# Holly Shores / Edward Rendon Sr. At Festival Beach Master Plan

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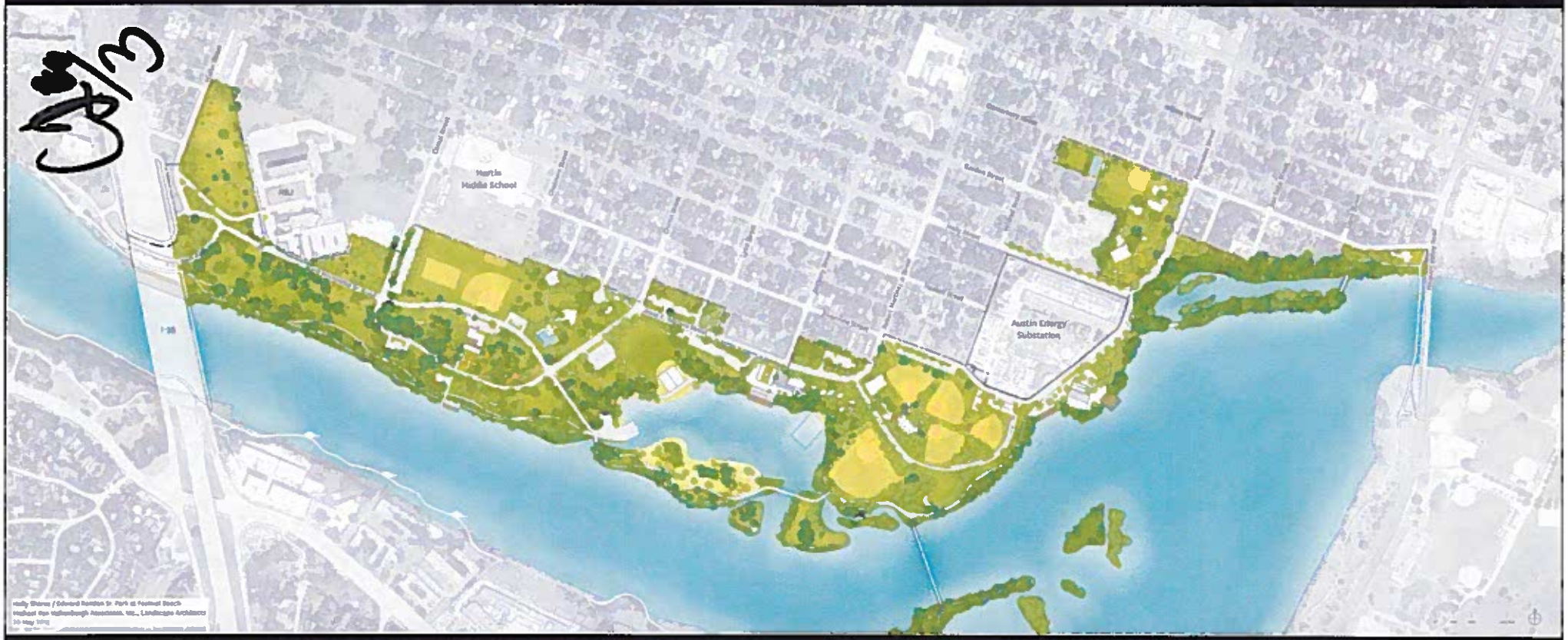
# EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN

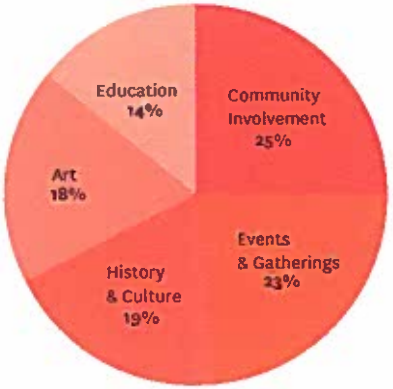
# THE MASTER PLAN



# A COMMUNITY-BASED DESIGN PROCESS

# COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

## Heritage, Culture, and Community
170 Comments

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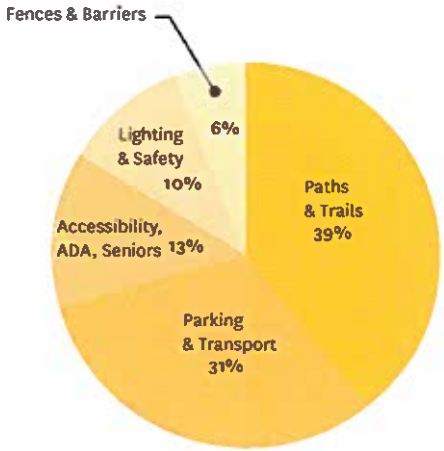


## Landscape Character, and Environment
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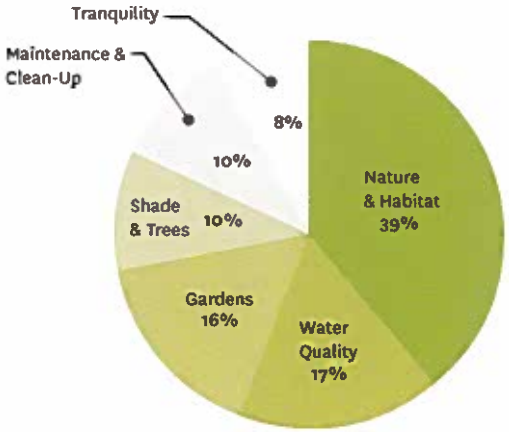


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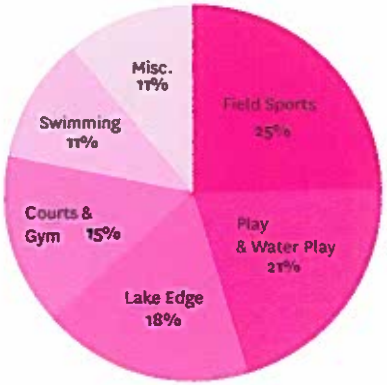


## Park Uses and Amenities
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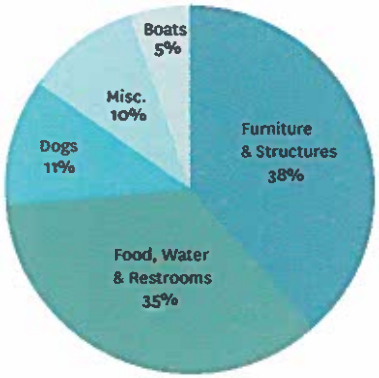

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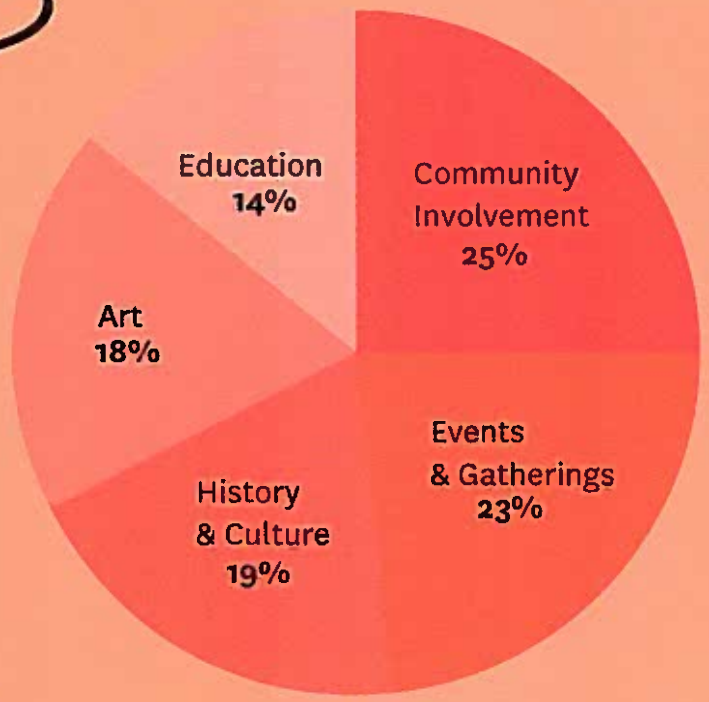


## 170 comments

- Maintain community involvement beyond the Master Plan
- Events and event spaces should fit the neighborhood park character in scale and type
- Celebrate the heritage, culture and diversity of the community
- Include the work of local artists
- Provide a range of opportunities for family and community gatherings
- Improve learning opportunities, connections to schools and community centers

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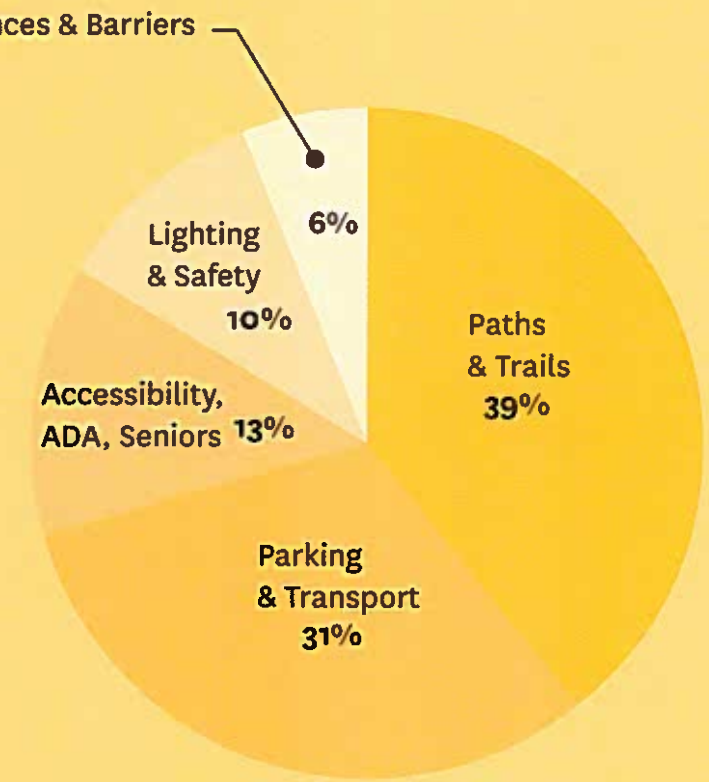


## 118 comments

- Improve accessibility for everyone, particularly seniors
- Extend trail and sidewalk networks into the neighborhood and around the lake
- Better pedestrian and bicycle connections across lake
- Ease neighborhood parking pressures without large parking lots
- Remove fences that separate park amenities from the neighborhood
- Improve lighting, install 911 phones for safety

# LANDSCAPE CHARACTER & ENVIRONMENT

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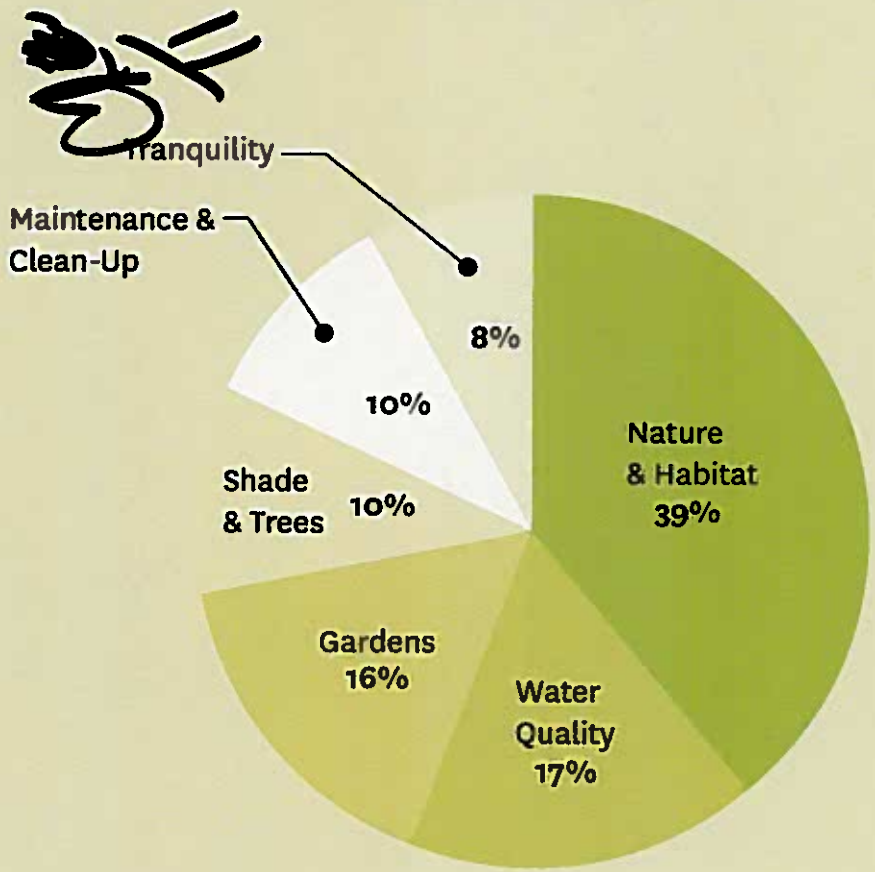


## 243 comments

- Increase natural habitat, particularly bird habitat around the lake
- Maintain simplicity and neighborhood character of the park
- Improve lagoon water quality
- Increase comfort with more shade, both trees and shade structures
- Clean up and improve maintenance throughout the park

