

# HOLLY SHORES/ EDWARD RENDON SR. PARK AT FESTIVAL BEACH MASTER PLAN What's your vision for Holly Point?

# Welcome | Bienvenido

The Trail Foundation and the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department invite you to come learn about improving the water access at Holly Point, making it more ADA accessible, and evaluating how best to preserve, enhance and increase wildlife habitat.

# We need your input!

What other improvements would you like to be considered?

- > Seating and gathering areas
- > Fishing and boating access
- > Cultural history and arts

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Zilker Trailhead With the growing use of the Trail, there is an increasing number of Trail users entering between the end of the Zilker berms and the Trail's native areas. By creating a trailhead that addresse this increased use, while protecting the sensitive natural areas, we can accommodate the needs of nature and users alike.

Study (Northshore) One of the few remaining pinch points, the Trail at Lamar and Cesar Chavez poses a safety hazard due to its proximity to the busy street. A feasibility study on an overwater boardwalk structure could provide a road map to a safer Trail in this area.

Lamar Boardwalk

#### North First St. Trail Under Bridge

This project intends to improve the zone under the north side of the First Street Bridge, giving particular consideration to the water's edge, the Trail surface and the concrete abutment of the bridge itself. It may also consider concessions, seating, lighting and artwork. While the focus is the area under the bridge itself, an extended zone on each side will also be considered. Funds will be used to hire designers for development of the vision, scope and conceptual design.

> Brazos Bluff The parkland adjacent to the Four Seasons is steeply sloped, causing significant erosion of the Trail and the riparian edge when it rains. This project would address the stormwater that flows across this site in an aesthetically pleasing and ecologically sensitive manner that prevents further erosion of the Trail and the lake edge. This includes a deck along the Trail for users to gather or rest as well as to protect the exist-ing shade trees' sensitive roots.

> > Playground - East Side As Austin continues to grow, more and more families are looking for places to gather, rest and play along the Trail. The Trail Foundation would like to provide creative spaces for play that will engage entire families and reflect the immersive feeling of nature the Trail evokes.

> > > Lakeshore Blv

Holly Point - Fiesta Gardens Water Access Anticipating the realignment of the Trail along Holly Shores in 2019, there will be increased desire to view and access the water, whether for kayaking, fishing or other recreation. By providing more formalized access in an area that is already well used, we can protect the riparian habitat while still allowing people to engage in the activities that they love.

#### Holly Trail Enhancement

As part of the future phase of the Holly Shores Master Plan, the Austin Parks and Recreation Department will realign the Trail to the lake edge. With this realignment comes the opportunity to provide shade and cooling through creative design solutions and trees.

> Holly Shores Trailhead - Connection to EastLink Trail Connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists is a growing priority for the City of Austin, and providing a safe connection to EastLink at the new Trail realignment at Holly Shores brings together two important trails that will connect all Austinites.

#### Pleasant Valley/Lakeshore Trailhead & Water Access

With the completion of the Oracle Campus across Lakeshore Boulevard, and the proposed upgrades to the Country Club Creek Trail across Pleasant Valley, the parkland and Trail at Pleasant Valley and Lakeshore Boulevard will become more heavily used than ever before. As shown in the TTF-created Southeast Shores Masterplan, a trailhead will create a gathering space for people to meet, as well as a water access point to interact with the water and nature, while protecting sensitive shoreline habitat.

Pleasant Valley/Lakeshore Blvd Restroom As the east side of the Trail continues to see increased usage, the Pleasant Valley and Lakeshore Boulevard intersection will function more as a Trailhead and entry point. With Country Club Creek Trail across the street and the nearest rest-rooms over a half mile away, there is great need for a restroom facility.

Master Signage (entire Trail) Excellent signage is a critical component of a successful urban trail. TTF has already completed a Master Signage Package that has been installed west of I-35 that includes wayfinding and spoke trails signs. This signage promotes a favorable image of Austin characterized by originality, quality, beauty and civic pride. Not only does the master signage package need to be installed on the Trail's east side, an inventory of all remaining Trail signs needs to be completed so that all signage is comprehensive coordinated and functional.

**Ecological Restoration (entire Trail)** The Trail Foundation's Ecological Restoration program is now entering its fifth year of implementation. Using the Ecological Restoration Guidelines as reference for this ongoing work, this program continues to grow in sophistication and impact for the health of the Trail and surrounding parkland ecosystems. This program encourages the strategic use of resources from all city departments, including the Parks and Recreation Department, Forestry and Watershed Protection, to have the greatest impact to the ecological and aesthetic value of an exceptional natural resource: our Trail.

Festival Beach Restroom Replacement The existing restroom at Festival Beach, east of I-35. has been identified for replacement in the Holl Shores Master Plan. The selection of an architect that is sensitive to the depth of history and cultural identity of this special park space is imperative to creating a successful design for this facility.

Lakeshore Park: Deck and Overlook On the Boardwalk's east side, off Lakeshore Boulevard, are two opportunities to provide inviting ing spaces through the creation of an over water platform at an existing outfall structure as vell as a deck underneath the towering Live Oaks overlooking a playful, grassy field.

Bridge Study: Holly/Lakeshore Peninsula While the Trail's west side has regular north/south opportunities to cross the lake, the 4 miles of Trail or the east side do not. TTF would like to conduct a feasibility study on the north/ south connection from the new Trail alignment at Holly Shores to the peninsula off Lakeshore Blvd.

