Concept Design Phase Plan on July 8, 2015.
- Approved Annual Plan on September 16, 2015.
- NEWS LGC authorized PARD application for grant funding from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Local Park Urban Outdoor Grant Program (TPWD) for the Waller Creek District on February 11, 2015 (noted in June 2015 Progress Report). PARD received notification in August that TPWD staff recommended that the TPW Commission approve a grant award for Waterloo Park in the amount of \$849,518. This grant was approved by the Commission at their August 20, 2015 meeting. This is a matching grant and PARD will match these grant funds with \$849,518.

Upcoming LGC Board Meetings

- November 9, 2015
- December 9, 2015

Resources

Local Government Corporation website. www.austintexas.gov/depart-ment/waller-creek-local-government-corporation

Waller Creek Conservancy website. www.wallercreek.org

City of Austin Waller Creek Tunnel Project website. www.austintexas. gov/department/waller-creek



Rainey Street District





The Rainey Street District - Did You Know?

Rainey Street Residents

- The homes date to the first half of the last century.
 - 1906-1907 City of Austin Directory
 - · Hammond, Wes, butcher, res 75 Rainey
 - · Duty, Garland, office boy for R G Dun, h 86 Rainey, Sw 1621
 - · Speagle, Jack, carpenter, res 94 Rainey
- 600 River Street Public Works Mule Yard as early as 1930's and evolved as the Street & Bridge Yard and Fleet Services until the 1990's.
- Close to 100 Rainey Street area properties, many occupied by single-family homes, were rezoned to Central Business District (CBD) by ordinances approved by Austin City Council on April 7, 2007.
- City of Austin Council Resolution No. 20130509-035 (May 9, 2013).
 - Rainey Street Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
 - The reuse of the relocated structures for affordable housing will help the City towards its affordable housing needs.
- City of Austin Council Ordinance No. 20131024-010 (October 24, 2013).
 - Affirmed its support of preserving and maintaining the history of the Rainey Street District.
 - Rainey Street District Fund created to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the purposes of relocating and rehabilitating residential structures and relocating outside the District and preserving the history of the Rainey Street District.

Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Plan (ESBMACC)

- The idea of establishing a central location or a cultural facility for Latino artists and the Hispanic community emerged in the early 1970's. Several Hispanic visionaries and artists approached the City of Austin to request support for the development.
- In 1986 the Austin City Council appointed a task force to determine the feasibility of building the MACC.
- In 1998 Austin voters approve \$10.9 million in bond financing for the Cultural Arts Center in the November bond election.
- The Master Plan of the MACC facility was designed for construction in phases.
 - Phase IA: A Plaza along with site work (including site utilities); a multi-purpose building; offices and meeting rooms/classrooms; surface parking.





- Phase IB: Additional classrooms, concession space, entry lobby, and exhibition space.
- Phase II: Extension of the classrooms and offices; a small three-hundred seat theater; and a gallery space and shading devices.
- Phase III: Additional classrooms and offices; a big eight hundred seat theater; and a parking garage.
- The Mexican American Cultural Center broke ground in November 2005, nearly 20 years after the initial task force was formed by the Austin City Council.

Entertainment District – Restaurants, Trailers & Bars

- Lustre Pearl in 2009 became the first bar to open in the Rainey Street District since the area was rezoned in 2005 and was issued a City permit to host amplified outdoor music.
- G'Raj Mahal opened in 2009 as a food trailer by culinary couple Sidney (an
 Austin native) and Anthony (born and raised in Goa, India) serving Western
 Indian cuisine. Having landed on a space just off of Rainey Street that had
 previously operated as a car garage, the name and feeling of G'Raj was evident
 & authentic from the beginning. The G'Raj Cafe and Lounge is now located at
 73 Rainey Street. The couple rebuilt and custom designed the old house into a
 funky, beautiful space.

