

# Dripping Springs Ranch Park Master Plan Update

PREPARED FOR:

**City of Dripping Springs Parks & Community  
Ranch Park and Event Center**

BY:

**RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture**



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The City of Dripping Spring Parks and Community retained the services of RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture to provide an update to current Dripping Springs Ranch Park (DSRP) Master Plan dated Feb. 17 2017 by Luck Design Group. This master plan update was developed in early 2021 with the aid of many stakeholders, individuals and groups. The following individuals are recognized for their significant contribution to these efforts and the Dripping Springs community as a whole.

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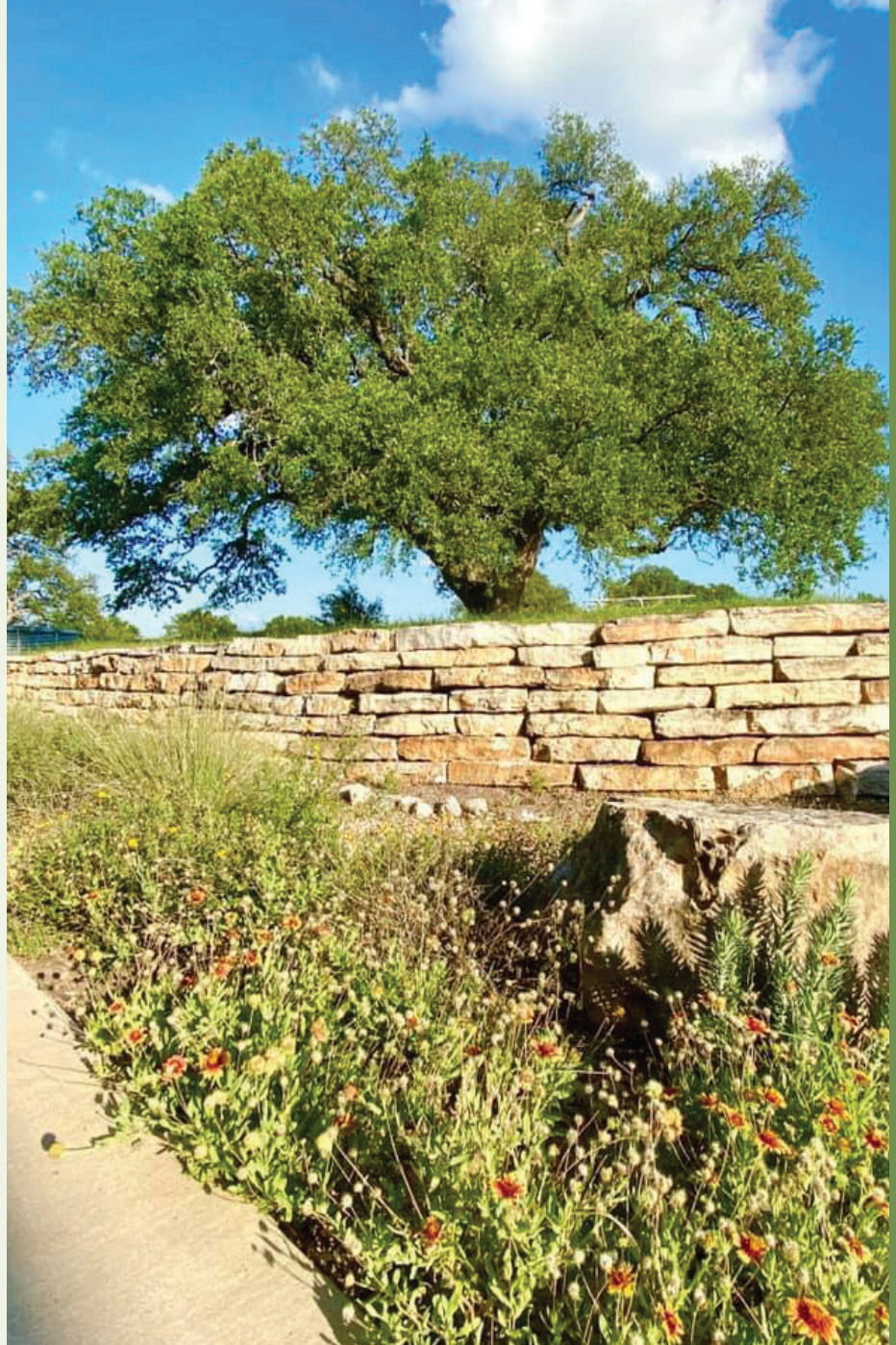
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Native live oak trees and limestone walls greet the visitor entering the park. Image courtesy of DSRP facebook page.

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## 4 Stakeholder and Community Input

Two virtual meetings were held: one with community members and one with internal stakeholders to provide an opportunity to share local level insight, feedback and thoughts. An online survey was also developed to further expand our understanding of what would enhance the park experience for those that use it.

## 5 Recommendations & Action Plan

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The Hill Country sun setting over Dripping Spring Ranch Park. Photo courtesy of DSRP website.

# Purpose Mission Vision

*Firm roots in the past,  
and vision for moving  
forward*

In 2016, the establishment of the Dripping Springs Ranch Park (DSRP) Master Plan Committee was approved by the Dripping Springs City Council to collect information, study, and make recommendations to the Parks & Recreation Commission and City Council regarding the operation, enhancement, and use of Dripping Springs Ranch Park. Committee Members were selected to represent the interest of various stakeholders, community members, park users, boosters, and clubs.

In collaboration with Luck Design LLC, the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Master Plan was developed and approved by City Council in September 2016.

The purpose of this document is to provide an update to the approved Master Plan by making recommendations to the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board and City Council regarding the operation, enhancement, and use of the Park. This updated master plan will help guide improvements and priorities for the next 5 to 10 years.

Like other parks in Dripping Springs, DSRP operates under the Parks and Community Services (PCS) team, lead by Director Kelly Schmidt. In 2020, they adopted a new mission statement to align with their expanded scope and directives:

***“It is our mission to foster community by preserving parks and open space, by connecting people to our natural resources and cultural history and by offering engaging programs and events.”***

DSRP park’s current oversight is from the Dripping Spring Ranch Park Board, lead by Chair, Todd Purcell.

It’s under the mission statement of PCS and the leadership of the Board that the DSRP maintains their inspiring Vision Statement:

***“Where past meets the future!”***

This vision statement encompasses the mission of celebrating and continuing the historical past of Dripping Springs at the park site while at the same time providing recreational opportunities for the community members of Dripping Springs and visitors.

Right: Youth learning elements of the Drippings Spring's ranching & farming culture. photo courtesy of DSRP facebook page









*A good planning effort should remain flexible & involved the community and other stakeholders from the outset.*

# Goals

1. Maximizing the recreational opportunities, as well as the functionality throughout the Park.
2. Establishing and maintaining a high-quality level of park facilities and amenities.
3. Communicate the many different park, recreational and open space opportunities available.
4. Balancing the revenue generating aspects of the Park with providing affordable recreation opportunities for residents of Dripping Springs and Event Center partners.
5. Providing a safe and secure environment for the operation, maintenance and use of the Park.
6. Maintaining the rich history of Dripping Springs ranching and farming culture through recreational and programmatic opportunities.
7. Provide a basis for fiscal planning for the long term development of the park.

While these are the umbrella goals of the masterplan, good planning efforts should be flexible and should involved the community and other stakeholders from the outset, to create a common vision for the park's future and develop a clear and solid set of recommendations and implementation strategies.

A key to the success of any long-term plan is to solidify the support and commitment from stakeholders. The development of the updated DSRP masterplan has continued the collaborative efforts of the original with input from a wide range of people, all who have a strong desire to see DSRP reach all the potential it holds.

Left: Mountain Biking, Event Center, Pond and Barrell Racing courtesy of DSRP facebook page

# Methodology

*Understanding the Park  
by gathering the data.*

## History and Context

Dripping Springs Ranch Park is owned and operated by the City of Dripping Springs and has been a part of the City's recreational facilities since 2008 with the purchase of the Harrison family homestead and working ranch. The acquisition was made possible by funds from Hays County park bond and funds dedicated by the City. The acquisition and planned improvements were right on target with the City's master park plans for a community gathering area with large open spaces. The new facilities became a reality with generous funding and matching grants from Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Lower Colorado River Authority. The Park has also been embraced with generous gifts from citizens, private donors and local businesses.

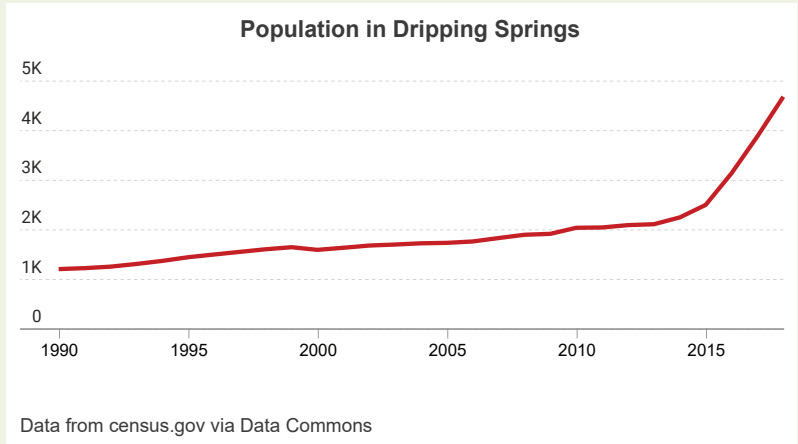
The Park opened in 2008 and is enjoyed by thousands of users. It is a very popular park for horse riders who participate in competitive and leisure equine events as well as for individuals and families who are attracted to the many outdoor recreational opportunities, including hiking, washer pitching, wildlife viewing, primitive camping and gatherings. It is the perfect spot for a family picnic or a special occasion such as reunions and weddings.

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Right: Census data from Dripping Springs Texas by population and age.

## One of the fastest growing regions in the United States

The Park is home to annual festivals that attract visitors from all areas of the Hill Country and beyond. With the additional new facilities, the Park is now home to a versatile venue that is one of the largest in the Texas Hill Country.



A segment of Little Barton Creek runs through the property, supporting an abundance of wildlife and native plants. More than eight acres have been set aside as a wildlife reservations and conservation area. The Park uses a rainwater collection system to provide water and further conserve natural resources. This beautiful Park reflects all aspects of the Hill Country landscape in which Dripping Springs was founded. One of the main goals of Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Event Center is to preserve a legacy of the City’s foundation in farming and ranching life while bringing tourism and economic value to the community.

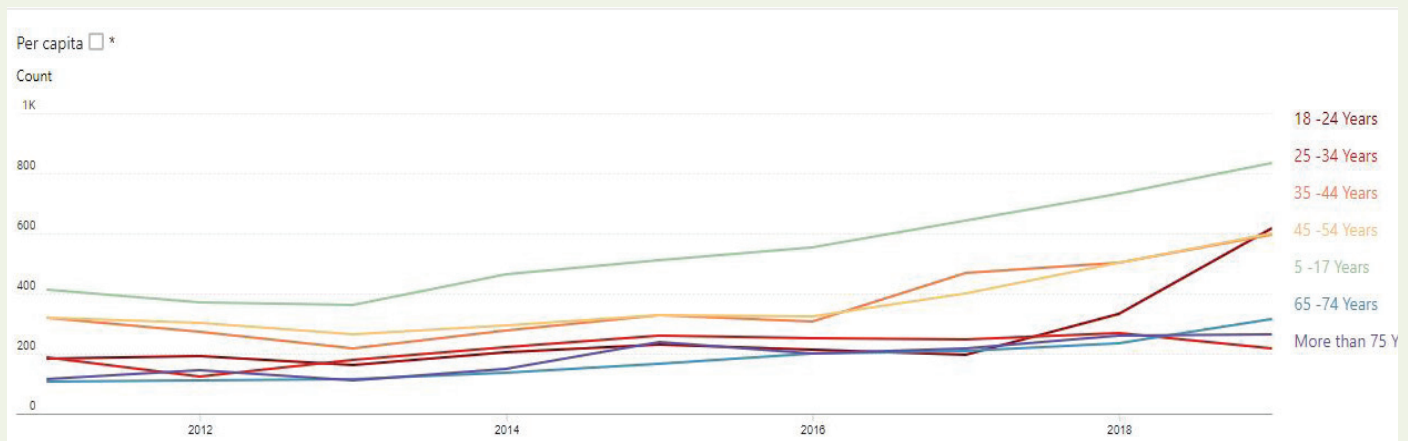
### Demographics by the numbers:

In 2018, Dripping Springs, TX had a population of 3.28k people with a median age of 37.5 and a median household income of \$64,250. Between 2017 and 2018 the population of Dripping Springs, TX grew from 2,764 to 3,277, a 18.6%

increase and its median household income declined from \$76,771 to \$64,250, a -16.3% decrease.

The 5 largest ethnic groups in Dripping Springs, TX are White (Non-Hispanic) (68.6%), White (Hispanic) (24%), Other (Hispanic) (4.27%), Two+ (Non-Hispanic) (1.37%), and Asian (Non-Hispanic) (1.01%). 0% of the people in Dripping Springs, TX speak a non-English language, and 90.1% are U.S. citizens.

In 2018, the median property value in Dripping Springs, TX was \$341,100, and the homeownership rate was 68.3%. Most people in Dripping Springs, TX drove alone to work, and the average commute time was 25 minutes. The average car ownership in Dripping Springs, TX was 2 cars per household. The Austin-San Antonio Corridor is one of the fastest-growing regions in the United States, currently home to 4.5 million people and expected to grow to 6-7 million people by 2030. Dripping Springs itself has experience exponential population growth with the categories of young residence growing the most. This trend shows even further the need for having accessible community based recreational opportunities.





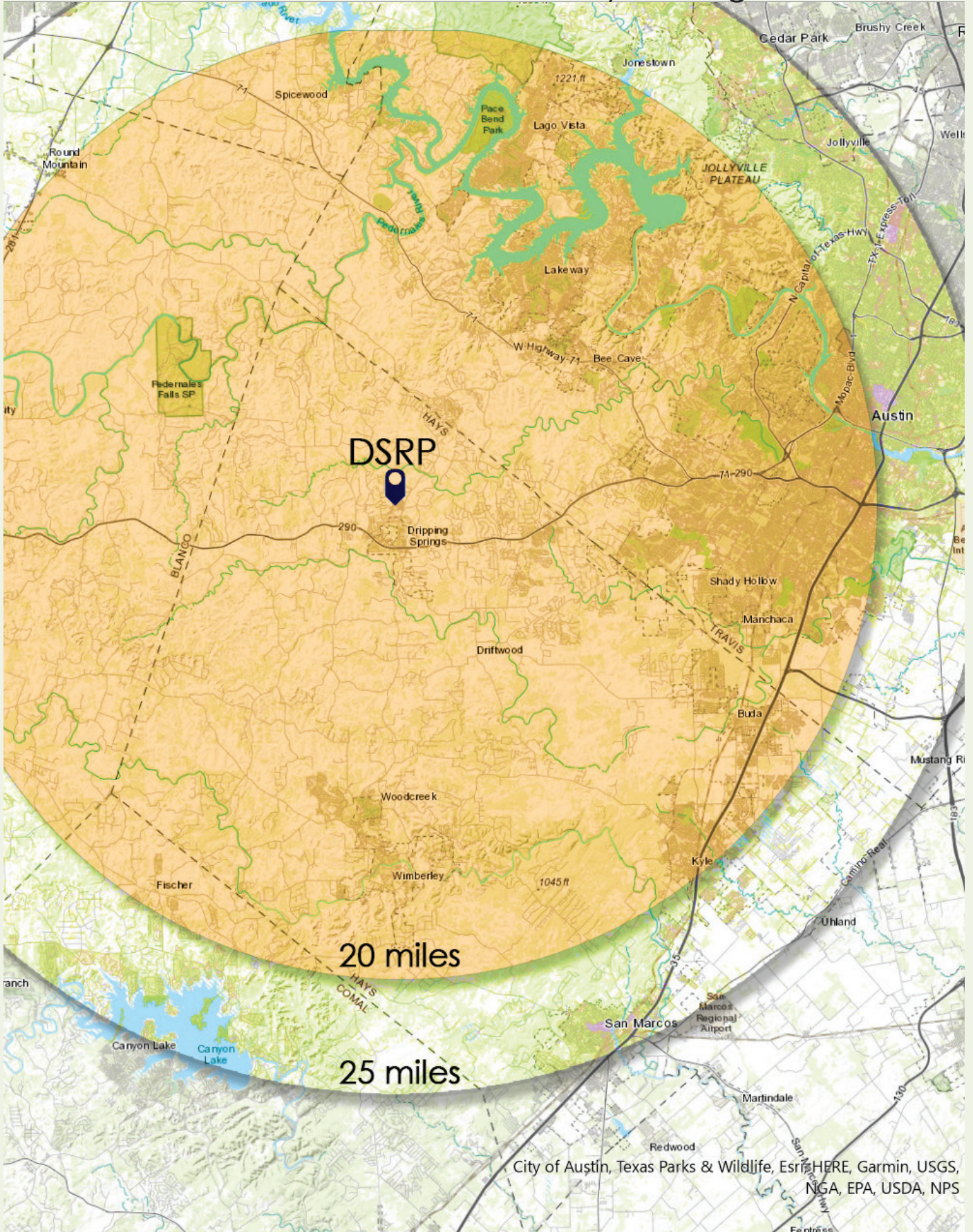
# Existing Conditions

The park consists of 130 acres of Hill Country landscape. The general site terrain consists of open rolling topography to steep slopes. The site is located in the environmentally sensitive Little Barton Creek Watershed and is entirely in the Edwards Aquifer contributing zone. Portions of the site are within the FEMA 100-year floodplain.

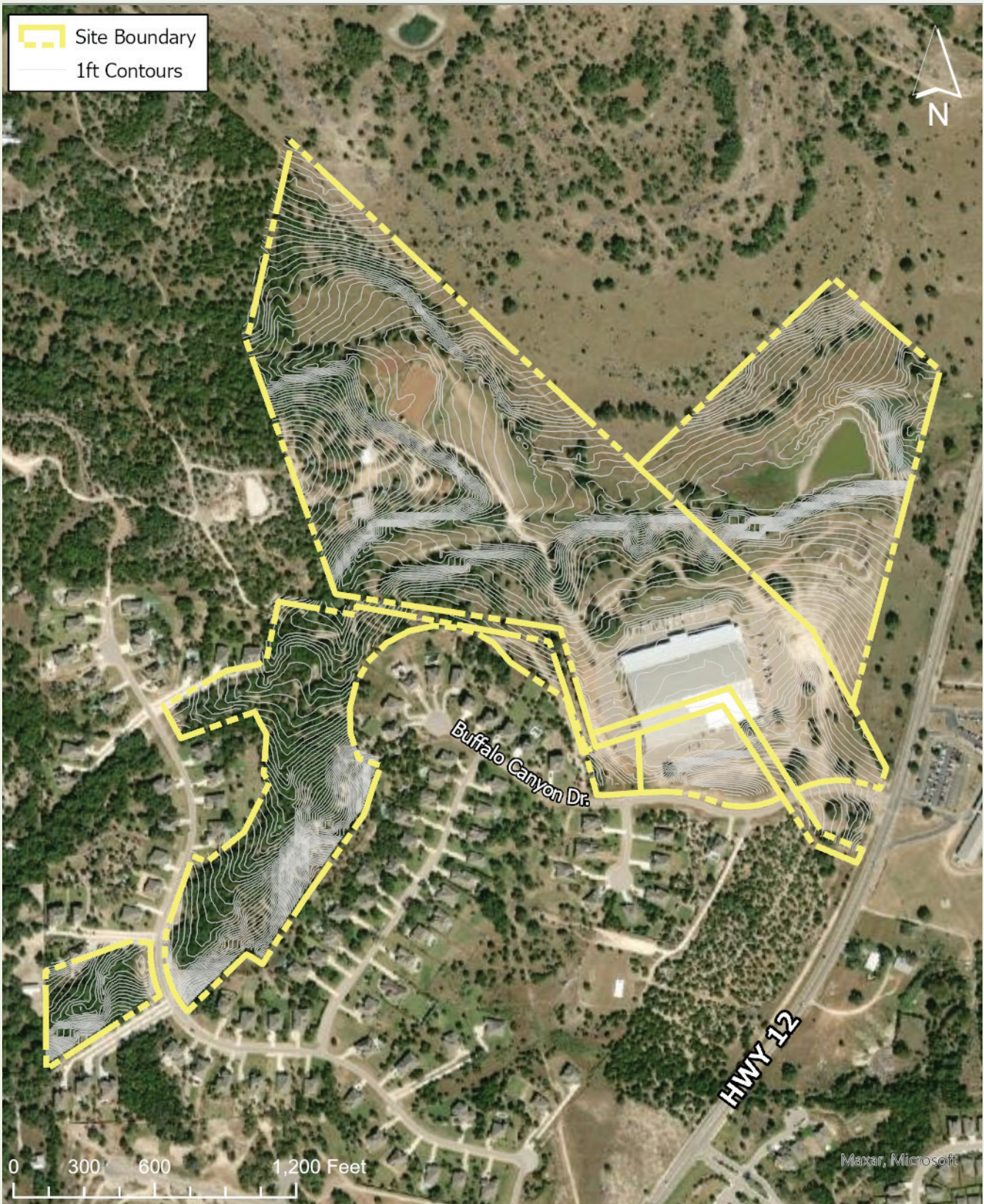
The major site structure is the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center & Arena which offers a multi-use covered facility for event rentals, regional and national horse and agricultural competitions, trade shows, festivals, and entertainment events. It also hosts large and small event venue rooms for social gatherings, corporate meetings, banquets, conventions, and galas. Other facilities associated with the Event Center and Arena include VIP Suites, horse stalls, wash racks, a ticket office, vendor space, restrooms and concession kitchens. Rentable RV Spaces are available for reservation in the parking lot adjacent to the Event Center and include electric, water, and dump station hook ups.

