

Butler Trail at Lady Bird Lake Southeast Shore Draft Master Plan

2014

Presentation to Boards and Commissions

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Why master plan the Southeast Shore?

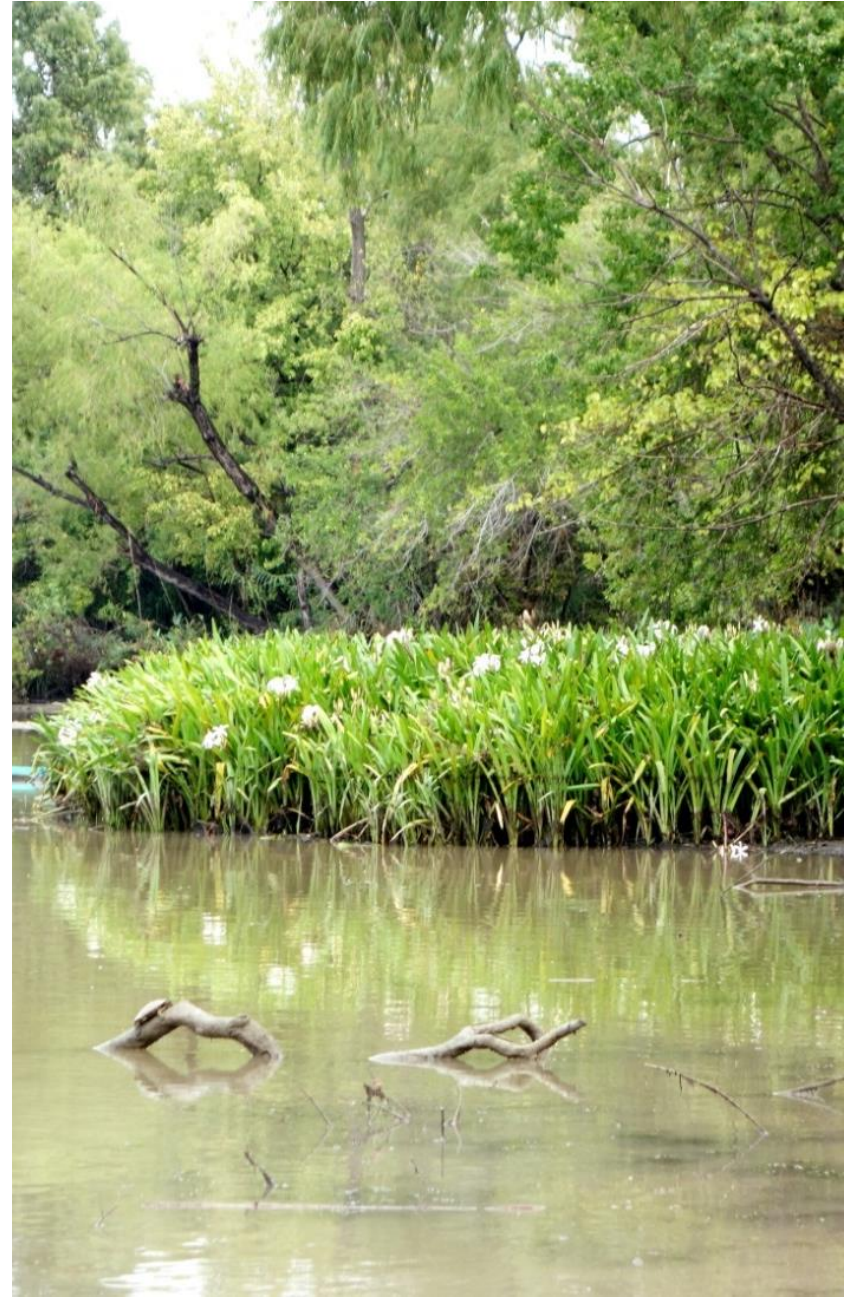
- The new Boardwalk will drop thousands of users into this stretch of the Trail and parkland that are both in poor shape.
- Thousands of new residents and Trail users are emerging along Lakeshore Blvd. and Riverside Dr.
- This is the final segment of the 10-mile Butler Trail loop that needs a plan.
- A Council-adopted Master Plan will set the stage for funding the improvements recommended in the Plan.



