

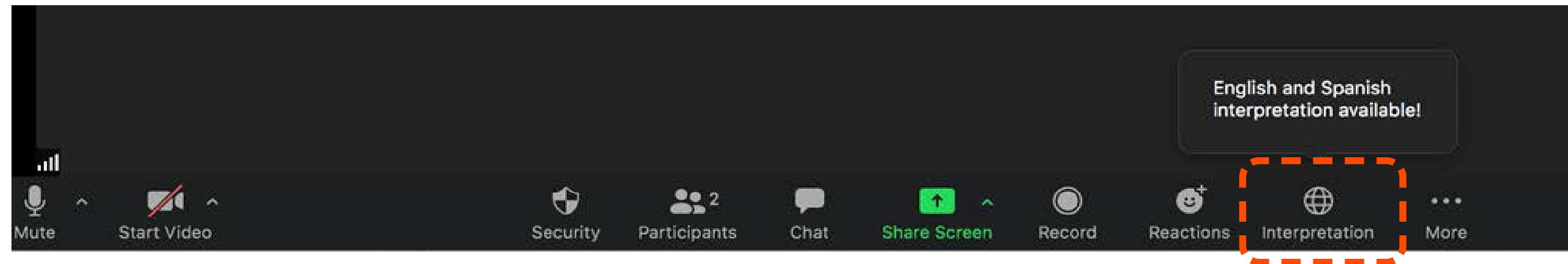
ZILKER METROPOLITAN PARK VISION PLAN

COMMUNITY MEETING #3
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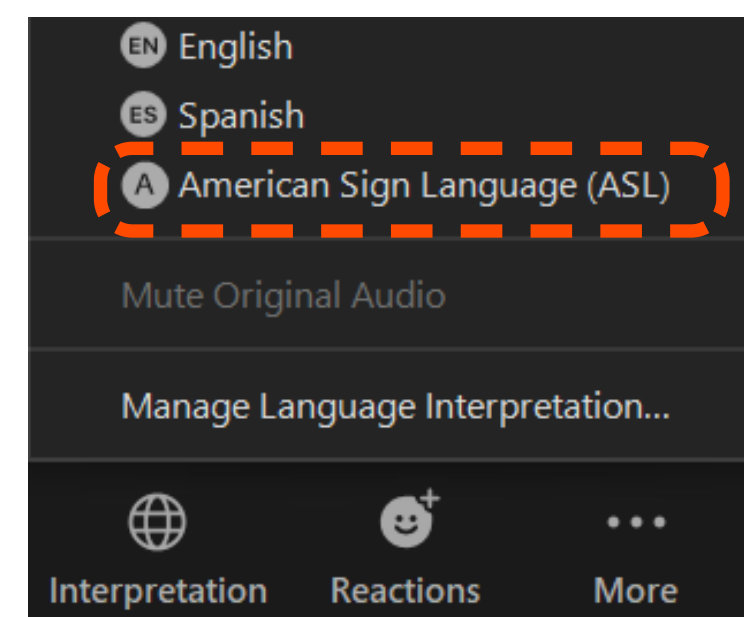
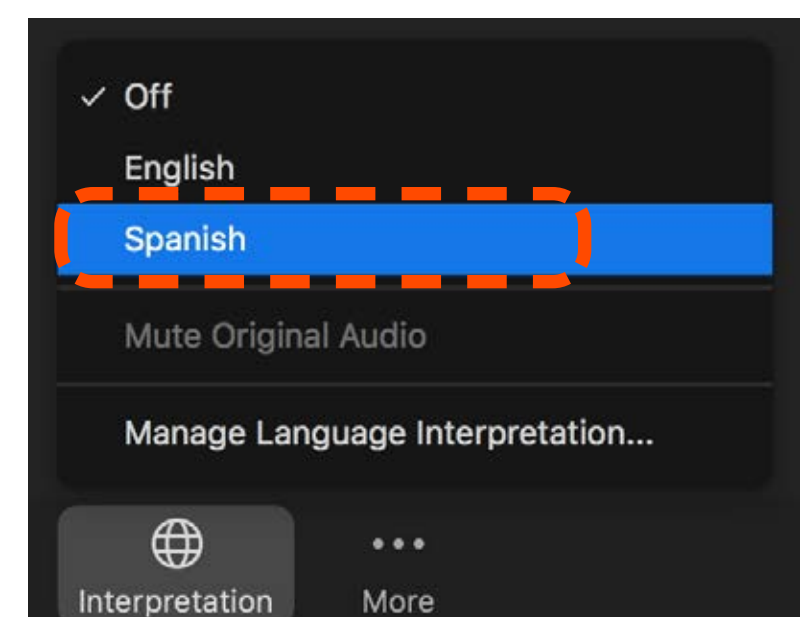
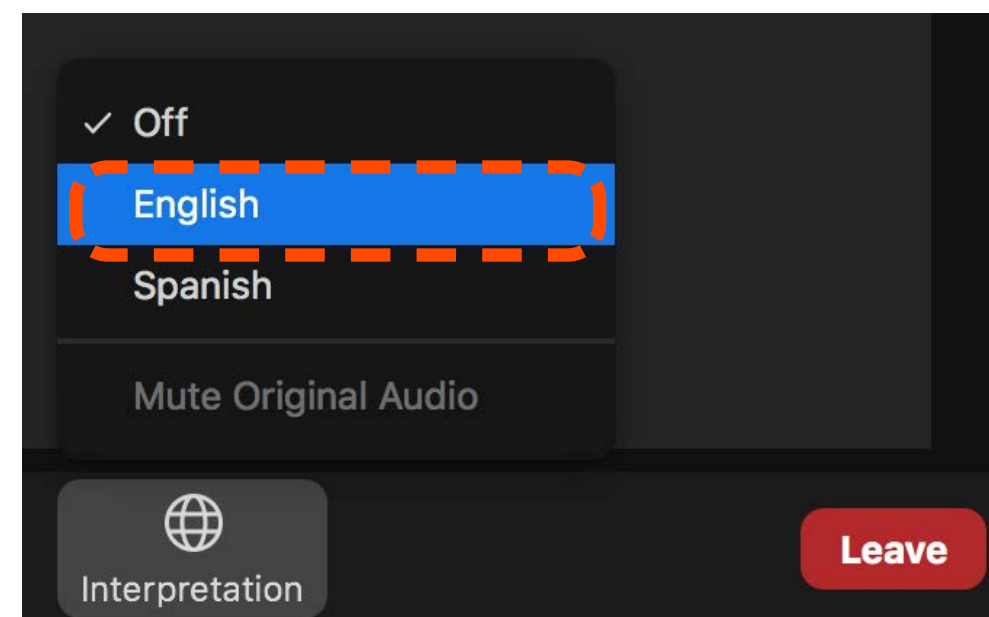
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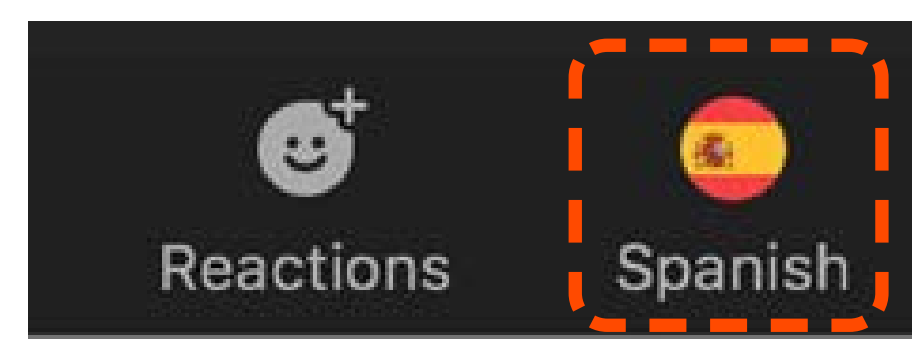
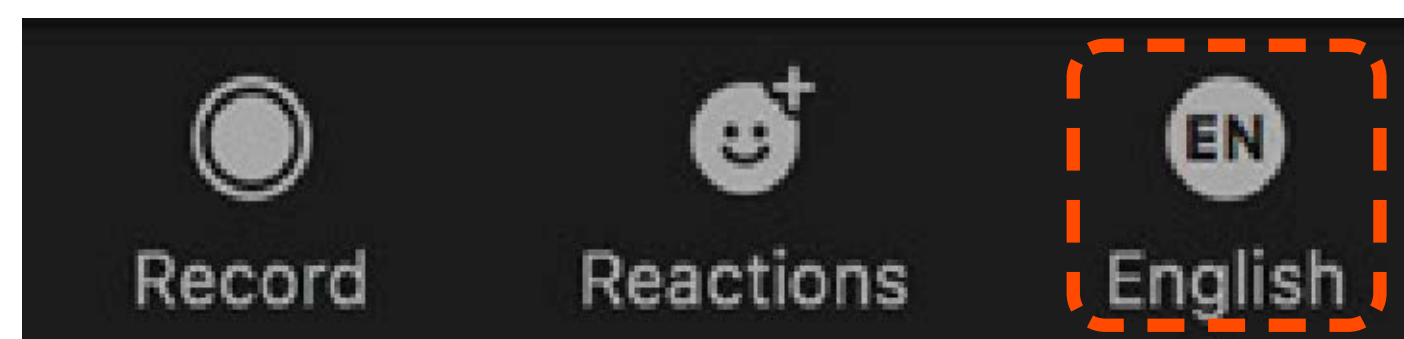
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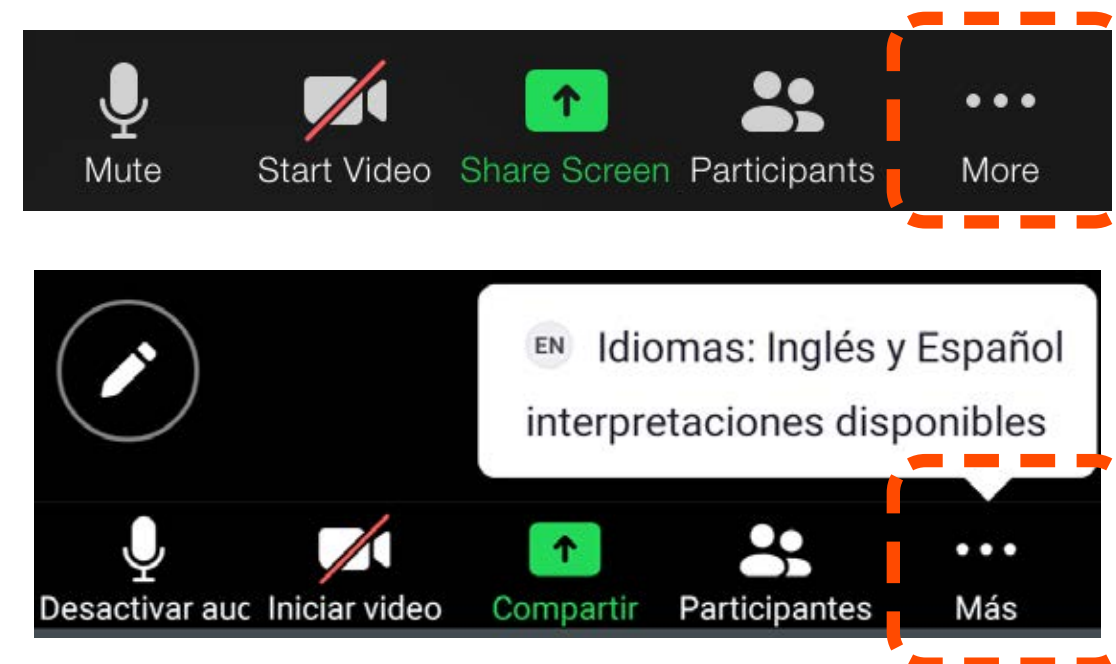
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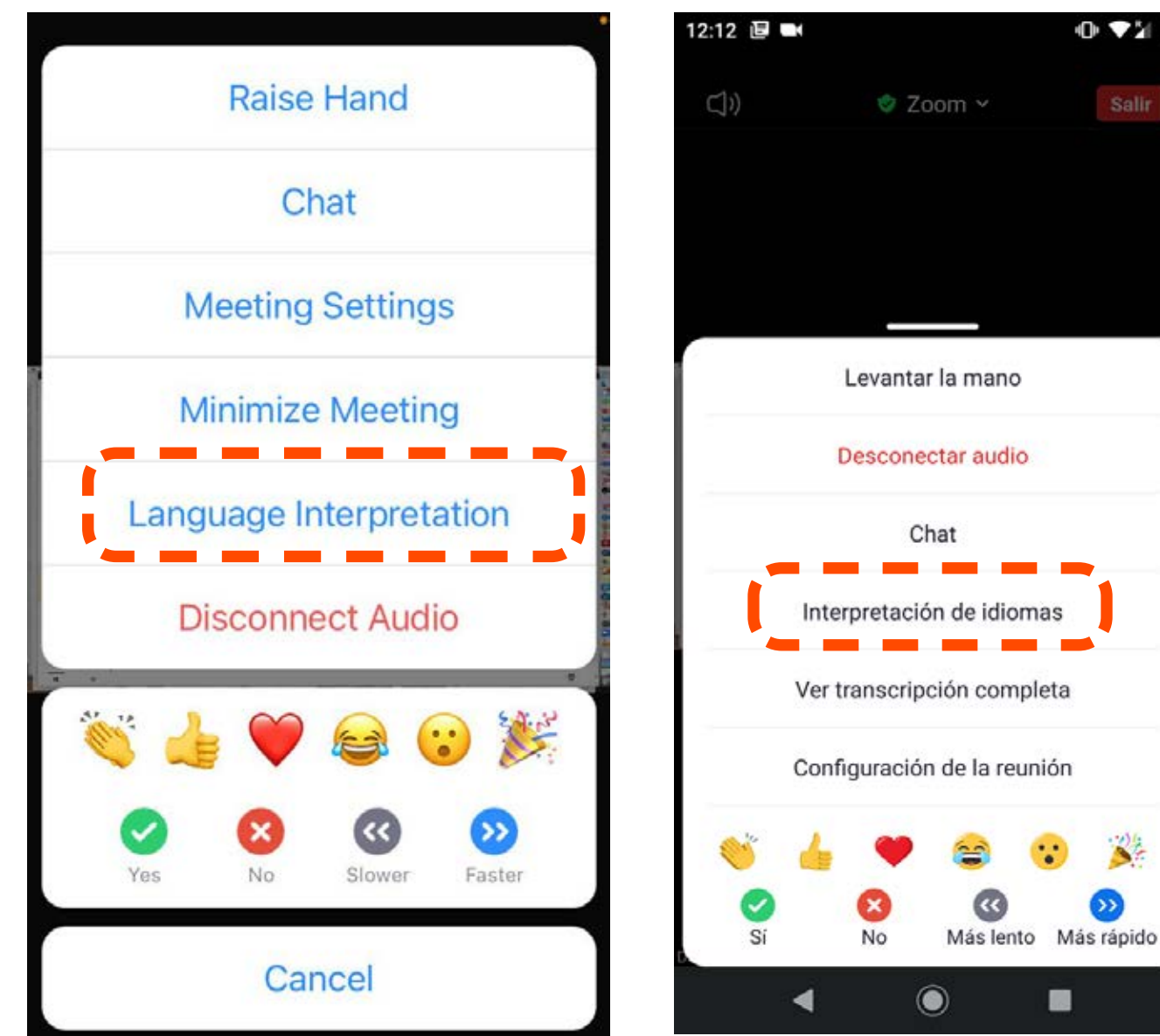
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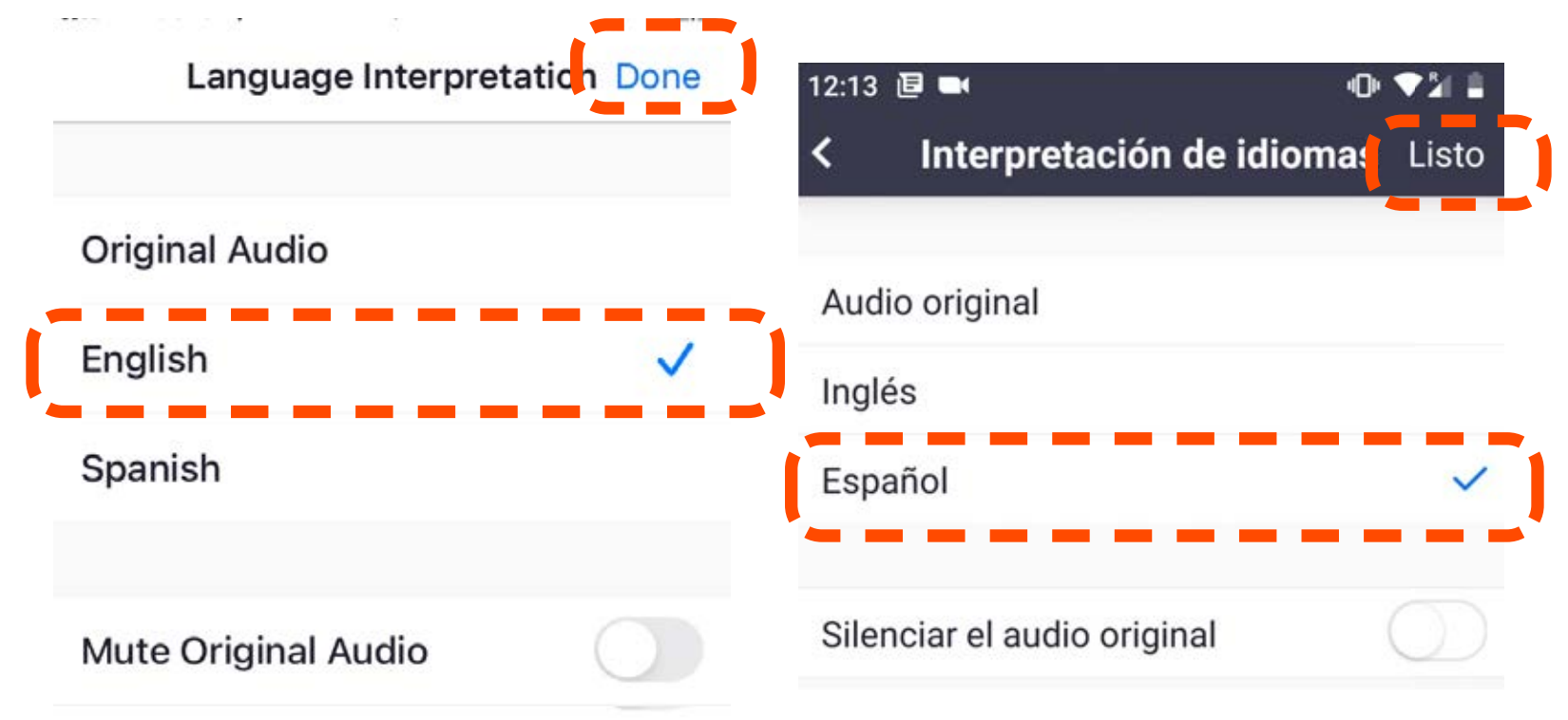
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Haz clic en MÁS para encontrar interpretación



2 Click 'Language Interpretation'

Haz clic en interpretación de idiomas. Podrás elegir tu idioma.



3 Select your preferred language and click 'Done'

Después de elegir español, no olvides presionar Listo.