64 Rainey Street Parkland Dedication

- City of Austin Resolution No. 20121011-117 (October 11, 2012).
 - Community members and the Austin City Council have been involved in planning and development of a cultural center dedicated to the Mexican American Community for several decades; and in the 1970's, Chicano activists came together to create spaces to Chicano arts, culture and education like El Centro Chicano and Juarez-Lincoln University, both of which were destroyed by arson.
 - A parcel of land was up for Council consideration that is located directly adjacent to the ESBMACC that could be used for continued development. The Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board voted on June 16, 2012, to recommend that the City Council not sell the parcel of land, and reaffirmed that vote on October 4, 2012.
- City of Austin Recommendation for Council Action August 25 2015.
 - Authorize conversion of City-owned land located at 64 Rainey Street, which
 is located in the Rainey Street District to dedicated parkland. Utilized by
 Fremont Holdings, LLC as a temporary staging and construction workspace
 for the 70 Rainey Street development.











Creek Corridor Framework

Schedule: June 2014 – October 2015

Description: Planning effort to create a guiding framework for Waller Creek District stream and trail improvements. Improvements will be constructed as public improvement projects or in agreement with private developers.

Status: Final document will be delivered to the City and Conservancy in October 2015.

Issues to Horizon: None to report.

Contact: WCC/WPD



Waller Creek Tunnel and Waller Creek District Project Coordination

Schedule: July 2014 - December 2015

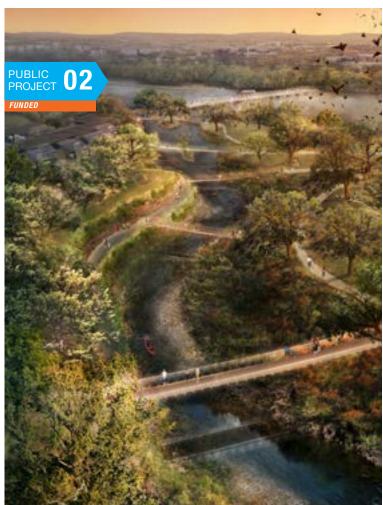
Description: Coordinate with the Waller Creek Tunnel Project team to assess design concepts, develop designs, and where possible, construct improvements as part of the Waller Creek Tunnel Project.

Status: Currently, the Waller Creek Tunnel Project is under construction at the 4th and 8th Street creek side inlets and Waterloo Park. Concept design for the west bank at the 4h Street creek side inlet is completed

and the only remaining work is to update the site plan revision. The work at the 8th Street creek side inlet will progress once research on the utilities is completed. The work on the Waterloo Park Interim Design Plan is completed. The design team has submitted and received two formal reviews from City Staff on the scope of work under the Addendum to this Phase Plan. Coordination with the tunnel project team is ongoing.

Issues to Horizon: None to report.

Contact: WCC/PARD/WPD





Sabine Street Promenade

Schedule: September 2013 - May 2017

Description: Proposed project consists of transforming a one-way roadway and sidewalk into a right-of-way that gives priority to bikes and pedestrians, enhancing connectivity between the Lance Armstrong Bikeway and planned downtown Great Streets along the eastern stretch of 5th and 6th Streets. The proposal includes providing a "festi-

val street" environment for events.

Status: 100% design was submitted to TxDOT for review on October 1, 2015. Currently, the Sabine Street project team is coordinating with the Waller Creek District design team on railing design. Construction planned for May 2016.

Issues to Horizon: None

Contact: PZD

Creek Mouth

Schedule: September 2015 – February 2016 (Schematic Design)

Description: The Creek Mouth Phase Plan will create the schematic design for the creek and trail system along Waller Creek from Lady Bird Lake to 4th Street. When this project is completed the Butler Trail along Lady Bird Lake will be connected to the Waller Creek trail system up to 7th Street.

