

# **Gustavo "Gus" L. Garcia District Park**

## **Vision Plan**

**Parks and Recreation Board Meeting**

**Request for Recommendation on Approval**

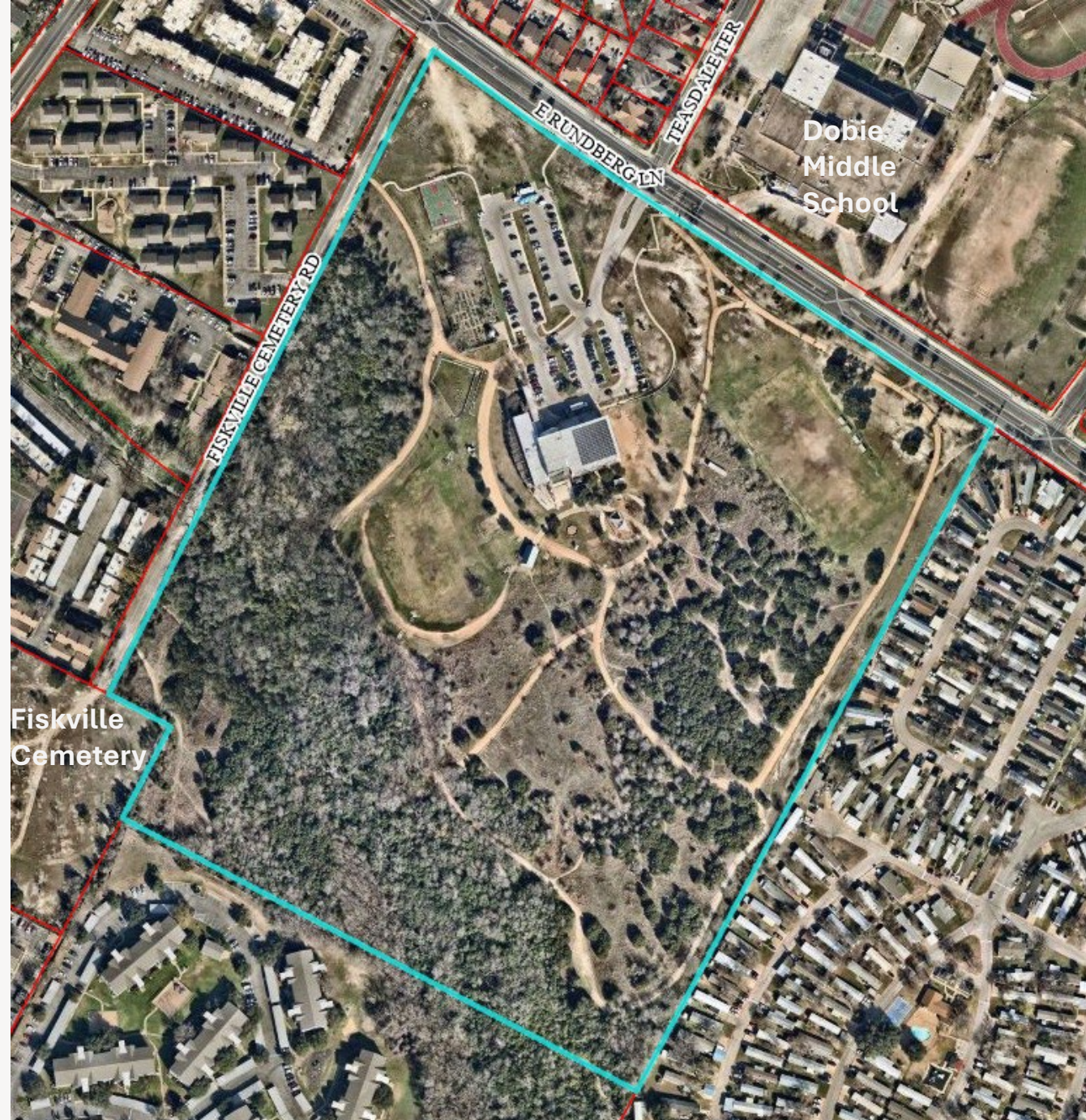


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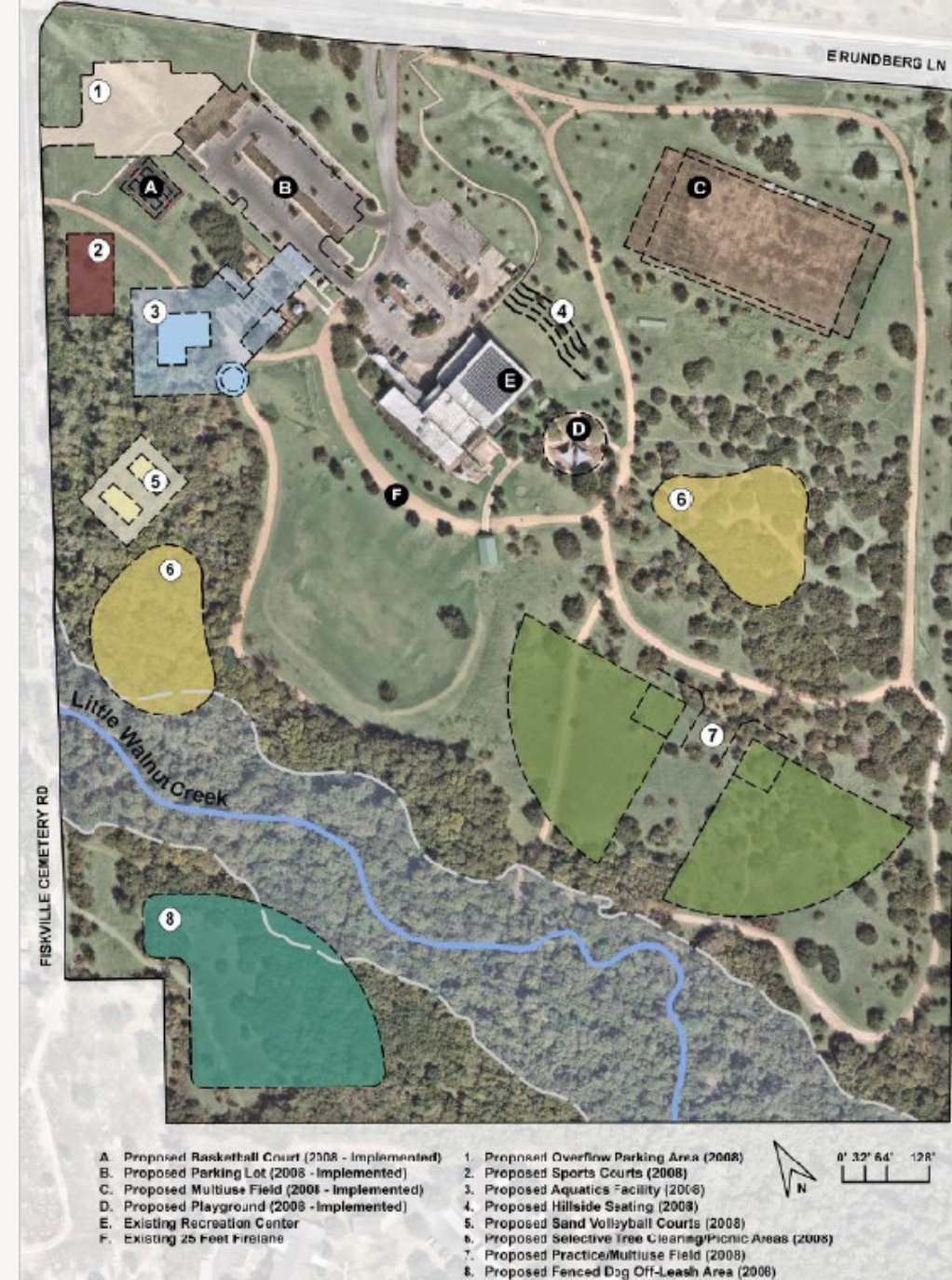
# Gus Garcia Park Today

- Located at 1201 E. Rundberg
- Site Character
  - 47-acre District Park
  - Site slopes down to Little Walnut Creek
  - Wooded Floodplain
- Current Amenities
  - 20,000sf Recreation Center
  - Playground, Fitness Equipment
  - Picnic Pavilion
  - Two Multi-Use Fields
  - Community Garden
  - Lighted Basketball Court
  - Granite Trails



# Existing Draft Vision Plan

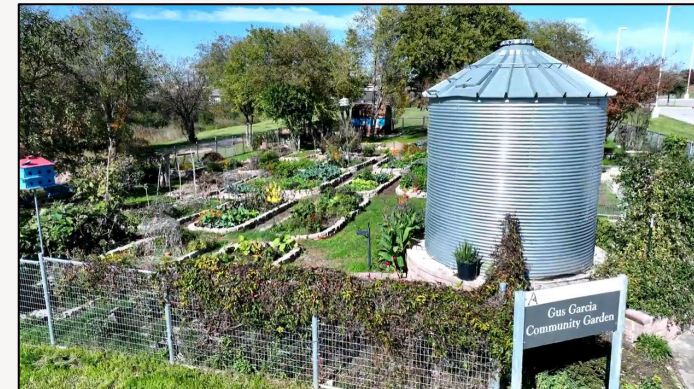
- Existing Draft Vision Plan
  - Developed in 2008
  - Coincided with the Development of the Recreation Center
  - Not Formally Approved
- Why Update
  - Document Current Park Amenities
  - Update Future Amenities
  - Communicate Proposed Future Improvements
    - Bond, Grant Opportunities
  - Opportunity for Community Feedback
  - Formal Approval by APR



# Vision Plan Development Process



- Summer 2025 – Develop New Draft Plan
  - Review Historical Community Feedback
  - Review Current Park Amenities
- October 2025 – Community Engagement Round 1
- October 2025 – Develop Final Draft Vision Plan
- Late October - November 2025 – Community Engagement Round 2
- Spring 2026 – Approve Vision Plan