COMMUNITY MEETING #3

OCTOBER 19, 2021



DESIGNWORKSHOP

AGENDA

1. Zoom Housekeeping
2. Project Schedule
3. Review of Community Engagement
4. Goals and Guiding Principles
5. Purpose of the Meeting
6. Scenarios
 - Programming
 - Accessibility, Mobility, and Transportation
 - Ecology
7. Next Steps



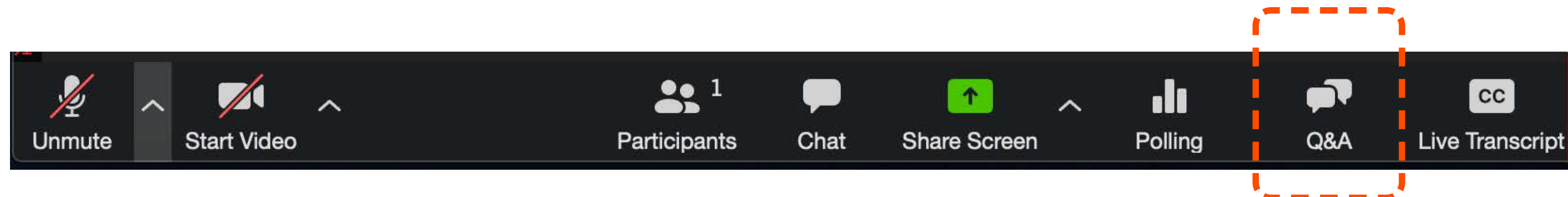
HOW TO USE Q&A DURING THE MEETING

Q&A

- For asking questions during the webinar and for the panelists, co-hosts, and host to answer their questions.
- With the public Q&A feature enabled, attendees can answer each other's questions and also up-vote each other's questions.

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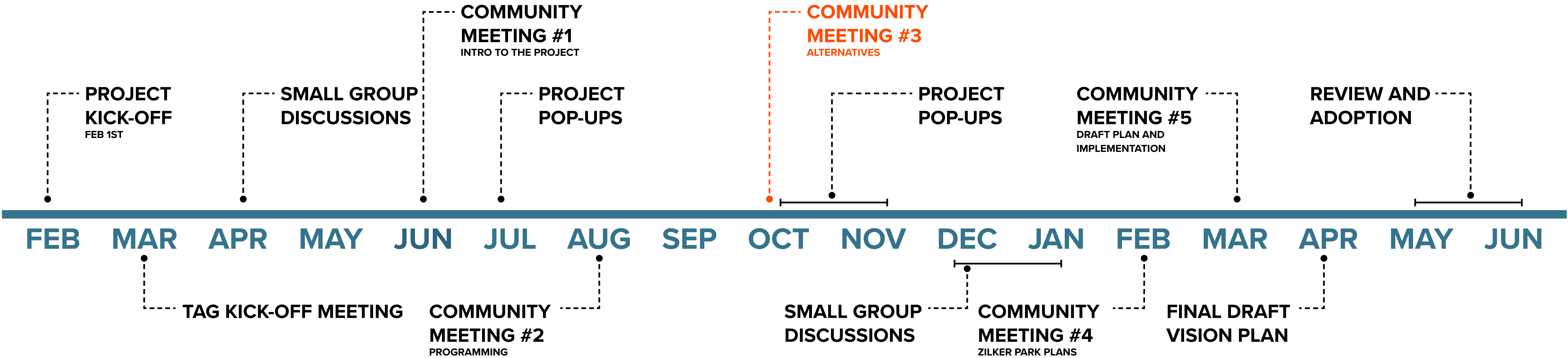
- To communicate with the panelists during the webinar, including leaving comments and asking technical or presentation-related questions.



1 Click the Q&A button to ask questions

2 Allow panelists to answer it

SCHEDULE



Strategic Kick-Off and Project Initiation

Project Work Plan
Kick-Off Meeting
Technical Advisory Group Meetings
Progress Reports

Site and Contextural Analysis and Data

Site Analysis and Needs Assessment Report
Presentation of the Site Analysis and Needs Assessment Report
Presentation of the Site Analysis and Needs Assessment Report to City Commission, Boards, City Manager and City Council
Community Wide Survey

Project Meetings

Project Meetings Materials
Stakeholder Contract
List Meeting Minutes and Summaries

Stakeholder/Community Participation

Community Outreach and Engagement Plan
Community Engagement and Outreach

City Staff, Public Review/Boards, Commissions, Council Review

Draft Vision Plan
Final Draft Vision Plan Document
Presentation of Final Draft Vision Plan Document to City Commission, Boards, City Manager and City Council

Vision Plan Report Preparation

Provide a Needs Assessment Report
Preliminary Vision Plan Concepts
Final Vision Plan Document



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REVIEW

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

THE STRUCTURE OF THE MEETINGS

Community Meeting #1

Site Analysis and Needs Assessment

Community Meeting #2

Programming

Community Meeting #3

Design
Alternatives

Community Meeting #4


Park Plan
Options

Community Meeting #5

Implementation
Strategies
/ Final
Draft


GUIDING PRINCIPLES

UPDATED FROM YOUR FEEDBACK



- The Plan should treat the Park as an **ecological treasure**.
- Recognize the park’s **relation to water** and explore opportunities for interaction.

Nature and Ecology



- The Plan should treat the Park’s **historic and cultural resources** as a valued legacy to be celebrated for future generations.

History and Culture



- Zilker Park should **serve the entire community of Austin**.
- Align programs with community interest.

Diversity and Inclusion



- The plan should **knit the segmented pieces** of the park together.
- The park is a place you can arrive to by **multiple travel options**.

Accessibility



- The Plan should be forward-looking for future generations.
- Zilker Park should serve as an example of **sustainability**, protecting and enhancing our natural spaces and assets.

Sustainability

GOALS

UPDATED FROM YOUR FEEDBACK



Nature and Ecology

- Protect, enhance, and restore **Zilker's natural resources**.
- Establish an interpretive program to **educate visitors**.
- **Public stewardship** should be developed
- Ensure **safe and sustainable access** to the water.
- Support and rehabilitate **native plants and species**.



Diversity and Inclusion

- The Park should be **welcoming** to individuals, small groups and able to accommodate large groups.
- **The Plan should support equitable access.**
- Support new and enhance existing learning opportunities within the park.
- Sustain the implementation and maintenance of the park and utilize the support of volunteers.
- **Encourage ethnic, cultural and economic** inclusion.



History and Culture

- The Plan should honor and respect the **Park's historic and cultural resources**.
- Balance between historic preservation and current/future needs.
- Create opportunities for **local artists**.
- **Celebrate the stories of the people** that lived on the land throughout history.
- Establish and integrate education components.



Accessibility

- Improve pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular circulation between the north and south side of **Barton Springs Rd.**
- Examine the surrounding trail network to create and extend safe active travel within and through the park.
- Create accessible **multi-modal transportation networks** within the park.
- Improve the **wayfinding**.
- Collaborate with Capital Metro and TXDOT
- Achieve high level of **ADA accessibility** within the park.



Sustainability

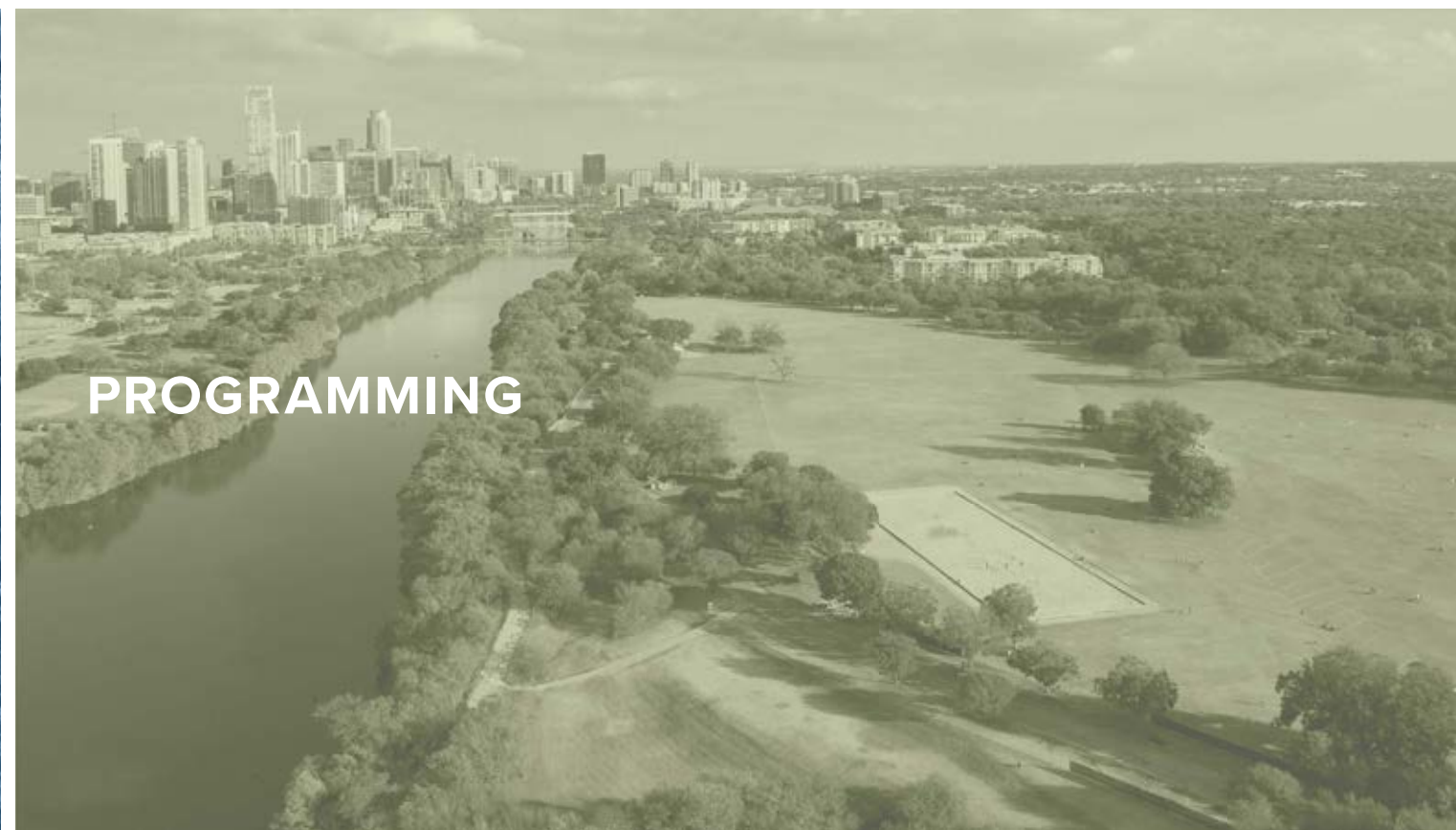
- Implement adaptive management strategies to **create a resilient landscape in the face of climate change** and dynamic user needs.
- As an urban park, Zilker should achieve **balance between metropolitan use and ecological/environmental**.
- Balance revenue needs with operations and maintenance of the park.
- Explore **public/private partnerships** that extend the reach of the Parks Department to accommodate new opportunities.

COMMUNITY MEETING #2

- Time: August 10th, 6pm
- Participants:
100 people through Zoom, 15 through Facebook Live
- Total Survey Participants: 820 participants



- Schedule
- Review of Community Engagement



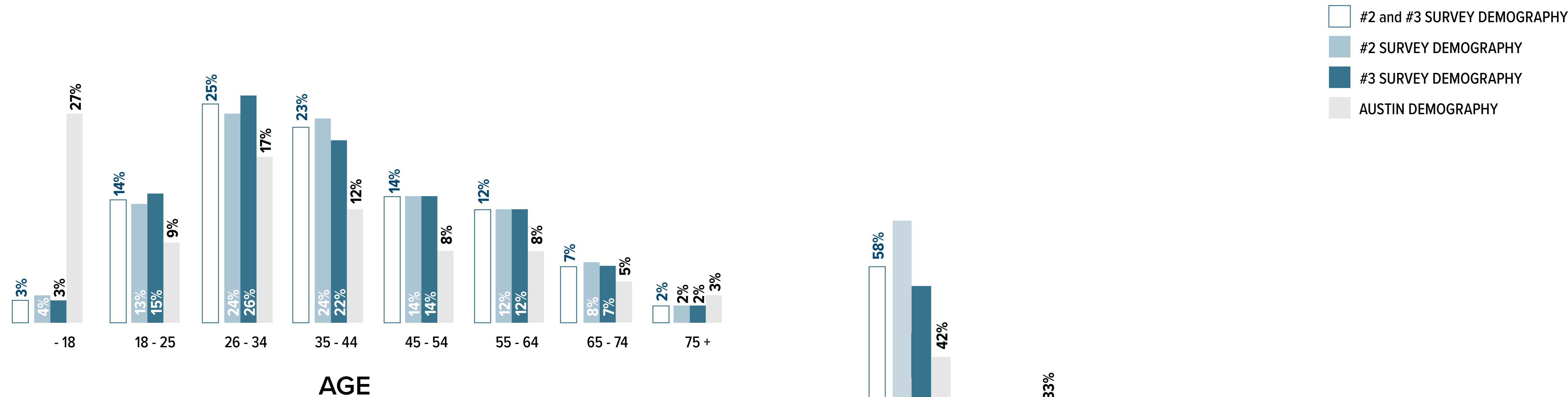
- Programs of Zilker Park
- Benchmarks



- City of Austin Budget
- Operation Budget
- Capital Budget

COMMUNITY SURVEY #3 RESULTS

SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS (820 PARTICIPANTS, AUG 10th-OCT 11th)