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# TTF 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**The Trail Foundation** 

Recently, The Trail Foundation established criteria by which its projects are selected. These criteria centered around two focus areas:

1. Community need and benefit, and

2. TTF's capacity and ability to

bathrooms to new water access points and playgrounds. Nine projects are on the east side of the Trail, four on the west, and two along the entirety of the Trail. The map above identifies the 15 projects and provides detailed descriptions of each.

#### **Holly Point** Project

impact on the realignment of the Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail. The primary goal of the Holly Point project, as identified in the Holly Shores/Edward Rendon Sr. Park Master Plan, is to:

1) improve the water access at Holly Point, making it and the trail more accessible and compliant with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines, and

#### complete the projects.

With this criteria in mind, TTF selected 15 charter projects in honor of its 15th anniversary and created the Corgan Canopy Fund dedicated to financing the initial phases of each future project.

Slated for completion over the next five years, the 15 projects range from new trailheads and

The Trail Foundation and the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department have begun the process to develop a design and construction plan for Holly Point, located just west of the decommissioned Holly Power Plant at Festival Beach, adjacent to the lagoon and the baseball fields. This project anticipates the transition of the decommissioned Holly Power Plant into parkland and its

2) determine the best approach to preserve, enhance, and increase wildlife habitat.

Your input will help provide guidance on these goals and any other park improvements that could enhance your experience at Holly Point or time on the trail.







Riparian restoration, or restoration of the lake edge habitat, is an important element of the master plan proposal. Walking or canoeing at the water's edge in a peaceful park setting is a rare and valuable experience in this part of Texas, particularly in the city. The master plan seeks to find a balance between allowing people to experience this environment, and the protection and enhancement of the habitat.

increase species diversity in those communities. The master plan, in reshaping the edge of the lake in places, providing new channels to improve water quality in the lagoon and cooling pond, and creating habitat islands in those areas, will increase the current riparian habitat from over 15,000 to over 20,000 linear feet. A healthy plant community in this area will help control erosion, filter sediment and pollutants carried in stormwater, provide flood control and create habitat. Increased native species diversity can be encouraged

through the selective removal of invasive species and the seeding or planting of native woody or herbaceous species. The primary goals should be improving bank stability and species diversity, which can be done either actively or passively. Passive establishment can be achieved through the elimination of invasive species and selective vegetation thinning; active establishment in areas that have little existing habitat involves new planting once bank stabilization has been achieved.

In general, riparian vegetation is a major source of nutrients for aquatic communities and



The ball fields west of the Holly Plant are a heavily used area of the park and an important part of the recreational program at Holly Shores. Many people walk or bicycle to the ball fields and there is a parking lot on Riverview Street, which is currently blocked by the Holly Plant, a condition that will change as part of the The ball fields are in the Holly Shore park lands, but, with the exception of isolated areas (6), are not supported by a park landscape of shade trees, lawns and planting that would create a more comfortable area and a more integrated feeling with the rest of the park. As the parklands are created on the Holly Plant site, the opportunities to integrate this area with the rest of the park will improve (9,10).

This part of the park has rich habitat at the lake edge, although the current Holly Plant prevents the trails from connecting to areas to the east, and the trails turn inland. The lack of connectivity here creates a feeling of isolation, plantings have been allowed to become overgrown, and parts of the landscape can feel unsafe. There are occasionally expansive views over the lake, illustrating the great potential of this area to be a tranquil, yet welcoming part of the park in the future. The opportunities here are particularly exciting (11-15).

#### plant decommissioning (1).

The ball fields and surrounding landscape are under intense pressure by high levels of use. The support infrastructure including fences, lighting, shade structures, rest rooms, water fountains, buildings and pathways are in need of improvement or replacement(2-6).

The Lorraine "Grandma" Camacho Activity Center is a key facility in this part of the park, providing year round activities, events and classes for children and adults (8). The Camacho Center will be an important center of activity as the park improvements are made.

### <u>Holly Shores/ Edward</u> <u>Rendon Sr. at Festival Beach</u>

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**Master Plan** 



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Riverview Street





# **Examples / Ejemplos**











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#### **Texas Native Plants / Plantas Nativas de Texas**



Longhorn Dam with natural shoreline vegetation

## Key Elements About Shoreline Vegetation

Shoreline plants and trees provide physical stabilization of the river bank

- Plants and soil work together to filter pollutants from water runoff
- Vegetation provides habitat for fish, birds, and many other animals



# **Project Timeline**

#### **FEBRUARY-APRIL 2019**

- Project Scoping
- One-on-one meetings with community members

#### **MAY 2019**

 Project Introduction Event at Camacho Activity Center - May 18 Project Survey Launched

#### **JUNE-JULY 2019**

Community Open House - June 8

# Understanding **Conditions & Needs**

Phase 1

- Small Group Discussions
- Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail Tabling
- Survey Close (July 5)

#### **AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2019**

- Review of Public Input
- Draft Schematic Design
- Small Group Discussions

#### **OCTOBER 2019**

- Schematic Design Revisions
- Community Open House to Present Recommendations

#### **NOVEMBER - JANUARY 2020**

## Phase 2

## **Development of Schematic Design** and Review

 Preparation of Final Construction Documents

#### **MARCH-JULY 2020 (TENTATIVE)**

Construction Phase

#### Phase 3

### **Final Construction** Documents