# RECREATION & SPORTS

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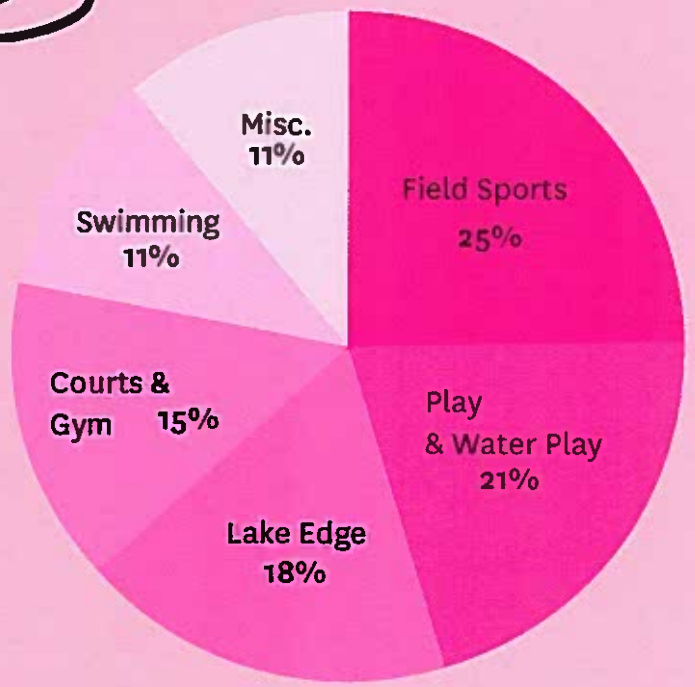


## 196 comments

- Improve quality and aesthetics of playgrounds and water play areas
- Provide safe water access points for a variety of uses
- Create a focus of recreational activities around the lagoon and Fiesta Gardens
- Improve the ball fields and integrate with the park landscape
- Improve existing swimming pools, provide shade and better restrooms
- Maintain areas of passive recreation, particularly in the western park area

# PARK USES & AMENITIES

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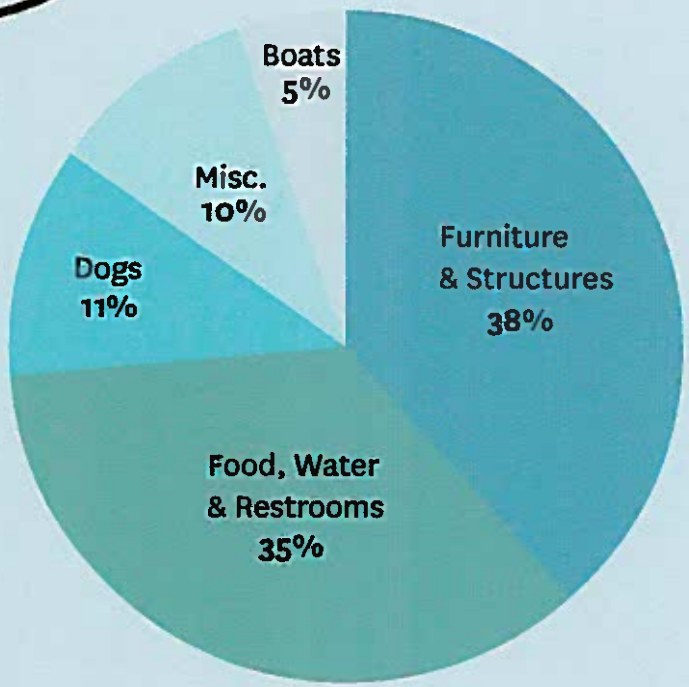
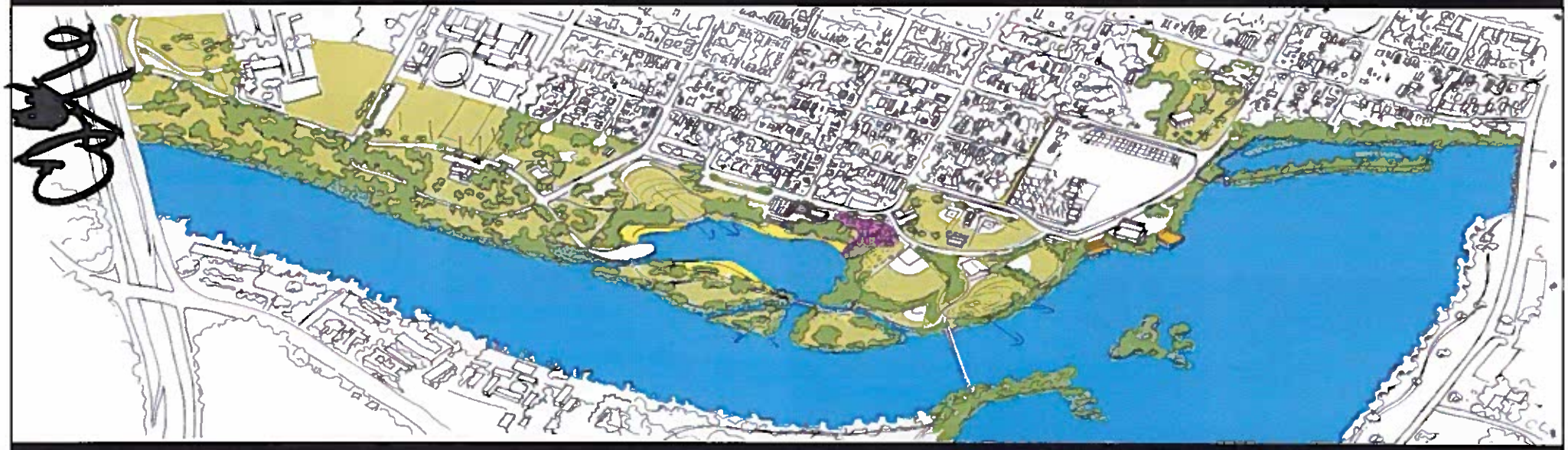



## 130 comments

- Improve furniture, more places to sit, particularly in the shade
- Provide plenty of drinking fountains, restrooms, and park facilities
- Only allow non-motorized boats in the lagoon and lake
- Provide community-based uses in park buildings
- Create a sustainable food area and activities, both indoor and outdoor

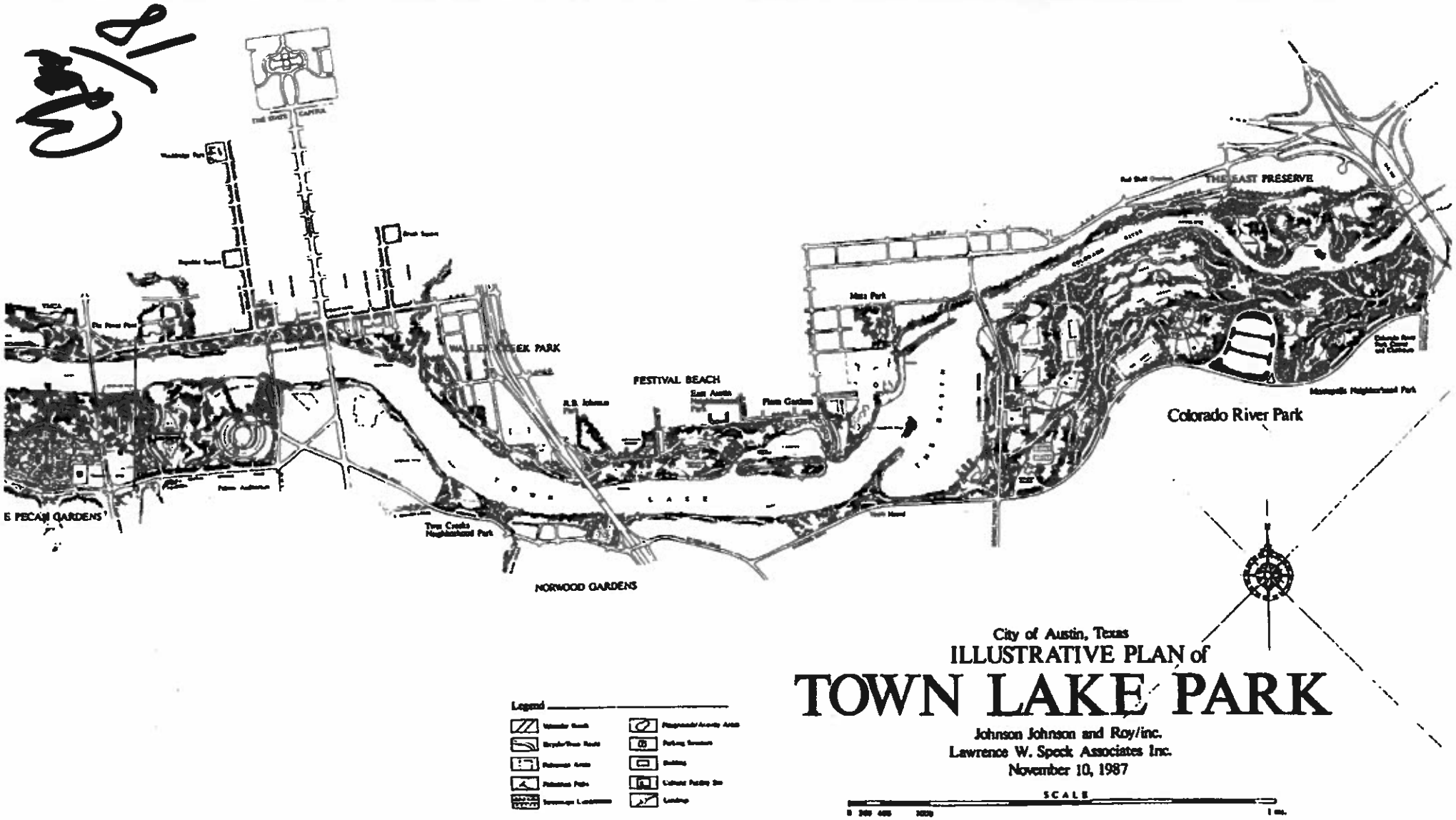
# MASTER PLAN GOALS



1. Align with the 1989 Town Lake Comprehensive Plan.
2. Connect streets and parkland around the Austin Energy site.
3. Improve lagoon water quality and recreational program.
4. Improve park access and connection to the neighborhoods.
5. Reuse existing buildings for community-based programs.
6. Protect and improve the neighborhood park character and facilities.
7. Preserve, enhance, and increase wildlife habitat.
8. Celebrate local art and heritage.

# THE MASTER PLAN

# ALIGN WITH THE 1989 TOWN LAKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



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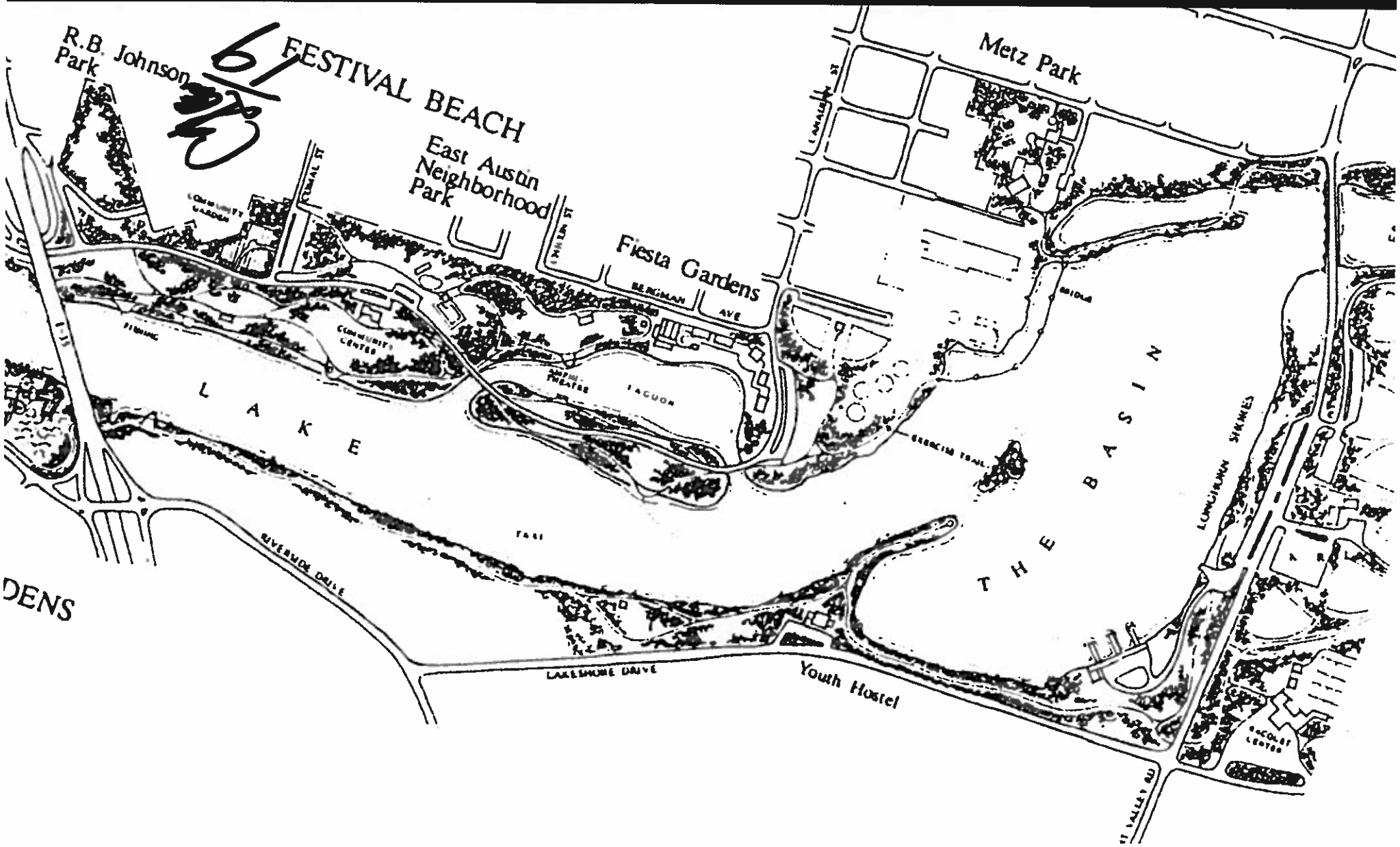


