# WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

**JUNE 26, 2018** 





## **PLAN PURPOSE**

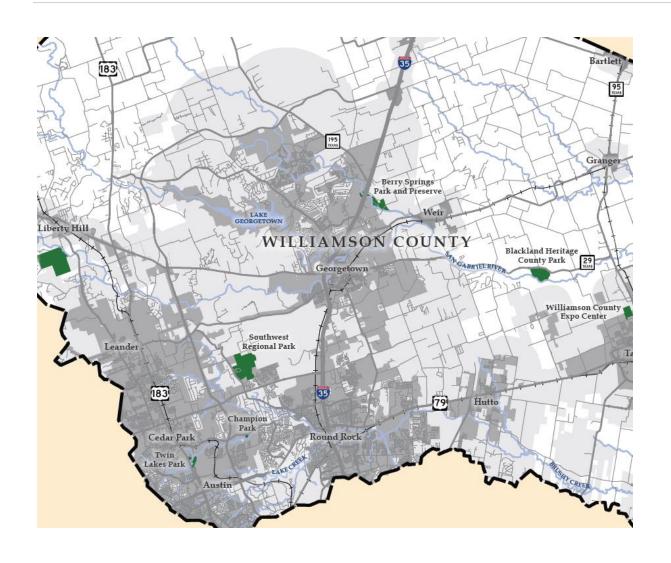
Update the 10-year master plan blueprint for the County's parks and trails system.

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## **EXISTING PARKS**



## **TRAILS**

Brushy Creek

Lake Creek

## **PARKS**

**Berry Springs** 

Champion

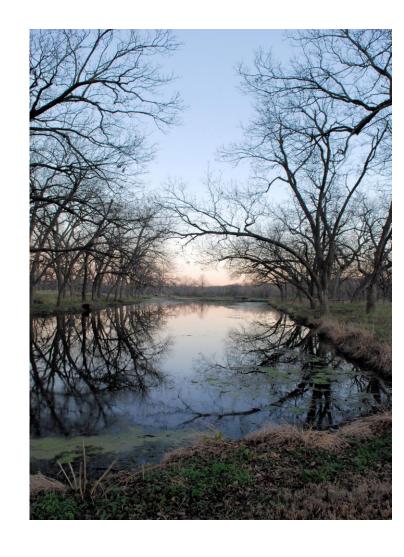
Expo Center

Southwest Regional

Twin Lakes

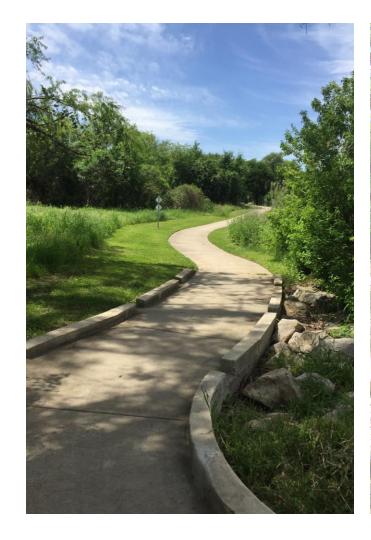
## **FUTURE**

River Ranch
Blackland Heritage

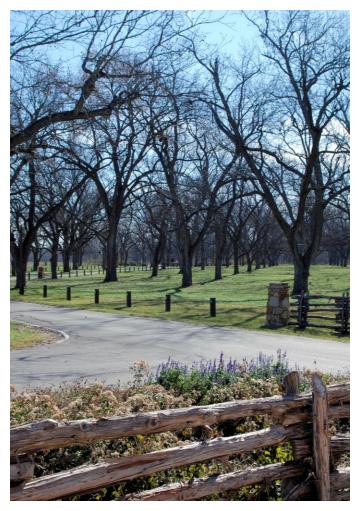




## **EXISTING PARKS**









## **MASTER PLAN PROCESS**

### **DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN UPDATE**

- Citizen/Stakeholder Input
- Needs Analysis
- Recommendations
- Public Review
- Presentation of Draft Plan
- 12-Month Timeline

### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

- Online Survey
- Stakeholder Group Meetings
- Open Houses
- Public Comment Period
- Public Hearing



