

City	State	Q 1.1
Survey Participant Information- Primary Survey / Contact / Please provide your contact information.-City	Survey Participant Information- Primary Survey / Contact / Please provide your contact information.- State	I. POLICIES / These questions ask about goals, plans, policies, or code / developments that your city...
Austin	Texas	1

<p>Q1.1a</p>	<p>Q1.1b</p>	<p>Q1.1c</p>
<p>Please provide examples of such policies and plans in your city. / Using the text box, describe ex...</p>	<p>Upload first file here.</p>	<p>Upload second file here.</p>
<p>the primary blueprint for the City of Austin for the next 30 years, includes two focus areas, Green Infrastructure and Healthy Austin, each with some mandates for providing and making nature more accessible. Goals and action items for Healthy Austin http://www.austintexas.gov/page/healthy-austin and for Green Infrastructure http://www.austintexas.gov/page/green-infrastructure that reference access</p>	<p>http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=imagine+austin.pdf&Size=12616246&Type=application%2Fpdf&F=F_1ZX31CWIANrSdfv</p>	

Q1.2	Q1.2a	Q1.2b
Has your municipal government / adopted agreements with schools, faith-based organizations, or / yout...	Please provide examples of such policies and plans in your city. / Using the text box, describe ex...	Upload first file here.
1	Independent School District (A.I.S.D.) share playgrounds at several schools to promote community, health and outdoor activities within neighborhoods. A.I.S.D. and the Austin Parks & Recreation Department have shared-use agreements for 29 parks that help provide Austin students with access to space and nature in parkland while providing the community access to A.I.S.D. facilities,	http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=1984+Joint+Use+Facilities+Agreement+between+AISD+and+City.pdf&Size=386757&Type=application%2Fpdf&F=F_6EU_MzEk9pheJiZL

Q1.2c	Q1.3	Q1.3a
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http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=MOWS_PARD_AISD.pdf&Size=4080097&Type=application%2Fpdf&F=F_8nQoVhu7fRffPqB	1	<p>government requirement imposed on subdivision and site plan applications mandating the dedication of land for a park and/or the payment of a fee to be used by the governmental entity to acquire land and/or develop park facilities. The City of Austin passed its first Parkland Dedication Ordinance in 1985 and updated the ordinance in 2007.</p> <p>https://austintexas.gov/departments/parks</p>

Q1.3b	Q1.3c	Q1.4
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http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=Parkland+Dedication+Funds+FAQ.doc&Size=478720&Type=application%2Fmsword&F=F_0librP6C6Jgs6y1	http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=Long+Range+Plan%2C+Chapter+6+Needs+Assessment.pdf&Size=1707973&Type=application%2Fpdf&F=F_ewzOgQHb3r3NP	1

Q1.4a	Q1.4b	Q1.4c
Please provide examples of such policies and plans in your city. / Using the text box, describe ex...	Upload first file here.	Upload second file here.
Ordinances and zoning changes were completed by the city in support of Community Gardens, both on private land and city land.	http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=urbanagriculture_ordinance2.pdf&Size=273142&Type=application%2Fpdf&F=F_3xDI9pl53EgS2vX	http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=urbanagriculture_ordinance+exemption.pdf&Size=247488&Type=application%2Fpdf&F=F_aagnfc7NJLSbzEN

Q1.5	Q1.5a	Q1.5b
Has your municipal government / adopted design guidelines or principles for new or existing green / s...	Please provide examples of such policies and plans in your city. / Using the text box, describe ex...	Upload first file here.
1	<p>available that increase access to nature through Community Gardening, Wildlife Habitats, Grow-Zones, and Great Streets, as well as Environmental Criteria. / The City of Austin was proclaimed #1 city for Wildlife by the National Wildlife Federation due in part to the high number of certified backyard habitats in yards, schools and public spaces. The Wildlife Austin program has been</p>	<p>http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=community_garden_information_packet.pdf&Size=687204&Type=application%2Fpdf&F=F_6FPXb12rd2PGWt7</p>