# CONNECT STREETS & PARKLAND AROUND AUSTIN ENERGY SITE

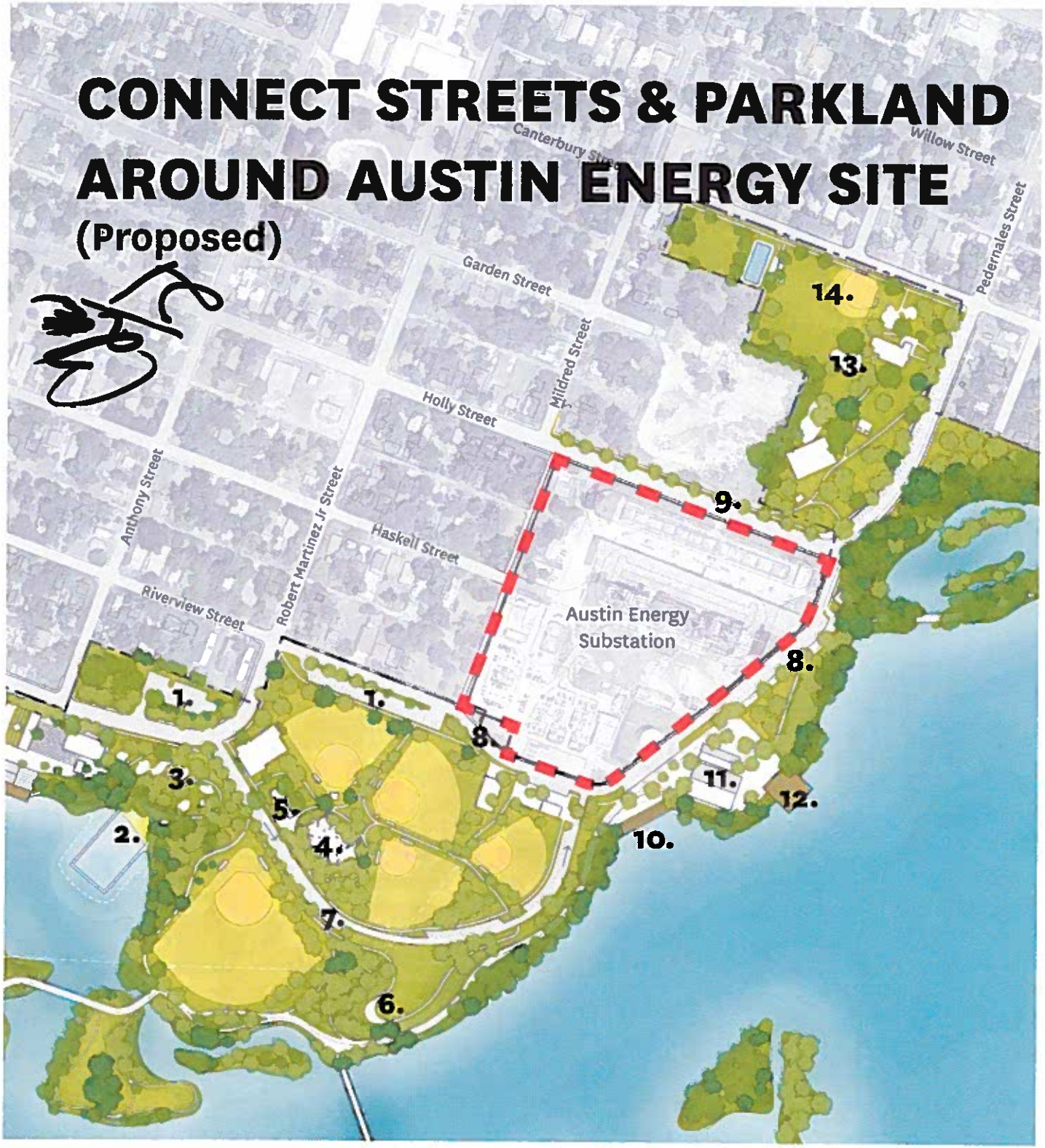
(Existing)

## LEGEND

1. Parking
2. Playground
3. Pedestrian & Cycle Trails
4. Concessions

# CONNECT STREETS & PARKLAND AROUND AUSTIN ENERGY SITE

(Proposed)




## LEGEND

1. Existing Parking
2. Beach
3. Playground
4. Picnic Garden
5. Concessions
6. Viewpoint
7. One-Way Drive & Parking
8. Two-Way Drive & Parking
9. Holly Street Extension
10. Steps & Deck
11. Lakeside Performing Arts Center
12. Pier
13. Enhanced Existing Park Facilities
14. Ball Field

# VIEWS

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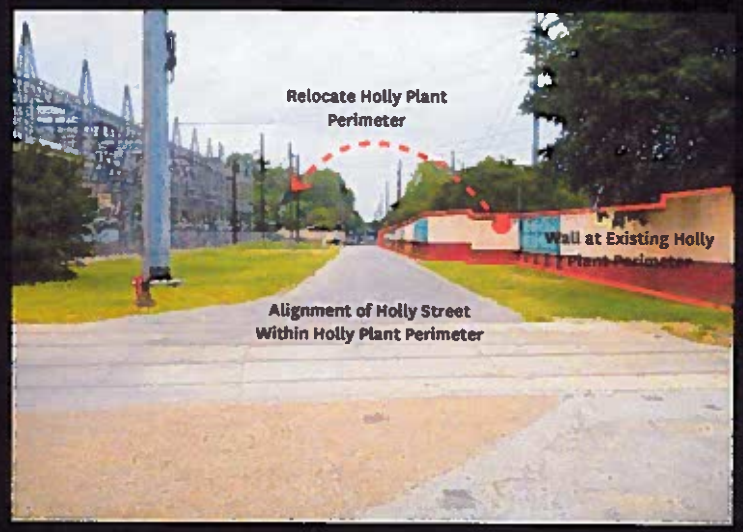


Holly Street Extension

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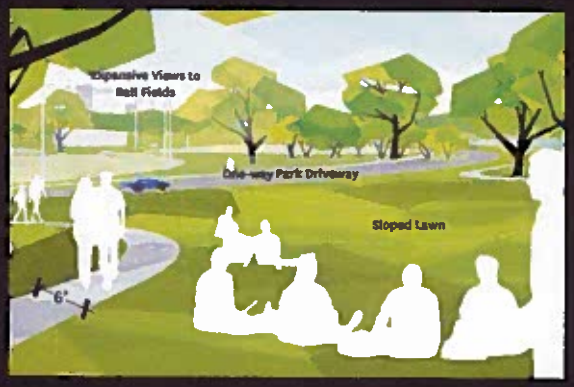
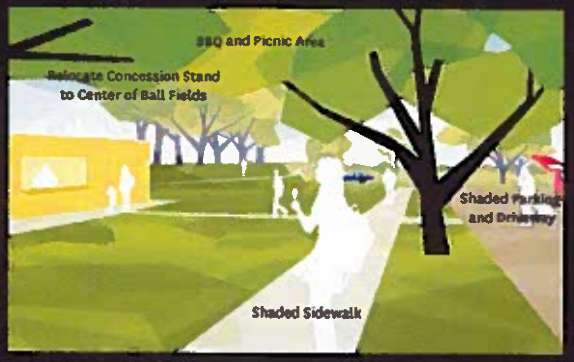
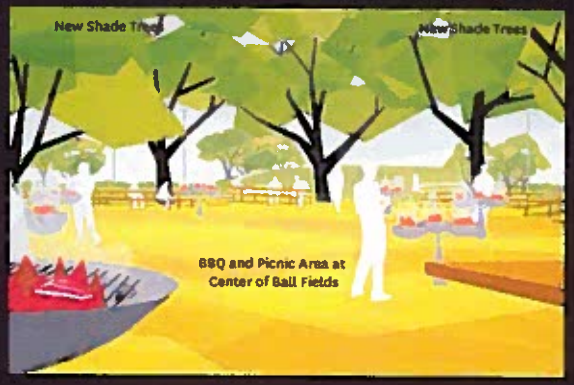
Viewpoint & Lawn at Ball Fields



Ball Field Amenities



Ball Field BBQ & Picnic Area



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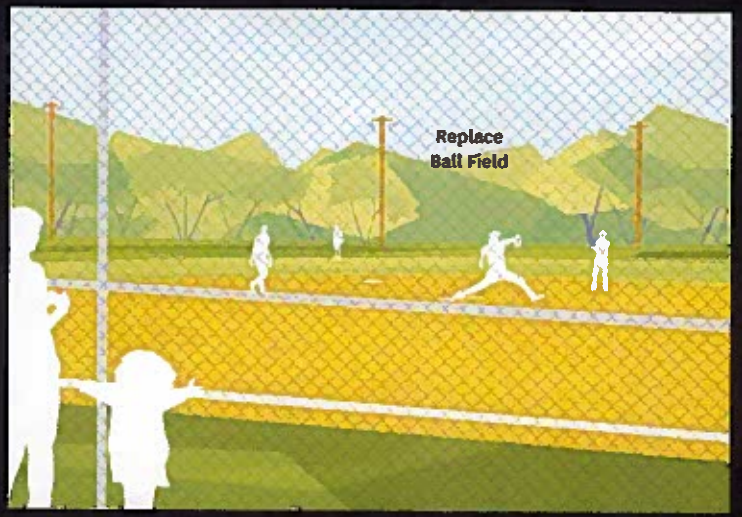


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# IMPROVE LAGOON WATER QUALITY & RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

(Existing)

## LEGEND

1. Parking
2. Boat Launch
3. Johnny Degollado Pavilion
4. Fiesta Gardens
5. Playground
6. Ball Field
7. Pedestrian and Cycle Trails

# IMPROVE LAGOON WATER QUALITY & RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

(Proposed)

## LEGEND

1. Existing Parking
2. New Lake Channels
3. Enhance Lake Edge Habitat
4. Boat Launch
5. Beach
6. Relocated Johnny Degollado Pavilion
7. Sloped Event Lawn
8. Opened & Enhanced Fiesta Gardens
9. Playground
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12. One-Way Drive & Parking

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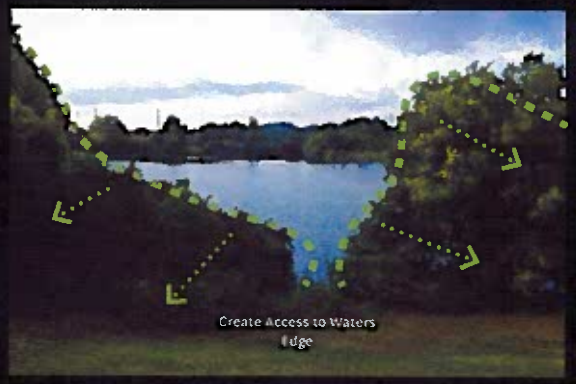
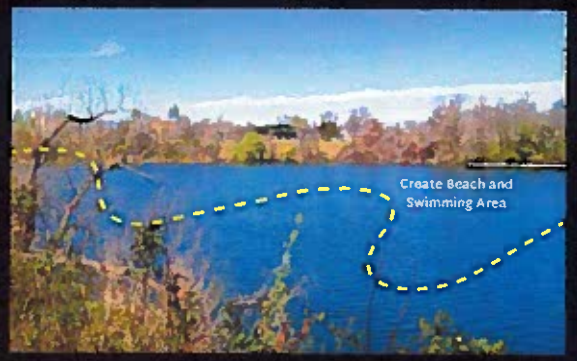



Fiesta Gardens
Event Pavilion

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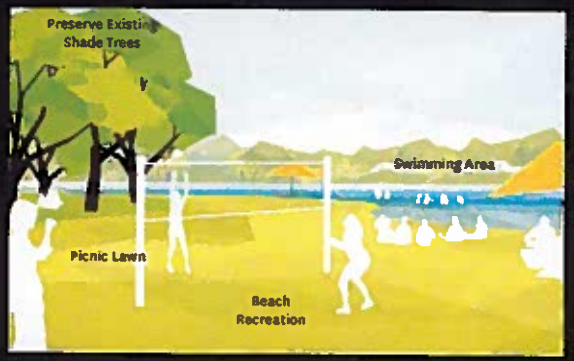

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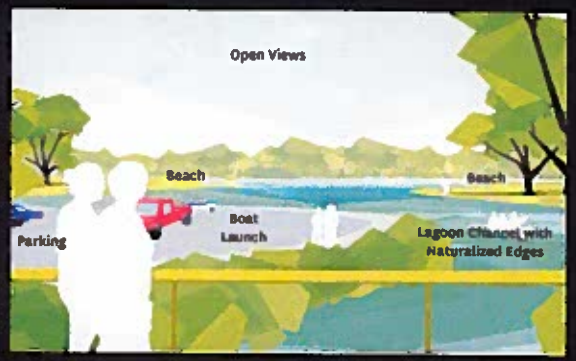