Other site structures include the PCS offices in the ranch house (and associated buildings), the stall barn, an outdoor arena, a 5-12 yr. old playground, bird boxes and a bird blind. The park has many active and passive recreation opportunities. A 6 mile multi-use trail weaves throughout the park, along with the environmental education opportunities around the pond, creek, and birding sites. There are also ample specimen trees and habitat features, adding to the environmental diversity of the site.

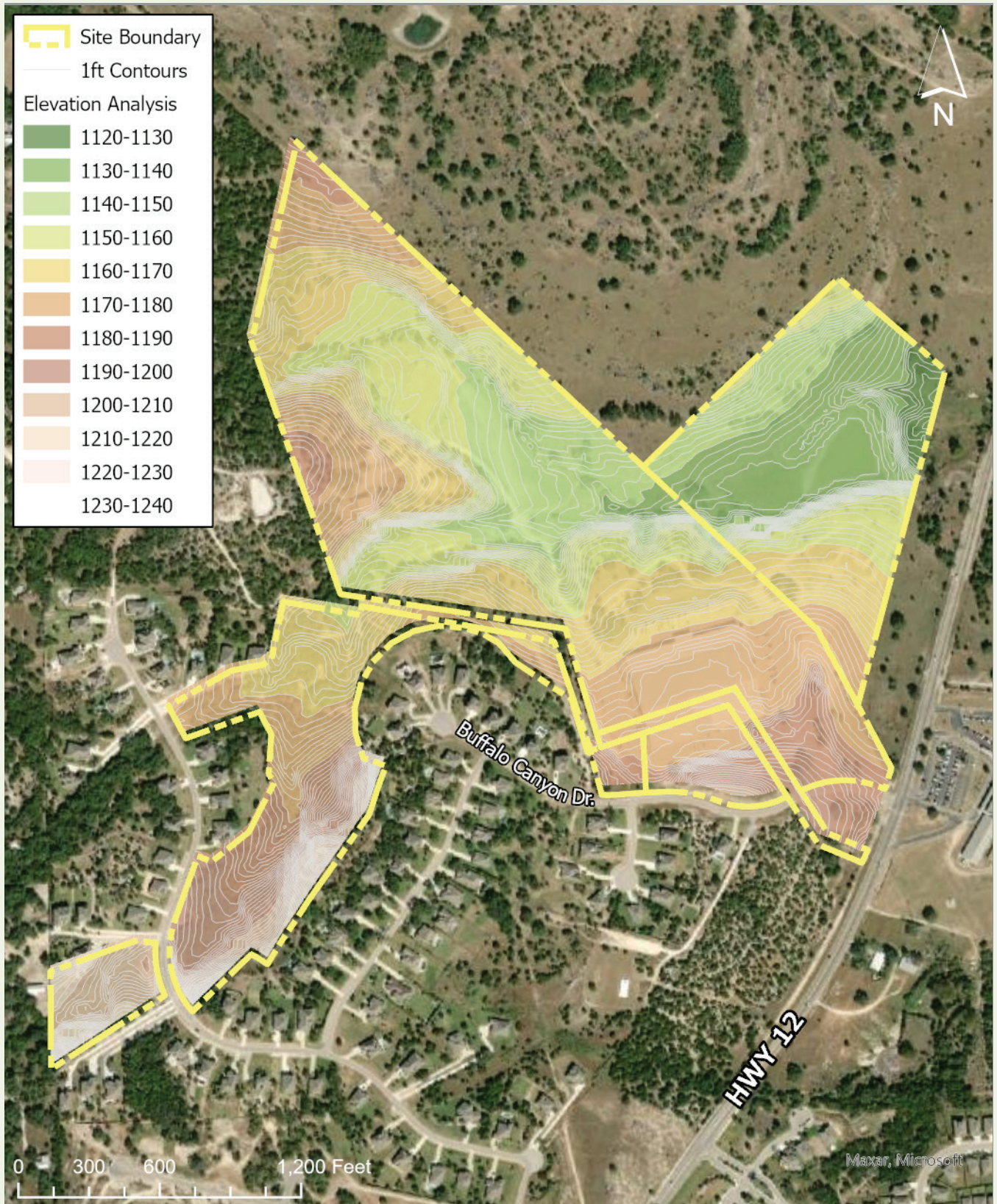
# Site Analysis - Regional Context



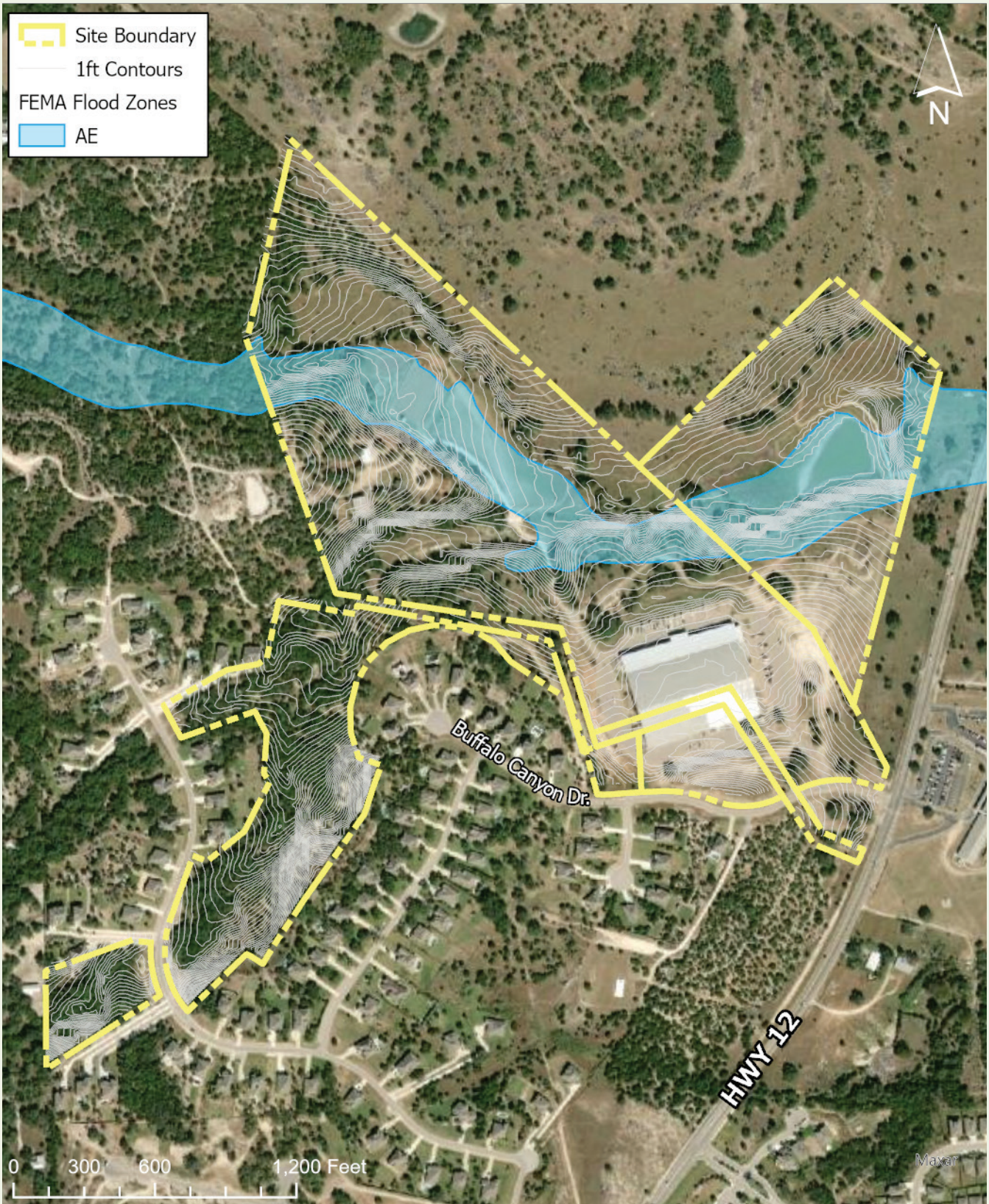
# Site Analysis - Boundary + Topography



# Site Analysis - Elevation Study

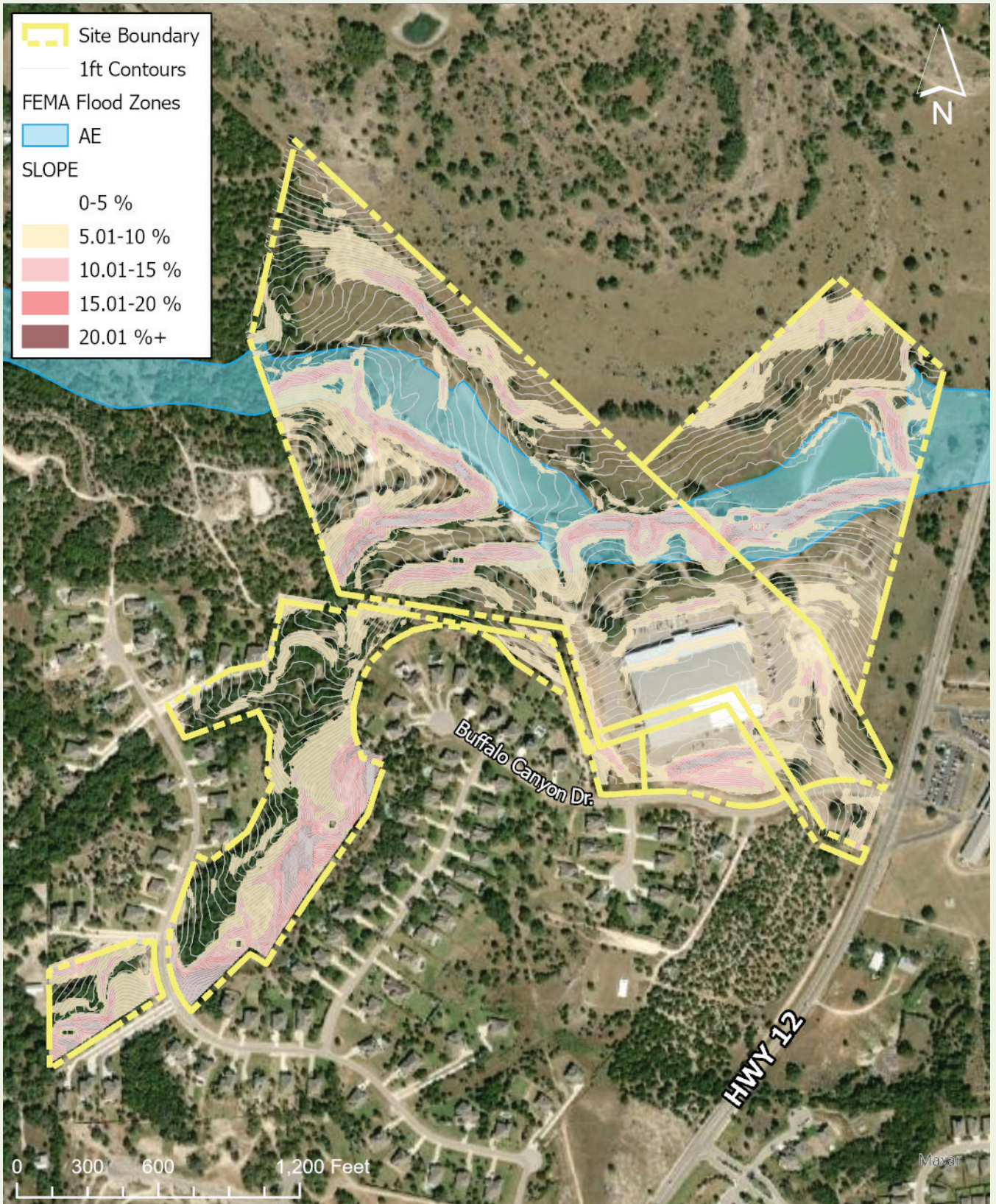


# Site Analysis - FEMA AE Floodplain





# Site Analysis - Slope Analysis



# Photographic Inventory - Structures



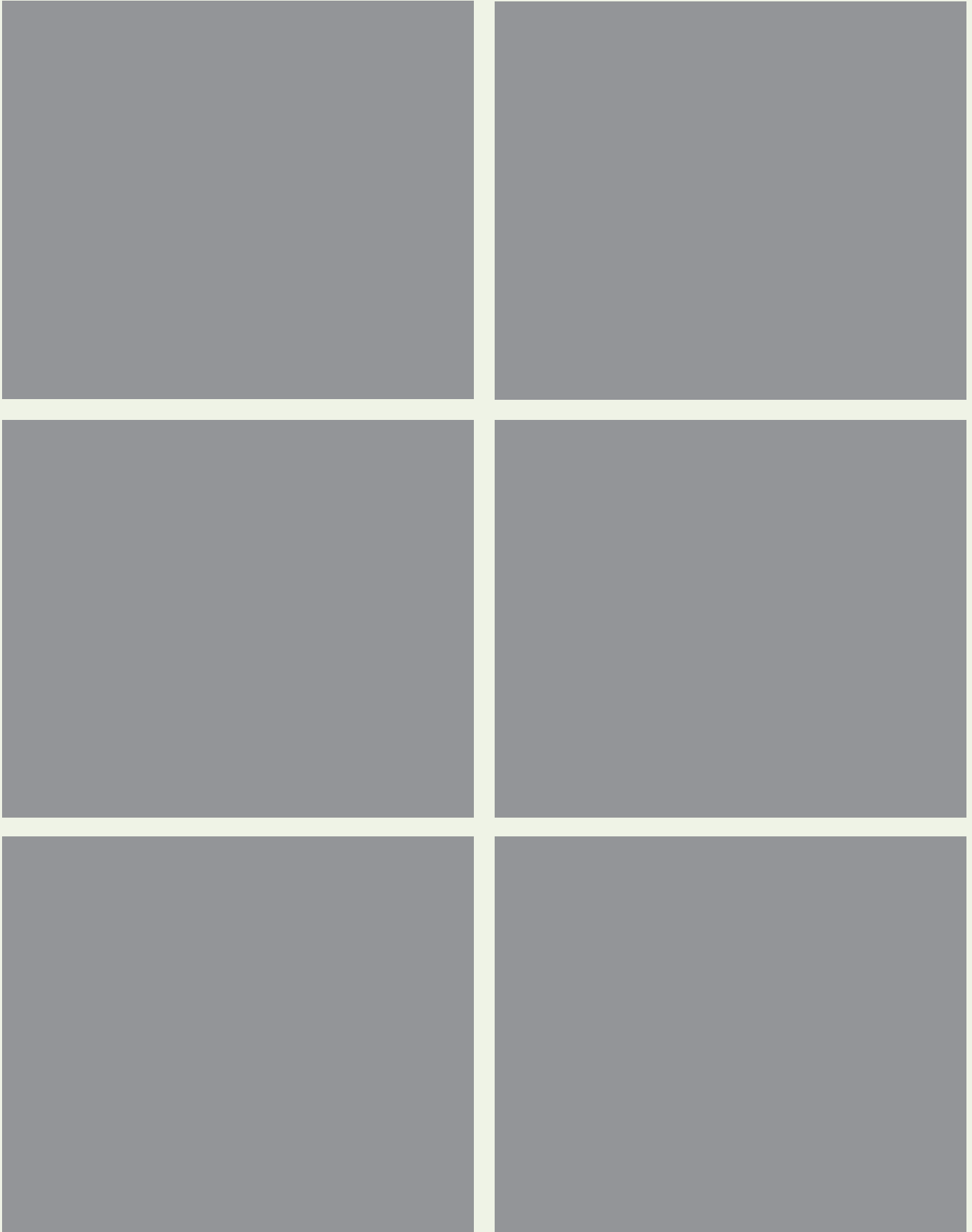
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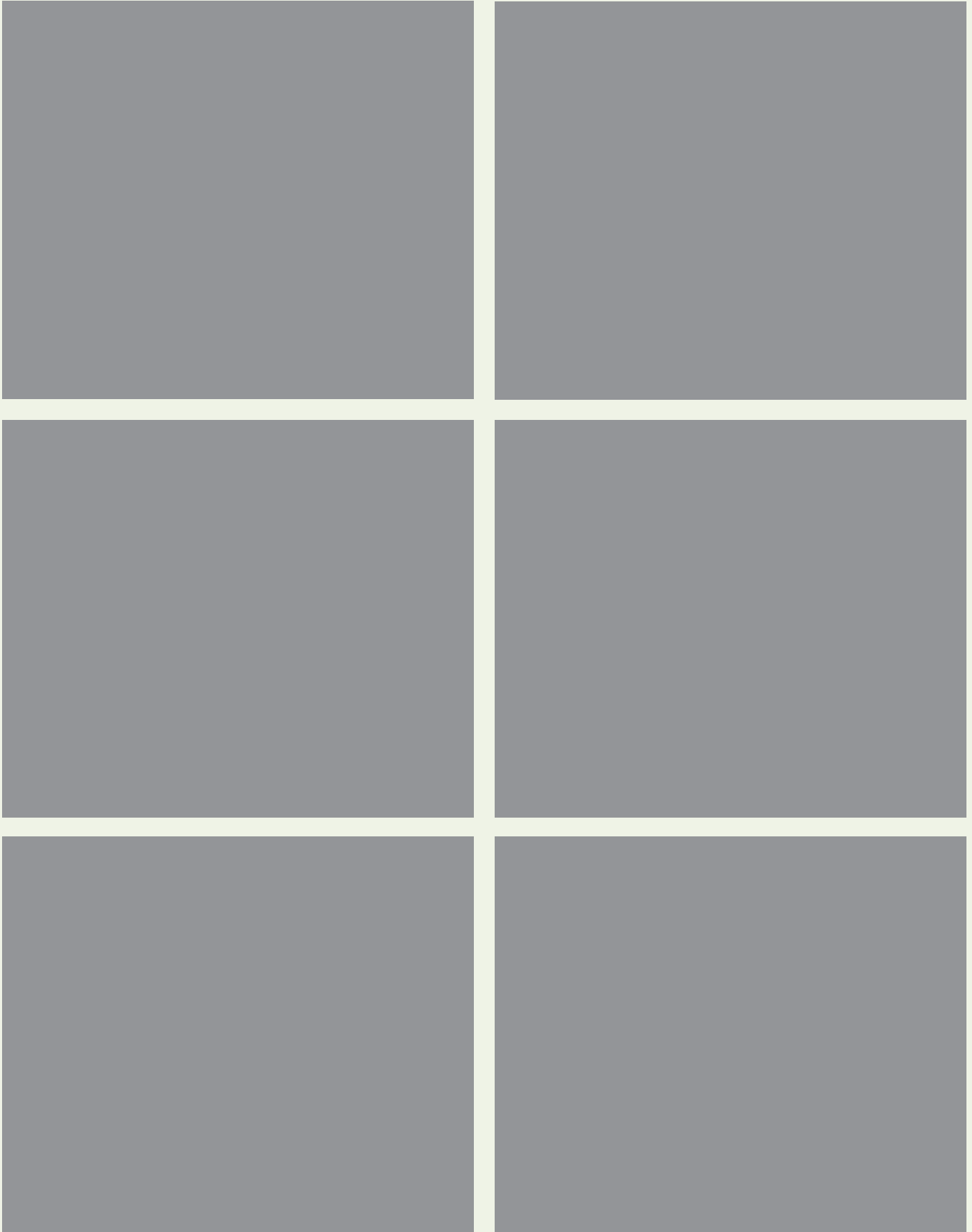
# Photographic Inventory - Site Amenities



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## Budget Considerations

Having a birds eye view of the budget can be helpful in planning several aspects of park operations and maintenance, including the number of staff hired, level of maintenance performed, replacement of vital equipment, and amount of new programming created.