Q1.5c	Q2.1.1a	Q2.1.1b
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http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=Pollinator+Challenge+2015.pdf&Size=340773&Type=application%2Fpdf&F=F_9zTv1ZQHG211i2p	1	1

Q2.1.1c	Q2.1.1d	Q2.1.1e
The next questions ask about partnerships and collaborations that / your city has...-Local land trusts, conservation districts, or other land acquisition groups	The next questions ask about partnerships and collaborations that / your city has...-Community coalitions and partnerships	The next questions ask about partnerships and collaborations that / your city has...-Independently-governed utility, water, or park districts
1	1	2

Q2.1.1f	Q2.1.1g	Q2.1.1h
The next questions ask about partnerships and collaborations that / your city has...-Local developers	The next questions ask about partnerships and collaborations that / your city has...-Regional planning entities	The next questions ask about partnerships and collaborations that / your city has...-County agencies
1	2	1

Q2.1.1i	Q2.1.1j	Q2.1.1k
The next questions ask about partnerships and collaborations that / your city has...-State agencies	The next questions ask about partnerships and collaborations that / your city has...-Federal agencies	The next questions ask about partnerships and collaborations that / your city has...-National, regional or state-level non-profit organizations or campaigns
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Q2.1.1l	Q2.1b	Q2.1c
The next questions ask about partnerships and collaborations that / your city has...-Others	Please provide examples of any of these partnerships in your / city. Using the text box, describe e...	Upload first file here.
2	successful programs. Examples of collaborations include: / / 1) Waller Creek Conservancy, a nonprofit organization that leverages fund raising leadership with local government, is a community partner to the city in maintaining and activating the creek improvements. https://www.wallercreek.org/about/ . Waller Creek folks plan on improving parkland and making it more	

Q2.1d	Q2.2	Q2.2a
Upload second file here.	Has your city provided / opportunities for residents in economically stressed communities to / engage...	Please provide one or more examples of what has worked best in / your city to engage the community...
	1	<p>projects go through multiple stakeholder meetings including those in economically stressed communities. A recently celebrated opening is an example of this process. The Dove Springs District Park held a grand opening for their playscape and nature play area in May 2015</p> <p>(http://www.austinfreetevents.com/event/grand-opening-and-ribbon-cutting-for-dove-springs-district-parks-innovative-</p>

Q2.2b	Q2.2c	Q3.1a
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http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=Copy+of+CHARETTE+DoveSprings+StakeholderList.xls&Size=38912&Type=application%2Fvnd.ms-excel&F=F_81EAJLsdUf0R2yp	http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=CHARETTE2012+DoveSprings+Feb2012.pdf&Size=646248&Type=application%2Fpdf&F=F_d5p9FhUo9Zjw0Hr	1

Q3.1b	Q3.1c	Q3.1d
This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach / that your city...-Programming during out-of-school hours	This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach / that your city...-Summer camps for children and/or teens	This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach / that your city...-Nature centers
1	1	1

Q3.1e	Q3.1f	Q3.1g
This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach / that your city...-Natural playgrounds/ Nature gyms	This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach / that your city...-Park passports or badging programs	This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach / that your city...-Nature clubs
1	3	1

Q3.1h	Q3.1i	Q3.1j
This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach / that your city...-School-year camping programs	This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach / that your city...-Volunteer or youth employment programs	This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach / that your city...-Programming with museums
1	1	1

Q3.1k	Q3.1l	Q3.1m
This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach / that your city...-Programming with local nature centers	This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach / that your city...-Physical activity programming in parks (e.g., walking or running clubs)	This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach / that your city...-Health promotion programs such as "park prescriptions" by healthcare providers
1	1	1

Q3.1n	Q3.1o	Q3.1p
This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach / that your city...-Ecological restoration or service programs or initiatives	This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach / that your city...-Community programs/events in parks and public spaces	This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach / that your city...-Programming that targets low income families and children
1	1	1

