



Ridgeline Neighborhood Park Project

Image of a trail at Ridgeline Park

Virtual Community Meeting #2

April 21, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Meeting is being recorded



Virtual Meeting Info: Zoom Housekeeping



Participants can join by computer and/or phone: Meeting ID 872 4551 3978



This session is being recorded and will be posted at the conclusion.



Participants will stay muted through presentation.



Comments and questions can be shared throughout the meeting in the chat.



We will have open Q&A time at the end.



“Raise hand” for sharing comments during Q&A session.

Agenda

- Project Team
- Park Location & History of the Park
- Project Timeline
- Review February 2022 Community Survey #1
- Summary and Analysis from Meeting #1
- Proposed Concept Plan
- Live Poll – Community Preference Questions
- Next Steps
- Questions and Comments

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Introductions: Meet the Team



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James Wheeler (he/him), PARD Parks Development, Project Coordinator and Project Contact

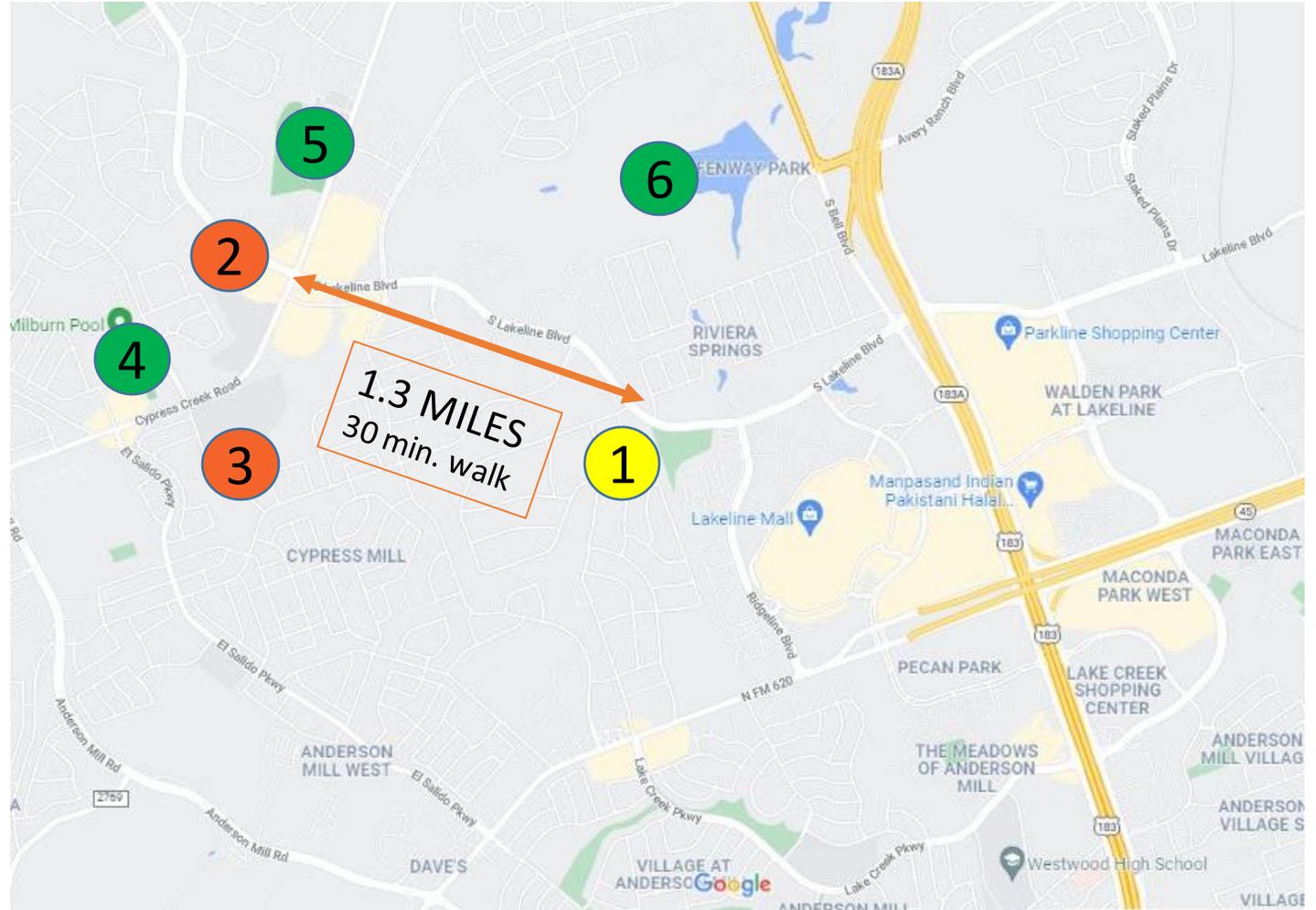
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Project information available at <https://austintexas.gov/RidgelinePark>

