Violet Crown Trail | Mile Zero Trailhead Parkland Improvement Agreement with Hill Country Conservancy

Parks and Recreation Board
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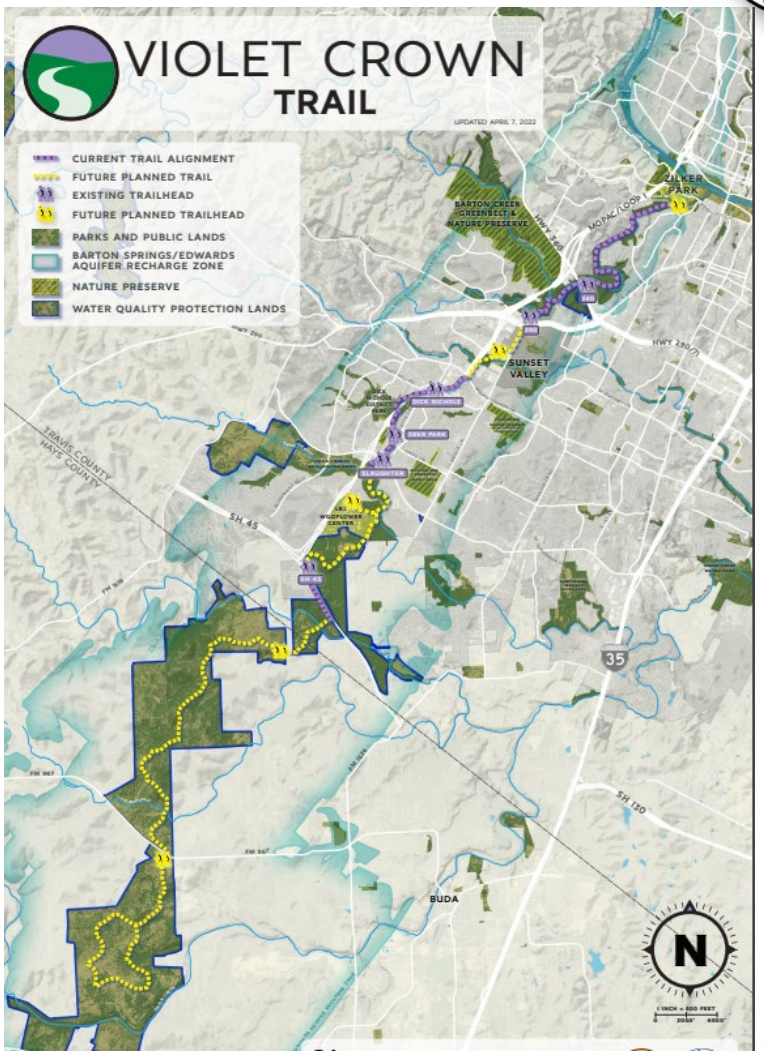
Violet Crown Trail

In 2006, planning of the Violet Crown Trail began. Its purpose is to create the first regional trail system in Central Texas. After years of strategic land acquisition and planning, the trail is now 13 miles long running from Zilker Park to Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. With continued construction, the VCT is on its way to becoming the longest trail of its kind in Central Texas.



Violet Crown Trail | Mile Zero Trailhead at Zilker Metropolitan Park

Project Improvement Map

Improvements at the Site

- **Mile Zero Entry Feature and Gathering Area**
- **Meadow Pavilion**
- **Observation Deck and Overlook**
- **Stabilized Decomposed Granite Trail**
- **Meadow enhancements and walking trail**
- **Bike Racks**
- **Educational Signage**
- **Improved Crosswalk and ADA access**

Environmental Improvements

- Reduction of Impervious Cover on William Barton Drive
- Increased in Meadow Biodiversity
- Riparian zone improvements
- Water Quality Rain Garden and infiltration improvements
- Protection of Heritage Pecan Tree

Project Cost Estimate

PROJECT BUDGET	
Construction Costs	1,006,488
Materials Cost	936,637
Estimated Project Cost	1,943,125
Contingency	194,313
Permitting, Design, Project Mgt Costs	54,115
In-kind Design and Project Management	125,000
Total Project Cost:	2,316,553

Timeline and Next Steps

- **Community Engagement 2018-2019 – *Complete***
- **2022 Site Plan Approved**
- **5/20/24 Parks and Recreation Board**

- ***7/18/24 City Council***
- ***Execute Parkland Improvement Agreement***
- ***Construction begins late 2024 – early 2025***

Action

Make a recommendation to City Council to approve the negotiation and execution of a Parkland Improvement Agreement with Hill Country Conservancy for the Violet Crown Trail Mile Zero Trailhead project. The agreement includes a maximum amount of Parkland Dedication funding of $900,000 the Parks and Recreation Department will allocate to Hill Country Conservancy for a portion of the cost of constructing the project.