Q3.1q	Q3.1r	Q3.1s
Please provide examples of all of these programs in your city, / including programs that target low...	Upload first file here.	Upload second file here.
<p>and Recreation Department is available with financial aid of 50% discount to eligible participants. See http://www.austintexas.gov/pardfinaid for details. / Programming during school that helps connect children to nature can be seen at the Austin Nature & Science Center, with the diversity of programming choices seen here / http://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files</p>	<p>http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=YF+Program+Information+--+Master+5-18-12.xlsx&Size=143663&Type=application%2Fvnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.spreadsheetml.sheet&F=F_9YJow4kjR8UQONf</p>	<p>http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=parksandrecreation.org-Agency+Spotlight+Austin+Parks+and+Recreation+Texas.pdf&Size=81300&Type=application%2Fpdf&F=F_bwNfnr259uGEpaB</p>

Q3.2a	Q3.2b	Q3.2c
Have you adopted any of / the following strategies to increase the amount of -- or ease of / access t...- Green roofs	Have you adopted any of / the following strategies to increase the amount of -- or ease of / access t...- Rails to trails	Have you adopted any of / the following strategies to increase the amount of -- or ease of / access t...- Greenway/trail/bikeway system
3	3	3

Q3.2d	Q3.2e	Q3.2f
Have you adopted any of / the following strategies to increase the amount of -- or ease of / access t...- Pocket parks	Have you adopted any of / the following strategies to increase the amount of -- or ease of / access t...- Urban river or stream restoration	Have you adopted any of / the following strategies to increase the amount of -- or ease of / access t...- Vacant lot or "surplus property" reclamation and restoration
1	1	1

Q3.2g	Q3.2h	Q3.2i
Have you adopted any of / the following strategies to increase the amount of -- or ease of / access t...- Natural corridors	Have you adopted any of / the following strategies to increase the amount of -- or ease of / access t...- Shared or joint use of schoolyards	Have you adopted any of / the following strategies to increase the amount of -- or ease of / access t...- Urban farms or community gardens
1	1	1

Q3.2j	Q3.2l	Q3.2m
<p>Have you adopted any of / the following strategies to increase the amount of -- or ease of / access t...- Others</p>	<p>Please provide examples of all these strategies in your city. / Using the text box, describe examp...</p>	<p>Upload first file here.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>managed by Austin Parks and Recreation Department, are discussed in a blog https://www.austintexas.gov/blog/pocket-park-packs-deep-history gives a snapshot of pocket parks impacts. This list of parks indicates acreage http://www.austintexas.gov/page/park-directory and includes 33 parks less than an acre and 22 less than two acres. Pocket park - Meadowview</p>	<p>http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=Austin+Trail+Map.pdf&Size=1320560&Type=application%2Fpdf&F=F71k5UXbOweH11yJ</p>

Q3.2n	Q3.3a	Q3.3b
Upload second file here.	Has your city utilized any of the following outreach activities to / connect children and families?-Print materials	Has your city utilized any of the following outreach activities to / connect children and families?-Website
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Q3.3c	Q3.3d	Q3.3e
Has your city utilized any of the following outreach activities to / connect children and families?-Social media like Facebook or Twitter	Has your city utilized any of the following outreach activities to / connect children and families?-City newsletter	Has your city utilized any of the following outreach activities to / connect children and families?-Parks and recreation programming guide
1	3	1

Q3.3f	Q3.3g	Q3.3h
Has your city utilized any of the following outreach activities to / connect children and families?-Elected official press announcement/conference	Has your city utilized any of the following outreach activities to / connect children and families?-City council meetings	Has your city utilized any of the following outreach activities to / connect children and families?-Others
1	2	2