Status: Schematic design kicked

off in September 2015

Issues to Horizon: None

Contact: WCC/PARD/WPD





Convention Center

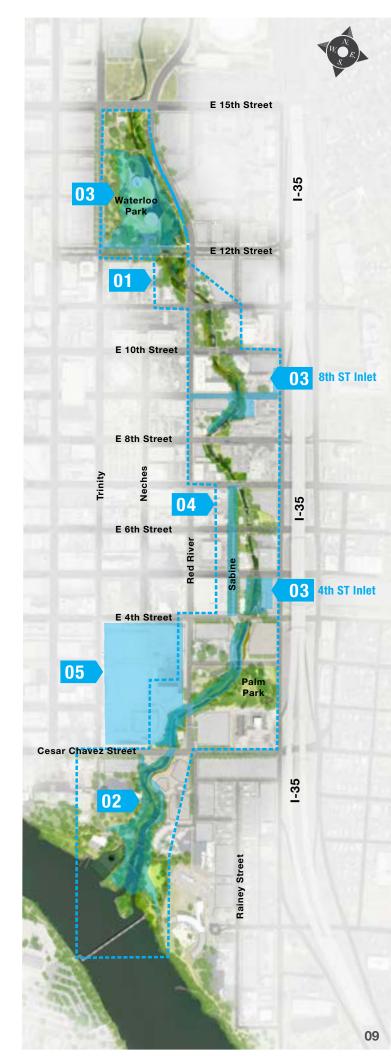
Description: Improvements and major renovations to the Austin Convention Center

Status: Construction along exterior sidewalks will be completed in October 2015. Once completed, ACCD will offer additional event spaces along Waller Creek. In

addition coordination continues to design trail system along the west side of Waller Creek.

Issues to Horizon: None

Contact: ACCD





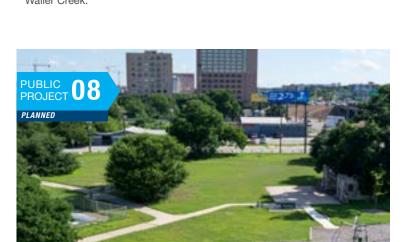
Waller Pavilion

Description: Design improvements to the Castleman-Bull House and development of the Waller Pavilion outdoor event space, considering stream and trail improvements for Waller Creek.

Status: Contract to be executed by the end of 2015.

Issues to Horizon: None

Contact: ACCD



Palm Park

Description: Design and construction phase services for redeveloping Palm Park and the stream and trail improvements between Red River and 4th Street.

Status: Planned

Issues to Horizon: None

Contact: WCC/PARD/WPD



Waterloo Park

Schedule: September 2015 - February 2016 (Schematic Design)

Description: Design and construction phase services for parkland improvements and the performance venue in Waterloo Park.

Status: Schematic design kicked

off in September 2015.

Issues to Horizon: None

Contact: WCC/PARD



The Refuge

Description: Design and construction phase services for stream and trail improvements between 7th and 12th Street.

Status: Planned

Issues to Horizon: None
Contact: WCC/PARD/WPD



The Narrows

Description: Design and construction phase services to develop the stream and trail improvements between 4th and 7th Street.

Status: Planned

Issues to Horizon: None
Contact: WCC/PARD/WPD



Rainey Street Alley

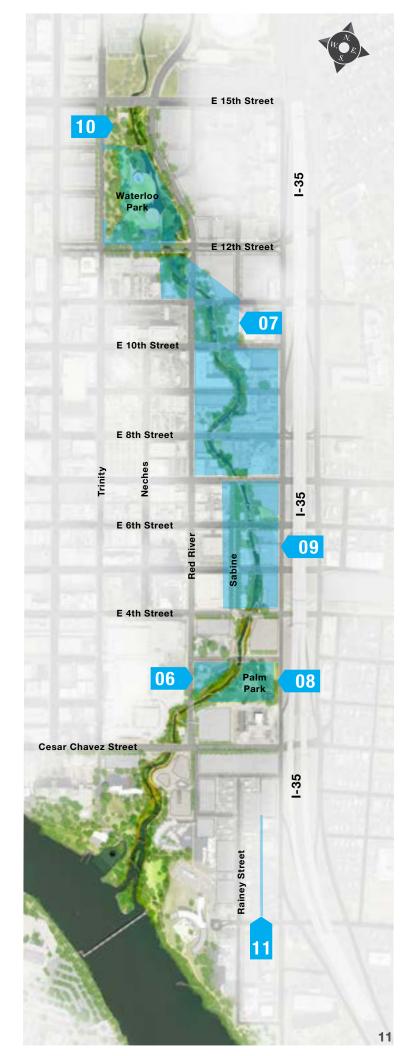
Schedule: October 2015 - September 2016

Description: Alley improvements to activate alley between Rainey Street and East Avenue near River Street.