# Community Feedback



## ■ Round 1 Survey – October 2025

- Display Board at Recreation Center
- Saturday Pop-up Event
- Meeting with Advisory Board
- 48 Survey Responses



*“Nature trails, aquatic facilities, volleyball courts would be a huge asset to the neighborhood.”*

*“Great variety of facilities”*

## ■ Round 2 Survey – October - November 2025

- Updated Display Board at Recreation Center
- Presentation at Halloween Event
- 33 Comment Cards

*“I like it all and hope it will be completely done as proposed.”*

*“I propose a (sic) amazing dog park for both small & Big (sic) dogs with dog fountain”*



# Draft Final Vision Plan

- Plan Changes
  - Expanded Formal and Nature Trails (1, 10)
  - Relocated Sports Courts (2)
  - Relocated Aquatic Center (3)
  - Relocated Amphitheater (4)
  - Relocated Sand Volleyball Courts (5)
  - Expanded Picnic Areas (6)
  - Added Multi-Use Field (7)
  - Relocated Dog Off-Leash Area (8)
  - New Senior Center Wing (9)
  - Preserve Woodland and Floodplain



# Action Request

- *Recommendation on the approval of the Gustavo ‘Gus’ L. Garcia District Park Vision Plan.*
- Next Steps
  - Director Approval of the Vision Plan
  - Inform Stakeholders of Approval



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## **For additional information:**

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/gus-garcia-district-park-vision-plan-update>