<p>Q3.3i</p>	<p>Q3.3j</p>	<p>Q3.3k</p>
<p>Please provide examples of all these activities in your city. / Using the text box, describe examp...</p>	<p>Upload first file here.</p>	<p>Upload second file here.</p>
<p>Rick, U.S. Department of Interior, in providing programs. An example of print material in support of promoting access to nature to families and children is the Naturalist Workshop's collection directions rack card that encourages families and children to find natural treasures outdoors and bring them to the trade counter to learn more and collect points. / See attached. / City of Austin website</p>	<p>http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=Marketing+Campaign+Benefits+of+Parks+and+Recreation+Programs.pdf&Size=534284&Type=application%2Fpdf&F=efVOJ8ccqKbC1NP</p>	

Q3.4a	Q3.4b	Q3.4c
Has your city utilized any of the following outreach activities to / connect children and families,...-Print materials	Has your city utilized any of the following outreach activities to / connect children and families,...-Website	Has your city utilized any of the following outreach activities to / connect children and families,...-Social media like Facebook or Twitter
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Q3.4d	Q3.4e	Q3.4f
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2	1	2

Q3.4g	Q3.4h	Q3.4i
Has your city utilized any of the following outreach activities to / connect children and families,...-City council meetings	Has your city utilized any of the following outreach activities to / connect children and families,...-Others	Please provide examples of all these activities in your city. / Using the text box, describe examp...
2	2	<p>program for children to participate in supervised activities throughout the day. Summer Playgrounds staff provide quality recreational experiences that promote creativity, teamwork and healthy lifestyles. Activities include organized sports, arts and crafts, games, team building and nutrition lessons.</p> <p>http://www.austintexas.gov/department/summer-playgrounds-program /</p>

Q3.4j	Q3.4k	Q4.1
Upload first file here.	Upload second file here.	This section asks about financial resources (e.g., budget / allocations) that your c...
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Q4.1a	Q4.1b	Q4.2
How much funding has / been dedicated?	Please provide specific examples of how you're using this / funding.	In the past 36 months, / has your municipal government dedicated a portion of the annual / operating...
5	The budget for the Austin Nature & Science Center, a free 18 acre amenity located in view of downtown, has a budget of \$1.8 million dollars, used to connect visitors and citizens to nature and the outdoors. It offers climbing, canoeing, caving, astronomy, nature art, waterworks, archeology, geology, wildlife, paleontology, habitats, and chemistry:	1

Q4.2a	Q4.2b	Q4.3
How much funding has / been dedicated?	Please provide specific examples of how you're using this / funding.	In the past 36 months, has your municipal / government allocated and begun expending capital funds...
4	Earth Camp - \$50K / • Watershed Detectives - \$7K (a lot of this is for materials used in the classroom but we use the classroom as a base for the field trips so I would count it) / • Hydrofiles - \$700 / • Clean Creek Campus - \$7K (will probably be increasing next year, pending Council approval) / • Grow Green support of garden festival - \$7.5K (but other departments chipped in for \$10K total)	1

<p>Q4.3a</p>	<p>Q4.3b</p>	<p>Q4.3c</p>
<p>Using the text box, please describe how capital funds are being / used and/or list websites. And/o...</p>	<p>Upload first file here.</p>	<p>Upload second file here.</p>
<p>invested capital funds in the creation and adaption of playgrounds to include nature and nature play. Three of these spaces have been completed in the previous 3 years. Urban Trails have resulted in Safe Routes to School and increased activity of children in nature. Austin ISD has a few school campuses that have installed or are in the process of installing nature playgrounds. The largest example is</p>	<p>http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=Planning+the+Natural+Playground+for+Dove+Springs+May+2012%2C+Kids%27+Charlotte.doc&Size=35328&Type=application%2Fmsword&F=F_e5UZ5Q50LP_CSAUB</p>	

