

Welcome!

Grand Meadow Neighborhood Park Concept Plan

Community Meeting #1



Meeting Agenda



- Who is APF?
- What are Park Design Services?
- Overview of Grand Meadow Park
- What is a Neighborhood Park?
- Survey Overview
- Project Timeline / Next Steps
- Q & A
- How to stay informed?



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ACTIVATION



ENGAGEMENT



INVESTMENT





PARK DESIGN SERVICES

Park Design Services

Offered by Austin Parks Foundation

Park Design Assistance



Detailed Park Design



Overall Park Planning



Overall Park Planning

Process guides Adopt-A-Park groups through visioning and creating an adopted Park Concept Plan

Awarded:

- Once a year to neighborhood, school or pocket parks only
- Spring Application date
- Grand Meadow Neighborhood Park is the 2022-2023 recipient

Process:

- Year-long process
- Form Park Design Committee
- Conduct Site Inventory and Analysis
- Community Outreach including three public meetings
- Primary Outcome: Adopted Park Concept Plan by City of Austin

Roles:

Parks and Recreation

- Land owner
- Ensure process complies with COA standards
- Final decision
- Maintenance



Austin Parks Foundation

- Leading effort: community engagement and design
- Support parks in Austin
- Main point of contact during process



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Park Design Committee

- Official Adopt-A-Park Group
- Stewardship of the park
- Outreach for community engagement

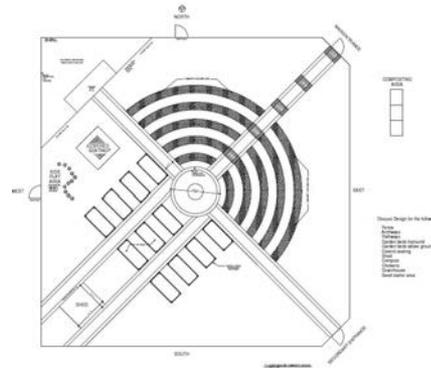


Community

- Participation in public process to voice preferences in future park development

Friends of Grand Meadow

- Park steward organization building community around Grand Meadow Park
- Applied for Design Services Grant
- Conducted original survey
- Crucial for community engagement
- Passionate and knowledgeable about food forest and community garden- will be sharing more specifics at Community Meeting #2



Example: Earl J. Pomerleau Pocket Park Concept Plan

The park master plan will lay the framework to preserve the **CHARACTER** of the existing parkland



while providing flexible community **AMENITIES** for all.

Placed to serve as the hub of the park, the pavilion is centered in the middle of the site for ease of access and safety. The layout combines both maintained turf for flexible open space uses and the establishment of a native meadow for a portion of the site. There are many options for exploration through a meandering loop trail layout and connection walks while serving the neighborhood with many options for seating, gathering, exercise and play.