SURVEY #2 and #3 DEMOGRAPHY



SURVEY #3 DEMOGRAPHY



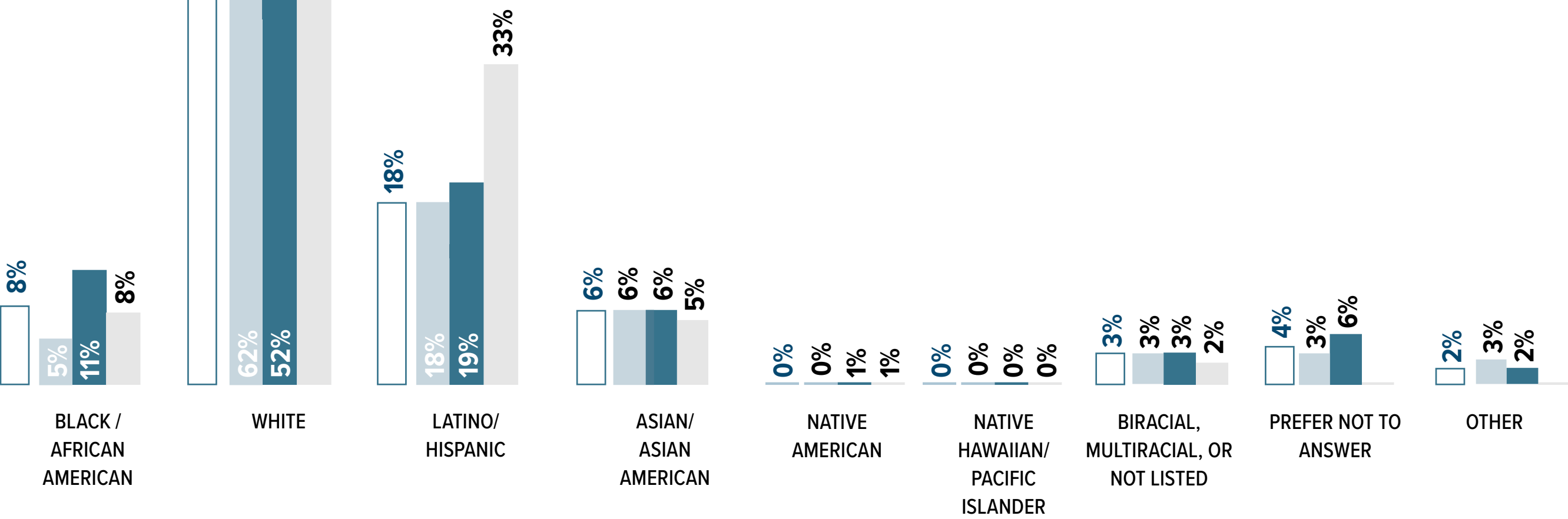
SURVEY #2 DEMOGRAPHY



AUSTIN DEMOGRAPHY

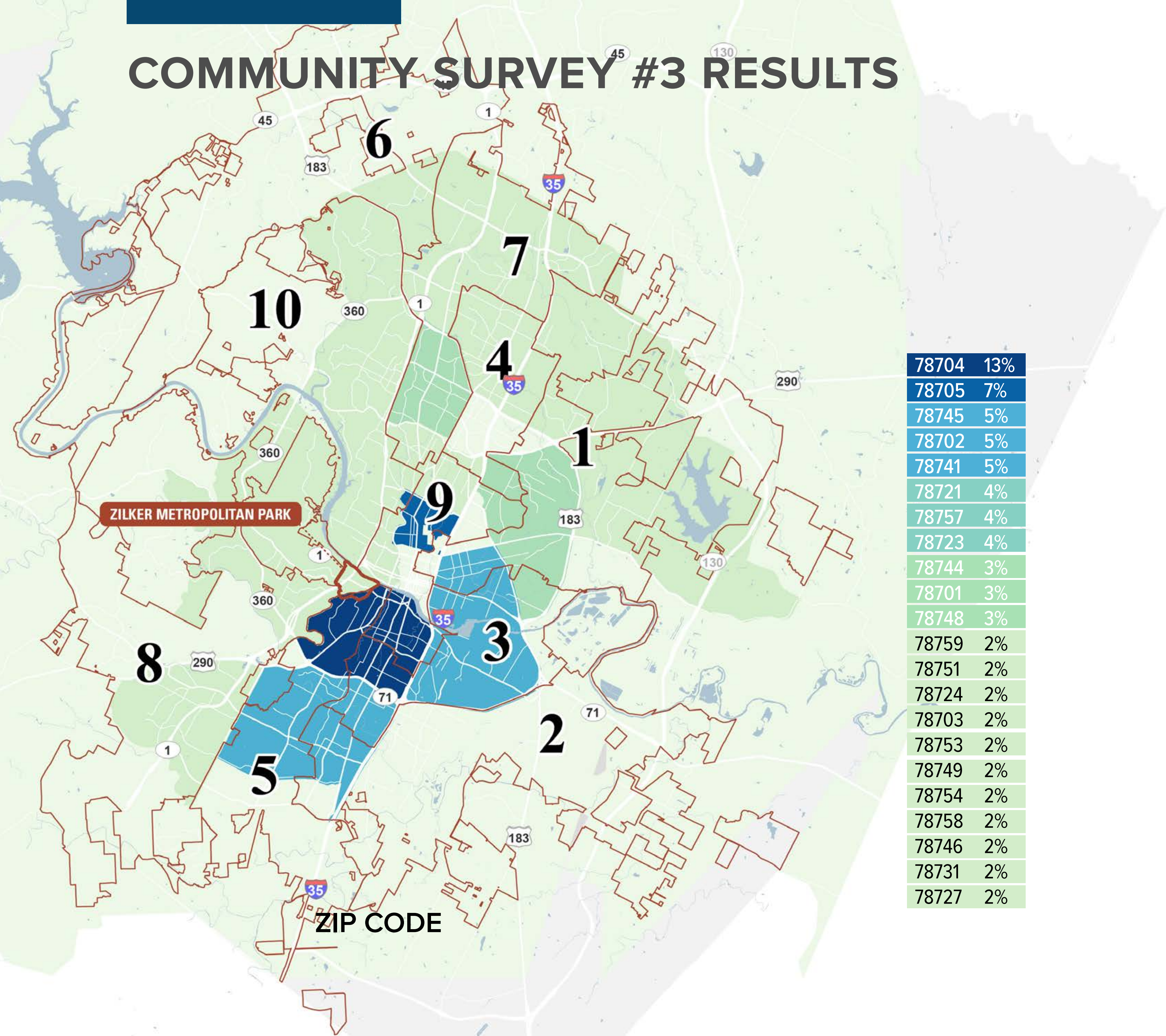


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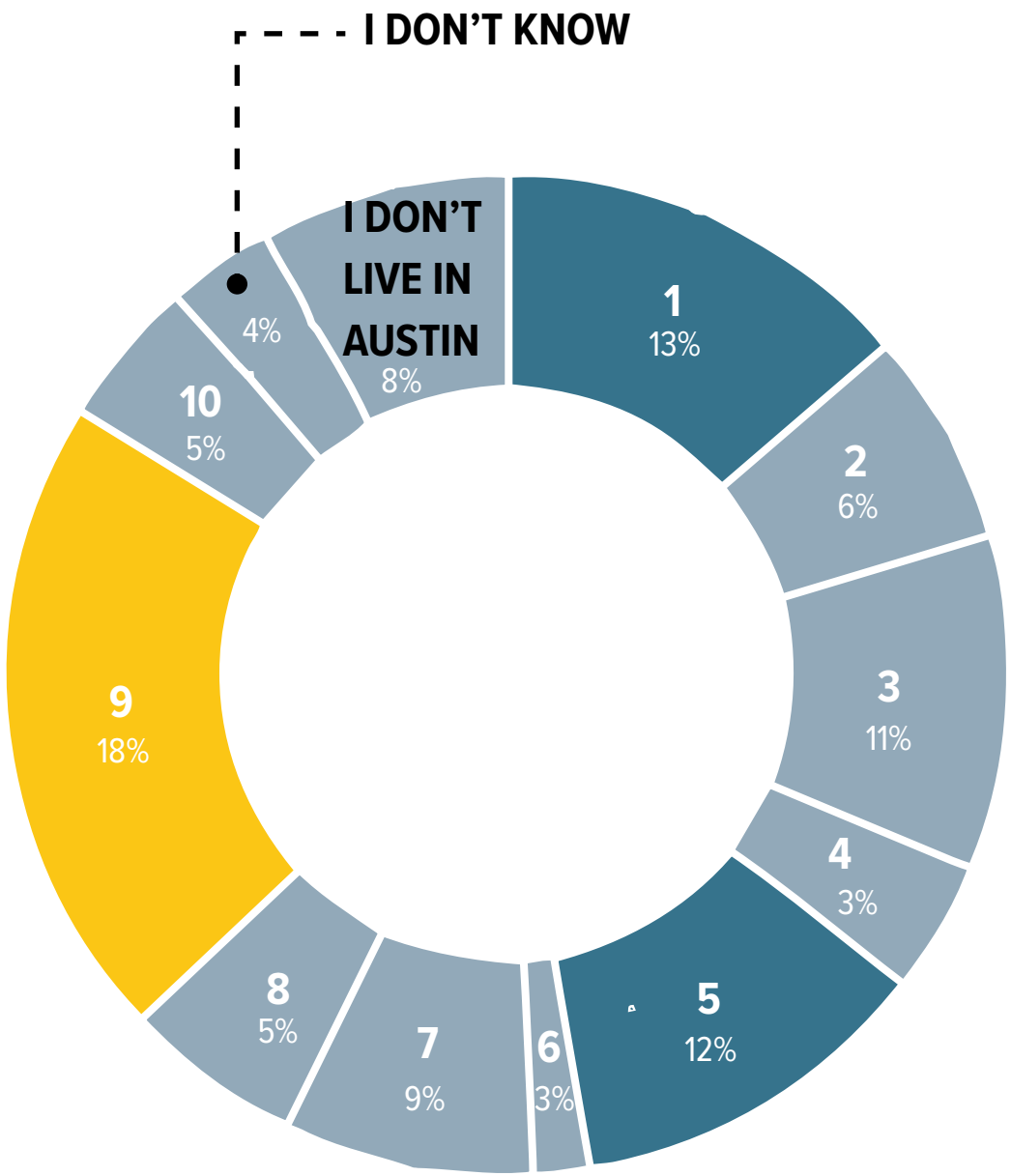


RACE/ETHNICITY

COMMUNITY SURVEY #3 RESULTS



78704	13%
78705	7%
78745	5%
78702	5%
78741	5%
78721	4%
78757	4%
78723	4%
78744	3%
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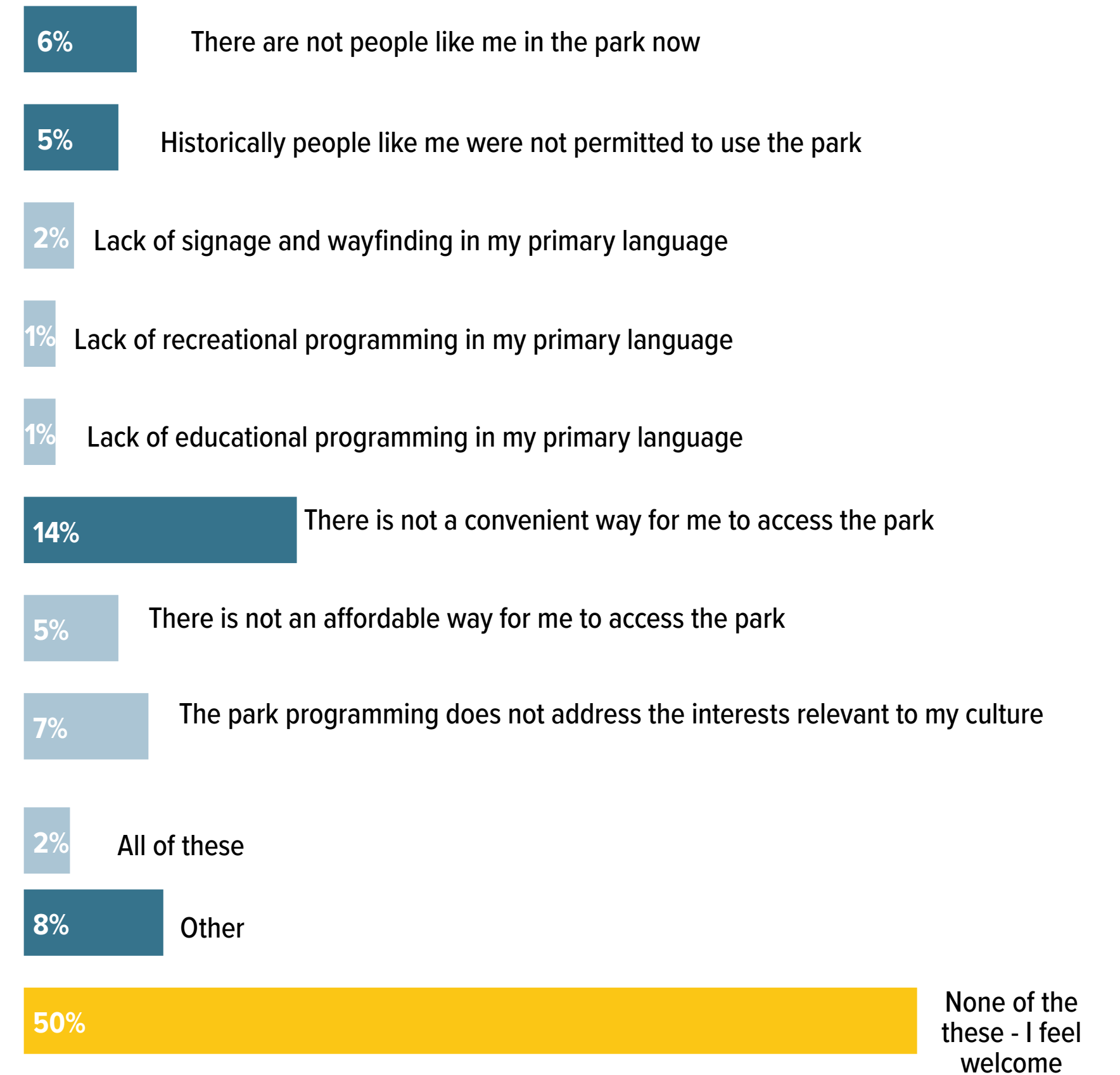
COUNCIL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY SURVEY #3 RESULTS

PROGRAMMING



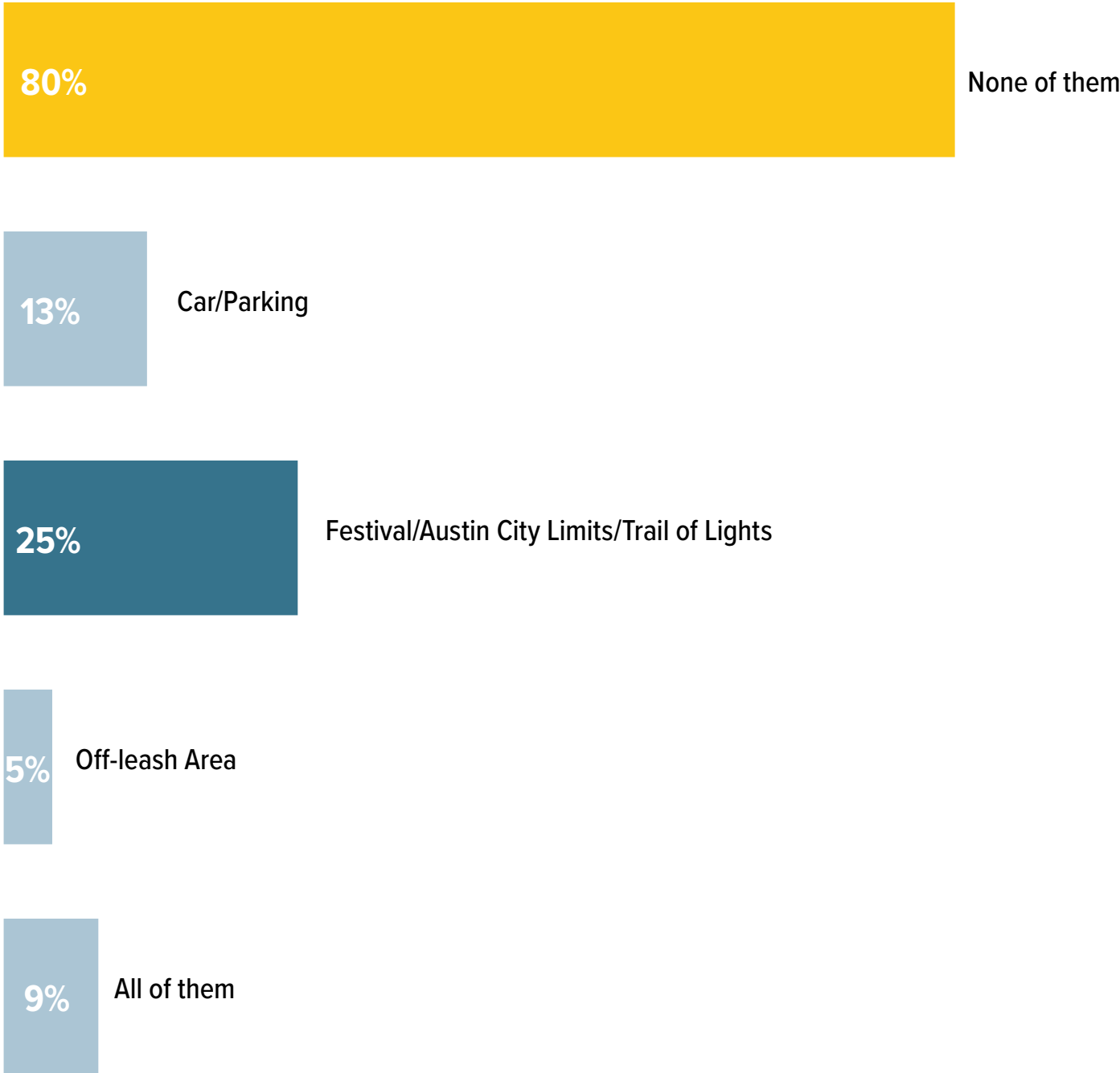
WHAT AREAS OF ZILKER PARK ARE MOST MEANINGFUL FOR THE PARK EXPERIENCE TODAY?



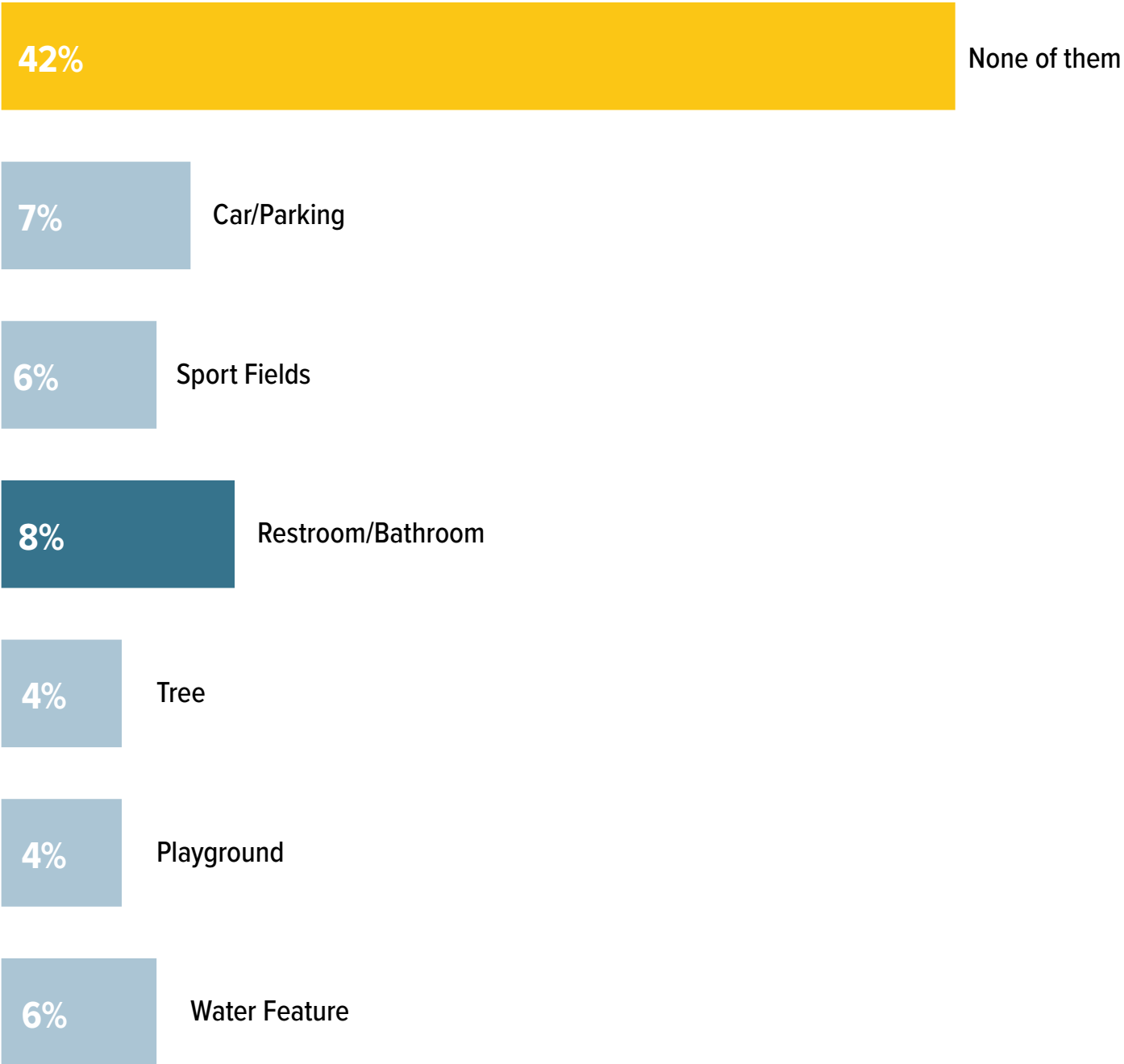
**IF YOU DO NOT FEEL WELCOME IN ZILKER
PARK, IT IS BECAUSE:**

COMMUNITY SURVEY #3 RESULTS

PROGRAMMING



ARE THERE ANY CURRENT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES OR PARK SPACES THAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM ZILKER?



ARE THERE ANY SPACES OR ACTIVITIES YOU FEEL ARE MISSING IN ZILKER PARK TODAY?

COMMUNITY SURVEY #3 RESULTS

PROGRAMMING



WHAT TYPES OF SPACES OR ACTIVITIES SHOULD THE PARK INCLUDE FOR YOUTH?