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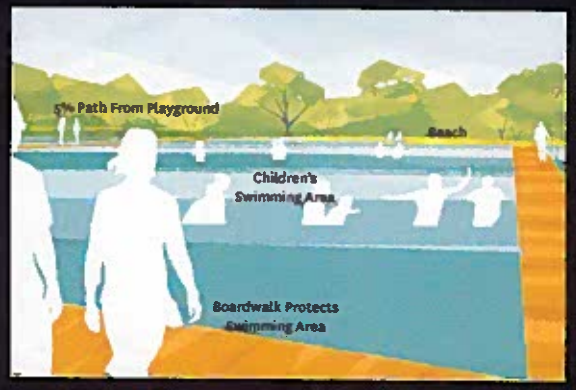
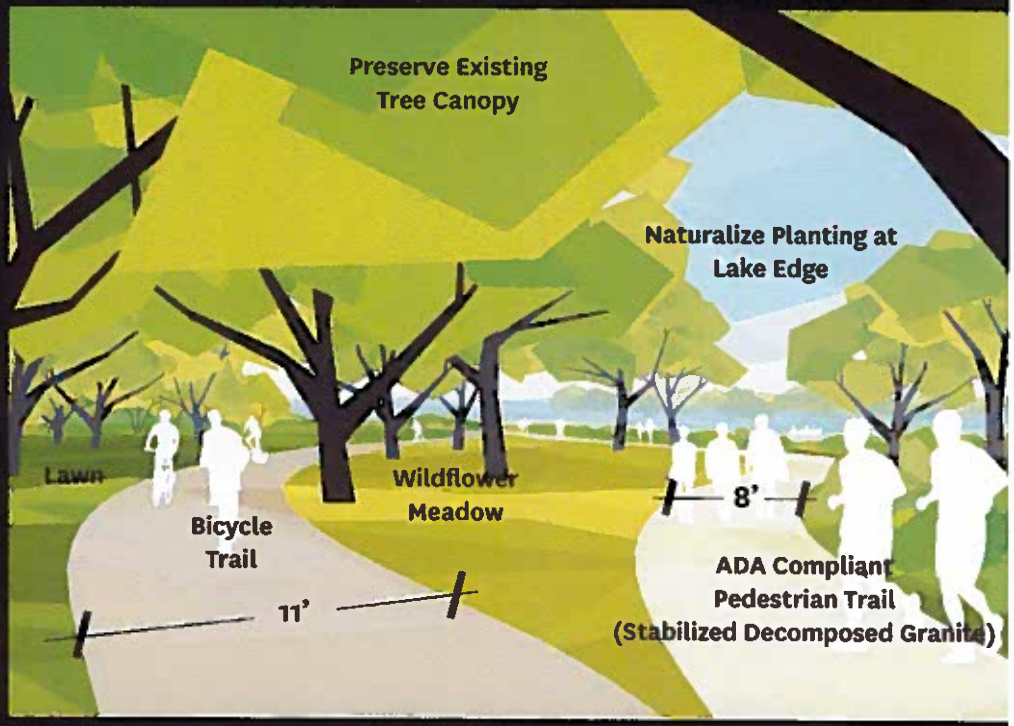
Children's Swimming Area



Children's Play Area

# IMPROVE PARK ACCESS & CONNECTIONS TO NEIGHBORHOOD




Lady Bird Lake
Trail

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Accessible Paths & Sidewalks

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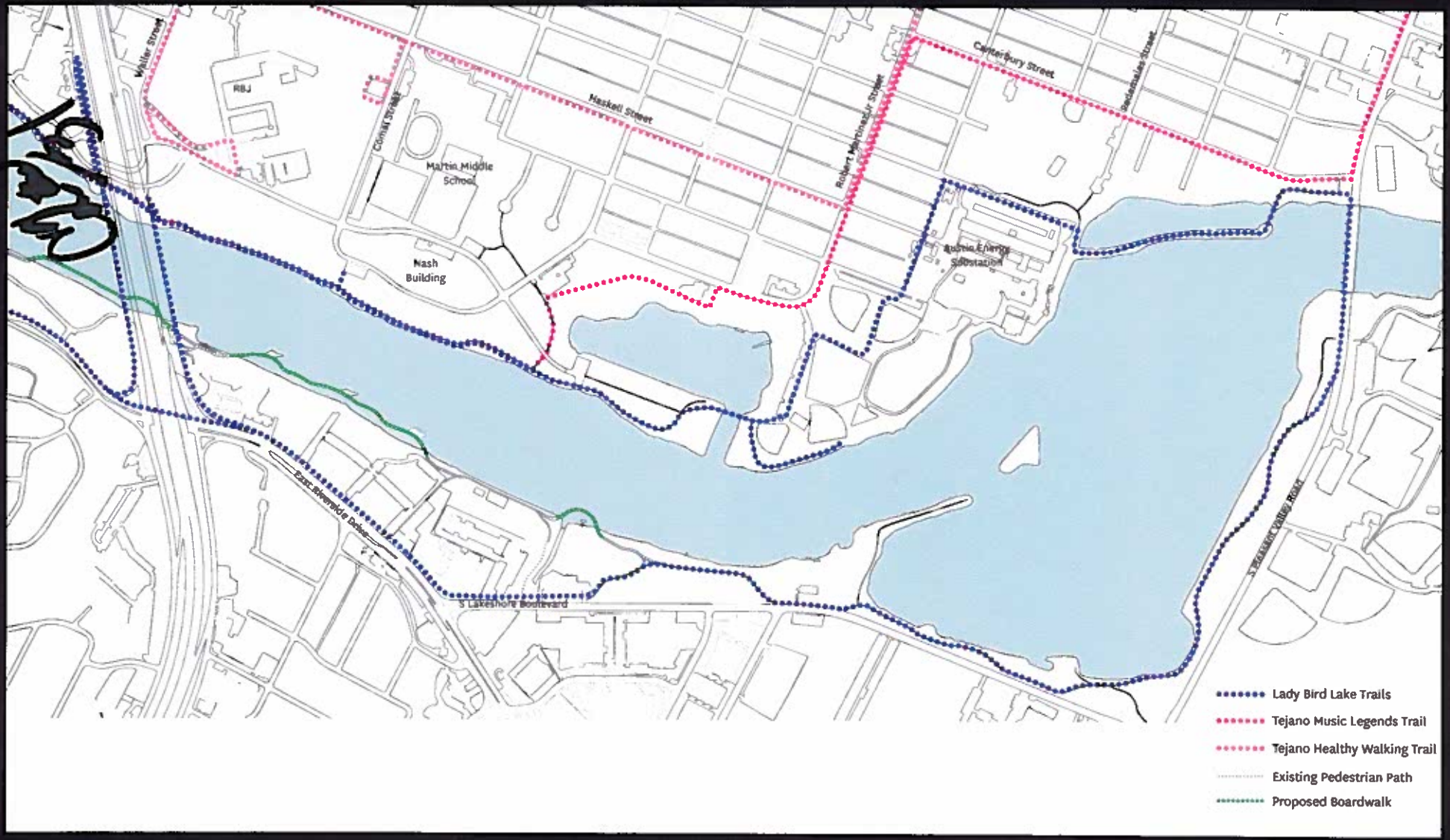


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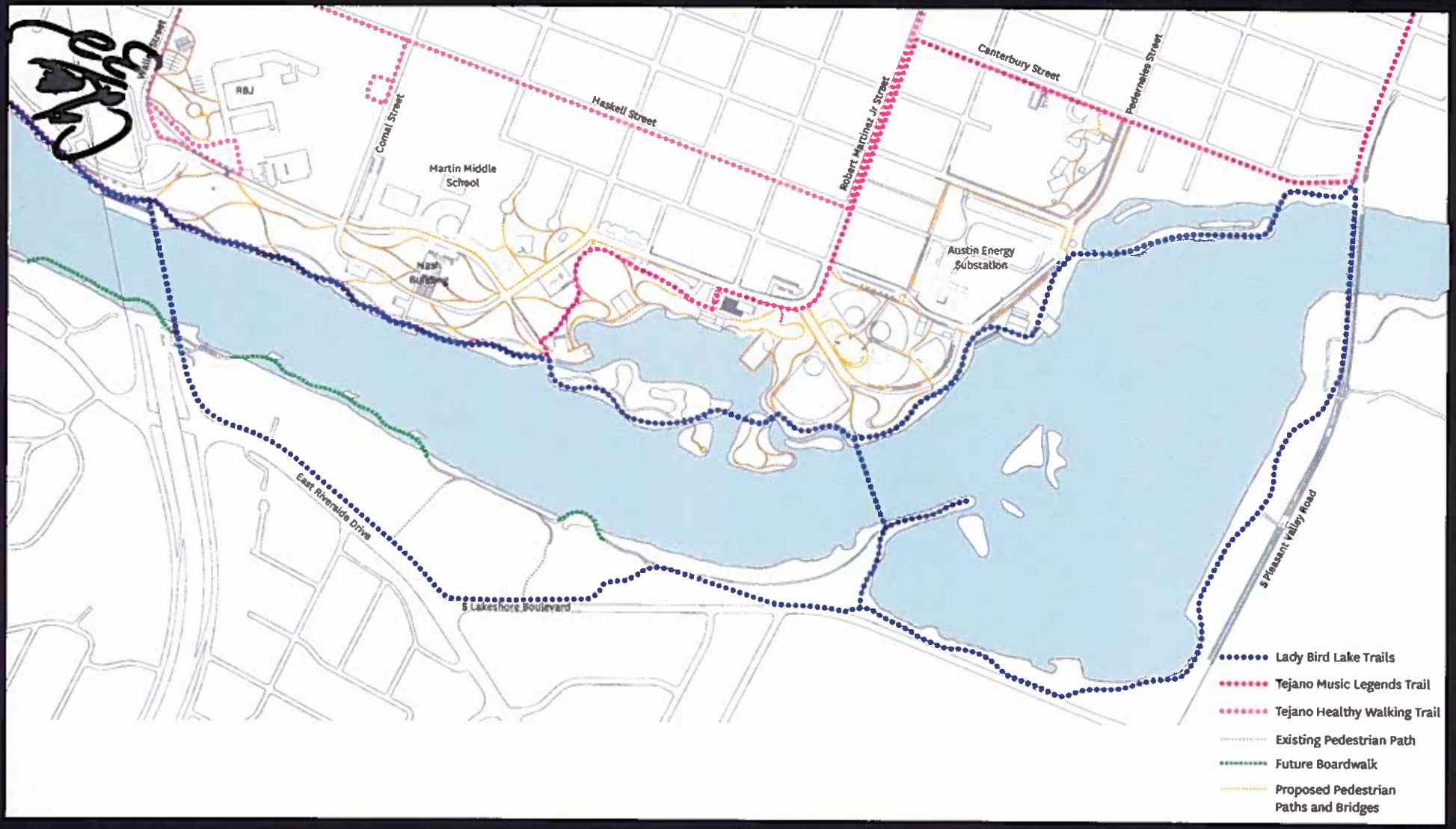


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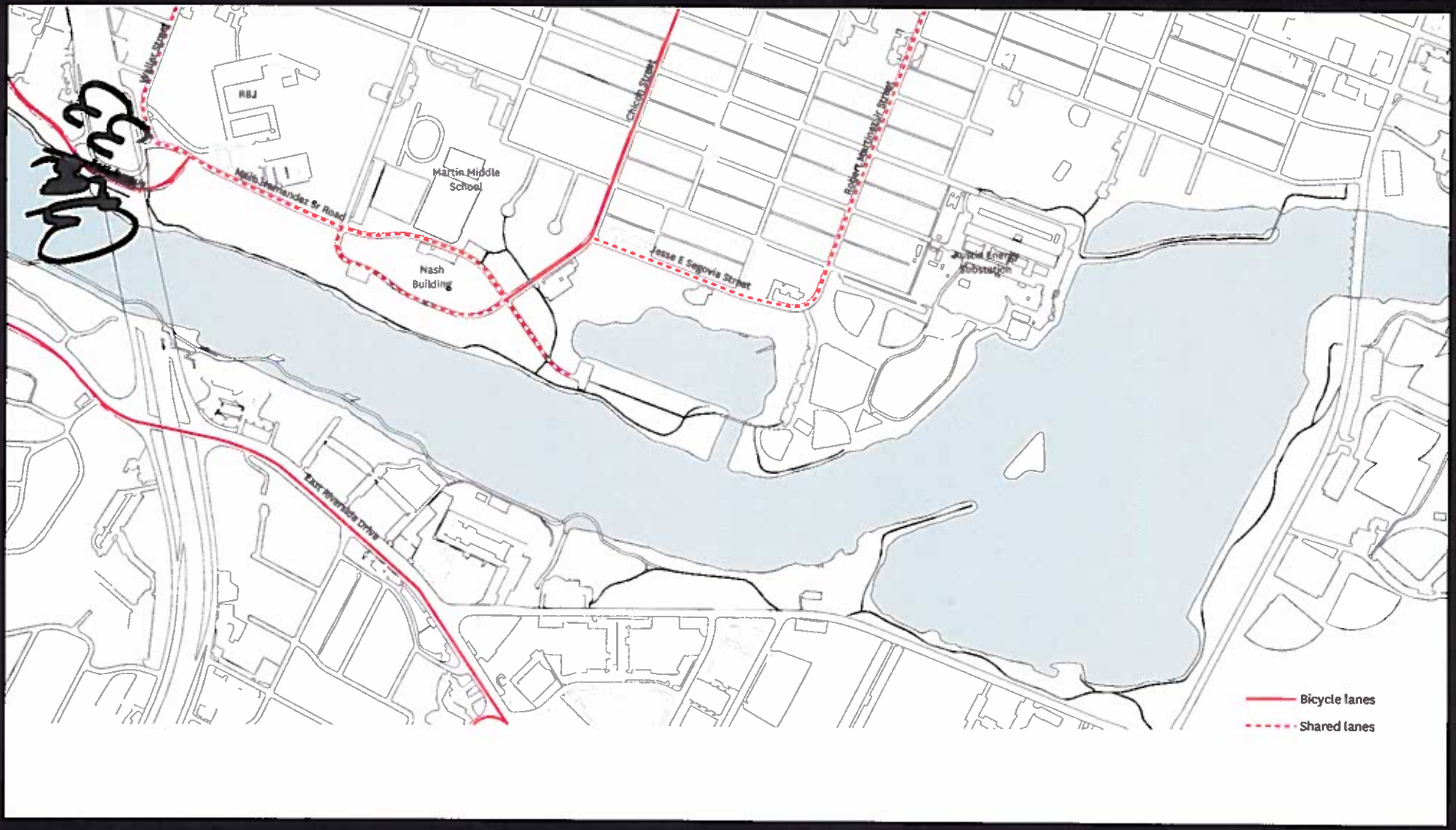


EXISTING BICYCLE ROUTES WITHIN HOLLY SHORES

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# I-35 PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE BRIDGE

