

Barton Springs Bathhouse REHABILITATION

Welcome

Beverly S. Sheffield Education Center

- Experience the Exhibits
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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Permit

Incidental Take Permit education summary:

“The City will provide educational programs including the SPLASH Exhibit to enhance public awareness of salamander conservation. At least \$45,000 will be committed annually to salamander education efforts.”

“Educational signs will be installed to enhance public awareness of the salamander and the aquifer.”

The City will continue to provide educational programs to enhance public awareness and community support for *Eurycea sosorum*, *Eurycea waterlooensis*, Barton Springs, and the Edwards Aquifer. The SPLASH! Into the Edwards Aquifer Exhibit at Barton Springs Pool will continue to be a major focus of this effort. The mission of the SPLASH! Exhibit is to foster stewardship of the Barton Springs Segment of the Edwards Aquifer and Barton Springs through public education. The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department will dedicate a minimum of \$10,000 annually from the revenues generated by Barton Springs Pool to the development and maintenance of this exhibit. The City of Austin Watershed Protection Department will make available at least \$35,000 annually for the support of exhibits and events, and maintaining museum operating hours at the SPLASH exhibit. Outdoor educational displays will emphasize the biology and ecology of Barton Springs and the Edwards Aquifer with an emphasis on the Barton Springs Salamander, *Eurycea sosorum*, and the Austin Blind Salamander, *Eurycea waterlooensis*.

Content Themes

- The waters of Barton Springs are a finite and critical resource that supports life and community.
- Barton Springs has played a key role in shaping the human history of this area for thousands of years and continues to be integral to the identity of Austin's community.
- The quality and quantity of the water that emerges at Barton Springs is vital to the health and well-being of its inhabitants and visitors.
- Salamanders and humans can work together to protect this amazing and unique natural resource.

Learning Objectives

- Visitors will understand that Barton Springs is more than a place to swim.
- Visitors will learn what types of activities can negatively affect Barton Springs both inside the pool and sensitive areas of the Edwards Aquifer.
- Visitors will be informed about what they can do to preserve this amazing natural resource as well as the green spaces around it.
- Visitors will be introduced to the endangered salamanders that call Barton Springs home and understand the role they play in the stewardship of Barton Springs.
- Visitors will learn about the history of Zilker Park, Barton Springs and the Barton Springs Bathhouse.

