



GOVALLE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK POOL IMPROVEMENTS

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Public Meeting 1 Summary

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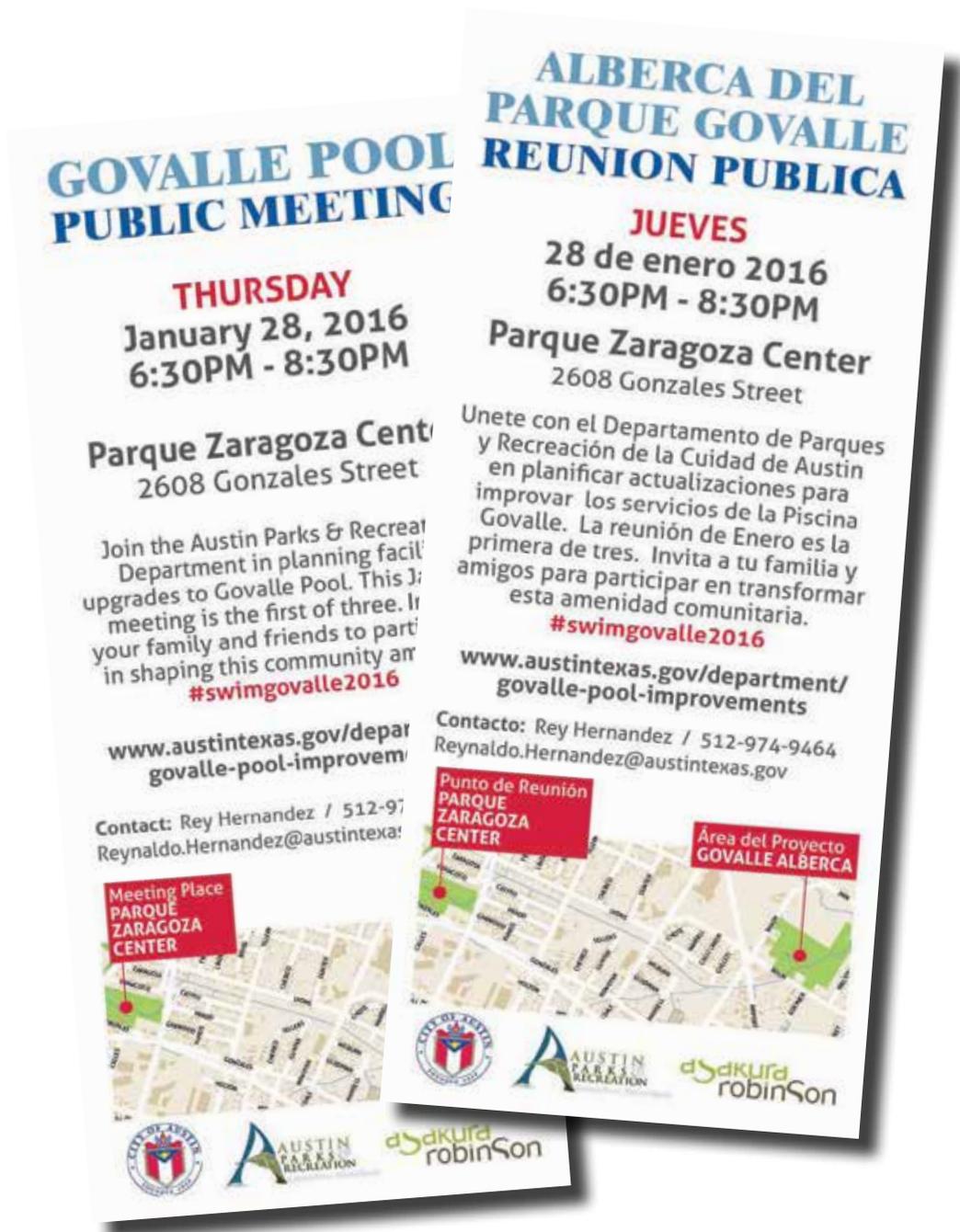


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Introduction

The project team held an initial public meeting for Govalle Neighborhood Park Pool Improvements on January 28th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Approximately twenty community members participated to provide their input on location, site plans, desired resources, and design preferences. Several efforts were made prior to the meeting to inform the community. Flyers were distributed to Govalle and UT Elementary Schools as well as through the Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center. The Springdale Airport Neighborhood Association and several neighborhood associations near Govalle were informed of the public meeting via NextDoor.