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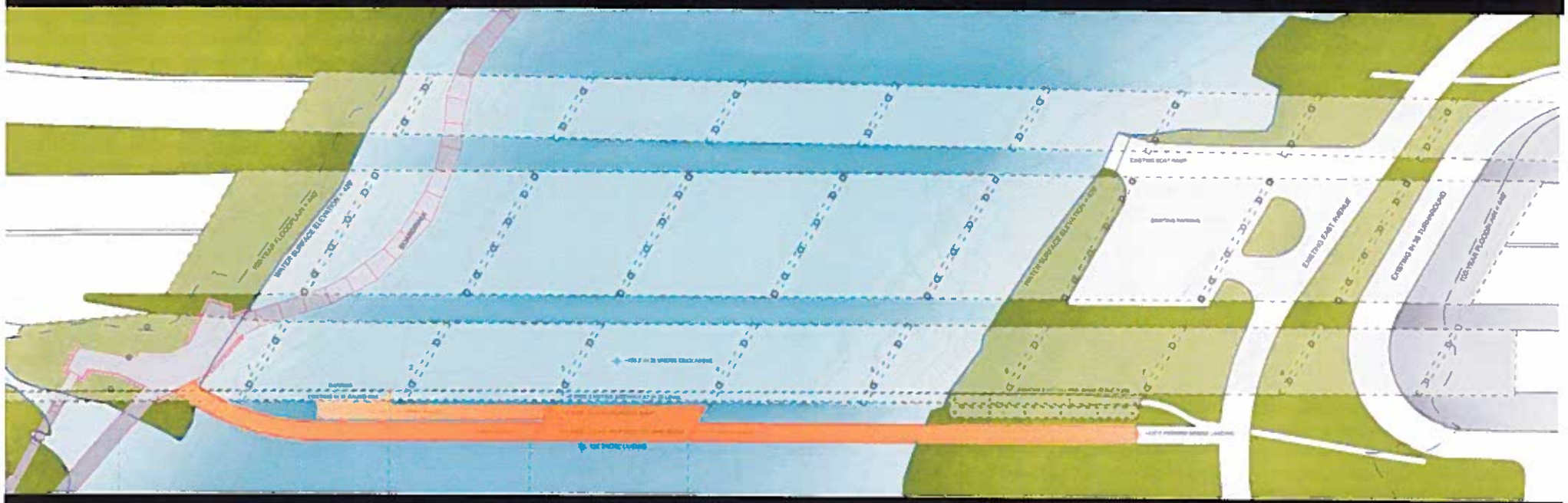

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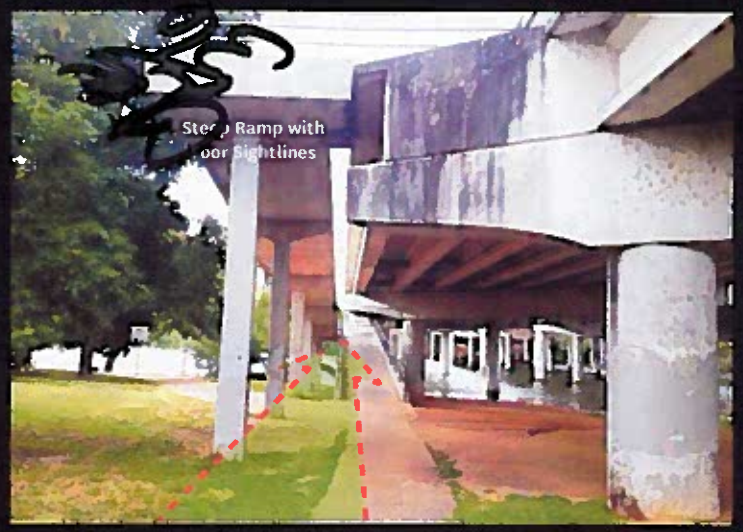
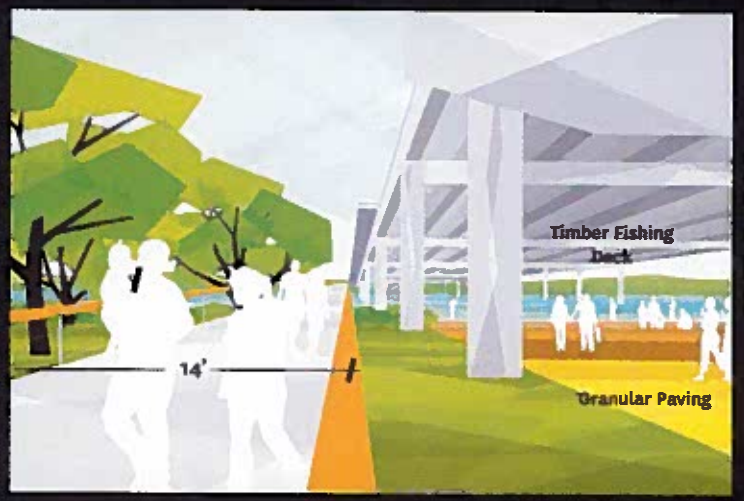



I-35 Footbridge

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Bicycle Bridge
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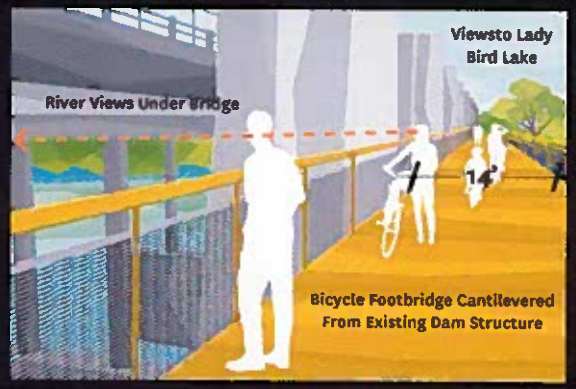

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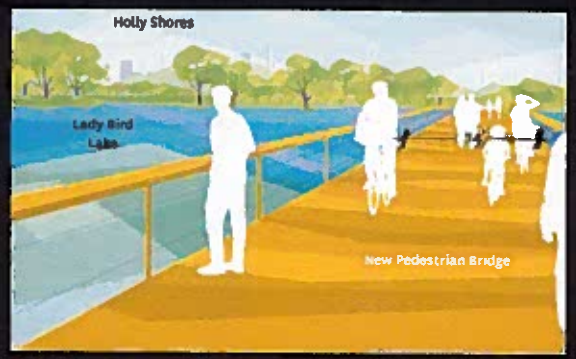


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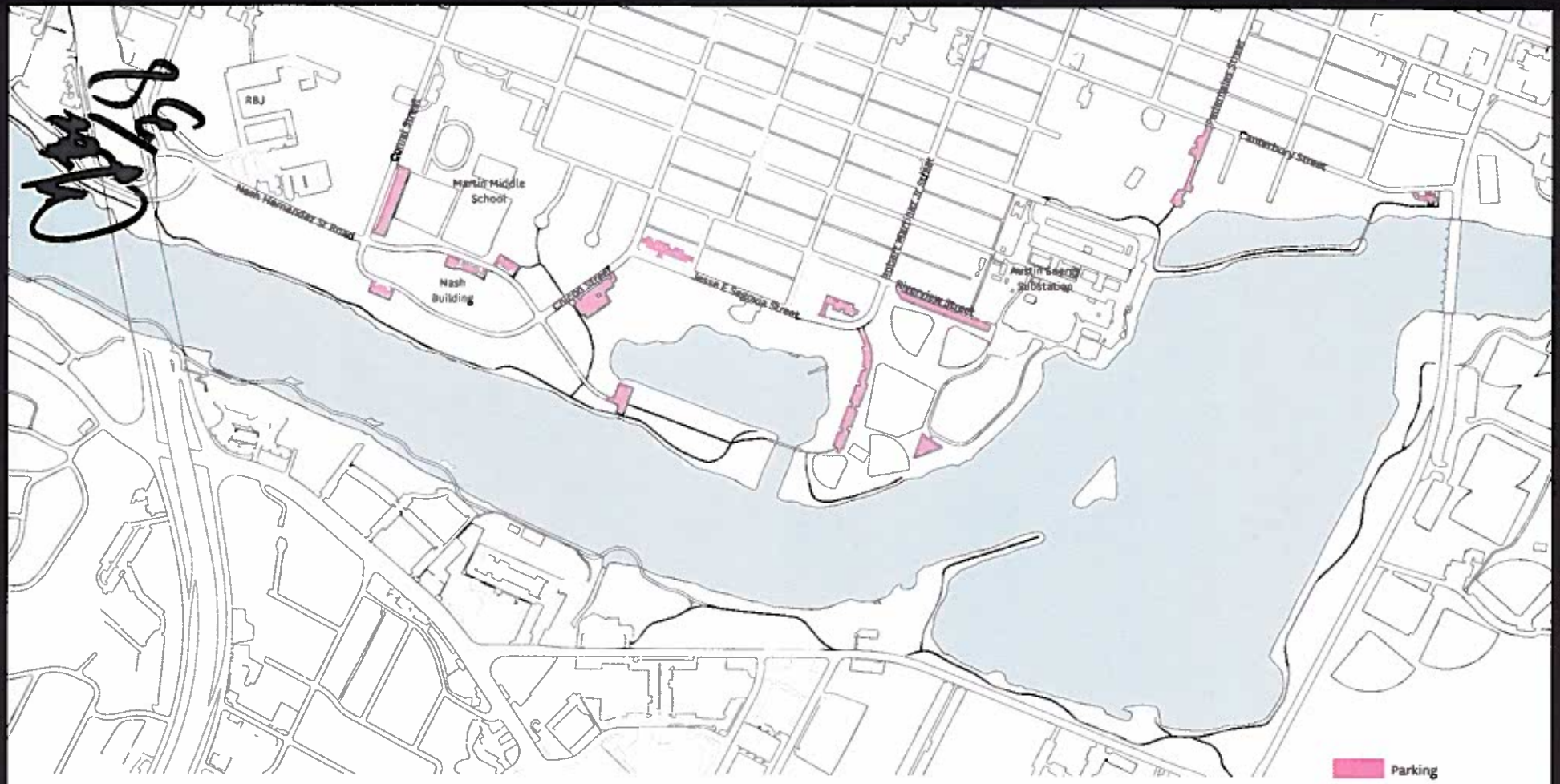


**390** Parking Spaces Existing within Holly Shores

# EXISTING PARKING WITHIN HOLLY SHORES

**700** Parking Spaces Proposed within Holly Shores

# PROPOSED PARKING WITHIN HOLLY SHORES

# REUSE EXISTING BUILDINGS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

## LEGEND

1. Nash Hernandez Building
2. Fiesta Gardens
3. Shoreline Warehouses

# NASH HERNANDEZ BUILDING

# VIEWS

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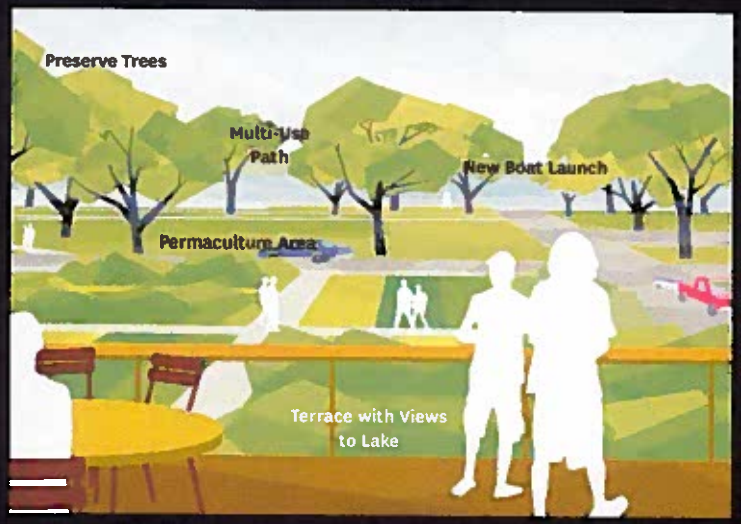
Nash Hernandez Permaculture Center

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# FIESTA GARDENS

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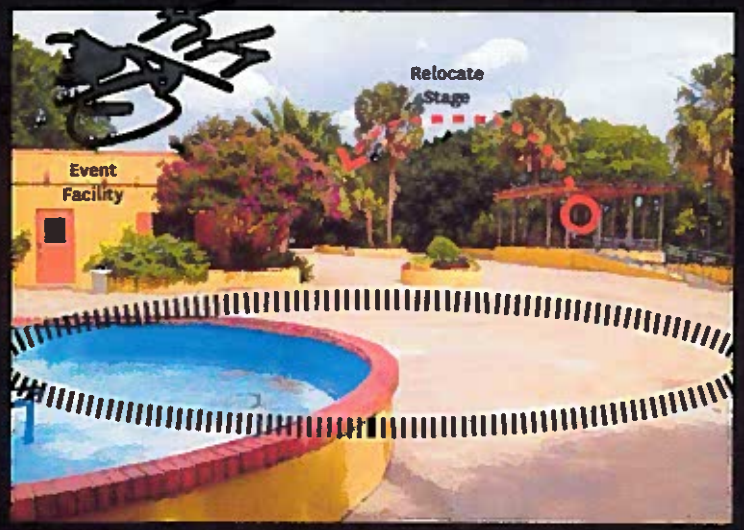