Project Location and Landmarks

- 1 **Ridgeline Neighborhood Park**
- 2 Austin Community College Campus
- 3 Cedar Park Middle School
- 4 Milburn Park and Pool (Cedar Park)
- 5 Cedar Park Youth Ball Fields
- 6 Lakeline Regional Park (Cedar Park)



History of the Parkland

- Ridgeline Neighborhood Park is a City of Austin park, located in Williamson County, near Cedar Park city limits
- 10.45-acre park
- Acquired by the City of Austin in 1987 as part of parkland dedication.
- Previously named Lakeline Neighborhood Park, recently changed to reduce confusion with similar named places.
- Designated as a Neighborhood Park, due to size and adjacency to residential housing



Park Types: Ridgeline "Neighborhood" Park

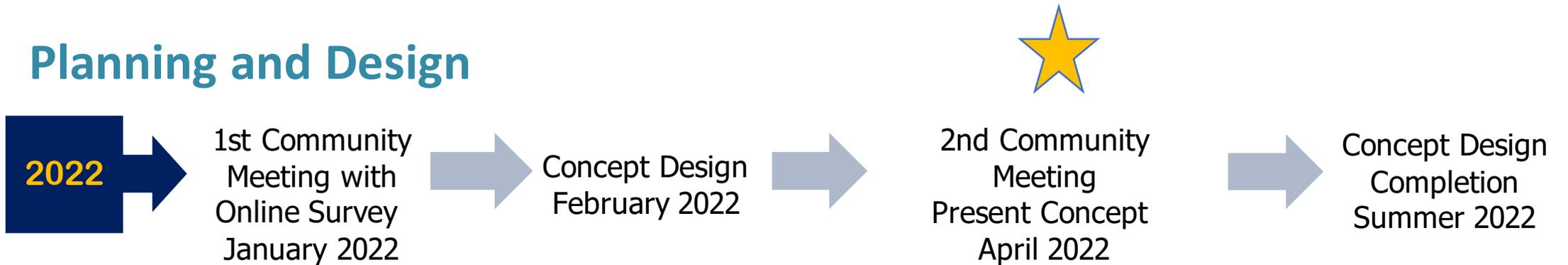
Classification	Size (acres)	Service Area	Access	Description	Features Mix
Metropolitan	201+	Citywide		Typically located in the center of a single neighborhood or in conjunctions with an elementary school or a greenbelt. Local recreation focus.	Compact Outdoor Athletics (if space is available), Trails, Picnic Areas, Gardens, Playscapes, Nature Play, Passive User Recreation
District	31-200	2 miles			
Neighborhood	2-30	½ to 1 mile (15-20 minute walk)	Collector streets (bike and pedestrian)		
Pocket	Under 2	1/4 mile			
Button	.25 or less	1/4 mile			

Additional Notes:

- **Ridgeline Neighborhood Park will not have restroom services or parking access.**
- **Drinking fountains are being considered, pending engineering and permit review.**

Project Timeline

Planning and Design



Permitting and Construction



Anticipated Park Opening – Late 2024/ 2025

- *All dates are estimates and subject to unknown permitting and construction delays.*