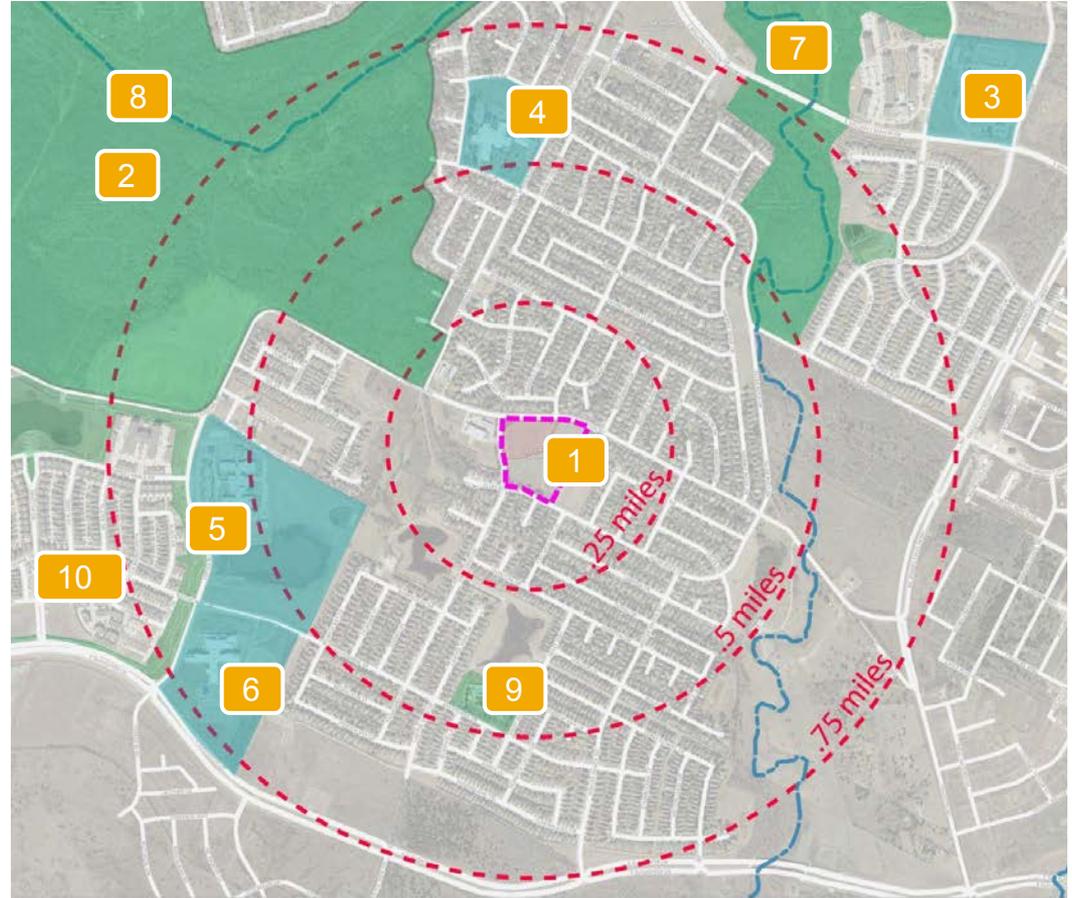




Grand Meadow Neighborhood Park

Site Context

1. Grand Meadow Park
2. Onion Creek Metro Park
3. Hillcrest Elementary School
4. Palm Elementary School
5. Blazier Elementary School
6. Blazier Intermediate School
7. Marble Creek Greenbelt
8. Onion Creek
9. McKinney Heights Park
10. Goodnight Ranch



Current Conditions



A cross walk



B bus stop on Thaxton Rd.



C utility structures



D nature play



Current Conditions



E nature play entrance



F crosswalk along Alum Rock Dr.



G sidewalk along Alum Rock Dr.



H wildflower meadow signage

- | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| vehicular drive | property line | bus stop |
| sidewalk | communication easement | street tree |
| unofficial path | access easement | buffer trees |
| drainage | multiple-use easement | |



What is a Neighborhood Park?

- Backbone of Austin's park system
- Respond to demographic and cultural characteristics of neighborhoods
- Provide basic recreational opportunities close to home
- Ideally, all citizens have easy access to a neighborhood park within one-mile of their residences
- 2-30 acres in size
- Traditional recreation opportunities such as playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, open play areas, and picnic tables
- Less traditional recreation opportunities such as wildflowers, native plants, less intensive maintenance techniques
- *Does not typically include: dog parks, splash pads, pools*

Neighborhood Park Examples



Little Stacy Neighborhood Park



Patterson Neighborhood Park

Take the Survey:

www.austintexas.gov/GrandMeadowPark

- Answer basic demographic questions
- Provide input on what you would like to see in Grand Meadow Park

These responses will directly inform the future programming!

Open Until March 21st

Grand Meadow Park Community Meeting #1 Survey

This park is undergoing an overall planning process with Austin Parks Foundation and Austin's Parks and Recreation Department. This process will result in an officially approved Concept Plan. We are seeking community input to directly inform the design of this plan. We want your ideas!

El futuro parque está en proceso de remodelación. Estamos buscando conceptos de la comunidad para mejorar el plan del diseño del parque. ¡Queremos sus ideas!

What is your Vision for Grand Meadow Park? | ¿Cuál es su visión para Grand Meadow Park?

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Outdoor Fitness Equipment



Community Art



Wildflower Preservation



Play Lawn



Nature Play



Traditional Playground Equipment



Community Garden



Food Forest



Labyrinth



Project Timeline



- **March 7, 2023 - Community Meeting #1**

Input on Park Amenities, open online survey

May 2023 - Community Meeting #2

On-site meeting for preliminary layout options for public comment / input on phasing and layout, open online survey

July 2023 - Community Meeting #3

Final draft plan for comment

Early Fall - COA PARD for official review and adoption

Q & A

Stay Informed

For all project information, visit:

www.austintexas.gov/GrandMeadowPark

- Stay up-to-date with project information and Community Meeting dates
- Sign up for project emails
- Take the survey

Upcoming Community Engagement:

[Sign-up for project emails](#)

Community Meeting #1 (virtual)

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 6 p.m.

[Register here](#)





Project Website

For all information and events

<https://www.austintexas.gov/GrandMeadowPark>

Online survey will be available until **March 21st**

THANK YOU!