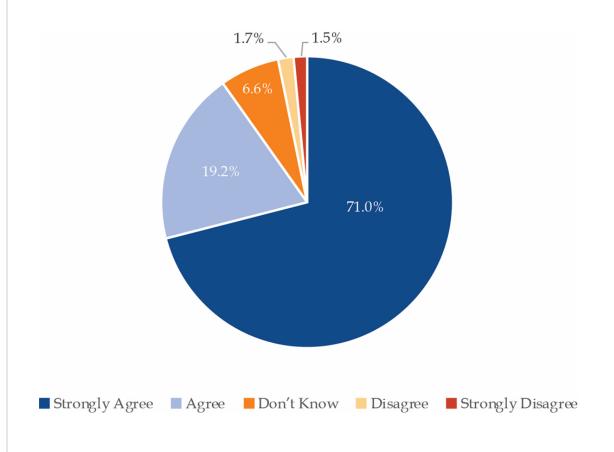


## **CITIZEN SURVEY | EXAMPLE RESULTS**

## SHOULD THE COUNTY EXPAND THE TRAIL SYSTEM?

Over 90% agreed or strongly agreed that the trail system should be expanded.

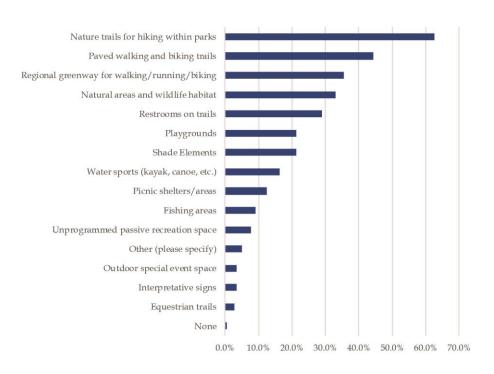
Trails, particularly Nature Trails and paved
Regional Trails, were some of the highest
rated items desired by the public in the survey



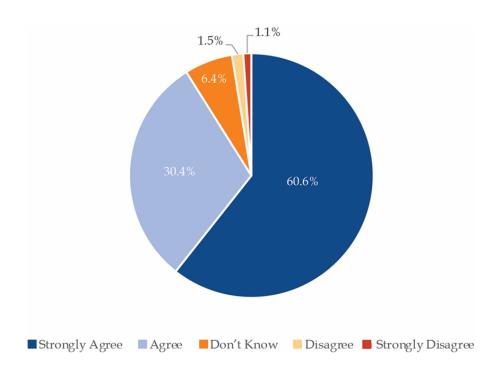


## **CITIZEN SURVEY | EXAMPLE RESULTS**

#### **MOST IMPORTANT AMENITIES**



### SUPPORT FOR PASSIVE RECREATION





## IMPLEMENTATION | FOCUS AREAS



## **PLAN FOCUS AREAS**

- 1. Regional Trail Plan
- 2. Parks System Expansion
- 3. Parkland Improvements
- 4. Operations and Maintenance



## **IMPLEMENTATION | GOALS AND ACTIONS**

RTP	Facilitate and coordinate a county- wide regional trail plan.
RTP-2	Establish a consistent set of standards to ensure effective implementation of the regional trail plan.
RTP-3	Establish a funding strategy for the construction and maintenance of the regional trail system.
RTP-4	Update the Williamson County Trails Master Plan.
PSE-1	Evaluate opportunities for land acquisition.
PSE-2	Emphasize education and conservation as primary themes in new parks.
PI-1	Efficiently develop and enhance park facilities and amenities.
PI-2	Seek financial partnerships through shared-use facilities and sponsorships.
OM-1	Ensure consistent, quality maintenance of park system facilities.
OM-2	Identify the operational and resource needs necessary to implement this Parks Master Plan.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

The plan includes a series of recommended actions for each goal statement. These recommendations should be used as a guide for implementation over the next 10 years.