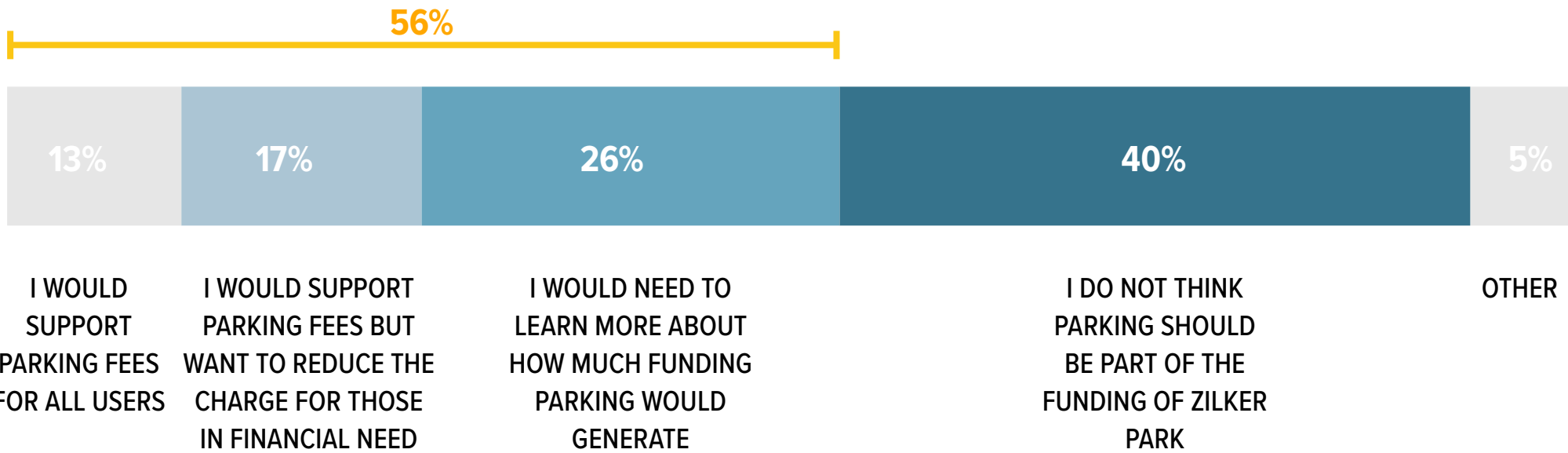
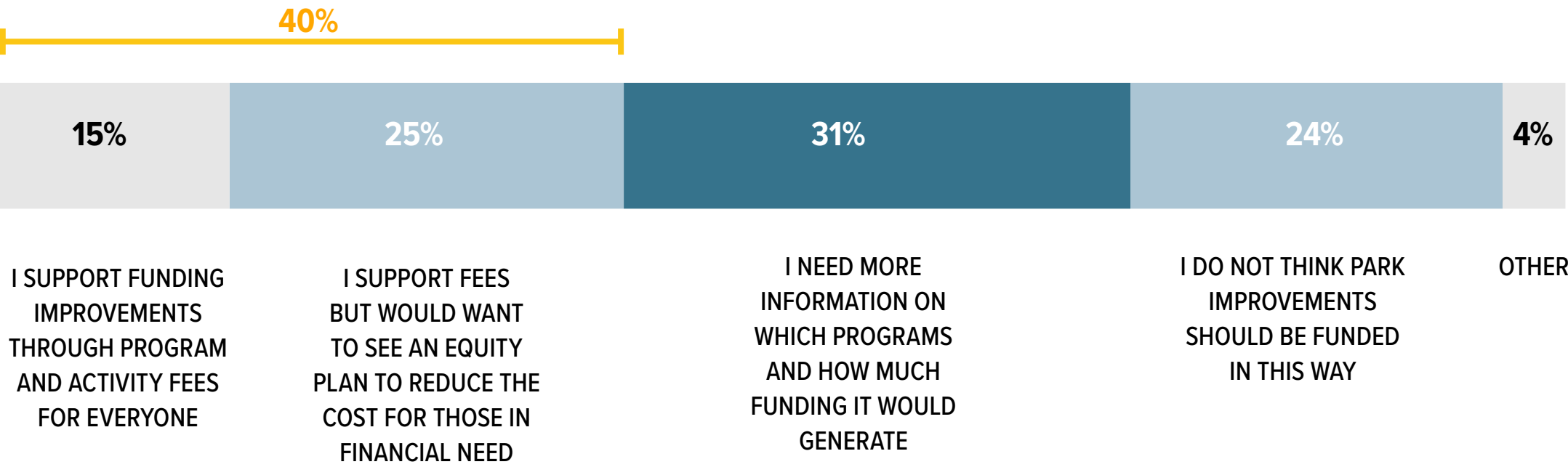
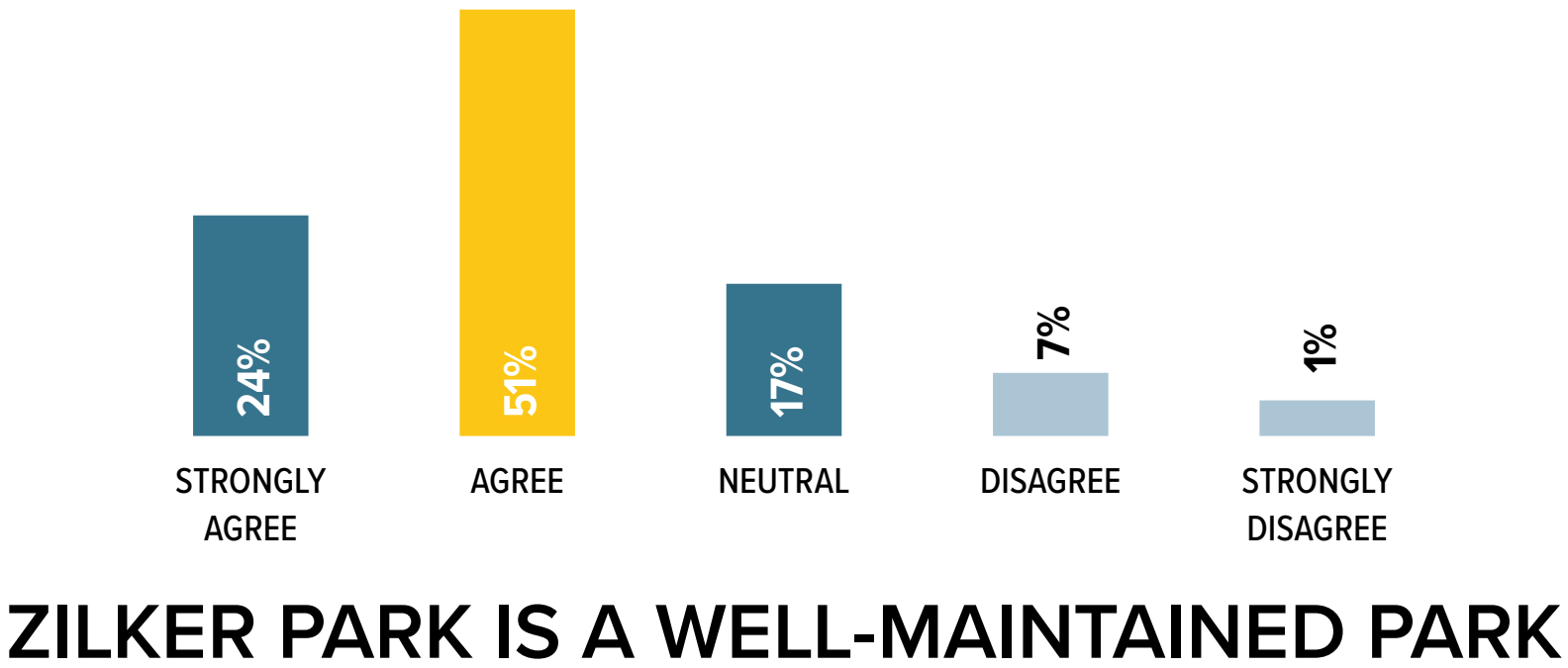
WHAT TYPES OF SPACES OR ACTIVITIES SHOULD THE PARK INCLUDE FOR SENIORS?



WHAT TYPES OF SPACES OR ACTIVITIES SHOULD THE PARK INCLUDE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES?

COMMUNITY SURVEY #3 RESULTS

FUNDING



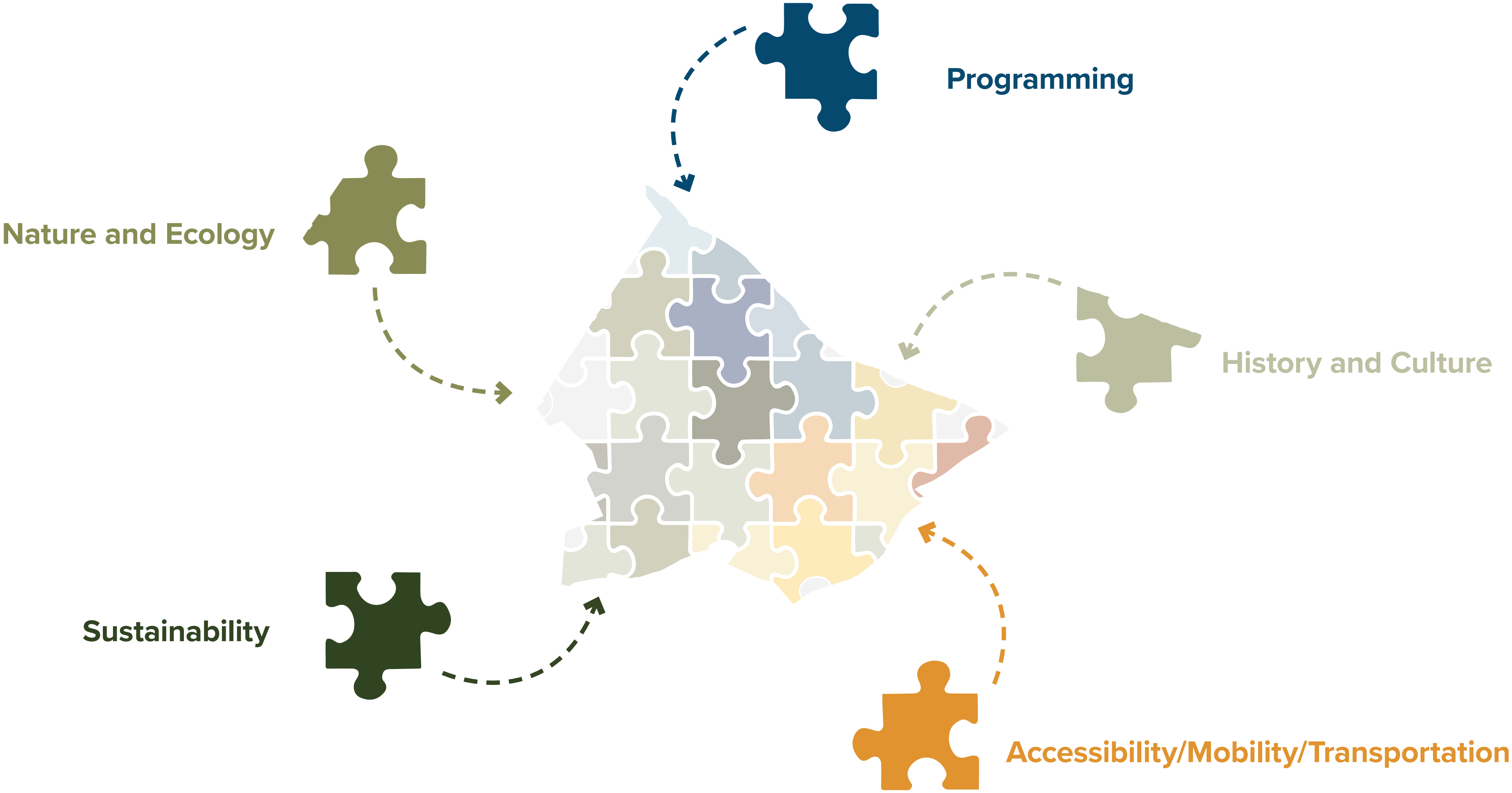
TO FUND PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE,
HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT PAYING FOR SOME
PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE PARK?

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT USING PARKING AS A
FUNDING SOURCE FOR ZILKER OPERATIONS AND
MAINTENANCE?



PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING

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PURPOSE OF ZILKER PARK VISION PLAN

ZILKER PARK AS AN AUSTIN TREASURE



Barton Springs



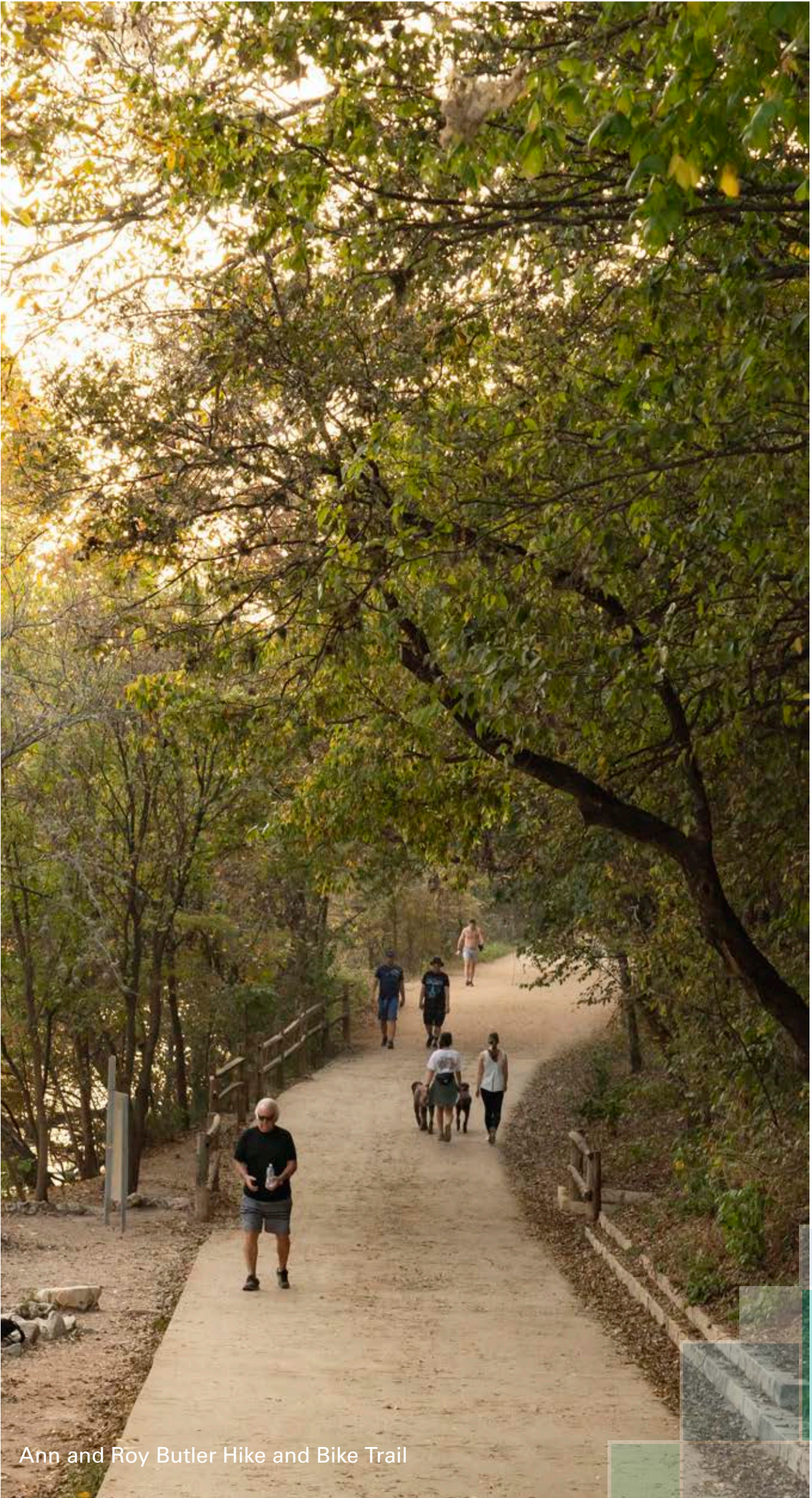
Great Lawn and Rock Island



Zilker Botanical Garden and Other Facilities within the Park



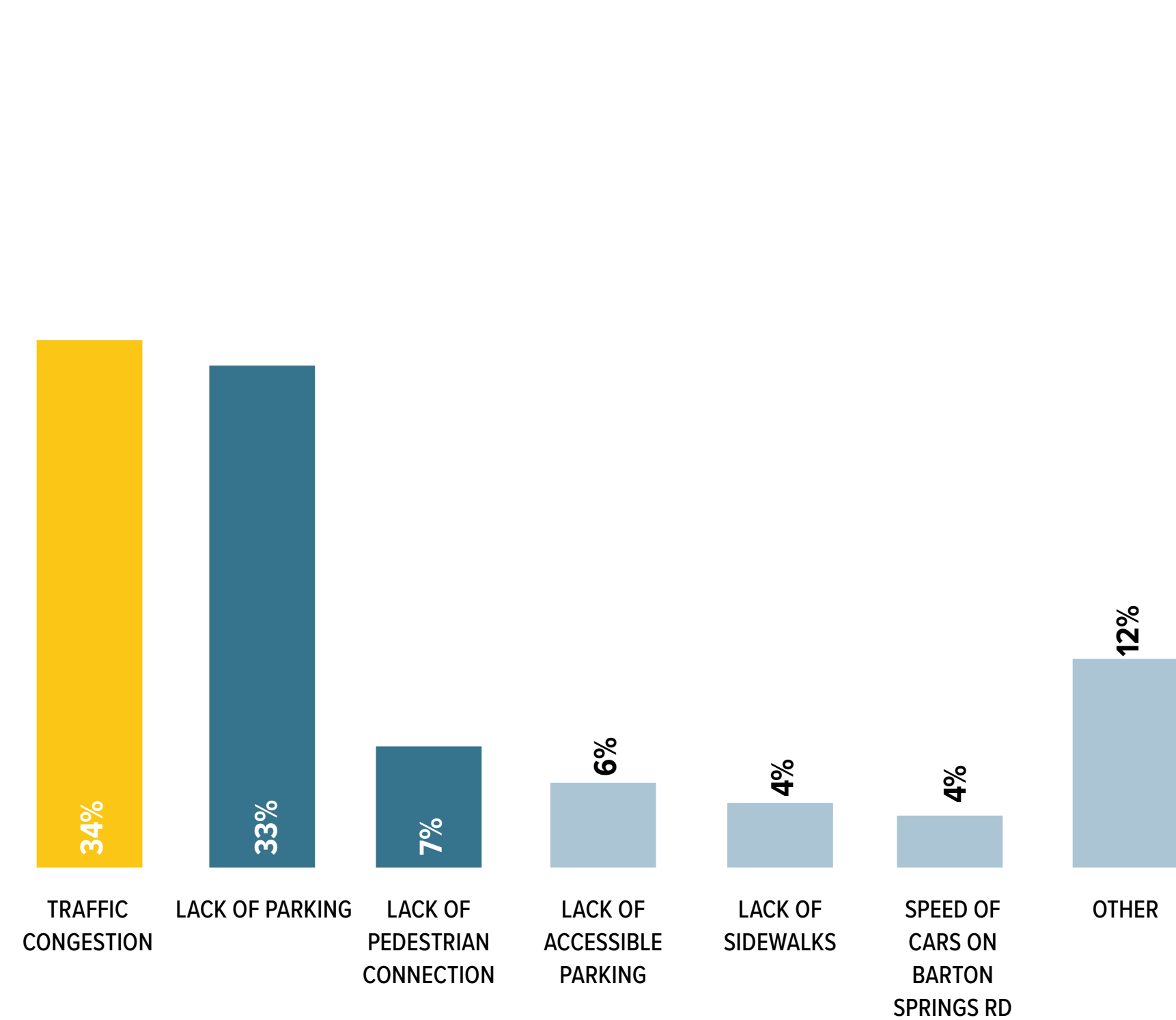
Lady Bird Lake and Barton Creek



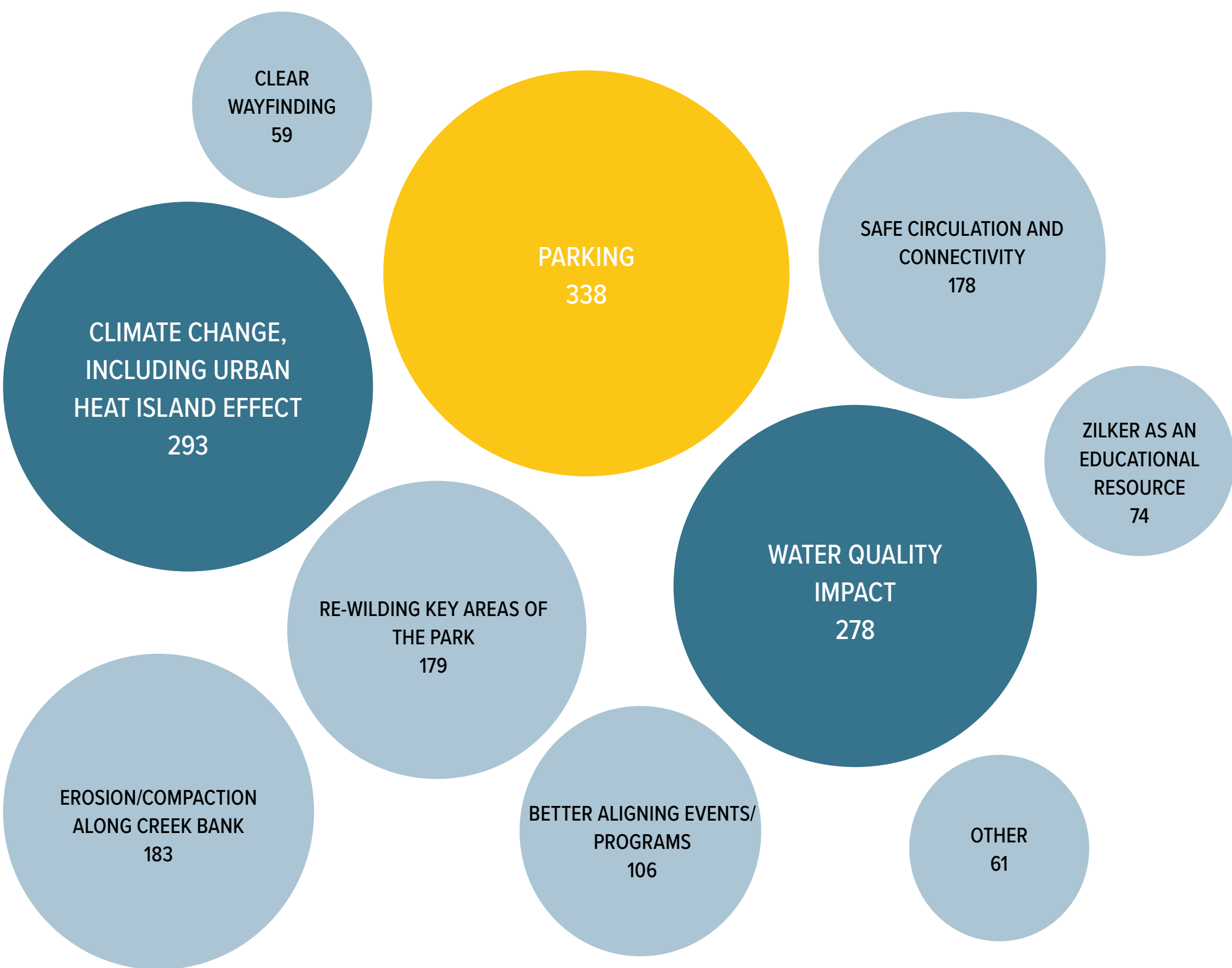
Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail

PURPOSE OF ZILKER PARK VISION PLAN

PREVIOUS SURVEY RESULT ABOUT PARK CHALLENGES



CURRENTLY, WHAT IS THE BIGGEST BARRIER TO ENJOYMENT OF ZILKER PARK?



