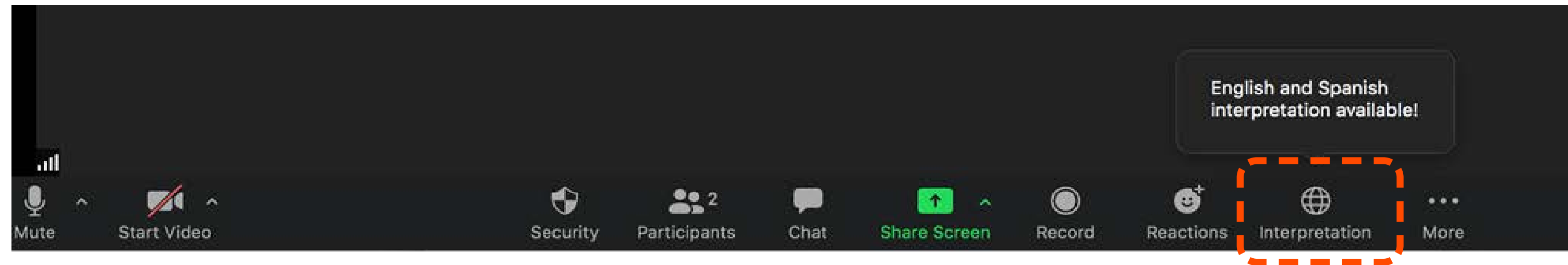


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**VISION PLAN**

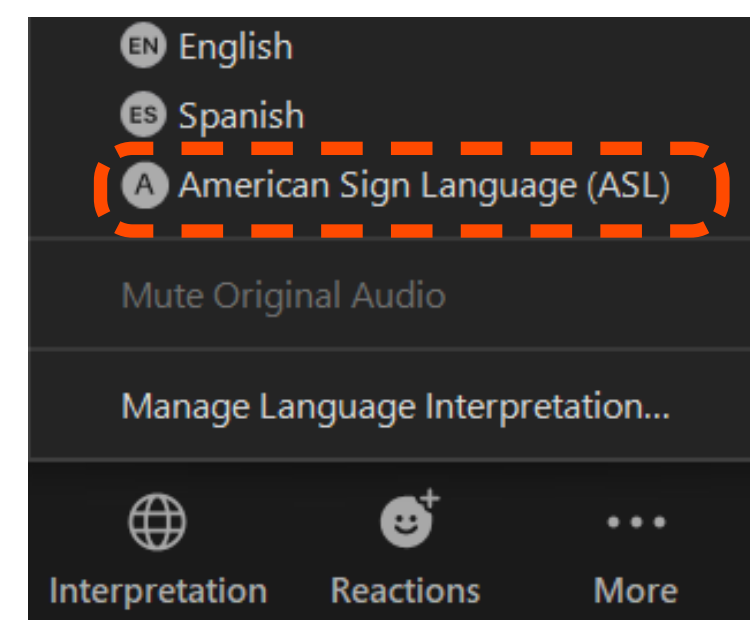
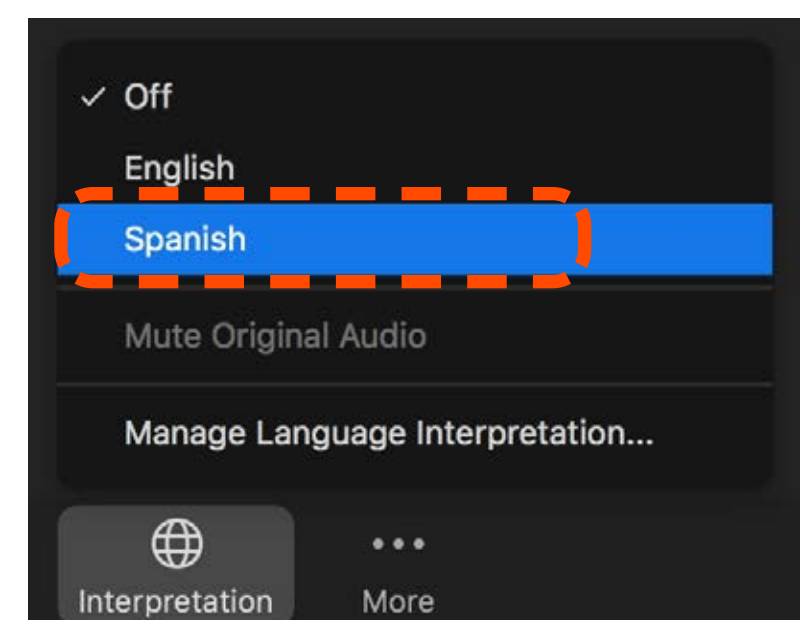
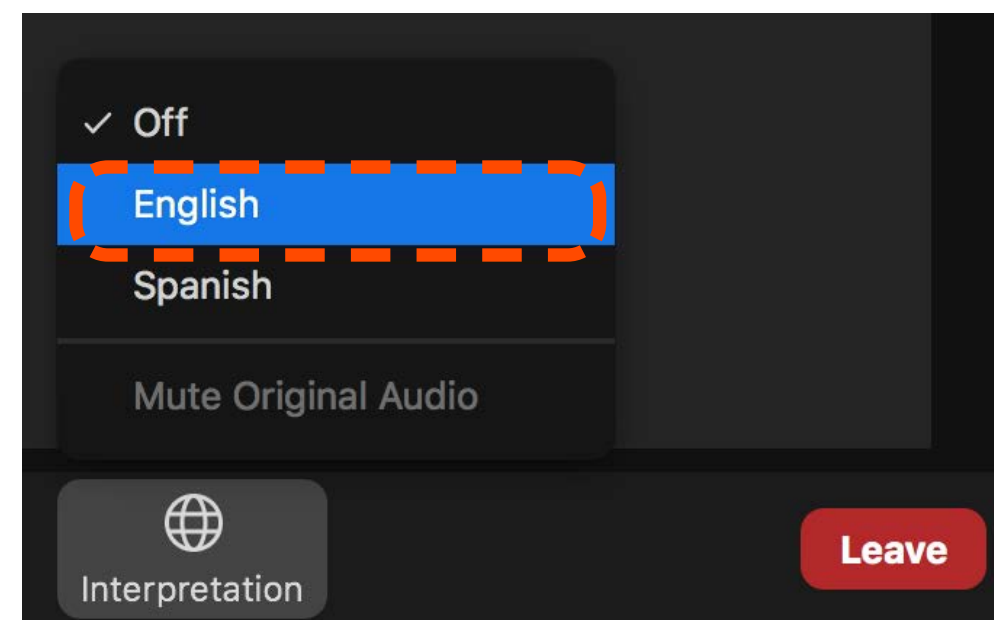
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**BIENVENIDOS**

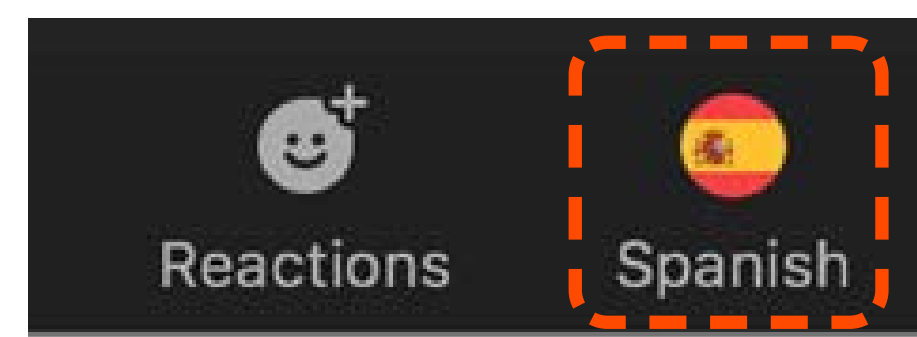
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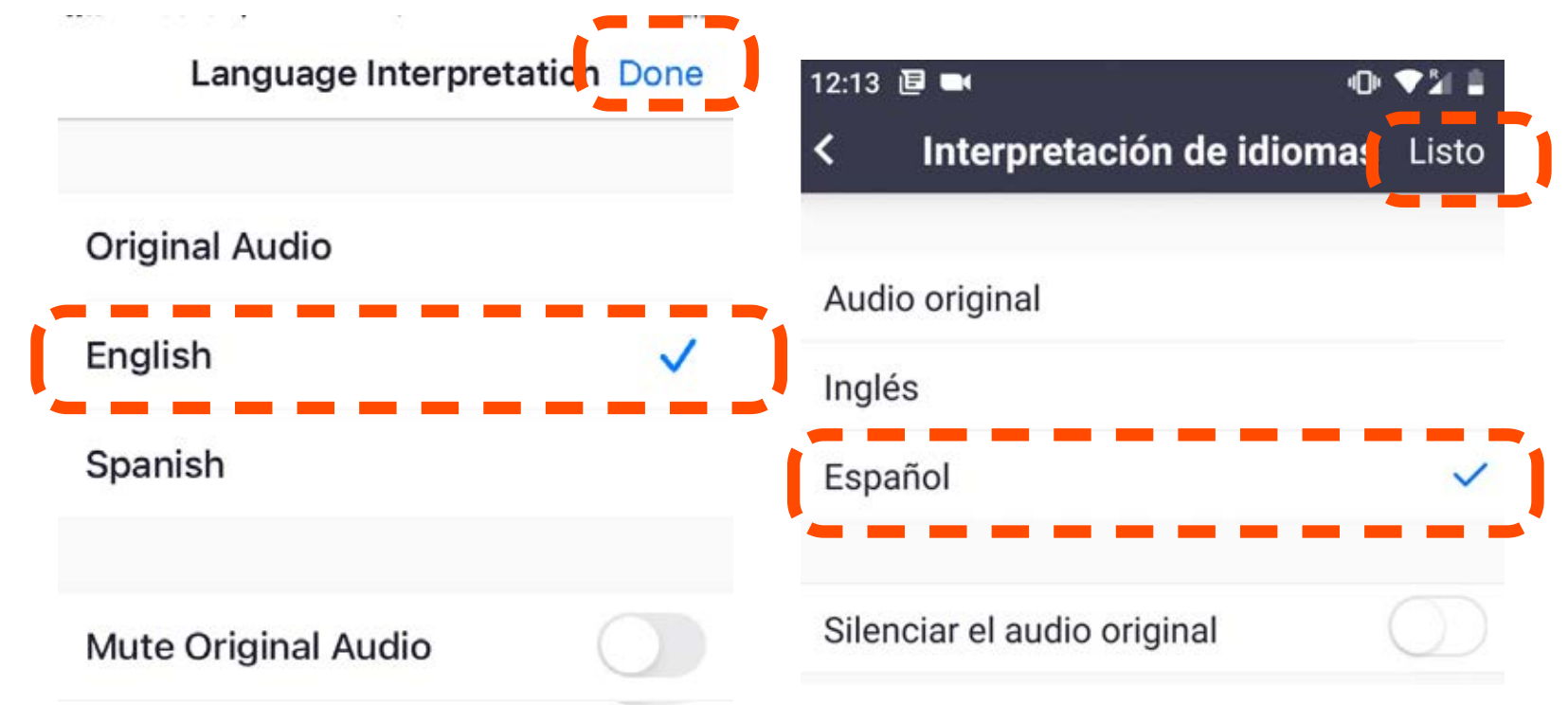
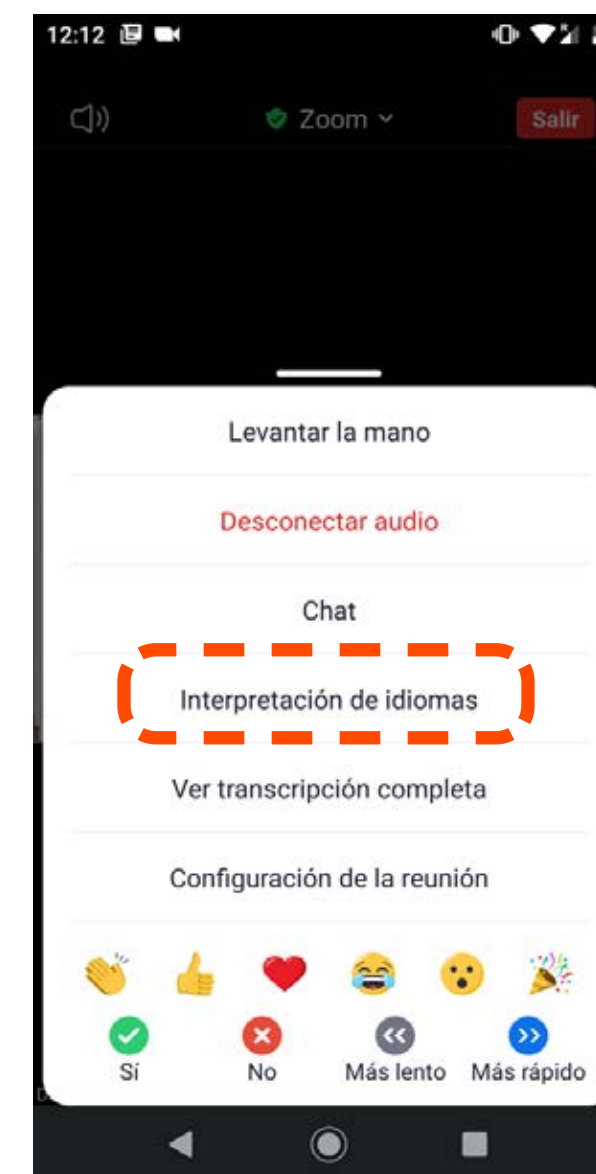
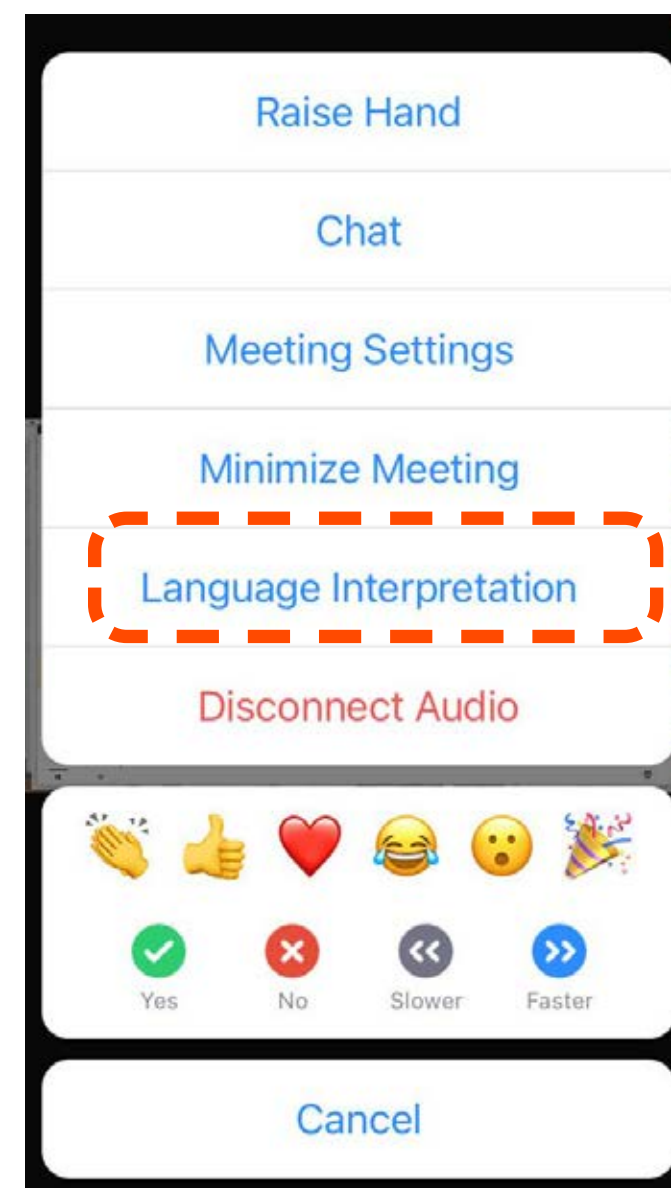
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Elige tu idioma de preferencia



**3** You are set!  
¡Listo!

# ACCESSING INTERPRETATION FROM PHONE/TABLET

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### 1 Click 'More' to find interpretation

Haz clic en **MÁS** para encontrar interpretación

### 2 Click 'Language Interpretation'

Haz clic en interpretación de idiomas. Podrás elegir tu idioma.

### 3 Select your preferred language and click 'Done'

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# COMMUNITY MEETING #3

OCTOBER 19, 2021



DESIGNWORKSHOP

# AGENDA

1. Zoom Housekeeping
2. Project Schedule
3. Review of Community Engagement
4. Goals and Guiding Principles
5. Purpose of the Meeting
6. Scenarios
  - Programming
  - Accessibility, Mobility, and Transportation
  - Ecology
7. Next Steps



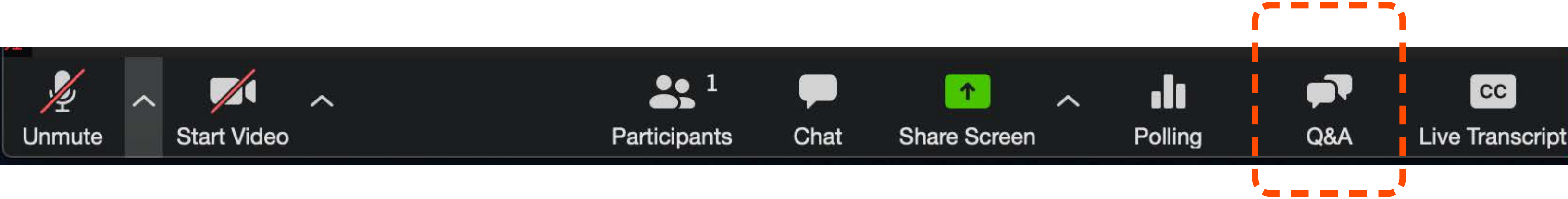
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## Q&A

- For asking questions during the webinar and for the panelists, co-hosts, and host to answer their questions.
- With the public Q&A feature enabled, attendees can answer each other's questions and also up-vote each other's questions.

## CHAT

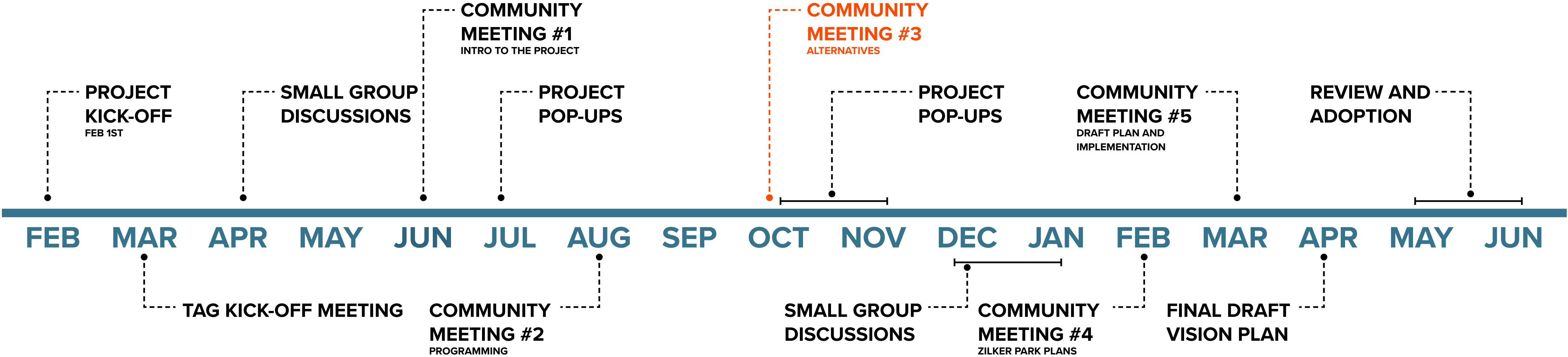
- To communicate with the panelists during the webinar, including leaving comments and asking technical or presentation-related questions.



**1** Click the Q&A button to ask questions

**2** Allow panelists to answer it

# SCHEDULE



**Strategic Kick-Off and Project Initiation**

- Project Work Plan
- Kick-Off Meeting
- Technical Advisory Group Meetings
- Progress Reports

**Site and Contextual Analysis and Data**

- Site Analysis and Needs Assessment Report
- Presentation of the Site Analysis and Needs Assessment Report
- Presentation of the Site Analysis and Needs Assessment Report to City Commission, Boards, City Manager and City Council
- Community Wide Survey

**Project Meetings**

- Project Meetings Materials
- Stakeholder Contract
- List Meeting Minutes and Summaries

**Stakeholder/Community Participation**

- Community Outreach and Engagement Plan
- Community Engagement and Outreach

**City Staff, Public Review/Boards, Commissions, Council Review**

- Draft Vision Plan
- Final Draft Vision Plan Document
- Presentation of Final Draft Vision Plan Document to City Commission, Boards, City Manager and City Council

**Vision Plan Report Preparation**

- Provide a Needs Assessment Report
- Preliminary Vision Plan Concepts
- Final Vision Plan Document



A blue-tinted photograph of a river scene. In the foreground, there are large, dark rocks and some foliage. The river flows through the center, with several people swimming and wading. In the background, a concrete wall with a metal fence runs across the scene. Behind the fence, there are trees and a building. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REVIEW



# COMMUNITY MEETINGS

## THE STRUCTURE OF THE MEETINGS

Community Meeting #1

Site Analysis and Needs Assessment

Community Meeting #2

Programming

Community Meeting #3

Design  
Alternatives

Community Meeting #4


Park Plan  
Options

Community Meeting #5

Implementation  
Strategies  
/ Final  
Draft


# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

UPDATED FROM YOUR FEEDBACK




- The Plan should treat the Park as an **ecological treasure**.
- Recognize the park's **relation to water** and explore opportunities for interaction.