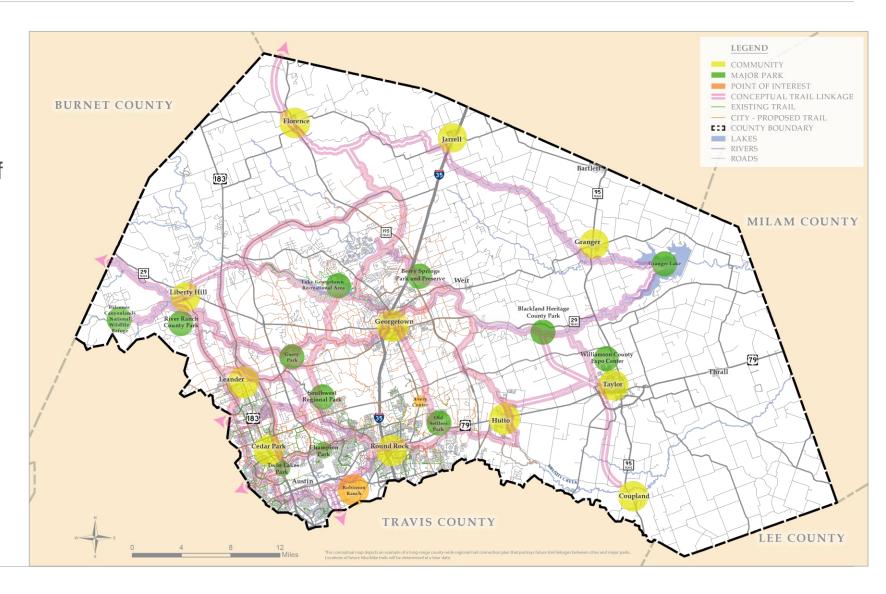




## IMPLEMENTATION | REGIONAL TRAIL EXAMPLE

### **GOAL 1: REGIONAL TRAIL**

- Conceptual regional trail plan connecting cities and points of interests (parks, etc.)
- Depicts linkages created from city future trail plans
- Goal is to build partnerships, promote regional planning
- County could function as facilitator, not manager

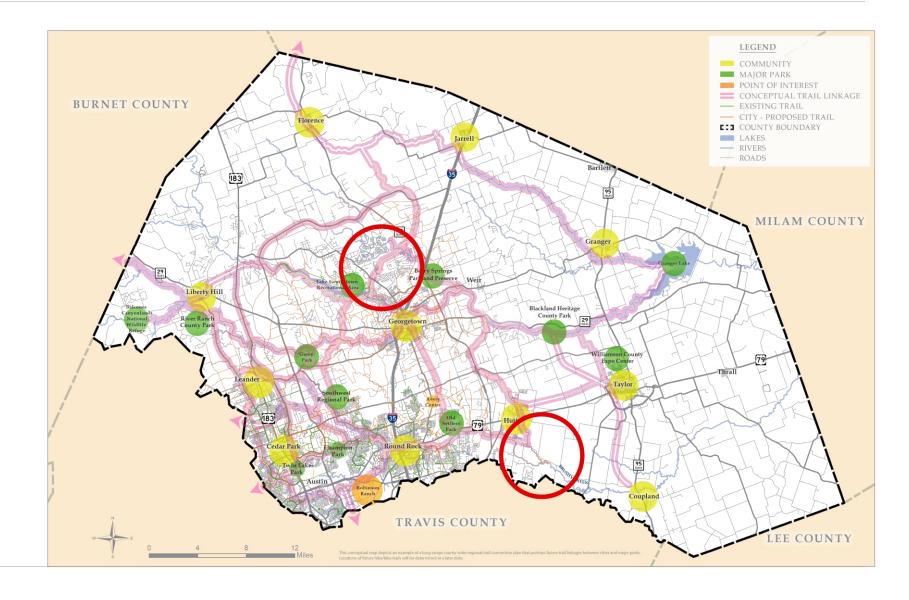




### **REGIONAL TRAIL COMMENTS**

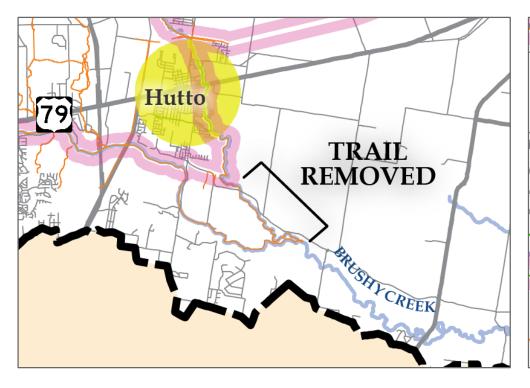
## COMMENTS SINCE THE JUNE PUBLIC HEARING