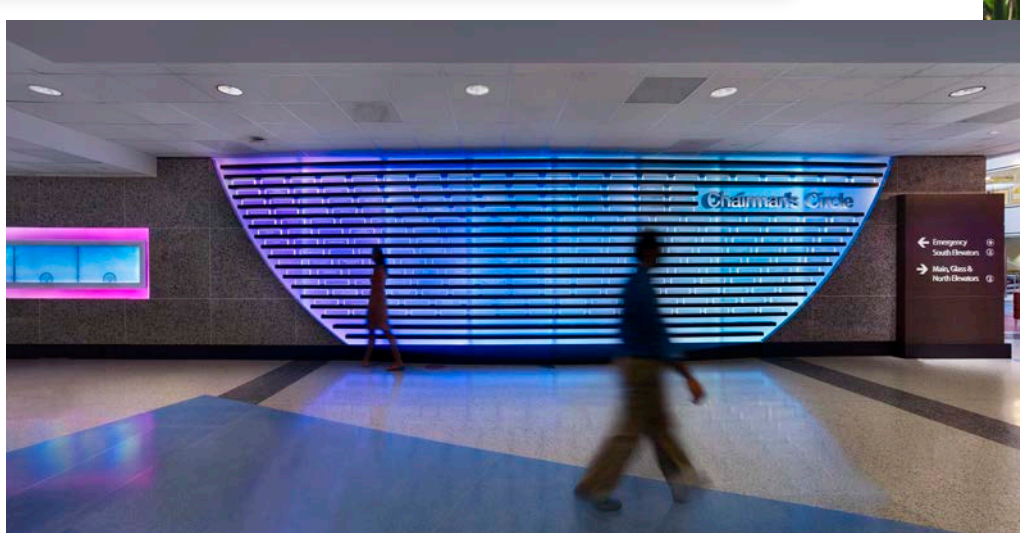
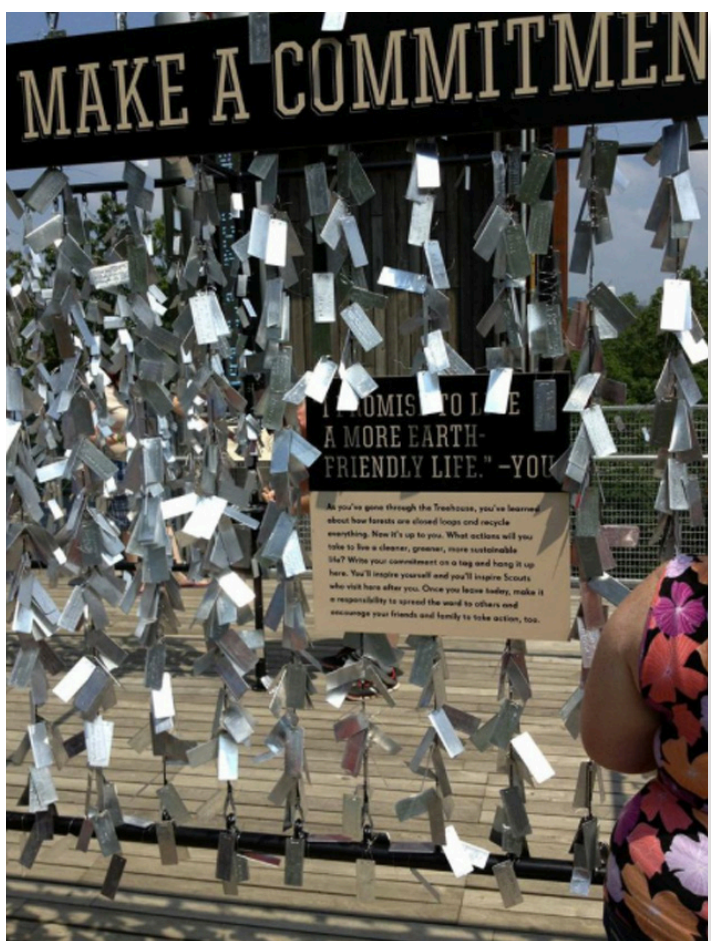
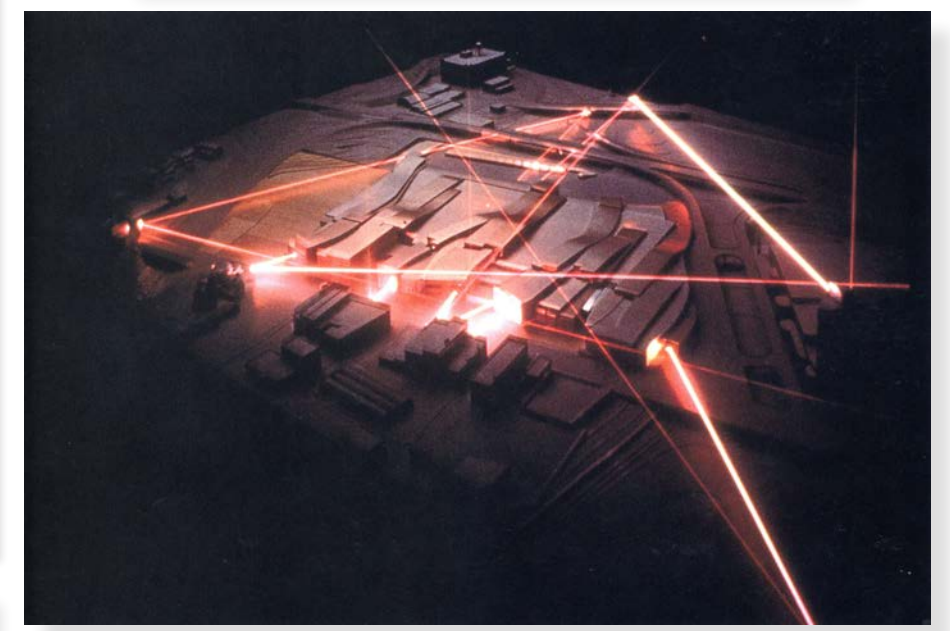
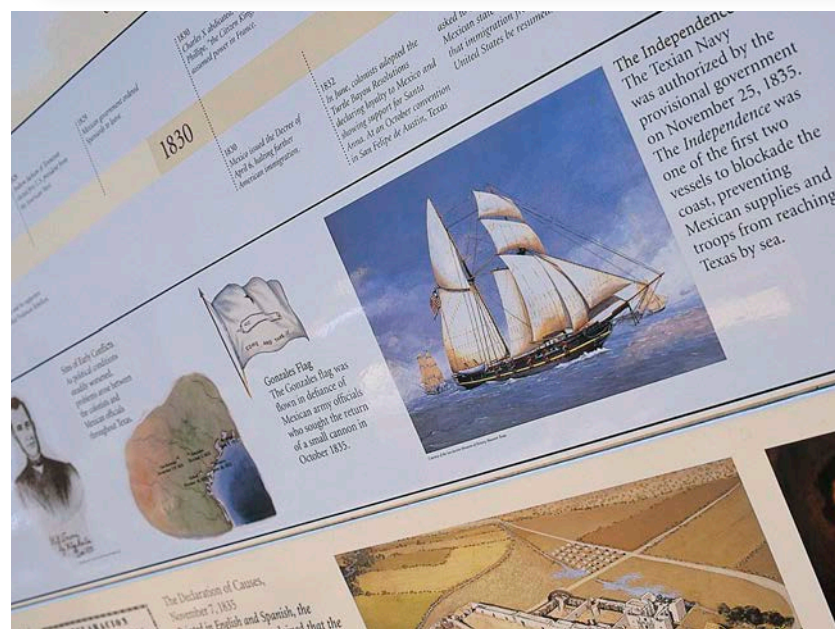