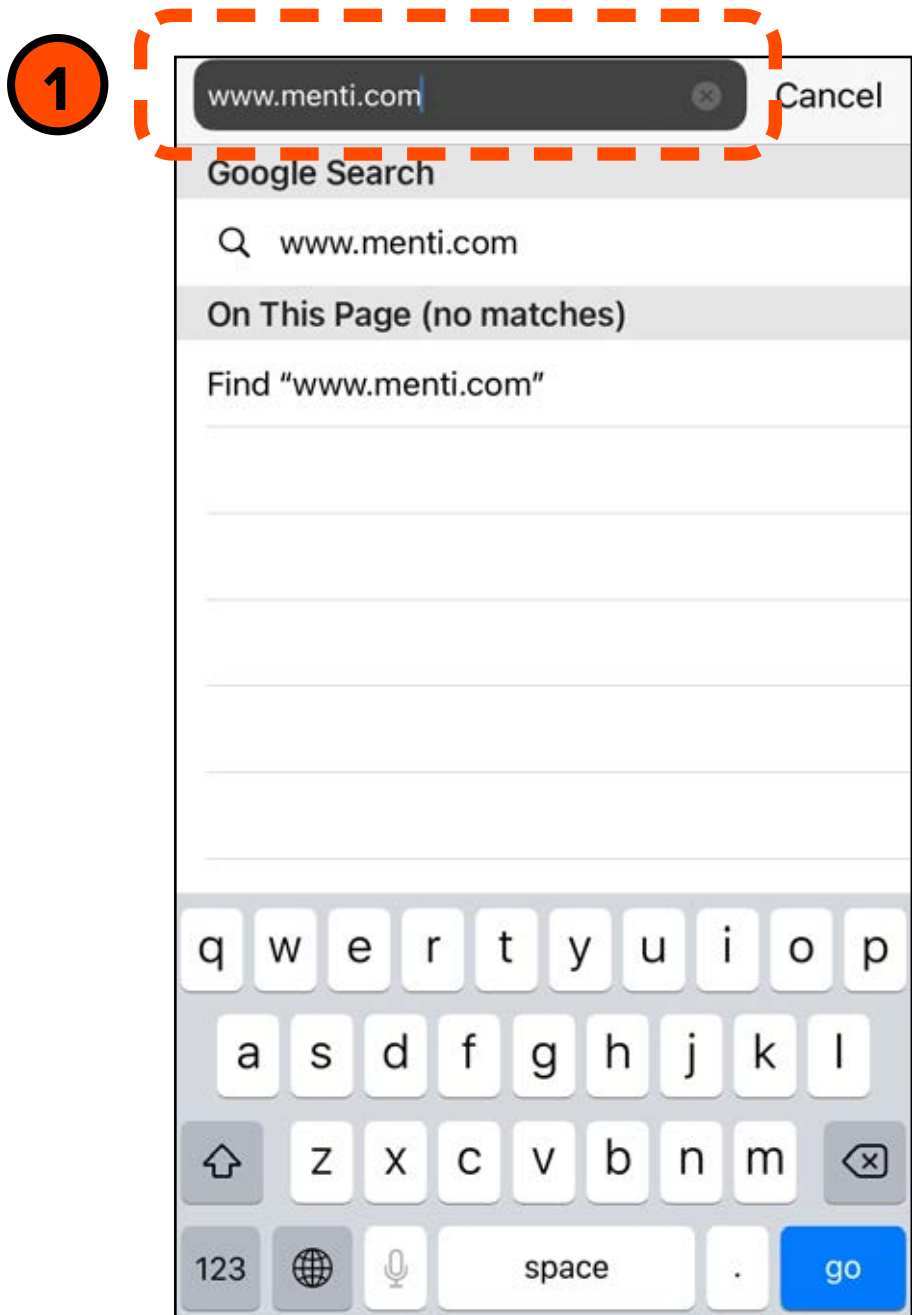
CHOOSE THE TOP THREE (3) ISSUES THAT YOU THINK THE ZILKER PARK VISION PLAN SHOULD ADDRESS.

INTERACTIVE MAP

STRUCTURE

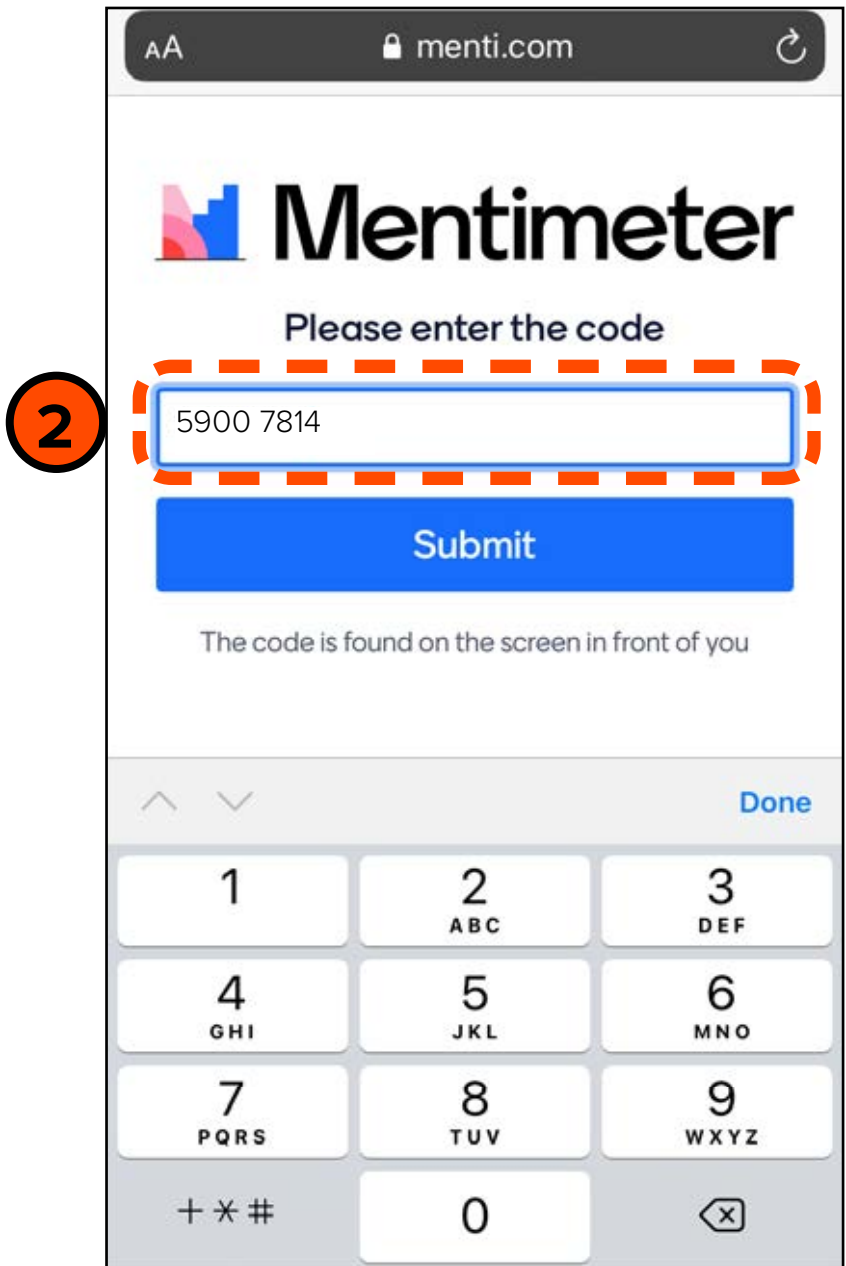


HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESENTATION’S SURVEY



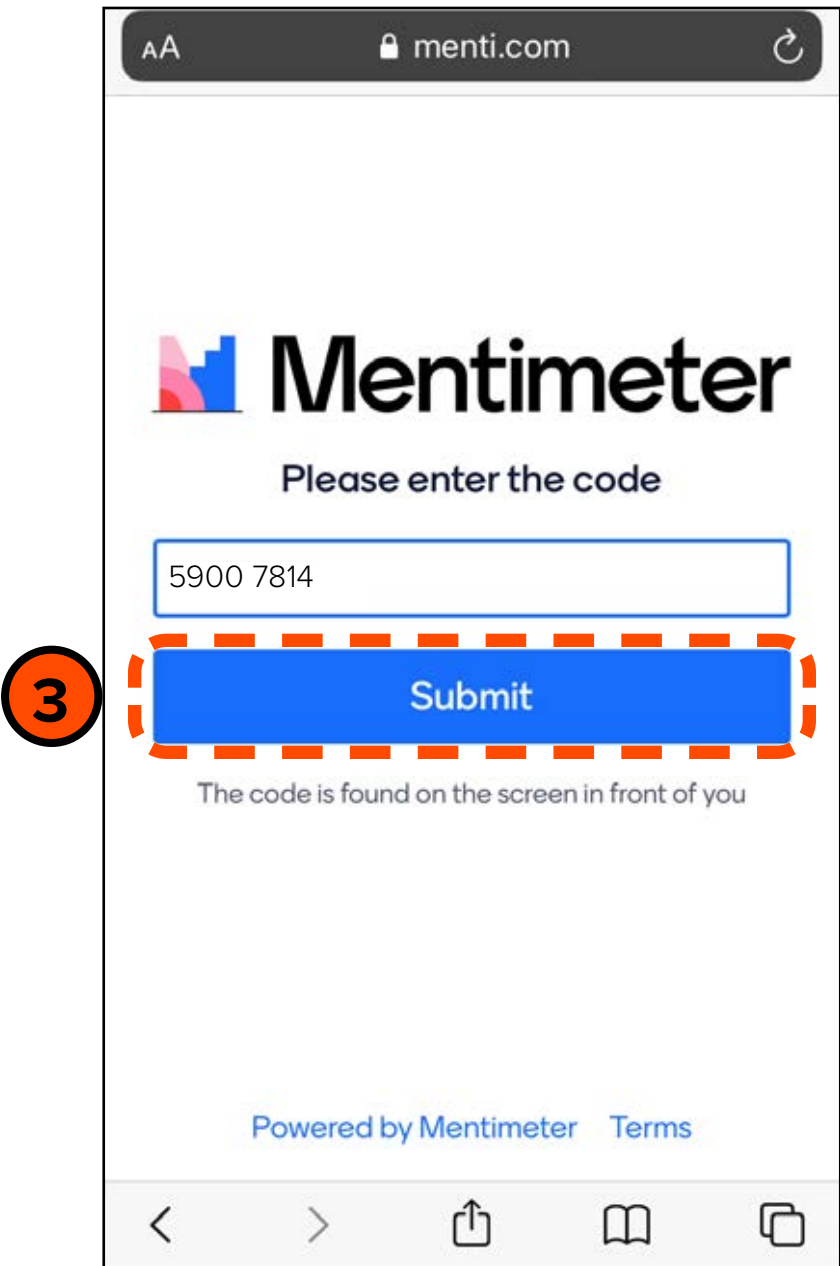
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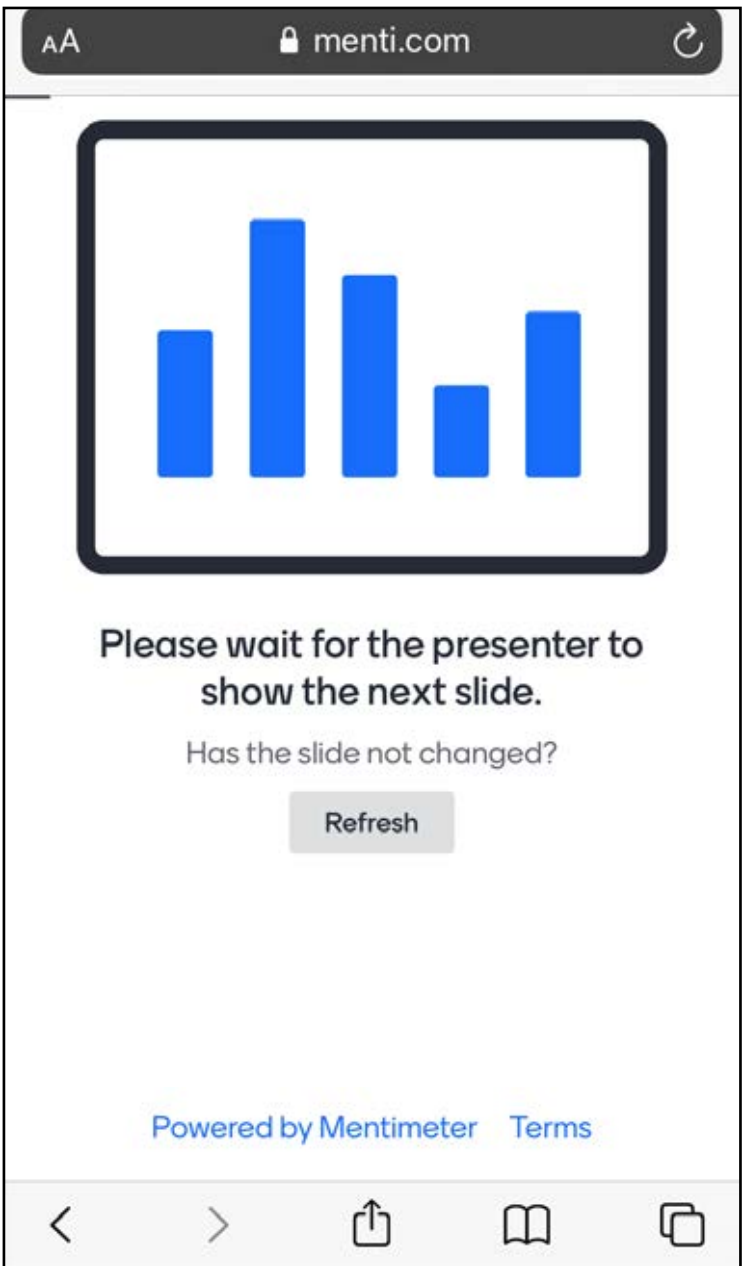