**Nature and Ecology**




- The Plan should treat the Park's **historic and cultural resources** as a valued legacy to be celebrated for future generations.

**History and Culture**




- Zilker Park should **serve the entire community of Austin**.
- Align programs with community interest.

**Diversity and Inclusion**



- The plan should **knit the segmented pieces** of the park together.
- The park is a place you can arrive to by **multiple travel options**.

**Accessibility**



- The Plan should be forward-looking for future generations.
- Zilker Park should serve as an example of **sustainability**, protecting and enhancing our natural spaces and assets.

**Sustainability**

# GOALS

## UPDATED FROM YOUR FEEDBACK



### Nature and Ecology

- Protect, enhance, and restore **Zilker's natural resources**.
- Establish an interpretive program to **educate visitors**.
- **Public stewardship** should be developed
- Ensure **safe and sustainable access** to the water.
- Support and rehabilitate **native plants and species**.



### Diversity and Inclusion

- The Park should be **welcoming** to individuals, small groups and able to accommodate large groups.
- **The Plan should support equitable access**.
- Support new and enhance existing learning opportunities within the park.
- Sustain the implementation and maintenance of the park and utilize the support of volunteers.
- **Encourage ethnic, cultural and economic** inclusion.



### History and Culture

- The Plan should honor and respect the **Park's historic and cultural resources**.
- Balance between historic preservation and current/future needs.
- Create opportunities for **local artists**.
- **Celebrate the stories of the people** that lived on the land throughout history.
- Establish and integrate education components.



### Accessibility

- Improve pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular circulation between the north and south side of **Barton Springs Rd**.
- Examine the surrounding trail network to create and extend safe active travel within and through the park.
- Create accessible **multi-modal transportation networks** within the park.
- Improve the **wayfinding**.
- Collaborate with Capital Metro and TXDOT
- Achieve high level of **ADA accessibility** within the park.



### Sustainability

- Implement adaptive management strategies to **create a resilient landscape in the face of climate change** and dynamic user needs.
- As an urban park, Zilker should achieve **balance between metropolitan use and ecological/environmental**.
- Balance revenue needs with operations and maintenance of the park.
- Explore **public/private partnerships** that extend the reach of the Parks Department to accommodate new opportunities.

# COMMUNITY MEETING #2

- Time: August 10th, 6pm
- Participants:  
100 people through Zoom, 15 through Facebook Live
- Total Survey Participants: 820 participants



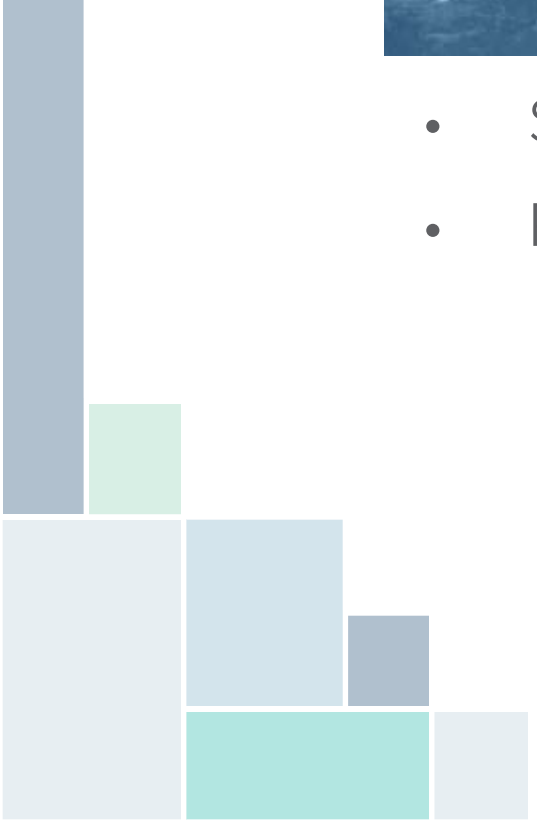
- Schedule
- Review of Community Engagement



- Programs of Zilker Park
- Benchmarks

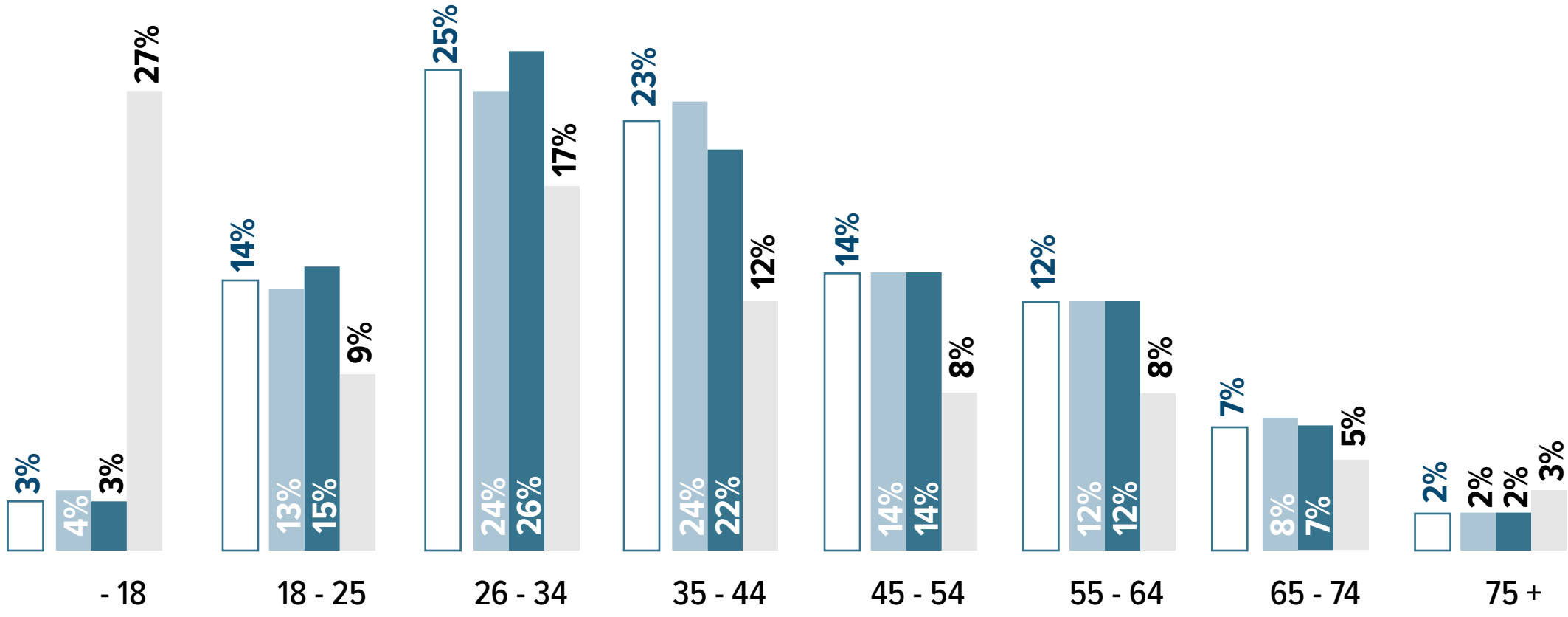
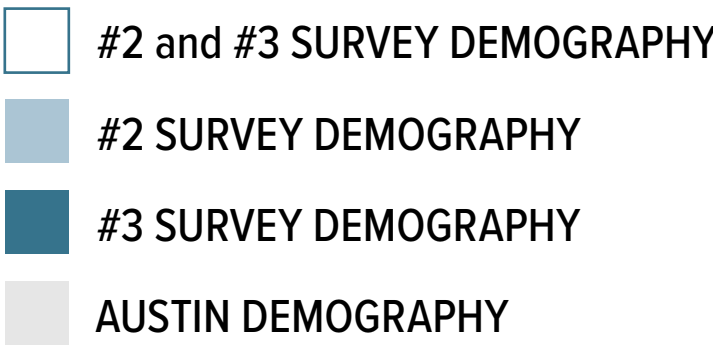


- City of Austin Budget
- Operation Budget
- Capital Budget



# COMMUNITY SURVEY #3 RESULTS

## SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS (820 PARTICIPANTS, AUG 10th-OCT 11th)



### AGE

SURVEY #2 and #3 DEMOGRAPHY



SURVEY #3 DEMOGRAPHY



SURVEY #2 DEMOGRAPHY

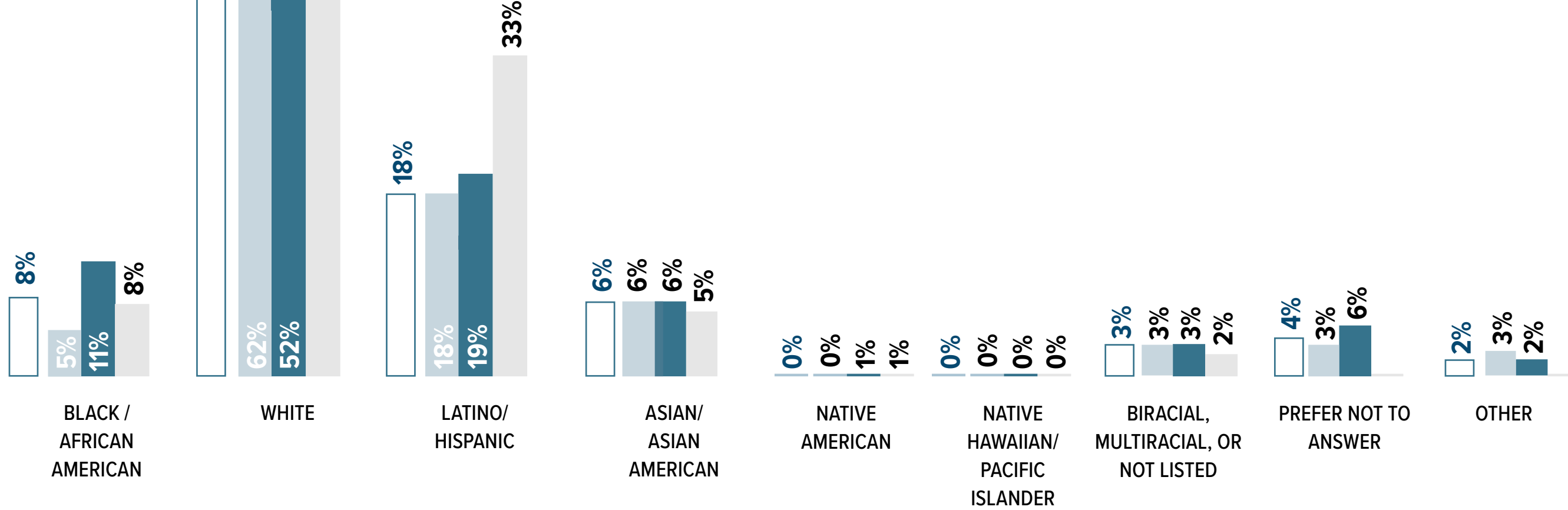


AUSTIN DEMOGRAPHY



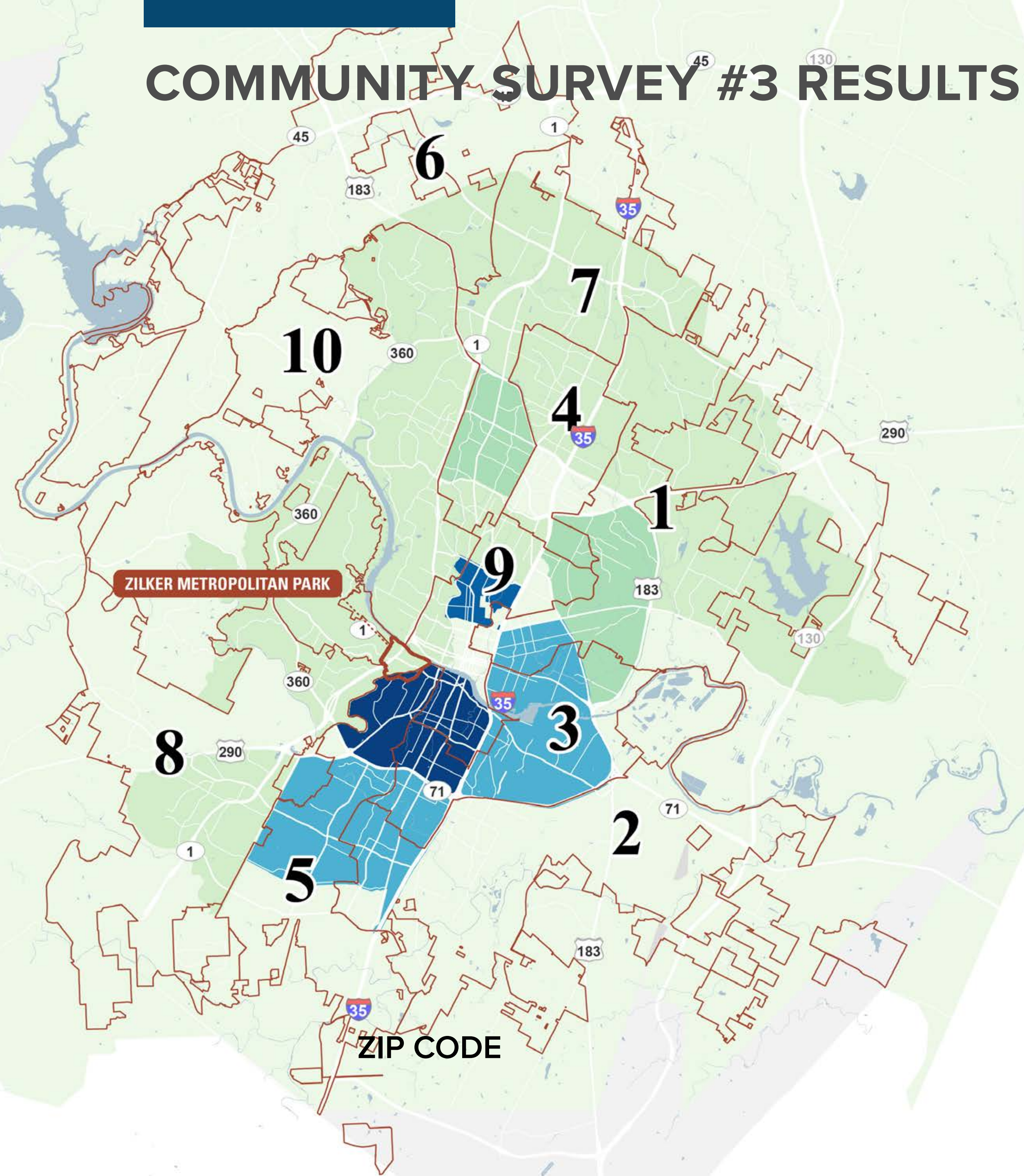
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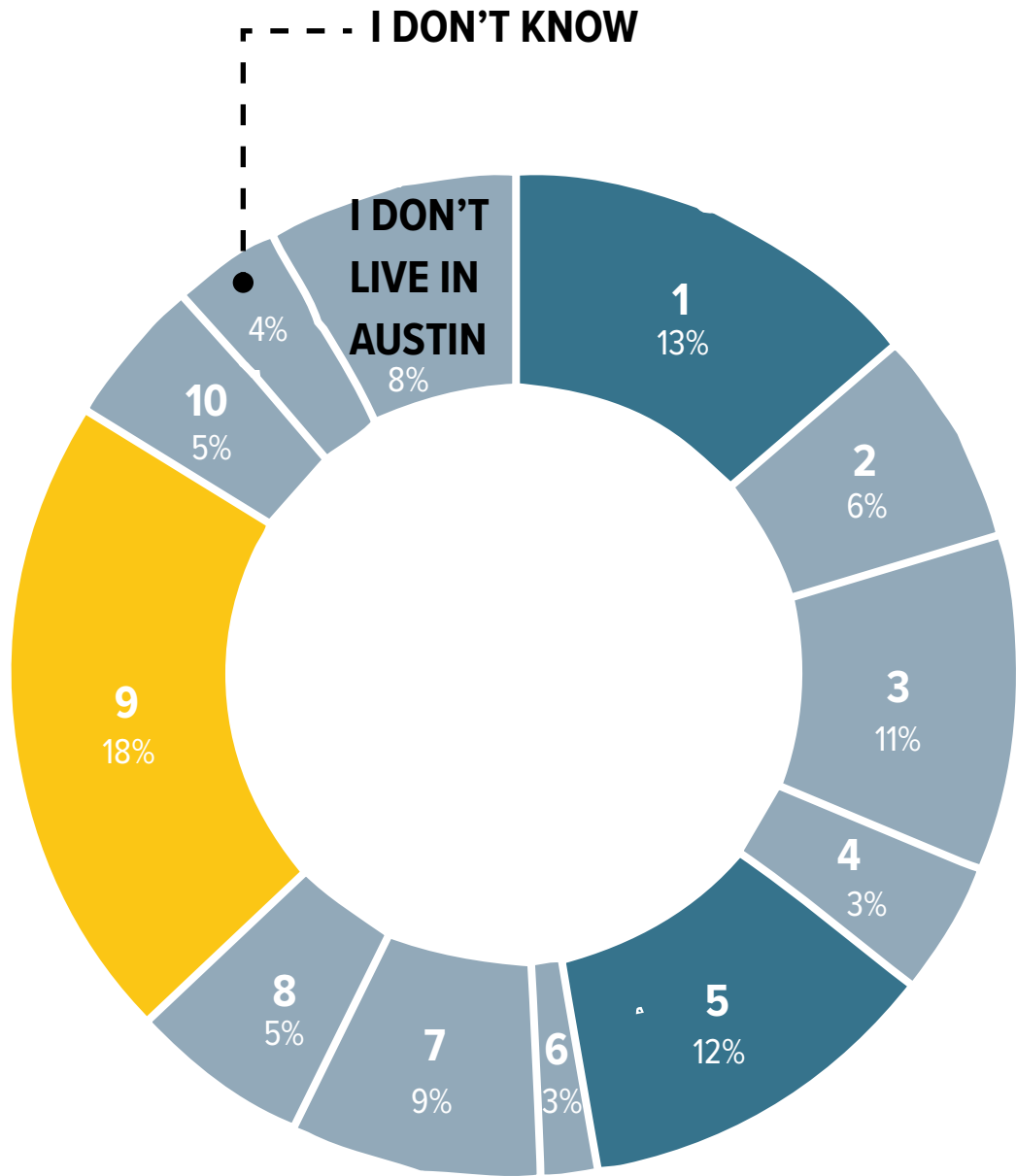


### RACE/ETHNICITY

# COMMUNITY SURVEY #3 RESULTS



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78705	7%
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78723	4%
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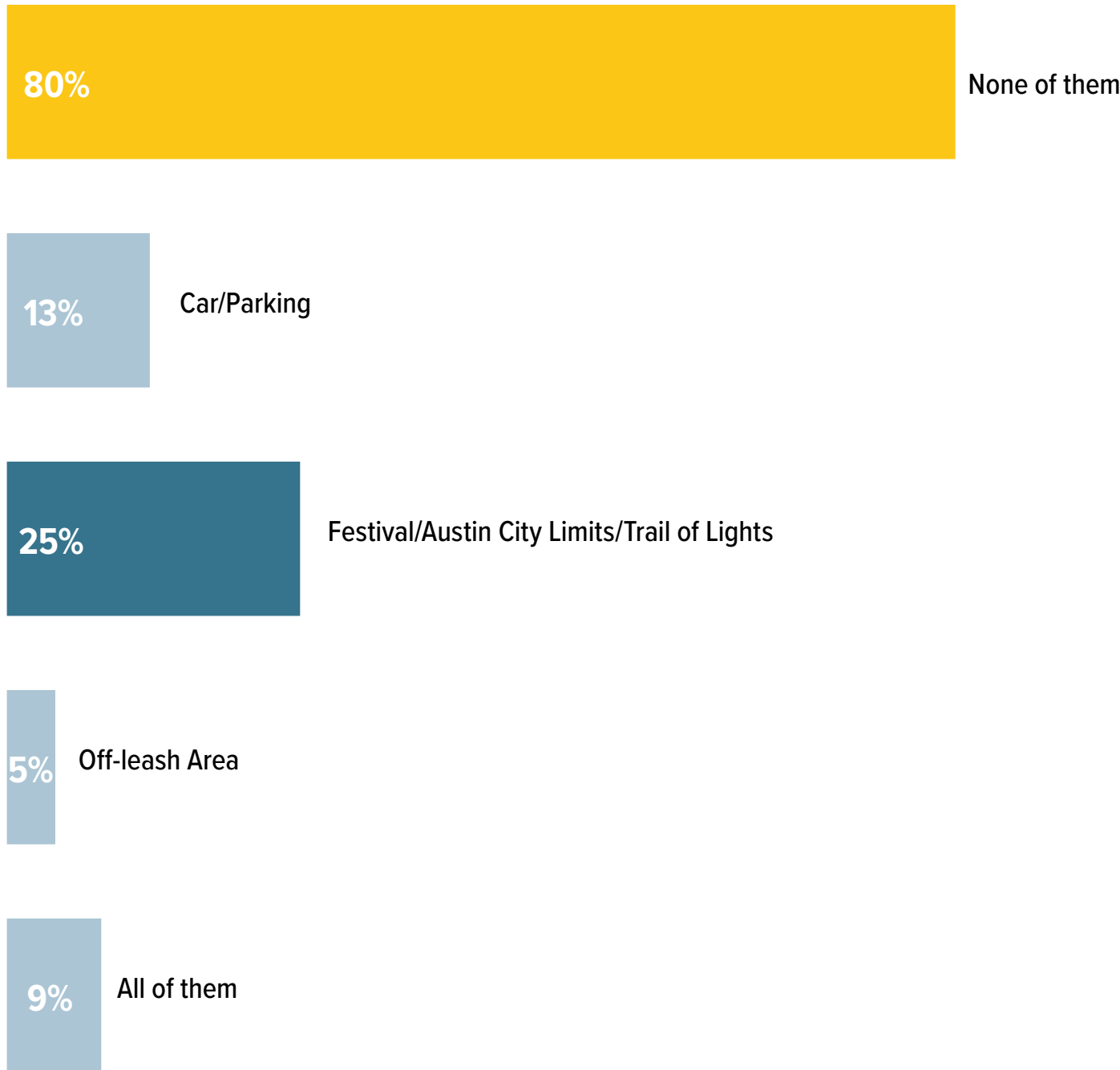


