



City of Austin

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Item PK1.07

Investing in a Master Plan for Northwest District Park

This proposal would:

- Invest \$200,000 for the planning, study, and public engagement efforts needed to create a Northwest District Park Master Plan.¹

Northwest District Park is a regional park serving many residents from different parts of Austin.

- Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park is a more-than-30-acre regional park with a service area that includes residents from Districts 4, 7, and 10.²
- It offers a number of amenities, including: a swimming pool, a baseball field, a basketball court, two playgrounds, three picnic areas, and four tennis courts. These community assets host afterschool programs, community education, cycling classes, swim lessons, and school district baseball games, among other programming.³
- The park also includes important detention pond infrastructure that the city installed after the 1981 Memorial Day flood. Currently, the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) and Watershed Protection Department (WPD) are collaborating to make crucial improvements to bring the pond into compliance with state safety regulations.⁴

However, the city still has not yet established a master plan to guide its important investments at Northwest District Park.

- The city creates master plans to provide a vision for and help guide its investments in its major community assets.
- These master planning efforts involve extensive community outreach to ensure that the plans reflect the community's vision for these major assets.
- Northwest District Park does not yet have a master plan that can provide a strategic framework guiding how to make investments in maintaining the park's many community assets and important flood control infrastructure.

This proposal could help establish a community vision for Northwest District Park that can guide the city's investments in community assets and important detention pond infrastructure at the park.

¹ Austin Budget Question #37 (2016).

² Parks & Recreation Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities and Programs, November 2010.

³ Parks and Recreation Department Staff, August 2016.

⁴ Watershed Protection Department Staff, August 2016.