



St. Edwards Park

2018 Bond Election Advisory Task Force: Parkland and Open Space Working Group

Parkland Acquisition Needs

August 16, 2017



Presentation Overview

- Comparison of \$30 million and \$50 million bond program
- Infill park needs
- Metro park needs
- Greenbelt needs

Current Proposal for Parkland Acquisition

\$30 Million for:

- Destination park in Oak Hill
- Infill parks
- Greenbelts



Mary Moore Searight Metropolitan Park

If the bond were increased to \$50 Million ...

These acquisitions could be added:

- North Austin metro park
- Central Austin district park
- 5 pocket parks
- 5 more miles of greenbelt



Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Park

Parks within walking distance

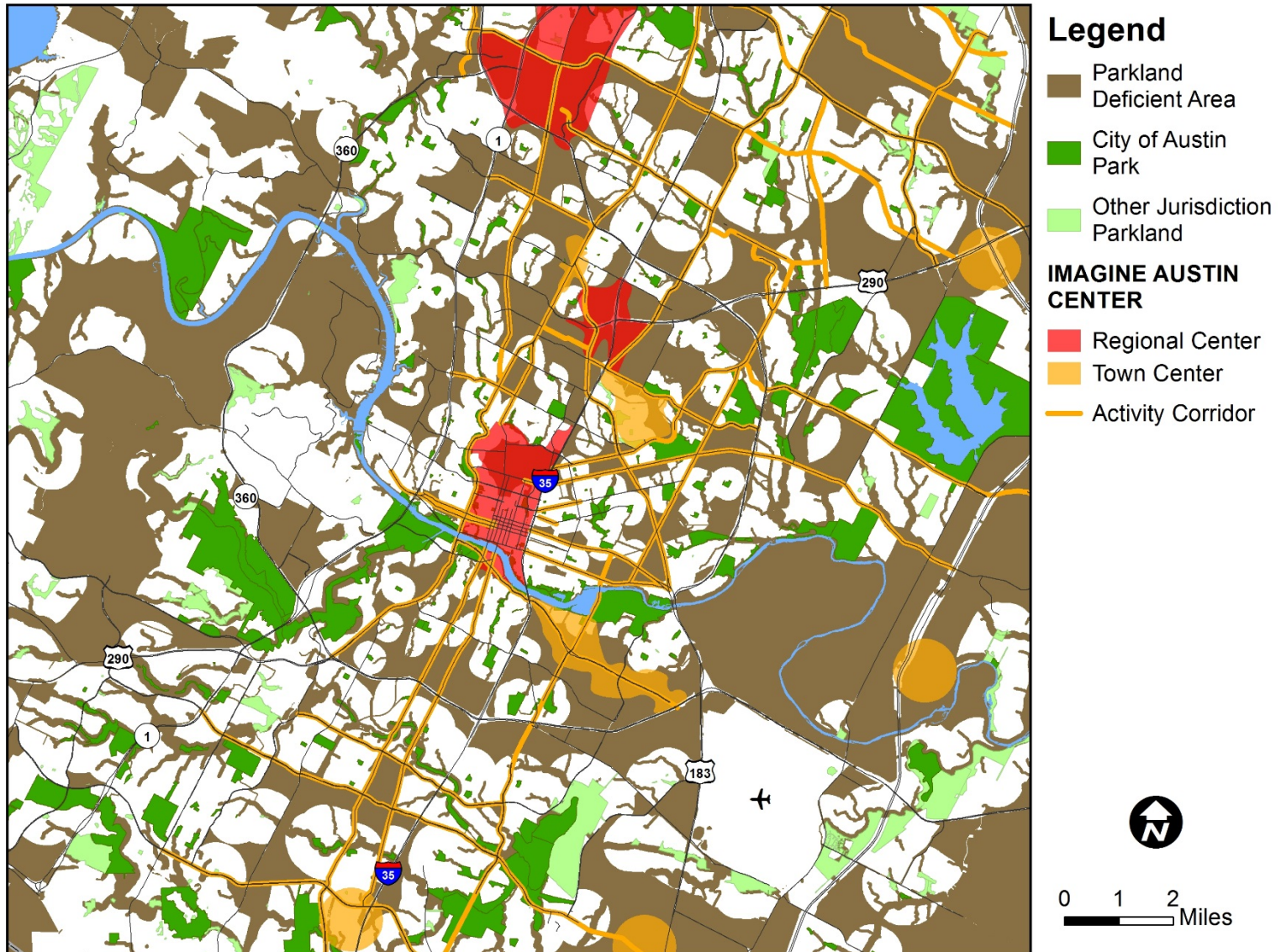
The Imagine Austin goal for access to parks is:

