

# OUR PARKS OUR FUTURE

2018 - 2028

## AUSTIN PARKS & RECREATION LONG RANGE PLAN



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The Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) is embarking upon a long-range planning effort to guide the development and growth of Austin's park system. PARC's Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities and Programs (LRP) is developed every 10 years and provides a blueprint to guide land acquisition, capital improvements and the development of programs and new amenities. The theme of this Long Range Plan will be Our Parks, Our Future 2018-2028. The Austin Parks and Recreation Department will reach its centennial in 2028 and the planning effort will focus efforts on the vision for Austin's Park System in 2028.

The future of Austin's park and recreation system is impacted by a multitude of forces, trends and shifts including unprecedented population growth, increasing reliance on private and philanthropic funding, and the emergence of best practices in sustainable park development and management. The planning effort begins with inventory, evaluation of park and facilities, an analysis of demographic data, and trends and industry standards for parks. Public outreach plays a critical role throughout the process with in-depth engagement of citizens, park supporters, conservancies, neighborhood associations, nonprofit organizations, and public partners. The result is a blueprint to guide the growth and development of Austin's park and recreation system for the next 10 years.

## PLANNING PROCESS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

