

Urban Trails Master Plan

Summary of Changes

- P. 2-4: Each Urban Trail will have a goal of not only preserving but also improving conditions for wildlife habitat.
- P. 2-5: An independent, certified wildlife biologist or ecologist will be included as part of the preliminary engineering and design team for all Urban Trail projects.
- P. 3-4: The Plan contains Tier I and Tier II Urban Trails. Tier I Urban Trails are those that have been identified as serving a high number of potential users. These trails are often located near dense population; connect to multiple destinations and attractions; and have been partially constructed. Many Tier I trails have existing trail segments or are partially funded. Tier II Urban Trails are those that have been identified either during the planning process for this plan or during previous trail planning processes. The City of Austin will seek development, planning or land use changes which may trigger an assessment of the feasibility of Tier II Urban Trails.
- P. 5-10: At least two open house opportunities will occur during the Preliminary Engineering Report phase of Urban Trails to gain feedback from adjacent stakeholders; including appropriate environmental advocacy organizations.
- P. 5-11: Any Urban Trail design that cannot meet minimum standards or policies as provided by the City of Austin Code will brief appropriate boards and commissions prior to finalizing design. Additionally, a no-build option will be considered at all times while determining the feasibility of Urban Trails.
- P. A-2: The Trail Criteria Manual (TCM) will be initiated upon approval of the UTMP by Council. Development of the TCM will take approximately 12 months.
- P. A-5: Permeable trail surfaces will be used when feasible.
- P. A-8: During Urban Trail construction appropriate care will be taken to water existing trees located within 5'- 10' from the Urban Trail.
- P. A-8: Urban Trails will include appropriate green infrastructure such as rain gardens, vegetated filter strips, and directed sheet flows to contribute to sustainable vegetation management.
- P. A-11: All Urban Trails will be compliant with the International Dark Sky Policy.
- P. A-20: All branches overhanging Urban Trails will be pruned following Environmental Criteria Manual regulations (Oak Wilt City Policy) by certified arborists.
- P. A-20: Tree species selection for Urban Trails shall consist of long lived native shade trees and native understories appropriate for the site.
- P. A-21: The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department will determine appropriate width and surface type for all Urban Trails located on parkland.”