

# Brush Square Master Plan

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department will facilitate the master planning effort for Brush Square beginning in early Spring, 2018. Brush Square is one of three original public squares in the 1839 Waller Plan for the City of Austin. The square is located in the southeast quadrant of downtown and is the home of the historic Brush Square Museums, which include the Dickinson Museum, the O. Henry Museum, and the Austin Fire Museum. Austin Fire Station #1 is also located on the square and actively serves the surrounding downtown area.

The landscape architecture firm Asakura Robinson was contracted through the City's Landscape Architecture rotation list and the funding for the effort is from the 2012 G.O. Bond for Downtown Squares. The planning process will engage the public in the development of a vision and conceptual master plan for the historic downtown square.

In addition to enhancing the square's green space and trees, the planning effort will respond to the highly urban context of the square, which includes the adjacent convention center, Lance Armstrong Bikeway and the expanding Capital Metro Downtown Station. At this time, funding for master plan implementation has not been identified. The master plan process will result in the development of a vision for the square, recommendations for short and long term capital improvements, phasing recommendations, cost estimates, as well as financing strategies.