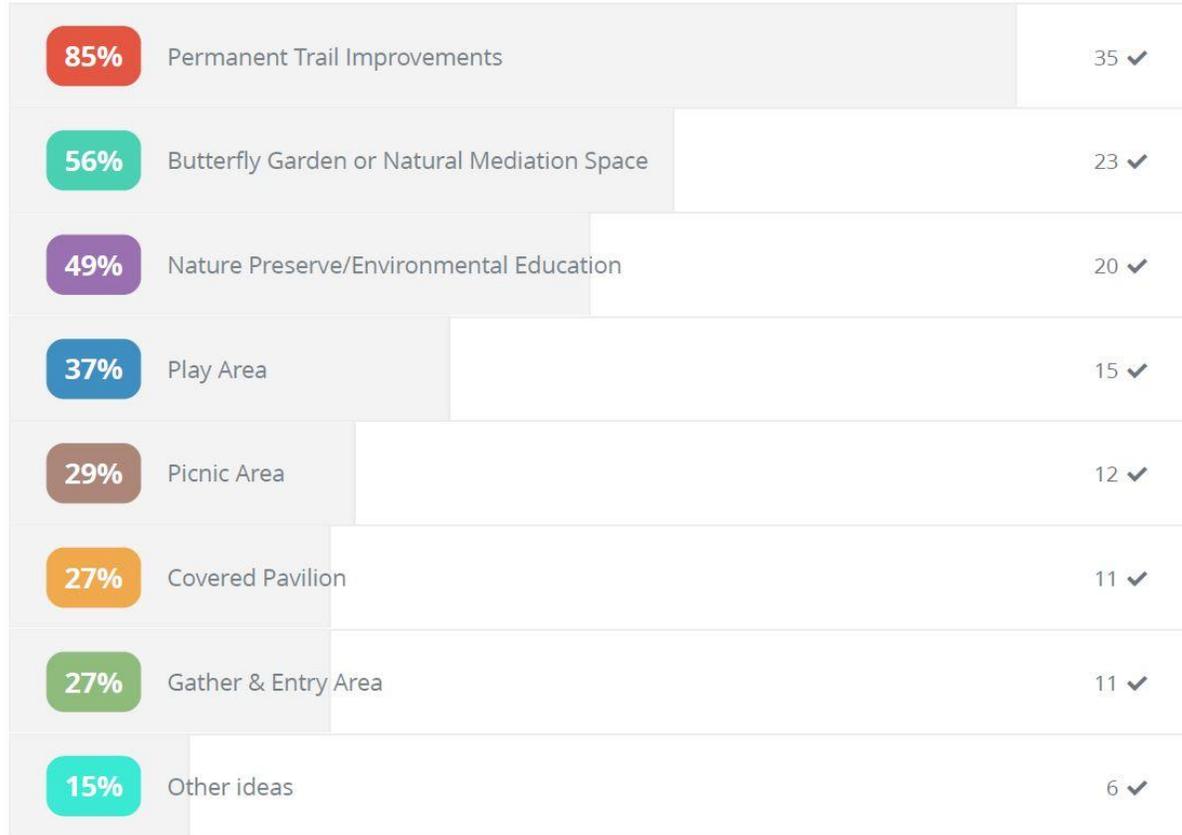
Community Survey Responses – Meeting #1

- How would you describe the neighborhood surrounding Ridgeline Park?



Community Survey Responses from Meeting #1

What amenities do you prefer for Ridgeline Park? (select up to 3)