Status: Planned

Issues to Horizon: None

Contact: PWD









Description: Hotel adjacent to Waller Creek and Palm Park. Hotel has 37 stories and over 1,000 rooms.

Status: Construction broke ground the week of November 3, 2014.

Location; Northeast corner of Cesar Chavez and Red River

Contact: Manchester Texas Financial Group, LLC



Waller Park Place

Description: Mixed-use development adjacent to Waller Creek, south of Cesar Chavez.

Status: Site Development Permit approved. WCC, Sutton Group & COA collaborating on trail & stream restoration design.

Location: Southwest of Cesar Chavez and Red River.

Contact: Sutton Group



Hotel Indigo

Description: Hotel located within the Waller Creek District near the intersection of Red River and 9th Street. Hotel has 133 rooms and will be accessed on 9th Street. The projected opening is late summer 2015.

Status: Site Development Permit approved. Project under construction.

Location: Intersection of Red River

and 9th Street.

Contact: 9th Red River, LLC



Holiday Inn Express

Description: Hotel located within the Waller Creek District near the intersection of Neches and 9th Street. Hotel has 167 rooms and will be accessed on Neches Street. The projected opening is late summer 2015.

Status: Under construction.

Location: Intersection of Neches

and 9th Street.

Contact: 9th Red River, LLC





64 Rainey Street/70 Rainey Street

Description: Proposed 31-story residential tower with ground floor retail.

Status: Site Development Permit approved.

Location: Near intersection of Rainey Street and River Street **Contact:** 70 Rainey Street, LP





Kimber Modern Hotel

Description: Proposed 31 room hotel in the Waller Creek District.

Status: Approved and released site plan.

Location: Frontage road of IH-35 near the intersection of River Street and East

Avenue.

Contact: KMDR Property, LLC







Hotel Van Zandt

Description: Hotel project by JMI Realty. 326 room hotel is expected to be operated by San Francisco-based Kimpton Hotels.

Status: Under Construction

Location: 605 Davis Street, 78701 **Contact:** JMIR - Austin Hotel LP



Homewood Suites

Description: Proposed 14-story hotel within the Waller Creek District.

Status: Approved and released

site plan.

Location: East Avenue between River Street and Driskill Street
Contact: AUS Rainey St., LLC



The Millennium Rainey

Description: Construction has started on this development, spearheaded by the Dinerstein Group of Houston, which features 326 apartments with a ground floor restaurant, totaling about 250,000 square feet. The site is more than two acres bounded by Rainey and Driskill streets and the I-35 frontage road.

Status: Under construction

Location: Intersection of Driskill

Street and IH-35

Contact: The Dinerstein

Companies





Canopy Walk

Description: Canopy Walk bridge will provide direct access for pedestrians from the Fairmont Hotel to the Austin Convention Center. The bridge will consider the stream and trail improvements planned for the Waller Creek District between Cesar Chavez and Red River.

Status: Site plan under review. **Contact:** Manchester Texas

Financial Group, LLC





University of Texas Medical School

Description: The UT medical school is in the process of constructing a new teaching hospital and campus. Waller Creek runs through the center of the medical school campus and connects with Waterloo Park to the south.

Status: Under construction.

Location: Property located north of 15th Street between Trinity Street and I-35.

Contact: University of Texas, Office of Facilities, Planning and Construction



Central Health

Description: Master plan effort to look at future reuse and redevelopment of the Brackenridge Campus following the transition of hospital operations to Dell Seton Medical Center.

Status: Central Health and the Waller Creek Conservancy have come to an agreement on the existing Red River Right of Way

and the Central Health design team is updating the master plan.