Right: Numerous groups attended the Stakeholder and Public input meetings including Equestrian, Mt. Bikers and Hikers Below: Native Texas wildflowers

The following table shows the past three years of budget for DSRP by three main categories: operations and programming, maintenance, and capital projects.

Year	Operation & Programing	Maintenance	Capital Projects
2019	\$	\$	unfunded or unknown
2020	\$532,573.00	\$ included	
2021	\$	\$	
2022 (projected)	\$	\$	





# Stakeholder & Community Input

## Internal stakeholder meeting

A virtual Internal stakeholder meeting was held on April 6th, 2021. Moderated discussion that had one representative from each stakeholder group given 5 minutes to express any input that the design team should understand. The meeting was recorded and can be found a [insert link]. Notes from stakeholders are included in the appendicies.

General input included:

- The need for more parking; RVs - with and without horses, as well as cars.
- More signage and direction for both bikes and typical horse events.
- Another entry onto RR12.
- Upgrades to the event center.
- Covering for the outdoor arena.
- More trails development.

Attendees included:

- Dripping Springs 4H
- Dripping Springs Ag/FFA Boosters
- Dripping Springs Barrel Racing Assoc.
- Hay Co. Livestock Board
- Hay Co. Master Naturalists
- Dripping Spring Mountain Bike Club
- Roping Club
- Skatepark Group

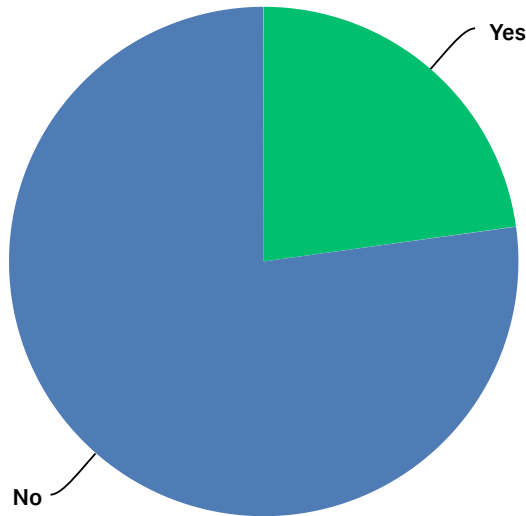
## Public comment input meeting

A virtual public comment meeting was held on April 15th, 2021. A summary of results are compiled here.



### Q1 Are you or anyone in your family an annual passholder (formerly known as DSRP Member)?

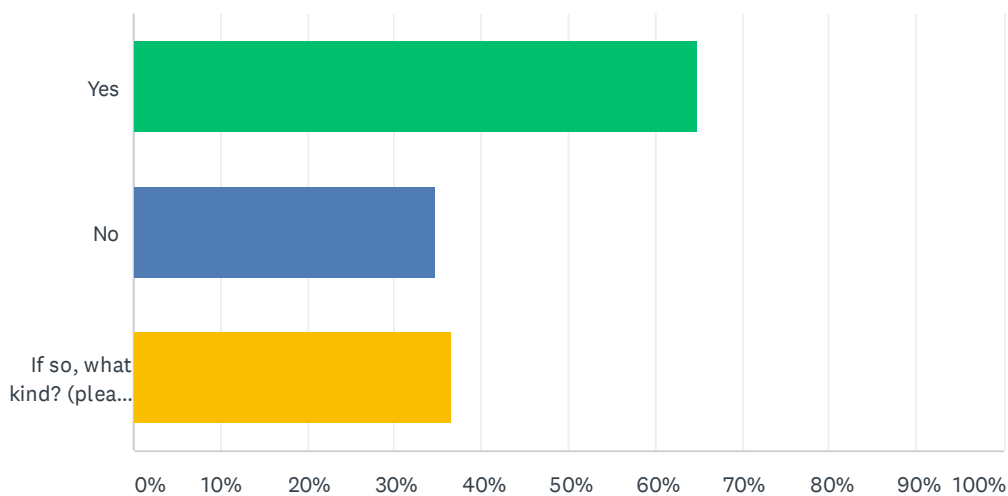
Answered: 298 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	22.82%	68
No	77.18%	230
TOTAL		298

### Q2 Would you like to see more equine related programs offered at the park?

Answered: 282 Skipped: 18



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	64.89% 183
No	34.75% 98
If so, what kind? (please specify)	36.52% 103
Total Respondents: 282	

#	IF SO, WHAT KIND? (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Obstacles, in-hand events/classes, pony/mini driving events	4/26/2021 2:28 PM
2	Calf roping	4/25/2021 1:58 PM
3	Spectator events	4/24/2021 8:02 PM
4	I'd like to see more rodeo's	4/24/2021 6:01 PM
5	Activities that I can take my Grandkids to.	4/24/2021 12:49 PM
6	Yes more lessons and rides for anyone to join or sign up for	4/24/2021 11:25 AM
7	Roping and dressage	4/24/2021 11:19 AM
8	Education for kids, teaching and training	4/24/2021 9:56 AM
9	Horseback riding lessons	4/24/2021 9:35 AM
10	Booked full is good. Local organizations' shows and clinics.	4/24/2021 8:29 AM
11	Play days. Jackpot barrel series. Member group trail rides.	4/24/2021 8:27 AM
12	Family friendly events	4/24/2021 7:52 AM
13	Open ride nights/clinics	4/23/2021 8:55 PM
14	4-H events, shows	4/23/2021 8:27 PM
15	Allow local trainers to use the facility at reduced rates for clinics. Increase horse trails, and install horse obstacles.. bridges, gates, poles, etc.	4/23/2021 7:13 PM
16	cutting, ranch-horse versatility, horse clinics, etc	4/23/2021 11:51 AM
17	Educational events, expo type events	4/22/2021 4:00 PM
18	Clinics	4/22/2021 3:13 PM
19	Training clinics, western agility competitions, rodeos	4/22/2021 1:29 PM
20	Ranch sorting and team penning	4/22/2021 1:06 PM
21	Shows, trail/obstacles classes, obstacle setup, horsemanship clinics	4/22/2021 12:33 PM
22	Dressage shows	4/22/2021 12:29 PM
23	Shows rides and even some events in the outdoor arena like clinics or trail rides	4/22/2021 12:23 PM
24	More trails	4/22/2021 11:07 AM
25	Cross country course	4/22/2021 11:02 AM
26	Trail challenge with obstacles. Obstacles out on the trail or in fields where we could haul in to practice. Maybe some low jumps - a cross country area?	4/22/2021 10:51 AM
27	Youth camps	4/22/2021 10:39 AM
28	Anything that preserve the heritage for our youth	4/22/2021 9:38 AM
29	It would be nice if there was a nice route from the big arena to that little one down the trail a ways.	4/22/2021 9:26 AM

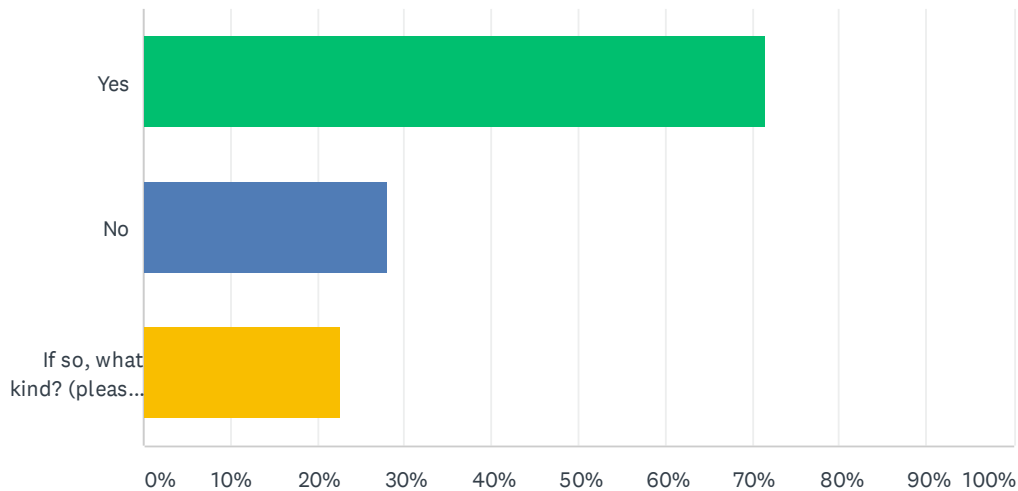
30	Equine only trails - non bike trails	4/22/2021 9:12 AM
31	Clinics, shows, educational programs	4/22/2021 8:59 AM
32	Eventing	4/22/2021 8:54 AM
33	More trail rides and family rides	4/22/2021 8:37 AM
34	XC course. Trails	4/21/2021 11:20 AM
35	Horseback riding lessons	4/21/2021 8:14 AM
36	Bike opportunities for everyone	4/21/2021 2:14 AM
37	Cross country jumps/water obstacle	4/20/2021 11:53 PM
38	Trails, cross country, shows at all levels and all types of horsemanship	4/20/2021 10:56 PM
39	More extensive trails, cross country course	4/20/2021 9:15 PM
40	Western for family and kids	4/20/2021 8:24 PM
41	Hunter/jumper shows	4/20/2021 8:15 PM
42	Cross country jumps and obstacles	4/20/2021 8:05 PM
43	Rated dressage shows, trail rides, english shows and clinics, horse camping	4/20/2021 7:08 PM
44	Hunter/jumper shows	4/20/2021 6:47 PM
45	Cross country course	4/20/2021 6:18 PM
46	We'd like horse clinics and speakers, equine veterinarian speakers, cutting/pleasure/trail clinics, better grooming/levelling of trails, a cowcutter flag, trail course set up outside, etc.	4/20/2021 5:59 PM
47	Would love an obstacle course or cross country course	4/20/2021 5:51 PM
48	trail, cutting , ranch sorting,clinics, shot competitions, roping. anything western related	4/20/2021 5:38 PM
49	Cross Country Course and Obstacles	4/20/2021 5:31 PM
50	Yes to bring in more users that spend money in Dripping. No if it is going to incur or increase more debt.	4/20/2021 5:28 PM
51	I heard something about an equine cross country or obstacle course? That sounds awesome! We LOVED the poker day, that was so much fun!	4/20/2021 5:22 PM
52	Cross country course, more warm up arenas	4/20/2021 5:17 PM
53	Equine clinics (training, nutrition, cutting, grooming, trail horse, flagging, veterinarian speakers)	4/20/2021 5:07 PM
54	English discipline shows, competitive trail rides	4/20/2021 5:03 PM
55	Install flags (cutting horse training devices), cutting competitions, presentations by equine vets,	4/20/2021 5:03 PM
56	Clinics, trail rides	4/20/2021 5:01 PM
57	Equine clinics	4/20/2021 5:01 PM
58	Cutting, first aid for horses	4/20/2021 4:36 PM
59	Cutting, anything cowhorse, horse clinics	4/20/2021 4:29 PM
60	Lessons offered for dsisd students to help with anxiety	4/20/2021 2:58 PM
61	NOT if it causes other users access to trails to be limited	4/20/2021 1:00 PM
62	Cover indoors	4/20/2021 12:46 PM
63	a covered outdoor arena (Roping complex) and a eventing field	4/20/2021 12:41 PM
64	Youth camps (specifically for new/beginner riders)	4/20/2021 12:36 PM
65	Roping, sorting, penning, dressage, cross country, hunter jumper, play days	4/20/2021 11:36 AM

66	More time for arena members to ride. Later in the evening	4/20/2021 11:17 AM
67	Any equine event	4/20/2021 11:14 AM
68	Rodeos, cross country/evening	4/20/2021 11:08 AM
69	Cross country/Eventing	4/20/2021 10:56 AM
70	Eventing	4/20/2021 10:49 AM
71	Western trail , obstacle course	4/20/2021 10:47 AM
72	Any equestrian event	4/20/2021 10:44 AM
73	any type of equine or ag event- roping, barrel racing, sorting, penning, trail obstacle courses, cross country, dressage, hunter jumpers, etc.	4/20/2021 10:20 AM
74	Open arena rides; guided trail rides; obstacle courses; trail courses	4/20/2021 10:12 AM
75	Any type of Ranching, Sorting, dressage, Hunter jumpers, penning, etc.	4/20/2021 9:54 AM
76	Hunter/Jumper series	4/20/2021 9:05 AM
77	Shows and clinics	4/20/2021 8:52 AM
78	Would like to see more riding arenas. Create a schedule where horses can come out without bikers on the trails.	4/20/2021 8:47 AM
79	Clinics	4/19/2021 7:21 PM
80	But with a balance of a variety of activities for all, not just the equine enthusiasts.	4/19/2021 5:10 PM
81	horse rental and/or trail rides offered to the public	4/19/2021 7:34 AM
82	Organized trail rides, group seminars, even training seminars in the evenings with no horses, just presentations. From everything about barn management to equine health.	4/19/2021 7:31 AM
83	Ranch/rodeo events	4/17/2021 10:19 AM
84	Children's and young adult competition events.	4/16/2021 4:50 PM
85	All equine events.	4/16/2021 1:55 PM
86	Not sure what you mean by programs but reining/ranch horse shows, and breakaway ropings would be cool	4/16/2021 11:54 AM
87	Stockhorse of Texas clinic and show; clinics on groundwork, pleasure, trail riding, reining, cow work. Clinic for mountain bike riders on how to interact with horses and riders	4/16/2021 8:47 AM
88	Stock horse and ranch type shows	4/16/2021 8:27 AM
89	Barrel races! But I know it's hard bc DSRP never gets a good turn out for that bc of location	4/15/2021 10:30 PM
90	Cowhorse/ Cutting clinics. Also cuttings shows.	4/15/2021 10:09 PM
91	Barrels, western	4/15/2021 9:46 PM
92	Clinics, trail competition	4/15/2021 9:43 PM
93	RSNC & RSOA shows, Team roping and rodeos in general. Horsemanship clinics	4/15/2021 8:21 PM
94	Eventing horse trial	4/15/2021 8:05 PM
95	Cross country practice jumps	4/15/2021 7:30 PM
96	Hunter, jumper, dressage	4/15/2021 7:14 PM
97	Cross County area	4/15/2021 6:51 PM
98	Another indoor arena	4/15/2021 6:42 PM
99	Barrel Races, Clinics, Colt Starting, Youth	4/15/2021 6:37 PM
100	Variety of shows and clinics for English disciplines	4/15/2021 6:29 PM

101	Western with cattle - roping, cutting, sorting, penning	4/15/2021 6:26 PM
102	Cross country jumps	4/15/2021 6:22 PM
103	Pony Club; Trail Riding Events	4/15/2021 4:46 PM

### Q3 Would you like to see more nature/environment programs at the park?

Answered: 282 Skipped: 18



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	71.63% 202
No	28.01% 79
If so, what kind? (please specify)	22.70% 64
Total Respondents: 282	

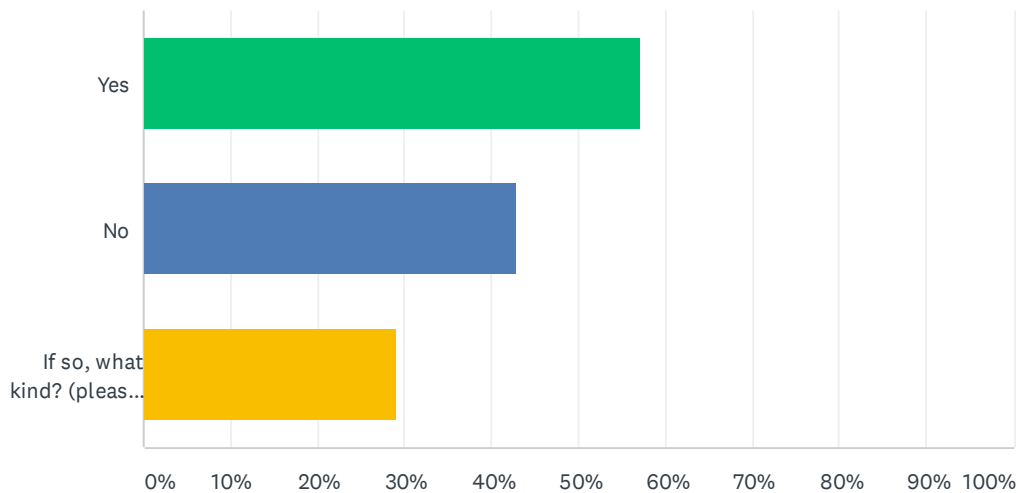
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1	Stock the pond with fish	4/26/2021 12:27 PM
2	Stargazing	4/24/2021 10:47 PM
3	Programs addressing conservation, maintaining natural landscapes in rapidly urbanizing area	4/24/2021 9:18 PM
4	Native plants, water conservation	4/24/2021 8:02 PM
5	hiking / walking trails, well-marked and a map	4/24/2021 6:06 PM
6	Walking club, photography and plain air painting classes	4/24/2021 5:54 PM
7	Native plant self guided walk. Monthly bird walks. Butterfly gardens. Work with new development to N to maximize greenspace buffer	4/24/2021 3:53 PM
8	Programs for kids... age 3-4+. Or any age.	4/24/2021 2:00 PM
9	More nature walk / walks for adults or kids	4/24/2021 11:25 AM
10	Environment concerns, wildflower info, animal lectures, taking care of Texas lectures	4/24/2021 11:19 AM
11	Geology, botany, etc. Educational courses and camps and	4/24/2021 9:56 AM
12	Camping Nights with Night Sky Education	4/24/2021 9:35 AM
13	Programs re: groundwater issues -- "What's coming out of that well you just drilled?" How to	4/24/2021 8:32 AM

	take better care of our environment.	
14	Stock in the pond for fishing.	4/24/2021 8:29 AM
15	Anything educational.	4/24/2021 8:28 AM
16	Native gardening classes	4/24/2021 7:52 AM
17	birding clinics	4/23/2021 8:27 PM
18	any - all are good.	4/23/2021 11:51 AM
19	Bee keeping. Wildlife spotting.	4/22/2021 8:07 PM
20	Fishing	4/22/2021 8:06 PM
21	perhaps some gardening events/clinics	4/22/2021 4:00 PM
22	Nature tours	4/22/2021 12:45 PM
23	Wildflowers, native plants	4/22/2021 12:33 PM
24	Foraging or survival and over night camping	4/22/2021 11:07 AM
25	The local master gardeners and naturalists are great resources for programs I think! Also bird watching.	4/22/2021 10:51 AM
26	Evens that interest kids in the outdoors	4/22/2021 9:38 AM
27	Leave no trace/responsible recreation	4/22/2021 8:59 AM
28	Info about vegetation, birds.	4/22/2021 8:55 AM
29	Bird and environmental	4/21/2021 10:06 AM
30	Child activity education. Planting natives and such.	4/21/2021 8:33 AM
31	Native planting, composting, community gardening	4/20/2021 10:56 PM
32	Bird watching	4/20/2021 8:11 PM
33	Equine related see above	4/20/2021 8:05 PM
34	Horse shows	4/20/2021 6:18 PM
35	astronomy, local wildlife and local flora and fauna. night sky education	4/20/2021 5:38 PM
36	Birding, Connecting Kids To Nature	4/20/2021 5:28 PM
37	Just equine programs	4/20/2021 5:01 PM
38	birding	4/20/2021 3:27 PM
39	Nature hikes, biology, environmental science, animal footprint plaster casts etc.	4/20/2021 3:16 PM
40	Fix the pond disaster "renovation"!!!!!! Plant native trees and shrubs.	4/20/2021 2:11 PM
41	birding, guided nature tours, astronomy nights	4/20/2021 1:23 PM
42	Snakes	4/20/2021 1:09 PM
43	With all the new homes coming with very little open land it's important for the community to have as many opportunities as possible to be in nature.	4/20/2021 1:00 PM
44	programs that possibly teach kids the importance of not littering, reserving water and to help with outdoor exercise, too many kids on their phones instead of outside running or biking	4/20/2021 12:42 PM
45	hiking trails without horses, please separate the horse trails	4/20/2021 12:42 PM
46	Anything outdoors focused for kids. More nature access, less screens	4/20/2021 12:36 PM
47	birdwatching, night sky viewing,	4/20/2021 12:30 PM
48	Birding	4/20/2021 12:24 PM
49	Star gazing clinics and bird watching clinics	4/20/2021 8:52 AM

50	Better identified trails	4/19/2021 9:36 AM
51	Star viewing, native plant identification, kids nature programming, community garden	4/18/2021 3:00 PM
52	Native plants	4/16/2021 5:22 PM
53	That's more of a Charro Ranch Park thing.	4/16/2021 4:50 PM
54	Open to anything educational on plants/animals	4/16/2021 3:46 PM
55	Trails, Fishing, passive Recreation	4/16/2021 10:45 AM
56	more birding workshop and also general environmental concerns.. development, water usage, etc	4/16/2021 8:47 AM
57	Trail rides	4/16/2021 8:27 AM
58	Gardening	4/16/2021 8:23 AM
59	Programs on native plants for use in home and business landscaping projects.	4/15/2021 10:21 PM
60	guided hiking	4/15/2021 6:43 PM
61	Flower/garden sales, kite flying, earth day celebration	4/15/2021 6:31 PM
62	Night Sky events, nature lectures, etc.	4/15/2021 6:30 PM
63	birding; plant identification; night sky appreciation	4/15/2021 4:46 PM
64	birding; staff led hikes pointing out features, birds, tracks, etc;	4/15/2021 3:19 PM

### Q4 Would you like to see more active recreational programs such as mountain biking, cross country running, and other similar activities at the park?