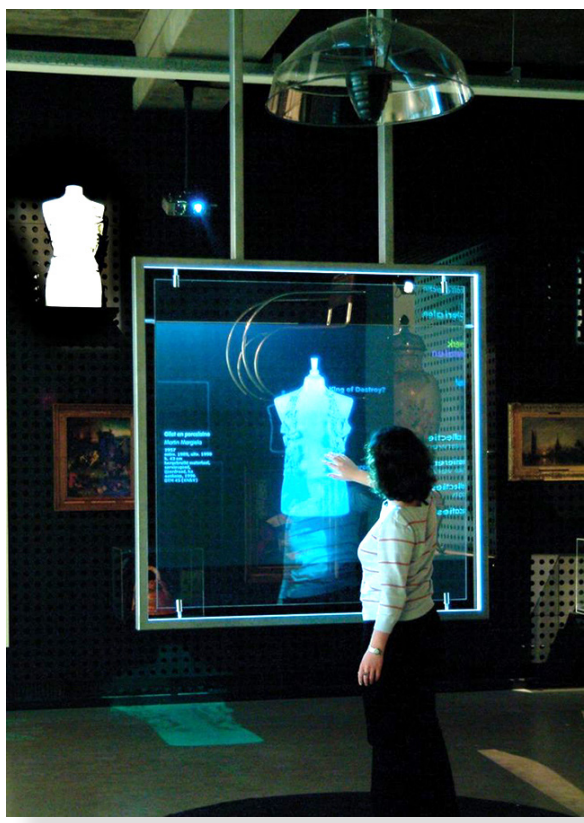
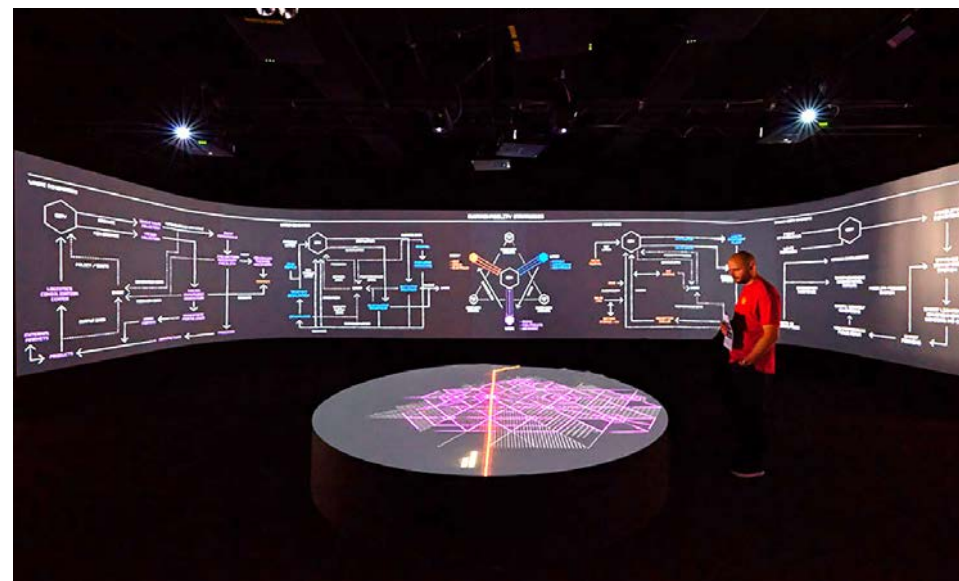
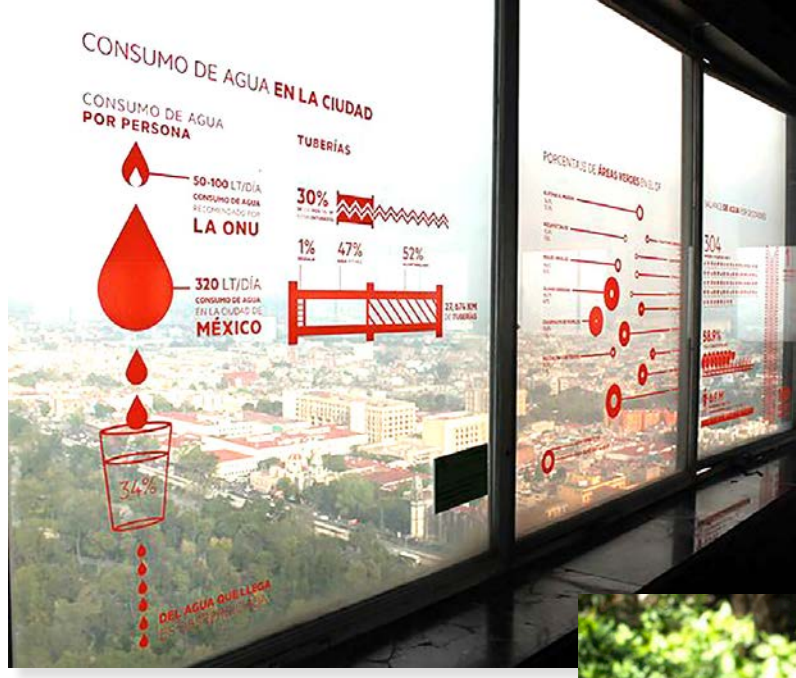
Emotional Objectives