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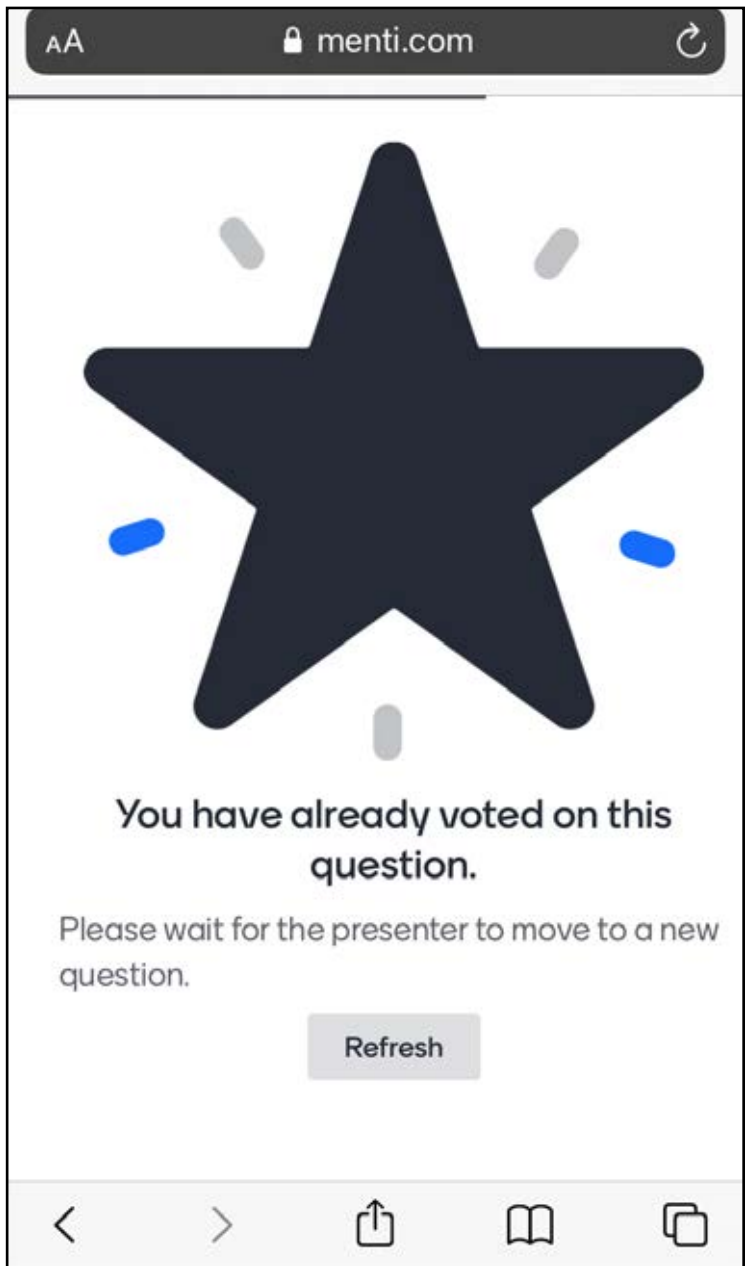
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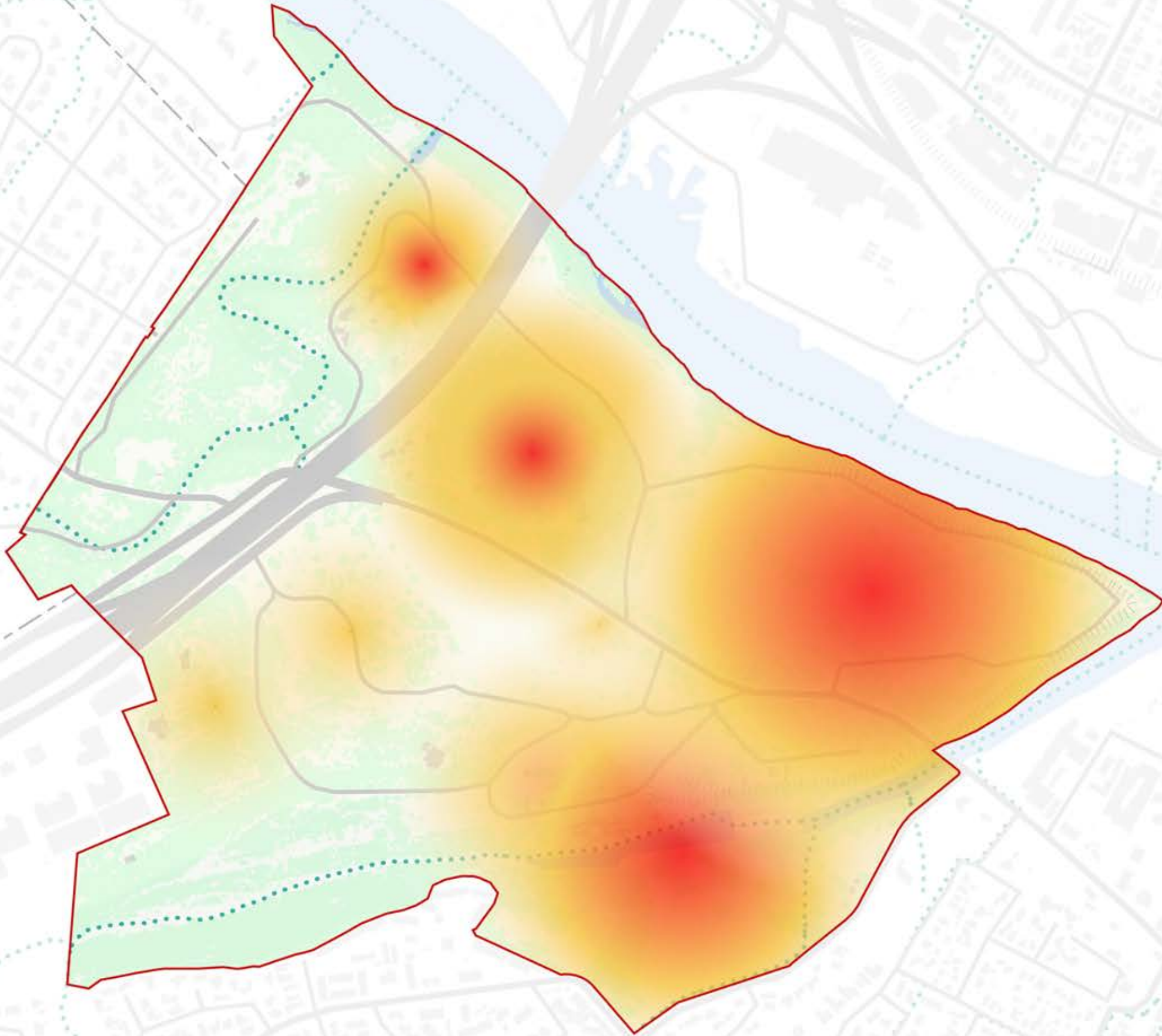


