**Austin Parks and Recreation Department** 

# Donde Corre El Agua, or Where the Water Runs

Presentation on the Where The Water Runs /Donde Corre El Agua Community Activated Park Project proposal for East Williamson Creek Trailhead and Greenbelt within the Dove Springs Community



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### Agenda

- Partners:
  - Frances Acuña Go Austin Vamos Austin
  - Blanca Ortíz, Elena Rodríguez and Enedina Sánchez E. Williamson Creek Adopters
  - Bjørn Sletto School of Architecture at the University of Texas at Austin
- Site History
- Community Engagement
- Community Priorities
- Proposed Site Improvements
- Next Steps





## E. Williamson Creek Greenbelt | Dove Springs









#### Partnership

We worked in collaboration with:

- Urban Roots youth interns
- UT Professor Bjørn Sletto with School of Architecture and his graduate Community & Regional Planning class
- The community residents of E. Williamson Creek
- Park Ranger Cadets



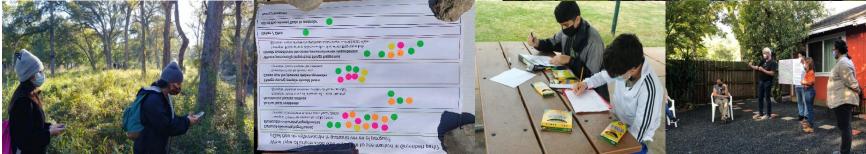




## **Overview of Community Engagement**

Creek adopters, students and Urban Roots worked actively through the pandemic speaking individually with neighbors, hosting group discussions, knocking on doors, receiving feedback and designing the project. They also walked the proposed trail.







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**Proposed Design Interventions** 





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- High level priorities that came out of the Community Engagement were:
  - Culture
    - Signs designed with community input
      - History of culture and recipes along the trail signs
  - Preservation
    - Land preservation for air quality, wildlife and flood mitigation
  - Conservation
    - Neighborhood conservation of culture, values and beliefs are displayed along the flood wall







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- Continued priorities of the engagement:
  - Area must be safe to walk, play and de-stress
    - Swings, volleyball and basketball
  - The park should welcome people of all ages to relax and play.
    - Benches along the trail and tables in open spaces for gathering
  - Changes should be made in a way that does not hurt the natural environment.
  - Any changes to the park should be easy-tomaintain and contribute to visitors' safety and comfort.





# **Next Steps**

- Community Activated Park Project Proposal |
  Complete
- Neighborhood Partnering Program (NPP) Application (2022)
  - Project Scope and Project Budget Estimate
  - NPP Board Approval
  - Design & Permitting
- NPP & PARD Implementation of Identified Priorities
  - Trailhead, nature trails and placemaking
- Partnership Ongoing Activation and Stewardship of Site
- Future Improvements Identified through the Community Engagement







## Questions

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