

Neighborhood Partnering Program Application Summary

Project Name: Murchison Playscape

Applicant: Northwest Civic Association (NWACA)

Project location: 3700 North Hills Dr.



Project Scope & Description – Council District 10

- This project is to build “Murchison Playground” adjacent to Murchison Pool, on existing PARD land at the corner of Far West Blvd and Hart Lane. This area is considered by PARD to be parkland deficient. As the pool is only open during the summer months, this playground will make this parkland usable year-round, and true to the vision of a pocket-park

Project Costs & Cost Match

Total Project Costs: \$354,595

NWACA – Professional Services and Cash	\$177,500
City of Austin – Construction & Contingency	\$177,095

NWACA Cost Share: \$178,350

Professional Services and Cash	\$177,500
Community Maintenance Match (Not Included in Total Project Costs)	\$0

Project Category: Large: \$150,00 - \$500,000

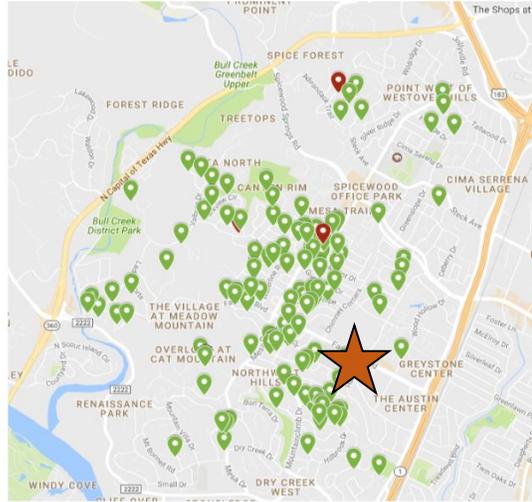
Cost Match Requirement (Community Cost Share / Total Project Costs): Met

Required Minimum Community Match (%):	50%
Actual Community Match (%)	50%

Description of Support, Participation & Maintenance

Evidence of Support Map

Total Number of Support Signatures	174
Impacted Households	N/A
Impacted Stakeholders Signatures	N/A
Percentage	N/A



- The playground has been designed by PARD. Their own maintenance for playgrounds has been considered in the planning. The equipment selected for the playground meets the city standards for maintenance of playground equipment.
- The NWACA Parks Committee will use the APF “It’s My Park Day” as a means to gather volunteers to refresh the landscaping for the playground twice annually.
- Volunteer days for additional clean-up and landscaping maintenance, as needed

This project has no directly impacted stakeholders

Evidence of Support Criteria: MET

Quality of Life Enhancements & Incorporation of City Initiatives

- Building this playground is to put a public playground in a parkland deficient area of Austin that also has very high population density. A playground within walking distance is a vital piece of helping young children become active from an early age
- A great challenge to our community is that there are no public playgrounds within 2 miles of the heart of the neighborhood that are open during the school day. The only playground access that the rest of the neighborhood has is to elementary school Playgrounds (Doss and Hill) that are not accessible during school hours or during after-school care, which extends until 5 pm
- Establish a regulatory environment that creates communities across Austin that provides a range of facilities and services such as schools, parks, community gardens, and other public gathering spaces: (HN A24)