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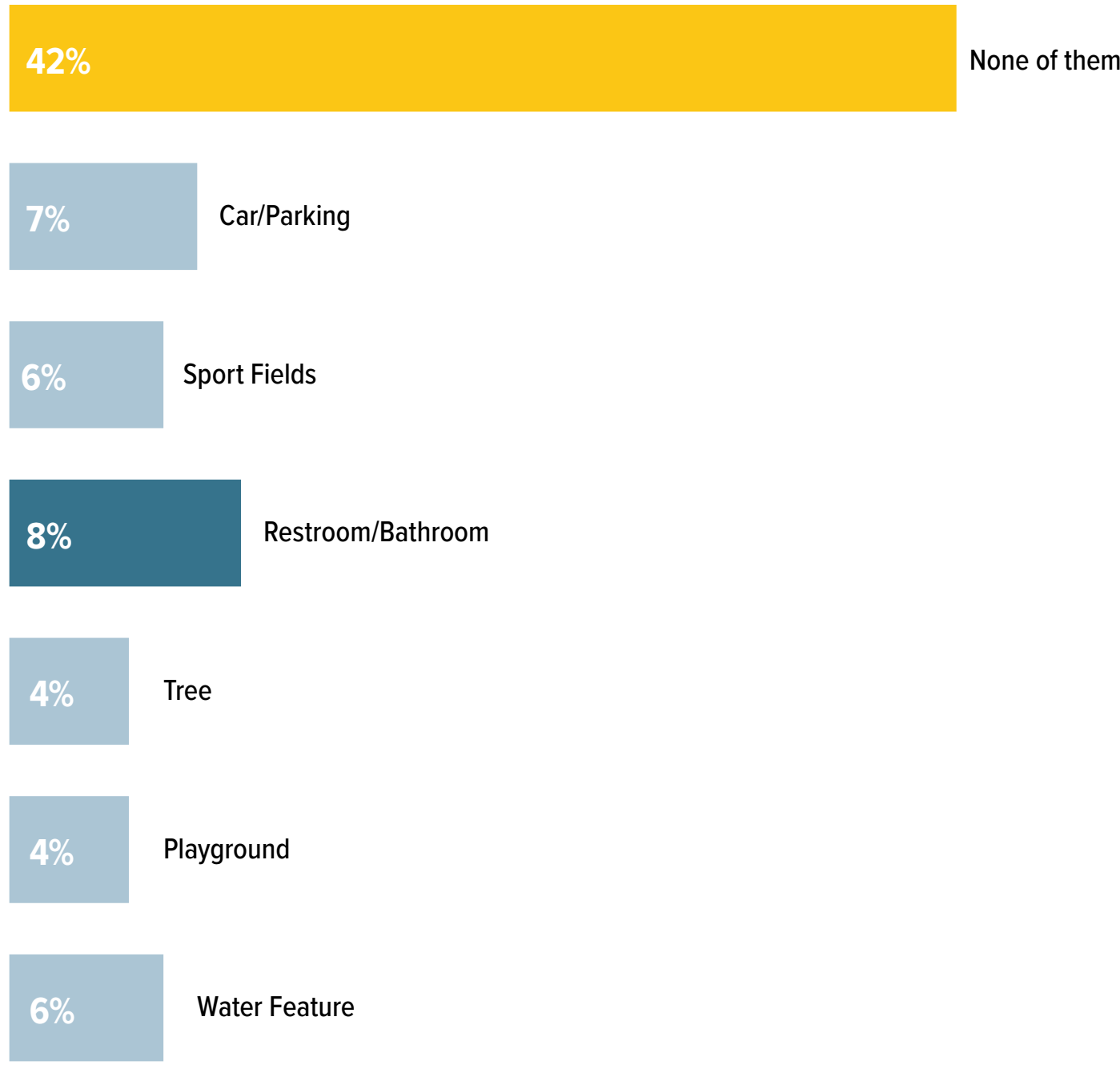


# COMMUNITY SURVEY #3 RESULTS

## PROGRAMMING



ARE THERE ANY CURRENT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES OR PARK SPACES THAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM ZILKER?



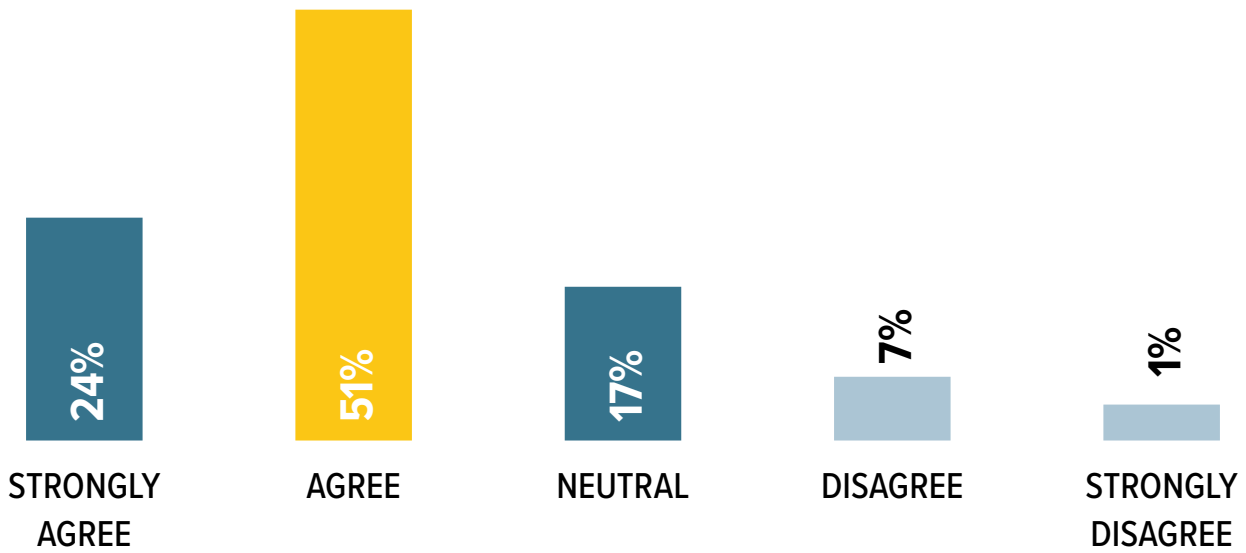
ARE THERE ANY SPACES OR ACTIVITIES YOU FEEL ARE MISSING IN ZILKER PARK TODAY?



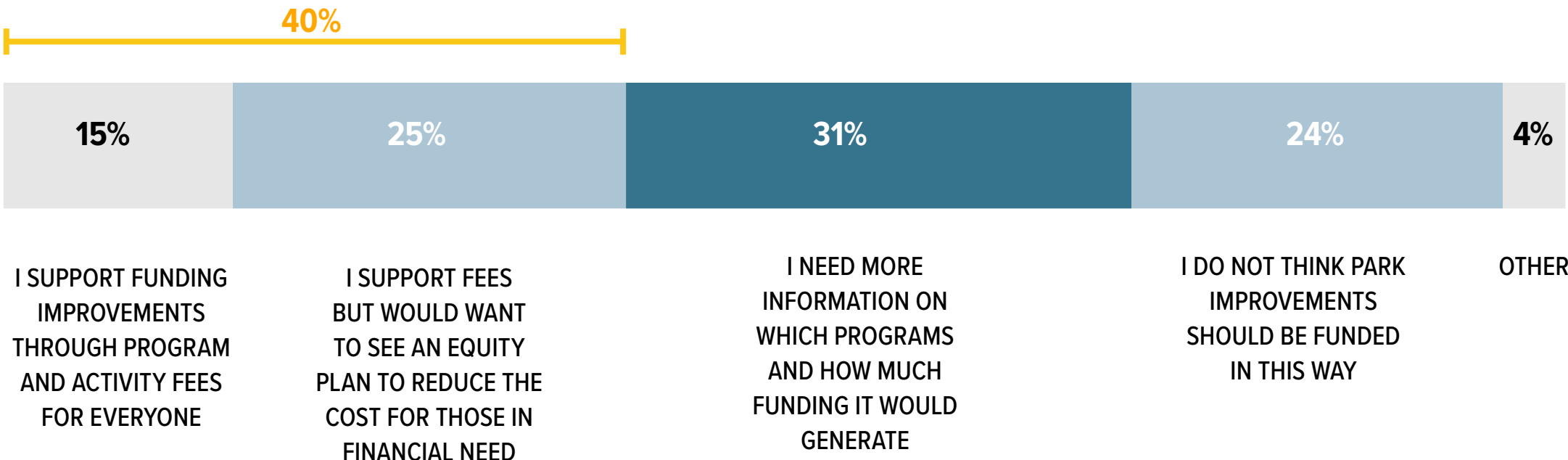


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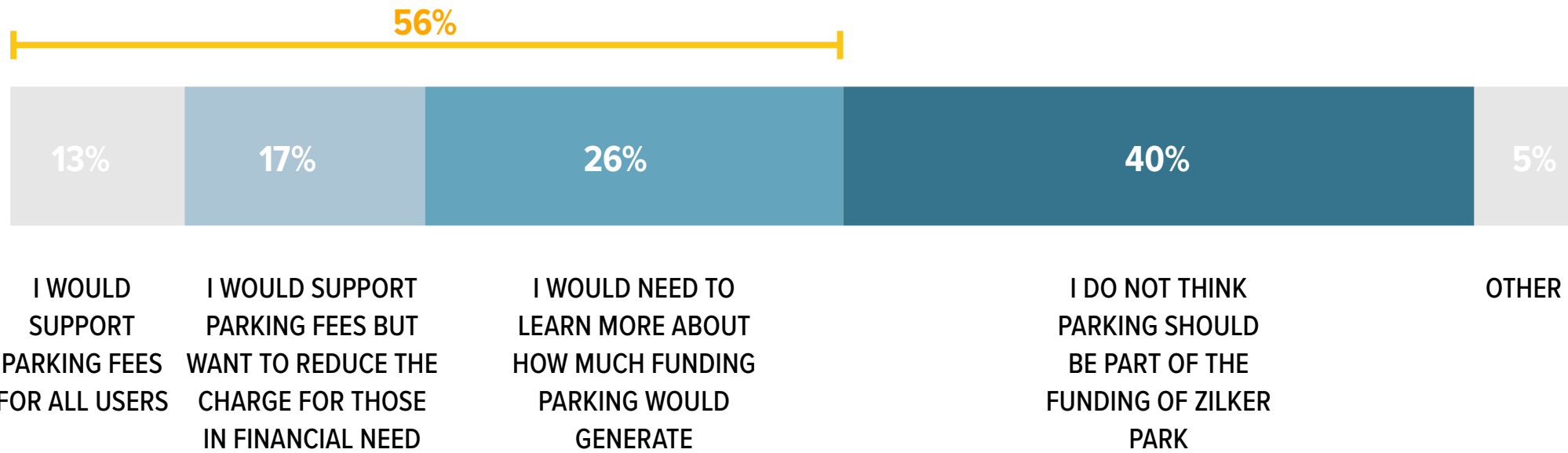
## FUNDING



ZILKER PARK IS A WELL-MAINTAINED PARK



TO FUND PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE, HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT PAYING FOR SOME PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE PARK?

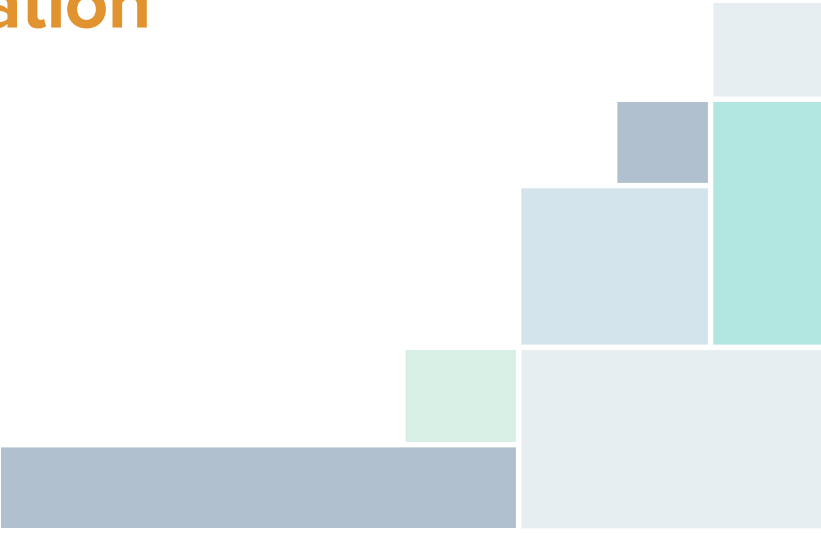
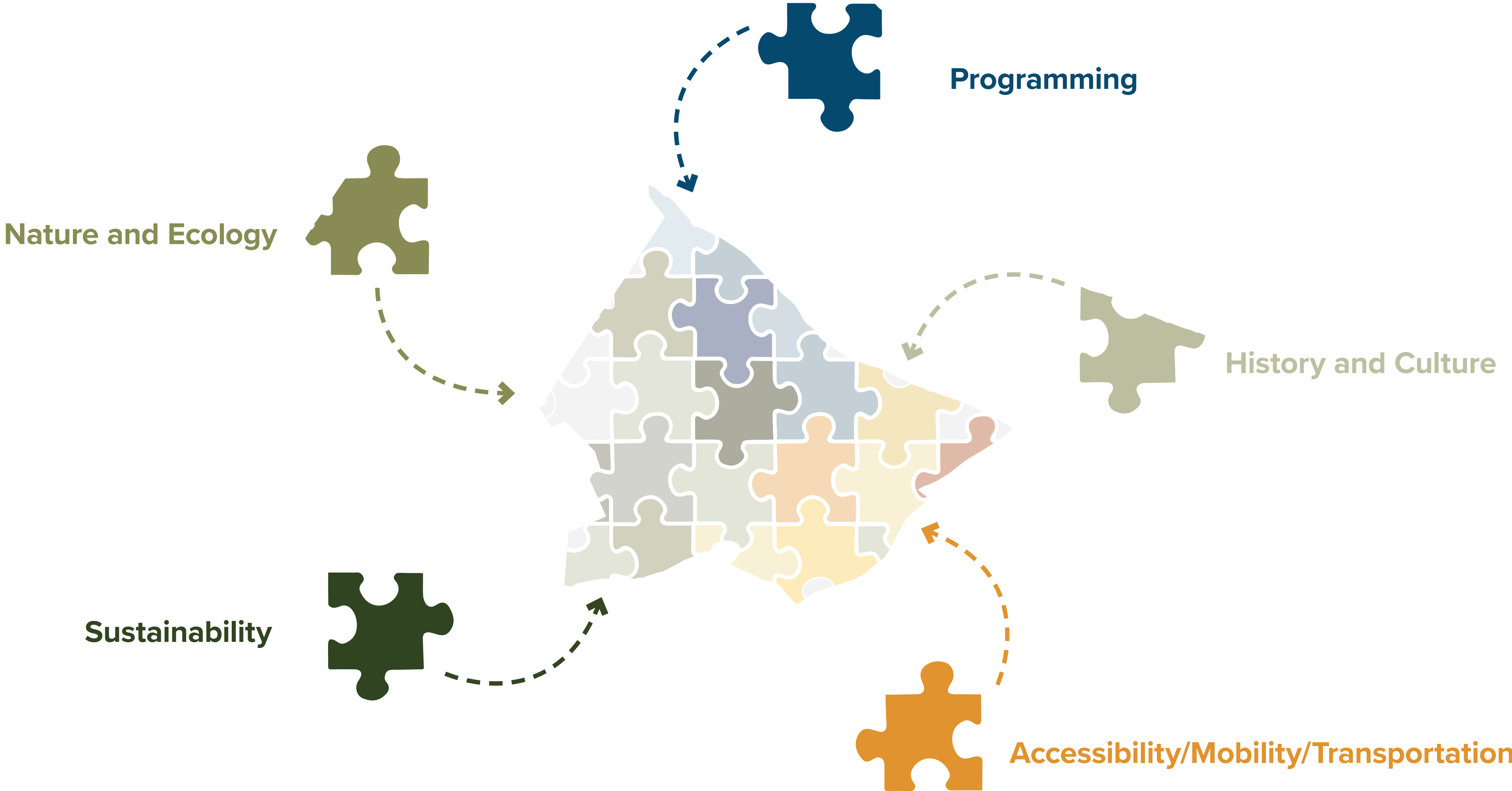


HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT USING PARKING AS A FUNDING SOURCE FOR ZILKER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE?

An aerial photograph of a city skyline in the background, with a large green park area in the foreground. A multi-lane highway interchange is visible in the lower half of the image. The text "PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

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# PURPOSE OF ZILKER PARK VISION PLAN

