

# WALLER CREEK CONSERVANCY INTRO & WATERLOO PARK UPDATE

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WALLER  
CREEK:

IN THE  
HEART OF  
THE CITY





## HISTORY AND ROLE

The Waller Creek Conservancy is a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to restoring and improving the parks, trails, and public open spaces around Waller Creek between Lady Bird Lake and 15<sup>th</sup> St.

- Founded in 2010 at the request of Councilmembers Sheryl Cole and Randi Shade
- Ongoing partner with the City of Austin
- Committed to engaging all of Austin's diverse and vibrant community

PUBLIC  
PRIVATE  
PARTNERSHIP

**In 2014, the City of Austin and the Waller Creek Conservancy executed a Joint Development Agreement outlining roles and responsibilities:**

**CoA responsibilities:**

- Waller Creek Flood Control Tunnel construction and operation
- Maintenance and management of watershed
- Funding for infrastructure and improvements at City standards

**WCC responsibilities:**

- Lead role on design and construction of public spaces and parks
- Funding for improvements at a higher level than what the City can provide alone
- Maintenance and operation of public spaces following capital improvements and for providing funding beyond City budget

OUR  
CORE  
PRIORITIES

1. RESTORE NATURE
2. PARKS FOR EVERYONE
3. ENHANCE MOBILITY
4. ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY

# THE BIG IDEA: A CHAIN OF PARKS

## 25 ACRES OF RESTORED & IMPROVED OPEN PUBLIC SPACE





WATERLOO  
PARK:  
Before Tunnel  
Construction





# WATERLOO PARK







11 acres of parkland  
1.5 miles of trails

## WATERLOO PARK



COMMUNITY  
GATHERING  
SPACES:  
The Great Lawn





PLACES TO  
ENGAGE  
NATURE:  
Hill Country  
Garden





## FRAMING ENTRANCES TO THE PARK





PLACES FOR  
FAMILIES:  
Children's  
Spring









# UNIQUE PARK AMENITIES

FESTIVAL SPACE



RESTAURANT IN THE PARK



GARDEN BISTRO



COMMUNITY EVENTS



SUPPORTING  
AUSTIN  
CULTURE:  
Amphitheater











THANK YOU