Site Concept Activity

Participants received a site plan and appropriately sized amenity “gamepieces” to produce concept schemes based on their personal experience, desires for pool amenities, and preferred pool uses. Several themes became evident when community members were asked why certain site plan configurations or design themes were preferred. The goal of this exercise was to establish preferred shapes and relationships.

Concept B was the most preferred option among participants as it located the future bath house in close, visible access to both the pool area and playground and preserved the softball field.

Recreation and Amenities

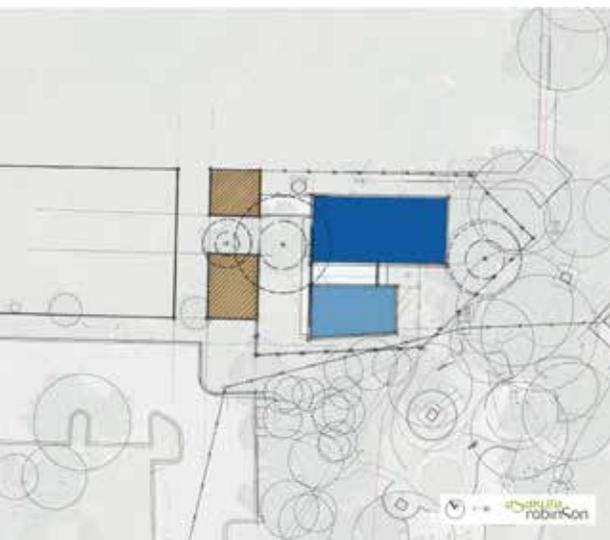
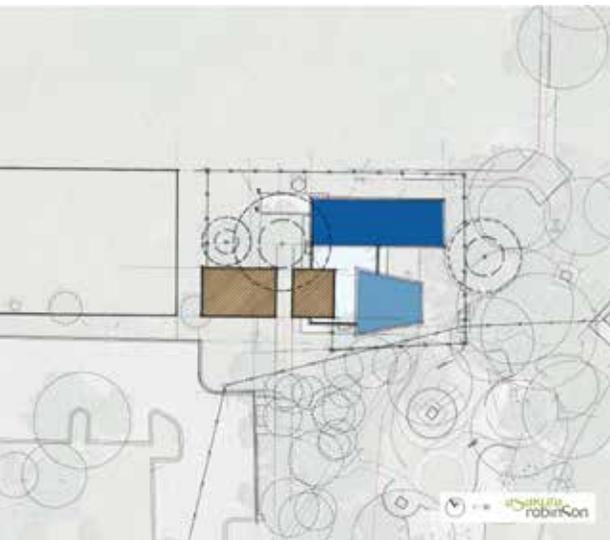
Participants cited many activities they envisioned as appropriate uses for the pool. Many wanted to ensure the lap pool had adequate room to accommodate older youth in an open swim area. Others with young children wanted to make sure there were activities for younger children such as a small slide or fountains. One group agreed they would support a six-lane pool because it enabled the neighborhood to host swim meets. It was clear overall that participants wanted to provide as much diversity in activities for different age groups as possible. Participants also expressed that a lack of seating for adults, primarily parents and grandparents, limits adult enjoyment of the pool deck while children are in the pool.

Some participants expressed that showers outside of the pool enclosure would enable users of the park to cool off or wash off without entering the pool area and without needing to lock up a bike. Participants offered mixed views regarding the fate of the softball field. Some were nostalgic and mentioned decades of use earlier in their lives. Some were unopposed to relocating the field but hoped improvements could be made to formalize it. One participant was unopinionated regarding the softball field but wanted to ensure open space was maintained as a play space for dogs. The existing restroom in the park was thought to be not worth preserving because of its poor condition, additional operation and maintenance expenses, and potential security issues as it is isolated from the rest of the park and hidden. Additionally, participants thought that money should be put into enlarging new restrooms if possible.

The general consensus from multiple groups was that solar panel integration within the design would be a welcome measure. Limited parking was a concern as trail, park, and potential activity center use would increase traffic to the same area. Finally, multiple participants agreed that a raised area or berm would be an ideal location for lounging and could potentially serve a dual-use as a viewing area for activities on the softball field.