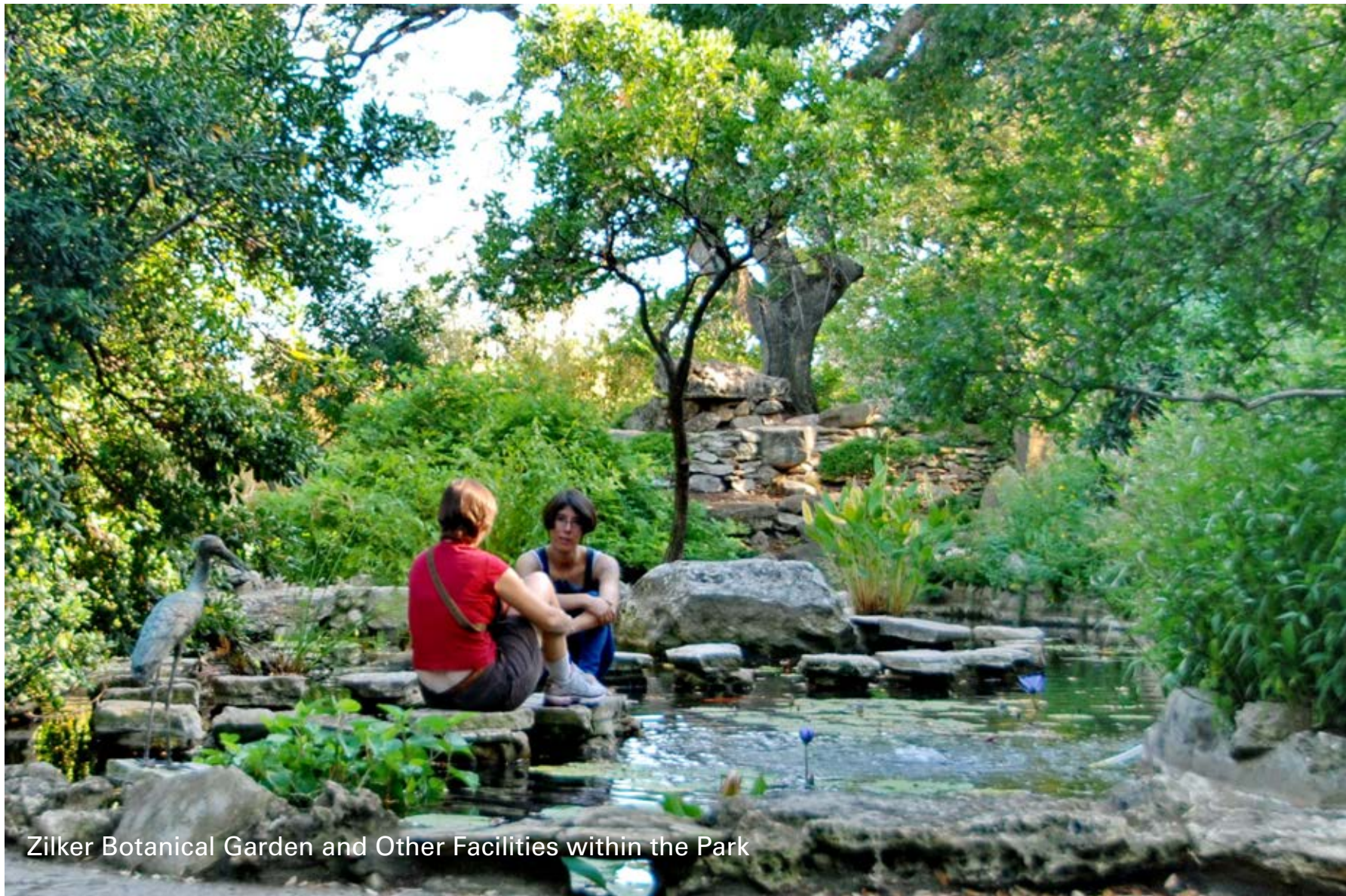
## ZILKER PARK AS AN AUSTIN TREASURE



Barton Springs



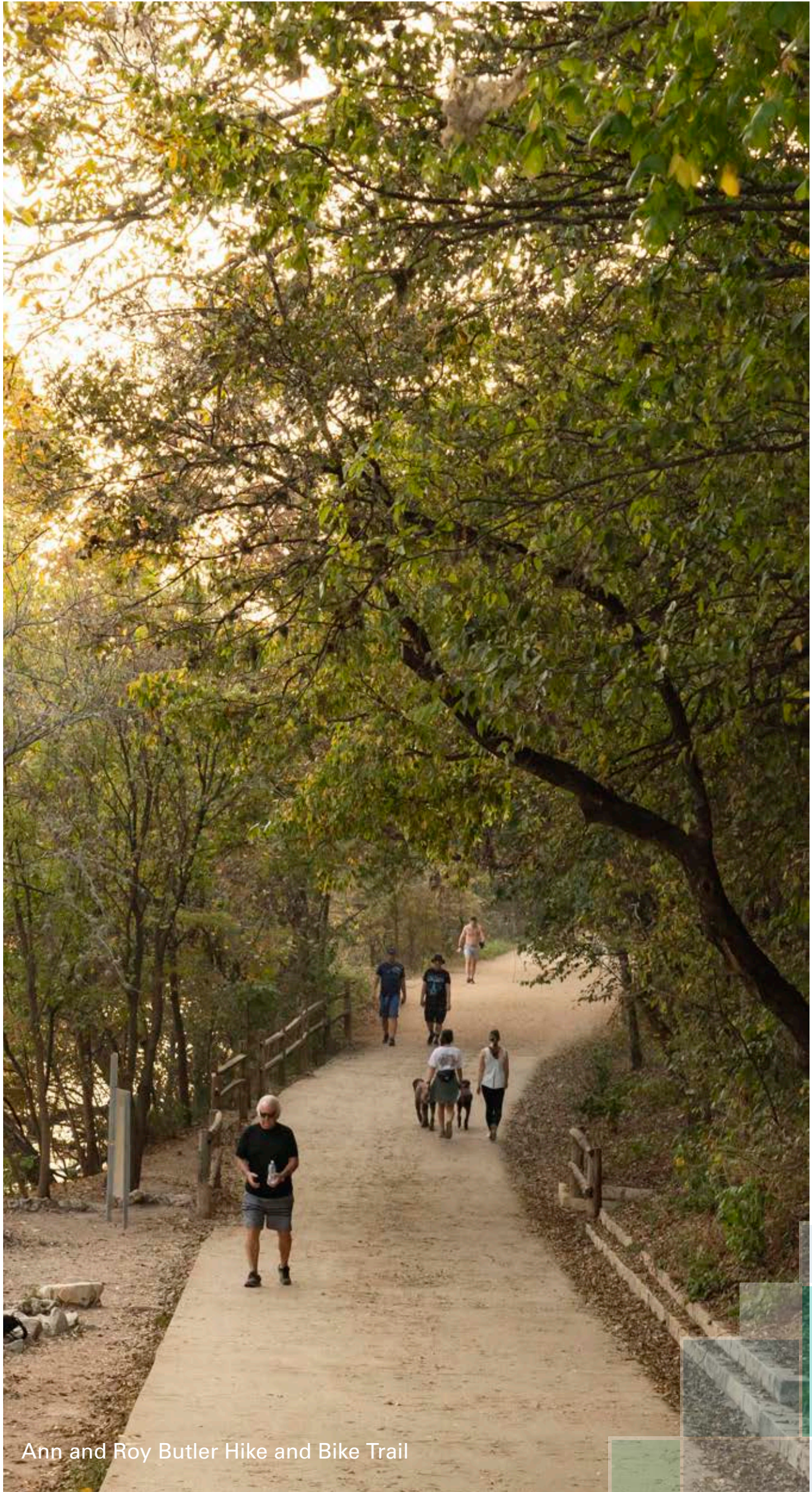
Great Lawn and Rock Island



Zilker Botanical Garden and Other Facilities within the Park



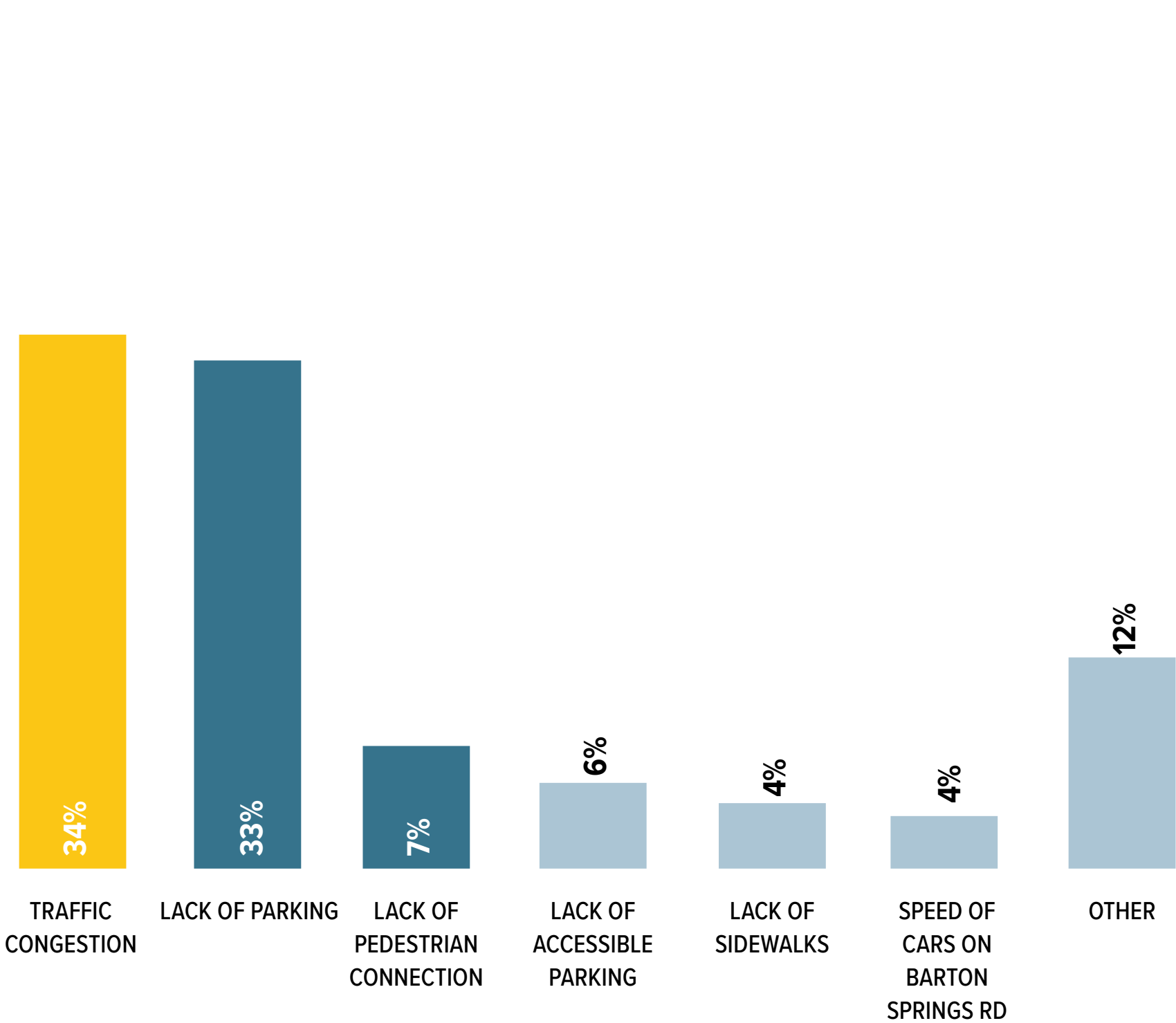
Lady Bird Lake and Barton Creek



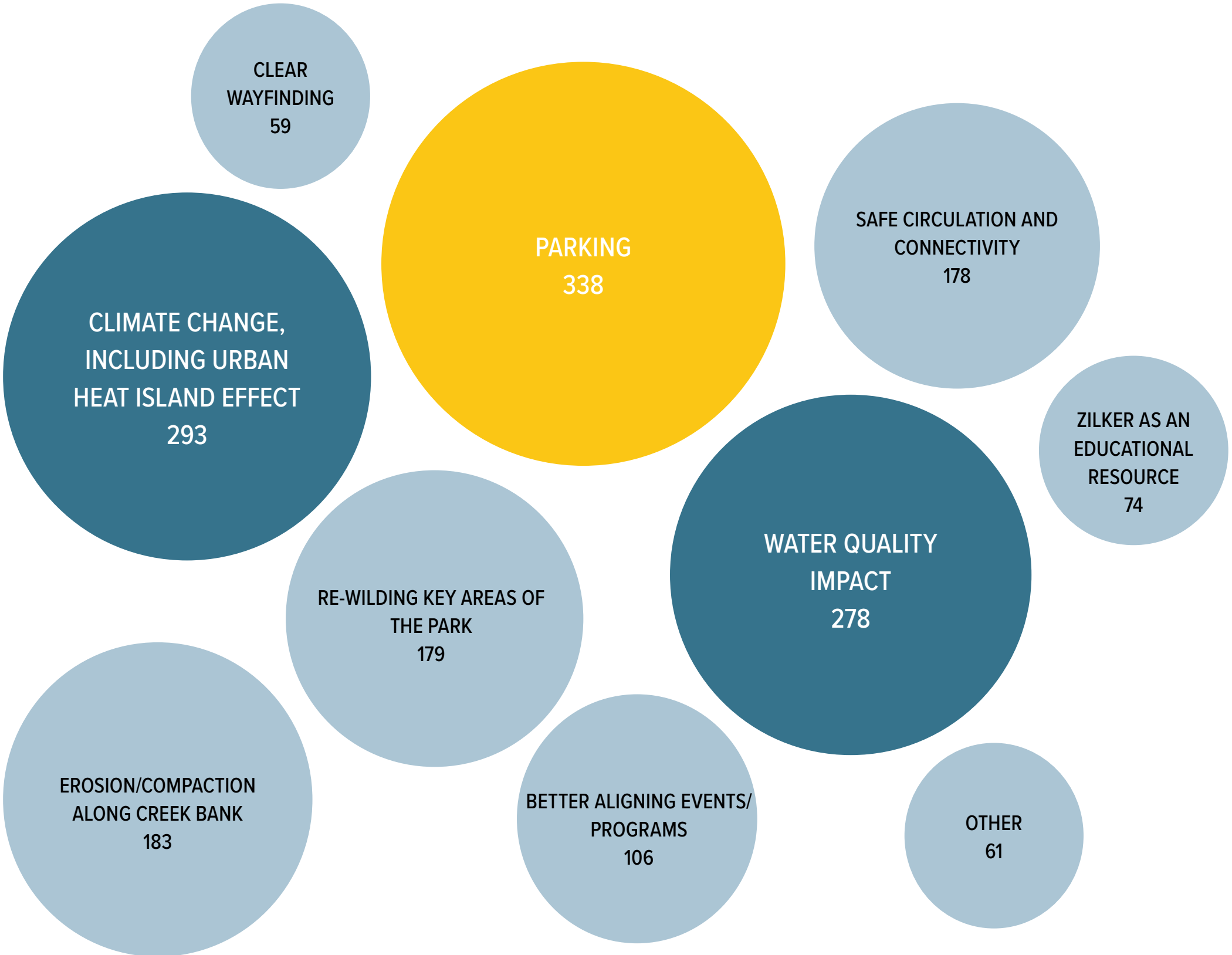
Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail

# PURPOSE OF ZILKER PARK VISION PLAN

## PREVIOUS SURVEY RESULT ABOUT PARK CHALLENGES

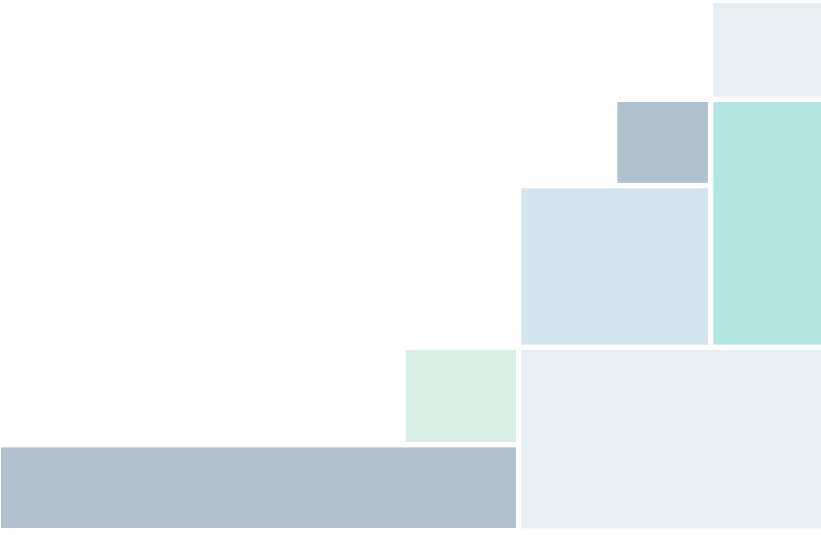


**CURRENTLY, WHAT IS THE BIGGEST BARRIER TO ENJOYMENT OF ZILKER PARK?**

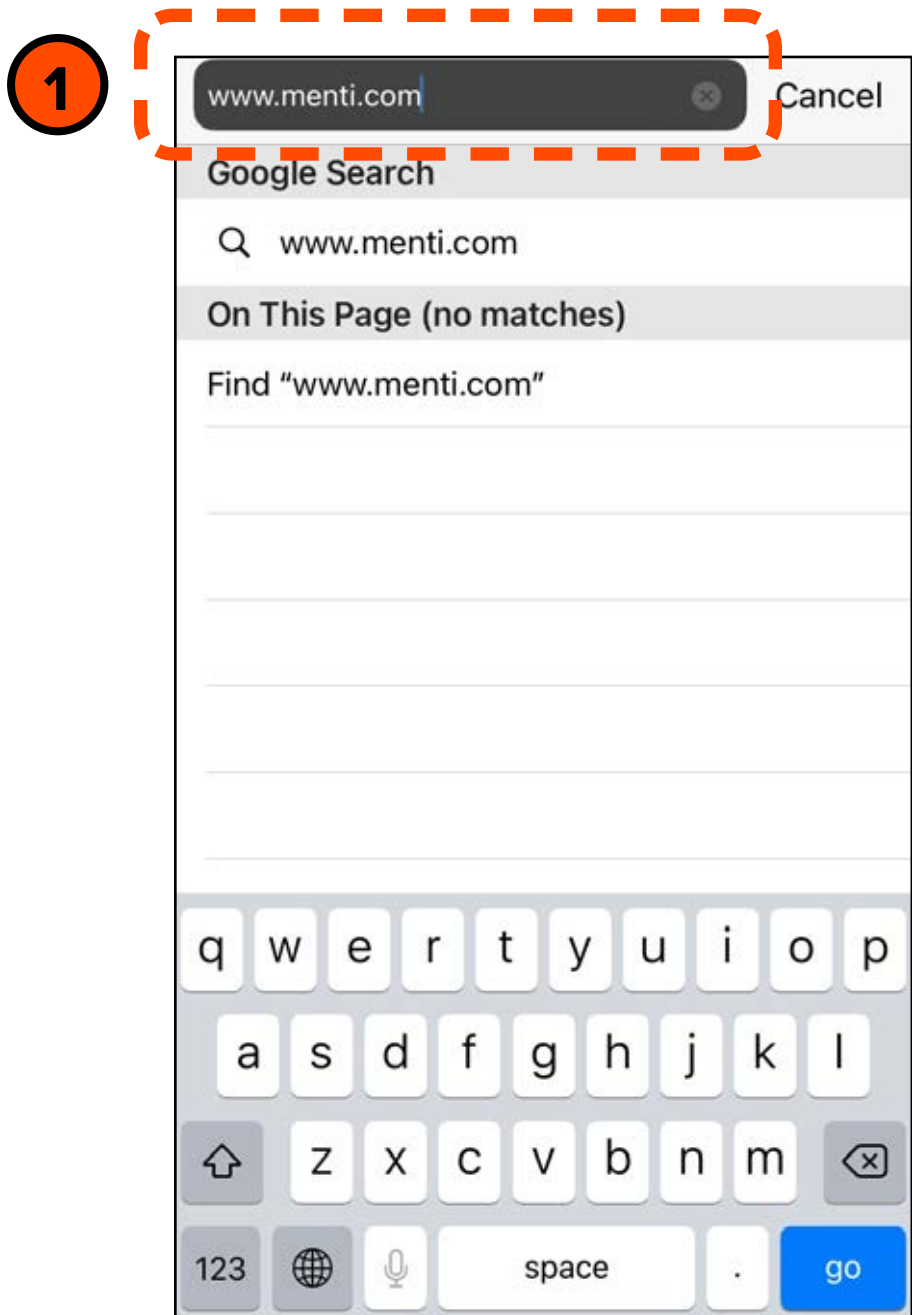


**CHOOSE THE TOP THREE (3) ISSUES THAT YOU THINK THE ZILKER PARK VISION PLAN SHOULD ADDRESS.**

# INTERACTIVE MAP STRUCTURE

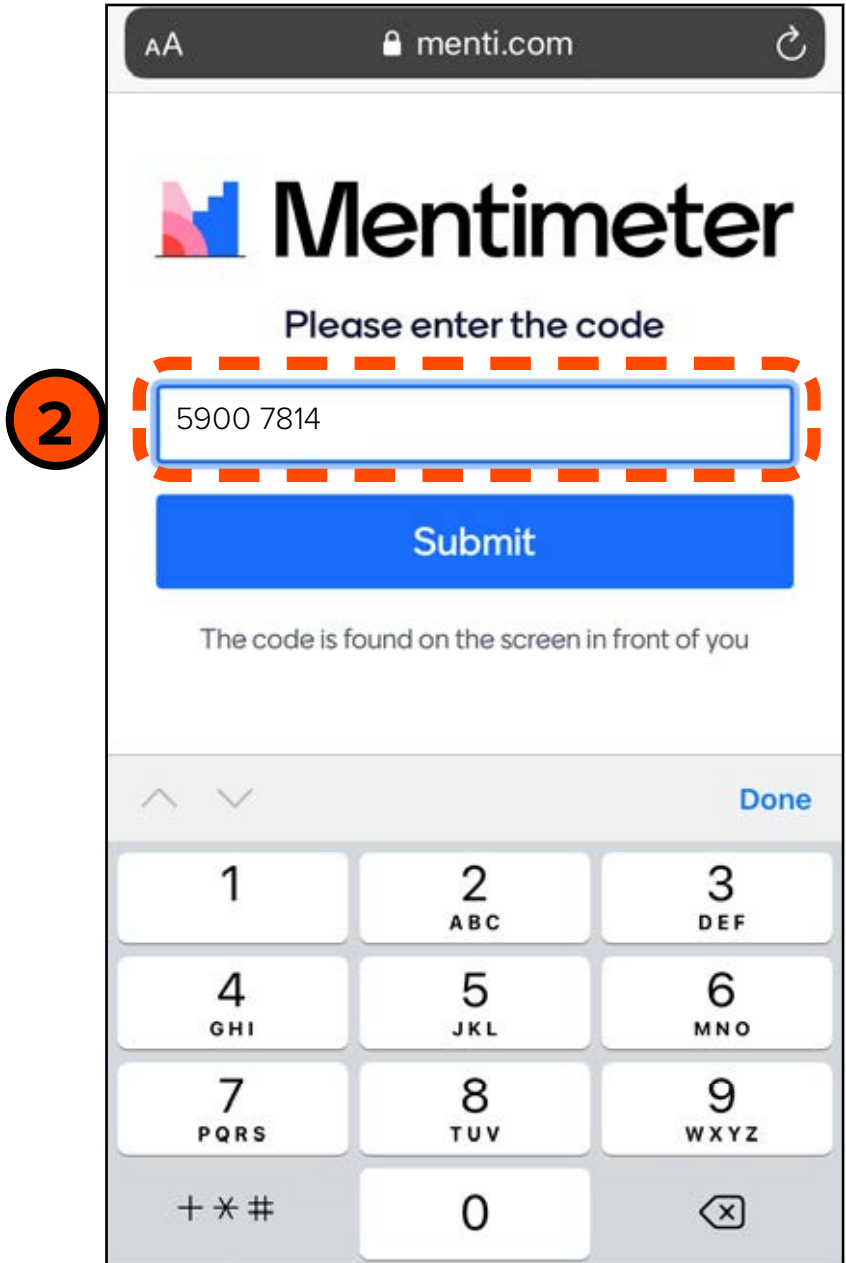


# HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESENTATION'S SURVEY



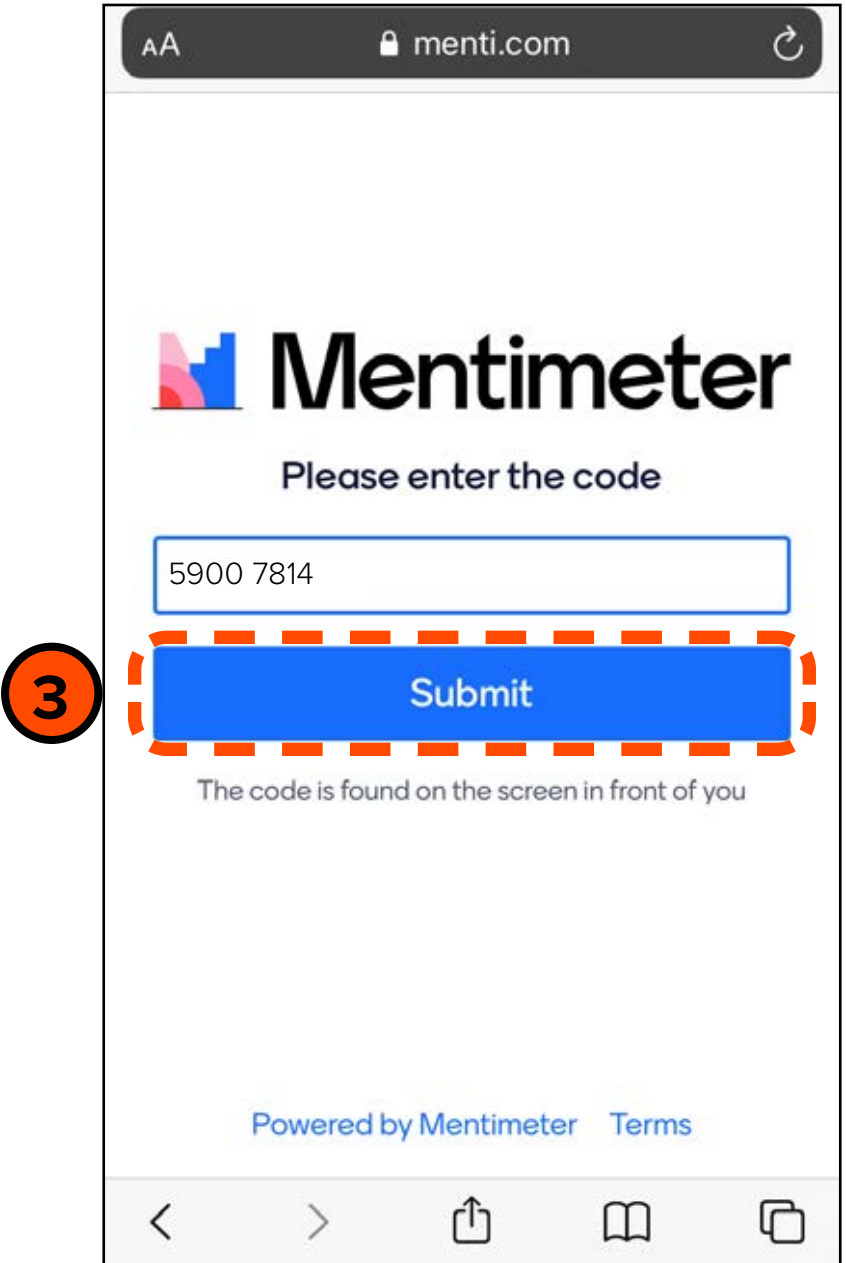
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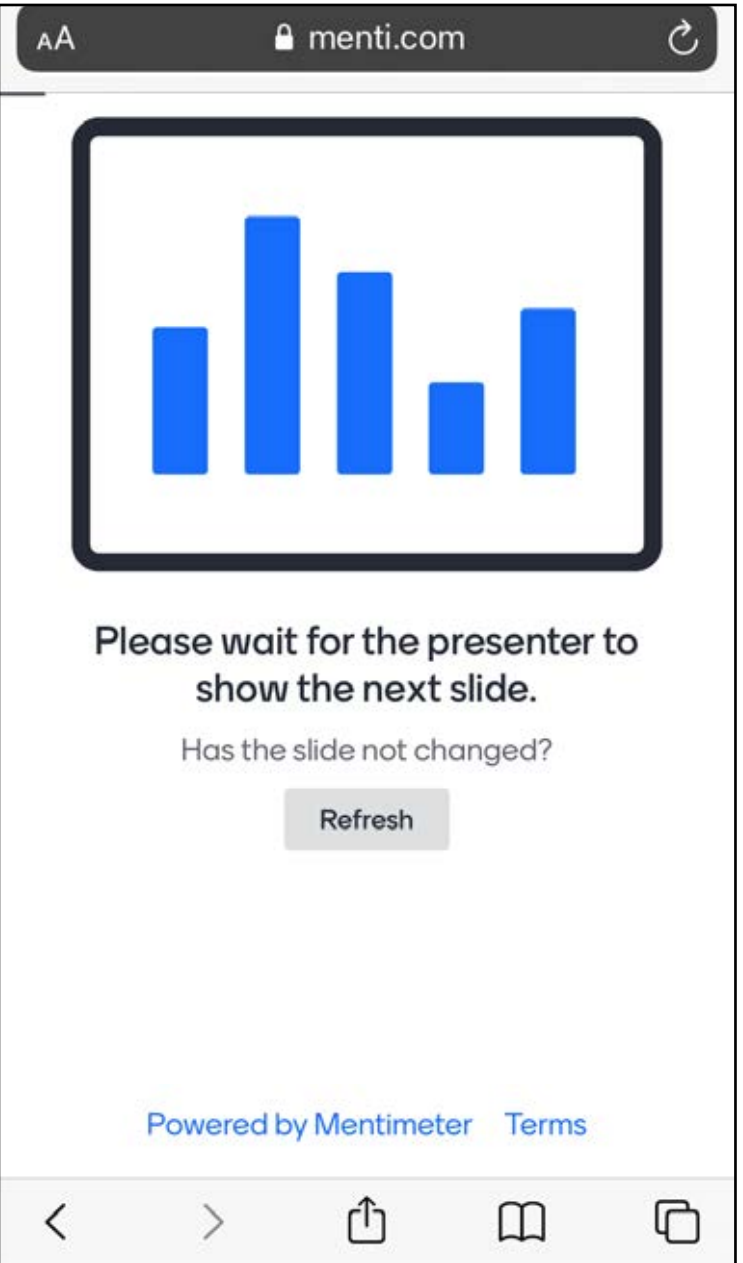


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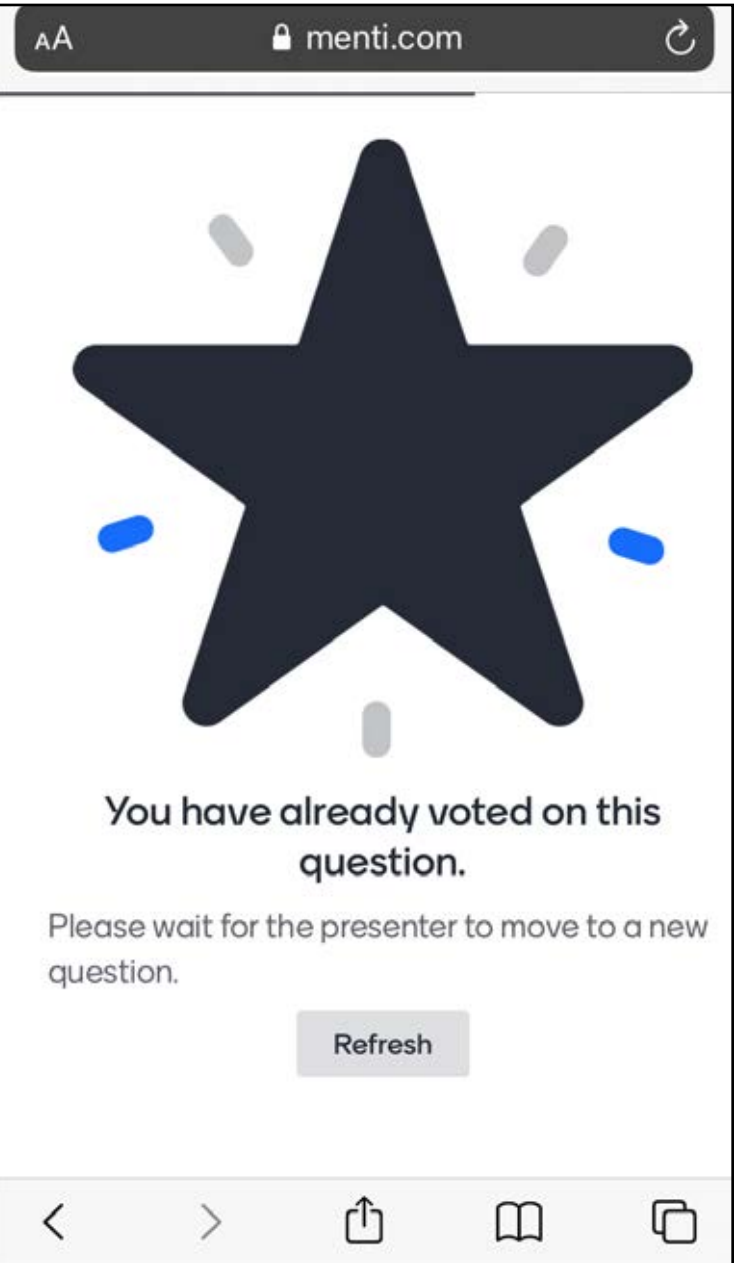
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**You will see the results live!**



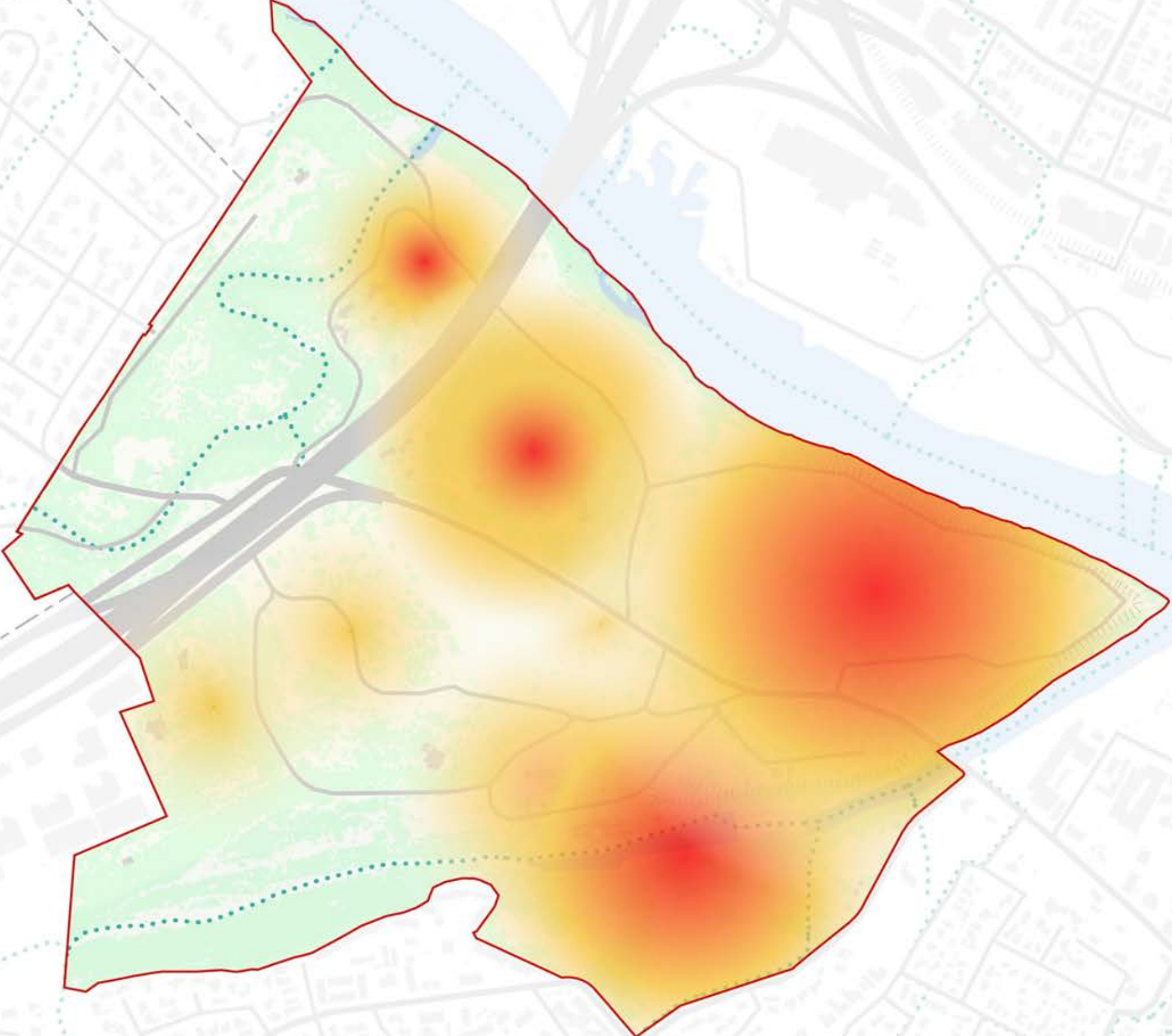


# PROGRAMMING



# DISTRIBUTION SCENARIOS

3 SCENARIOS



Existing Program Density

Concentrated



Nodes



Dispersed



# GATEWAYS

## TYOLOGIES

### Physical Gateway

- Gate/Entrance
- Park Signage
- Art Work



LARGER

### Threshold

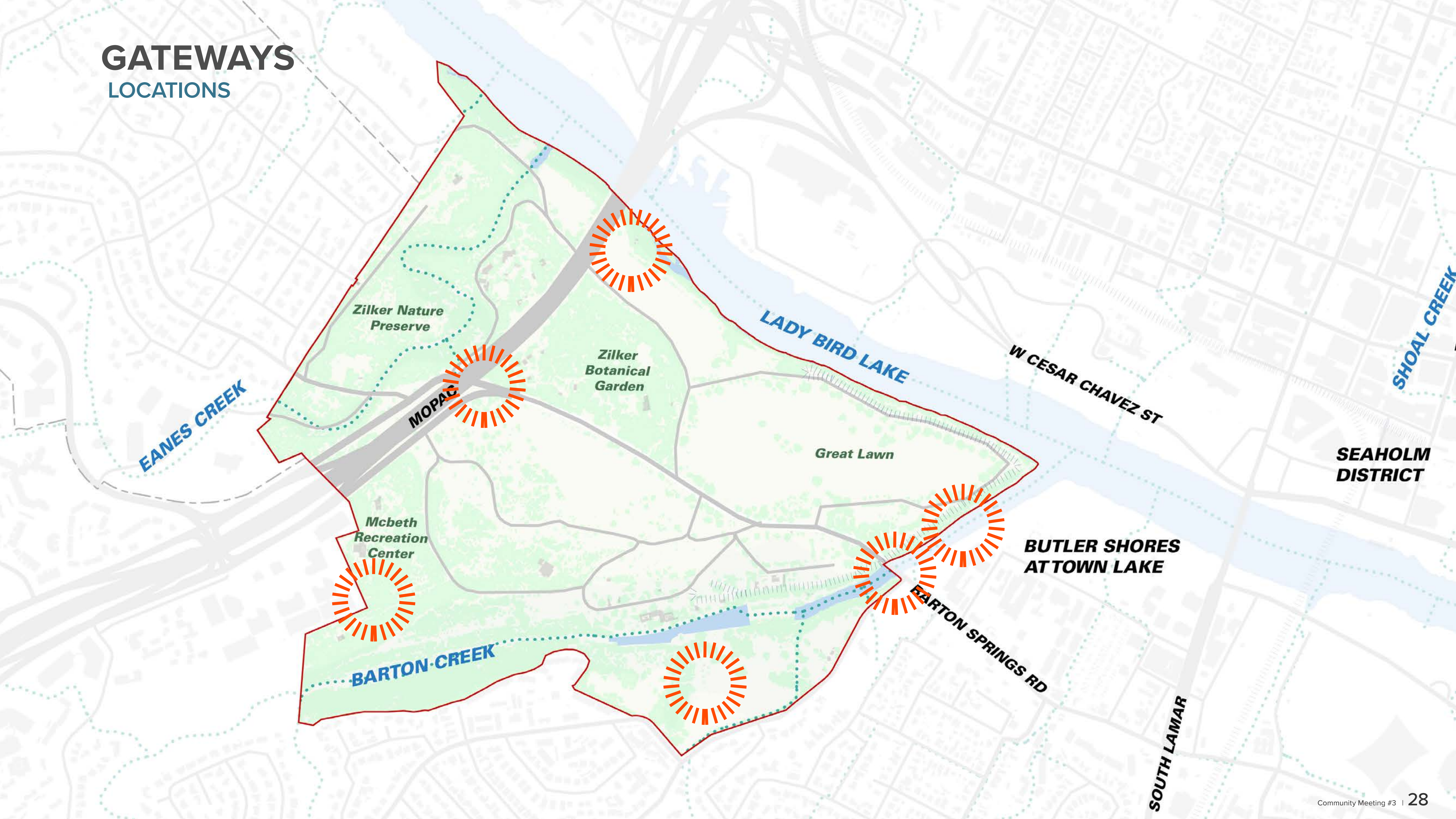
- Paving Change
- Subtle Change



SMALLER

### Intensity of Gateway

# GATEWAYS LOCATIONS



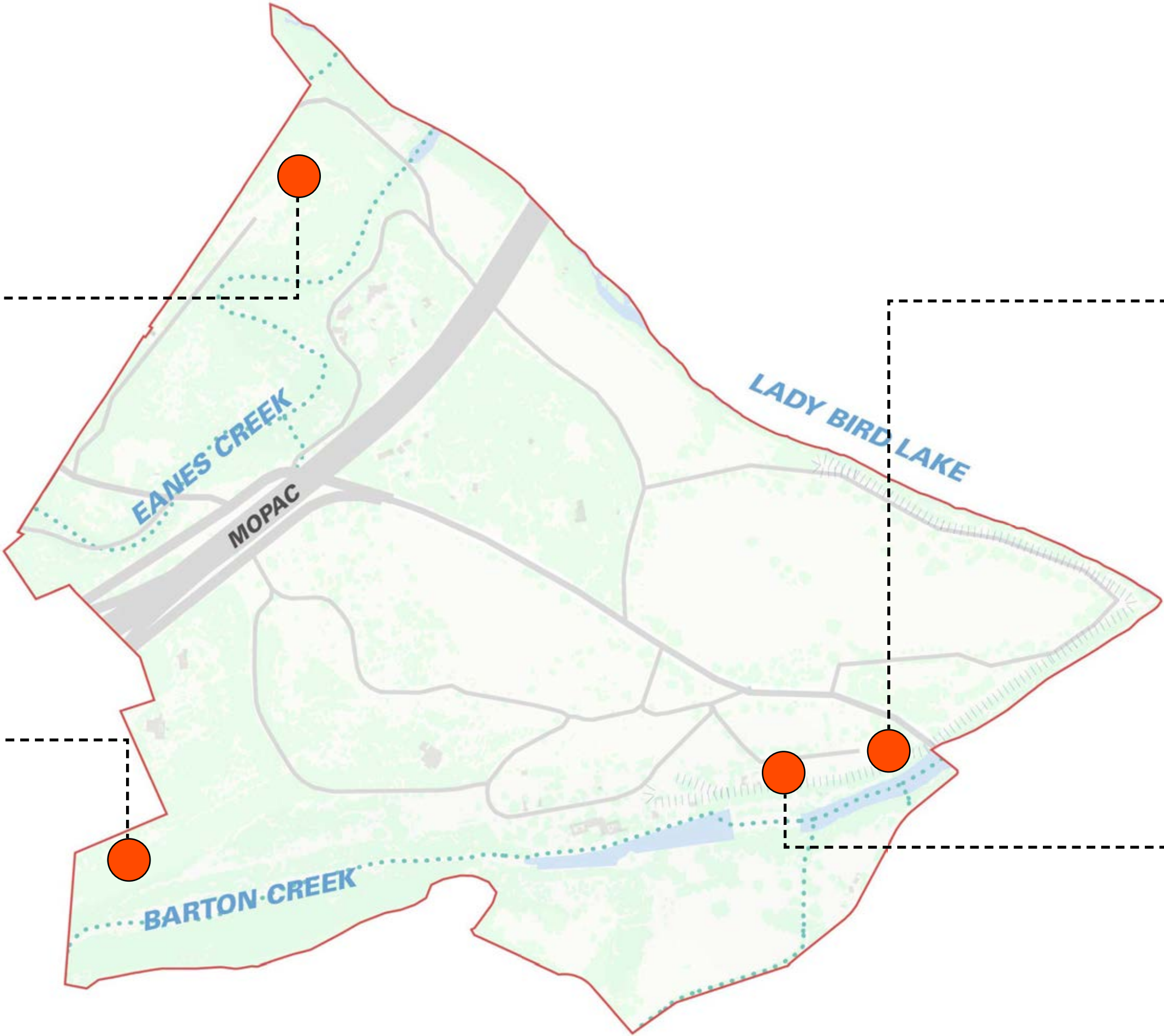
# VISITOR HUB

## REPURPOSING EXISTING ASSETS

ZILKER CLUBHOUSE



GIRL SCOUT HUT



QUONSET HUT



CARETAKER'S COTTAGE



# VISITOR HUB

## THE TYPOLOGIES OF VISITOR HUB

● Nature and Ecology
 ● Programming
 ● Sustainability
 ● History and Culture
 ● Accessibility/Mobility/Transportation

