SUMMARY

One can think of Zilker Park as a complicated puzzle of elements that need to come together to create a holistic park. The decisions made for one element have impacts for the other aspects of the park – from ecological uplift to transportation initiatives to cultural programs and policies. It is also important to acknowledge that the plan needs to solve the challenges faced today, but allow for innovative solutions to address climate change, transportation, and generally being a park for a thriving, growing city. The park has been in existence since 1917; this is the first comprehensive plan for Zilker Park since its inception, so the plan needs to think 100 years forward to plan for a sustainable, thriving park.

This chapter outlines the plan recommendations which are based fully on the community outreach and stakeholder conversations that have taken place over the course of the planning process.



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PLAN FEATURES

- Land Bridge to connect north and south sides of Barton Springs Road and more broadly connect with regional trail systems.
- 93 acres of Ecological Uplift to heal back environmentally damaged spaces within the park.
- Improved access within and into the park via shuttles and increased connections across the creek and lake.
- Welcome Center that repurposes the Caretakers Cottage and Quonset Cabin to serve as a hub for visitors.

PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

The Zilker Park Vision Plan represents thousands of individual comments from the community, thousands of hours of work, and addressing today's challenges while looking into the future for a sustainable park for all of Austin. The park exists physically in the center of Austin and also at the center of many planning initiatives that will potentially shape the way people get around the city, to the park and enjoy the park spaces.

The Zilker Park Vision Plan will potentially take decades to realize the full vision. This serves as a roadmap for City leadership, decision-makers, and collaborators as implementation moves forward. The recommendations include projects, policies, programs and partnerships. It is understood that these elements will move forward as opportunities arise – funding opportunities, partnership opportunities, and other tangential City projects.













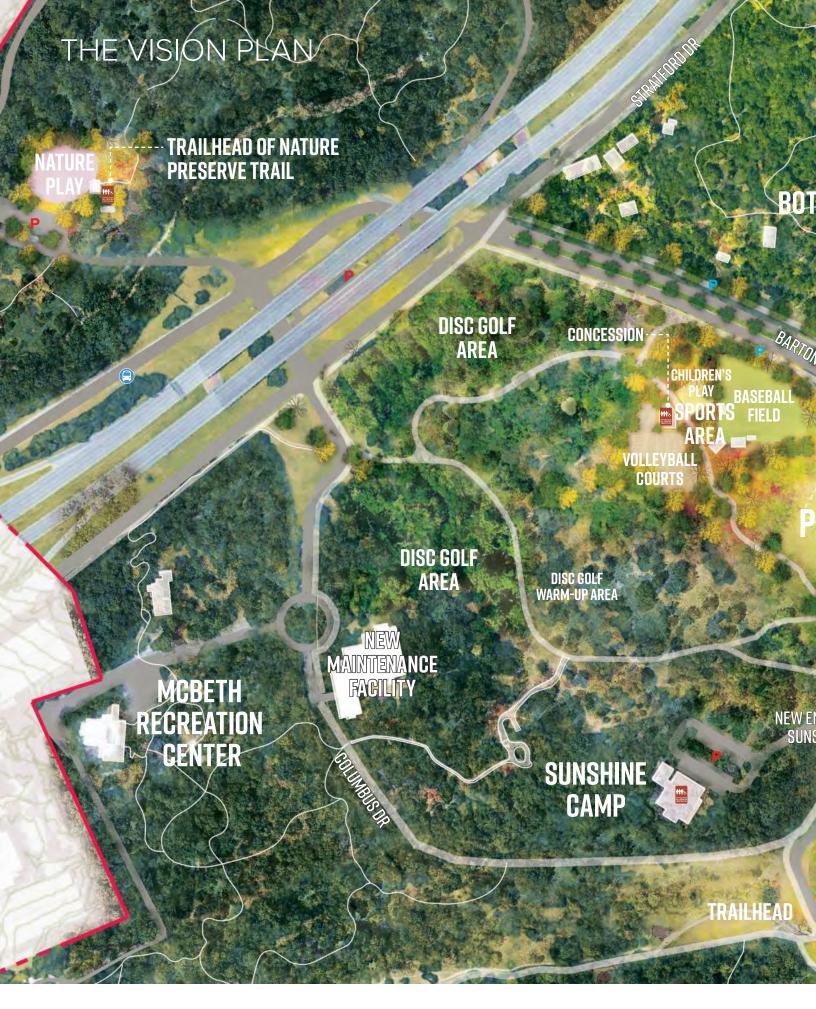
ECOLOGICAL UPLIFT ON LANDFILL AREA













ZILKER LAND BRIDGE





ZILKER HILLSIDE THEATER













BARTON SPRINGS SPILLWAY

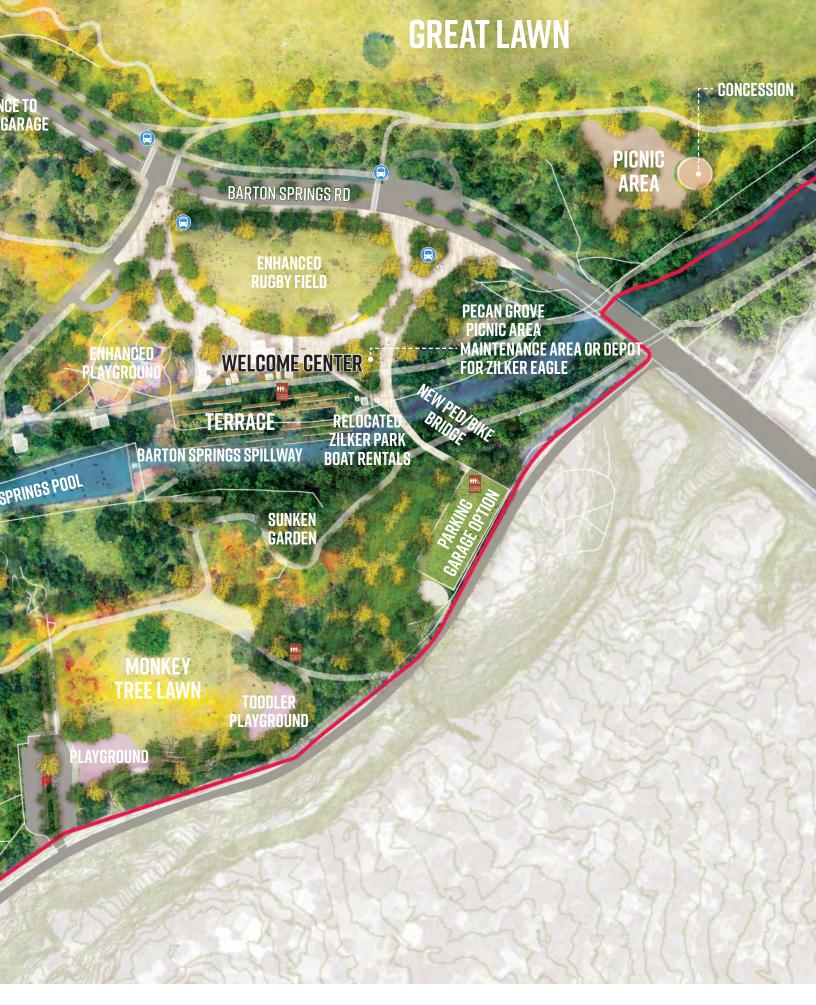












SOUTH SIDE OF BARTON SPRINGS POOL