Location: Property located east of Waterloo Park between 12th and 15th Street.

Contact: Central Health



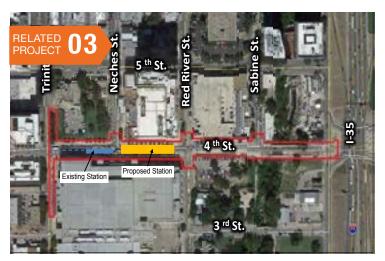
Waterloo Park Tower

Description: The project is proposed to be a 22-story, 260 room hotel.

Status: Site plan extension until December 21, 2015.

Location: 1202 Red River Street (currently Brick Oven Pizza)

Contact: Land Answers, Inc.



Capital Metro MetroRail Downtown

Description: CapMetro is expanding service at the downtown station to include additional platforms and rail lines. The project will change traffic patterns on 4th Street and result in the reconstruction of the bridge over Waller Creek on 4th Street.

Status: In design. Anticipate 30% design to be completed in early 2016.

Location: 4th Street between Trinity Street and I-35.

Contact: Capital Metro



Special Events



CREEK SHOW: NOVEMBER 12-21

Creek Show Returns For Nine Nights in 2015

Presented by the Waller Creek Conservancy, Creek Show is a way to celebrate Waller Creek and bring awareness to the future transformation coming to the creek, trails, and surrounding parks. During Creek Show, everyone is invited to experience the creek in a safe, fun, and family-friendly environment.

This free public event will captivate visitors through visionary art that illustrates the intersection of natural environment, innovative design, and urban life. RSVP requested.

Launched last year as a one-night event, Creek Show attracted thousands of visitors to the creek. It is back this year in an expanded, nine-night format with five brand new site-specific installations all designed by local artists, architects, and landscape architects.

All installations are located along Waller Creek between 5th St and 8th St. and are best viewed between 6pm and 11pm. Event information and updates can all be found at www.creekshow.com.

2015 DESIGN TEAMS

Clay Odom / Waller Phantasm
Ten Eyck Landscape Architecture / Float the Waller
Luke Savisky / AT/x
Specht Harpman Architects / Volume
Clark Richardson Architects / The Natural Unnatural

CREEK SHOW EVENTS

November 12: Opening Night Free and open to the public

Light installations revealed at sunset

DJ Set on Waller Creek between 6th and 7th St.

Drink specials at Easy Tiger, Waller Creek Pub House, and The Gatsby, 6p-10p

Local live music at night at Empire. Line-up coming soon; RSVP for free entry!

November 17: Artist Talk

6:30pm at Waller Ballroom

All five design teams will be on hand to discuss their installations in detail Tickets coming soon

November 18: UT Materials Lab Gallery Talk and Exhibition Opening

Free and open to the public

On UT Campus at the School of Architecture's Materials Lab Gallery talk: 5 - 6 pm, Opening reception: 6 - 7 pm

November 21: Closing Party

Last night to see the light installations

Local music at Empire Garage benefitting the Waller Creek Conservancy Tickets coming soon

GET INVOLVED

Volunteers

We need lots of volunteers during Creek Show. Get more information and sign-up here.

Sponsorships

Interested in sponsoring Creek Show? Email our Chief Development Officer, Bryan Rubio (brubio@wallercreek.org) for more information.

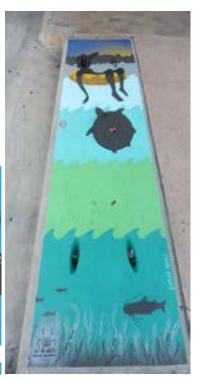


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FRESH ART. FRESH WATER.

Creeks and lakes are a big attraction for Austin residents and tourists! The natural beauty of our waterways attract thousands of people to walk, jog, bike, boat, picnic, and play. Events of all sizes are based in and near our water, contributing greatly to our city's culture and healthy economy. Clean water is a wonderful place for people and pets to cool off in our hot climate and is essential to sustain Austin's unique wildlife populations. Waller Creek runs deep in the heart of Austin and flows to the treasured "Lady Bird Lake" segment of the Colorado River.