- $\frac{1}{4}$ mile walk in urban core
- $\frac{1}{2}$ mile walk outside the urban core



Adams-Hemphill Neighborhood Park

Infill parks to serve existing residents



Infill parks to serve existing residents

Located in park-deficient areas

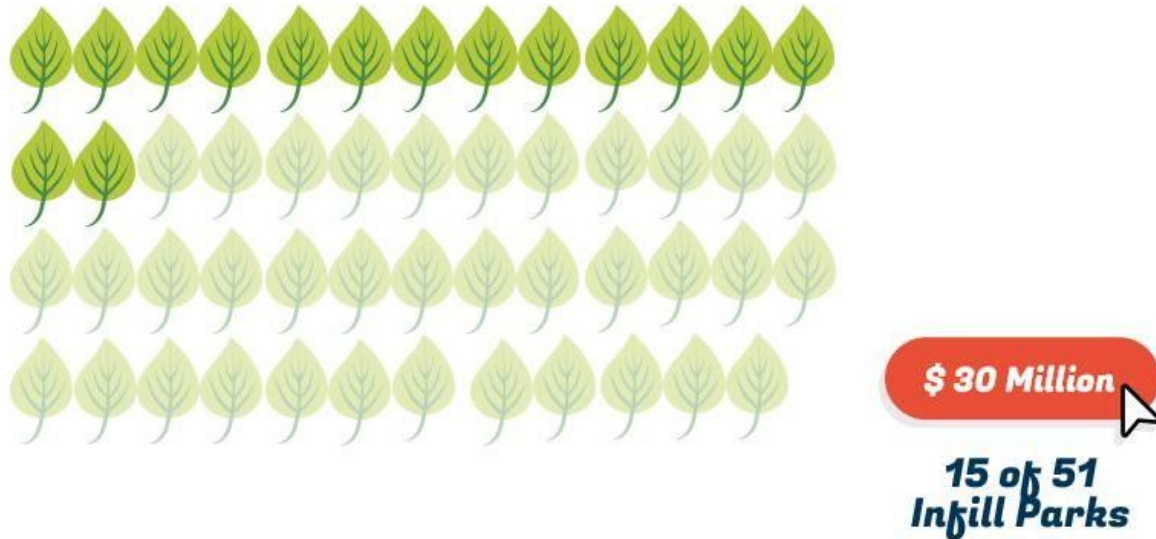
Pocket parks: up to 2 acres

Neighborhood parks: 2 – 30 acres



*Tom Lasseter-South Lamar
Neighborhood Park*

How the bonds will address the need



Destination park to serve existing residents

Greatest need is a metropolitan park in Oak Hill

~ 200 acres with sports fields

Explore partnership with WPD to preserve water quality

Another high priority:

North Austin metro park



Onion Creek Soccer Complex

Destination parks to serve existing residents



\$ 30 Million

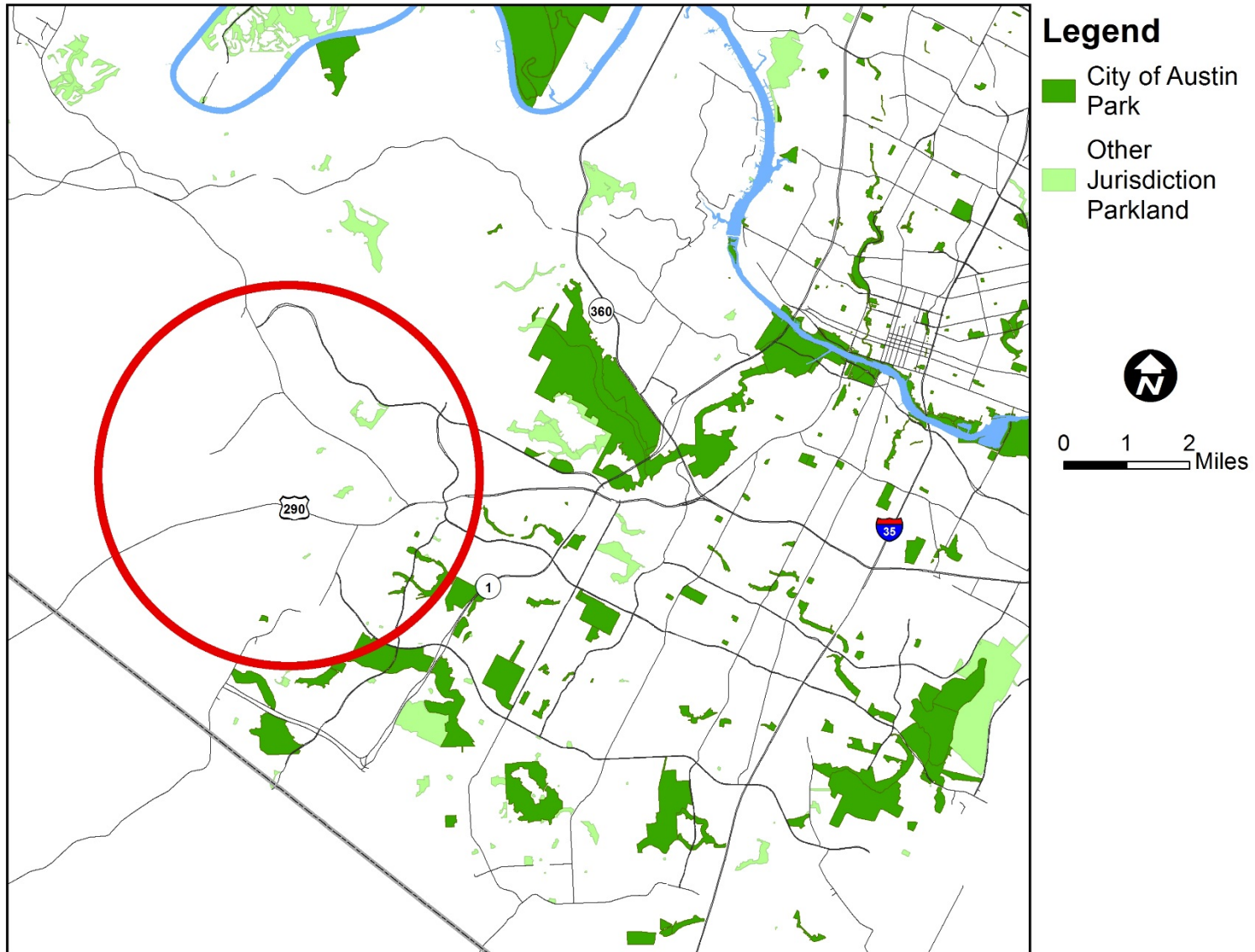
**1 of 2 metro
parks**



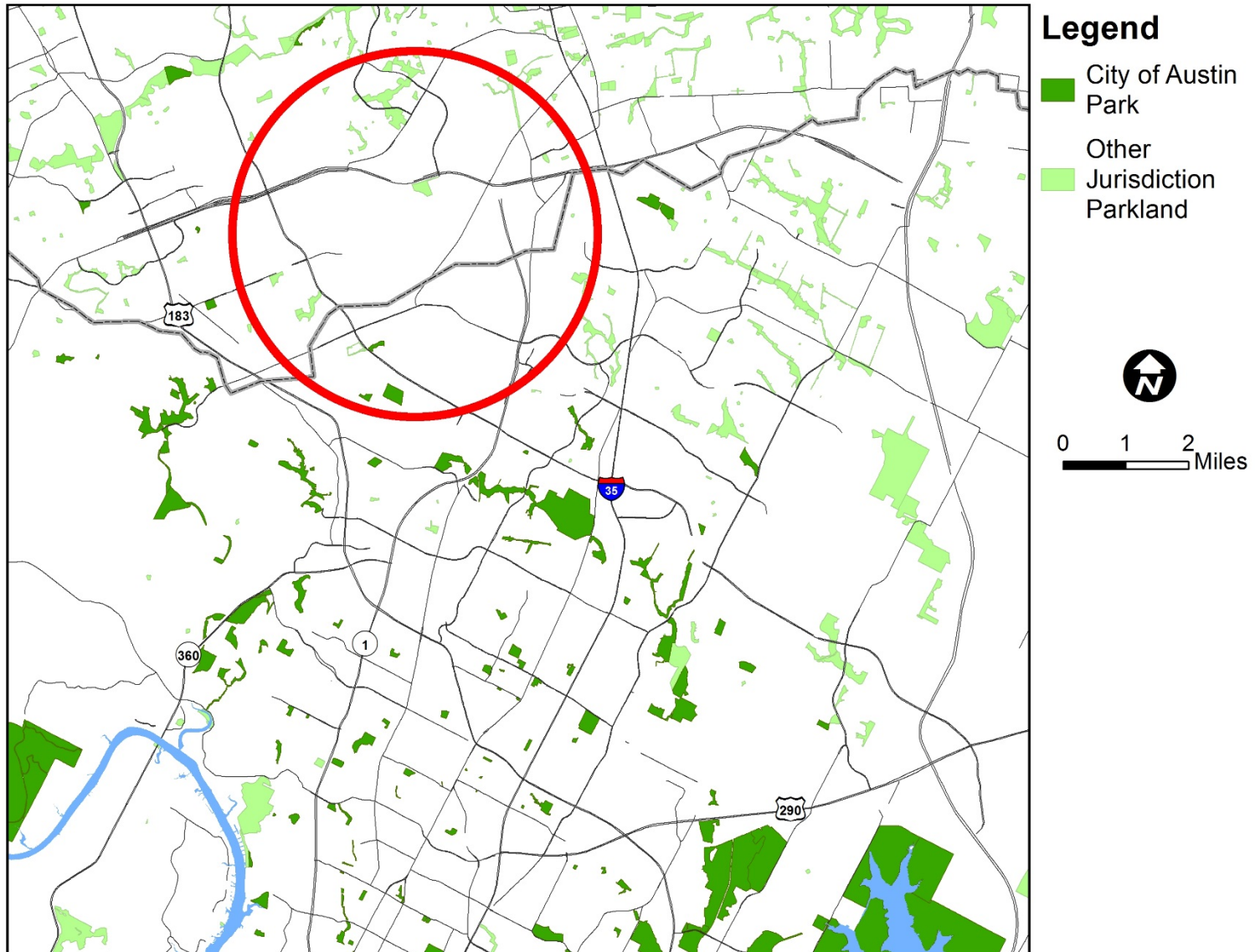
\$ 50 million

**2 of 2 metro
parks**

Preferred destination park location



With \$50,000,000, a north metro park could also be acquired



Greenbelt Acquisition Priorities

Southern

Bear Creek

Little Bear Creek

Onion Creek

Slaughter Creek

South Boggy Creek