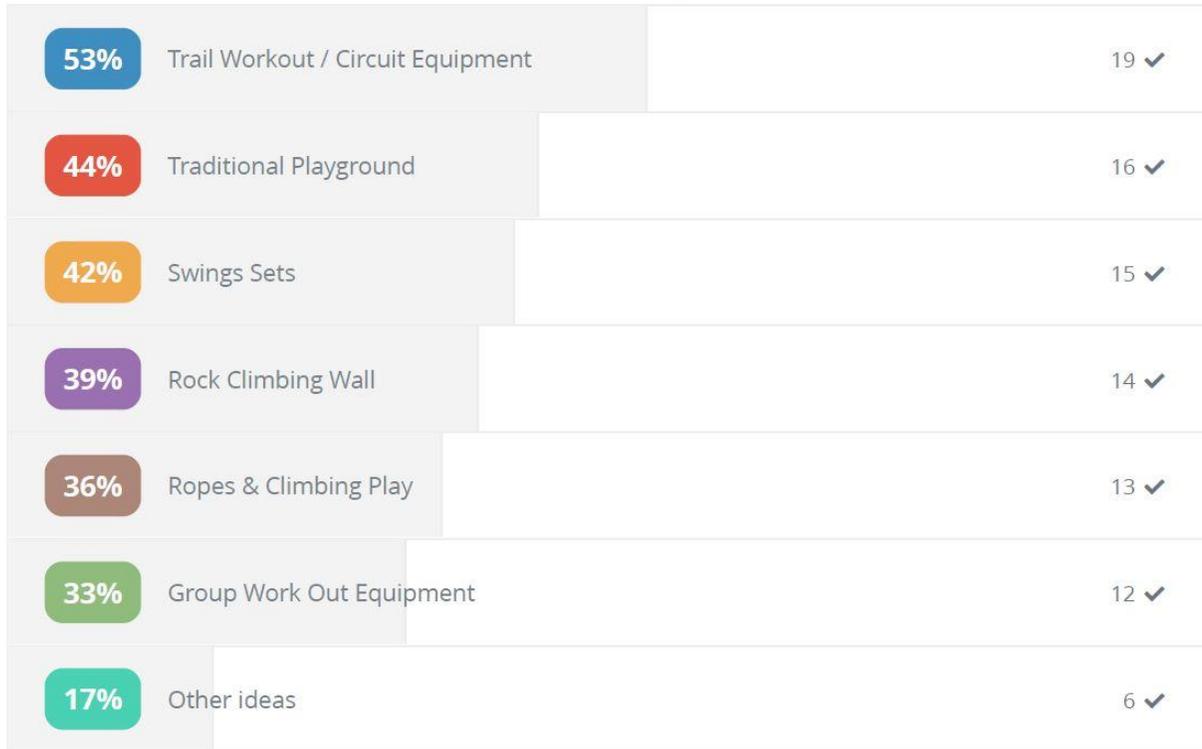
41 Respondents

- The most preferred amenity for Ridgeline Park is a **Permanent Trail**.
- **Natural Spaces/Gardens and Environmental Preservation** ranked second highest in user interest
- **Play, Picnic & Gathering Areas** were also desired



Community Survey Responses from Meeting #1

What activities do you prefer for Ridgeline Park? (select up to 3)



36 Respondents

- According to the survey, the most preferred proposed activity is **Workout / Fitness Equipment.** (Circuit/Trail)



- **Traditional Playground & Swings** were ranked second highest



- **Rock and Rope Climbing** had some amount of interest



Community Survey Responses – Meeting #1

- What other ideas should be considered for Ridgeline Neighborhood Park?



Pause for Q&A from Chat

- 2 minutes to address questions for clarification
- Additional questions or comments that we don't get to now can be asked at the end of meeting or by emailing the project contact.



Existing Ridgeline Park trail, Summer 2021

Summary and Analysis of Meeting #1

- Preservation and wildlife restoration should be prioritized.
- Fitness areas are preferred to be spaced out rather than grouped.
- Environmental education can be used along the permanent trail to highlight the native history, natural features and wildlife.
- Picnic areas and benches provided for gathering spaces and quiet reflection along the trail.
- Location of playground and active areas should be visible and reduce impacts to wildlife and natural areas.