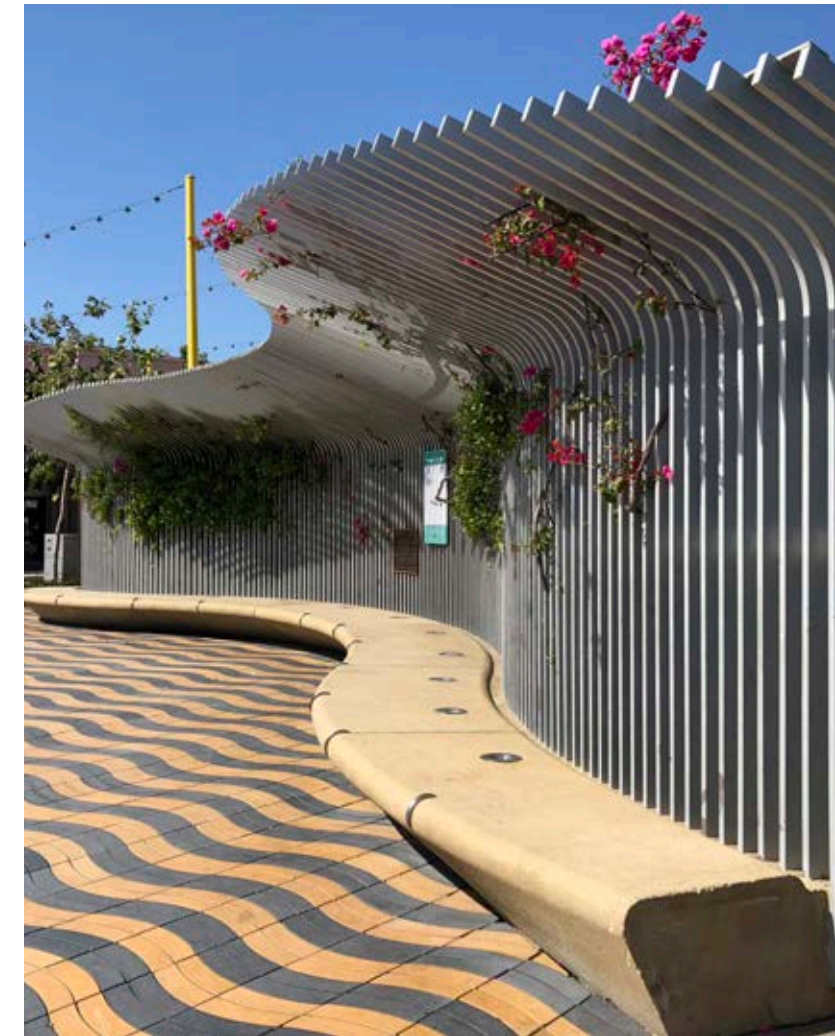
**SIGNAGE**



**KIOSK**



**SEATING AREA**



**SHADED PAVILION**



**BUILDING**

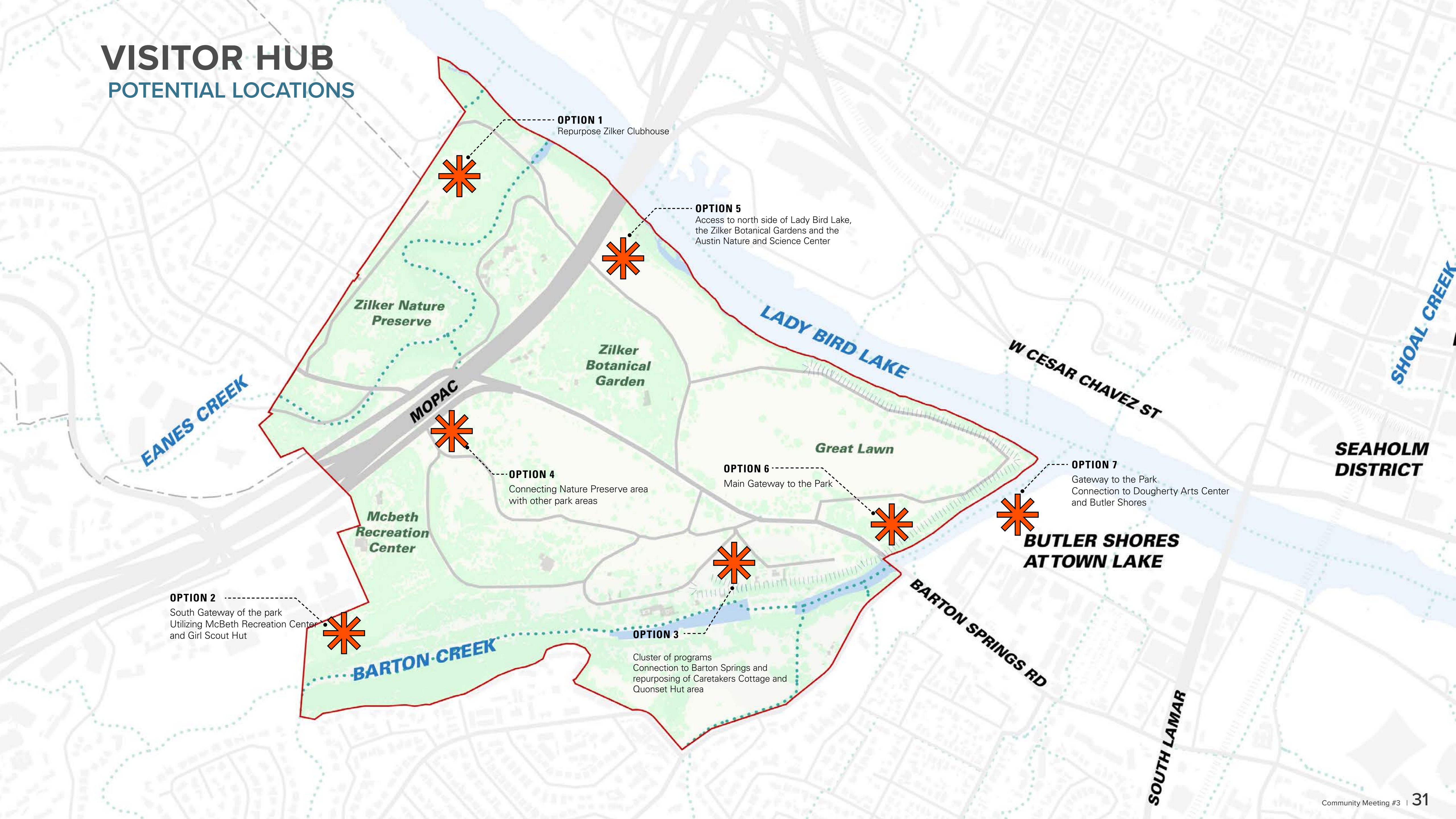


LESS COMPLEX

MORE COMPLEX

### Size and Cost of Visitor Hub

# VISITOR HUB POTENTIAL LOCATIONS





# ACCESSIBILITY, MOBILITY, AND TRANSPORTATION



# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

## TRAVELING BY FOOT, BIKE, AND TRAIL



- Goal: Better connecting the trail system to and from and within the park.
- Bringing the Greenbelt trailhead to a more prominent area nearer park entrance.
- Improving visibility and access points to and from Butler Trail.
- Improving MoPac path access.
- Implementing Butler Trail Safety Plan recommendations, including a new trail bridge across Barton Creek – e.g., at Lou Neff Pt.
- Adding rolling and walking trail network within the park to directly connect attractions and serve people passing through.

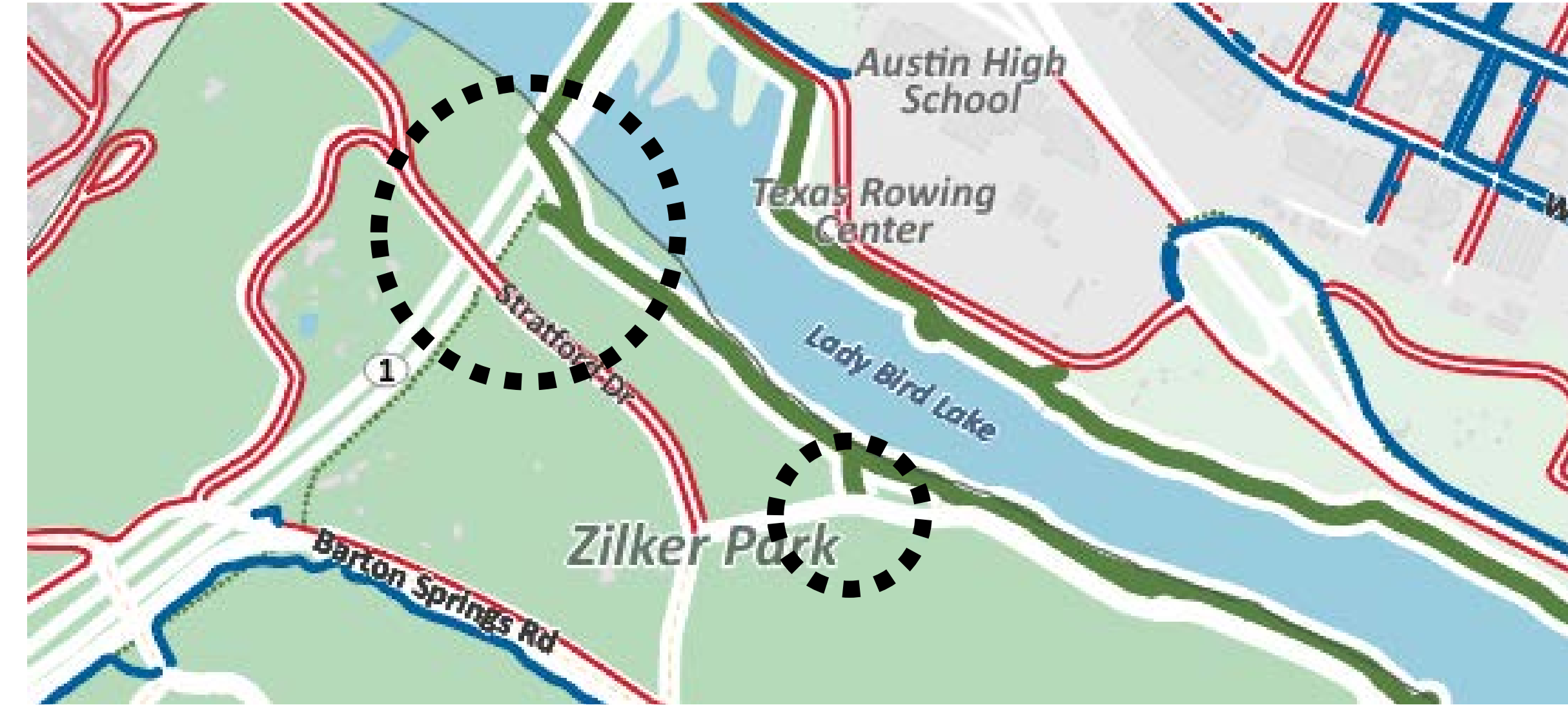


# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

TRAVELING BY FOOT, BIKE, AND TRAIL



**BIKE/PEDESTRIAN NETWORK**



**REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECTION**



**ROBERTA CRENSHAW BRIDGE**



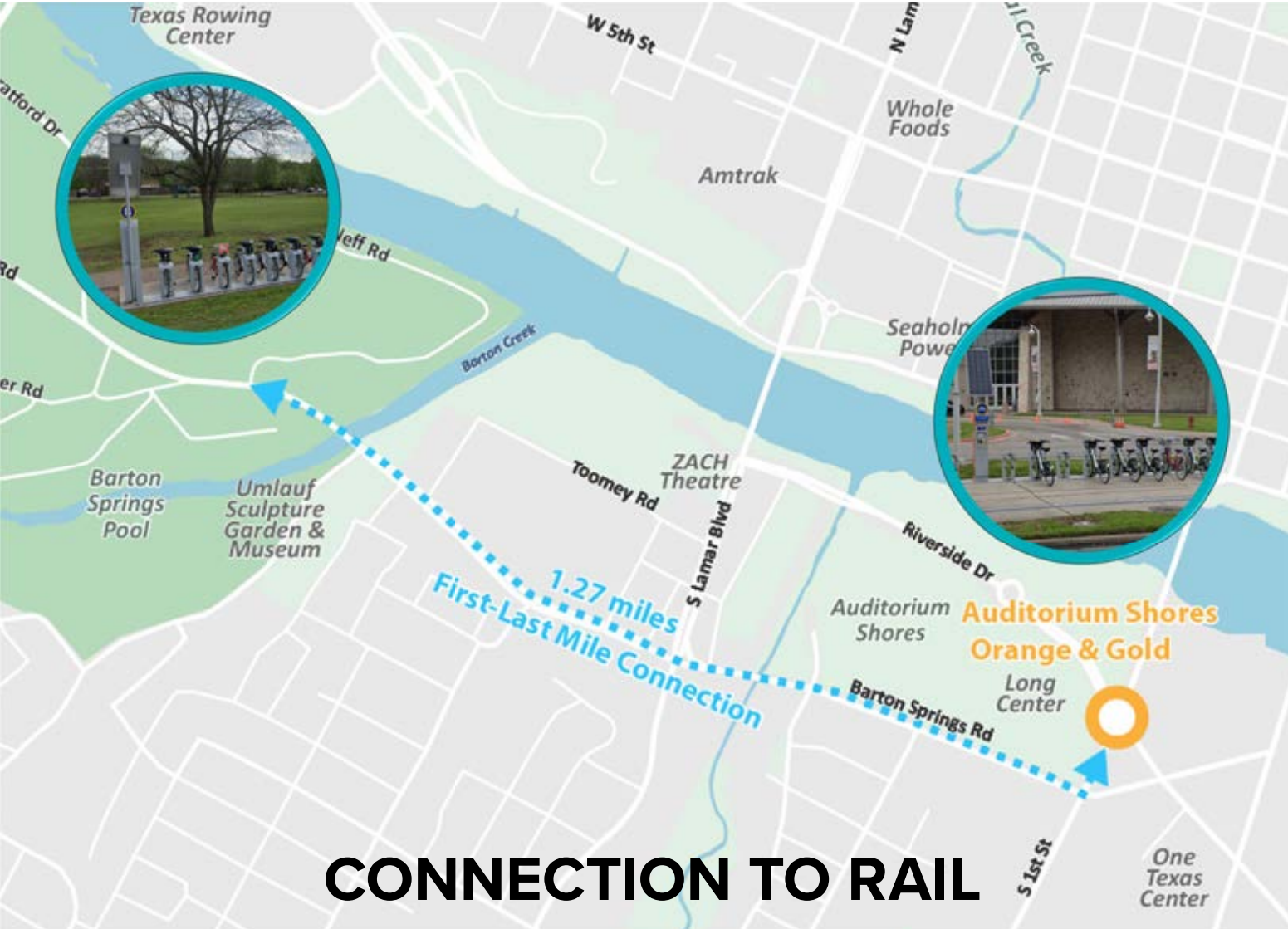
**PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

# PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

## PARK CIRCULATOR, CONNECTION TO DOWNTOWN AND RAIL



### CONNECTION TO DOWNTOWN



# VEHICLE NETWORK

WHAT IF...

- Nature and Ecology
- Programming
- Sustainability
- History and Culture
- Accessibility/Mobility/Transportation



# VEHICLE NETWORK

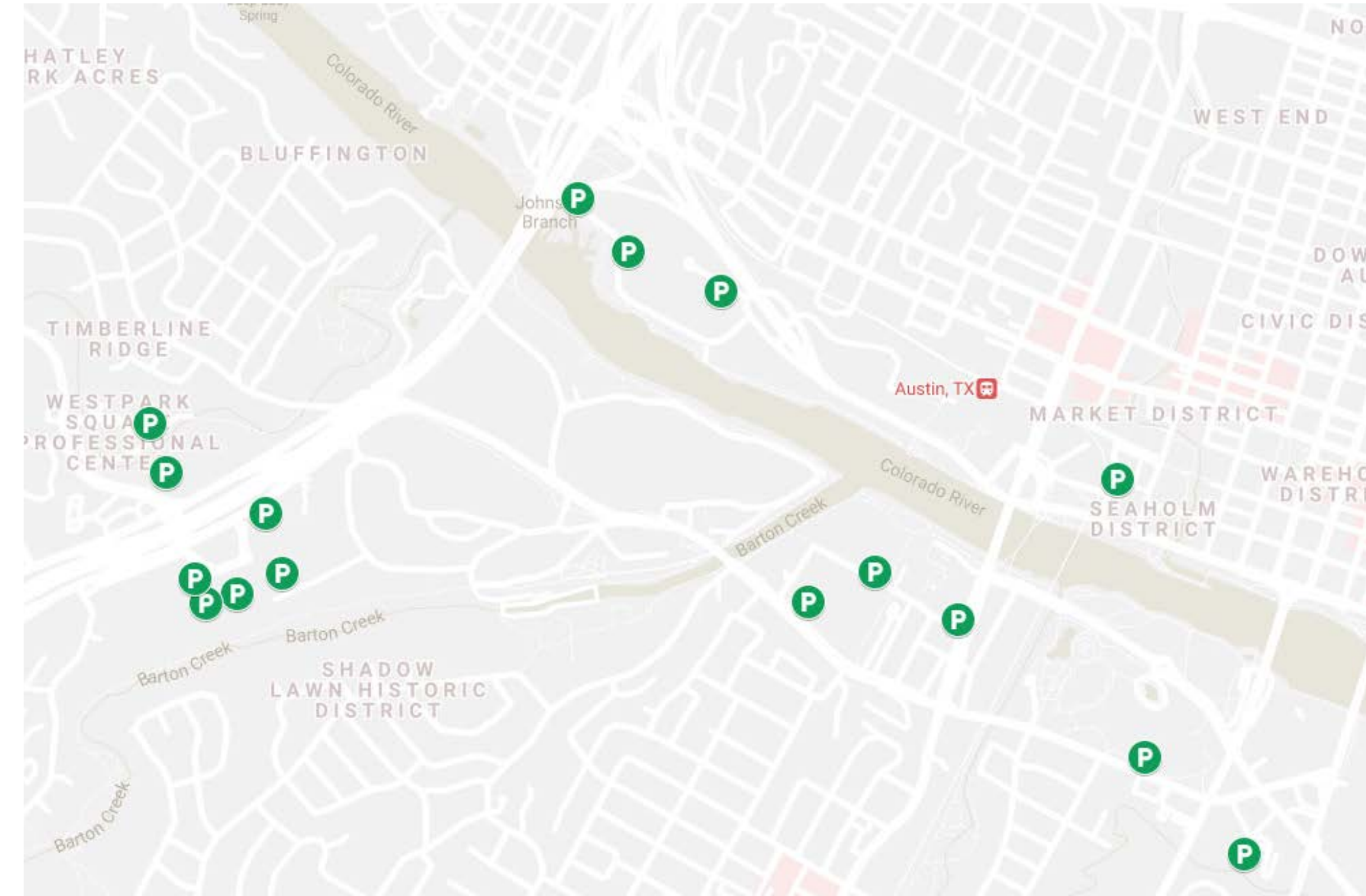
## PARKING

- Nature and Ecology
- Programming
- Sustainability
- History and Culture
- Accessibility/Mobility/Transportation