Safety

Numerous safety concerns were mentioned by various participants. Some participants suggested that the bathhouse be situated in close proximity to the shallow area of the activity pool to discourage unsafe behavior such as running. Concerns were raised over the current distance between the existing pool and bathrooms. Additionally, lifeguards and families with varied ages of children would be better equipped to monitor all pool and pool deck activities if buildings and other structures do not block any views between pools, seating areas, and bath house entrances. It was clear that situating the bath house in sight of where parents may be with other children would significantly improve their experience.



Access

A primary concern of most participants regarded access to the pool from the neighborhood and school; as well as greater seasonal access. Issues of neighborhood connectivity were addressed despite being beyond the scope of the project - many were frustrated that a pedestrian crossing for the nearby railroad tracks did not exist. One participant mentioned that either multiple entrances or in the least, an exit near the north east side of the pool area would benefit them - others agreed that the accessible entrance proposed on the south side was not the most convenient when traveling by foot.

Seasonal pool closures were mentioned as a problem. Participants hoped that the Parks and Recreations Department could lengthen their operating season. Some concerns were also raised about the availability of lifeguards affecting pool hours. Additionally, swim meets, private events, and other scenarios at other pools were cited as negative programming because of their effect on neighborhood/community use of the pool. Numerous participants expressed that the pool was a vital resource to neighborhood kids who “have no where else to go in the summer” and who should not be pushed out because of private or other organized activities.

Multiple participants mentioned that restroom access should be available even when the pool is not. Finally, there was an overarching concern that pool improvements may not be large enough to accommodate the neighborhood’s growing population. Participants stated that the presence of Govalle Pool as a neighborhood resource should not be put at risk by promoting regional use.

Shade

Shade both in the pool and on pool decks is important in this project. Numerous participants expressed that the presence of a large tree is popular with community members because it protects users from late afternoon sun. However, some participants stated there was not enough shade to accommodate all pool users and expressed that designs should attempt to provide more shade by situating pools and seating areas near existing trees or by incorporating shade structures.

***“IT’S TIME.
IT’S OUR TIME.”***



***“THIS IS A
COMMUNITY
POOL, NOT
FIESTA
GARDENS...”***



***“I LEARNED
TO SWIM AT
THAT POOL AND
NOW I’M IN MY
SEVENTIES”***



***“...SHOULD
ALWAYS BE
OPEN.”***



User Survey

Attendees completed a short survey upon check-in with the goal of understanding how they envision using Govalle Pool. Questions were geared toward understanding what resources were most important to them and why.

SURVEY PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN BEFORE LEAVING
ENCUESTA POR FAVOR COMPLETE Y DEVOLVE ANTES DE IRSE

1. How often do you visit the pool? / ¿Con que frecuencia visita la piscina? Daily / Diariamente Occasionally / Ocasionalmente
 Weekly / Semanalmente Rarely / Casi nunca Never / Nunca

2. How do you typically arrive at the pool? / ¿Cómo suele llegar a la piscina?
 Drive / Manejando Bike / Bicicleta Walk / Caminando Bus Other / Otro _____

3. Do/would you visit or have you visited the pool with children? If yes, what ages?
¿Visita/o visitaría la piscina con sus niños? ¿Cuáles son las edades, si respondió sí?
 Always / Siempre Sometimes / A veces Never / Nunca Ages / Años: _____

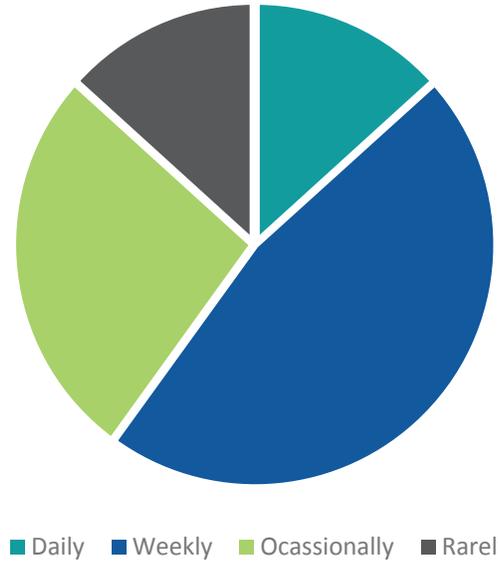
4. How do/would you like to use the pool area? Check all that apply:
¿Cómo le gustaría utilizar la zona de la piscina? Marque todos los que correspondan:
 Swim laps / Natacion Leisure swim / Natacion informal Lounging / Relajo
 Exercise / Ejercicio Water play / Juegos de agua Swim lessons / Clases de natación
 Other / Otro _____