Master Plan Goals

Key goals for the park design as expressed by the community are:

- **Conserve and enhance the Trail and park as a tranquil refuge.**
- **Better connect this part of the Trail and park to adjacent areas and parks.**
- **Create shaded trails that respond to different users - including bicyclists, joggers and walkers.**
- **Restore and protect the water's edge to increase wildlife habitat, reduce erosion, improve water quality and increase the urban forest.**
- **Calm adjacent streets - Lakeshore and Pleasant Valley - so it's easier for bikes and peds to move along and across them.**
- **Create a park that all kinds of people of all ages may enjoy.**



Overall Draft Master Plan



Five Character Zones of the Southeast Shore:

Boardwalk Landing Zone

Hostel Zone

Peninsula Zone

Basin Zone

Longhorn Shores Zone



Boardwalk Landing and Hostel Zones



1 View of Boardwalk Landing looking toward Downtown



2 View of existing field along Lakeshore Blvd.



3 View of existing culvert outlet



4 View of Lakeshore Blvd. looking east



5 View of existing concessions next to Hostel

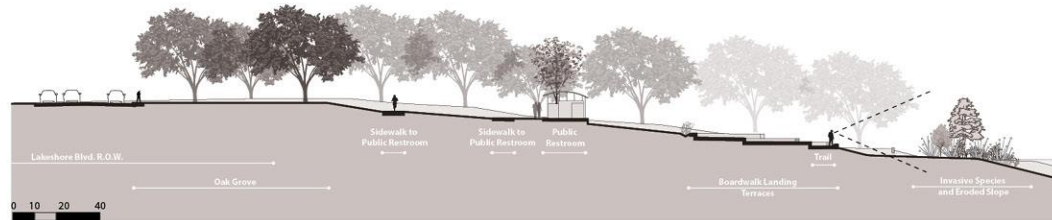


6 View of Hostel entrance



7 View of Picnic Meadow between Hostel and Lady Bird Lake

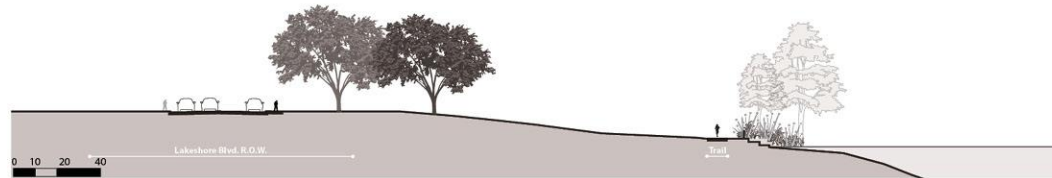
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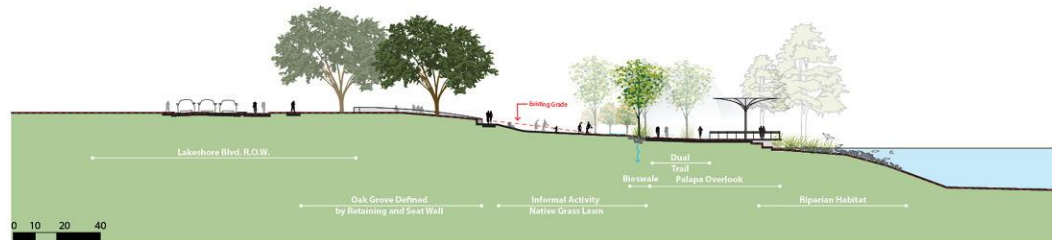
Existing Section at Lakeshore Blvd. (Looking West)



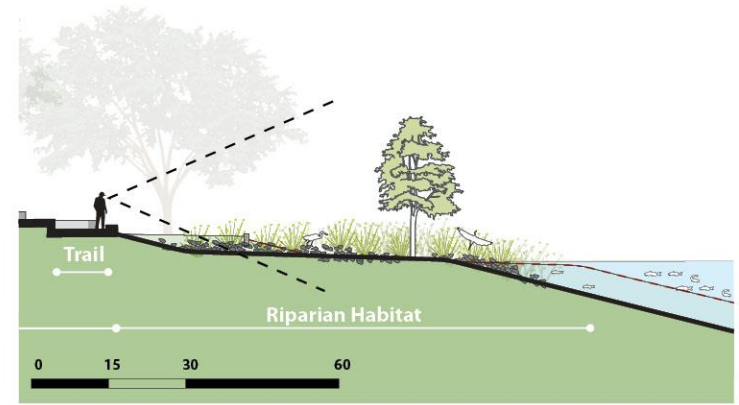
Proposed Section at Boardwalk Landing (Looking West)



