

# WALLER CREEK CONSERVANCY PROJECT UPDATE

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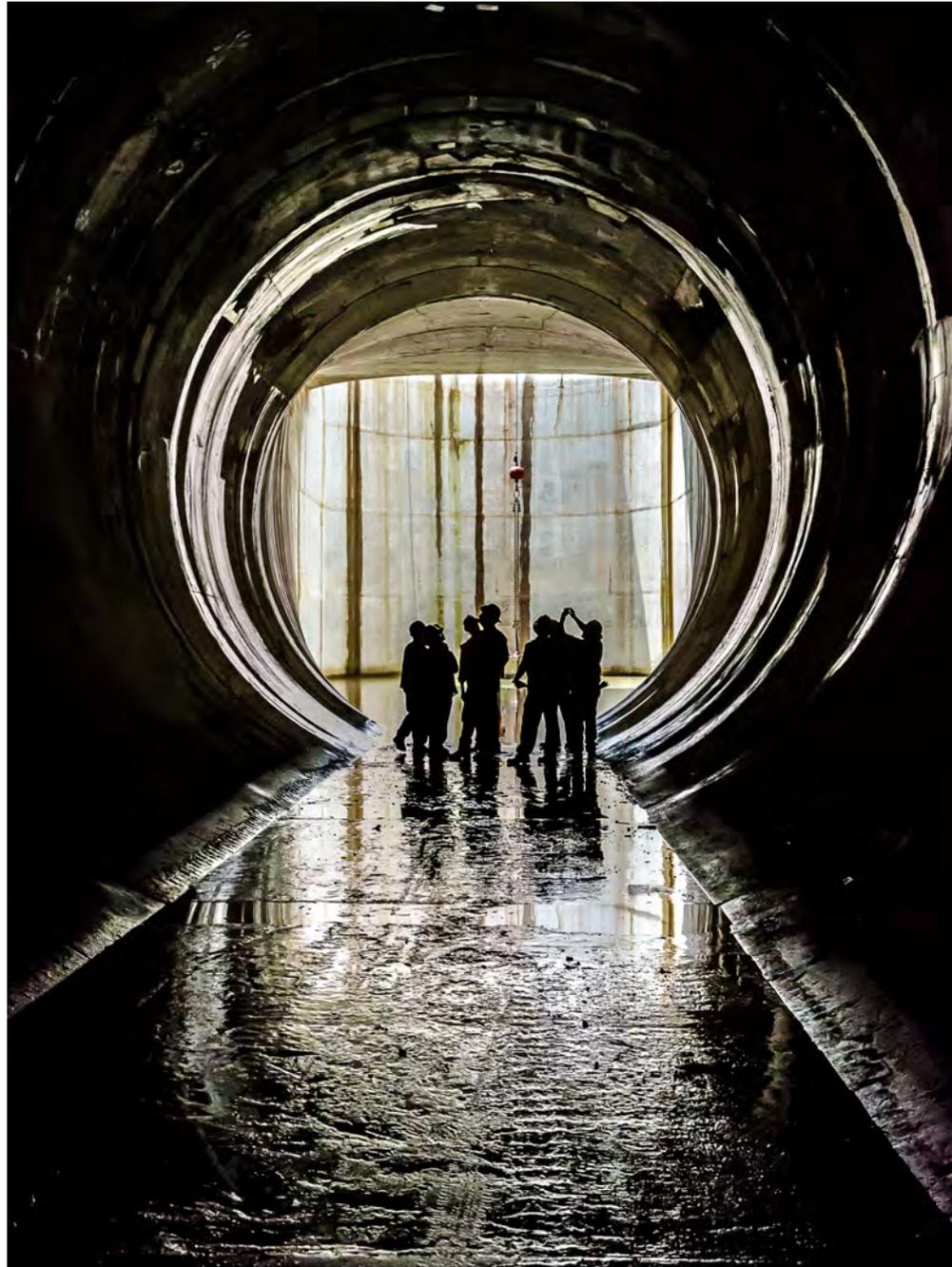


# WALLER CREEK DISTRICT



THE  
FOUNDATION:

WALLER  
CREEK  
FLOOD  
CONTROL  
TUNNEL



URBAN PARKS  
CATALYZE  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



# THE BIG IDEA: A CHAIN OF PARKS

## 25-ACRES OF RESTORED & IMPROVED OPEN PUBLIC SPACE



# A CONTINUOUS, ACCESSIBLE TRAIL ALONG THE RESTORED CREEK



# FOUR PARKS

## THE DELTA

## PALM PARK

## THE REFUGE (NEW)

## WATERLOO PARK



# FOUR PARKS + RESTORED CREEK

## THE DELTA

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## 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