Stream confluence at Ridgeline Park, Winter 2022

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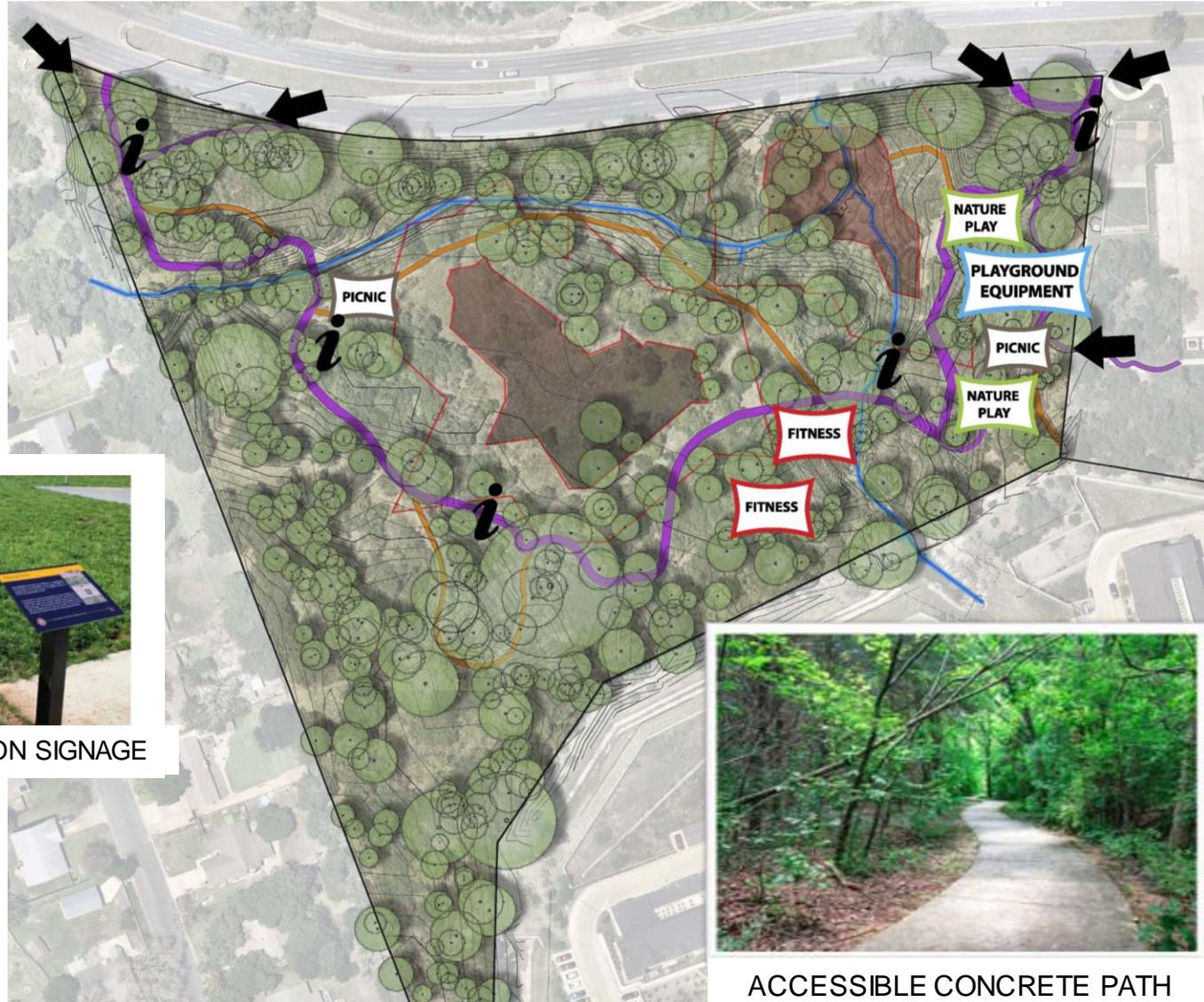
- Noted in Community Survey #1, was a general concern of trash accumulation and the increase of homeless encampments.
- Since then, community and city partners have completed clean-up efforts throughout Travis & Williamson Counties, including at Ridgeline Park.
- To stay proactive, future improvements should be designed for overall maintenance of the park. Including, but not limited to:
 - Safe sight lines clear of debris and obstacles
 - Wide accessible paths to high use areas
 - Wildlife-friendly and sustainable LED Lighting



Newly cleaned culvert at Ridgeline Park, Spring 2022

Proposed Concept Plan

MAP LEGEND	
	8 FT WIDE CONCRETE PATH
	6 FT WIDE NATURAL PATH
	EXISTING DRAINAGE CHANNEL
	EXISTING LIMITS OF WETLAND AND 50 FT BUFFER
	PROPOSED EDUCATION & INFORMATIVE SIGNAGE
	PROPOSED ENTRY POINTS



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SIGNAGE



COMBINED 2 - 12 PLAYGROUND



NATURE PLAY



ACCESSIBLE CONCRETE PATH



FITNESS EQUIPMENT



Now we want to get some feedback

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Community Preference Exercise