Answered: 285 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	57.19%	163
No	42.81%	122
If so, what kind? (please specify)	29.12%	83
Total Respondents: 285		



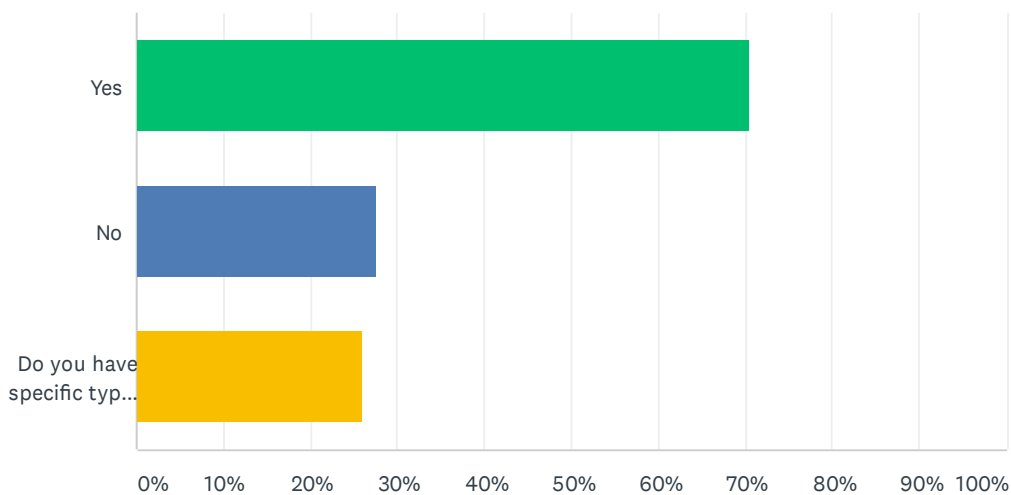
#	IF SO, WHAT KIND? (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Mtn biking related	4/26/2021 12:27 PM
2	Running trails. Biking trails. Family friendly outdoor activities.	4/25/2021 7:04 PM
3	Focus on walking/jogging paths, no bikes on walking/jogging trails.	4/24/2021 9:18 PM
4	Walking club.	4/24/2021 5:54 PM
5	Fishing is able to keep the pond stocked and filled with water, Organized bike rides, or family camping events	4/24/2021 2:00 PM
6	Biking, skate boarding, scootering, walking races and running races	4/24/2021 11:19 AM
7	Cross Country Running programs	4/24/2021 9:35 AM
8	More 5K walks to raise \$ for health, education and welfare issues	4/24/2021 8:32 AM
9	Horses and bikes do not mix safely.	4/24/2021 8:29 AM
10	Biking, running, yoga.	4/24/2021 8:28 AM
11	Mtn biking. Running. Hiking	4/24/2021 8:27 AM
12	Hiking	4/23/2021 8:55 PM
13	like to see the DSHS XC events here	4/23/2021 8:27 PM
14	Separate equestrian from biking.	4/23/2021 7:57 PM
15	fishing	4/23/2021 1:11 PM
16	Side note: the craft shows and other non-equine/ag programs, for example, where people sell stuff are not interesting and interfere with using the arena on the weekends for what I believe its intended main purpose is. That's just my 2 cents :-)	4/23/2021 11:51 AM
17	Trail running events	4/23/2021 8:22 AM
18	Mountain biking trails	4/22/2021 9:21 PM
19	Pump track. Trials riding. Mountain bike skills park. Disc golf. Steeple chase.	4/22/2021 8:07 PM
20	Races, Additions of Wooden features (such as <a href="https://www.trailforks.com/ttfs/">https://www.trailforks.com/ttfs/</a> ) and jumps	4/22/2021 8:06 PM
21	Out there many times a month to mountain bike. Would be great to have a trail that connects with downtown. Would be great to purchase the triangle that splits the trails. Never had an issue with horses/hikers on the trails - would be sad to see the trails closed to mountain bikers on specific days/dates.	4/22/2021 12:55 PM
22	Mtb, trail running	4/22/2021 12:33 PM
23	I think running and hiking would be a fun addition	4/22/2021 12:23 PM
24	Mountain biking	4/22/2021 12:21 PM
25	Walking groups	4/22/2021 9:08 AM
26	NO! Mountain bikes and dirt bikes tear up the trails and are NEVER courteous to hikers, runners, or equestrians	4/22/2021 8:59 AM
27	Any	4/22/2021 8:55 AM
28	Bike trails of various levels	4/22/2021 8:47 AM
29	XC running	4/21/2021 11:20 AM
30	Mountain biking	4/21/2021 8:14 AM
31	Cross country and mountain biking for any teenagers	4/21/2021 2:14 AM
32	Mountain biking	4/20/2021 11:14 PM
33	Would be great if these things were posted on a calendar and trails were closed to horses	4/20/2021 9:15 PM

	those days! Happy to share but horses generally don't get along with bikes.	
34	Mountain biking	4/20/2021 8:23 PM
35	Mountain biking	4/20/2021 8:23 PM
36	Equine related	4/20/2021 8:05 PM
37	Would like mountain biking trails and potentially events (group rides and/or races)	4/20/2021 7:58 PM
38	Mountain biking	4/20/2021 7:02 PM
39	Mountain bike trails	4/20/2021 6:38 PM
40	Mountain Biking	4/20/2021 5:45 PM
41	biking and horses are not a good mix without more education for bikers on how to behave towards horses,,	4/20/2021 5:38 PM
42	Trail Running programs	4/20/2021 5:31 PM
43	With a little more mileage you can host events that would draw 1000+ racers from across the state for mountain biking/running as well as benefit hikers and horses. Adding a skills park and pump track would increase the age demographic range and make RP more of a destination.	4/20/2021 5:28 PM
44	more mountain bike activities. This serves a greater portion of our community than horses do. All people and all ages can ride. It is a better use of county land and parks.	4/20/2021 5:14 PM
45	Frisbee golf	4/20/2021 5:04 PM
46	mountain biking	4/20/2021 4:10 PM
47	skate boarding park for the youth! Mountain Biking for all; dog walking;	4/20/2021 3:53 PM
48	Mountain biking	4/20/2021 3:48 PM
49	Mountain biking	4/20/2021 3:36 PM
50	Mountain biking, cross country races	4/20/2021 3:27 PM
51	Mountain biking	4/20/2021 3:16 PM
52	Mtn biking events	4/20/2021 2:58 PM
53	Mountain biking, cross country running	4/20/2021 2:11 PM
54	Yes I would like to see mountain biking trals, flow trails and pump trails.	4/20/2021 1:25 PM
55	Mountain biking, more mountain bike trails, pump track, skills trails,	4/20/2021 1:23 PM
56	Mountain bike race/mud race	4/20/2021 1:09 PM
57	Awesome to see the park being used by lots of different user groups. Not sure what other programs might be but the more the merrier on city lands... maybe disc golf?	4/20/2021 1:00 PM
58	Improved/more natural bike trails. No cement for trail biking	4/20/2021 12:48 PM
59	Bikes scare horses, tear up landscape, always want more off road than approved	4/20/2021 12:46 PM
60	more mountain biking, mountain biking is a lifelong sport and it good to help keep people healthy	4/20/2021 12:42 PM
61	Biking, walking, skate park	4/20/2021 12:42 PM
62	Race opportunities, youth clubs, anything athletic and outdoors for all ages	4/20/2021 12:36 PM
63	Having the mountain biking trails accessible has been a huge blessing to our children.	4/20/2021 12:30 PM
64	Expanded trails with access for everyone.	4/20/2021 12:30 PM
65	mountain biking	4/20/2021 12:26 PM
66	Mountain biking	4/20/2021 12:26 PM
67	Mountain Biking and trail running	4/20/2021 12:24 PM

68	Mountain biking, running, hiking	4/20/2021 12:22 PM
69	BMX Biking	4/20/2021 10:24 AM
70	I would love if there could be designated days for the equestrian activities verses mountain biking for safety	4/20/2021 8:52 AM
71	Hiking/walking trails	4/19/2021 9:36 AM
72	Mountain bike	4/17/2021 10:19 AM
73	A hike and bike trail similar to Town Lake	4/16/2021 4:50 PM
74	MTB and running	4/16/2021 3:46 PM
75	Mt. biking, Frisbee Golf Course.	4/16/2021 12:00 PM
76	Fishing in the pond.	4/15/2021 10:21 PM
77	Local mountain biking	4/15/2021 8:21 PM
78	Running trails	4/15/2021 8:05 PM
79	Family group runs	4/15/2021 7:30 PM
80	Cross Country	4/15/2021 6:41 PM
81	Biking trails for families, picnic areas	4/15/2021 6:31 PM
82	Would it be possible to fish in the pond?	4/15/2021 6:30 PM
83	running and trail riding events	4/15/2021 4:46 PM

**Q5 Would you like to see more community enrichment programs offered to the public? (for example: cooking classes, country line dance class, youth programs, guest speaker series)**

Answered: 282 Skipped: 18



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	70.57% 199
No	27.66% 78
Do you have specific types you would like to see?	25.89% 73
Total Respondents: 282	

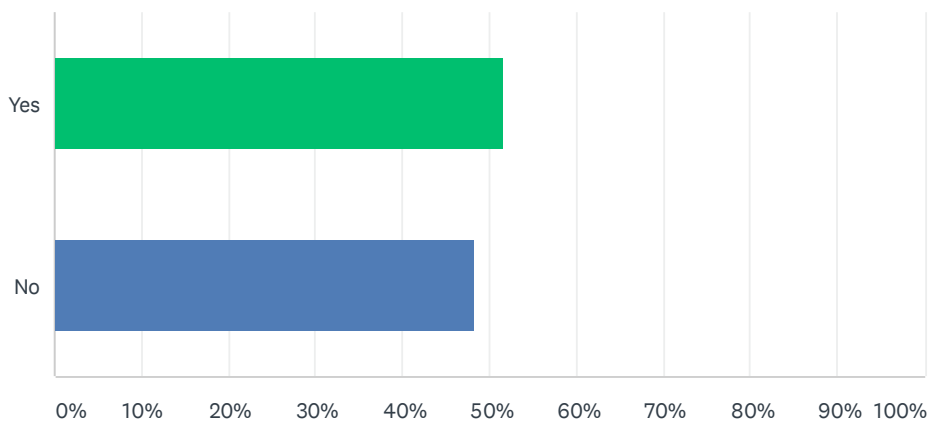
#	DO YOU HAVE SPECIFIC TYPES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE?	DATE
1	Cooking classes for kids	4/25/2021 1:58 PM
2	Habitat/grassland/nature conservation/preservation	4/24/2021 9:18 PM
3	Concerts	4/24/2021 8:41 PM
4	classes, speakers	4/24/2021 6:06 PM
5	Small venue concerts	4/24/2021 6:01 PM
6	Cooking, book club, knitting club.	4/24/2021 5:54 PM
7	Cooking, nature painting, couples line and other dance lessons, wife would love guitar lessons for beginners.	4/24/2021 2:00 PM
8	Cooking, dancing	4/24/2021 11:57 AM
9	Kids stuff, yoga class	4/24/2021 11:25 AM
10	Line dancing, cooking and craft classes	4/24/2021 11:19 AM
11	All examples are great. Bingo	4/24/2021 10:41 AM
12	Cooking, birding, native plant landscaping	4/24/2021 10:09 AM
13	All of these...anything that helps vocational training and general well being	4/24/2021 9:56 AM
14	Cooking and Dance Lessons	4/24/2021 9:35 AM
15	Poetry in the Parks -- offered on a seasonal or monthly basis, perhaps even an annual festival to be held over one whole day or a weekend -- with open mic segments, workshops, activities that will lead to the creation of artwork to display in our parks, at City Hall, at the Library and in our Schools.	4/24/2021 8:32 AM
16	Only if agricultural activities have priority	4/24/2021 8:29 AM
17	Guest speaker series, cooking classes, agricultural classes.	4/24/2021 8:28 AM
18	The example all sound good	4/24/2021 8:27 AM
19	Community oriented programs that would take advantage of the wonderful facilities you have.	4/24/2021 6:41 AM
20	If it helps bring in money yes! Cooking, dancing, wine tasting from local vintners....	4/23/2021 7:13 PM
21	Love this idea but not always on the weekends please! Also the acoustics are terrible in the arena. Is there a way to improve that?	4/23/2021 11:51 AM
22	cooking, gardening, basic house hold repairs and maintenance	4/22/2021 4:00 PM
23	Youth programs, dance lessons, livestock clinics	4/22/2021 3:13 PM
24	All of the above	4/22/2021 12:45 PM
25	Stage theater	4/22/2021 11:07 AM
26	Love the idea of country dance classes! Maybe even some local vets would be available to do a lecture series for horse folks in the area.	4/22/2021 10:51 AM
27	Youth programs	4/22/2021 10:39 AM
28	Anything!	4/22/2021 9:08 AM

29	Live music concerts with teenagers, choir concerts	4/21/2021 2:14 AM
30	Equestrian activities- like the trail ride you recently had!	4/20/2021 8:11 PM
31	Dancing would be fun! More riding events	4/20/2021 8:05 PM
32	Guest speakers, cooking classes, wine tasting...	4/20/2021 7:08 PM
33	Ok	4/20/2021 6:47 PM
34	Debunking Conspiracy Theories, Social Distancing Practice, Driver Education	4/20/2021 5:18 PM
35	Only if it doesn't interfere with horse activities	4/20/2021 4:36 PM
36	As long as it does not interfere with horse-related activities; guest speakers on horsemanship, horse first aid, horse anatomy, equine veterinarian speakers	4/20/2021 4:29 PM
37	Swing Dancing class, youth programs, Skate Boarding events / demo's	4/20/2021 3:53 PM
38	Nature photography	4/20/2021 3:16 PM
39	Cooking classes	4/20/2021 2:58 PM
40	Native plant and birding tours.	4/20/2021 2:11 PM
41	I would like to see the park have fund raisers and/or fiars that would buffer the need for park fees and improvents	4/20/2021 1:25 PM
42	Cooking and dance	4/20/2021 1:09 PM
43	Youth programs, cooking, more horse shows	4/20/2021 12:46 PM
44	all of those	4/20/2021 12:42 PM
45	youth equestrian programs	4/20/2021 12:41 PM
46	Youth oriented clubs and skill development would be fun	4/20/2021 12:36 PM
47	cooking classes	4/20/2021 12:26 PM
48	Cooking classes and dancing would be amazing	4/20/2021 10:49 AM
49	Square dancing; country line dancing	4/20/2021 10:12 AM
50	Youth programs	4/20/2021 8:52 AM
51	No	4/19/2021 4:03 PM
52	Haunted trail ride and other Halloween events	4/17/2021 12:32 PM
53	Dance classes would be fabulous!	4/17/2021 12:16 PM
54	All above	4/17/2021 10:19 AM
55	Yes, all those listed	4/16/2021 5:22 PM
56	Cooking similar to what Central Market can do.	4/16/2021 4:50 PM
57	Cooking, Dancing, Retirement Planning, Language Classes (French, Spanish)	4/16/2021 3:46 PM
58	Youth programs	4/16/2021 1:55 PM
59	Country line dance class, youth programs, Food truck gatherings on occasion.	4/16/2021 12:00 PM
60	nature related educational classes/hikes	4/16/2021 11:27 AM
61	Outdoor related topics	4/16/2021 10:45 AM
62	Dancing!!!!!!!	4/16/2021 9:29 AM
63	Country dancing	4/16/2021 8:27 AM
64	Dancing	4/16/2021 8:23 AM
65	Cooking and dancing would be fun!	4/15/2021 10:30 PM

66	Computer/technology classes for seniors.	4/15/2021 10:21 PM
67	Dancing, Kids summer camp,	4/15/2021 8:21 PM
68	Line dancing sounds awesome! So does the cooking class or anything craft/creative related.	4/15/2021 8:02 PM
69	Garden workshops	4/15/2021 7:09 PM
70	youth programs, guest speaker series	4/15/2021 6:43 PM
71	senore line dancing, youth fishing	4/15/2021 6:30 PM
72	Cooking/ dancing/	4/15/2021 6:22 PM
73	outdoor theatrical performances; night sky regulations; minicamps for kids over holidays; songwriters/music performances; campfire activities	4/15/2021 4:46 PM

### Q6 Would you support a welcome station at the entrance for information, RV/Camping reservations, and day use fee collection?