Williamson Creek

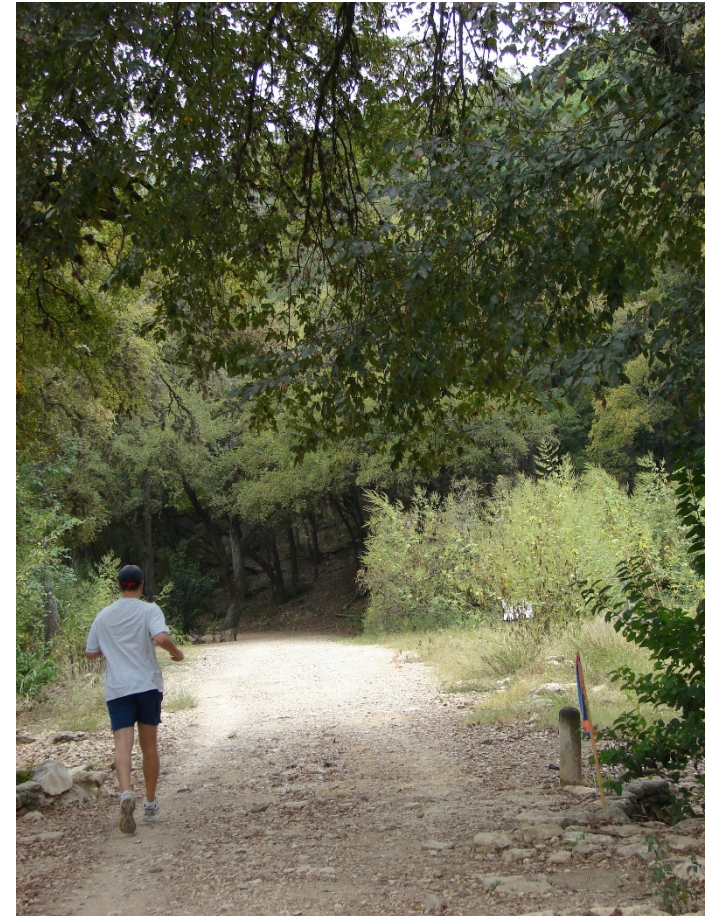
Colorado River

Northern

Bull Creek

Shoal Creek

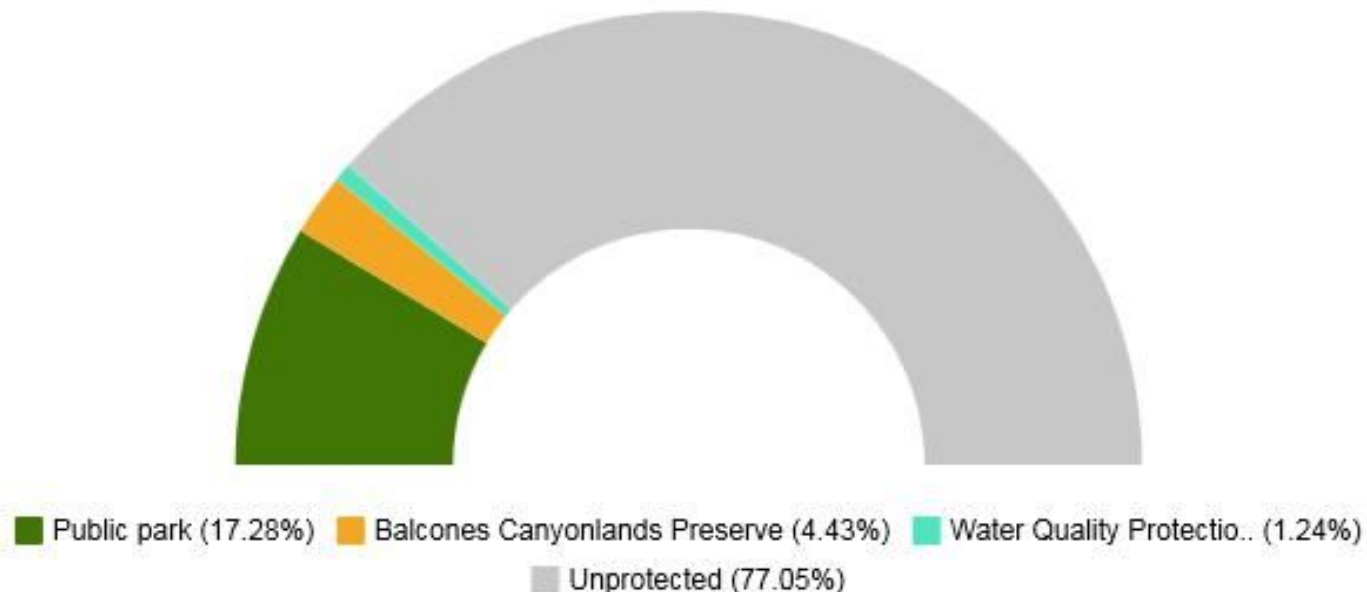
Walnut Creek



Shoal Creek Trail

About a quarter of the mileage of named creeks is protected by public lands

Protection of Named Creeks (563 miles total)



How far will the bonds go?

Bond Year	Funds	Acres	Parks Acquired or Expanded					
			Metro Parks	Sports Complexes & Centers	District Park	Neighborhood Parks	Pocket Parks	Green-belts
1998	\$40,000,000	2,045	3	3	1	2	1	8
2006	\$20,000,000	264	1	2	2	2	2	3
2012	\$ 4,000,000	99	0	0	0	3	0	3
2018*	\$30,000,000	500	1	0	0	15	0	10 miles
2018*	\$50,000,000	830	2	0	1	15	5	15 miles

* Proposed



Questions?



Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail

Contact Information

Randy Scott
Parks and Recreation Department
City of Austin
(512) 974-6591
Randy.Scott@austintexas.gov

Jackie Chuter
Parks and Recreation Department
City of Austin
(512) 974-9457
Jackie.chuter@austintexas.gov