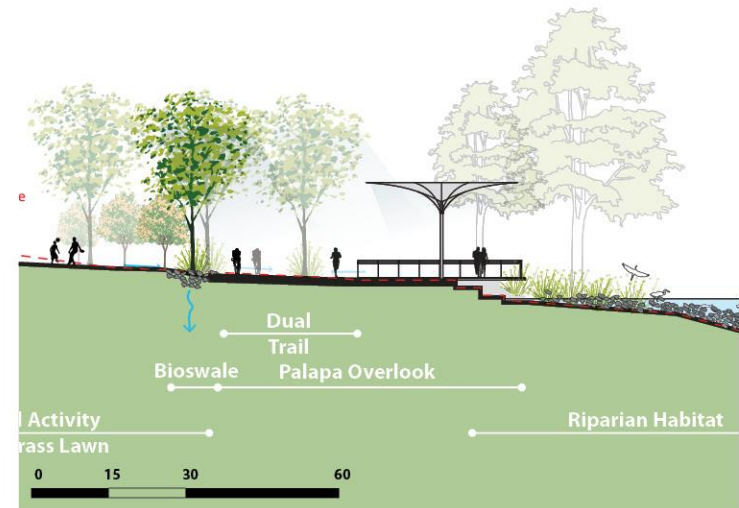
Existing Section at Stormwater Outlet (Looking West)



Proposed Section at Palapa Overlook (Looking West)



Typical Treatment of Shoreline Edge



"Palapa" Shade Structure & Overlook

Peninsula and Basin Zones



1 View of Existing Overlook on Peninsula



2 Existing trail and sidewalk along Lakeshore Blvd. looking east



3 View of Habitat Island from existing gazebo



4 View of Wetland Habitat looking north



5 View of Habitat Cove

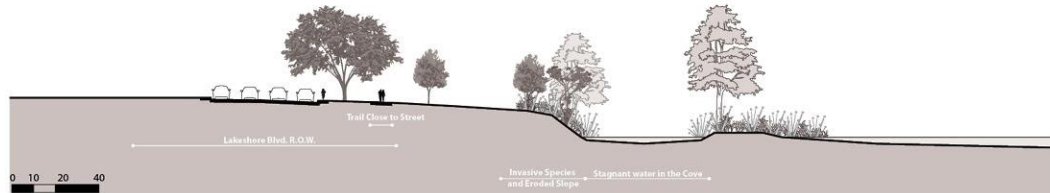


6 View looking toward Pleasant Valley Rd. and Lakeshore Blvd. intersection

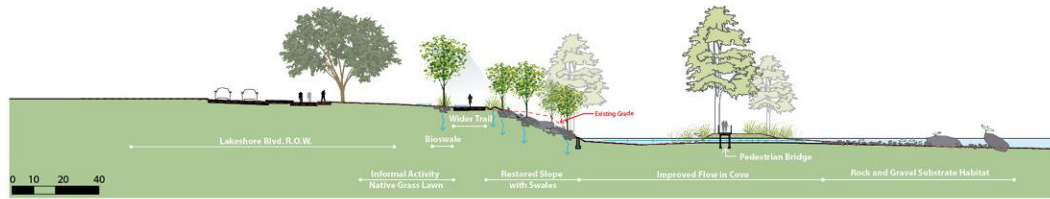


7 View from trail looking toward the Basin

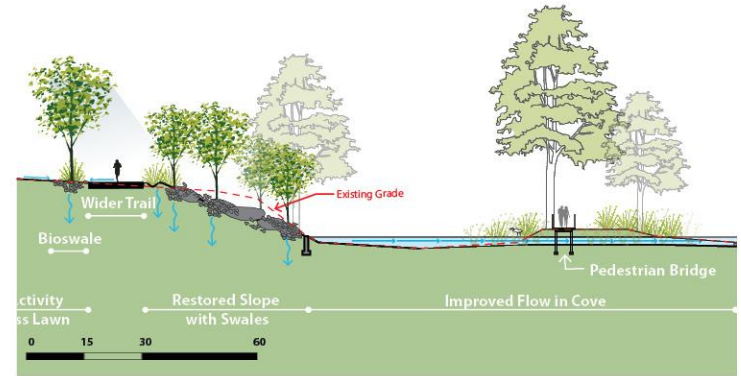
Peninsula and Basin Zones



Existing Section at Habitat Cove (Looking Northwest)



Proposed Section at Habitat Cove (Looking Northwest)