Fiesta Gardens
Terrace

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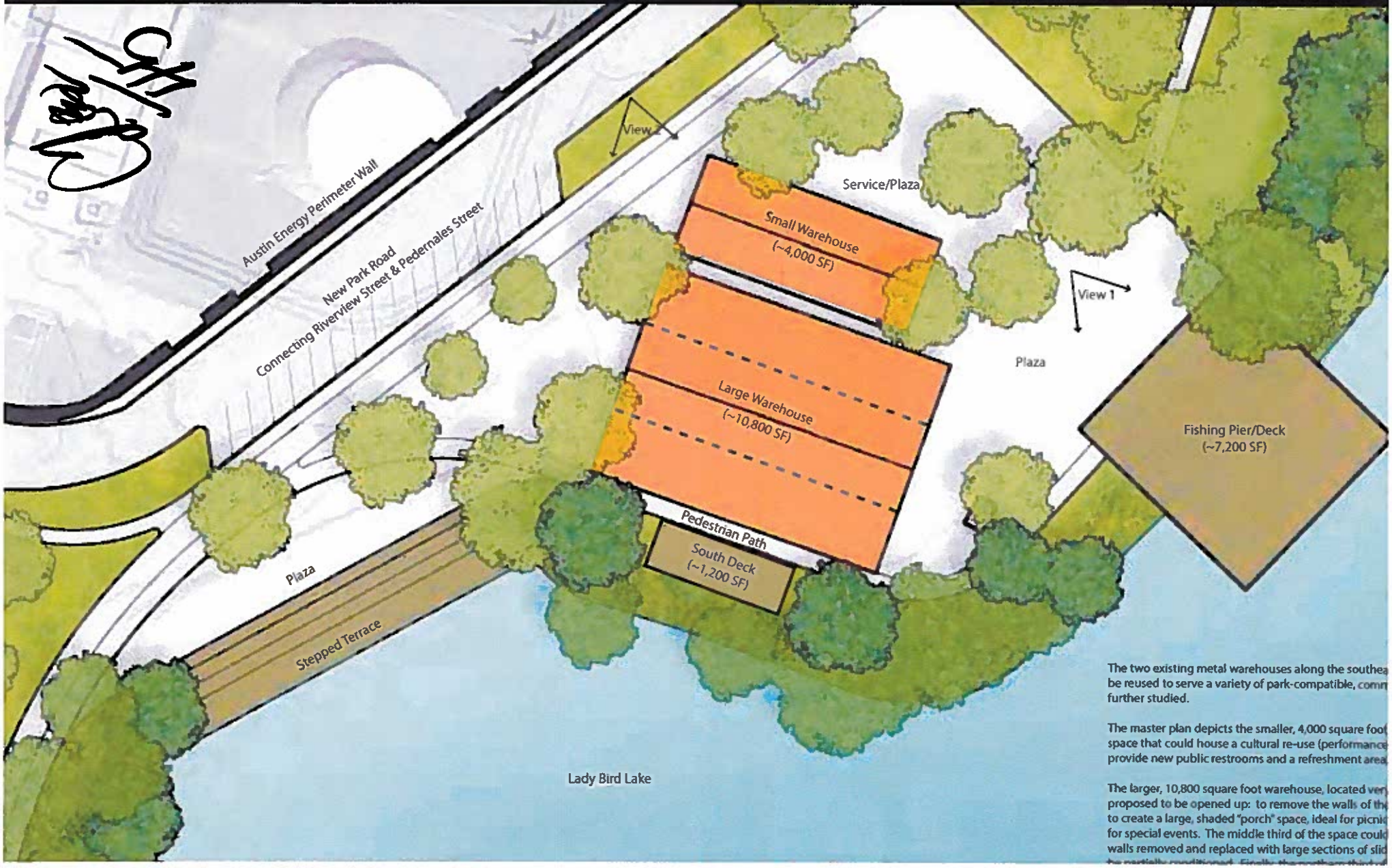
# SHORELINE WAREHOUSES




The two existing metal warehouses along the southea
be reused to serve a variety of park-compatible, comm
further studied.

The master plan depicts the smaller, 4,000 square foot
space that could house a cultural re-use (performance
provide new public restrooms and a refreshment area.

The larger, 10,800 square foot warehouse, located ver
proposed to be opened up: to remove the walls of th
to create a large, shaded "porch" space, ideal for picnic
for special events. The middle third of the space could
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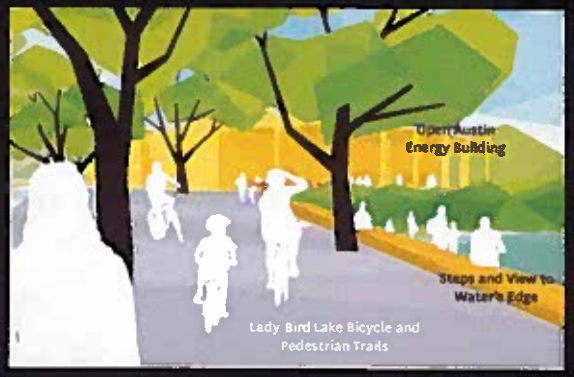
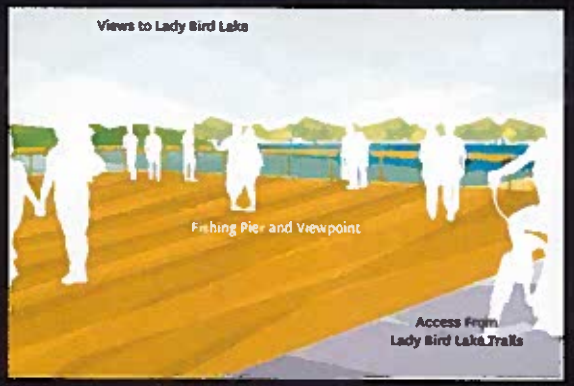
Lakeside Performance Center, Option A



Lakeside Performance Center, Option B

Lady Bird Lake View & Fishing Pier



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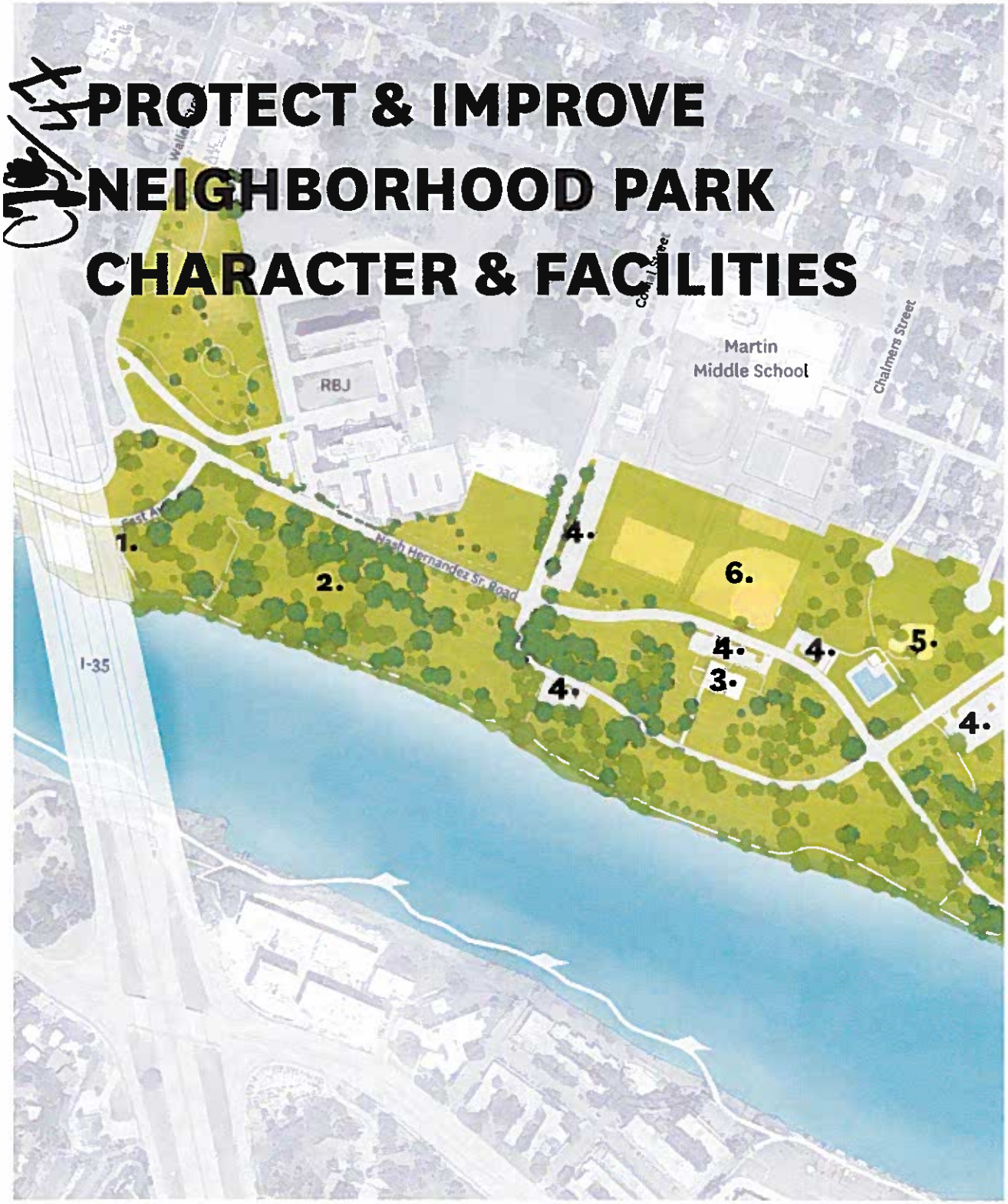


## LEGEND

1. Parking Below I-35
2. Shade Trees & Lawns
3. Nash Hernandez Building
4. Parking
5. Playground
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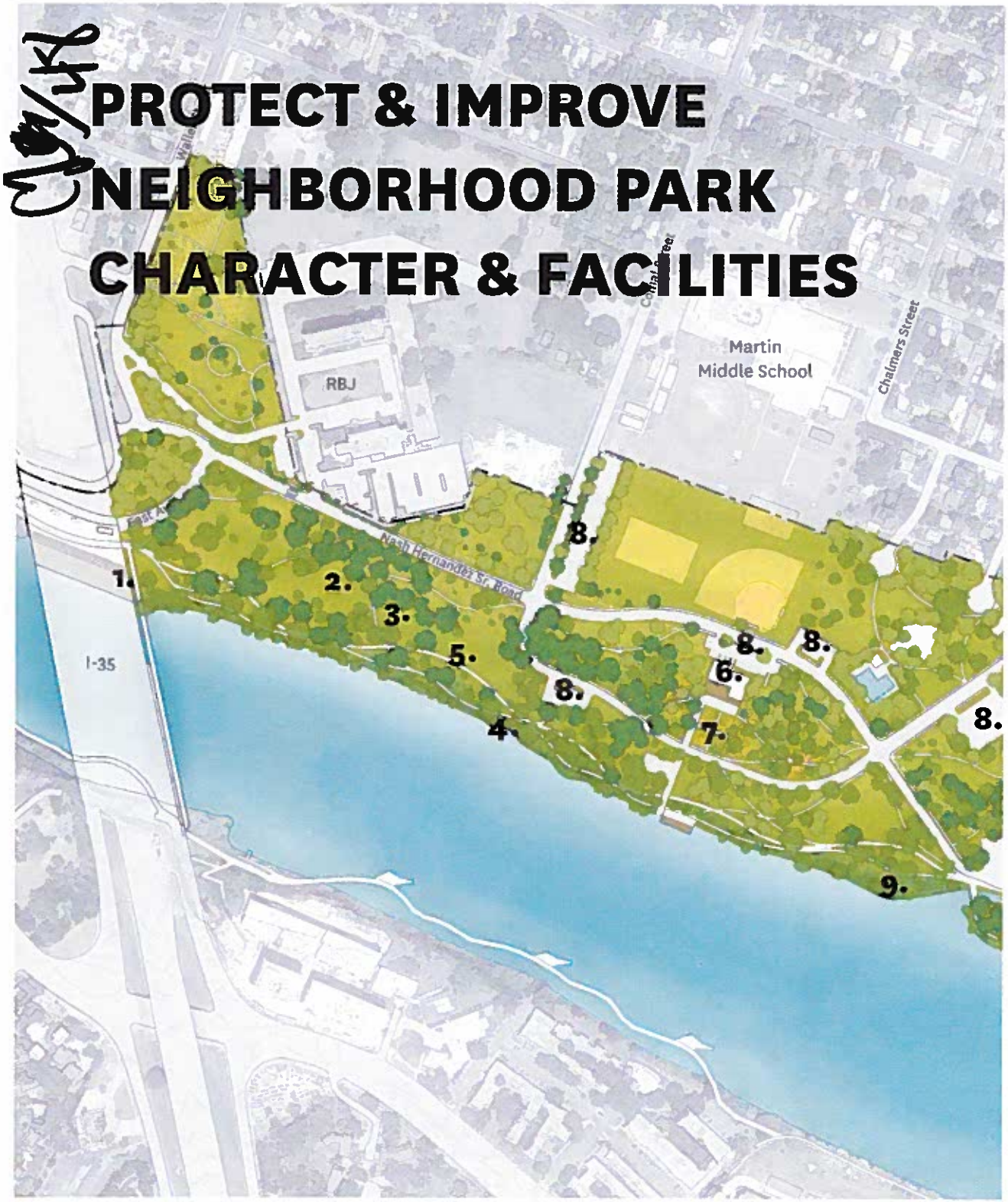



## LEGEND

1. Deck Under I-35 & Footbridge
2. ADA Accessible Paths
3. Retain Existing Shade Trees & Lawn
4. 8'W Pedestrian Trail
5. 11'W Bicycle Trail
6. Nash Hernandez Building
7. Permaculture Garden
8. Existing Parking
9. Enhance Lake Edge Habitat

