

Austin Parks and Recreation Department

Donde Corre El Agua, or Where the Water Runs

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**Presentation on the Where The Water Runs /Donde Corre El Agua
Community Activated Park Project proposal for East Williamson Creek
Trailhead and Greenbelt within the Dove Springs Community**



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Agenda

- Partners:
 - **Frances Acuña** Go Austin Vamos Austin
 - **Blanca Ortíz, Elena Rodríguez and Enedina Sánchez** E. Williamson Creek Adopters
 - **Bjørn Sletto** School of Architecture at the University of Texas at Austin
- Site History
- Community Engagement
- Community Priorities
- Proposed Site Improvements
- Next Steps



E. Williamson Creek Greenbelt | Dove Springs



Partnership

We worked in collaboration with:

- Urban Roots youth interns
- UT Professor Bjørn Sletto with School of Architecture and his graduate Community & Regional Planning class
- The community residents of E. Williamson Creek
- Park Ranger Cadets



Overview of Community Engagement

Creek adopters, students and Urban Roots worked actively through the pandemic speaking individually with neighbors, hosting group discussions, knocking on doors, receiving feedback and designing the project. They also walked the proposed trail.



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Proposed Design Interventions



Rest stops/ Área de descanso



Flower garden/ Jardín de flores



No intervention/ No intervención



Picnic area/ Área de picnic



Community garden/ Huerta comunitaria



Play area/ Área de juego



Walk and bike trail/ Sendero



Design: Samira Binte Bashar
Spanish translation: Creek adopters
Data Source: Google map, Google Stock Photos
Link to data sources: <http://bit.ly/Creekbenddrive>
Date: May 03, 2021

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- High level priorities that came out of the Community Engagement were:
 - **Culture**
 - Signs designed with community input
 - History of culture and recipes along the trail signs
 - **Preservation**
 - Land preservation for air quality, wildlife and flood mitigation
 - **Conservation**
 - Neighborhood conservation of culture, values and beliefs are displayed along the flood wall



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- Continued priorities of the engagement:
 - *Area must be safe to walk, play and de-stress*
 - *Swings, volleyball and basketball*
 - *The park should welcome people of all ages to relax and play.*
 - *Benches along the trail and tables in open spaces for gathering*
 - *Changes should be made in a way that does not hurt the natural environment.*
 - *Any changes to the park should be easy-to-maintain and contribute to visitors' safety and comfort.*



Next Steps

- ✓ **Community Activated Park Project Proposal | Complete**
- **Neighborhood Partnering Program (NPP) Application (2022)**
 - Project Scope and Project Budget Estimate
 - NPP Board Approval
 - Design & Permitting
- **NPP & PARD - Implementation of Identified Priorities**
 - Trailhead, nature trails and placemaking
- **Partnership - Ongoing Activation and Stewardship of Site**
- **Future Improvements Identified through the Community Engagement**



Questions

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