Activities on land can significantly deteriorate Austin's water quality. Litter and pollutants (motor oil, pet waste, pesticides, etc.) that are left on the land wash into our waterways when it rains, directly or through storm drains on our streets. In September, artists painted water-themed designs on ten storm drains around Austin to raise awareness that these unobtrusive curbside cutouts carry pollutants directly to our creeks and river.

This public education project, including the September drain paintings, scavenger hunts, and other activities, promotes the importance of protecting Austin's water quality and encourages community members to take actions that show their #creeklove, including using least-toxic gardening practices, picking up pet waste, not littering, and more. Visit the ten sites, including one in the Waller Creek District, to take a stormdrain selfie and use hashtag #creeklove to show your love of Waller Creek.

For more information and to view all of the painted storm drains, visit www. art4water.org.

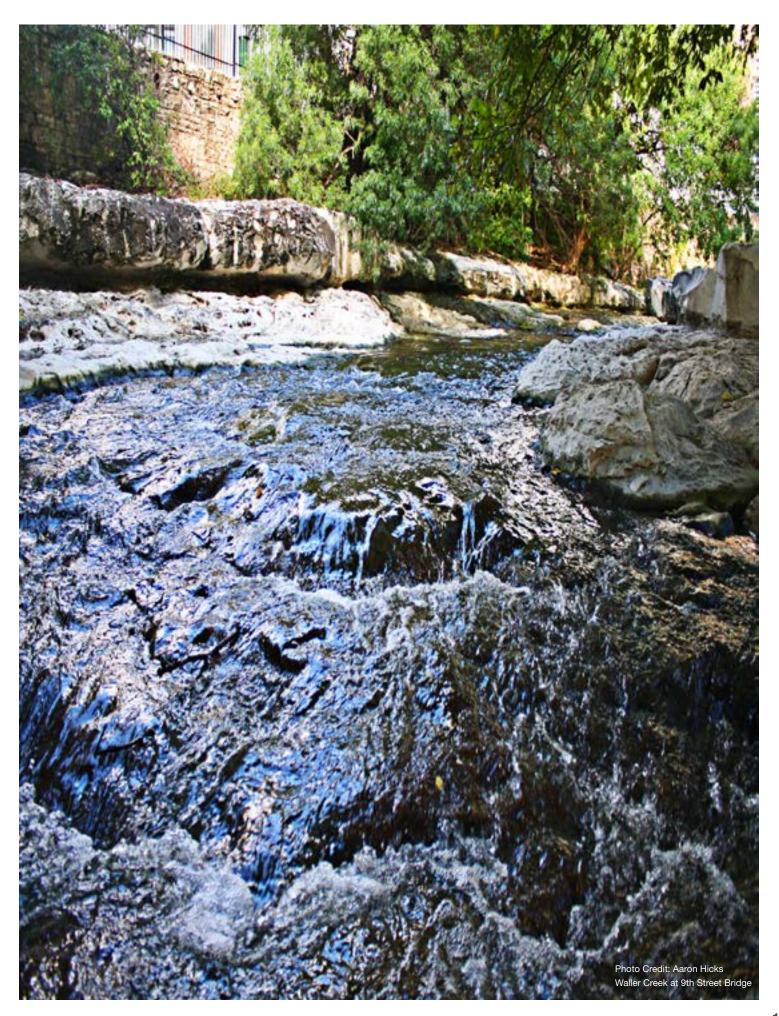


Waller Creek Conservancy Meet The New Waller Creek

In August the Waller Creek Conservancy hosted a series of informational meetings around the city. These events were free and open to the public to learn about the exciting transformation coming to Waller Creek!

WCC staff, City of Austin staff, and consultants will be on hand to provide a project overview, answer questions and hear your thoughts about the Waller Creek project. Whether you're curious to learn about Waller for the first time or have been involved along the way and are looking for an update, these meetings are for you.

www.wallercreek.org



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