PROGRAMMING



DISTRIBUTION SCENARIOS

3 SCENARIOS



Existing Program Density

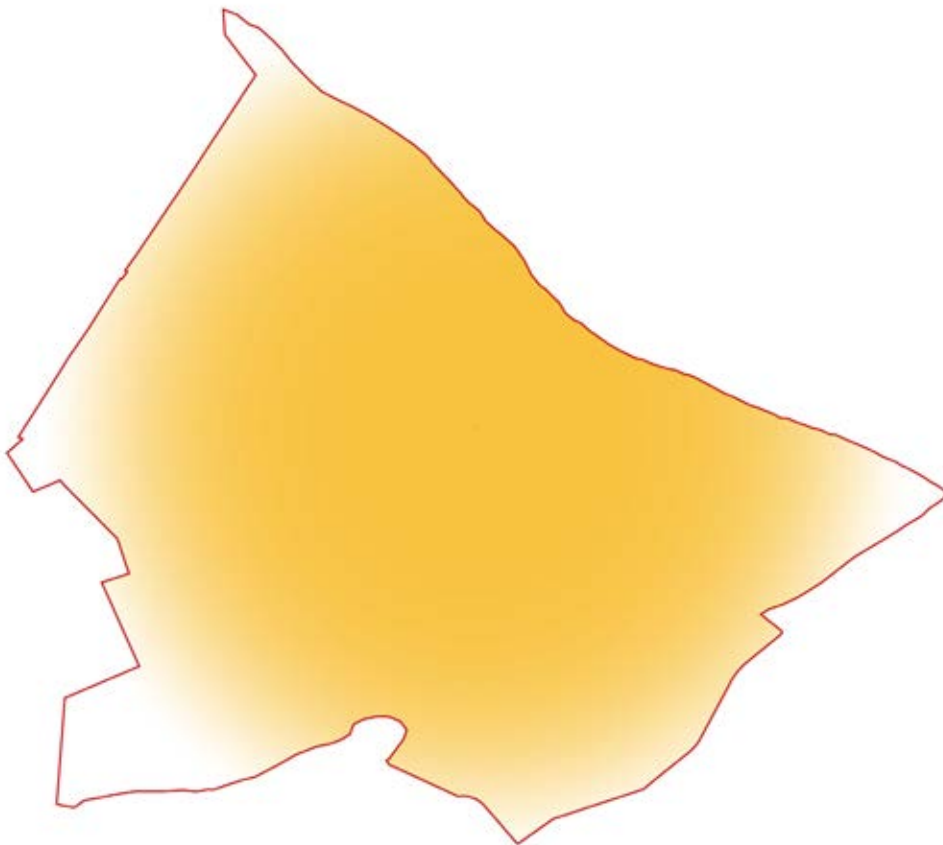
Concentrated



Nodes



Dispersed



GATEWAYS

TYPES

Physical Gateway

- Gate/Entrance
- Park Signage
- Art Work



LARGER

Threshold

- Paving Change
- Subtle Change

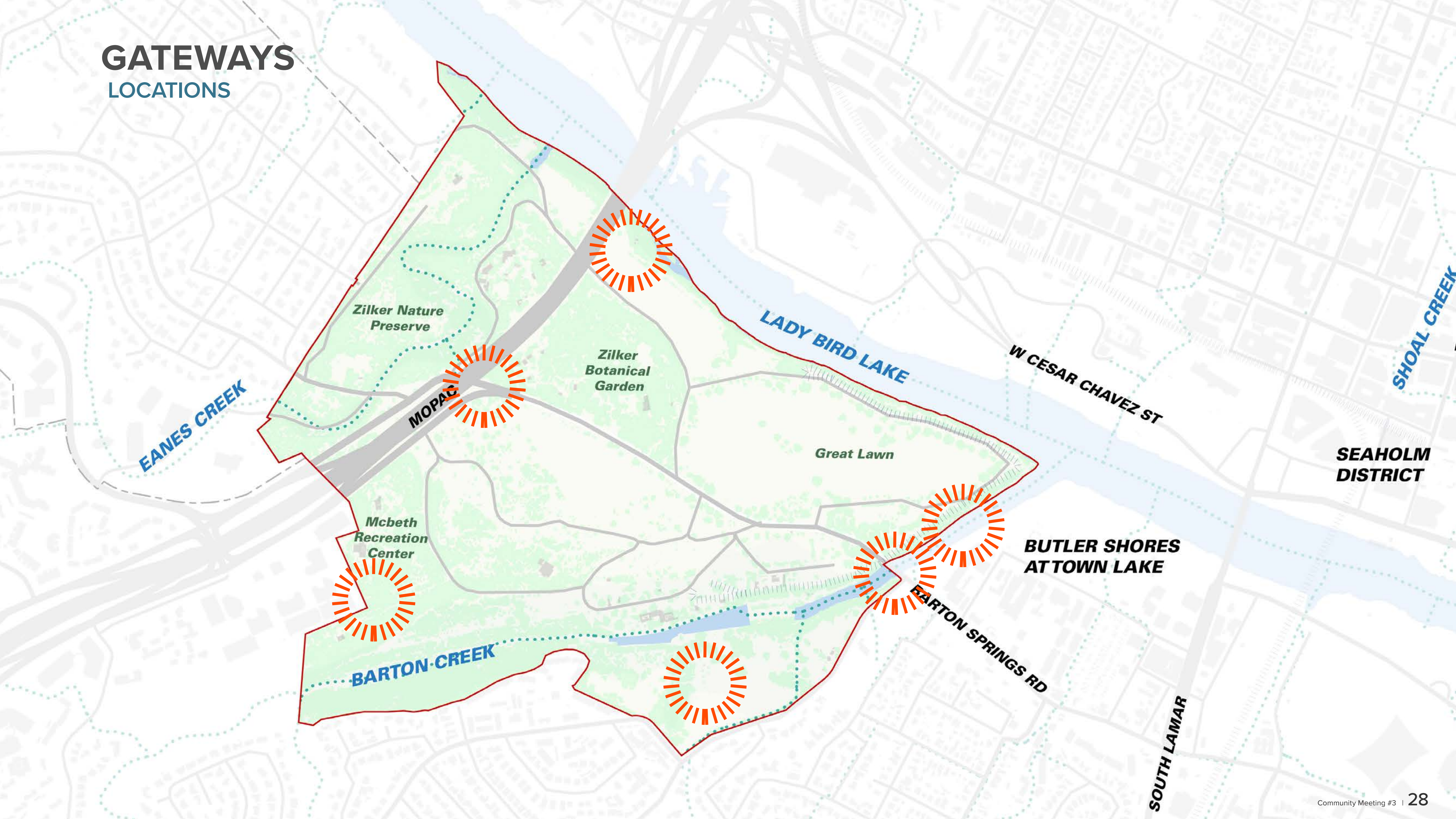


SMALLER

Intensity of Gateway

GATEWAYS

LOCATIONS



VISITOR HUB

REPURPOSING EXISTING ASSETS

ZILKER CLUBHOUSE



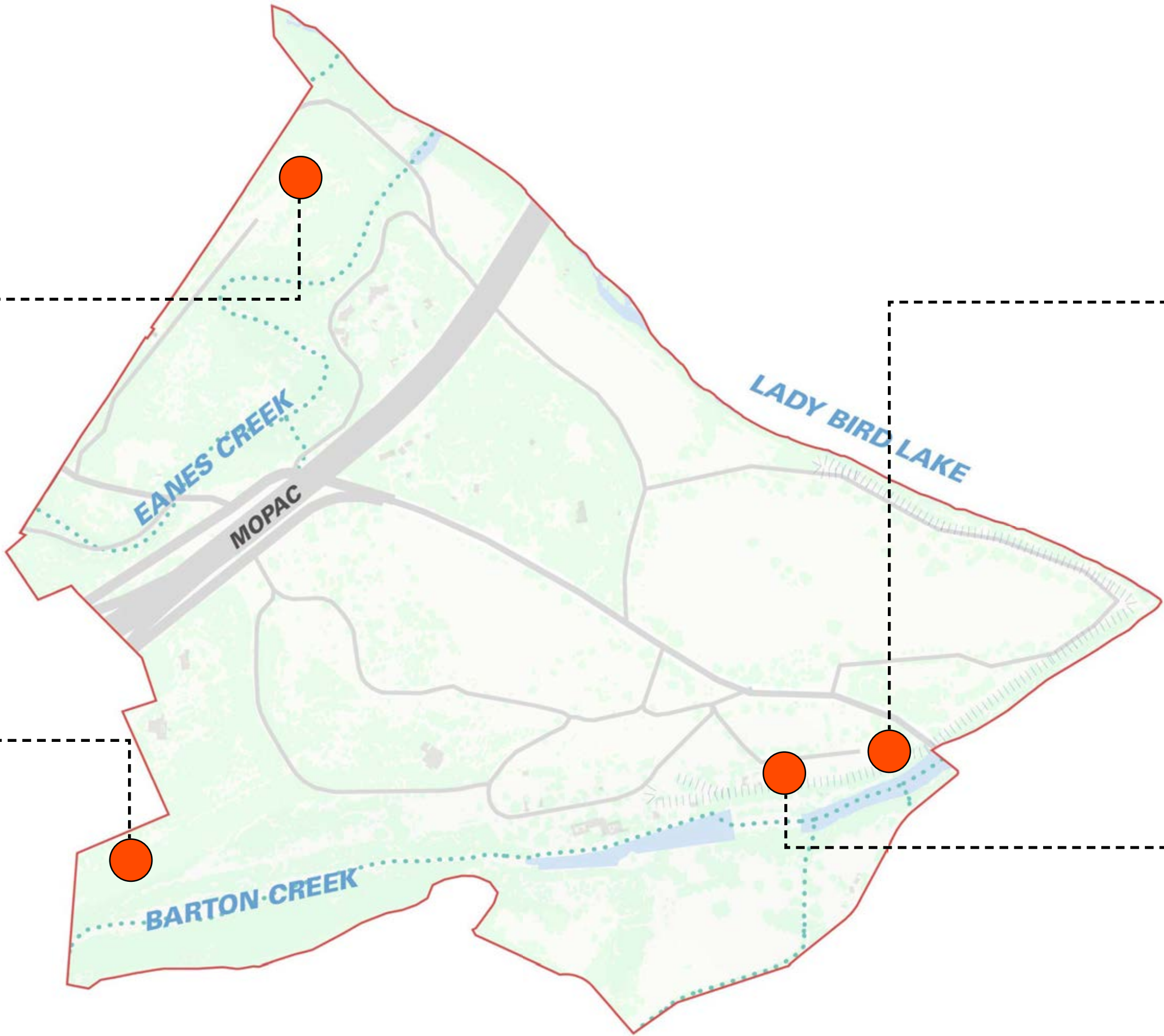
GIRL SCOUT HUT



QUONSET HUT



CARETAKER'S COTTAGE



VISITOR HUB

THE TYPOLOGIES OF VISITOR HUB

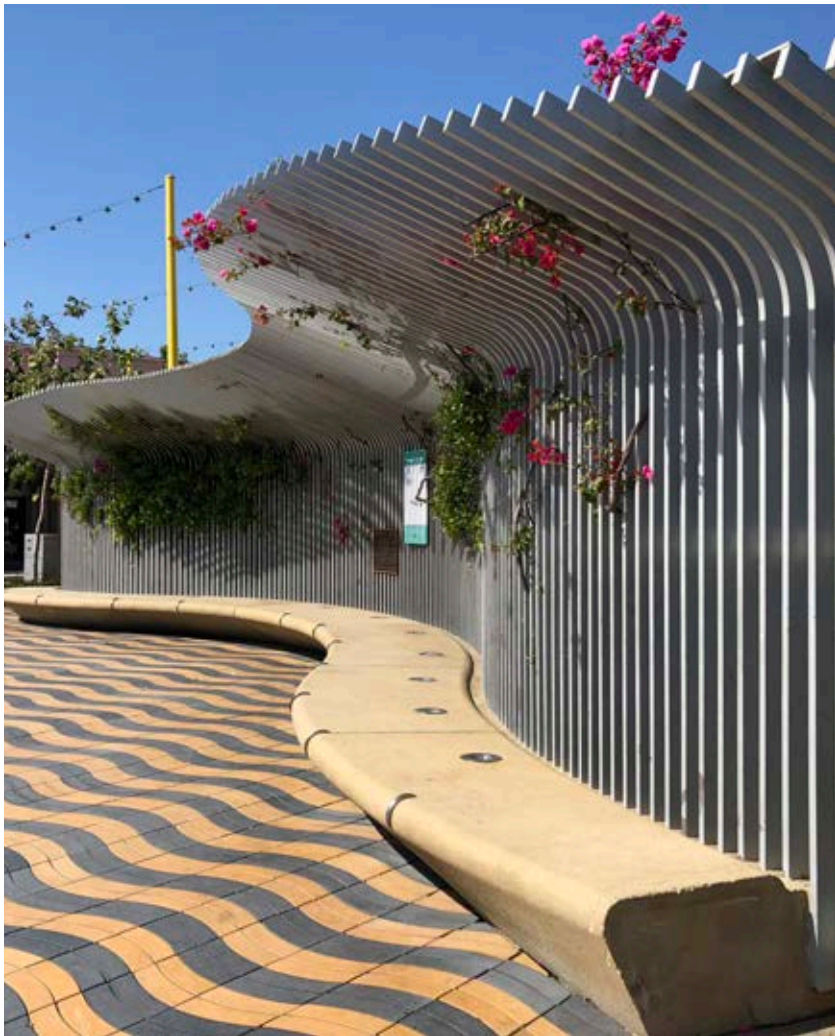
SIGNAGE



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SEATING AREA



SHADED PAVILION



BUILDING



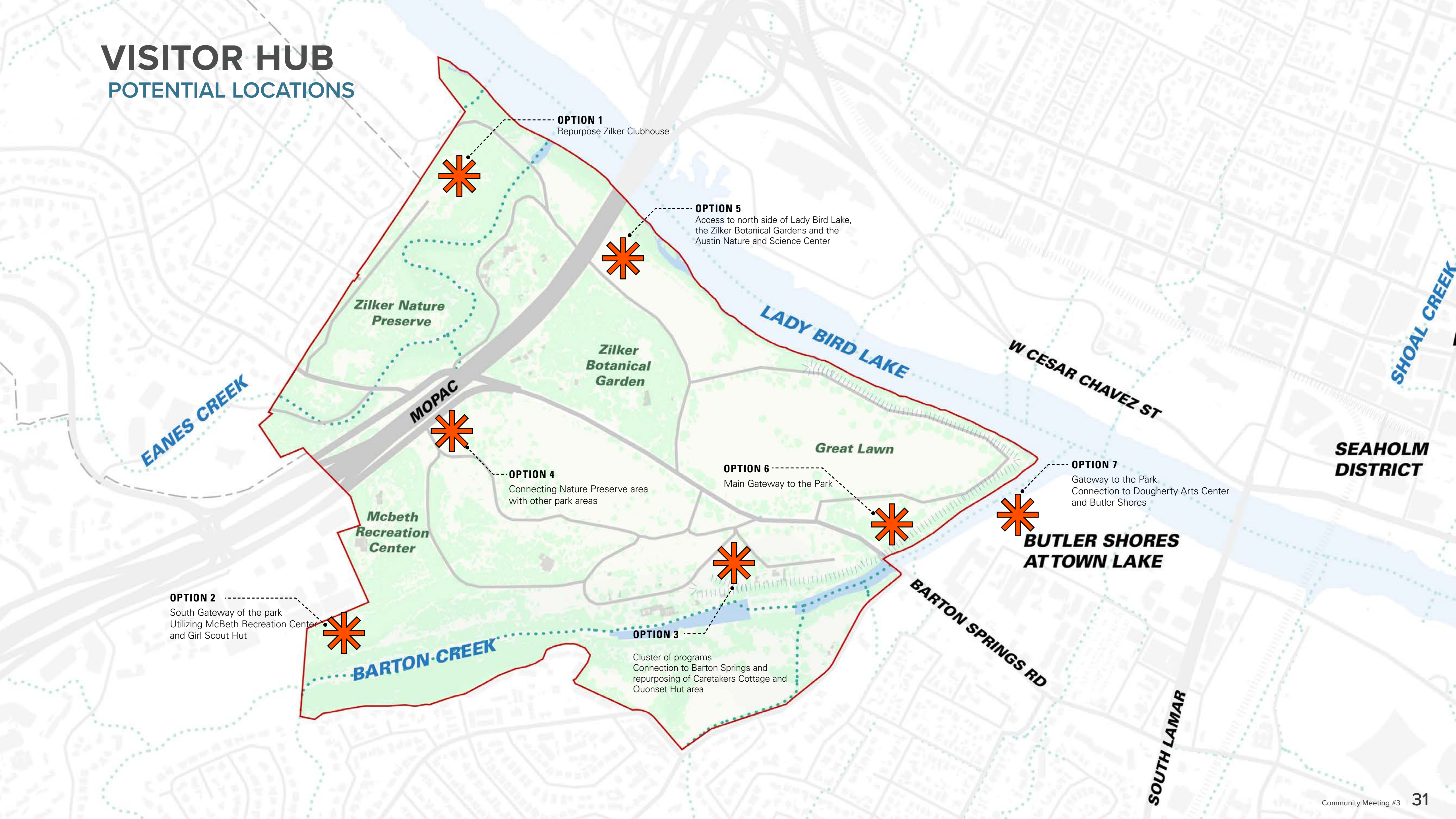
LESS COMPLEX

MORE COMPLEX

Size and Cost of Visitor Hub

VISITOR HUB

POTENTIAL LOCATIONS



ACCESSIBILITY, MOBILITY, AND TRANSPORTATION



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

TRAVELING BY FOOT, BIKE, AND TRAIL



- Goal: Better connecting the trail system to and from and within the park.
- Bringing the Greenbelt trailhead to a more prominent area nearer park entrance.
- Improving visibility and access points to and from Butler Trail.
- Improving MoPac path access.
- Implementing Butler Trail Safety Plan recommendations, including a new trail bridge across Barton Creek – e.g., at Lou Neff Pt.
- Adding rolling and walking trail network within the park to directly connect attractions and serve people passing through.

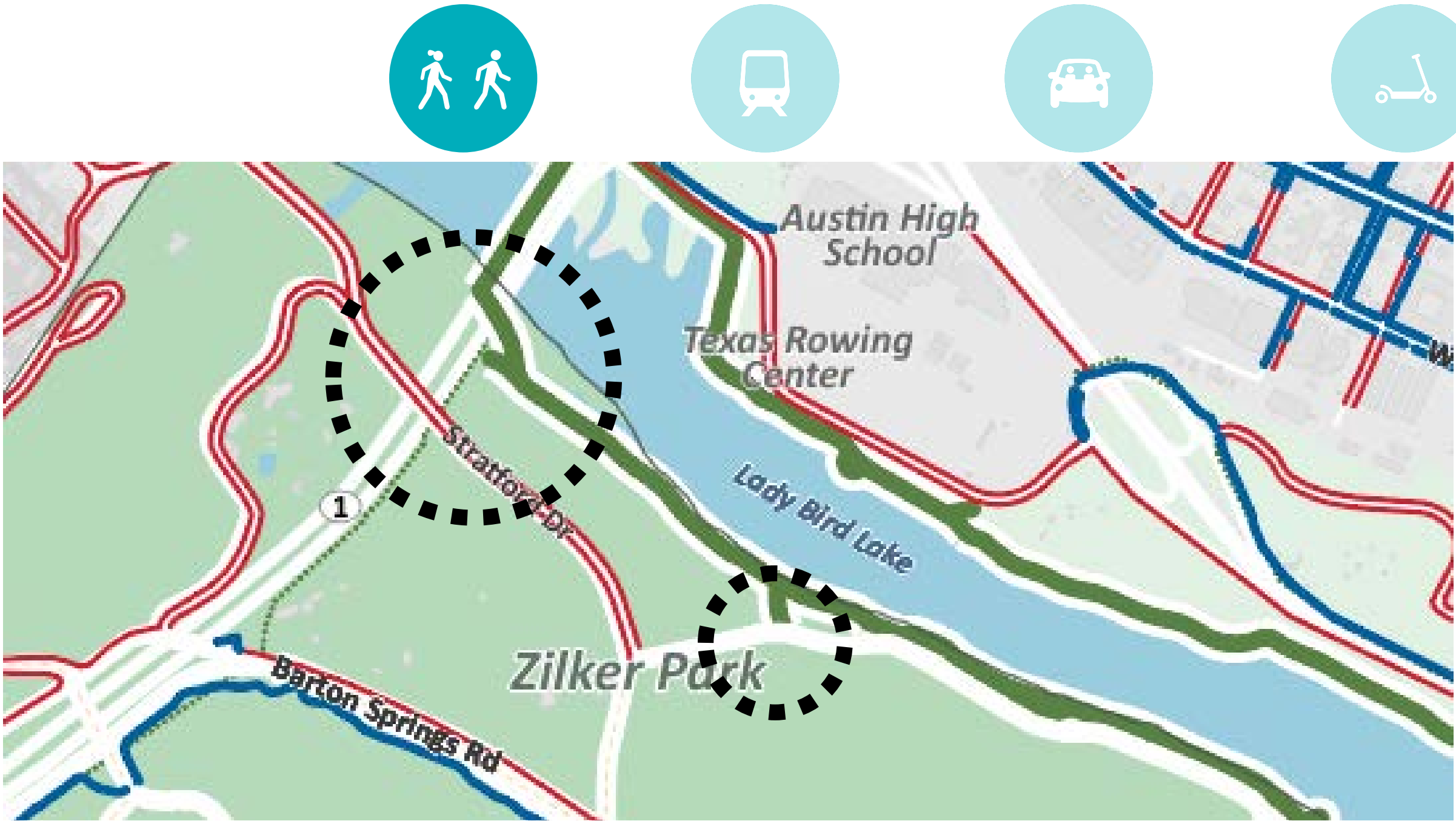


ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

TRAVELING BY FOOT, BIKE, AND TRAIL



BIKE/PEDESTRIAN NETWORK



REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECTION



ROBERTA CRENSHAW BRIDGE



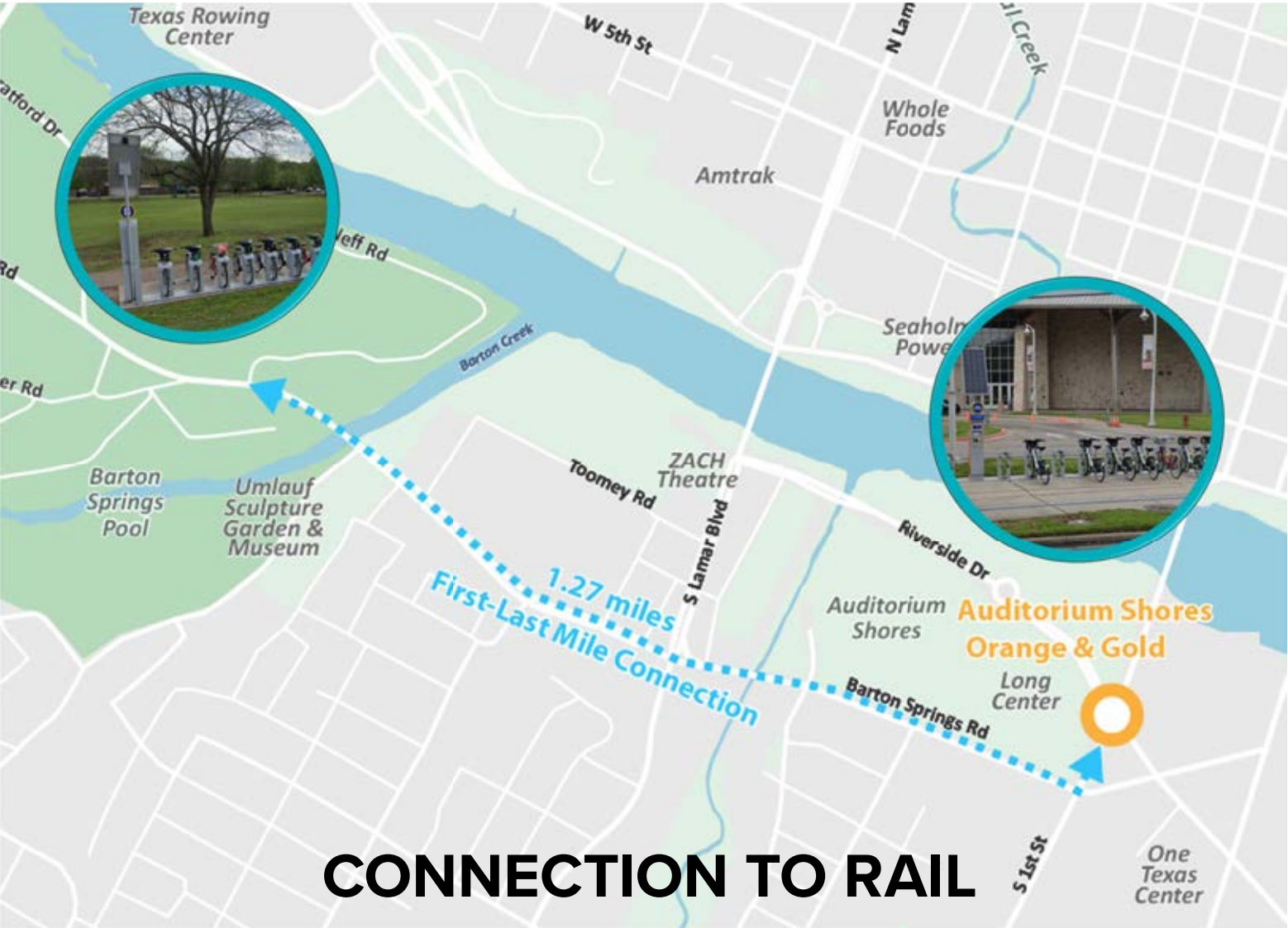
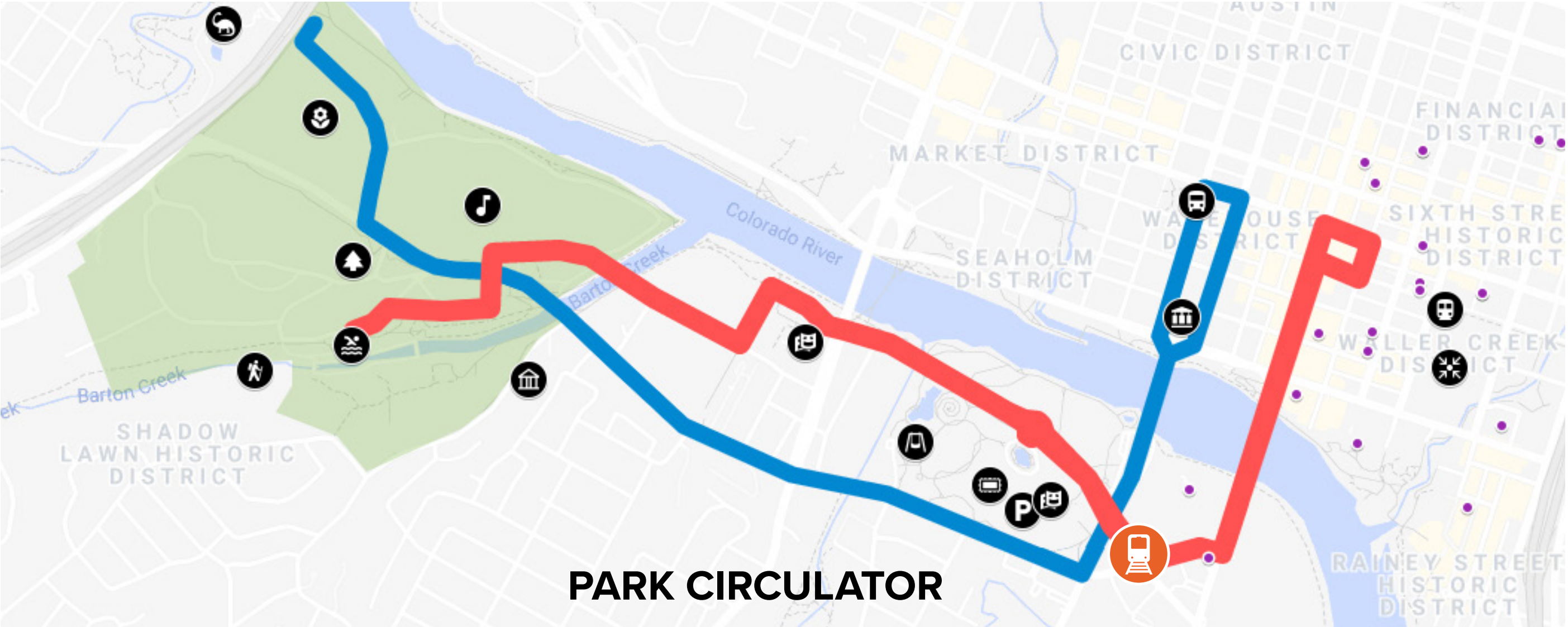
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

PARK CIRCULATOR, CONNECTION TO DOWNTOWN AND RAIL



CONNECTION TO DOWNTOWN



VEHICLE NETWORK

WHAT IF...

- Nature and Ecology
- Programming
- Sustainability
- History and Culture
- Accessibility/Mobility/Transportation