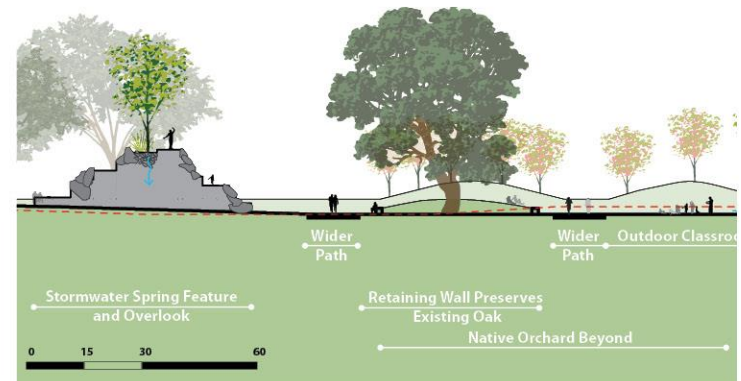
Habitat Cove Improvements



Existing Section at Lakeshore Blvd. and Pleasant Valley Rd. Intersection Trailhead (Looking West)

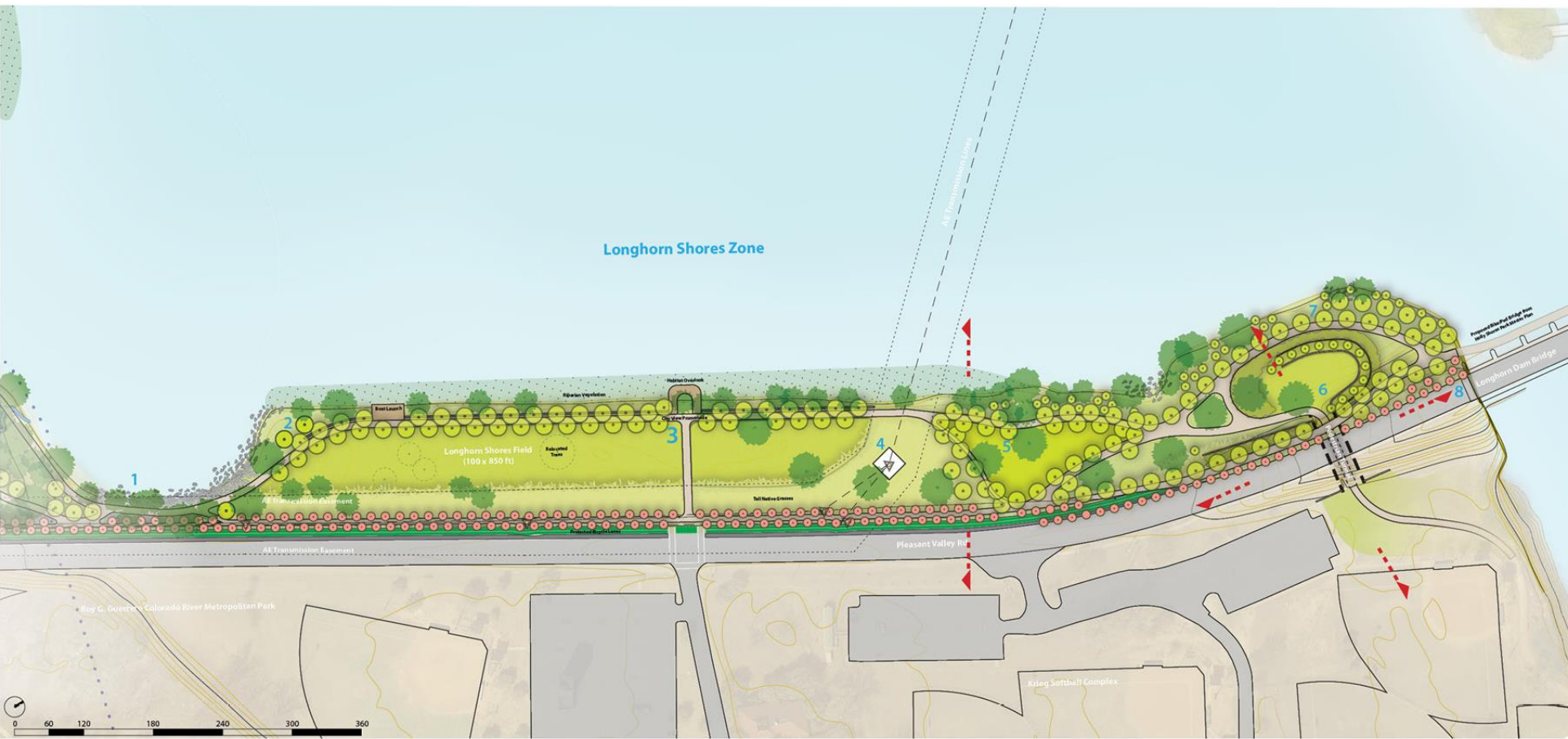


Proposed Section at Lakeshore Blvd. and Pleasant Valley Rd. Intersection Trailhead (Looking West)