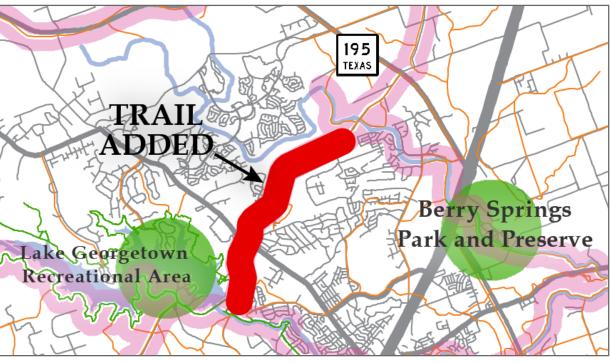
- Remove future segment of Brushy Creek Trail near Norman's Crossing
- Add connection from Lake
   Georgetown to future
   Westside Park along Shell
   Road





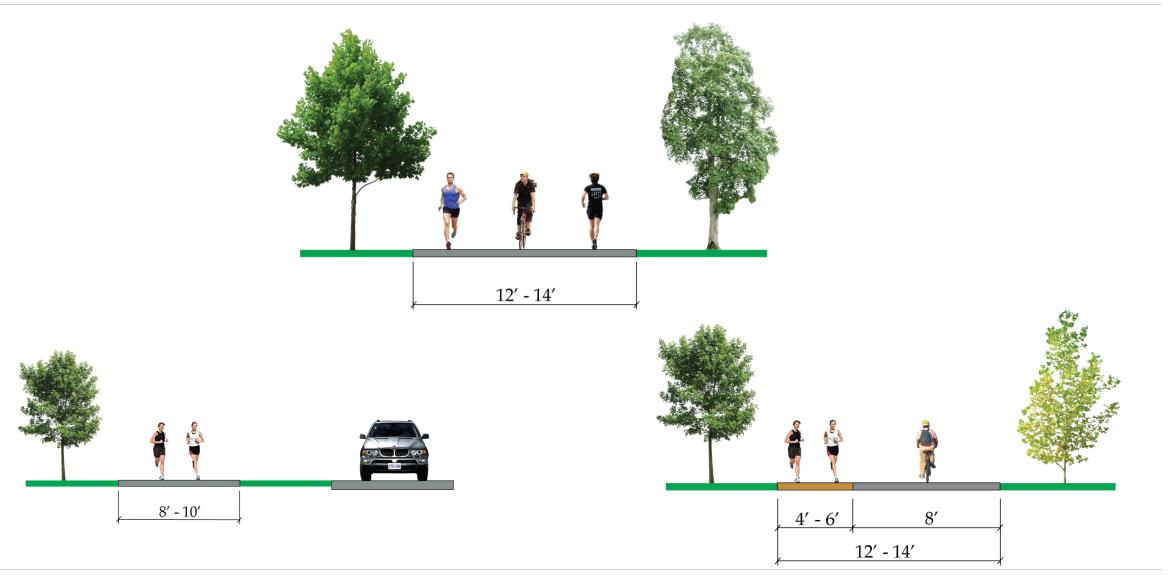
## **REGIONAL TRAIL PROPOSED CHANGES**







## **IMPLEMENTATION** | TRAIL DESIGN





## **IMPLEMENTATION | PRIORITY AND FUNDING**

#### **10-YEAR PRIORITY PLAN**

0-2
YEARS

#### SHORT-TERM PRIORITIES

In the next two years (2018-2020), these actions need to be the focus. Often, these actions can be started and finished within this time. These are the County's highest priorities for implementation.

3-5 YEARS

#### MODERATE PRIORITIES

In the next three to five years (2021-2023), these actions need to be the focus. In the next Comprehensive Parks Master Plan update, some of these unfinished actions may become the highest priorities.

6-10 YEARS

#### LONG-TERM PRIORITIES

Actions which are supposed to continually lead the County to its ideal future parks and recreation vision. Many of these actions will be considered over the long-term (2024-2028) and will be further re-prioritized in later updates.

#### **FUNDING STRATEGY**

- Allocate resources for operations and maintenance
- Consider future bond election for capital improvements and land acquisition
- Pool resources with cities for trails, and trail construction with development
- Seek grants and matching funds
- Consider revenue-generating facilities for special use and events



## **QUESTIONS?**