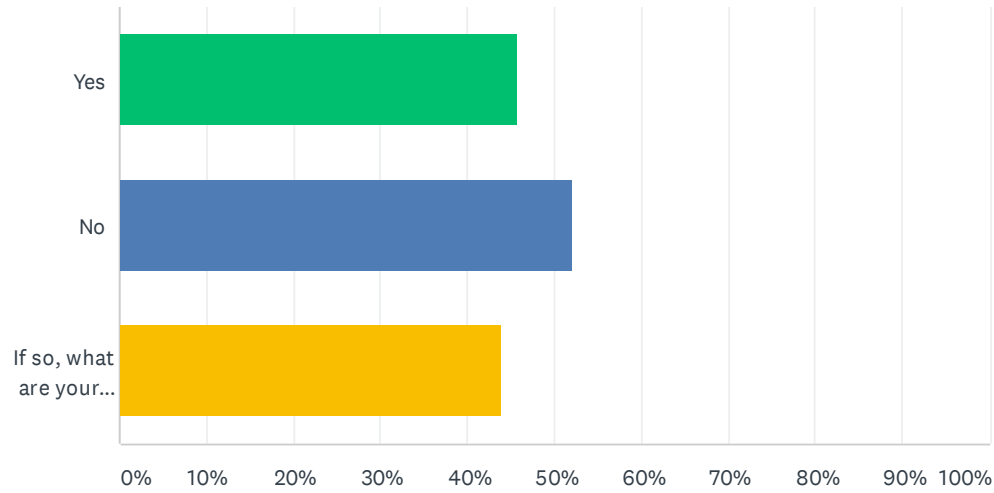
Answered: 283 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	51.59% 146
No	48.41% 137
TOTAL	283

### Q7 Do you have any concerns over shared trail use (Hikers/Mountain Biking/Horseback Riding)?

Answered: 294 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	45.92%	135
No	52.04%	153
If so, what are your concerns? (please specify)	43.88%	129
Total Respondents: 294		

#	IF SO, WHAT ARE YOUR CONCERNS? (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Non horse people running up on horses is a disaster in the making.	4/26/2021 7:00 PM
2	Ensure special and reoccurring events are posted on the park website	4/26/2021 12:27 PM
3	Walkers/runners are at a disadvantage compared to bikes. Horses can be a bit spooked by bikes, walkers/runners. Best to have separate trails for horses, bikes, runners/walkers	4/24/2021 9:18 PM
4	Mountain biking on their own trails	4/24/2021 8:02 PM
5	clearly marked right-of-way signage - directional use guidelines (similar to Sunset Valley trails)	4/24/2021 6:06 PM
6	Bikers, horses don't mix.	4/24/2021 3:53 PM
7	Some bikes are afraid of horses.	4/24/2021 3:27 PM
8	Bikers do not always alert me to their imminent arrival behind me and I do not hear them so I need them to honk a horn or something to alert me. Scary sometimes.	4/24/2021 11:19 AM
9	Mountain bikers currently are riding dangerous and being aggressive to other users...trying to spook horses, near misses with children	4/24/2021 9:56 AM
10	Could you have designated areas	4/24/2021 9:35 AM
11	Trails were not originally desired for multi user use. Corners are blind, etc.. Not allowed most parks for a reason.	4/24/2021 8:29 AM
12	Bikes and horses don't mix well. Seems like there could be more trails and then designate them.	4/24/2021 8:27 AM
13	Safety	4/24/2021 7:52 AM
14	Bikes and horses interactions.	4/24/2021 6:41 AM
15	Courtesy of bike riders to equine riders	4/23/2021 8:55 PM
16	I think mountain bikers, hikers and horseback riders can all work together on these community paths and be cooperative with each other.	4/23/2021 8:27 PM
17	Might be dangerous to equine riders	4/23/2021 8:01 PM

18	Bikers do not know or abide by the rules.	4/23/2021 7:57 PM
19	mountain bikers do not understand horses and creep up on them and scare them.... very dangerous! Hikers are probably OK.	4/23/2021 7:13 PM
20	Mountain bikes (due to speed) can spook horses.	4/23/2021 11:51 AM
21	Bikes and Horses don't mingle well	4/23/2021 8:22 AM
22	Too much heavy weight on fragile trails.	4/22/2021 9:01 PM
23	Horseback and mountain bike don't work	4/22/2021 4:00 PM
24	Anything sharing a path with equine can be dangerous if proper lines of sight/direction of use is not in place.	4/22/2021 3:13 PM
25	Make sure signs posted to make sure people are aware of horse precautions/safety.	4/22/2021 12:33 PM
26	There should be equine only trails. At least days reserved for equines only	4/22/2021 12:24 PM
27	Trails and rules need to be clearly marked and respected for it to work out !	4/22/2021 12:23 PM
28	Bikes scaring horses.. Have an equine only trail to prevent accidents	4/22/2021 11:59 AM
29	Many bikers are unaware of safety protocols and how to ride safely w horses	4/22/2021 11:07 AM
30	In general, no but sometimes bikers aren't great about giving way to horses which can be dangerous.	4/22/2021 11:02 AM
31	Collisions, horses spooking, etc. Horses Nd people on the ground is probably fine but anything more makes it much more accident prone	4/22/2021 11:02 AM
32	Hopefully all trail users know to yield right of way to horses when on the tail.	4/22/2021 11:01 AM
33	I no longer trail ride at DSRP due to bikes. I don't feel safe on the trails. People walking are okay - they are slow and if their dog is on a lease I'm even okay with that. However bikes are faster and often the riders are not looking up (due to needing to see the terrain of course) and they come up on horses too quickly. My horse spooked badly from a incident like this and that's why I won't ride the trails. The biker was apologetic and very nice, but I'm just not confident in that situation.	4/22/2021 10:51 AM
34	Separate mountain bike and horse trails	4/22/2021 10:39 AM
35	People don't give horses the right of way and the dogs creating problems.	4/22/2021 10:24 AM
36	Needs to be separate for safety reasons	4/22/2021 9:38 AM
37	horses being startled by mountain bikers. Maybe "slow down" signs for blind corners or over hilltops.	4/22/2021 9:26 AM
38	Bikers on trails are the reason I don't have a membership	4/22/2021 9:12 AM
39	would be nice to have separate trails, some designated just for horses and some just for mountain bikes	4/22/2021 9:07 AM
40	Mountain bikes tear up the trails and interfere with hikers, joggers, and equestrians	4/22/2021 8:59 AM
41	Individuals understanding rules of the trail	4/22/2021 8:37 AM
42	I would like to see all three groups given access and not be restricted from the trails as it is presently. The rules for yielding to others on the trail are established and work well as is.	4/21/2021 9:12 AM
43	Mountain Biking and Horseback riding might be a dangerous combo. Seperate hours/days but shared trails maybe?	4/20/2021 11:53 PM
44	Bikes and horses on high volume bike days	4/20/2021 9:15 PM
45	Lots of bike trails and places to ride bikes but very few for horses	4/20/2021 8:24 PM
46	The bikers aren't always considerate of horses. A horse can spook easily when run upon by bikers. Especially in narrow trails with lots of vegetation that obstructs everyone's vision. Bikers like to go at high speeds which adds to the level of risk of an accident.	4/20/2021 8:11 PM



47	Hikers okay but mountain bikes and horses don't mix and they tend not to be respectful of horseback riders	4/20/2021 8:05 PM
48	The horses are tearing up the trails, none of the horseback riders get out there and help maintain the trails but the mountain bike groups do they all work out there.	4/20/2021 8:04 PM
49	Mountain bikes can be a challenge for everyone else. The kids controlled events are find, but riders without rules can be awful.	4/20/2021 7:08 PM
50	Risking my life and my horses by having both on the trails	4/20/2021 5:59 PM
51	Guidelines for etiquette ( notifying each other as to incoming rider or bikes)	4/20/2021 5:59 PM
52	As long as maintained	4/20/2021 5:51 PM
53	mountain,bikers need to be better educated on how to behave around horses . earbuds in and not looking up and riding right up on the back of a horse is going to get someone hurt. they need to be aware they have to yield to horses . loose dogs are another concern around the horses.s	4/20/2021 5:38 PM
54	It can be difficult as a Hiker and an Equestrian to share trails with Mountain Bikes due to speed and lack of warning	4/20/2021 5:31 PM
55	No, plenty of examples in Austin and elsewhere of shared trail usage that works. Yes, Safety & Sustainability: ANY trail usage during wet weather ruins the trails, especially the weight of a horse. Hand built trails with no paid maintenance or help take tons of work and time to repair. Wet weather signage is a must. Posting more trail etiquette signs will help.	4/20/2021 5:28 PM
56	We have experienced many dogs off leash around our horses which isn't a good mix. My horse is not reactive but the dogs are and have tried to "herd" my horse and I'm always so worried that he will get tired of it and kick at them. It seems as though a lot of the dog owners do not have adequate control over their animals and some are offleash altogether and thus have zero control.	4/20/2021 5:22 PM
57	Keep bikes and horses off of the trails. Walking humans and wildlife only.	4/20/2021 5:18 PM
58	Equine attitudes of superiority. The original horse trails were all of maybe a mile. The equine community has done nothing to improve the trails but have taken over all trails built by the Mountain Bike community. This community has grown past the equine only mentality and RP needs to grow with it.	4/20/2021 5:14 PM
59	There are limited equine only options and shared use trails present a safety hazard to equines and their riders.	4/20/2021 5:07 PM
60	Trails should be separate	4/20/2021 5:04 PM
61	The mountain bikes scare the horses and people need to keep their dogs on leashes as the dogs run at the horses when on the trail	4/20/2021 5:03 PM
62	If horses have to share the trails with hikers and mountain bikers, the others inevitably take more time and opportunities from the horseback riders.	4/20/2021 5:03 PM
63	Horses and bikers don't mix	4/20/2021 5:01 PM
64	Very dangerous to combine biking particularly with equine sports	4/20/2021 5:01 PM
65	Bikes and horses should never share trails. There are many hike and bike trails but only a few places to ride your horse.	4/20/2021 4:36 PM
66	Bikes need to be elsewhere as the spook horses and rut the trails. There are plenty of places to hike and bike but not many to ride your horse.	4/20/2021 4:29 PM
67	There should be no days that mountain biking is not allowed on trails. Mountain bikers do a majority of the maintenance on the trails.	4/20/2021 4:10 PM
68	States all over the country have multi use trails within parks and have no problems. You can't have a city run facility cater to primarily one group just beacuse of old school mentalities. It is possible to have certain trails designated to horses only or bikers/hikers only and to also have trails that don't have blind curves, etc. used by all. I hike Colorado trails multiple times a year and encounter bikers and horsemen with no problems. There needs to be appropriate signage on every trail and trail maps available that everyone can access on their phones or at the	4/20/2021 3:27 PM

welcome station showing which trails are used for what and what trails are multi use so all participants can be aware that they may encounter a horse and rider or a family hiking or a mountain bike.

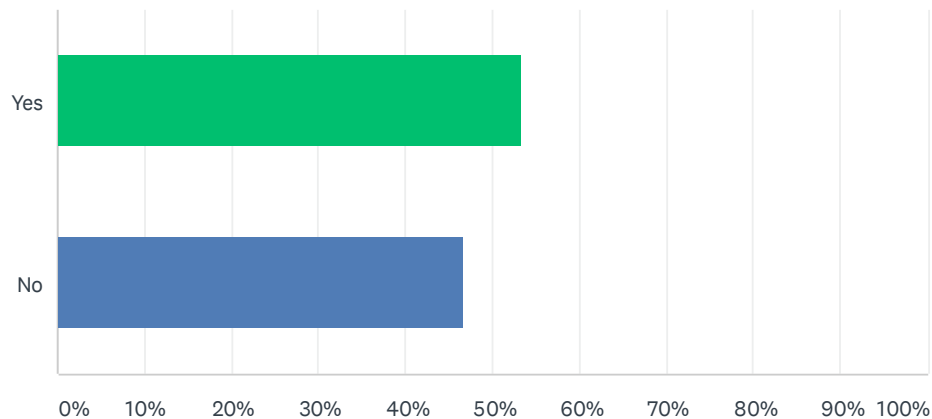
69	Would be good to post hours that specific groups use the trails so there's awareness of busy times.	4/20/2021 3:16 PM
70	Wear and tear: equestrians contribute NO help with trail maintenance!	4/20/2021 2:11 PM
71	Yes it is always a concern proper etiquette is followed between bikers and equestrians. All should have understanding and respect for each other activities.	4/20/2021 1:25 PM
72	Making some or all sections of trail one-way would be nice and possibly reduce risks of accidents.	4/20/2021 1:23 PM
73	The horses like to ride the mountain bike trails when it is wet and it messes up the trails	4/20/2021 1:09 PM
74	Public lands are hard to come by and must be shared. I don't think park personnel have a handle on who the trail users are, frequency some folks use the trail (almost daily for several) or the breakdown on numbers amongst the different groups. If assigning access days amongst users, it should be proportional to the number of users for each group.	4/20/2021 1:00 PM
75	Ideally it would be nice to have separate equine trails. Bikers and hikers are used to sharing trails.	4/20/2021 12:48 PM
76	My concern is the City's decision to charge the people that bully the trails to use them and then attempt to run them off in favor of equestrian users is grossly unfair and will tarnish the City's ability to recruit volunteers in the future.	4/20/2021 12:47 PM
77	Bikes scare horses	4/20/2021 12:46 PM
78	although RP was equine at its start, it has grown and other groups have done the growing and the work involved in it. Equine should create and keep their own trails separately	4/20/2021 12:42 PM
79	mountian bikers are aggressive and unsafe around equestrians	4/20/2021 12:41 PM
80	if the trails are shared, directional guidelines should be there for safety	4/20/2021 12:26 PM
81	Yes, bikers can ride super fast and scare the horses. The trails for horses and bikers/hikers should be kept separate	4/20/2021 11:36 AM
82	The fact that horseback riders have to pay and mountain bikers don't.	4/20/2021 11:17 AM
83	very dangerous to have shared trails- I do not support the mountain bikers using the trails	4/20/2021 11:14 AM
84	Everyone needs to understand trail edecate	4/20/2021 11:08 AM
85	Mountain bikers don't respect the natural fears of horses and safety of riders. They often ride off trail.	4/20/2021 10:56 AM
86	Mountain Bikers have caused mass chaos. They are rude and unruly and act as if they own the park. I was attempting to load my very young horse onto a trailer by the roping arena when the mountain bikers began climbing the wire fence and hollering. They began to race around the grass lot and flipped me off when I asked them to get off of the fence.	4/20/2021 10:49 AM
87	A lot of horses see bikes as scary objects. Need to Educate writers to acknowledge horses ears so that both can enjoy the trail	4/20/2021 10:47 AM
88	Dangerous - bikers don't pay attention and are very loud. They ride with their heads down and come up straight behind you. They also have headphones and don't hear you asking them to stop. People don't use the trails anymore because of them.	4/20/2021 10:44 AM
89	The bikers pose a serious threat on the trail. They speed up and come almost silently and it spooks horses. Even horses who are not scared of bikes can be reactive. They wear headphones and come up right behind horses. I know many guests who no longer use the trails due to the bikers. There are also a million trails that have been created that they are not maintaining and it makes the trail very confusing. We have too many riders who are riding young horses, have young children, or ride alone to have the bikers be as uneducated about safety and awareness as they are. Also- they never check in so they are not paying the same fees as the horse people so they are not supporting the facility. I have MANY concerns about	4/20/2021 10:20 AM

	them sharing the trails...especially because this is supposed to be a primarily equine and ag center.	
90	Safety of users doing radically different activities	4/20/2021 10:12 AM
91	Mountain biking degrades the trails and scare horses. Please do not allow biking.	4/20/2021 10:07 AM
92	Absolutely!!!! There is a serious danger when horses and bikers are using the same trails. The bikers do not pay attention to the horses and they come up very fast. They have created their own trails and do not help maintain the park. I've had multiple occasions where I have asked them to slow down and they don't yield to horses.	4/20/2021 9:54 AM
93	Yes specifically for horses and anything motorized- horses and bikes can coexist but horses and anything motirized (dirt bikes etc) travel at two very different speeds and one not expecting the other to be on the trail, even if both are allowed, can lead to accidents	4/20/2021 9:33 AM
94	Safety	4/20/2021 9:16 AM
95	Bikes and horses will often conflict creating dangerous situation for riders. Bikers need to be warned of such issues.	4/20/2021 9:05 AM
96	The mix is always a bit dangerous	4/20/2021 8:52 AM
97	Bikes can spook the horses, so it's safer when there are no bikes on the trails with the horses.	4/20/2021 8:47 AM
98	Bikes tend to take over trails	4/19/2021 7:21 PM
99	Biking sometimes feels hazardous to hikers/walkers	4/18/2021 3:00 PM
100	There needs to be one way traffic flow on the trail.	4/17/2021 12:32 PM
101	Safety for walker joggers given high speed of cyclists	4/16/2021 10:45 PM
102	Horses can get scared with mountain bikers and for mountain bikers its gross and dangerous to ride over horse feces. We pick up after our dogs but there is always horse feces on the trail.	4/16/2021 3:46 PM
103	Mountain bikers are inconsiderate of horseback riders	4/16/2021 1:55 PM
104	Since the mountain bike club installed and maintains the trails, maybe they should have priority usage	4/16/2021 11:27 AM
105	Shared Use trails are dangerous for all parties	4/16/2021 10:45 AM
106	As long as bikers are aware and cautious with those on horseback, we should be able to exist peacefully. I have not personally had any issues with bikers but I don't ever want to see the trails become so crowded with bikes that those on horseback can no longer enjoy them.	4/16/2021 10:03 AM
107	Mostly with how mountain bikers interact with horses and riders	4/16/2021 8:47 AM
108	Bikers scaring horses	4/16/2021 8:27 AM
109	The bikers do not know horses have right of way.	4/16/2021 8:23 AM
110	SOOOO dangerous horses + bicyclists that completely disregard that horses have their own brain	4/15/2021 10:30 PM
111	Would like to have dedicated walking/running only trails.	4/15/2021 10:21 PM
112	Horse trails should be only that with possibly an exception for hikers. Cyclist should only be allowed on cycling/mountain bike trails or in a different park. Bikes and horses on the same trail is asking for an accident.	4/15/2021 10:09 PM
113	Bikers and horses should never share trails. Bikers should pay to help maintain trails like horses if they are using them. Bikers should also be held accountable for understanding being around horses kicking spooking etc	4/15/2021 9:46 PM
114	danger of bikes and horses getting spooked using the same path (bad idea)	4/15/2021 9:21 PM
115	Horse back trails separate from hiking/biking	4/15/2021 8:21 PM
116	Horses and mountain bikes seem dangerous together	4/15/2021 8:05 PM
117	Certain trail or certain times for specific activities. This would better insure safety on the trails.	4/15/2021 7:58 PM

118	Bikes & horses; speed of bikes	4/15/2021 7:30 PM
119	Horses are prey animals and easily frightened by things perceived as predators. This endangers horses and riders of both	4/15/2021 7:14 PM
120	Safety	4/15/2021 6:51 PM
121	Horses and bikes and strollers do not mix!	4/15/2021 6:42 PM
122	Horses being startled causing accidents.	4/15/2021 6:37 PM
123	An easy, family-friendly trail would be nice	4/15/2021 6:31 PM
124	Almost died when mountain bikes ran into my horse coming down a hill and not paying attention on his bike	4/15/2021 6:29 PM
125	It's very dangerous with mountain bikes being unsafe on the trails with horses.	4/15/2021 6:26 PM
126	Bikers are not careful, it's not safe for horses to be with high speed bike riders. Hikers ok!	4/15/2021 6:22 PM
127	It is very dangerous for all parties.	4/15/2021 4:04 PM
128	safety	4/15/2021 3:19 PM
129	Bikes frighten horses. Bikes chase walkers and runners off of trails. Need separate trails or times for each use.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM

### Q8 Would you be in support of Trail Use Guidelines such as a schedule that assigns specific trail user groups to certain days, or directional use for different users groups?