# PARK COMFORT & SAFETY

**RESTROOMS**

**DRINKING FOUNTAIN**

**PICNIC AREA**

**PARK POLICE / PARK RANGER STATION**

# VIEWS

EXISTING











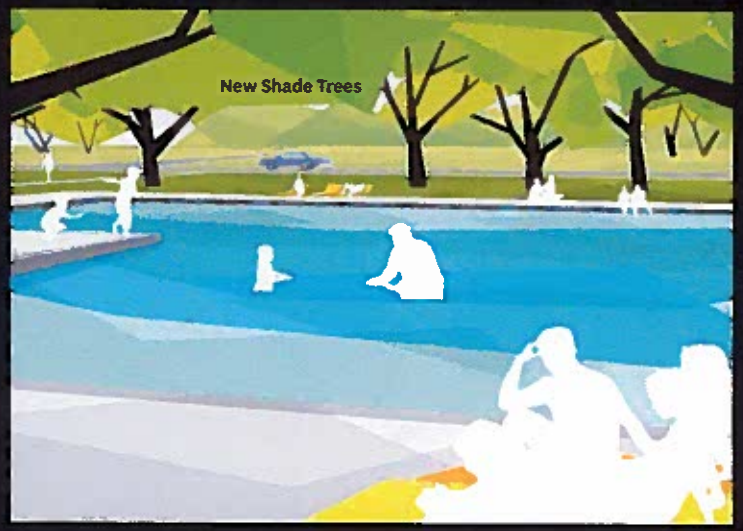


EXISTING

# VIEWS

BEFORE

Martin Pool
Shading




AFTER

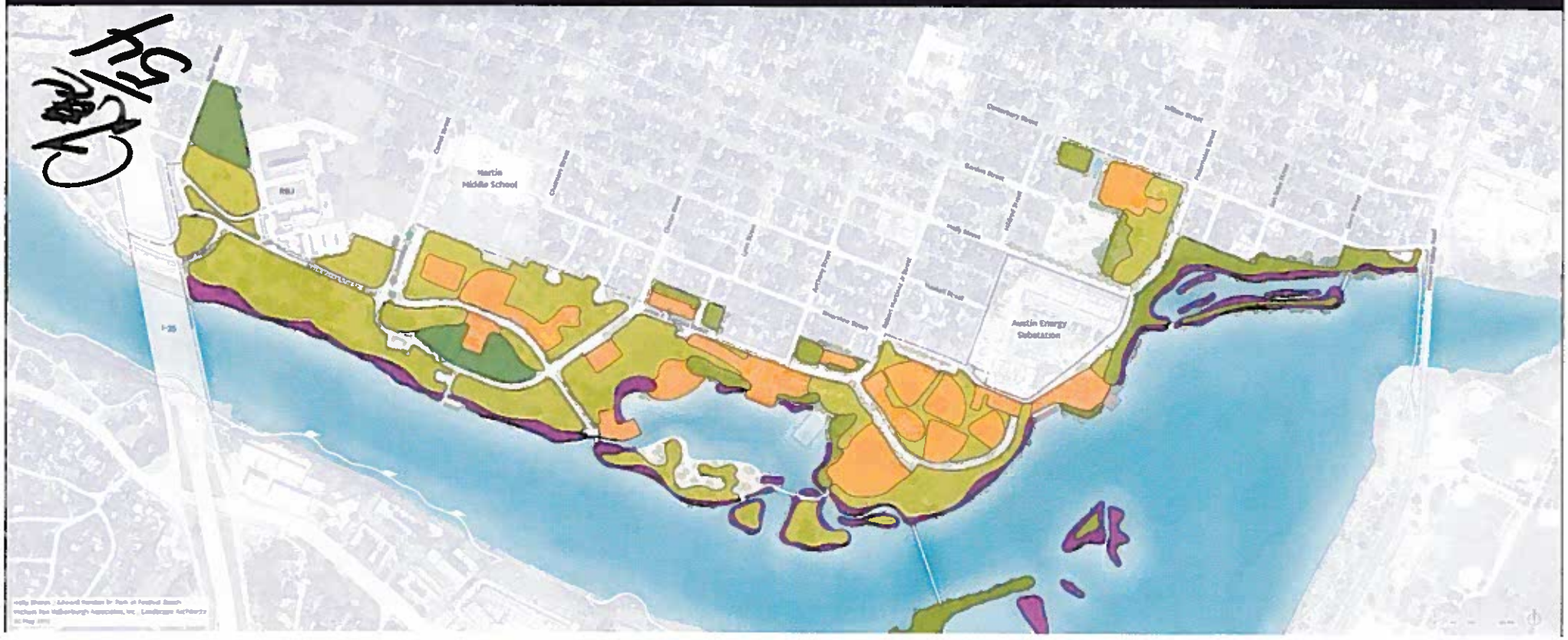
**27 acres** existing tree canopy

# EXISTING TREE CANOPY WITHIN HOLLY SHORES

**41 acres** tree canopy - combined proposed and existing trees

# PROPOSED TREE CANOPY WITHIN HOLLY SHORES

# PRESERVE, ENHANCE & INCREASE WILDLIFE HABITAT




## LEGEND

1. Riparian Edge / Wetland
2. Open Upland
3. Wooded Upland
4. Permaculture & Gardens
5. Fields, Buildings, & Paving

# HABITAT ZONE 1
# RIPARIAN EDGE / WETLAND

**Trees/Shrubs**

| | |
|---|---|
| Bald cypress | Taxodium distichum |
| Cedar elm | Ulmus crassifolia |
| Eastern swamp privet | Forestiera acuminata |
| Green ash | Fraxinus pennsylvanica |
| Hawthorn | Crataegus spp. |
| Water elm | Planera aquatica |
| Possumhaw | Ilex decidua |
| Sugar hackberry | Celtis laevigata |
| Sycamore | Platanus occidentalis |
| Water hickory | Carya aquatica |
| Water locust | Gleditsia aquatica |
| Black willow | Salix nigra |
| Sandbar willow | Salix exigua |
| Eastern cottonwood | Populus deltoides |
| Pecan | Carya illinoinensis |
| Little walnut | Juglans microcarpa |
| Black walnut | Juglans nigra |
| Roughleaf dogwood | Cornus drummondii |
| Flame-leaf sumac | Rhus lanceolata |

* Naturalized lake edge habitat, engineered wetland features such as bio-swales, ephemeral wetlands, rain gardens and artificial wetland micro-topography within the lake.

# HABITAT ZONE 2
# OPEN UPLAND

Native lawn- Habiturf

| | |
|---|---|
| Buffalograss | Bouteloua dactyloides |
| Curly mesquite | Hilaria belangeri |
| Blue gramma | Bouteloua gracilis |

Tallgrass Savanna Community

Trees

| | |
|---|---|
| Live Oak | Quercus virginiana |
| Post Oak | Quercus margarettiae |
| Cedar elm | Ulmus crassifolia |
| American elm | Ulmus americana |
| Sugar hackberry | Celtis laevigata |
| Sycamore | Plantanus occidentalis |
| Texas ash | Ulmus americana |
| Eastern cottonwood | Populus deltoides |
| Bur oak | Quercus macrocarpa |
| Shumard oak | Quercus shumardii |

Grasses

| | |
|---|---|
| big bluestem | Andropogon gerardii |
| canada wildrye | Elymus canadensis |
| florida paspalum | Paspalum floridanum |
| indiangrass | Sorghastrum nutans |
| little bluestem | chizachyrium scoparium |

* Native lawn, meadows and areas with varying degrees of tree canopy. Different park uses will determine levels of access from active open areas to areas with pathways and herbaceous understory.

# HABITAT ZONE 3
# WOODED UPLAND

| Trees | |
|---|---|
| Live Oak | Quercus virginiana |
| Pecan | Carya illinoinensis |
| Post Oak | Quercus margarettiae |
| Cedar elm | Ulmus crassifolia |
| American elm | Ulmus americana |
| Sugar hackberry | Celtis laevigata |
| Sycamore | Plantanus occidentalis |
| Texas ash | Ulmus americana |
| Eastern cottonwood | Populus deltoides |
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| Shumard oak | Quercus shumardii |

| Understory: grass/forbs | |
|---|---|
| American beautyberry | Callicarpa americana |
| Palmetto | Sabal minor |
| Inland sea oats | Chasmanthium latifolium |
| Sedge species | Carex spp. |
| Nimblewill | Muhlenbergia schreberi |
| Foxtail grass | Setaria scheelei |
| Texas bluegrass | Poa arachnifera |

* Dense native woodland with under-canopy, shrub and herbaceous layers to create a complex community. Access will be limited in these areas, particularly on steeper slopes.

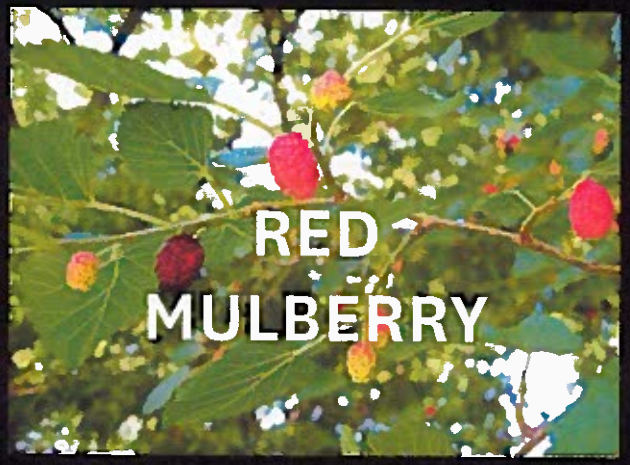
# HABITAT ZONE 4
# PERMACULTURE AND GARDENS

* Areas with food and aesthetic plants, can serve an educational role about sustainability and envrionmental awareness.

### Cultivated
Celeste Fig Tree
Asian Persimmon
Red & White Mulberry
Loquat
Wonderful Pomegranate
Asian Pear

### Native Fruit Trees
Mexican Plum
Eastern Persimmon,
Texas Persimmon
Possum Haw (bushy)
Pecan
Escarpment Cherry
Pinion Pine

### Farmers Trees
Honey Mesquite
Honey Locust
Eve's Necklace
Fragrant Mimosa
Cat Claw Acacia
White Thorn Acacia
Guajillo Acacia.



# HABITAT ZONE 5
# FIELDS BUILDINGS AND PAVING

| | |
|---|---|
| **Trees** | |
| Live Oak | Quercus virginiana |
| Pecan | Carya illinoinensis |
| Post Oak | Quercus margarettiae |
| Cedar elm | Ulmus crassifolia |
| American elm | Ulmus americana |
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| **Shrubs** | |
| Cenizo | Leucophyllum frutescens |
| Agarita | Mahonia trifoliolata |
| Wax myrtle | Morella cerifera |
| **Grasses/forbs** | |
| Lindheirmer's muhly | Muhlenbergia lindheimeri |
| Pine muhly | Muhlenbergia dubia |
| Gulf muhly | Muhlenbergia capillaris |
| Inland sea oats | Chasmanthium latifolium |
| Bushy bluestem | Andropogon glomeratus |
| Upland switchgrass | Panicum virgatum |

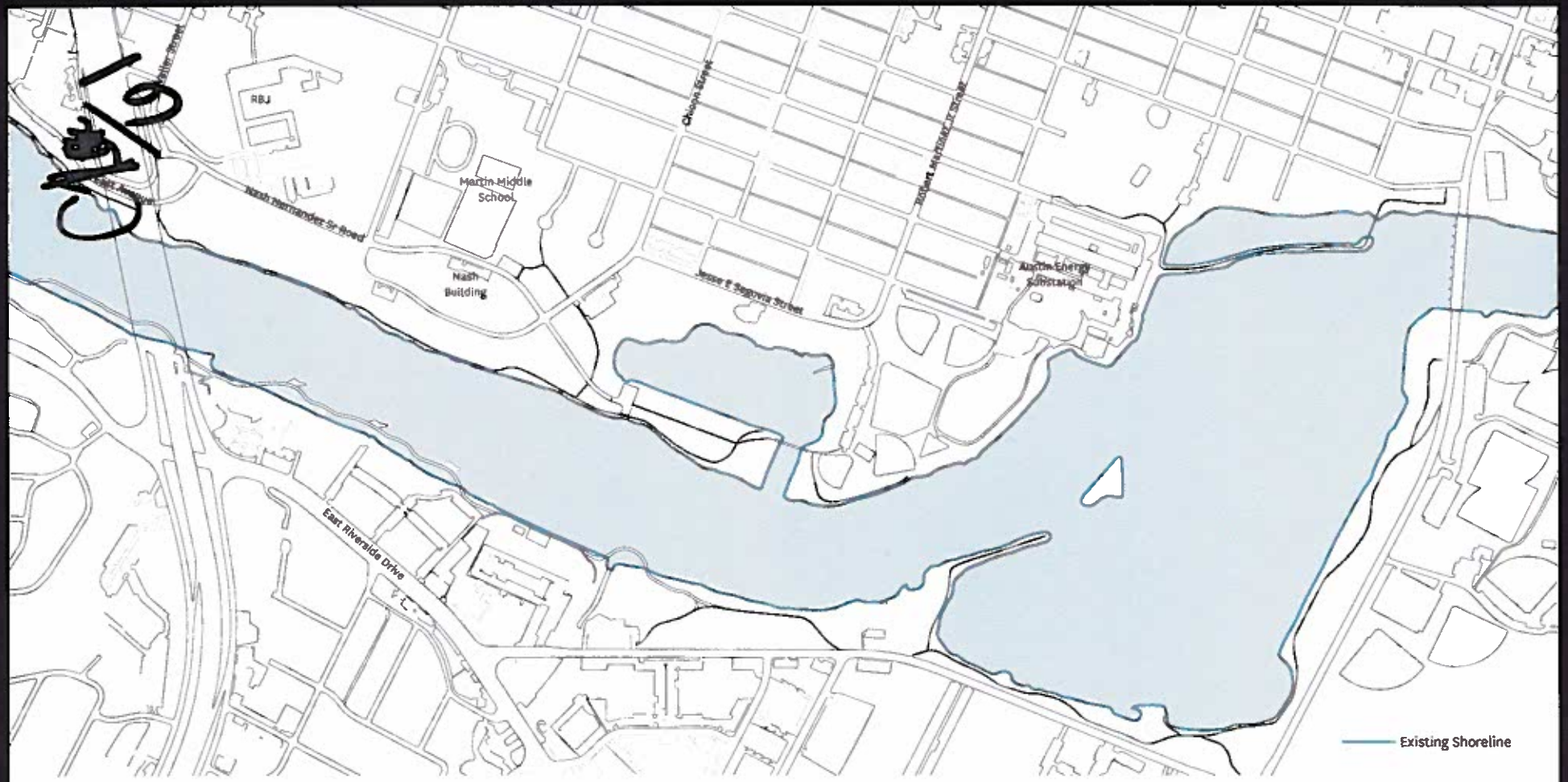
* Areas with specific uses that include high foot traffic such as sports fields, gathering spaces and paved areas. Any non-native species used, including turf species, should not be invasive.