5. Additional comments / Comentarios adicionales: _____

Survey Results

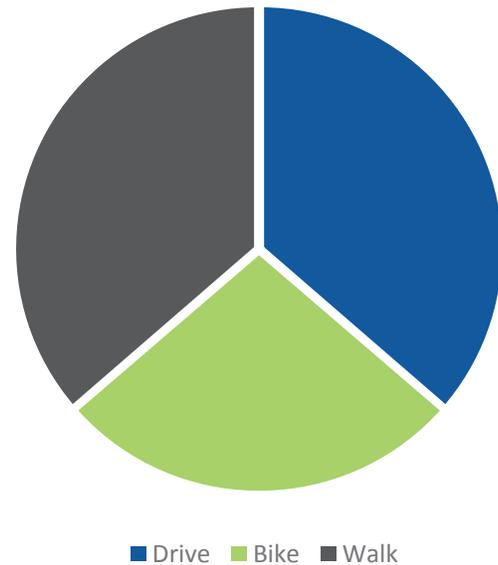
How often do you visit the pool?

Answer Choices	Responses
Daily	13.33% 2
Weekly	46.67% 7
Ocasionally	26.67% 4
Rarely	13.33% 2
Never	0.00% 0
Total	15



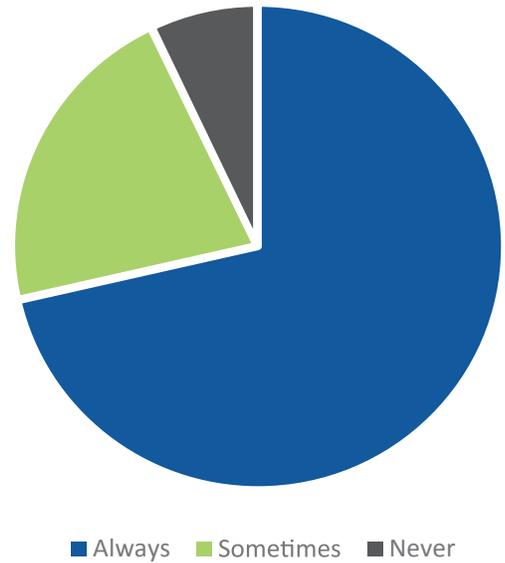
How do you typically arrive at the pool?

Answer Choices	Responses
Drive	53.33% 8
Bike	40.00% 6
Walk	53.33% 8
Bus	0.00% 0
Other	0.00% 0



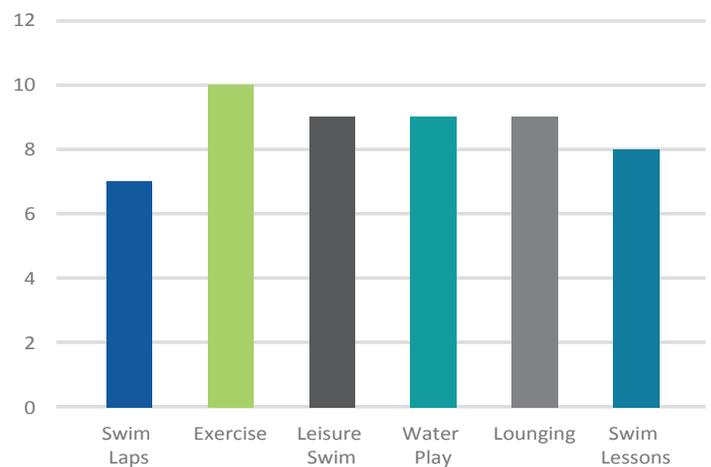
Do/would you visit or have you visited the pool with children?

Answer Choices	Responses
Always	71.43% 10
Sometimes	21.43% 3
Never	7.14% 1
Total	14



How do/would you you like to use the pool area?