Q4.4	Q4.4a	Q4.4b
In the past 36 months, has your municipal government:-Applied for or utilized federal sources of funding to expand access to nature, such as storm water remediation and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, or other opportunities?	In the past 36 months, has your municipal government:-Applied for or received state or special district funds to better connect children to nature?	In the past 36 months, has your municipal government:-Applied for or helped raise additional funding through private sources (e.g., corporate or foundation) to expand access to nature?
2	2	2

Q4.4c	Q5.1	Q5.1a
Please state source(s) and amount of funding. Explain how / your municipal government will use/has...	This section asks about / any assessments your city government conducts to evaluate / i...	Please describe these measures and how they are being used.
makes use of the non-point source EPA funding to support the Earth Camp program that gets kids out in nature. Public Works Department has received (federal?) funds to support the Neighborhood Partnering program that has been actively involved in installing community gardens.. The Parks and Recreation Department has received state funds from Texas Parks and Recreation Department in 2015	1	has had a metric tracked for over a decade that measures the percent of participants that increase their environmental awareness, and a performance measurement that counts the number of people who attend outdoor programs. These are collected from program evaluations and event surveys. / Park gap analysis, used to direct Parkland Dedication Funds, measures areas

Q6.1	Q6.1a	Q6.1b
Does your municipal government experience any of the following / barriers...-Community barriers (e.g., stray dogs, safety, high crime, illegal drug activity, etc)	Does your municipal government experience any of the following / barriers...-Social economic barriers (e.g., economic stress on families, parental work schedules)	Does your municipal government experience any of the following / barriers...-Policy barriers (e.g., funding and capacity)
1	1	1

Q6.1c	Q6.1d	Q6.1e
Does your municipal government experience any of the following / barriers...-Transportation barriers (e.g., unsafe routes or lack of public transit)	Does your municipal government experience any of the following / barriers...-Educational barriers (e.g., lack of information to residents)	Does your municipal government experience any of the following / barriers...-Other barriers
1	1	1

Q6.1f	Q6.2	Q6.2a
How can the National League of Cities, Children & Nature / Network and others best support your cit...	What is your vision? / / Imagine that your city has made connecting children to nature a / top prio...	Upload your vision statement here.
<p>Program staff has assessed areas that could use improvement as Some staff Future Vision: Expanding access to nature; increasing partnering/interface between departments (linking CIP in PARD with Watershed Protection); incorporating Art in Nature across recreation centers using GPS for Art Trail.</p>	<p>that make pedestrians the priority and keeps people better in touch with the outdoors and nature. Austin would be connected through a series of greenways with Urban Trails giving communities access to green space that would allow recreation as well as transportation. Adjacent to Urban Trails would be whimsical features to encourage kids of all ages to explore and interact. Neighborhoods would be</p>	<p>http://ut1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsControlPanel/File.php?Filename=Letters+of+Support+for+Cities+Promoting+Access+to+Nature.pdf&Size=2788055&Type=application%2Fpdf&F=F_5js065SVVHNq4rr</p>

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Austin	Texas	78704

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Can We Contact you with Follow-Up Questions (1 = Yes, 2 = No)	Additional Survey Contact, Name	Additional Survey Contact, City Department
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1	Margaret Russell	Austin Parks & Recreation

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200 S. Lamar Blvd.	Austin	Texas

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desired.-Phone

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1. POLICIES

These questions ask about goals, plans, policies, or code developments that your city employs to help connect children and families to nature and green spaces, especially including those living in economically stressed communities

Question 1.1

Has your municipal government adopted goals within city plans (e.g., its general, master or comprehensive plan, sustainability plans, health and wellness plans, parks and recreation plans) that are related to connecting children to nature or promoting access for all to nature and green spaces?

1 = Yes

2 = Considering

3 = No

Question 1.1 a

Please provide examples of such policies and plans in your city. Using the text box, describe examples and/or list websites. And/or upload relevant documents and other materials (policies, plans, etc.) below.

Question 1.1 b

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Question 1.1 c

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Question 1.2

Has your municipal government adopted agreements with schools, faith-based organizations, or youth-serving agencies for shared use (also called joint-use agreements) of green spaces to better connect children and families to nature?