Answered: 285 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	53.33% 152
No	46.67% 133
TOTAL	285

### Q9 What amenities would you like to see IMPROVED and/or ADDED to the Park, and why?

Answered: 179 Skipped: 121

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Added security measures and cameras; More law enforcement drive bys	4/26/2021 12:27 PM
2	Running trail	4/25/2021 7:04 PM
3	Better playground. More younger kids activities	4/25/2021 12:07 PM
4	The road to the back outdoor arena need to be fixed. The playground needs to be larger. There needs to be picnic tables grouped in different places around the park. That huge mountain of dirt needs to be removed. The park looks like the only area you care about is the late new building. It would be nice if it looked like you cared about the rest of the park and something other than collecting fees from the building usage.	4/25/2021 8:28 AM
5	Off leash dog area	4/24/2021 10:47 PM
6	Additional parking for large events.	4/24/2021 9:18 PM
7	Public restrooms. Directional trail signage.	4/24/2021 8:41 PM
8	Dog dock diving facilities & competitions, dog agility trials	4/24/2021 8:02 PM
9	Fishing	4/24/2021 7:47 PM
10	trail markers, distances, signage	4/24/2021 6:06 PM
11	Fishing	4/24/2021 6:01 PM
12	Yoga for seniors, senior activities like sewing, knitting clubs.	4/24/2021 5:54 PM
13	Tree planting.	4/24/2021 3:53 PM
14	Family tent camp ground where you back your car in not RV. Would be great family fun.	4/24/2021 2:00 PM
15	Expansion of the children's park. Can a splash pad be added?	4/24/2021 12:49 PM
16	Better trail markers, better trail maps, dog poo stations	4/24/2021 11:25 AM
17	A field guide to the wildflowers	4/24/2021 11:19 AM
18	More walking trails.	4/24/2021 10:58 AM
19	Parking	4/24/2021 10:07 AM
20	Pool, reduced mountain bike sugar, add agricultural area to teach farming, larger playground, more camps for children, even overnight, lodges to rent	4/24/2021 9:56 AM
21	Add more picnic areas and Pavillion for outdoor education	4/24/2021 9:35 AM
22	Use more space for musical concerts, as part of the DS Songwriters Festival AND as needed throughout the year to draw Big Name talents to this town. Why? Because not much of this sort of thing has happened yet, since the park was first opened!	4/24/2021 8:32 AM
23	I would love to see more ventilation. It's such a great facility. But it's so blasted hot in there!	4/23/2021 8:01 PM
24	More trails added.	4/23/2021 7:57 PM
25	I'd like to see permanent "obstacles" for horse training. Improved trails for horses.	4/23/2021 7:13 PM
26	Bigger pond stocked with multiple species of fish	4/23/2021 1:11 PM
27	better acoustics in the arena	4/23/2021 11:51 AM
28	easier trail access	4/23/2021 8:22 AM
29	Dog park; wider trails; more trails	4/22/2021 9:50 PM
30	Park amenities are nice in my opinion	4/22/2021 9:21 PM
31	Information Signs for directions on trail.	4/22/2021 9:01 PM
32	Horse poop pickup. Composting. Paddle boat rental on pond. Camping area.	4/22/2021 8:07 PM
33	Shade by the pond	4/22/2021 8:06 PM

34	Showers, better entrance, ability to keep potential loose horses from running into the highway	4/22/2021 6:11 PM
35	Outer parking (dirt space) improved. Make the flow of driving through and out/in that space better defined to avoid issues with trailers during dark times or rainy times.	4/22/2021 3:13 PM
36	More stalls. More warm up. 2 show pens	4/22/2021 2:50 PM
37	Add camping on a limited basis	4/22/2021 1:29 PM
38	Would be awesome to connect the bike trails up with the new park down the creek.	4/22/2021 12:55 PM
39	Need more dedicated outlets in the arena area next to the banquet hall.	4/22/2021 12:43 PM
40	Sound system updated and improved ,more youth stock shows and rodeo type events	4/22/2021 12:37 PM
41	Horse obstacle course	4/22/2021 12:33 PM
42	Better footing in arena	4/22/2021 12:29 PM
43	Biking vs horseback riding trail management	4/22/2021 12:23 PM
44	Covered outdoor arena	4/22/2021 12:07 PM
45	Equine only trails	4/22/2021 11:59 AM
46	Roundpens for horses and outside jogging track	4/22/2021 11:07 AM
47	If you could fix the ventilation so it isn't approximately 1 million degrees inside in summer that would be great.	4/22/2021 11:02 AM
48	A cross country course for horses would be AMAZING I would go to the park all the time and it would be incredible to have competitions hosted there	4/22/2021 11:02 AM
49	More parking! Cover the arena way in the back by the house.	4/22/2021 10:51 AM
50	Playground	4/22/2021 10:39 AM
51	Sound system, heating cooling	4/22/2021 9:55 AM
52	None	4/22/2021 9:51 AM
53	Sounds system. Need a lot of improvements.	4/22/2021 9:43 AM
54	More horse show amenities, second show ring, etc.	4/22/2021 9:41 AM
55	Sound system, more parking, WIFI for events	4/22/2021 9:38 AM
56	Sound system in main Barn is terrible!	4/22/2021 9:36 AM
57	a gate/ exit from wash rack out to parking lot, so you don't have to go back through arena area to get out	4/22/2021 9:07 AM
58	RV hookups with small corrals so horses could be kept close to camp site	4/22/2021 8:59 AM
59	Love the walking trails and riding bikes	4/21/2021 10:06 AM
60	More trails	4/21/2021 9:12 AM
61	More Mnt bike trails, BMX track, and pump tack.	4/21/2021 7:13 AM
62	Support special ed students	4/21/2021 2:14 AM
63	See above: cros country jumps/obstacles	4/20/2021 11:53 PM
64	Disc Golf	4/20/2021 9:02 PM
65	More RV hook ups and more paved parking	4/20/2021 8:24 PM
66	It would thrill me for the park to be just for equestrians and walkers. I believe it would be safer.	4/20/2021 8:11 PM
67	Cross Country jumps and trail obstacles	4/20/2021 8:05 PM
68	Some branch trimming would be useful on the trails	4/20/2021 7:58 PM
69	Better, cooler airflow inside in summer.	4/20/2021 7:08 PM

70	More trails	4/20/2021 6:38 PM
71	Please keep the trails open to mountain bikes!	4/20/2021 6:29 PM
72	More horse related events	4/20/2021 5:59 PM
73	Always live the equine activities. The park is so good for ag and 4H	4/20/2021 5:51 PM
74	Additional Trails for hiking and Mountain Biking	4/20/2021 5:45 PM
75	covered outside arena / roping complex, trail obstacles for horses, fence complete property, cross country obstacle course. I think we could get people more interested in coming and watching more events	4/20/2021 5:38 PM
76	More Equestrian Programs, land conservation education, horse trials	4/20/2021 5:31 PM
77	Designated parking for groups. Online map and parking maps on Ranch Park site. Crosswalk up top next to entrance where trail crosses road. Sign at top crosswalk/entrance: Slow Down & Events (practice, race, horse, birding, etc...) Restrooms with water fountain down below next to practice arena. Better way finding to help during events.	4/20/2021 5:28 PM
78	The trail obstacle course sounds amazing BUT we love the field in front of the facility for galloping, so please don't put it there ;-)	4/20/2021 5:22 PM
79	Cross country course	4/20/2021 5:17 PM
80	I would only approve of the directional usage if the equine community were to stay on their original trail. Horses destroy trails and they have done no maintenance at all. RP has not done maintenance in years due to the MBT doing it all for you. There are awards and newspaper articles to prove it. What RP is trying to do now is rude and scandalous.	4/20/2021 5:14 PM
81	Equestrian only trails	4/20/2021 5:07 PM
82	Trail obstacle course, cross country course, more trail mileage, food trucks at horse shows	4/20/2021 5:03 PM
83	Flags for cutting and cow horse training.	4/20/2021 5:03 PM
84	Trail course set up outside for use. Cover outdoor arena. Get a cutting cow flag for us to use	4/20/2021 5:01 PM
85	Improved equine use trails	4/20/2021 5:01 PM
86	Cover outdoor arena. Buy a cow cutter flag.	4/20/2021 4:36 PM
87	Cover the outdoor arena, better grooming of horse trails (specifically levelling trails where bikes have rutted them), purchase a CowCutter flag for member use or rental.	4/20/2021 4:29 PM
88	BMX/Mountain bike pump track and skills park	4/20/2021 4:10 PM
89	Bathrooms and clean drinking water	4/20/2021 3:36 PM
90	Trail improvement, added picnic tables in different areas on trails, a restroom within the park that's not in the building.	4/20/2021 3:27 PM
91	Outdoor water fountains / rest room access.	4/20/2021 3:16 PM
92	Better trail markers, signs explaining how to yield on the trail.	4/20/2021 2:58 PM
93	Better signage for EQUESTRIANS about trail etiquette, direction, and specific trails for mixed use. Equestrians are the heaviest impact and should communicate better when using trails, such as setting out cones or flags at trailheads alerting bikers of horses on the trail.	4/20/2021 2:11 PM
94	skate park like at House Park Austin, flow trail or pump track	4/20/2021 1:25 PM
95	bicycle pump track, skate park	4/20/2021 1:23 PM
96	A pool because that would be awesome	4/20/2021 1:09 PM
97	more trails and riding for bikes, hiking and mountain biking	4/20/2021 1:00 PM
98	Designated event parking, skills area for horses and bikes.	4/20/2021 1:00 PM
99	More fencing around park. More landscaping. Guard house to maintain property and arena. Covered arena would be great.	4/20/2021 12:46 PM

100	Outdoor arenas, one for showing & one for schooling/practice. Watering system for arena. The dust gets bad when several horses are in it.	4/20/2021 12:44 PM
101	more outdoor waste bins available to help us pick up any trash we see on the trails	4/20/2021 12:42 PM
102	more outside hang out areas for families and teenagers, there is nowhere in DS for teenagers	4/20/2021 12:42 PM
103	air conditioned expansion	4/20/2021 12:41 PM
104	More portable toilets please :- ) and maybe better directional signs on trail	4/20/2021 12:36 PM
105	Natural looking (think big boulders, etc) climbing playstructure type area for kids to run, jump, climb. Bit not focused on just young kids and not just an average playscape. Fishing opportunities.	4/20/2021 12:36 PM
106	Keep the mountain bike trails maintained and accessible.	4/20/2021 12:30 PM
107	Restrooms further out., Volunteer days.	4/20/2021 12:30 PM
108	Mountain bike trails lengthened	4/20/2021 12:24 PM
109	More multi-use trails, mountain bike skills park, pump track	4/20/2021 12:22 PM
110	Covered outdoor area - in need of an outdoor space for a more professional and established ranch park.	4/20/2021 11:36 AM
111	Another covered arena, climate control the expansion, climate control the entire facility?, pull through RV sites set in nature with grills, actual defined and labeled campsites, bathhouse for camping, fishing in the pond, space to store equipment, outdoor classroom, fencing around the property, Welcome Station, Ticket/Show Office in bay 1 of vendor hall	4/20/2021 11:29 AM
112	Fencing around the outside so if a animal gets loose and a guard gate so all bikers have to pay their fees	4/20/2021 11:14 AM
113	I would love to see some cross country obstacles added to the trails	4/20/2021 11:13 AM
114	Improvements on the lake/pond	4/20/2021 11:08 AM
115	Cross country jumps or a jumping field for horse but I can see it being abused by the mountain bikers.	4/20/2021 10:56 AM
116	Trails need to be improved. There are not enough widened trails for multi person walking or horseback riding. I would also like to suggest human/dog water stations on trail entrances/exits. The only source of water at the moment is the pop up sink near the ranch house. These Texas summers are getting hotter and hotter!!	4/20/2021 10:49 AM
117	Covered outdoor arena. Fencing around the perimeter and a guard gate.	4/20/2021 10:44 AM
118	BMX Track - there are no options in the area for BMX biking - this is something many kids and adults would enjoy - currently the only options are in Central and far North Austin	4/20/2021 10:24 AM
119	I would love to see the area behind the pond have a cross country or trail obstacle course. There are only a few places in Texas and it would bring in so many people to the facility and get horse people from all disciplines. Also- I would like the outdoor arena to be covered because if they have an event in the indoor arena or the whole facility it is the only arena to ride in and when it is wet it can't be used. Ideally, they would redo all the fencing and panels and cover it and put in better footing.	4/20/2021 10:20 AM
120	upkeep to trails after hard rains	4/20/2021 10:01 AM
121	Covered outdoor arena. Better outdoor arena footing. Trail obstacles in the area past the pond.	4/20/2021 9:54 AM
122	Adding more riding space to the main upper area of the park would be great	4/20/2021 9:33 AM
123	Better signage please. I've been there multiple times and have a hard time finding the trails.	4/20/2021 9:16 AM
124	Expansion of horse clean-up areas. By Sunday they were overflowing which limited our ability to clean our stalls properly.	4/20/2021 9:05 AM
125	Another outdoor arena close to the main arena. This would allow for an expanded show schedule.	4/20/2021 8:52 AM



126	Vending machines would be nice to have. Often I am working a show and the concession is not open. Would be nice to have a soda machine available.	4/20/2021 8:47 AM
127	Climate control the small arena for heat/possibly air conditioning	4/19/2021 3:02 PM
128	Better marked trails. Hard to tell where the trails are now and at some places you are not sure if you are supposed to be there or if it is private property	4/19/2021 9:36 AM
129	Specifically, we would love to have the small arena climate controlled. We are doing dog agility there both in February and September and those are sometimes bad weather conditions for both dogs and handlers.	4/19/2021 8:51 AM
130	Play ground	4/18/2021 9:23 PM
131	Improved: Playscape	4/18/2021 3:00 PM
132	Add some form of aeration for the pond and stock it with sunfish and bass. We could then have a strictly catch and release fishing area for the kids.	4/18/2021 9:29 AM
133	Park Rangers, guided hikes	4/17/2021 12:32 PM
134	Restrooms	4/16/2021 5:22 PM
135	The lower field equestrian area needs a lot of sprucing up. It wouldn't cost all that much and would go a long way to making this a real equestrian destination. Honestly, of this entire survey that would be the area money would be best spent. Make us proud, people.	4/16/2021 4:50 PM
136	More trails would be great for hiking and mountain biking.	4/16/2021 3:46 PM
137	More covered arena space	4/16/2021 1:55 PM
138	Permanent pond that's not wet weather dependent. Fishing opp for children.	4/16/2021 12:00 PM
139	More fans/portacools in the arena and above the stalls it gets very hot in the summer	4/16/2021 11:54 AM
140	Expansion of tent camping	4/16/2021 11:27 AM
141	Fishing area with a dock	4/16/2021 11:23 AM
142	Trails, Fishing Pond, Picnic Areas	4/16/2021 10:45 AM
143	The indoor arena is always impeccably kept. However, the outdoor arena is often no drug or cared for and it seems the rebuilding of the round pen has taken entirely too long.	4/16/2021 10:03 AM
144	grandstands, small animal barns	4/16/2021 9:42 AM
145	ADD a dog park! We are in desperate need of one. I started a facebook page for dog owners to gather and meet up. We just don't have anywhere to go that is large enough. Look at Dogs of Dripping. I know the community has been asking for this for a very long time. This would be a huge value add for our community.	4/16/2021 9:26 AM
146	Improve the dirt in the annex arena. Maybe another outdoor covered arena for use during big horse shows or for member use when the main indoor arena is in use for shows of any type. Some of the existing trails need to be maintained a little better for equine use. Much of the clearing is not at the height a rider would be. A small equine trail course down by the pond would be nice, with a wooden bridge to walk over, some logs to walk, trot, lope over. A gate to practice opening and closing. Maybe a tunnel (like railroad tunnel) that you could ride through as well as over...walkers and mountain bikers could use this as well..	4/16/2021 8:47 AM
147	Better dirt in indoor arena for reining events/ sliding stops	4/16/2021 8:27 AM
148	Wash racks	4/16/2021 8:23 AM
149	Dog park!!! Lights on set schedule/timer again	4/15/2021 10:30 PM
150	Off leash dog park... because our pups need a place to socialize and Bee Cave is far away.	4/15/2021 10:22 PM
151	Dedicated walking trails with rest stops with benches.	4/15/2021 10:21 PM
152	Pro Cutter flag made available for use in arena.	4/15/2021 10:09 PM
153	No bikes	4/15/2021 9:46 PM

154	Equestrian obstacles for practice they are adding these at Garry Park in Georgetown if you need example.	4/15/2021 9:43 PM
155	Paths like the veloway in Austin !!	4/15/2021 9:21 PM
156	A restaurant ! :)	4/15/2021 8:21 PM
157	Cross country equestrian course or schooling area	4/15/2021 8:05 PM
158	Perhaps a more robust park for kids. Pool or water feature of some sort might also be an attraction.	4/15/2021 8:02 PM
159	Hard dirt trailer area vs asphalt	4/15/2021 7:30 PM
160	Picnic area	4/15/2021 7:09 PM
161	Cross Country Course	4/15/2021 6:51 PM
162	More walking trails	4/15/2021 6:43 PM
163	Improved seating that is not bleachers...	4/15/2021 6:42 PM
164	Larger equine events will need more RV spots, more stalls, more parking and more warm up space.	4/15/2021 6:37 PM
165	Park benches, picnic areas, waste baskets, better drainage	4/15/2021 6:31 PM
166	Fishing, Archery	4/15/2021 6:30 PM
167	Better mats for the stalls for the horses comfort	4/15/2021 6:29 PM
168	Horse jumps. Trail obstacles	4/15/2021 6:26 PM
169	Better holding pens for steers, calves to keep at park for horse events at outdoor arena.	4/15/2021 6:26 PM
170	They need another covered full size arena, pull through RV sites with grills and power/water hookups, and education programming.	4/15/2021 6:24 PM
171	A restroom closer to stalls!	4/15/2021 6:22 PM
172	More playground equipment, different trails that are interconnected, picnic tables along trails	4/15/2021 5:30 PM
173	Climate control expansion	4/15/2021 5:10 PM
174	improved camp sites; outdoor stage; more picnic areas; trail connections to adjacent neighborhoods; better maintained trails; cohesive and comprehensive sign system;	4/15/2021 4:46 PM
175	I believe at some point, our beloved Founders Day celebration will outgrow the existing place in and around Mercer street. Perhaps look to expand Founders Day to incorporate Ranch Park.	4/15/2021 4:15 PM
176	Parking improvements or expansion, Gated access after hours of use.	4/15/2021 4:14 PM
177	Expansion Arena needs to be climate controlled. There is a need for a Ticket/Show Office. They desperately need a front gate/attendant to help direct people and collect appropriate fees from all users.	4/15/2021 4:04 PM
178	directional signage, trail signage	4/15/2021 3:19 PM
179	Indoor dust control.	4/15/2021 12:58 PM

## Q10 Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 191

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Security - there are signs that say there are security cameras however there is ample evidence that people access the park after hours without regard for any wrongdoing they may do (like off roading, dumping garbage...)	4/26/2021 12:27 PM

2	My kids love to go explore there. Would love walking and biking trails. Anything family friendly.	4/25/2021 7:04 PM
3	It's a wonderful space. We used it all the time before you built the building. Now it's as if th park land is an afterthought.	4/25/2021 8:28 AM
4	I'd like the huge dirt pile removed from when the pond was dredged	4/24/2021 7:47 PM
5	Regarding the welcome station at entrance, it is confusing to newcomers to not have the entrance be for information & welcome, which it seems designed for, but I am not sure its present use. Perhaps everything is online? Thank you	4/24/2021 6:06 PM
6	Book clubs, walking club, horse shoes, etc.	4/24/2021 5:54 PM
7	A easy access calendar with all indoor and outdoor event to know what is upcoming without having to constantly scroll through the Facebook page to try and find out what's going on.	4/24/2021 2:00 PM
8	I would love to see more activities like craft shows (spring, summer, winter & Fall). Art and antique shows.	4/24/2021 12:49 PM
9	I live in the neighborhood next to the center and have found the trail closed to me several times but it was next to impossible to find anything online about why. I feel like your event advertising needs to be significantly improved.	4/24/2021 11:57 AM
10	I'd like more kids activities with animals	4/24/2021 11:25 AM
11	You do a good job. Thank you.	4/24/2021 11:19 AM
12	Improve the trail system around Dripping Springs. Our community is too car dependent.	4/24/2021 10:58 AM
13	Would like to see more markets, flea markets, etc.	4/24/2021 10:41 AM
14	Keeping events from starting too early/too late is important for the neighborhoods around the park. Also, properly directing traffic so that there isn't a bottleneck in the neighborhood or entrances.	4/24/2021 10:07 AM
15	It would be great to see more events. It's a wonderful facility and is mostly empty currently. Other facilities in the area have been booking events and shows for months. It is such an asset to the community and it is not being fully utilized to its potential.	4/24/2021 10:07 AM
16	I love the serenity of it, and it is perfect the way it is! I love walking and sharing the trails with the horses and mountain bikers	4/24/2021 10:04 AM
17	Expansion is great. During expansion, please be cognizant of noise and the hill country beauty. With the rapid growth, we want to offer additional services while retaining our hill country culture	4/24/2021 9:56 AM
18	We love DSRP and think you have done an amazing job with it	4/24/2021 9:35 AM
19	Your interest in improving services at area parks is deeply appreciated.	4/24/2021 8:32 AM
20	A simple drop box for fees works at other parks.	4/24/2021 8:29 AM
21	No to gun shows	4/24/2021 7:52 AM
22	You have a wonderful facility and staff!	4/24/2021 6:41 AM
23	I would not like a fee involved with this park. We pay for this park with our taxes.	4/23/2021 8:27 PM
24	But it's so blasted hot in there!	4/23/2021 8:01 PM
25	Thank you for all the hard work! Please keep this open for our equine friends!	4/23/2021 7:13 PM
26	thanks for running this facility! so happy we have it in Dripping Springs!	4/23/2021 11:51 AM
27	I am very against the idea of having separate days for separate types of trail users. I think that it is really cool that there are trails available and anything we can do in this day and age to encourage trail use is positive. If there are conflicts that is something that should be managed with clear rules posted. One of the best parts of this park is how accessible it is, which is pretty much unheard of. Please do not take actions to give certain users privileged access to a shared resource.	4/22/2021 9:21 PM
28	I love riding bikes at the park. Super convenient and well maintained trails for the days and	4/22/2021 8:07 PM

times when it just isn't in the plans to make big trips to places like Warda, Reveille Peak, Comfort, etc. Always awesome to have home town trails for multiple uses like hiking, MTB, horse, etc.