### CONSOLIDATE DISPARATE LOTS



### SHARED PARKING RESOURCES



# VEHICLE NETWORK

## BARTON SPRINGS ROAD

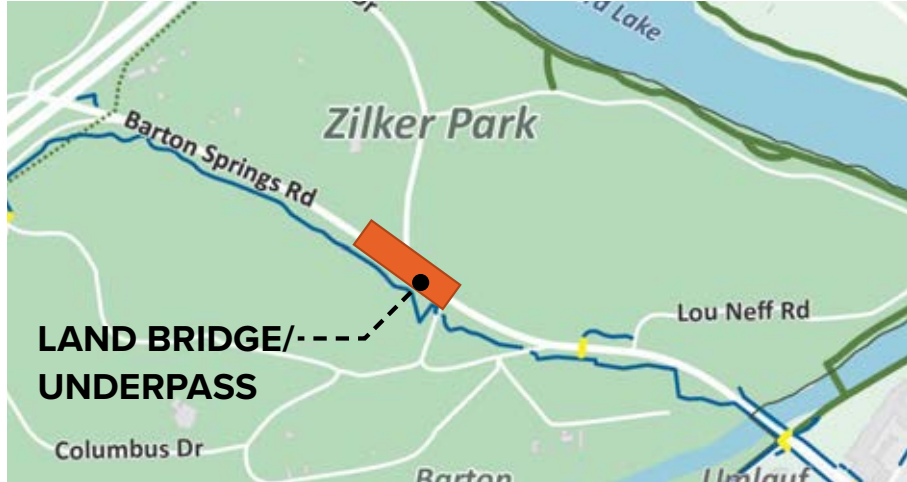
### TEMPORARY INTERVENTION



### TRAFFIC CALMING



### LAND BRIDGE/UNDERPASS



SMALLER

Time and Cost of Implementation

LARGER

# VEHICLE NETWORK

## STRATFORD DRIVE



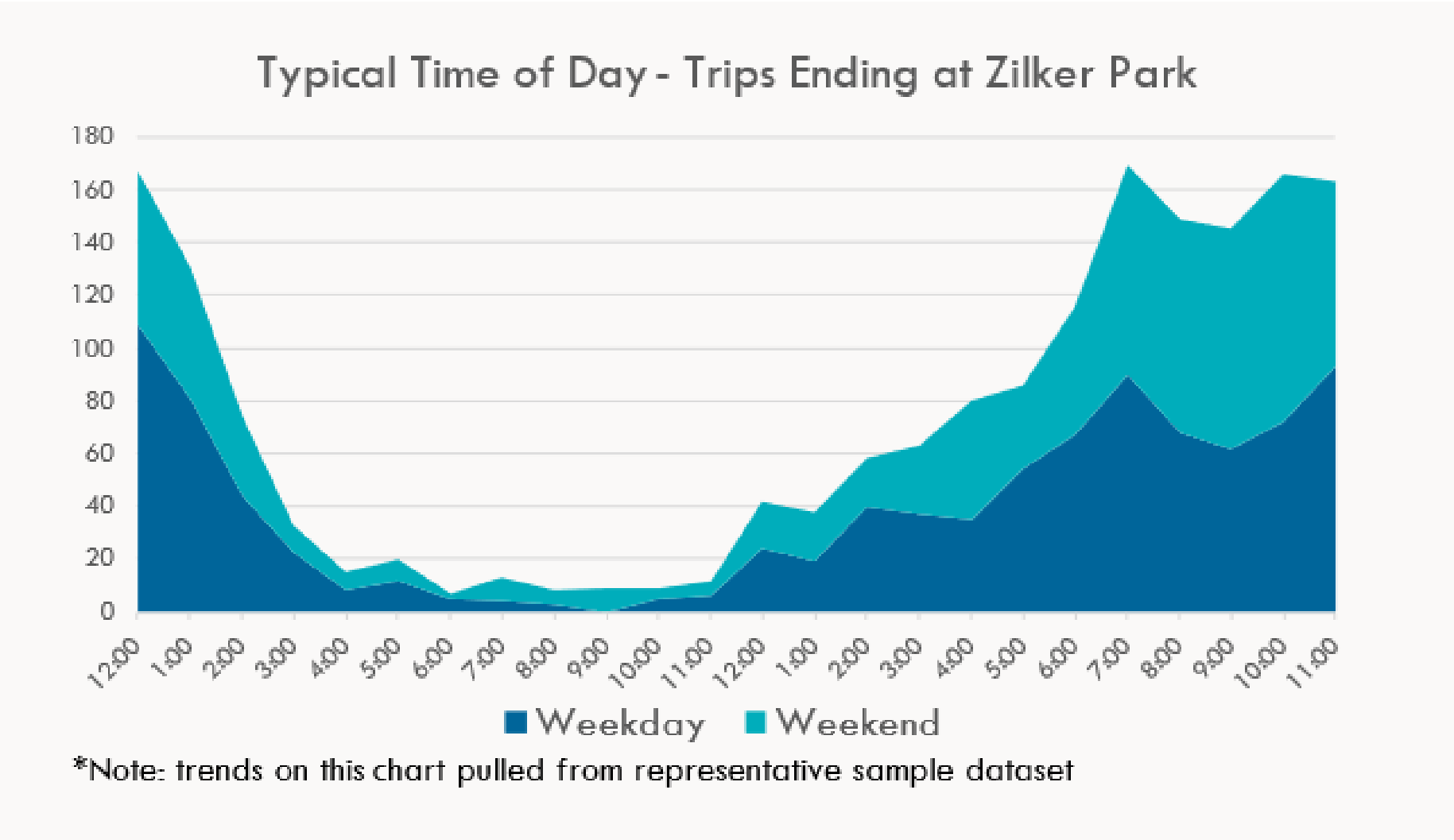
ENTRANCE OF NATURE CENTER DRIVE



STRATFORD DRIVE ALONG NATURE PRESERVE

# SHARED VEHICLE/SCOOTER

## DESIGNATE PARKING, PICK-UP/DROP-OFF ZONE





# ECOLOGY



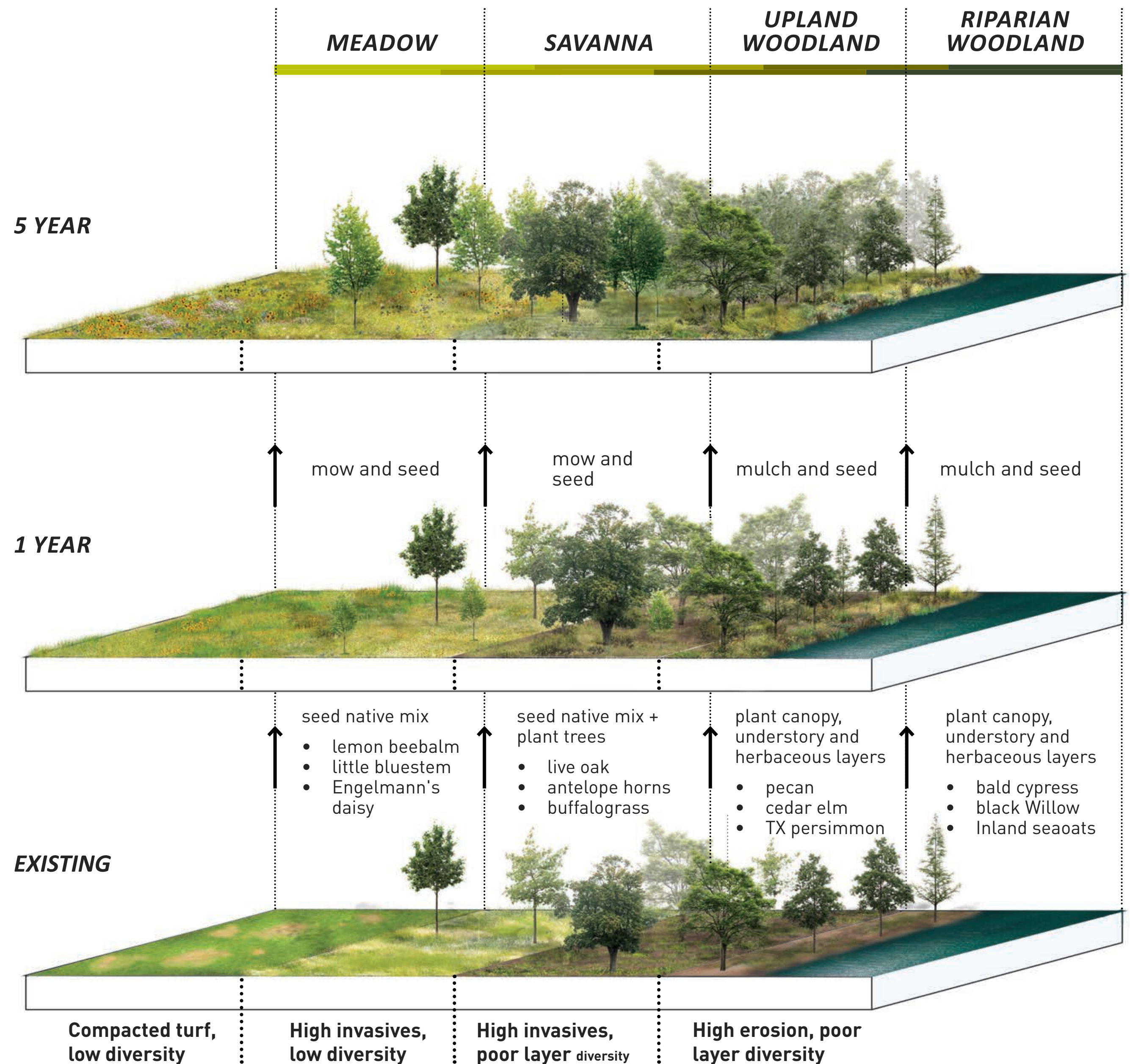
# ECOLOGICAL UPLIFT

## THE DEFINITION

Ecological uplift is the process of enhancing ecological systems in a landscape where they may not exist, are impaired, or simply can be improved.

Ecological Uplift actions at Zilker Park will:

- INCREASE BIODIVERSITY
- IMPROVE ECOSYSTEM FUNCTION
- EXPAND CRITTER HABITATS
- ENHANCE CONNECTION BETWEEN HUMANS AND NATURE
- INCREASE LANDSCAPE RESILIENCY TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS



# ECOLOGY SCENARIO

## ECOLOGICAL UPLIFT



**UPLAND WOODLAND**



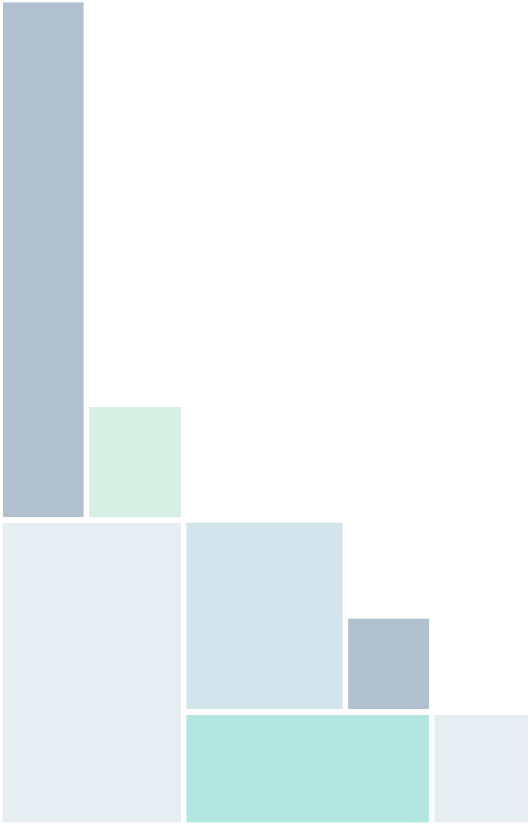
**RIPARIAN WOODLAND**



**SAVANNA**

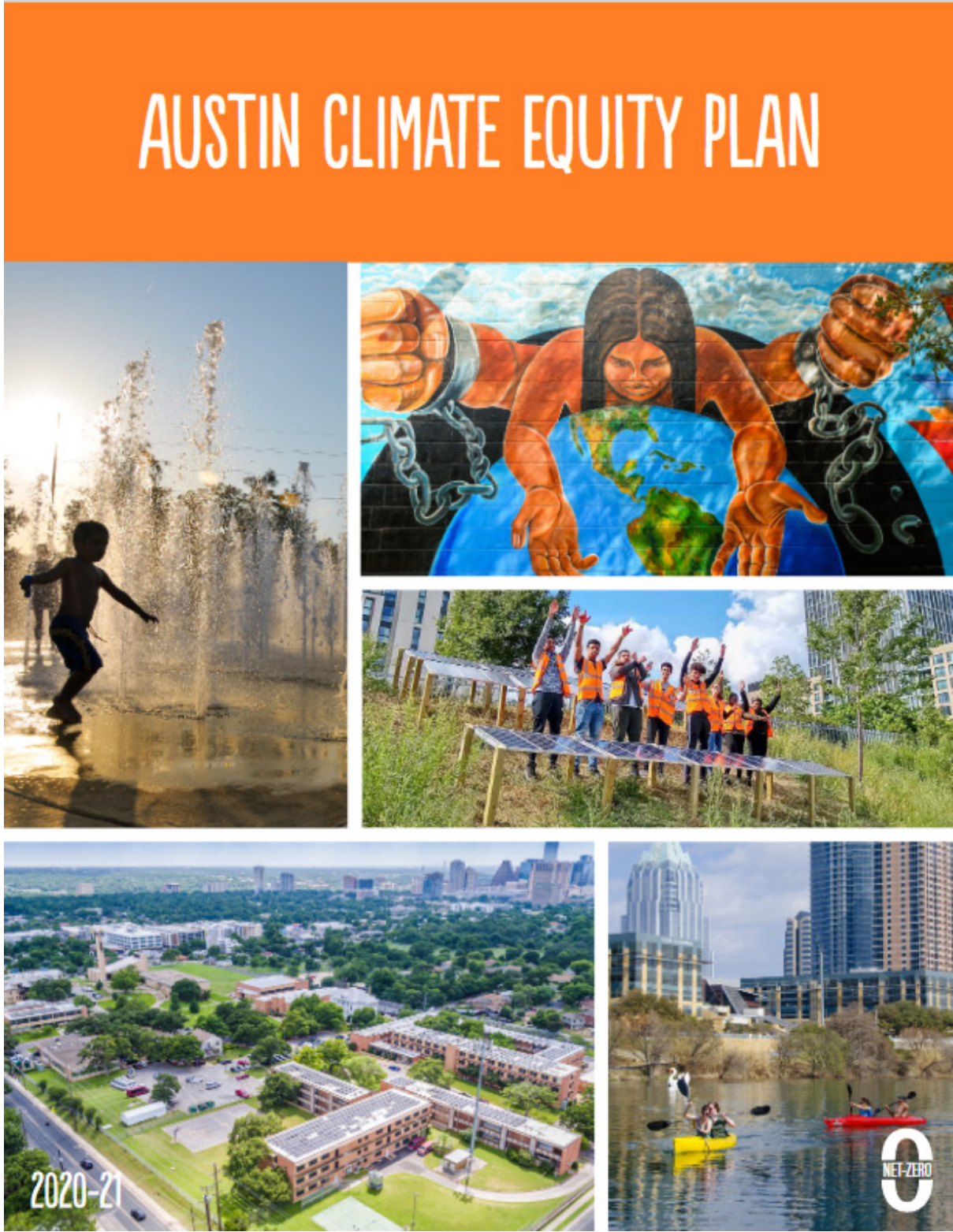


**MEADOW**



# CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change is integrated into the vision plan through adaptation, mitigation, and resiliency. The plan is aligned with the Austin Climate Equity Plan as well as the Climate Resilience Action Plan.



## ADAPTATION

**refers to humans adapting to life in a changing climate.**

Increased woodlands and street trees reduce the impacts of extreme heat and urban heat island effect, making Zilker a refuge from climate change and a place where people can enjoy the outdoors.

## MITIGATION

**refers to the efforts to reduce or prevent climate change.**

Increased vegetation and improved soil health result in greater carbon sequestration, enabling Zilker to play a small role in pulling carbon out of our atmosphere and reducing global temperatures.

## RESILIENCY

**refers to a landscape's ability to deal with the effects of climate change.**

Increased native species diversity and green stormwater infrastructure make the park less susceptible to catastrophic failure, reduces the chance of flooding, erosion, and water quality impacts, while preserving habitat.



# CANOPY ENHANCEMENT

Canopy enhancement adds shade trees in formal park areas. This not only aids ecosystem services, it improves the user experience as well.

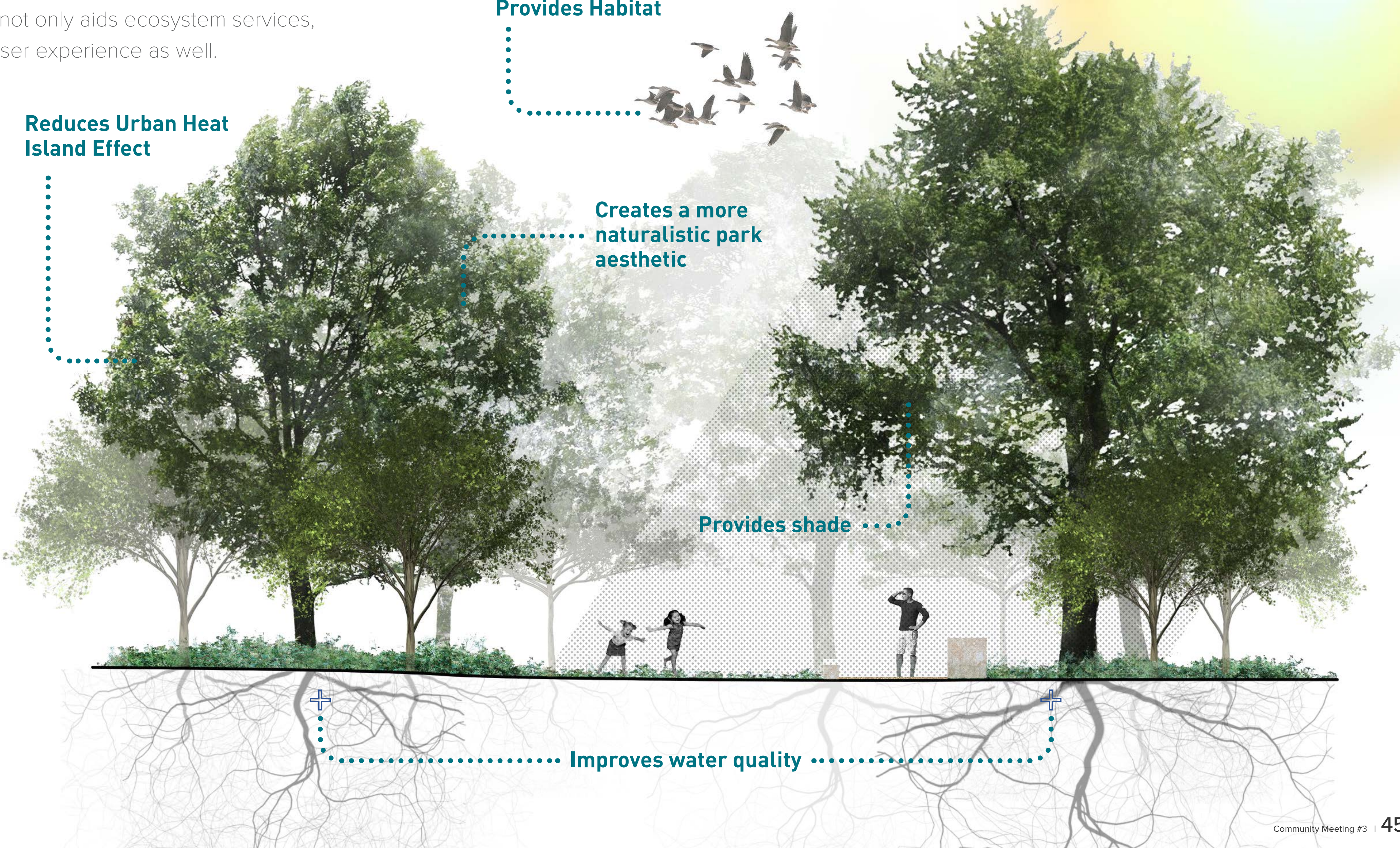
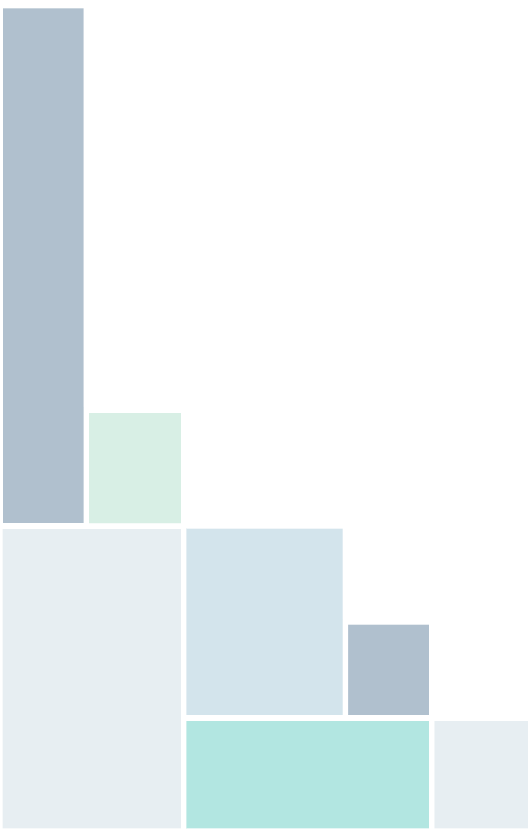
**Reduces Urban Heat Island Effect**

**Provides Habitat**

**Creates a more naturalistic park aesthetic**

**Provides shade**

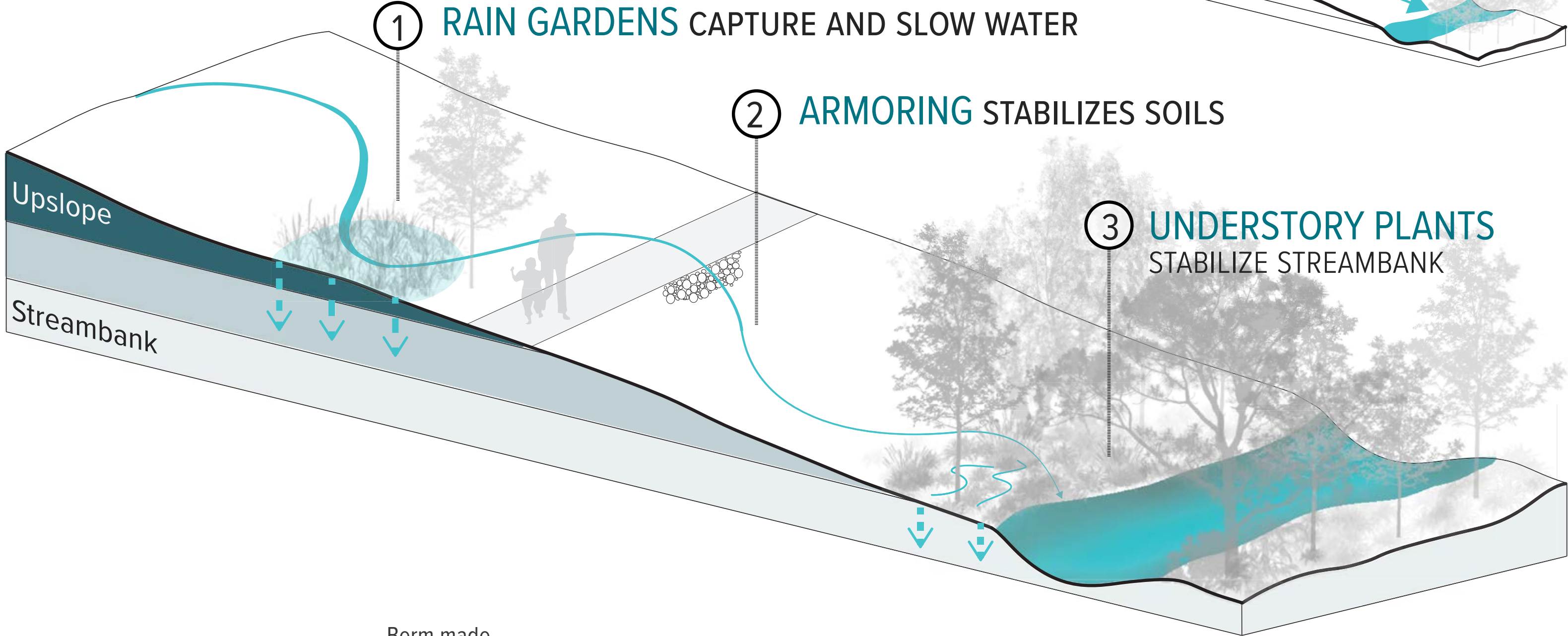
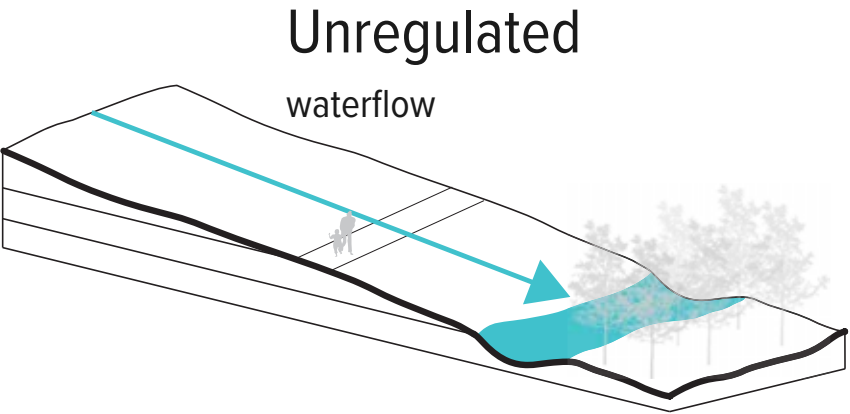
**Improves water quality**