1 = Yes

2 = Considering

3 = No

Question 1.2 a

Please provide examples of such policies and plans in your city. Using the text box, describe examples and/or list websites. And/or upload relevant documents and other materials (policies, plans, etc.) below.

Question 1.2 b

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Question 1.2 c

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Question 1.3

Has your municipal government adopted regulatory strategies or development incentives to expand the amount of green spaces accessible to children and families?

1 = Yes

2 = Considering

3 = No

Question 1.3 a

Please provide examples of such policies and plan in your city. Using the text box, describe examples and/or list websites. And/or upload relevant documents and other materials (policies, plans, etc.) below.

Question 1.3 b

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Question 1.3 c

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Question 1.4

Has your municipla government removed zoning or other barriers that might impede children's full access to green space or natural areas?

1 = Yes

2 = Considering

3 = No

Question 1.4 a

Please provide examples of such policies and plans in your city. Using the text box, describe examples and/or list websites. And/or upload relevant documents and other materials (policies, plans, etc.) below.

Question 1.4 b

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Question 1.4 c

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Question 1.5

Has your municiplan government adopted design guidelines or principles for new existing green spaces or facilities (e.g. green schoolyards, community gardens, trails, wildlife habitat) to help connect children from economically stressed communities to nature?

1 = Yes

2 = Considering

3 = No

Question 1.5 a

Please provide examples of such policies and plans in your city. Using the text box, describe examples and/or list websites. And/or upload relevant documents and other materials (policies, plans, etc.) below.

Question 1.5 b

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Question 1.5 c

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2. PARTNERSHIPS

The next questions ask about partnerships and collaborations that your city has developed or is developing to help expand children's access to nature. We want to know about any such city partnerships, especially those focused on children living in economically stressed communities.

Question 2.1

Has your municipal government partnered or collaborated with any of the following entities in effort to connect children and families to nature and green spaces?

1 = Yes

2 = Considering

3 = No

Question 2.1.1 a

Schools/school districts

Question 2.1.1 b

Local nonprofits, community groups, community organizations, or foundations

Question 2.1.1 c

Local land trusts, conservation districts, or other land acquisition groups

Question 2.1.1 d

Community coalitions and partnerships

Question 2.1.1 e

Independently-governed utility, water, or park district

Question 2.1.1 f

Local developers

Question 2.1.1 g

Regional planning entities

Question 2.1.1 h

County agencies

Question 2.1.1 i

State agencies

Question 2.1.1 j

Federal agencies

Question 2.1.1 k

National, regional or state-level non-profit organizations or campaigns

Question 2.1.1 l

Others

Question 2.1 b

Please provide examples of any of these partnerships in your city. Using the text box, describe examples and/or list websites. And/or upload relevant documents and other materials (plans, policies, etc.) below.

Question 2.1 c

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Question 2.1 d

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Question 2.2

Has your city provided opportunities for residents in economically stressed communities to engage in decision-making, design, or implementation of new green spaces or programming for connecting children and families to nature?

1 = Yes

2 = Considering

3 = No

Question 2.2 a

Please provide one or more examples of what has worked best in your city to engage the community in decision-making, design and implementation. Using the text box, describe examples and/or list websites. And/or upload relevant documents and other materials below.

Question 2.2 b

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Question 2.2 c

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3. PROGRAMS

This section asks about programs, services, education, and outreach that your city employs to help expand children's access to nature and eliminate disparities in access for economically stressed communities.

Question 3.1

Does your municipal government offer any of the following programs or education opportunities in a way that directly related to connective children and families to nature?