Introduction of Questions

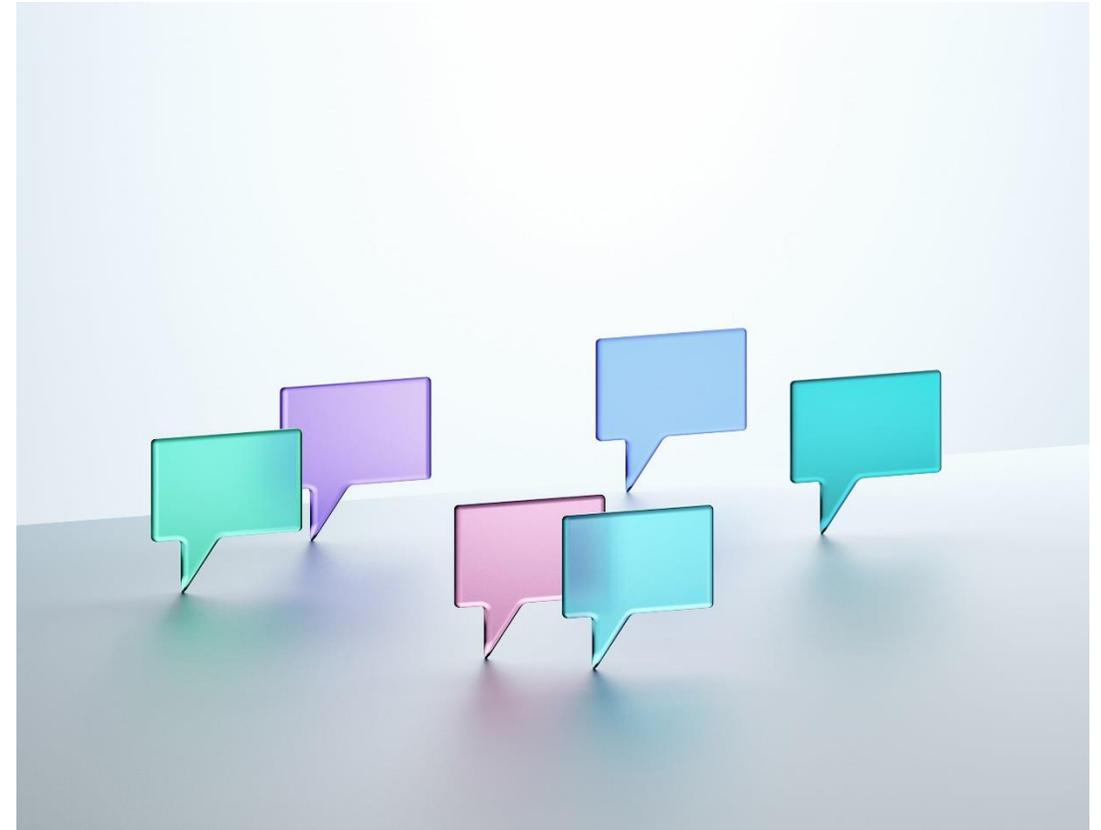
- Do you eat pineapple on pizza? (Yes or No)
- What thing are you most looking forward to at Ridgeline Park?
- Which type of playground do you prefer for Ridgeline Park? (select top 1)
- Which type of free-standing play do you prefer? (select top 2)
- What specific fitness equipment would you prefer? (select top 4)