Rocky Spring Overlook

Longhorn Shores Zone



1 View of existing trail next to Pleasant Valley Rd, looking north



2 View of existing shoreline on Longhorn Shores looking south



3 View of Downtown from Longhorn Shores



4 View of transmission tower on Longhorn Shores looking north



5 View of existing split in trail up to Pleasant Valley Rd.



6 View of west entry of the existing pedestrian tunnel

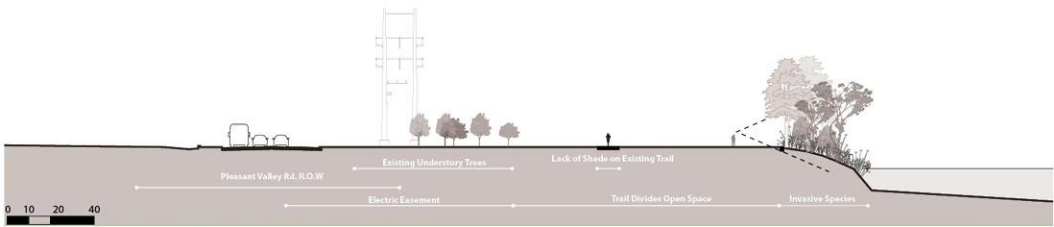


7 Existing view of Longhorn Dam looking north

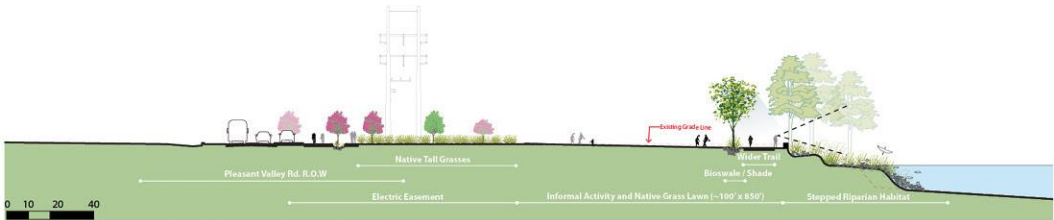


8 View of existing trail from Longhorn Dam looking south

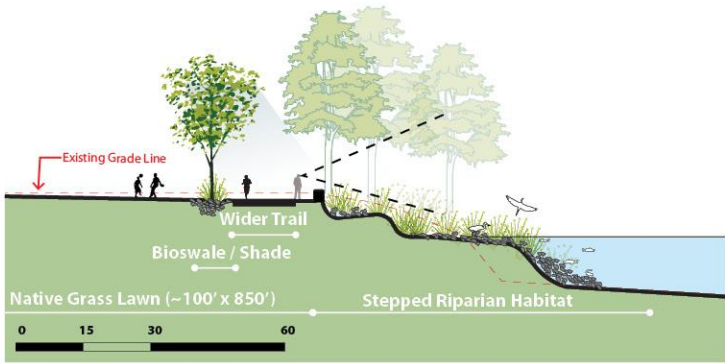
Longhorn Shores Zone



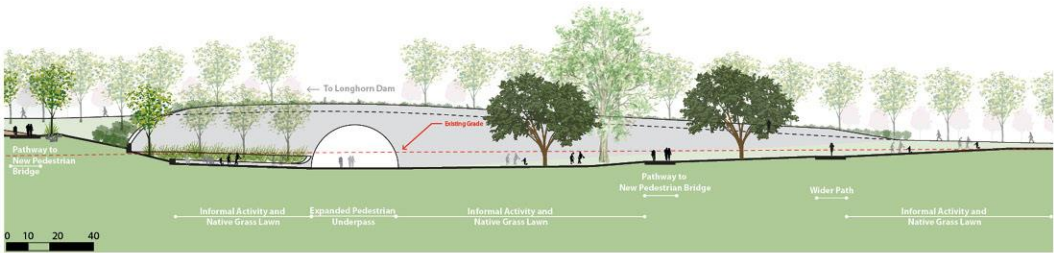
Existing Section at Longhorn Shores (Looking South)