1 = Yes

2 = Considering

3 = No

Question 3.1 a

Programming with school district during school day

Question 3.1 b

Programming during out-of-school hours

Question 3.1 c

Summer camps for children and/or teens

Question 3.1 d

Nature centers

Question 3.1 e

Natural playground/Nature gyms

Question 3.1 f

Park passports or badging programs

Question 3.1 g

Nature clubs

Question 3.1 h

School-year camping programs

Question 3.1 i

Volunteer or youth employment programs

Question 3.1 j

Programming with museums

Question 3.1 k

Programming with local nature centers

Question 3.1 l

Physical activity programming in parks (e.g., walking or running clubs)

Question 3.1 m

Health promotion programs such as "park prescriptions" by healthcare providers

Question 3.1 n

Ecological restoration or service programs or initiatives

Question 3.1 o

Community programs/events in parks and public spaces

Question 3.1 p

Programming that targets low income families and children

Question 3.1 q

Please provide examples of all of these programs in your city, including programs that target low-income families and children. Using the text box describe examples and/or list websites. And/or upload relevant documents and other materials below

Question 3.1 r

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Question 3.1 s

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Question 3.2

Have you adopted any of the following strategies to increase the amount or, or ease of access to, green space available for children and families in economically stressed communities?

1 = Yes

2 = Considering

3 = No

Question 3.2 a

Green roofs

Question 3.2 b

Rails to trails

Question 3.2 c

Greenways/trail/bikeway system

Question 3.2 d

Pocket parks

Question 3.2 e

Urban river or stream restoration

Question 3.2 f

Vacant lot or "surplus property" reclamation and restoration

Question 3.2 g

Natural corridors

Question 3.2 h

Shared or joint use of schoolyards

Question 3.2 i

Urban farms or community gardens

Question 3.2 j

Others

Question 3.2 k

Please provide examples of all these strategies in your city. Using the text box, describe examples and/or list websites. And/or upload relevant documents and other materials below.

Question 3.2 l

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Question 3.2 m

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Question 3.3

Has your city utilized any of the following outreach activities to connect children and families?

1 = Yes

2 = Considering

3 = No

Question 3.3a

Print materials

Question 3.3b

Website

Question 3.3c

Social media like Facebook or Twitter

Question 3.3d

City newsletter

Question 3.3e

Parks and recreation programming guide

Question 3.3f

Elected official press announcement/conference

Question 3.3g

City council meetings

Question 3.3h

Others

Question 3.3i

Please provide examples of all these activities in your city. Using the text box, describe examples and/or list websites/ And/or upload relevant documents and other materials below.

Question 3.3j

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Question 3.3k

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Question 3.4

Has your city utilized any of the following outreach activities to connect children and families, specifically targeting residents of economically stressed communities?

1 = Yes

2 = Considering

3 = No

Question 3.4 a

Print materials

Question 3.4 b

Website

Question 3.4 c

Social media like Facebook or Twitter

Question 3.4 d

City newsletter

Question 3.4 e

Parks and recreation programming guide

Question 3.4 f

Elected official press announcement/conference

Question 3.4 g

City council meetings

Question 3.4 h

Others

Question 3.4 i

Please provide examples of all these activities in your city. Using the text box, describe examples and/or websites. And/or upload relevant documents and other materials below.

Question 3.4 j

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Question 3.4 k

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4. RESOURCES

This section asks about financial resources (e.g., budget allocations) that your city government dedicates to help expand children's access to nature.

Question 4.1

In the past 36 months, has your municipal government:

Dedicated a portion of the annual operating budget to parks and recreation for programs, staff, or strategies specifically related to connecting children to nature?

1 = Yes

2 = Considering

3 = No

Question 4.1 a

How much funding has been dedicated?

1 = Less than \$50,000

- 2 = \$50,000 - \$250,000
- 3 = \$251,000 - \$500,000
- 4 = \$501,000 - \$1 million
- 5 = More than \$1 million
- 6 = N/A - no funding dedicated

Question 4.1 b

Please provide specific examples of how you're using this funding

Question 4.2

In the past 36 months, has your municipal government dedicated a portion of the annual operating budget to a department other than Parks and Recreation for programs, staff, or strategies specifically related to connecting children to nature?