CITY  
COUNCIL  
APPROVES  
DESIGN  
PLAN IN  
2013



**PAST  
PLANNING  
EFFORTS**

- **Waller Creek District Master Plan (2010)**
- **Downtown Austin Plan (2011)**
- **Design Waller Creek (2012)**
- **Creek Corridor Framework Plan (2014)**

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 water systems
- 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

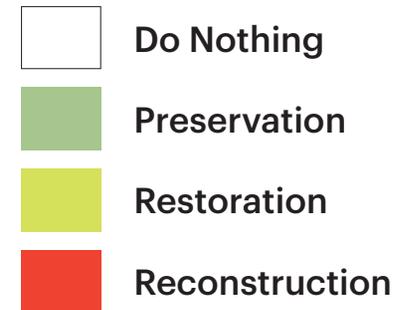
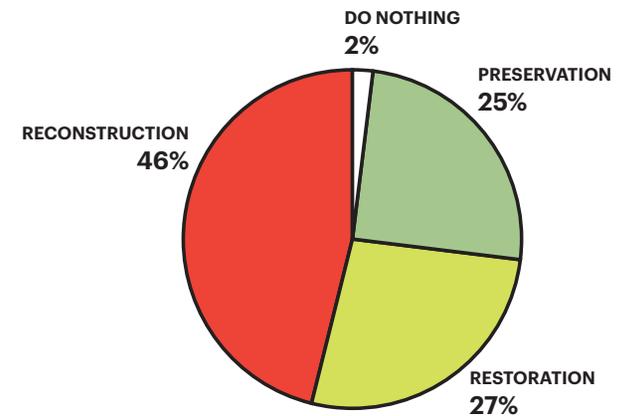
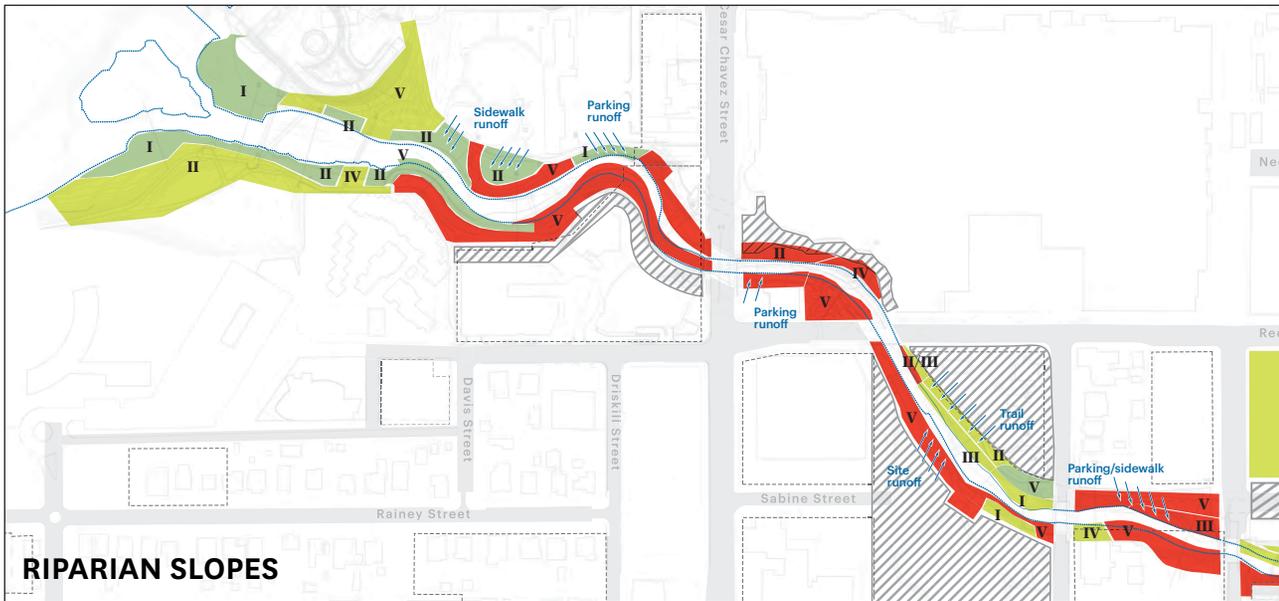
1. RESTORE NATURE
2. PARKS FOR EVERYONE
3. ENHANCE MOBILITY
4. ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY

# RESTORE NATURE

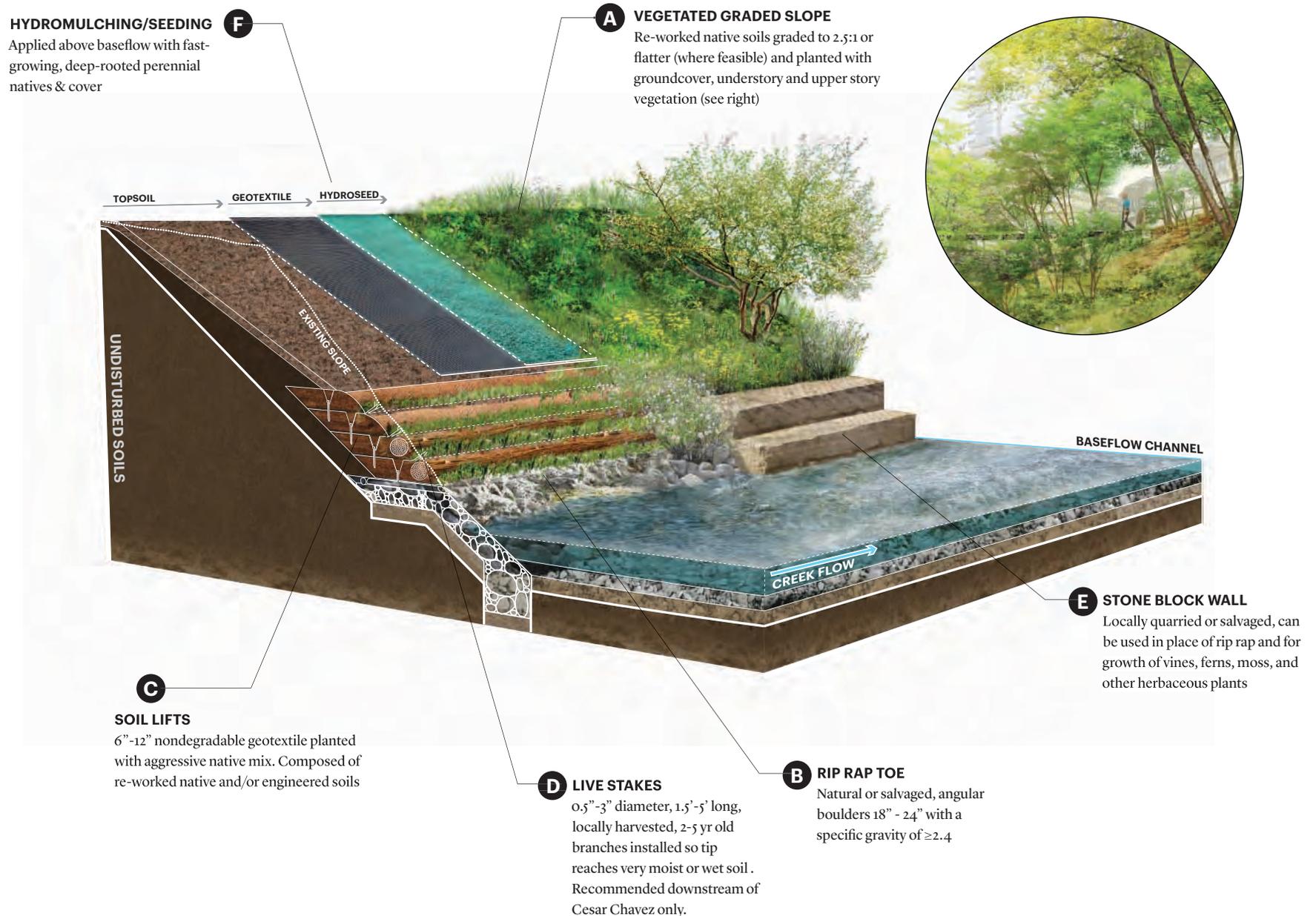
RESTORING  
NATURE IN  
THE CITY



# STREAMBANK RESTORATION REQUIREMENTS



# RECONSTRUCTING FAILED SLOPES







# PARKS FOR EVERYONE

CREATING  
PLACES  
FOR  
FAMILIES  
AND  
CHILDREN



CIVIC  
GATHERING  
SPACES



PLACES  
TO  
ENGAGE  
NATURE



# ENHANCE MOBILITY

ENHANCED  
CONNECTIVITY  
AND MOBILITY  
THROUGH AN  
EXTENDED  
TRAIL NETWORK



The pontoon bridge extends the urban trail network to South Austin.



# ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY

CONNECTING  
PEOPLE  
THROUGH  
LOCAL  
AUSTIN  
CULTURE



# COMMUNITY EVENTS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



WHAT ARE WE DOING NOW?



# CREEK DELTA

10 acres | 6,000 LF trails









# PALM PARK

4 acres



PALM  
PARK:  
TODAY



# PALM PARK



# PALM SCHOOL



# WATERLOO PARK

11 acres | 10,000 LF trails



# WATERLOO PARK





Texas State Capitol Complex

Innovation Zone

University of Texas

University of Texas Medical District

I-35 Improvement Project

Central Health Brackenridge Campus

Central East Austin Neighborhood

# CENTRAL HEALTH BRACKENRIDGE CAMPUS: CONTEXT FOR THE FUTURE



11 acres of parkland  
1.5 miles of trails

# WATERLOO PARK











THANK YOU