Proposed Section at Longhorn Shores (Looking South)



Riparian Edge Promenade



Proposed Section at Pleasant Valley Rd. Pedestrian Underpass (Looking East)



Proposed Section at Pleasant Valley Rd. Pedestrian Underpass (Looking North)

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Budget Estimate

Boardwalk Landing Zone

\$2,537,000

Hostel Zone

\$6,113,000

Peninsula Zone

\$761,000

Basin Zone

\$5,562,000

Longhorn Shores Zone

\$11,593,000

Total of Park

\$26,566,000



Public Outreach: 3 Community Meetings and Small Group Meetings



Community Meeting #1 October 2013



Community Meeting #2 January 2014



On-Trail Input January 2014



Community Meeting #3 March 2014

Public Outreach: Ideas & Comments Map and Online Survey



Survey: Butler Trail at Lady Bird Lake: Southeast Shore

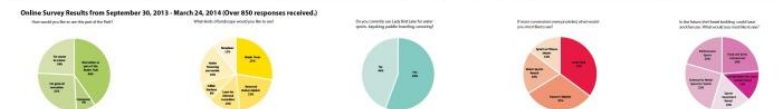
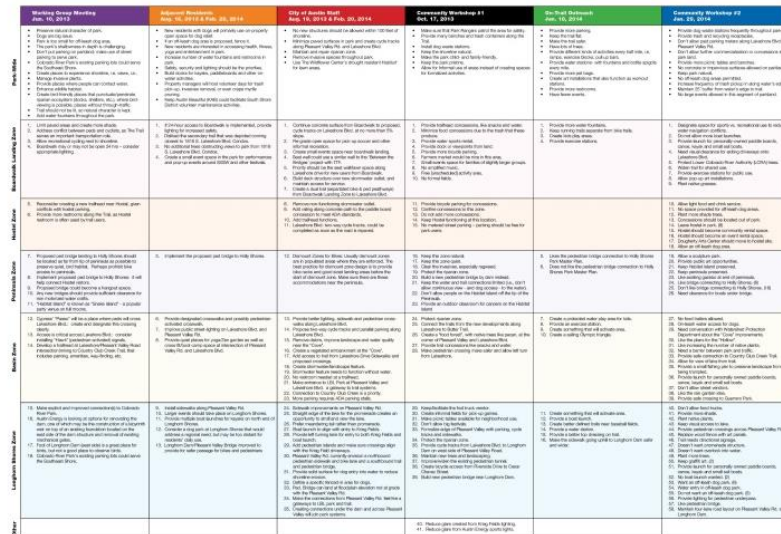
The Trail Foundation greatly appreciates your help with this survey.

The Southeast Shore of Lady Bird Lake is the 1.5-mile segment of the Trail and adjacent parkland extending east from the Boardwalk landing to the Pleasant Valley Road bridge crossing at Longhorn Dam.

1. How were you invited to take this survey?

- ☐ I subscribe to The Trail Foundation (TTF) newsletter.
- ☐ Someone forwarded TTF newsletter to me.
- ☐ Someone sent me the survey link.
- ☐ I attended a public meeting.
- ☐ I accessed it through the TTF website.
- ☐ I accessed it through the City's Parks and Recreation Dept. website.

2. How long have you lived in the Austin area?



What was the process?

June 2013

- Project kick-off meeting and site tour with TTF, APF and PARD staff

July – August 2013

- Existing Conditions & Opportunities Analysis
- City of Austin Technical Advisory Group meeting
- Adjacent property owner focus group meeting
- Initial City-Wide Stakeholders Meeting

October 2013

- Community Workshop #1 to understand issues and opportunities

January 2014

- Project briefing to Parks & Recreation Board's Land & Facilities Committee
- Launch of public and media outreach (Speak Up Austin, FB, interviews, media coverage, etc.)
- On-Trail outreach input received
- Community Workshop #2 to consider master plan concepts

February - March 2014

- Consultant develops master plan draft with recommended improvements
- City of Austin Technical Advisory Group meeting
- Adjacent property owner focus group meeting



Public Review Schedule

**April 14th: Land & Facilities Committee
of Parks & Recreation
Board**

April 16th: Environmental Board

April 28th: Design Commission

May 12th: Waterfront Planning Board

May 13th: Planning Commission

May 27th: Parks & Recreation Board

June 12th: City Council





Request to Boards & Commissions

1. Conduct a public hearing and discussion on the master plan.
2. Provide a recommendation to City Council on master plan elements.