- 1 = Yes
- 2 = Considering
- 3 = No

Question 4.2 a

How much funding has been dedicated?

- 1 = Less than \$50,000
- 2 = \$50,000 to \$250,000
- 3 = \$251,000 to \$500,000
- 4 = \$501,000 - \$1 million
- 5 = More than \$1 million
- 6 = N/A - no funding dedicated

Question 4.2 b

Please provide specific examples of how you're using this funding

Question 4.3

In the past 36 months, has your municipal government allocated and begun expending capital funds for economically stressed communities to create or adapt infrastructure that expands children's access to nature (e.g., converting a hardscape playground to a natural playground)?

- 1 = Yes
- 2 = Considering
- 3 = No

Question 4.3 a

Using the text box, please describe how capital funds are being used and/or list websites. And/or upload relevant documents (policies, plans, etc.) or other materials.

Question 4.3 b

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Question 4.3 c

Upload second file

Question 4.4

In the past 36 months, has your municipal government:

Applied for or utilized federal sources of funding to expand access to nature, such as storm water remediation and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, or other opportunities?

- 1 = Applied but waiting to hear
- 2 = Applied and received funds
- 3 = Applied but did not receive funds
- 4 = Considering applying
- 5 = No

Question 4.4 a

In the past 36 months, has your municipal government:

Applied for or received state or special district funds to better connect children to nature?

- 1 = Applied but waiting to hear
- 2 = Applied and received funds
- 3 = Applied but did not receive funds
- 4 = Considering applying
- 5 = No

Question 4.4 b

In the past 36 months, has your municipal government:

Applied for or helped raise additional funding through private sources (e.g., corporate or foundation) to expand access to nature?

- 1 = Applied but waiting to hear
- 2 = Applied and received funds
- 3 = Applied but did not receive funds
- 4 = Considering applying
- 5 = No

Question 4.4 c

Please state source(s) and amount of funding. Explain how your municipal government will use/has used each of these types of funds.

V. EVALUATION

This section asks about any assessments your city government conducts to evaluate its efforts to expand children's access to nature.

We are aware many cities have data about park acreage per capita and other park proximity mapping, and we are interested in understanding if your city measures other elements of connecting or expanding children's access to nature (e.g., density of natural elements, safe routes to parks/school, park usage, community design impacts, prevalence of community gardens, etc.).

Question 5.1

Does your municipal government use any metrics or measurement framework to assess or evaluate strategies or initiatives to help children connect with nature?

- 1 = Yes
- 2 = Considering
- 3 = No

Question 5.1 a

Please describe these measures and how they are being used

VI. BARRIERS AND SUPPORT

Does your municipal government experience any of the following barriers in efforts to connect children to nature, especially in economically stressed communities?

Question 6.1

Community barriers (e.g., stray dogs, safety, high crime, illegal drug activity, etc.)

- 1 = Yes
- 2 = No

Question 6.1 a

Social economic barriers (e.g., economic stress on families, parental work schedules)

- 1 = Yes
- 2 = No

Question 6.1 b

Policy barriers (e.g., funding and capacity)

1 = Yes

2 = No

Question 6.1 c

Transportation barriers (e.g., unsafe routes or lack of public transit)

1 = Yes

2 = No

Question 6.1 d

Educational barriers (e.g., lack of information to residents)

1 = Yes

2 = No

Question 6.1 e

Other barriers

1 = Yes

2 = No

Question 6.1 f

How can the National League of Cities, Children & Nature Network and others best support your city in future efforts to connect children with nature, including but not limited to overcoming barriers? Please describe using the text box below.

Question 6.2

What is your vision?

Imagine that your city has made connecting children to nature a top priority and that your city has unlimited resources to make that vision a reality. Utilizing the text box below, please describe what your city would look and feel like. What kinds of infrastructure, green space, programs, and policies would be in place? Attach and existing vision statement if one already exists.

Question 6.2 a

Upload your vision statement.