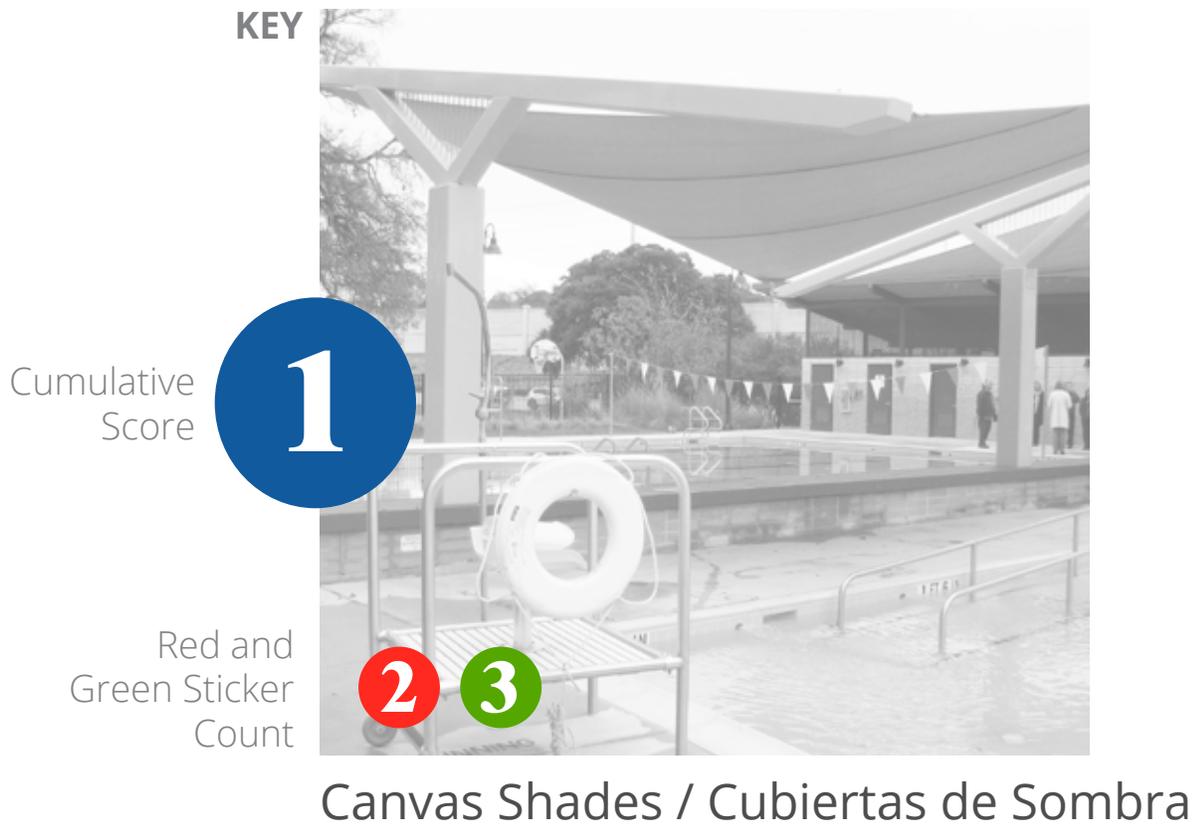
Answer Choices	Responses
Swim Laps	46.67% 7
Exercise	66.67% 10
Leisure Swim	60.00% 9
Water Play	60.00% 9
Lounging	60.00% 9
Swim Lessons	53.33% 8





Design Preference Results

Participants were given red and green stickers to participate in prioritization of design preferences in regard to pool activities, open space, themes, shading, lighting, and fencing. Each participant was asked to place a green sticker on their most preferred precedent in each category; and, a red sticker on their least preferred precedent. All preferences will be evaluated by Parks and Recreation Department staff for feasibility.



Design Preference Results

POOL ACTIVITIES / ACTIVIDADES DE PISCINA



A child is climbing a blue wall with colorful handholds in a pool setting.

5

0 **5**

Climbing Wall / Muro de Escalada



Water bubblers are spraying water into the air in a pool area.

5

2 **7**

Bubblers / Chorros de Agua



A child is sitting on a green lily pad float in a pool.

4

0 **4**

Lily Pads / Hojas sobre Aqua



Children are learning to swim in a pool, with one child splashing water.

4

0 **4**

Learning to Swim / Aprender a Nadar



A shelf bench is visible underwater in a pool.

4

1 **5**

Shelf Bench / Banco de Bajo Aqua



People are swimming laps in a pool with lane lines.

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2 **5**

Lap Swimming / Nadar en Vuelta

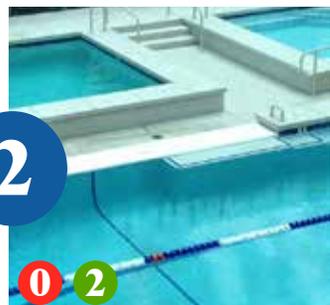


A beach entry pool with a ramp leading into the water.

