

## **FY 2023-2024 BUDGET QUESTION**

### ***Response to Request for Information***

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**DEPARTMENT(S):** Citywide

**CBQ NO.:** 165

**REQUESTED BY:** Alter (D5)

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**REQUEST:** Will any wildfire mitigation funds be spent on the Barton Creek Greenbelt?

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#### **RESPONSE:**

##### **Austin Energy:**

Austin Energy does not have specific funding for wildfire mitigation in the Barton Creek Greenbelt. Austin Energy's wildfire mitigation efforts are related to electric infrastructure in the highest wildfire risk areas. These activities are not anticipated to be within the Barton Creek Greenbelt in the coming FY2024.

##### **Parks and Recreation:**

There are currently seven parks in the highest need category for shaded fuel breaks. The Barton Creek Greenbelt is currently in the highest need category.

It is unknown at this time if any funding will be spent at the Barton Creek Greenbelt. Annually in the fall, the Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Austin Fire Department, reviews the most current fire trends, risk maps and a variety of other factors to create shaded fuel break workplans. Shaded fuel break work is complete for 2023 and work for fiscal year 2024 will be identified in September.

