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Program Overview

Original Site Review & Assessment Criteria

Site Withdrawal & Replacement Process

Timeline

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Introduction

- On April 9, 2013, Google Fiber announced they would construct a fiber network in Austin capable of delivering one Gigabit broadband to residential customers and to small businesses

- Google Fiber would also provide video service

- Austin was second fiber City - Kansas City, KS first

- Google will provide free, gigabit Internet service through its fiber network free of charge for 10 years, through April of 2023, to City Hall, the new Central library and up to 100 public and non-profit sites to be determined by the City.

- Community Connection service cannot be used for mission critical services

- Community Connection installed once Google Fiber builds out in fiberhood (demand-based model)

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- City Council adopted the review and assessment criteria, selection process and timeline per Resolutio No. 20130822-083

- Using this criteria, staff developed the program application

- City received overwhelming response to application process : 158 different organizations applied for a tot 310 sites

- Organizations were organized into 4 categories:
    1. Social, health & well-being, including family services
    2. Arts, culture and community
    3. Education, workforce and higher education, including professional development and skills associations
    4. Public facilities (City, Independent School District and Housing Authority)

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Community:

- Does it promote digital inclusion?
- Will it serve the underserved?
- Does it offer a new community service to the public as a result of the connection?
- How will it enhance public participation in organization's service?
- Does the entity make the connection available and accessible?

Innovation:

- Are there potential innova applications?
- Does the entity have or fo high bandwidth applicatio
- Does the entity have the interest, capacity and resources to advance thei technologies?

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Pragmatic:

- Does the entity currently have access to affordable, quality, high-speed broadband internet?
- Does the entity have (or will they have) equipment necessary to connect?
- Will the connection help the entity financially?
- How long will the entity be at their current location?

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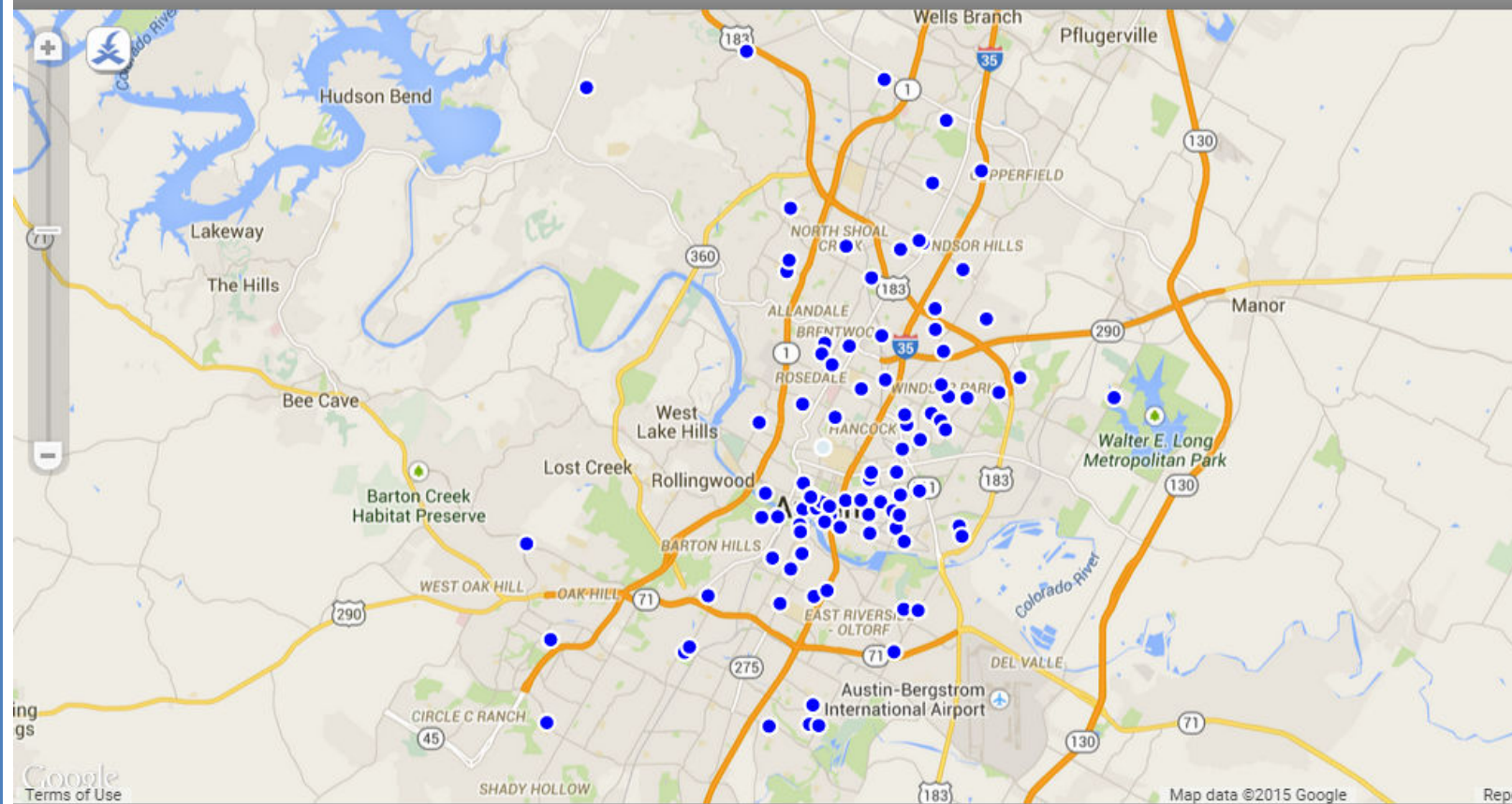Q Find in this Dataset

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Withdrawal & [Repla]cement [Proc]ess

- In February of 2015, one of the recommended sites withdrew: Austin Travis County Integral Care – Dove Spri[ng] Integrated Care Facility, located at 5015 S 1H-35, Austin, T[X] 78744 (Category: Social, Health and Well-being, including Family Services)

- Council Resolution No. 20131212-070 states in the event [of a] vacancy, City Manager will collect suggestions from Coun[cil] members and provide to the Emerging Technology and Telecommunications Council Committee (now falls under [the] Economic Opportunity Committee) to recommend a replacement site to City Council for approval

- At its March 11, 2015 meeting, the Community Technolog[y &] Telecommunications Commission voted unanimously to recommend the City Council select a replacement site utilizing the adopted review and assessment criteria

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- If the replacement site is in same geographic area, Google Fiber's deadline is August 31, 2015

- June 8th - Economic Opportunity Committee Overview on the Community Connections Program & review list of the eligible sites (who originally applied but were not selected) in 78744

- City staff will distribute memorandum to full Council requesting suggestions for replacement site by July 31st

- August 10th – Recommendation from the Economic Opportunity Committee to City Council on a replacement site for the Community Connections Program

- August 20th - City Council approval on the Community Connection replacement site

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