29	Would you be in support of Trail Use Guidelines ... Maybe - Depends on what is proposed.	4/22/2021 8:06 PM
30	Need to improve the sound system. Cannot understand when someone is speaking. More outlets in the arena. When there is a cattle show, there is not enough power to run blowers for cattle and goats/lamb.	4/22/2021 12:43 PM
31	The atmosphere at the ranch park is no longer welcoming I am not sure what the change has been however being involved with many very different organizations that have held events at the ranch park this is concerning.	4/22/2021 12:37 PM
32	Would like trails more clearly marked	4/22/2021 11:07 AM
33	Thank you for reaching out to us Dripping folks about this!	4/22/2021 10:51 AM
34	Do NOT decrease the ag based activities. It was built to host ag based events. While other activities are good and encouraged, just don't limit ag based activities.	4/22/2021 10:12 AM
35	So thankful for the Ranch Park	4/22/2021 9:55 AM
36	Would like to see park go back to being user friendly!	4/22/2021 9:43 AM
37	This could be a great horse show facility if you keep up the good work done so far.	4/22/2021 9:41 AM
38	I would like for the park to be more mindful in cost towards non-profit groups that give back to youth of Hays county and Dripping Springs. As I know there are cost to maintain the facility year round, but groups that are all volunteers to raise money to give back need to be supported as much as possible and bare minimum fees charged to those groups.	4/22/2021 9:38 AM
39	Emphatic yes on number 8-- days or directions!	4/22/2021 9:26 AM
40	Keep as natural as possible except more trails and FREE entrance	4/21/2021 10:06 AM
41	Please don't take away our option to mountain bike here. A frisbee golf course would be really cool too.	4/21/2021 8:14 AM
42	Suppor to Special ed students	4/21/2021 2:14 AM
43	I would like to see more equestrian activities like the event you had recently, the 5 card stud event!!!! That was fun and no competitive. Just fun!!!	4/20/2021 8:11 PM
44	Please keep it super horse friendly! :-)	4/20/2021 8:05 PM
45	We horseback riders have few choices close in so development of these trails for riding is loved by all!!!	4/20/2021 5:59 PM
46	Love DSRP. Would be happy to continue having equine events and ag events for kids. Such an important aspect of Texas. Love the wildlife stuff, as well. Ok with multi-use, just want maintained for equine.	4/20/2021 5:51 PM
47	Please do not limit Mountain Biking!	4/20/2021 5:36 PM
48	Clear Communication from Ranch Park online and on site. (example: no link to survey sent to the groups that participated in the Stakeholder input. Survey hard to find on RP site or City site... Pricing to use facilities is too high. Priced the school out of using the venue to host XC State and District meets. Charging to bike at this location will definitely decrease usage on the trails built & maintained for free-horses & hikers aren't maintaining. No way to enforce multiple access points or usage.	4/20/2021 5:28 PM
49	We so appreciate you! I plan to get a membership, just haven't gotten around to it.	4/20/2021 5:22 PM
50	RP has been very narrow minded and selfish to try to only serve the needs of the newly employed who only care about themselves and what they like to do. The MB'ers have always been courteous and respectful of other people and horses, but the reverse has not been done.	4/20/2021 5:14 PM
51	The original property owner's desire was for the Ranch Park to be equine only. Please protect the owner's desire and provide a much needed equine only property.	4/20/2021 5:07 PM
52	Please don't divide the horseback riders' time and access to the arena with other hobbies and	4/20/2021 5:03 PM

sports. There are so few places that we can ride and practice with our horses. When I got the first arena membership, I understood that the facility wouldn't be available when other events are there like the rodeo. But if we must also accommodate mountain bikers, hikers, and culinary artists, there will be fewer and fewer opportunities for horses and their riders.

53	The Ranch Park should remain true to its original purpose. Hike/bike trails abound. Horse trails are harder to find. Please keep this horse focused.	4/20/2021 5:01 PM
54	Yes, there are not many places left to safely ride my horse. There are many places where cyclists can enjoy their sport. Please do not remove this pleasure from equestrians	4/20/2021 5:01 PM
55	Please keep ranch park what it was designed to be, a top notch equestrian center!	4/20/2021 4:36 PM
56	I believe Ranch Park should remain primarily horse use with VERY few exceptions.	4/20/2021 4:29 PM
57	Thanks for supporting the Dripping Springs Mountain Bike Team	4/20/2021 4:10 PM
58	Trail use guidelines absolutely. Directional use, yes. Certain days for certain groups, no.	4/20/2021 3:27 PM
59	Nice to have a small pavilion with a couple picnic tables at the bottom of the road down the back of the main building.	4/20/2021 3:16 PM
60	The DSMTB team created and helps maintain the trail system. They should have the most influence on decisions about trails. Nobody should pay an entrance fee to use the trails!!!!!! Ever!	4/20/2021 2:11 PM
61	It would be a travesty that the park does not garner all the various resources available in the biking, skater, and equestrian communities. I have a vested interest in all. My daughter horse back rides, son skates and mountain bikes, myself a former vet tech for small animals and horses avid bike rider, and my wife's childhood filled with horses and 4H lamb shows. We would want those opportunities to be available for all and support any improvements across the spectrum park could offer but not with exclusions.	4/20/2021 1:25 PM
62	No	4/20/2021 1:09 PM
63	This survey was not well publicized, it is hard to find on the Ranch Park website, why wasn't it prominently featured on the homepage for the park or at a minimum have a link directly off the home page?	4/20/2021 1:00 PM
64	It's not fun to walk or ride through horse manure. They should be required to clean-up or wear a catch bag. I think all walkers should pay fees if other users must.	4/20/2021 12:47 PM
65	No	4/20/2021 12:46 PM
66	More outside groomed areas to hang out.	4/20/2021 12:42 PM
67	I'm apart of the dripping springs mtn biking community and am very thankful for y'all's patience with us and the kids. I hope y'all will continue to support our team by allowing us access to the trails! Many thanks	4/20/2021 12:36 PM
68	We dont want limited days for certain trail use. Instead just have signs posted with safety suggestions for being on the lookout. Perhaps separate horse trails to limit bikes and shoes stepping in manure, however.	4/20/2021 12:36 PM
69	No, it's been a great park so far	4/20/2021 12:24 PM
70	It was very difficult to find this survey as it was not announced on the home page nor on the City of Dripping Springs website as had been mentioned during the last meeting. It seems like it is "hidden" to favor input from certain groups only who are notified where to find it. Essentially, I think this survey should be re-done in a manner that it is easy for everyone to find and complete.	4/20/2021 12:22 PM
71	Love what y'all do!	4/20/2021 11:36 AM
72	Adult programming and community programming. Find more ways to engage the community.	4/20/2021 11:29 AM
73	I would love to be able to ride until the time specified on the form I filled out. It's says dawn-dusk and the facility closes well before dark some days. Which is really unfortunate after people get there believing they will have time to ride and they don't.	4/20/2021 11:17 AM
74	The high school mountain bike team is very disrespectful to the property as well as other	4/20/2021 10:56 AM

	patrons of the facility.	
75	We love using the indoor arena to work our horses before a show. Your grounds are always well kept. Enjoy using the facility	4/20/2021 10:47 AM
76	Would love any type of ranch event.	4/20/2021 10:44 AM
77	I really hope the park maintains it's Texas heritage and stays a primarily equine and ag center. We have such a need for it in the area and surrounding areas and I would love to see the efforts of the staff and the public working towards our youth in the fields and our adults who preserve it.	4/20/2021 10:20 AM
78	Please keep horses and equine activities strong in Dripping Springs	4/20/2021 10:12 AM
79	The horse use of the park is super important and needs to stay!	4/20/2021 9:33 AM
80	Bathrooms are great. Workers are nice.	4/20/2021 8:47 AM
81	Keep DSRP an equine focused facility.	4/19/2021 7:21 PM
82	The staff at Ranch Park have been very helpful and welcoming. There are other dog events (conformation, rally & obedience, barn hunt, etc.) that could use the small arena area.	4/19/2021 8:51 AM
83	Thank you for this wonderful resource!	4/18/2021 3:00 PM
84	Road conditions are horrible toward the back of the park.	4/17/2021 12:32 PM
85	No	4/16/2021 6:36 PM
86	About shared trails. Having different days for different recreational activities is never user friendly. If different activities are not compatible, have more trails rather than mix them. If mountain biking (inherently fast) and equestrian riding are not a good mix, give them separate venues. s..	4/16/2021 4:50 PM
87	Question 8: I am NOT in support for specific days for specific groups. However, I am in support of directional use based on user group.	4/16/2021 3:46 PM
88	Concerts would be great.	4/16/2021 12:00 PM
89	The ranch park is a real local gem	4/16/2021 11:27 AM
90	Love DSRP!	4/16/2021 10:45 AM
91	We are thankful for such a beautiful equine facility in our town and hope to see more equine related activities and competitions!	4/16/2021 10:03 AM
92	You rock!	4/16/2021 9:42 AM
93	The dirt in the indoor arena is so much better, I would like to commend the City and DSRP for taking the effort to improve the footing in the indoor arena and the warm up arena. It would be nice to improve the dirt a little more in the annex arena as well. If there is an opportunity to expand the acreage at DSRP, that would be wonderful. I'm a weekly user of DSRP and I'm so thankful for the site and the staff that allow me to ride more than I've ever had opportunity to before. Big kudos and thank you!!	4/16/2021 8:47 AM
94	DSRP is an awesome area	4/16/2021 8:27 AM
95	Bicyclists need to pay some kind of membership just like horse riders.	4/15/2021 10:30 PM
96	The park should develop a separate rental fee schedule for 501 (c)3 non-profits.	4/15/2021 10:21 PM
97	I like the idea of trail use separated by type of use but not sure if that will work since someone would have to monitor/police it.	4/15/2021 10:09 PM
98	Y'all are doing an amazing job!	4/15/2021 9:46 PM
99	I'm not against enrichment, nature and other programs I just live in Manor and they wouldn't be convenient	4/15/2021 9:43 PM
100	So many people enjoy riding bikes and there should be more biking paths like Mopac/45 intersection have added. So many people out enjoying them !	4/15/2021 9:21 PM
101	I can see opportunity to set up larger events utilizing the parking lot for more space. The main	4/15/2021 8:02 PM

events that comes to mind are the shopping fairs. It seems like the vendors are sometimes cramped inside and the outside space might be beneficial to utilize.

102	In order for larger Barrel Races to come to Dripping Springs Ranch Park, the city will have to allow the event to use their own tractor drivers.	4/15/2021 6:37 PM
103	We desperately need sidewalks or trails to get to the park from the East side of RR 12	4/15/2021 6:31 PM
104	Lily and Tina are doing a phenomal job and the new footing is AMAZING	4/15/2021 6:29 PM
105	This needs to be a equestrian and livestock arena and park	4/15/2021 6:26 PM
106	It is the "Ranch" park and does already have big investment in arenas. Emphasis needs to be continued development for horse and agriculture related activities.	4/15/2021 6:26 PM
107	We would hold more dog agility in the expansion with climate control maybe at least once a month	4/15/2021 5:10 PM
108	Excessive parking on subdivision entry street during very large events	4/15/2021 4:14 PM
109	this park is a diamond in the rough	4/15/2021 3:19 PM

# Recommendations & Priorities Action Plan

Sustainability is a widely accepted concept that should be integrated into any park development. Parks present opportunities to demonstrate and share environmental concepts and educate the public about their role in the environment. Many park sites have embraced the concept of sustainability and have been developed with a sustainable site design approach that incorporates strategies that are ecologically based and compatible with the natural systems, cycles of the site, as well as the recreational use by the community members.

The further development of amenities at DSRP provides an opportunity to incorporate sustainable design techniques and features. Integration of sustainable design principals, BMPs, and products for construction are encouraged to minimize the impact on natural resources and promote longterm resiliency of the site.

## Action Plan

The master plan recommendations were developed with consideration of the 7 project goals, the analysis of the site and existing conditions, and from input received from key personnel, internal stakeholders, and public input surveys. The priority ranking of these recommendations is based upon a myriad of factors including funding, project type, goals, project sequencing, and input from City Staff and DSRP Board of Directors.

Listed below is a priority action plan and accompanying concept plans. A concept plan is flexible in nature and seeks to provide a graphic for showing scale, relationships between site features, and for diagramming potential amenity zones. It's best used as only a reference when discussing the recommendations and shouldn't be considered a final plan. This concept plan illustrates some of the top priorities but should be understood as only one of many possible design alternatives.

## Sustainability & Park Development



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**Park Related Action Recommendations**

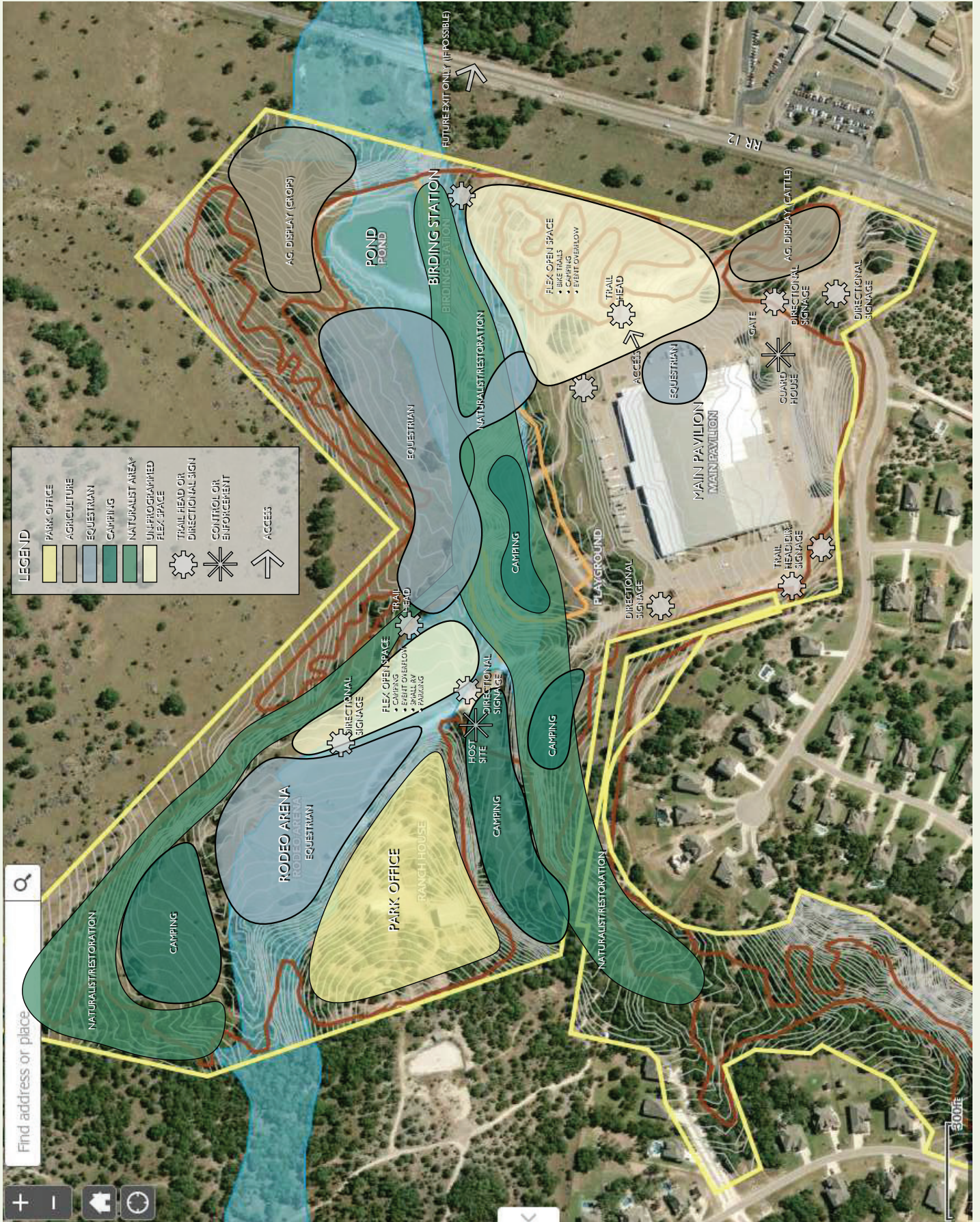
2017 Master Plan priorities less than 50% carried over