# SUSTAINABILITY

## GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE OPTIONS

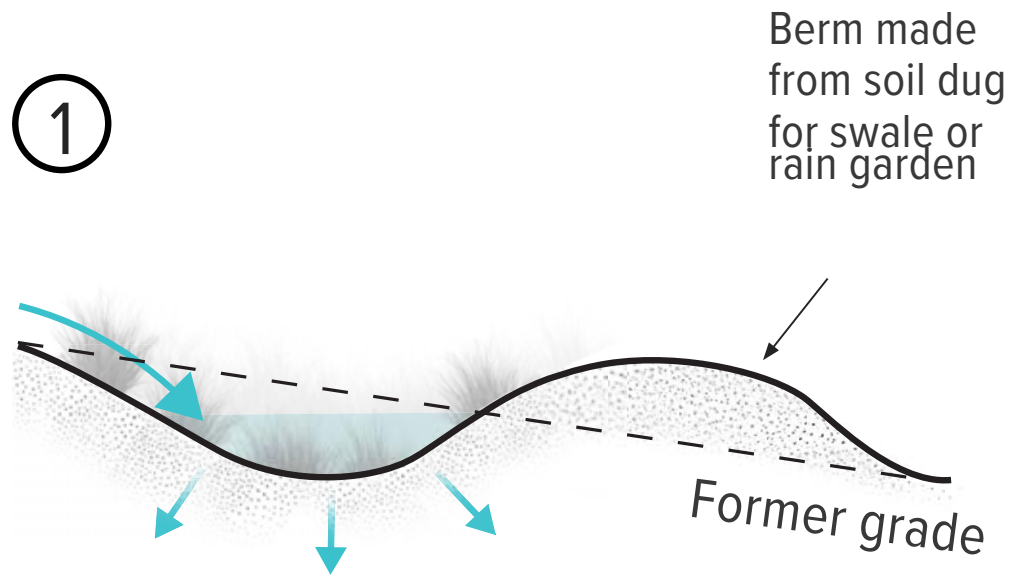
Green stormwater infrastructure can address the root cause of erosion: fast-moving water often coming off roads, parking lots, and buildings. When water moves more slowly, it has longer to soak into the soil, reducing erosion, preventing sediment and pollutants from entering streams and springs, and increasing groundwater supplies. Green infrastructure offers other benefits, including increased creek flow and wildlife habitat. In addition, a well-planned and designed green stormwater installation can heighten the aesthetics and quality of the user experience in these areas. The following are recommended types of green stormwater infrastructure at Zilker Park.



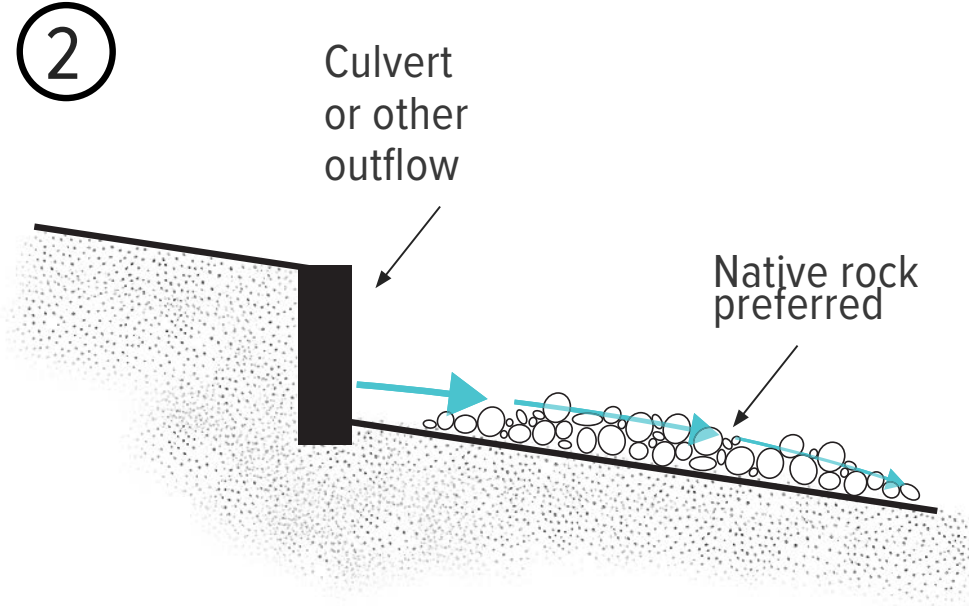
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### ② ARMORING

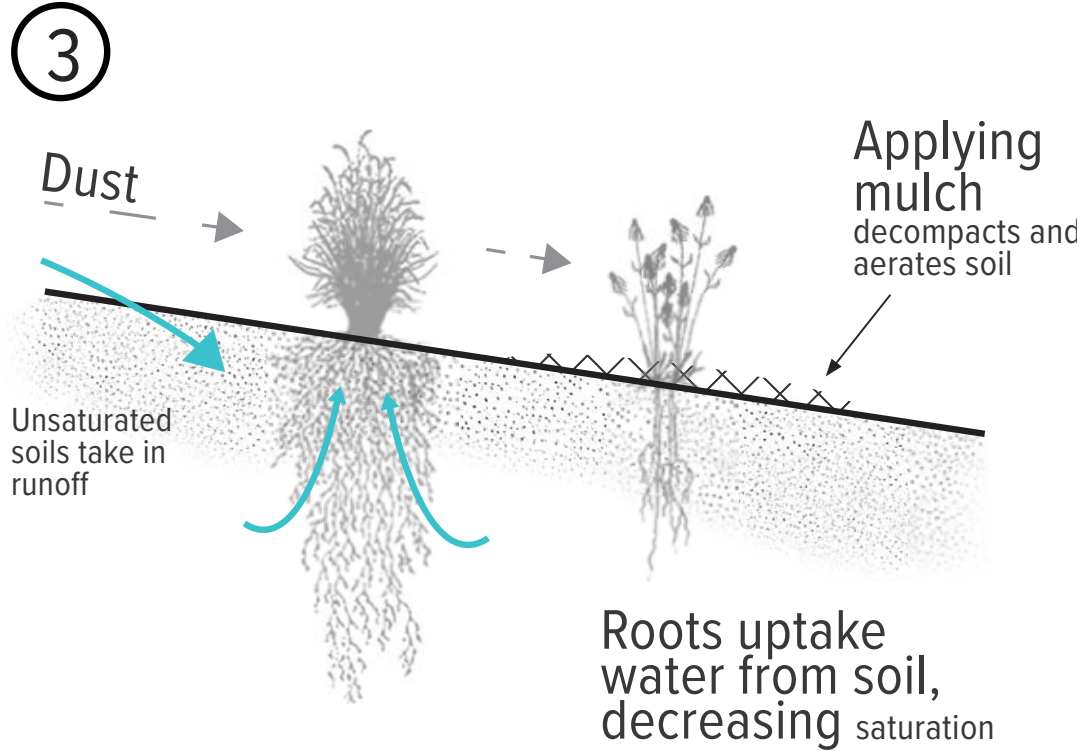
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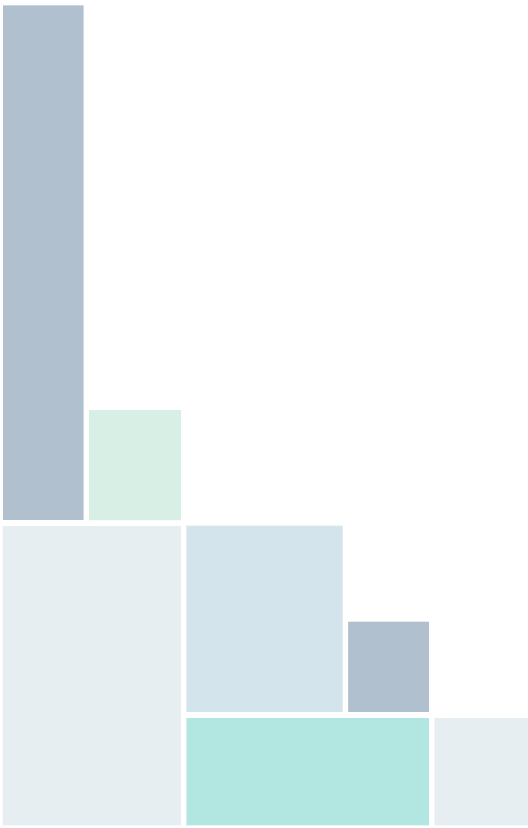
**SWALES & RAIN GARDENS**  
CAPTURE WATERFLOW AND INFILTRATE WATER INTO SOIL



**ARMORING** (RIPRAP, CONCRETE, LIMESTONE, GRANITE BLOCK GABIONS, OR EROSION MATS) NEAR OUTFLOWS WILL SLOW WATERFLOW AND STABILIZE SOILS



**UNDERSTORY PLANTS** STABILIZE SOILS, INCREASE WATER UPTAKE, AND REDUCE DUST DISPERSION — REDUCING SEDIMENT DEPOSITS IN CREEKBED



# SUSTAINABILITY

## GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE OPTIONS

The images depict Green Stormwater Infrastructure precedents found in the Central Texas area.

- Ⓐ A raingarden collects runoff from a building and pathway at **Dell Medical**.
- Ⓑ A swale directs water and allows for interesting vegetation along a pathway at **Hardberger Park** near San Antonio.
- Ⓒ Limestone terraces allow vegetation to be planted along the bank of Waller Creek, slowing down water as it flows from the urban areas at **Dell Medical**.



# MOWING MAP

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

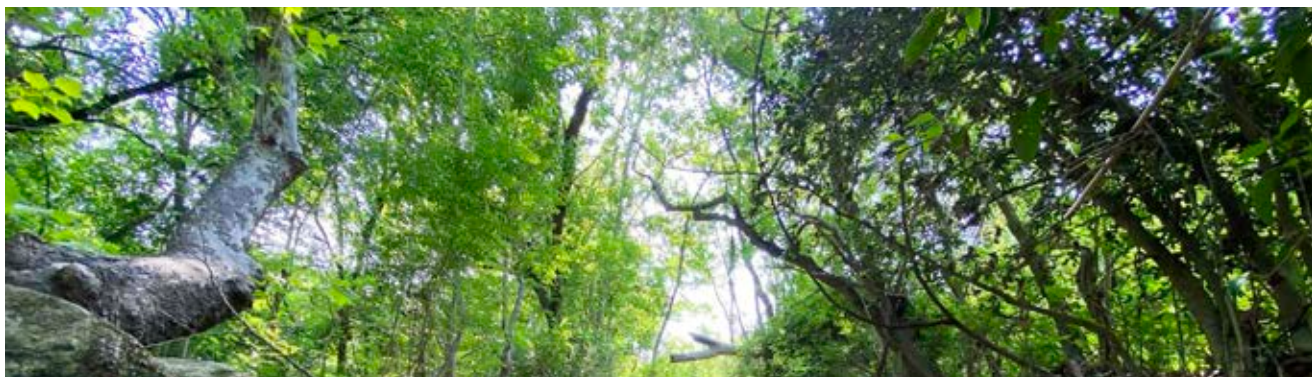
① REGULAR MOWING



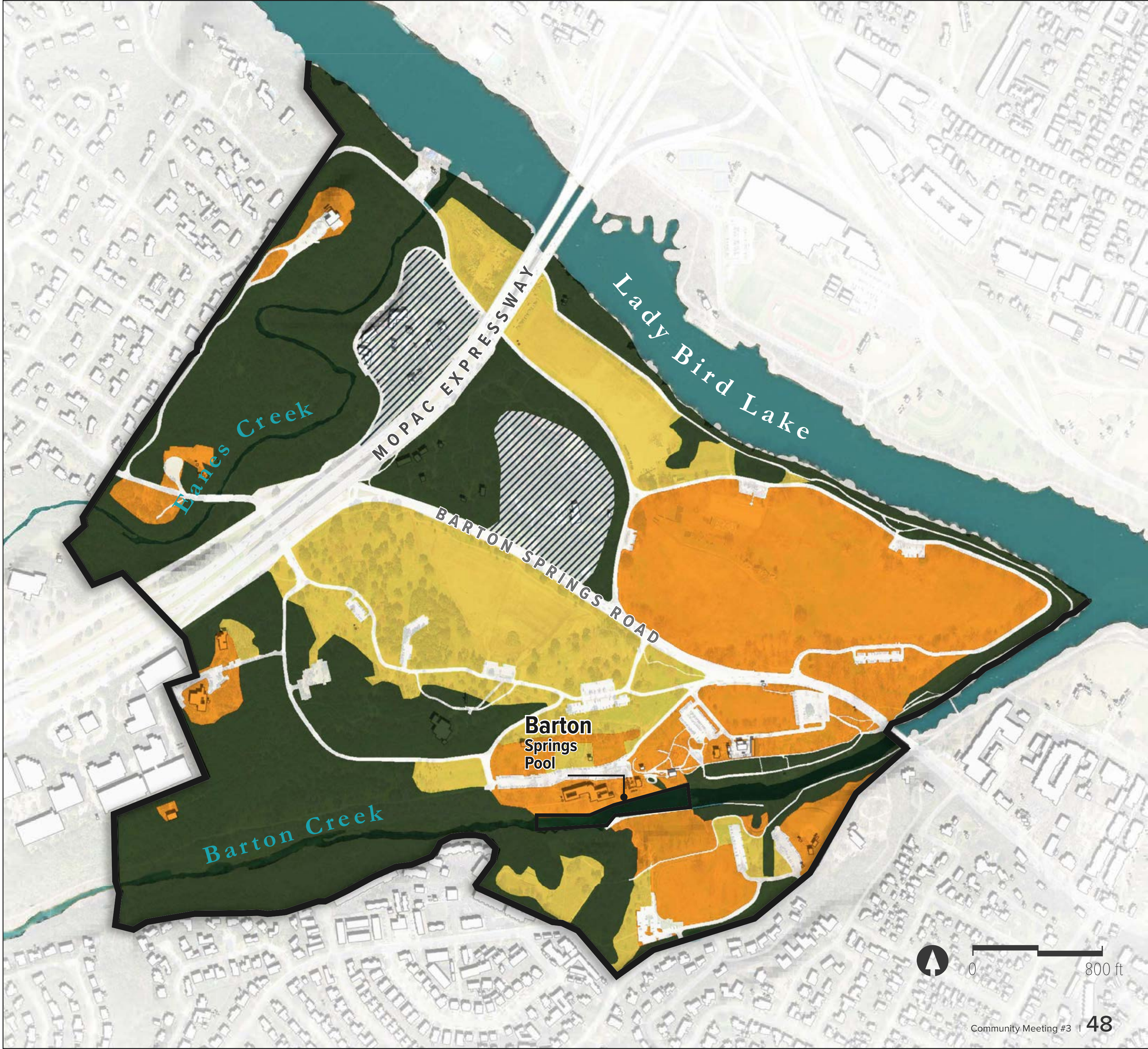
② SEASONAL MOWING



③ NO MOWING



- MOWING**
- Regular mowing (85 acres)
- Seasonal mowing (69 acres)
- No mowing - existing "wild" areas (171 acres)
- OTHER**
- Independently managed





# LANDFILL

## Scenarios

### Existing Condition

#### MAINTAIN SCENARIO (1)

Keep existing condition for parking



### What to do with 17 acres of underutilized lake front land at Zilker Park?



#### EXTRACTION SCENARIO (2)

Extract landfill debris, amend soil for restoration



#### BURY SCENARIO (3)

Import soil on top of cap to support native plant communities



#### STATUS QUO SCENARIO (4)

Berm and swale system with GSI to create planting areas

--- Current ground plane  
— Proposed ground plane  
■ Cap  
■ Landfill



Create up to 17 acres of restored native vegetation and wildlife habitat

Enhance the user experience with an opportunity to engage the lake, interact with nature, and/or additional programming.

Construct rain gardens that capture stormwater, protect downslope wetlands, and Lady Bird Lake.

Enhance canopy to create shade, increase user comfort, mitigate and adapt to climate change, and improve air quality

Extremely limited

Extremely limited

Not feasible

Limited

Any combination of the three scenarios allows for ecological restoration, active park programming, passive park programming, surface parking, and/or structured parking.

# SUSTAINABILITY

## GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE OPTIONS

The graphic visualizes the Lower Barton Creek transformation. Green infrastructure works in collaborate with enhanced woodland and formalization of the trail edge and water access in order to create an exceptional space for humans and critters.

- **EXISTING CONDITIONS:** shows degradation from lack of stormwater management upslope, trampling, and flooding that has resulted in compacted soils, erosion, an incomplete canopy, struggling vegetation, and a degraded user experience.
- **PROPOSED CONDITIONS:** shows the ecological health and enhanced user experience that results by addressing upslope stormwater with green stormwater infrastructure, formalizing trails and water access, installing physical barriers to plantings, decompacting soils, and planting robust native canopy, understory, and groundcover vegetation.

EXISTING CONDITIONS  
LOWER BARTON CREEK



**Stormwater Flow**

Stormwater flows quickly off of the hillside, along the trail, and eventually to Barton Creek.

**Erosion**

Severe erosion is occurring, exposing tree roots and making it difficult for plants to propogate on the shoreline.

**Unregulated Water Access**

Heavy human use accessing the water's edge has caused severe erosion as well as compaction.

PROPOSED CONDITIONS  
LOWER BARTON CREEK



**Enhanced Woodland**

Enhanced canopy and understory species will slow down water flow off of the slope and increase habitat for native species.

**Trail Edge**

Cable fences and large rock edges can deter people from exploring off trail.

**Green Infrastructure**

Established vegetation can slow down water on its way to Barton Creek as well as deter people from short cutting.

**Formalized Water Access**

By formalizing a trail and space near the water, ecological degradation will be minimized, allowing riparian communities to thrive.

# NEXT STEPS

• **Survey and Interactive Map:**  
Available October 25 on project website

• **Pop-Ups**  
Oct to Nov

• **Small Group Discussions**  
Dec to Jan

• **Contact Information**  
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• **Upcoming Schedules**  
Community Meeting #4: February  
Community Meeting #5: April  
Final Approvals: May-June

**Zilker Park: Outside Barton Springs Pool north entrance, near Zilker Cafe**  
Monday, October 25, 4 p.m.

**Dove Springs Recreation Center (D2)**  
5801 Ainez Dr.  
Tuesday, October 26, 5 p.m.

**COA/North Austin YMCA (D4)**  
1000 W. Rundberg Ln.  
Saturday, October 30, 10 a.m.

**H Mart (D6)**  
11301 Lakeline Blvd.  
Sunday, November 7, Noon

**Circle C Ranch Metropolitan Park (D8)**  
6301 W Slaughter Ln  
Saturday, November 13, 9 a.m.

**Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library (D10)**  
7051 Village Center Dr.  
Monday, November 15, 3 p.m.

**Austin Country Flea Market (D1)**  
9500 U.S. Highway 290 E  
Sunday, October 24, 10 a.m.

**South Austin Recreation Center (D3)**  
1100 Cumberland Rd.  
Friday, November 19, 5 p.m.

**Manchaca Road Branch, Austin Public Library (D5)**  
5500 Manchaca Rd.  
Saturday, November 13, Noon

**Gateway Farmers Market by Farmer George (tentative) (D7)**  
9607 Research Blvd.  
Sunday, October 31, Noon

**Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (D9)**  
600 River St.  
Monday, November 1, 5 p.m.

**Zilker Park: Zilker Holiday Tree Lighting**  
Tentative