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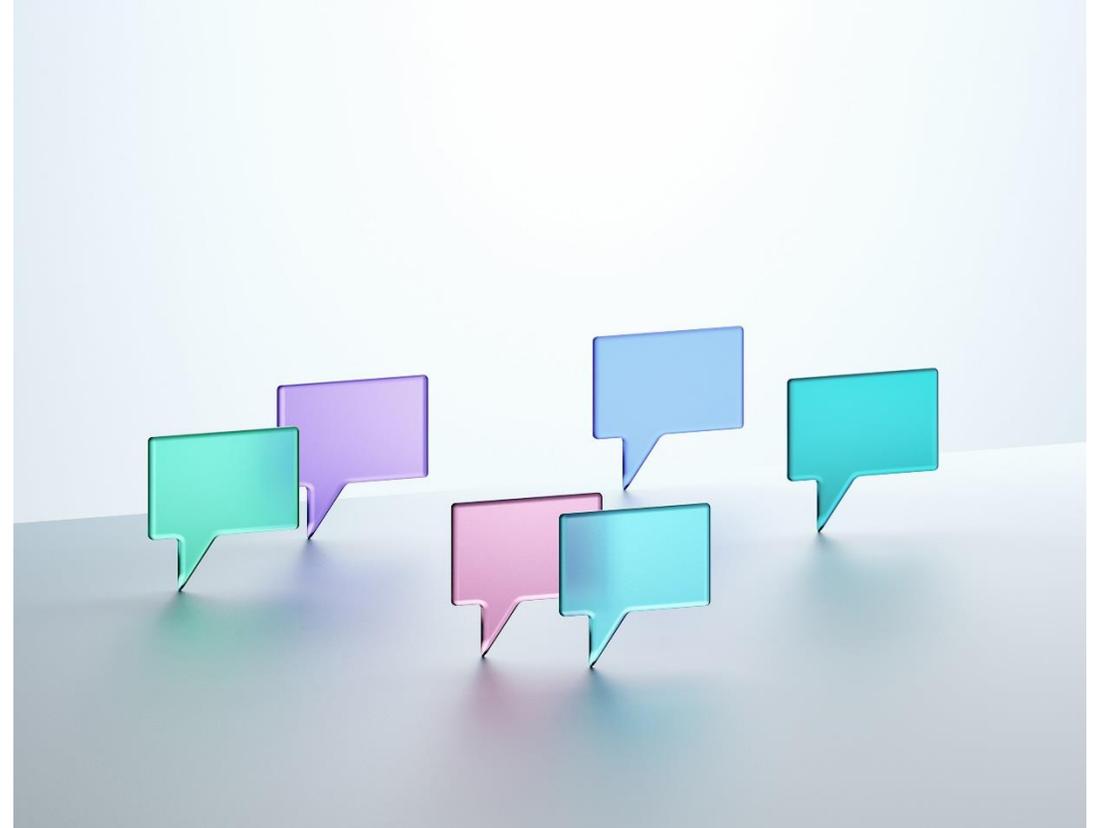
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Yes or No?



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Preferred Playground Style



A. Nature Theme Style



B. Climbing and Challenge Style



C. Slide and Tower Style

Preferred Free-Standing Activities



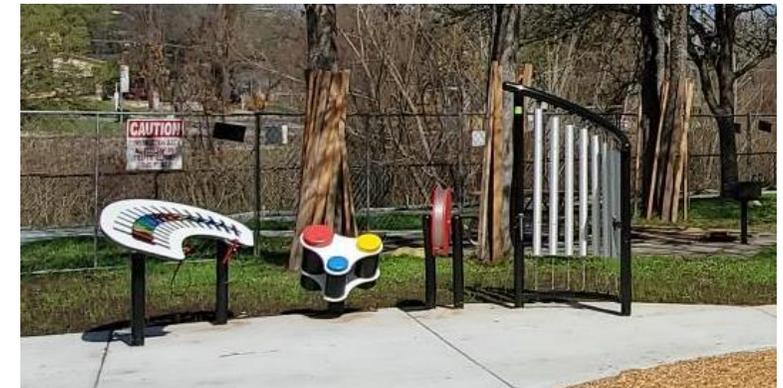
A. Spinner and Motion Play



B. Climbing



C. Swings



D. Music Play

Preferred Fitness Equipment



A. Tai Chi Discs



B. Parallel Bars



C. Pull up Push up Bars



D. Hand Bike



E. Plyometric Box Jump



F. Overhead & Side Stretch



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Next Steps

Share with others

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

Tell your friends and neighbors to search "Ridgeline Neighborhood Park Austin" to take the survey and learn more about the project.

You can also view a recording of tonight's meeting on the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department project webpage.

Community Survey (link will be on project webpage)

PublicInput.com/RidgelinePark (open now through May 21, 2022)





Questions & Comments

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