# VIEWS

BEFORE

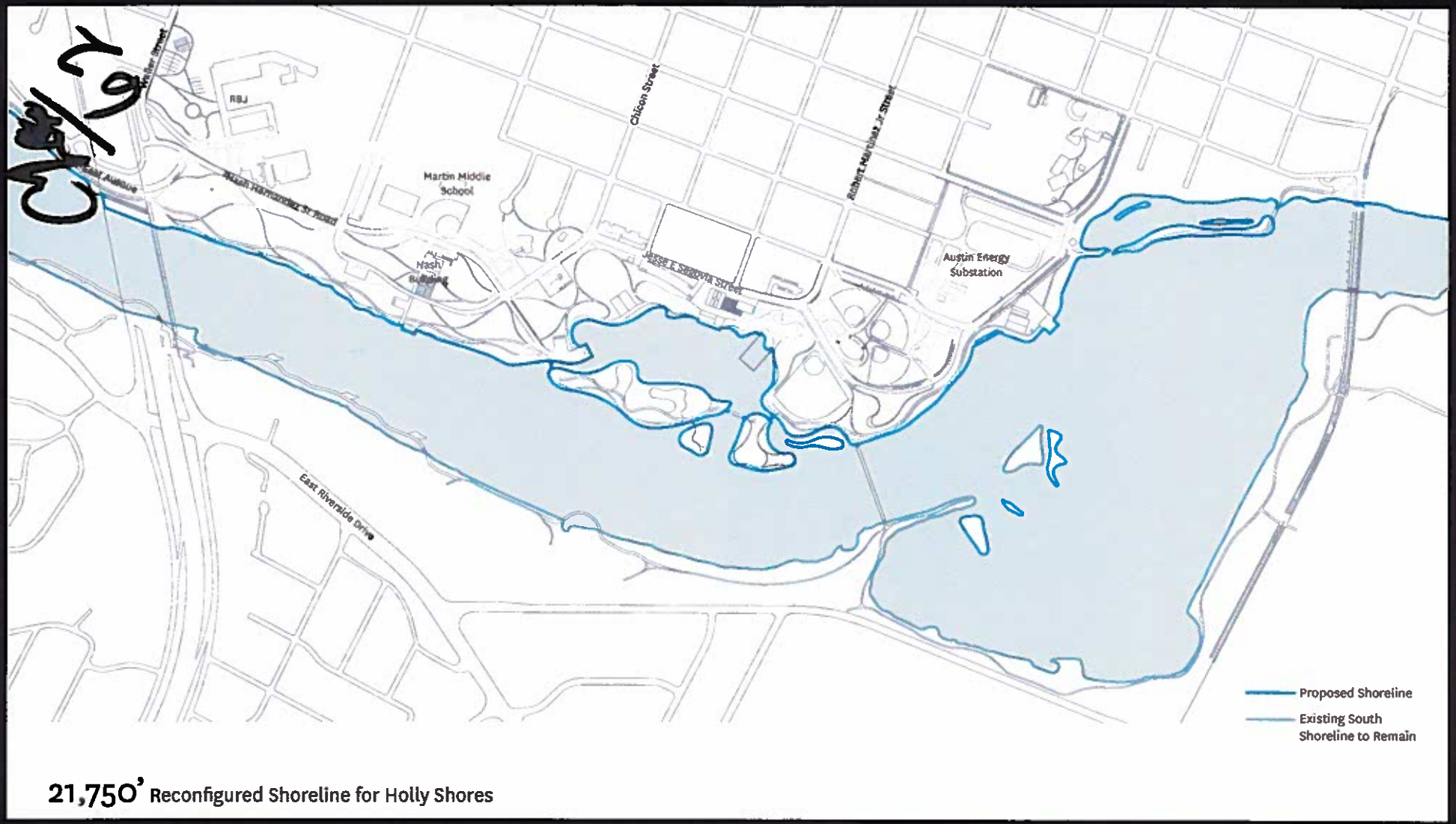
Riprarian &
Wetland Habitat

AFTER




15,450' Existing Shoreline for Holly Shores

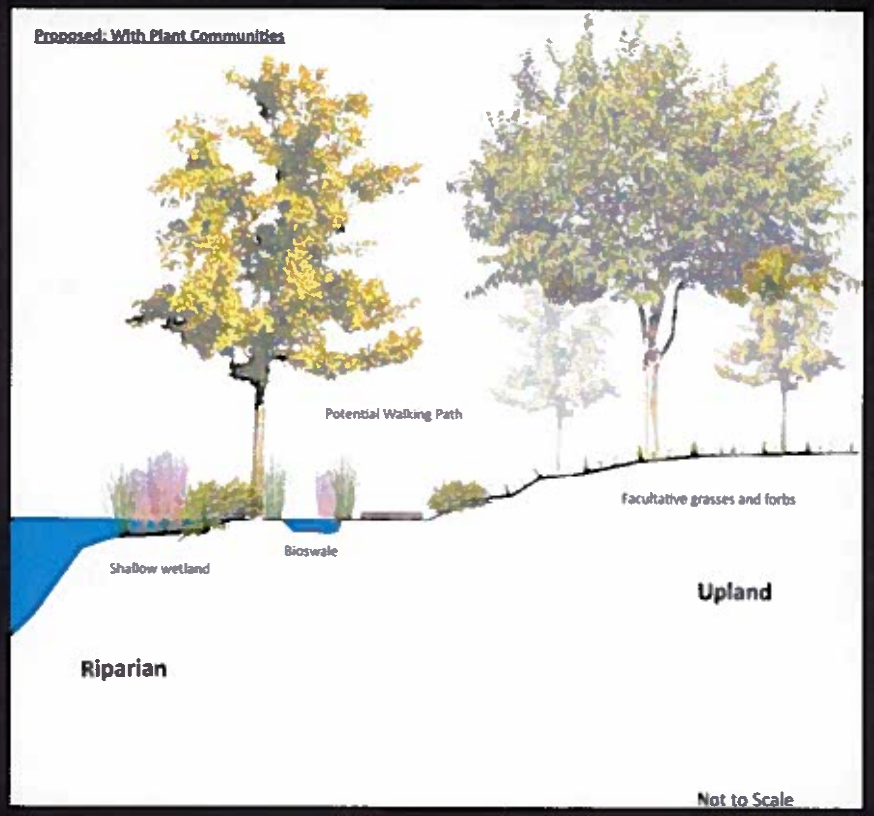
# EXISTING SHORELINE WITHIN HOLLY SHORES



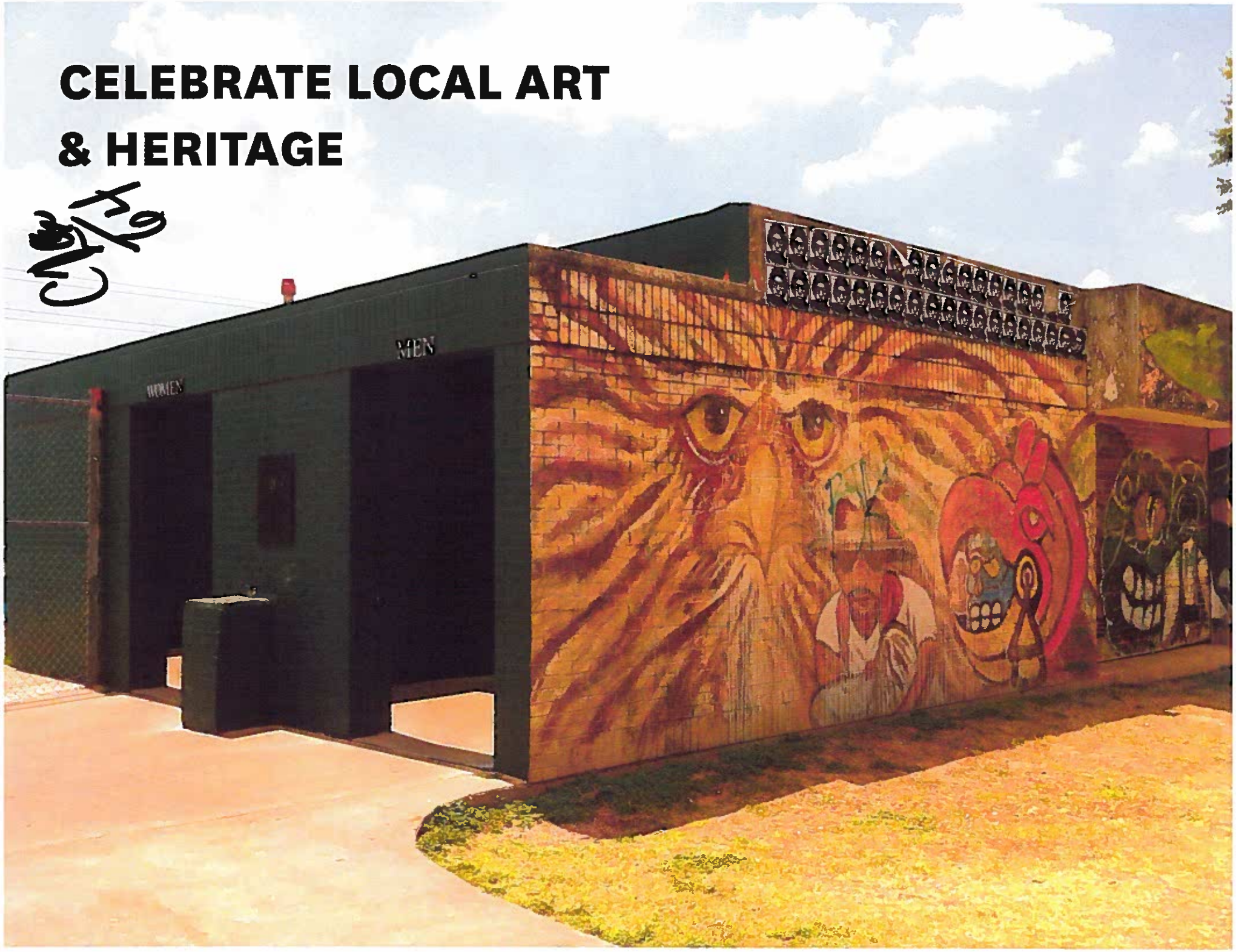

21,750' Reconfigured Shoreline for Holly Shores

# PROPOSED SHORELINE WITHIN HOLLY SHORES

# RIPARIAN SHORELINE SECTION



# CELEBRATE LOCAL ART & HERITAGE



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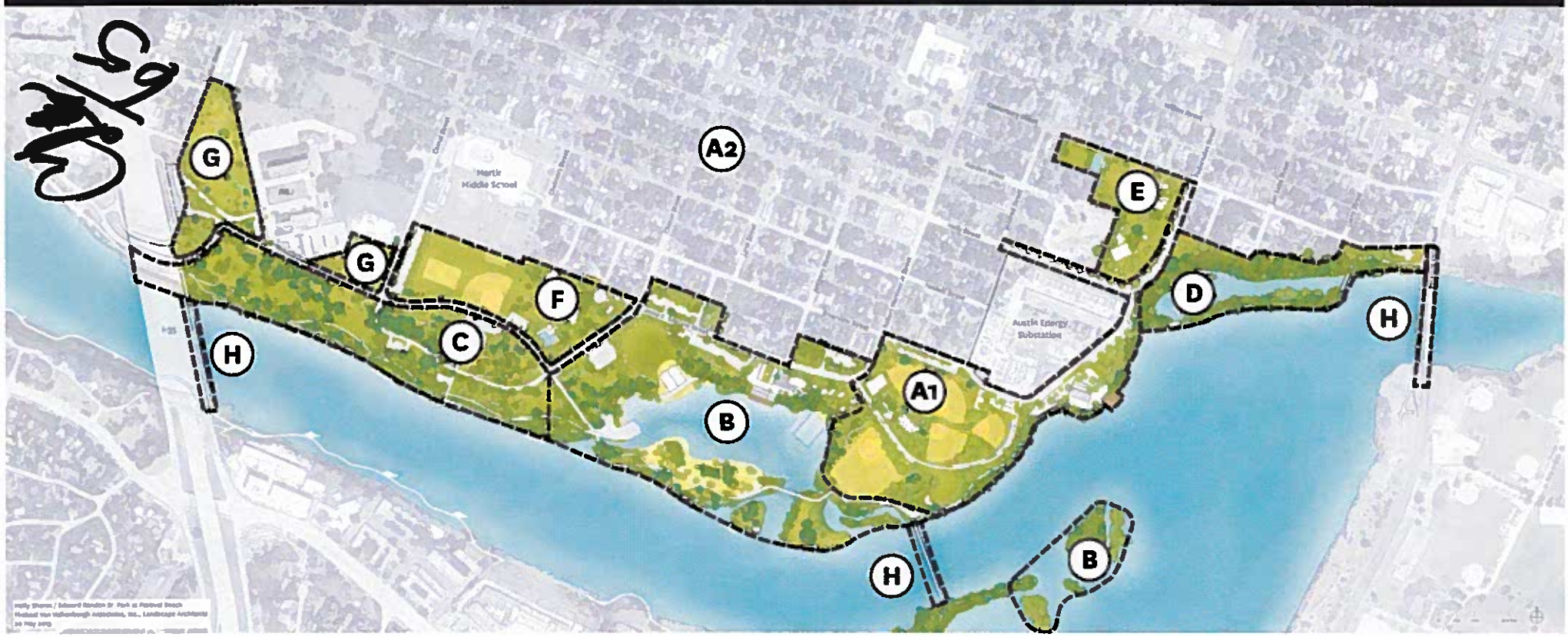


## LEGEND

A1. Austin Energy Connections & Fields
A2. Park-Wide Improvements
B. Festival Beach
C. Overall Park Improvements
D. Cooling Pond
E. Metz Park
F. Martin Park
G. RBJ Center
H. Bridge Connections

# THE MASTER PLAN