- Visitors will want to protect Barton Springs.
- Visitors will feel a connection to groundwater issues through their experience at Barton Springs.
- Visitors will feel both joy and awe as they learn about the history and ecology of Barton Springs.
- Visitors will appreciate the importance of the signature species that live in Barton Springs.
- Visitors will appreciate the significance of Barton Springs and Zilker Park to the history of Austin.

Behavioral Objectives

- Visitors will share their knowledge and experience of Barton Springs and inspire new people to visit the springs.
- Visitors will become stronger groundwater stewards.
- Visitors will make a commitment to preserve Barton Springs for future generations.
- Visitors will support the continued stewardship of Barton Springs and the Bathhouse as significant historic, environmental and cultural resources.

Design Vocabulary



Barton Springs and Zilker Metropolitan Park Historic & Architectural Significance

- *Zilker Park National Register Historic District & Barton Springs National Register Archeological and Historical District* - Zilker Metropolitan Park is the oldest metropolitan park in Austin and holds a wealth of cultural and historic landmarks ranging from pre-historic archeological sites to 1930s buildings and cultural landscape features from New Deal era federal investment.
- Barton Springs Bathhouse was designed by Dan Driscoll in the Streamline Moderne Style. Dedicated in 1947, the bathhouse project was featured in *Architectural Record* magazine, a national architectural journal.
- The Barton Springs Bathhouse is an architectural and historic landmark and holds multiple designations:
 - City of Austin Historic Landmark
 - State Antiquities Landmark
 - National Register of Historic Places

Memory Board - please add yours

“Barton Springs is a treasured historic gathering place that is a part of a unique and fragile groundwater ecosystem.”