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2 **4**

Beach Entry Pool / Entra Playera



An ADA accessible transition wall is shown in a pool.

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ADA Accessible Transition Wall / Entrada para Incapacitados

OPEN SPACE / AREA ABIERTAS



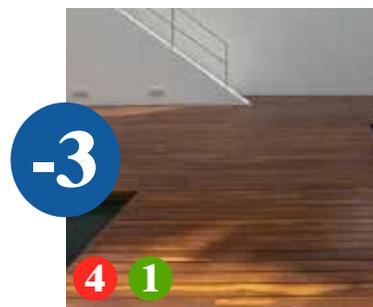
Open Lawn / Area de Césped



Rain Garden / Jardín de Filtración



Native Plants / Plantas Indígenas



Wood Deck(s) / Terraza de Madera



Limestone Seating / Asientos de Piedra Calizada

Design Preference Results

THEMES / TEMAS



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0 **4**
Traditional Mexican Tile /
Azulejos Tradicionales
Mexicano



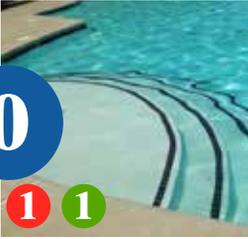
2
1 **3**
Color Tiles / Azulejos de Color



1
0 **1**
Ella Wooten Pool / Piscina Ella
Wooten



1
1 **2**
Tiled Activity Pool /
Piscina de Actividades con
Azulejos



0
1 **1**
Plaster Pool Bottom /
Fondo de la Piscina de Yeso



-1
1 **0**
Mission Style / Estilo Misión



-2
2 **0**
Contemporary /
Contemporáneo



-4
4 **0**
Westenfield Pool / Piscina
Westenfield



-4
4 **0**
Contemporary / Contemporáneo

SHADING / SOMBRA



6

0 6

Solar Panel Pergola /
Pérgola con Paneles Solar



6

0 6

Trees for Shade / Arboles para Sombra



1

2 3

Shade Structure / Estructuras de
Sombra



1

1 2

Ornamental Shade Structures /
Sombra Ornamental



-7

7 0

Trellis / Pergola

Design Preference Results

LIGHTING / LUZES



Modern / Moderno



Contemporary / Contemporáneo



Modern / Moderno



Industrial / Industrial



Modern / Moderno



Westenfield



Punched Tin / Lata Perforada



Industrial / Industrial



Wayfinding / Marcador de Hallazgo



Spanish Style / Estilo Español

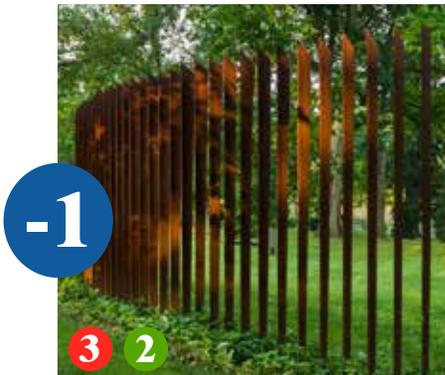
FENCING / ENCERADOS



Grow Wall Fence, Non-climbable / Cercado Vegetativo No escalable



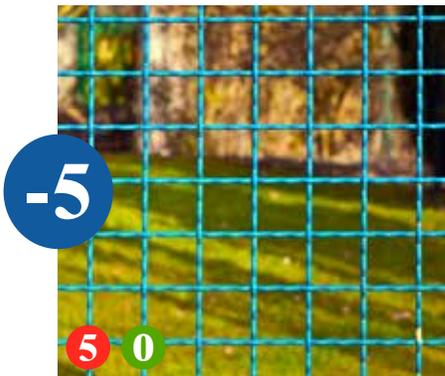
Wrought Iron Fence, Non-climbable / Cercado de Hierro Forjado, No escalable



Modern Fence, Non-climbable / Cercado Moderno, No escalable



Painted Metal Fence, Non-climbable / Cercado Metal Pintado, No escalable



Painted Mesh Fence, Non-climbable / Cercado Malla Pintada, No escalable



Coated Chain-Link Fence, Non-climbable / Cercado de Alambre recubierta, No escalable

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