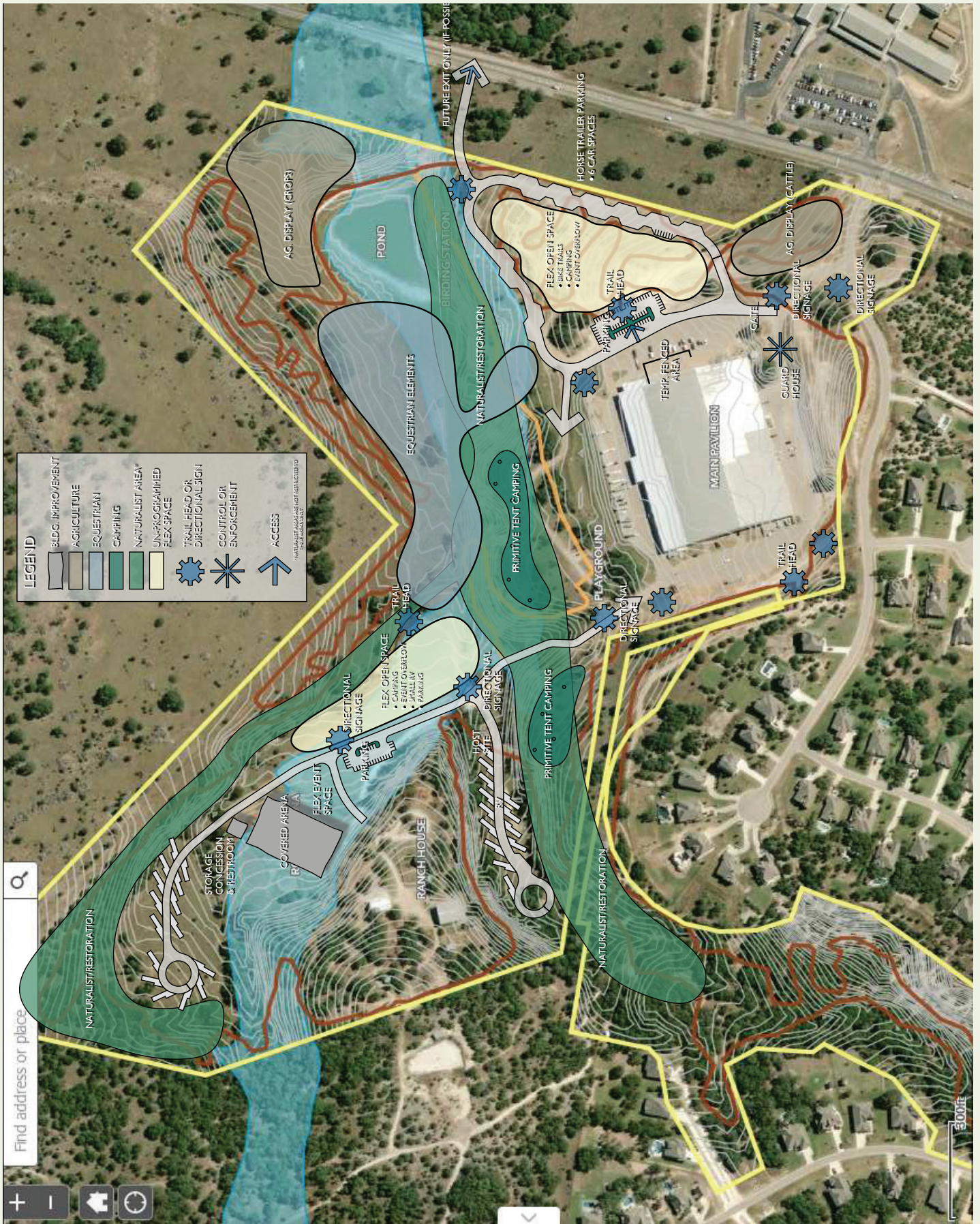
Priority Rank	Action	Description	Project Type	Goal(s) Satisfied from Master Plan	Funding Source	Budget Amount
1	Fencing	Fencing or protection against "Mudders" in open property; fencing for the whole park (to be able to lock up facility and section off park).	Construction	2,5	General Fund	Estimate: \$xx/LF
2	Signage System - Ongoing from Previous Master Plan	A comprehensive signage system to guide visitors, inform, direct, mark distances and etiquette as well as outline other park rules. This would include caution, yield and other crossing signages.	Installation	1,2,3	General Fund	TBD
3	Secondary Access and North Road	Secondary entrance to facilitate better access/egress off RR 12	Construction	1,5	General Fund	TBD - Easement/Access Agreement Needed
4	Replace Bleachers at back arena	(4) Total	Installation	2	General Fund	\$2,000 ea (2016)
5	Buy more land to the north; adjacent to existing property	Additional land will allow more trails and 2nd access	Purchase	1,5	TBD	TBD
6	Fishing opportunities (pond improvements) and dock	Wooden Docks at Existing Pond	Construction	1	TBD	TBD - Source for Makeup water is a challenge for this priority.
7	Road improvements to rear of park, including RV sites and parking	Extend improved road and utilities to the rear of the property.	Construction	1,2,4,7	TBD	TBD
8	Expanded parking lot (Cars)	Expand surface parking for approximately 60 spaces west of the existing parking area on the west side of the Main Pavilion	Construction	1,2	TBD	TBD
9	Cover for outdoor arena	Spanned structure approximately 260'x160'	Construction	1,2,4,6	TBD	TBD
10	Trail building and maintenance	Ongoing trail repair, maintenance and extensions.	Maintenance	1,2,4,5	General Fund/Volunteer	TBD
11	Restroom/Storage/Concession Building	New Building combined storage, restroom and concession near improved outdoor arena.	Construction	1,2,4,5,6	TBD	TBD
12	Horse Elements and Obstacles	Create course for horse training and rider training	Construction	1,2,4,6	TBD	TBD
13	Removal of dirt mound	Stockpile of dirt remains on site inhibits functional use.	Construction	1,2	TBD	TBD
14	Playscape improved/expansion	Expand existing playscape or add another location	Construction	1,2,5	TBD	TBD
15	Access to the park via trails or other safe routes	Connect park to overall Dripping Springs Master Trail Plan	Construction	1,3	TBD	TBD
16	Park Fee Structure and Enforcement	Create or enhance collection ability through high and low tech options.	Policy	3,4,7	TBD	TBD
17	Trash cans	Add trash cans at strategic locations	Purchase	1,2,5	General Fund	TBD
18	Guard / Entry Booth	Controlled entry for fee collection and RV entry	Construction	2,3,4,5,7	TBD	TBD
19	Dog park	Fenced area for off-leash dog park	Construction	1	TBD	TBD

**Event Center Related Action Recommendations**

2017 Master Plan priorities less than 50% carried over

Priority Rank	Action	Description	Project Type	Goal(s) Satisfied from Master Plan	Funding Source	Budget Amount
1	Vents to the roof structure	Vents to the Roof Structure	Installation	2	General Fund	\$5000 ea (2016)
2	More fans in arena area	Addition of (3) 14' diameter fans in the arena; included electrical wiring and conduit.	Purchase	2	General Fund	Quote: \$33k (2016)
3	Video Surveillance System	Cameras installed along perimeter of arena	Installation	5	General Fund	TBD
4	Rubber Mats	City would like to have own rubber mats in stall area	Purchase	2	General Fund	TBD
5	Outside Fenced Area for Panel Storage	For Panel Storage	Construction	5	General Fund	TBD
6	Corner Restrooms (primarily for stall workers)	Restrooms located at the north side of the arena so workers do not have to use the same restrooms as patrons.	Construction	1,2	TBD	TBD
7	East VIP Box	VIP Box Improvements - Opt. 1 Big Room by Concession/Club Box at end (Open Air Box)	Construction	1,4	TBD	TBD
8	West VIP Box	VIP Box Improvements - Opt. 1 Make Boxes larger at existing VIP Box	Construction	1,4	TBD	TBD
9	Sound system improvements	Upgrade and improve PA system	Purchase	2,4,6	TBD	TBD
10	Highspeed WIFI	Upgrade technology capabilities	Purchase	1,2	TBD	TBD
11	Expanded RV Sites at Arena with hookups w/pens	Expanded surface parking/overnight spaces for RVs with full utility hook up and pens for horses. Surface material option, compacted base, see item 15.	Construction	1,2,4,6	TBD	TBD
12	Cow cutter flags	Rentable	Purchase	1,2,4,6	TBD	TBD
13	Watering opportunities	Water stops for horses throughout park	Construction	1,2,4,6	TBD	TBD
14	Wash Racks/Horse Cleanup Areas	Add or expand Wash Racks, outdoor	Construction	1,2,4,5,6	TBD	TBD
15	Dirt base RV parking lot	Pervious areas for RVs / Horse sites	Construction	1,2,4,6	TBD	TBD
16	Vending machines	Vending Machines to supplement events without concessions	Purchase	1,2,4	TBD	TBD
17	Indoor Dust Control		Purchase	1,2,4,6	TBD	TBD
18	Equipment Storage Barn	Building for Equipment Storage - currently stored in pavilion	Construction	1,2,4,5,6	TBD	TBD





# Funding Opportunities

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The master plan establishes a vision for the park that can be implemented in phases. Although some communities fund park development directly, most explore various funding opportunities to offset the cost of capital improvements. One strategies for funding park development projects is through Grants. The Grants listed below may or may not apply to DSRP, but are listed here as reference for consideration and further investigation. Some communities also use Municipal Bonds as the local match for grant programs, but should be aware to fully understand all the rules of the funding mechanisms with before pursuing.

## **Governmental Grants opportunities:**

**Texas Historical Commission** (grant funding resources list) - [https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/publications/Funding-PreservationProjects-updated2019\\_0.pdf](https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/publications/Funding-PreservationProjects-updated2019_0.pdf)

**TPWD** <https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/recreational-trails-grants>

**Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) / TxDOT** <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/bicycle-pedestrian.html>

**Transportation Alternatives (TA) &**

**Safe routes to schools (SRTS)**

**National Endowment for the Humanities**

**Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants** <https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/infrastructure-and-capacity-building-challenge-grants>

## **Private Grants opportunities:**

**Meadows Foundation** <https://www.mfi.org/WhoWeAre.html>

**Ed Rachal Foundation** <https://www.edrachal.org/>

# Appendicies

1. DSRP Master Plan 2017 - Project Status
2. Public Input Meeting Press Release
3. Stakeholder Comments
4. Public Input Programing Comments
5. 2017 DSRP Master Plan
6. Funding Opportunities

## DSRP Master Plan 2017 - Project Status

Status	Priority	Project Description
0%	1	Parameter Fencing
<b>80%</b>	2	Permanent Bleachers
0%	3	Vents to the roof structure
0%	4	More Fans in arena area
<b>100%</b>	5	Skid Steer with Equipment
<b>100%</b>	6	Additional Stall Barn
0%	7	New Low Water Crossing
0%	8	Video Surveillance System
<b>in progress</b>	9	Signage - Trailhead
<b>ongoing</b>	10	Fire Breaks/Deadwood
<b>ongoing</b>	11	Invasive Species Eradication
<b>in progress</b>	12	White Round pen needs replacing
<b>100%</b>	13	Trails (as an entry from Harrison Hills)
0%	14	Secondary Access
0%	15	Replace bleachers at back arena
0%	16	Buy more land to the north;
<b>100%</b>	17	Front Office Space
0%	18	Rubber Mats
0%	19	Outside Fenced Area for Panel Storage
<b>100%</b>	20	Picnic Areas
0%	21	Corner restrooms (primarily for Stall workers)
0%	22	Fishing areas
<b>in progress</b>	23	Doggie waste disposal stations
<b>100%</b>	24	Bird watching Areas
0%	25	East VIP Box
0%	26	West VIP Box



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**Dripping Springs Ranch Park & Event Center is Holding a Master Plan  
Virtual Input Meeting on April 15, 6:00pm**  
*Input Survey to Follow*

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**DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS** – April 9, 2021 – With the rapid growth of the City of Dripping Springs and the increasing demand for park and recreation outlets to provide a high quality of life for its community members and visitors, the City of Dripping Springs Parks and Community Services department is updating the Dripping Springs Ranch Park & Event Center’s Master Plan. The update aims at ensuring that the park and event center’s mission and vision are evolving while remaining consistent with the uniqueness of the park and its primary goal of serving as a resource to the equine community and stronghold for Texas Hill Country culture.

The updated Master Plan will study and make recommendations to the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board and City Council regarding the operation, enhancement, and use of Dripping Springs Ranch Park. The updated document will guide improvements and priorities for the next 5-10 years.

Some of the umbrella goals of the Master Plan include:

1. Maximizing the recreational and functional opportunities offered throughout the Park, both at the Events Center and throughout the Park grounds.
2. Establishing and maintaining a high-quality level of park facilities and amenities throughout the Park by meeting and exceeding industry standards while also ensuring park patron safety and adherence to park use policies.
3. Enhance the marketing efforts and outreach to residents in order to communicate the many different park, recreational and open space opportunities available to residents within the Park.
4. Balancing the revenue generating aspects of the Park with providing affordable recreation opportunities for residents of Dripping Springs and the long-term Event Center partners.
5. Providing a safe and secure environment for the operation, maintenance and use of the Park.

The public will have opportunities to give input and feedback regarding the Master Plan. The first opportunity will take place Thursday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m. at a Public Input and Informational Virtual Meeting. Details on this virtual meeting can be found at: [drippingspringsranchpark.com/page/masterplan](https://drippingspringsranchpark.com/page/masterplan).





### **DSMTB Representative**

Shawn McCraw, Principal at McCraw Design

I am a representative and a founding member of the Dripping Springs Mountain Bike Team. My twins were on the High School Team and I served as the 1<sup>st</sup> Board Vice President, Coach, Volunteer, Steward, and a Sponsor. I was on the team that pitched the trail, skills park and wayfinding to the Ranch Park Board & the City, resulting in a signed agreement with the city. Also helped consult on the Harrison Hills neighborhood issues with the city and team to find an agreeable and happy solution for all parties. I still ride and race mountain bikes, am an avid hiker and grew up on a farm riding horses. (Connection & Passion to all 3 main trail users)

### **DSMTB Background**

Since the nonprofit DSMTB team was founded in 2015 we have provided 100s of kids in Middle School, High School and Homeschoolers the opportunity to ride and race bikes in 2 race series in Texas (NICA & TMBRA). The team has built and maintained 6.2 miles of hand-built trails for free that are utilized by the community: MS/HS MTB Team & Cross Country running teams, hikers, and equestrian. The trail is wide enough for a gator style vehicle through 90% of trail. We had Progressive Trail Design from Bentonville, Arkansas consult with us on improvements for sustainability and teach our team proper building techniques and trail improvements. Kids get credit for trail building (Paydirt) that applies to community service for school as well as points for rankings in the race series. We have had multiple State Champions for both boys and girls. In 2019 we established a Team scholarship for graduating seniors. We have raised awareness in the community for the team and Ranch Park in various News sources and were recognized as Volunteer Of The Year from the city in 2019. Our alumni are still active with the team and cycling. Several compete in college. [www.dsmtb.com](http://www.dsmtb.com)

### **How your group uses the site?**

- Weekly Mountain Bike Team practices for High School, Middle School & Home School (timeframe) Fall & Spring during the school calendar, Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Weekend Practices
- We also established run/setup/volunteer for the HS and MS Cross Country Team running races and district meets as well as volunteer for nonprofit fun runs like Red Arena benefiting equine. Brings in multiple schools from the district and state at one time. Usually during the school day and no conflicts.

**What are important site features for your group?**

- Access to trails (Team, Neighbors, All Groups)
- Trails
- Safety and Sustainability
- Skills Features (Skills Park & Pump Track)
- Restrooms
- Wayfinding (Cohesiveness, Sense of Community Pride, Connect trails/places, Inclusive, Predictable and Keep It Simple)
- Designated parking for Mountain Biking, Equestrian, Hikers, Birders, etc...

**How do you circulate within the site, both on arrival/departure and while recreating?**

- We park down at the practice arena out of the way and for safety unless raining.
- Usually start at the trailhead and ride the trail clockwise multiple times.
- Ride some in the adjoining Harrison Hills Neighborhood (rain days).

**Where do you see restraints or conflicts with the site that could be improved?**

- Riding or hiking in the wet weather destroys the trails and park property.
  - Wayfinding needs updating, especially for Ranch Park-not clear where to go.
  - Designated Trailhead signage. (Where does the trail start and end, guide users to it.)
  - Signage
  - Designated Parking Areas (Visitors don't have an idea where to go or park, which direction.)
  - Parking up top when wet (Overflow parking when wet is on the trail and destroys the trail. Ground is hard dirt, nothing grows and is difficult to rebuild.)
- \*Love the In and Out idea for entering and leaving Ranch Park suggested on the call but not sure another traffic light on Hwy 12 is wanted.
- Clear Communication from Ranch Park online and on site.

**What improvements would benefit the Dripping Springs community as a whole?**

- Need more trail mileage (with all the breweries even road riders are looking for a place to ride safely) Dripping used to be a biking destination. Riders would park downtown and spend money before and after rides in local businesses.
- Skills area & Pump Track(Designed by MTB Team or MTB Consultants) Team would build
- Trail flow: Bikers clockwise. Horses, Hikers Counterclockwise (Slaughter Creek, Reimers Ranch)
- Multiple Trail Etiquette signs posted
- Limit access points
- Low areas water crossings / bridges, rock for trail armoring
- Online map and parking maps on Ranch Park site
- Crosswalk up top next to entrance where trail crosses Road
- Sign at top crosswalk/entrance: Slow Down & Events (practice, race, horse, birding, etc...)
- Parking at Dripping Elementary for overflow events when wet works great for large races.

- **COSTS:** Pricing Discounts for School Events / Priced us out of usage. Used to hold banquets, team sign up under pavilion, races, etc... can't afford.

**WHAT IF VISION:**

- Ride from Highpoint or new elementary to Ranch Park and continue to Reimers or Wimberly.

- Community examples & team experience where this works:

Bentonville, Fayetteville, Whistler, Squamish, Sedona, Moab, Durango...

Walton Family Foundation

- Concrete path from Dripping to Johnson City. (ex: Aspen to Denver, Whitefish, Bentonville)

Dripping used to be a cycling town & riders still ride the Livestrong loop. Need more safe trails.

**Feedback we have received from hikers and equestrian:**

**"Thanks for building & maintaining the trails!"**

**From:** [Shauna Doyle](#)  
**To:** [Drew Carman](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Dripping Springs Ranch Park Master Plan - Stakeholder Input Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:40:14 PM

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Hi Drew,  
Below is the notes I wrote for myself to read at the meeting tonight.  
Thank you again!  
Shauna Doyle

We are a volunteer led non-profit organization dedicated to preserving our community's agricultural heritage by Supporting Our Youth Involved in 4-H & FFA.

Our mission is to support our Dripping Springs FFA & 4-H youth through scholarships, purchasing agricultural projects at Hays County Livestock Show, assisting with equipment needs, sponsoring educational workshops and mentoring the youth and families of our community.

Our organization puts on 2 fundraising events a year at DSRP. The rodeo and the Fall Classic prospect show. We utilize the entire DSRP grounds while hosting our events. These events bring people to Dripping Springs from all over the state and beyond. The profits from these events allow the Ag Booster to be one of the top 10 buyers at the Hays County Youth Auction for our Dripping Springs 4-H and FFA kids.

While these events are taking place people are spending money at local restaurants, gas stations, hotels and small businesses therefore benefiting the City of Dripping Springs.

As with most people and organizations that plan and host an event we face obstacles. Recently our biggest obstacle seems to be the costs associated with DSRP. Relationships are key to success for all parties involved, so how can we work together to minimize the costs to all nonprofit organizations that look to use DSRP for events similar to ours?

Since new management has taken over DSRP the ticket booth and show office has been removed from our access and made into offices. These areas are a necessity for many events that are hosted at DSRP.

Parking at the park needs to be reevaluated because there is simply not enough. This issue will not be made better by forcing one way traffic around the building or by having trucks and trailers pull into spaces versus having them back into spaces. While organizations such as ours, are hosting events at DSRP and have paid for the use of the facility that should include ALL parking areas. Yes, DSRP has hookups for RVs; however, those spots should not be rented out during events to anyone other than attendees of the event.

One minor improvement would be to rearrange the horse stalls to allow a walkway from the alley gate from the upper arena leading to the lower arena. Currently people have to take a longer route around the stalls. This is just more for convenience than anything else.

Thank you for allowing Ag Boosters the opportunity to provide input today.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2021, at 1:05 PM, Drew Carman <Dcarman@rviplanning.com> wrote:

Please find the log in information below to attend the virtual stakeholder input meeting for Dripping Springs Ranch Park Master Plan. Stakeholder groups should choose one representative who will be given a chance to provide input for the Master Planning

## Programming related suggestions from Public Input

Program	Capital Improvement	Notes
<b><u>Horse Related</u></b>		
Obstacles / Challenge /Cross country Course	Y	Build Horse Elements
Roping	N	
Kids equine education/training	N	
Group Rides	N	
Dressage	N	
Hunter/Jumper shows	N	
Equine Clinics	N	
Ranch/Rodeo events	N	
<b><u>Environmental</u></b>		
Fishing/ stock pond	Y	Make-up Water & Ordinance Update
Native plants/ water conservation	N	
Bird walks	N	
Geology/botany education	N	
Gardening/Environmental Classes	N	
Leave no trace/ Responsible recreation classes	N	
Equine education	N	
Stargazing/astronomy classes	N	
Kids classes, outdoor events	N	
<b><u>Active Recreation</u></b>		
Mountain biking	N	
Trail running/cross country	N	
Family camping events	N	
Skate Boarding	Y	
5k walks	N	
Disc Golf	Y	
Pump Track/BMX Skills course	Y	
<b><u>Other Programming</u></b>		
Cooking classes	N	
Music	N	
Book clubs	N	
Dance classes	N	
Youth programs	N	
Repair classes	N	
Guest speakers	N	
Photography	N	
Halloween events/hay ride	N	
Seniors classes	N	
Camps for kids	N	

[2017 Master Plan insert here]