



East MLK Neighborhoods Connectivity Trails



- Proposed bike lane or sidewalk
- Proposed off-road trails
- Existing bike lanes and trails (dotted lack protection)
- City of Austin Parcels

Value Proposition for Trail through Little Walnut Creek Park:

- This has been on the East MLK Top Ten Action Items in the [East MLK Combined Neighborhood Plan](#) since its inception 15 years ago (November 2002)
 - "Develop hike/bike trails along Walnut Creek, Little Walnut Creek, and the former Mo-Kan Railroad right-of-way. " (p.5)
- Aligns with the several major Goals in the [East MLK Combined Neighborhood Plan](#) since 2002.
 - Transportation
 - Goal Seven: "Create a transportation network that allows all residents to travel safely throughout the neighborhood by improving safety on major arterials and neighborhood streets." (p.4)
 - Goal Eight: "Provide access to, from, and through the neighborhood for all residents by promoting a neighborhood-friendly system of transportation." (p.4)
 - Goal Nine: "Improve bicycle and pedestrian traffic safety on neighborhood streets." (p.4)
 - Services and Infrastructure
 - Goal Eleven: "Protect and enhance the neighborhood through code enforcement, property maintenance activities, and by **reducing trash and dumping in the neighborhood.**" (p.4)
 - Goal Thirteen: "Create more public open space, including parks and green spaces, improve existing parks and increase recreational amenities in the neighborhood." (p.4)
- There are several other mentions of the park/greenbelt in the 2002 East MLK Combined Neighborhood Plan showing the importance of this to the neighborhood.
 - "New structures along Little Walnut Creek should be setback far enough from the creek to avoid flooding problems and allow for a future greenbelt or hike/bike trail." (p.61)
 - "Little Walnut Creek Greenbelt (Proposed)" (p.62)
 - Action Items: Orien's Park
 - "Action 29- Develop a destination park/natural preserve to the south of Little Walnut Creek." (p.63)
 - "Action 30- Develop a hike/bike trail along Little Walnut Creek." (p.63)
 - "New Destination Park/Preserve" (p.64)
- This is an opportunity to do right by what was agreed to in 2010 for the Pecan Springs/Springdale Hills Neighborhood Association's (PSSNA) support of the placement of an Austin Energy substation on the Morris Williams golf course, which the association originally opposed, but agreed to upon certain conditions being met. (PSSNA Letter to Austin City Council February 23, 2010)
 - "**Enhancement of the Pecan Springs neighborhood's green space. Specifically with the development of a multi-use park on the Springdale property (currently planned as the Raul Alvarez disc golf course)** as well as increased connectivity to the green space in and around Mueller and Bartholomew Park."
- Connects several neighborhoods often overlooked when it comes to greenspace and connectivity:

- Pecan Springs
- Windsor park
- University Hills
- Senate Hills
- Springdale Hills
- Cavalier Park
- Heritage Village
- Marlo Heights East

Ask:

Support us in our efforts to make this park and trail system a reality by:

- Creating designated north (partially exists now) and south entrances with 10-15 parking spaces
- Trailhead signage at both north and south entrances
- Furnishing picnic tables
- Providing trash cans at both north and south entrances
- Creating gate to access the utility easement at both north and south trail heads to prevent dumping further in the park
- Providing a Landscaping Architect help in formalizing the long-term vision and plan of the entire park.
- Periodic homeless encampment checks
- Designating a point of contact for coordinating cleanups and working together to address issues.
- Making this a Tier I prioritization for the Urban Trail Masterplan.
- Eventual connectivity to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail system under the 183 bridge (planned) and over 183 at 51st (planned)
- Ideally, trailheads would eventually have durable restrooms for hikers/bikers

Value Proposition for Trail through Morris Williams Golf Course:

- Aligns with the several major Goals in the [East MLK Combined Neighborhood Plan](#) since 2002.
 - Transportation
 - Goal Seven: "Create a transportation network that allows all residents to travel safely throughout the neighborhood by improving safety on major arterials and neighborhood streets." (p.4)
 - Goal Eight: "Provide access to, from, and through the neighborhood for all residents by promoting a neighborhood-friendly system of transportation." (p.4)
 - Goal Nine: "Improve bicycle and pedestrian traffic safety on neighborhood streets." (p.4)
 - Services and Infrastructure
 - Goal Thirteen: "Create more public open space, including parks and green spaces, improve existing parks and increase recreational amenities in the neighborhood." (p.4)
- This is an opportunity to do right by what was agreed to in 2010 for the Pecan Springs/Springdale Hills Neighborhood Association's (PSSNA) support of the placement of an Austin Energy substation on the Morris Williams golf course, which the association originally

opposed, but agreed to upon certain conditions being met. (PSSNA Letter to Austin City Council February 23, 2010)

- "Enhancement of the Pecan Springs neighborhood's green space. Specifically with the development of a multi-use park on the Springdale property (currently planned as the Raul Alvarez disc golf course) as well as increased connectivity to the green space in and around Mueller and Bartholomew Park."
- Development of a safe pedestrian crossing on Manor Road that links to the Mueller development. Additionally, we would hope the Council would consider sidewalks along the south side of Manor to further increase safety for people attempting to access the Mueller green space.
- Connects several neighborhoods often overlooked when it comes to greenspace and connectivity to each other and to highly trafficked Mueller amenities (Groceries, Restaurants, parks/trails, services, etc.):
 - Creekwood
 - Marlo Heights East
 - Springdale Hills
 - MLK Blvd-Route183 (including Stonegate/Oaklawn, Hog Pen)
 - MLK
 - Givens Park
 - Mueller
- It changes the message the golf course and by therefore PARD sends to the surrounding neighborhoods creating equity (the quality of being fair and impartial).
- It opens the accessibility to more of the neighbors, providing shorter, safer, less auto-centric ways to visit Mueller which aligns with the Mueller Development Plan Goals
 - "Compatibility with Surrounding Neighborhoods: Development must maintain and enhance the quality of life in adjacent neighborhoods, providing complementary linkages, land uses and transportation patterns." (<http://www.muelleraustin.com/plan/>)

Ask:

Support us in our efforts to make this hike/bike trail a reality by:

- Designated northeast (substation) and southeast (MLK Blvd. and Springdale Rd.) and northeast (near Touchstone St. and Springdale Rd.) entrances.
- Trailhead signage at all entrances
- Trash cans at both north and south entrances
- Providing a Landscaping Architect help in formalizing safe, aesthetically pleasing, artistic trail design with safety barriers in key places.
- Add this as a Tier I prioritized Urban Trail in the Masterplan.

Value Proposition for Trail through Red Bluff (falls under the "Ed Bluestein" section of the [East MLK Combined Neighborhood Plan](#)):

- Aligns with the several major Goals in the [East MLK Combined Neighborhood Plan](#) since 2002. Transportation

- Goal Seven: "Create a transportation network that allows all residents to travel safely throughout the neighborhood by improving safety on major arterials and neighborhood streets." (p.4)
- Goal Eight: "Provide access to, from, and through the neighborhood for all residents by promoting a neighborhood-friendly system of transportation." (p.4)
- Goal Nine: "Improve bicycle and pedestrian traffic safety on neighborhood streets." (p.4)

Services and Infrastructure

- Goal Thirteen: "Create more public open space, including parks and green spaces, improve existing parks and increase recreational amenities in the neighborhood." (p.4)
- Connects several neighborhoods often overlooked when it comes to greenspace and connectivity to each other (please check all these)
 - Hog Pen
 - Webberville
 - Craigwood
 - M.E.T.S.A. Neighborhood Assn
 - Lincoln Garden Association
 - Springdale-Airport Neighborhood Association
 - Truman Heights Neighborhood Assn.

Ask:

Support us in our efforts to make this park and trail system a reality by:

- Supporting the efforts to transfer ownership of the 3 COA owned tracts to PARD
- Creating designated north entrance and south entrance onto Southern Walnut Creek Trail system.
- Trailhead signage at both north and south entrances
- Trash cans at both north and south entrances
- Vehicle prevention methods at both north and south trail heads to prevent dumping further in the park.
- Providing a Landscaping Architect help in formalizing the long-term vision and plan of the entire park.
- Periodic homeless encampment checks
- Designating a point of contact for coordinating cleanups and working together to address issues.
- Tier I prioritization for main urban trail.
- Connectivity to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail system and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Ideally, trailheads would eventually have durable restrooms for hikers/bikers