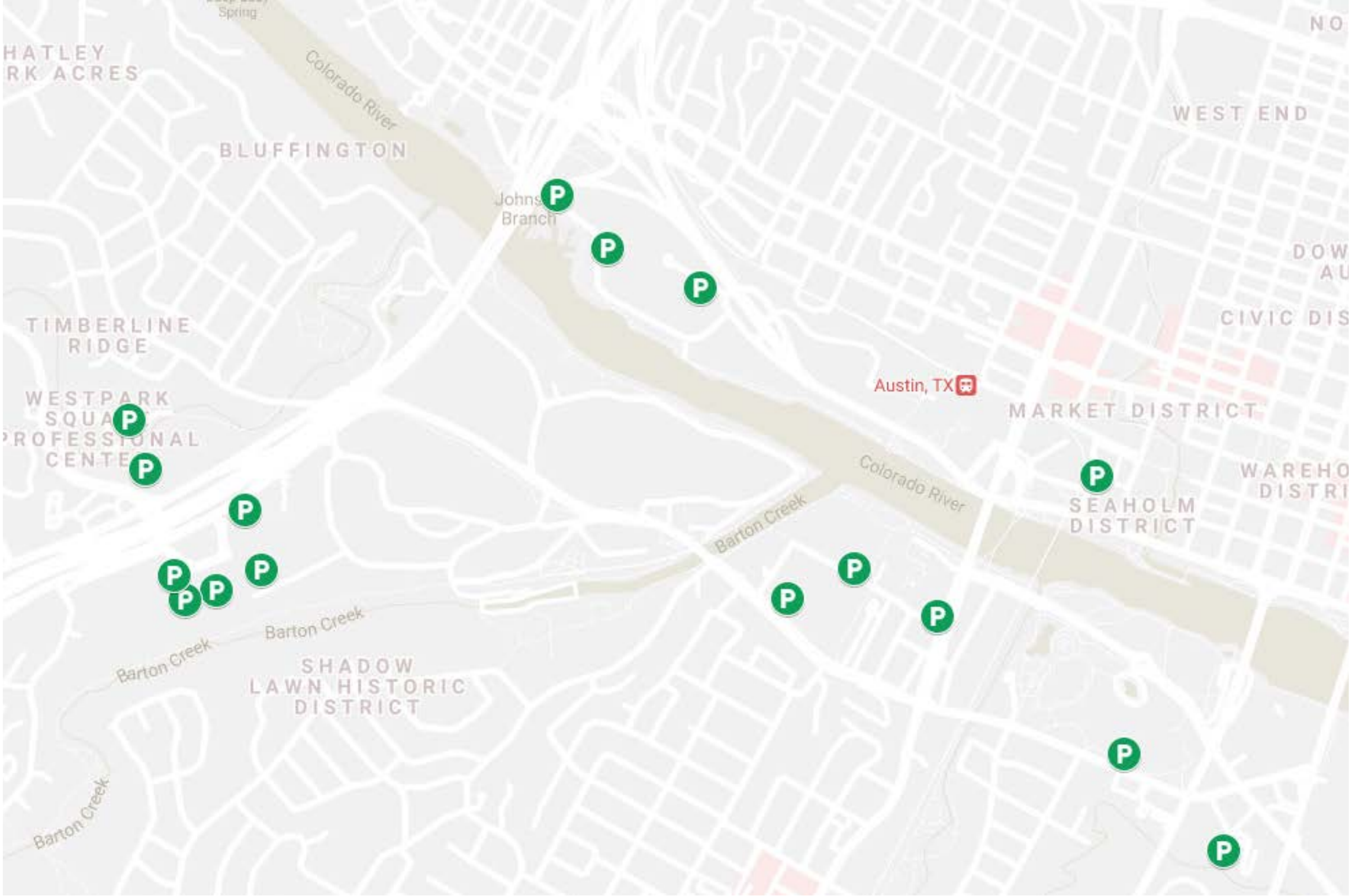
VEHICLE NETWORK

PARKING

CONSOLIDATE DISPARATE LOTS



SHARED PARKING RESOURCES



VEHICLE NETWORK

BARTON SPRINGS ROAD

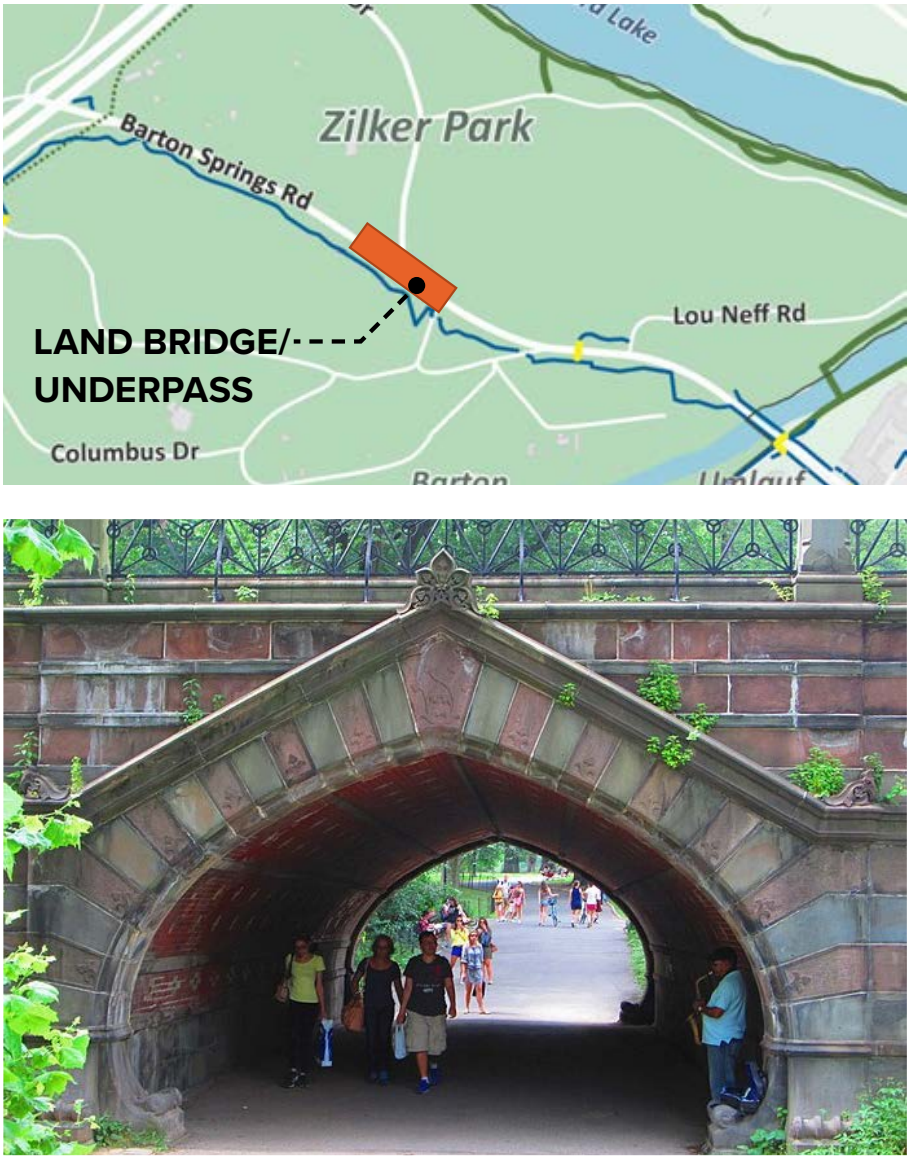
TEMPORARY INTERVENTION



TRAFFIC CALMING



LAND BRIDGE/UNDERPASS



SMALLER

Time and Cost of Implementation

LARGER

VEHICLE NETWORK

STRATFORD DRIVE



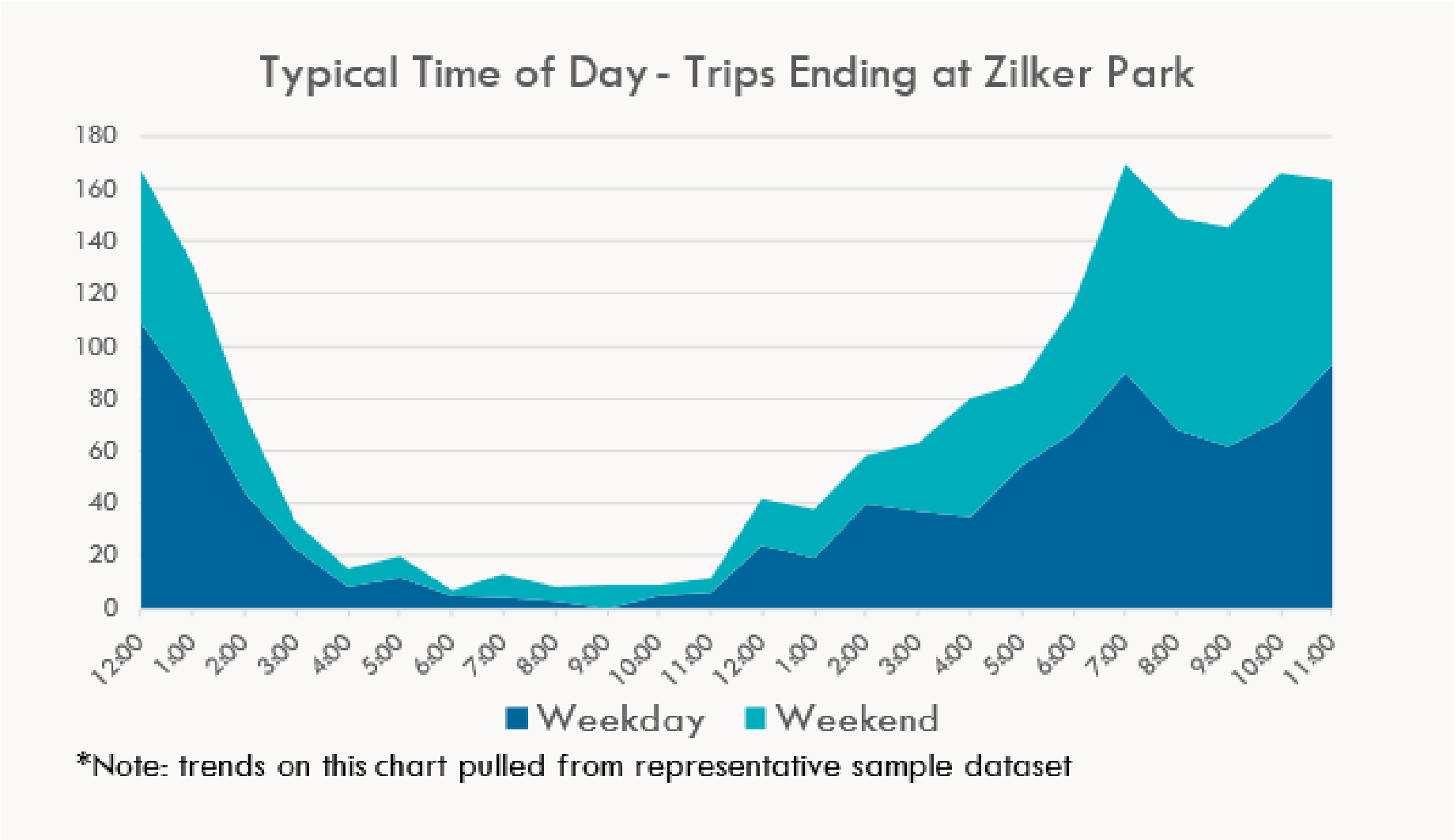
ENTRANCE OF NATURE CENTER DRIVE



STRATFORD DRIVE ALONG NATURE PRESERVE

SHARED VEHICLE/SCOOTER

DESIGNATE PARKING, PICK-UP/DROP-OFF ZONE



ECOLOGY



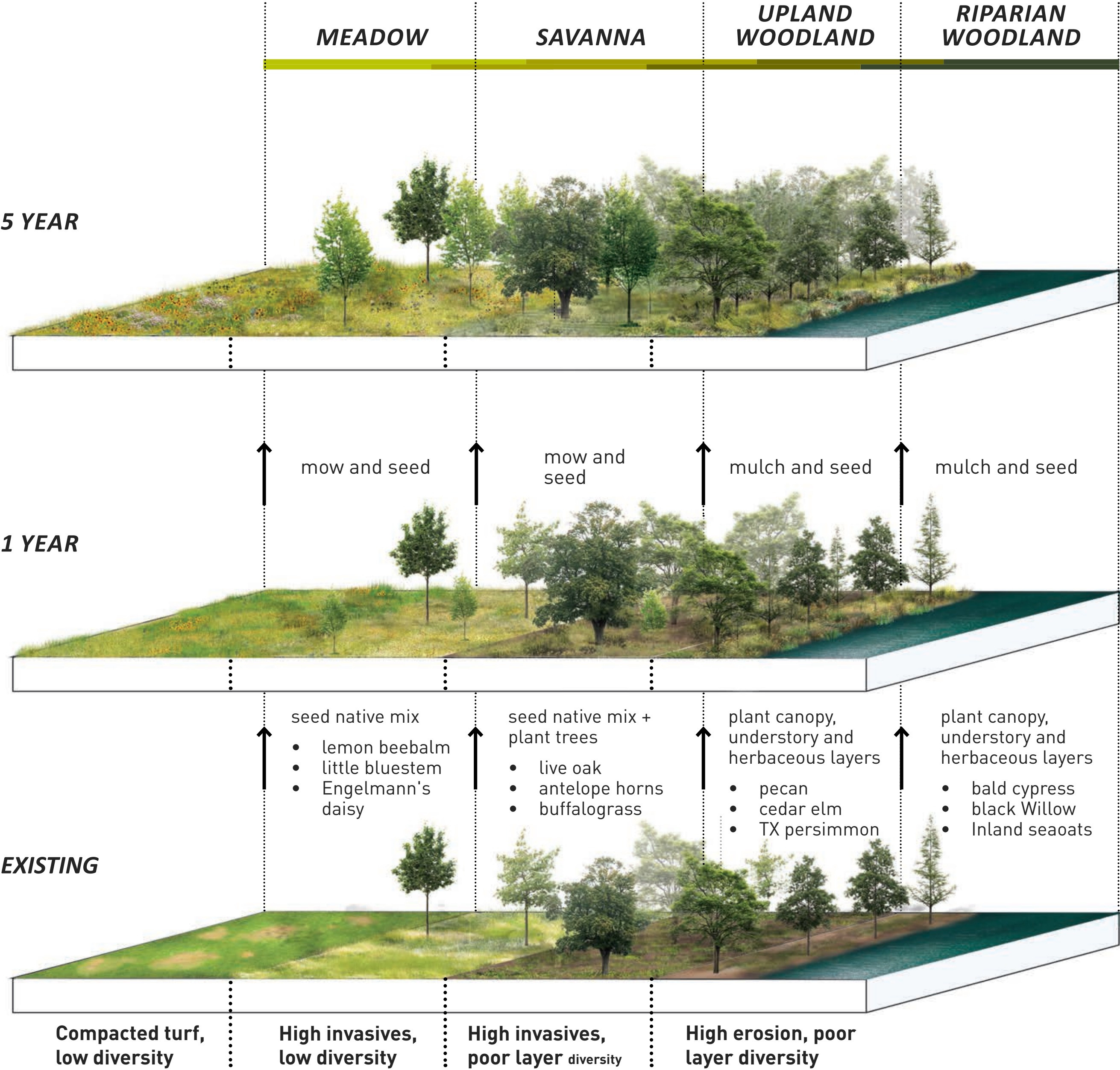
ECOLOGICAL UPLIFT

THE DEFINITION

Ecological uplift is the process of enhancing ecological systems in a landscape where they may not exist, are impaired, or simply can be improved.

Ecological Uplift actions at Zilker Park will:

- INCREASE BIODIVERSITY
- IMPROVE ECOSYSTEM FUNCTION
- EXPAND CRITTER HABITATS
- ENHANCE CONNECTION BETWEEN HUMANS AND NATURE
- INCREASE LANDSCAPE RESILIENCY TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS



ECOLOGY SCENARIO

ECOLOGICAL UPLIFT



UPLAND WOODLAND



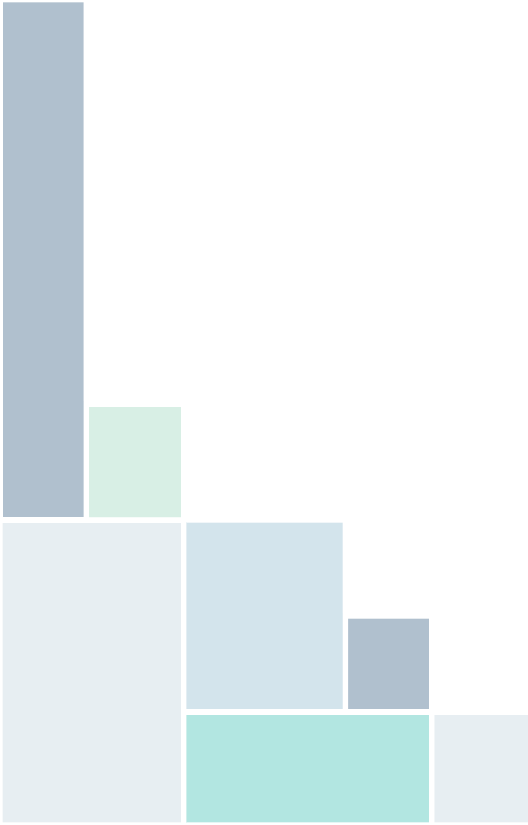
RIPARIAN WOODLAND



SAVANNA

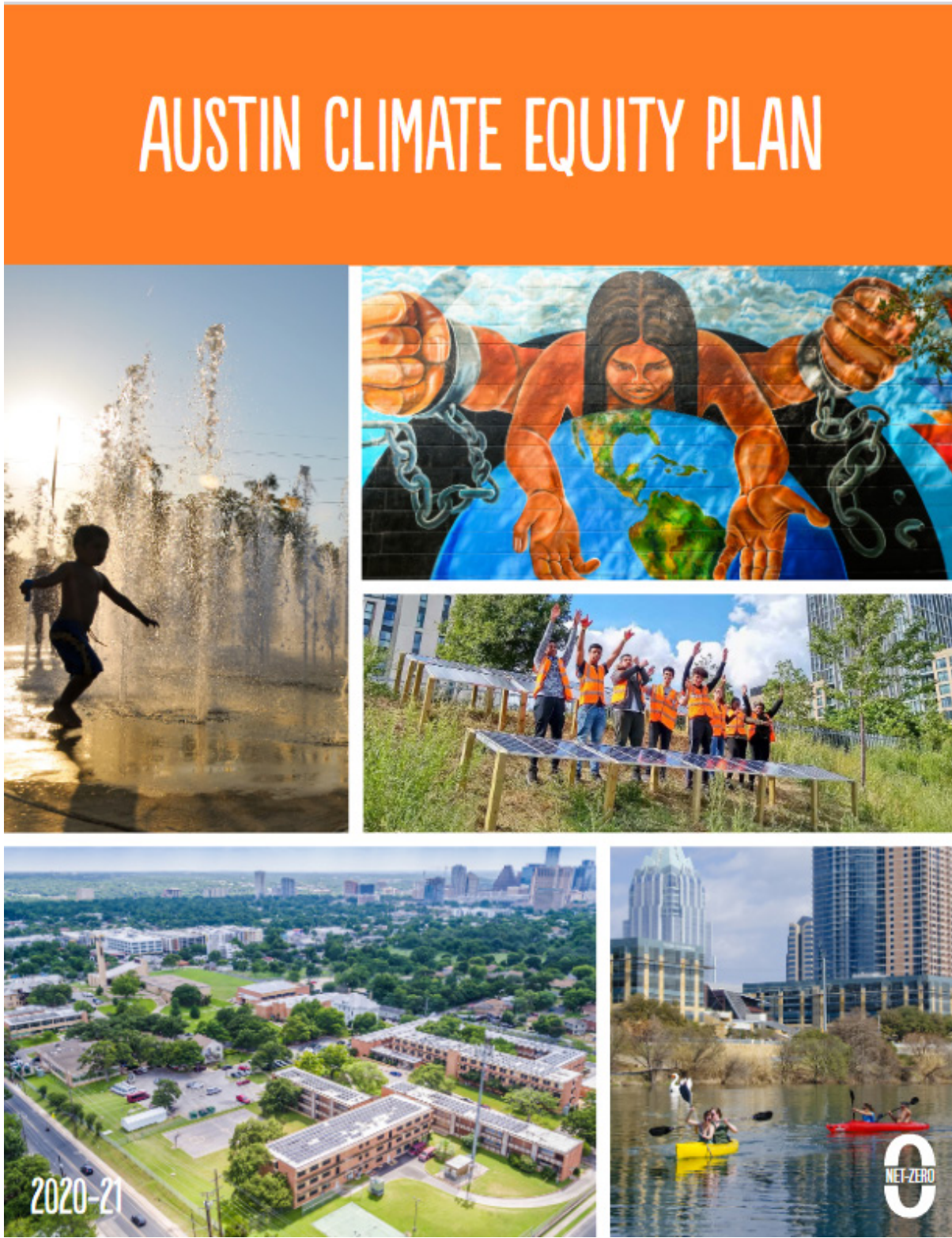


MEADOW



CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change is integrated into the vision plan through adaptation, mitigation, and resiliency. The plan is aligned with the Austin Climate Equity Plan as well as the Climate Resilience Action Plan.



ADAPTATION

refers to humans adapting to life in a changing climate.

Increased woodlands and street trees reduce the impacts of extreme heat and urban heat island effect, making Zilker a refuge from climate change and a place where people can enjoy the outdoors.

MITIGATION

refers to the efforts to reduce or prevent climate change.

Increased vegetation and improved soil health result in greater carbon sequestration, enabling Zilker to play a small role in pulling carbon out of our atmosphere and reducing global temperatures.

RESILIENCY

refers to a landscape's ability to deal with the effects of climate change.

Increased native species diversity and green stormwater infrastructure make the park less susceptible to catastrophic failure, reduces the chance of flooding, erosion, and water quality impacts, while preserving habitat.



CANOPY ENHANCEMENT

Canopy enhancement adds shade trees in formal park areas. This not only aids ecosystem services, it improves the user experience as well.

Reduces Urban Heat Island Effect

Provides Habitat

Creates a more naturalistic park aesthetic

Provides shade

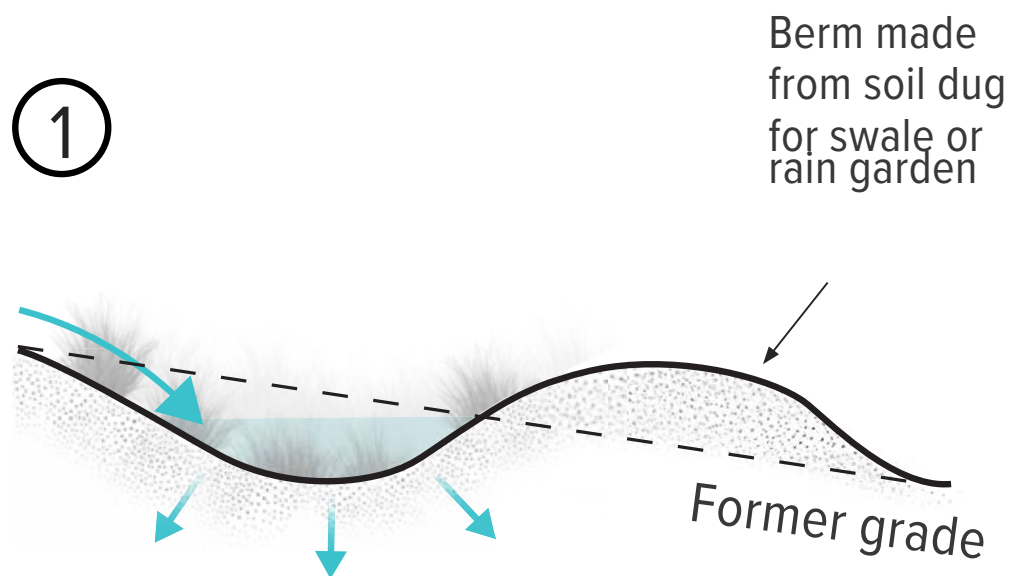
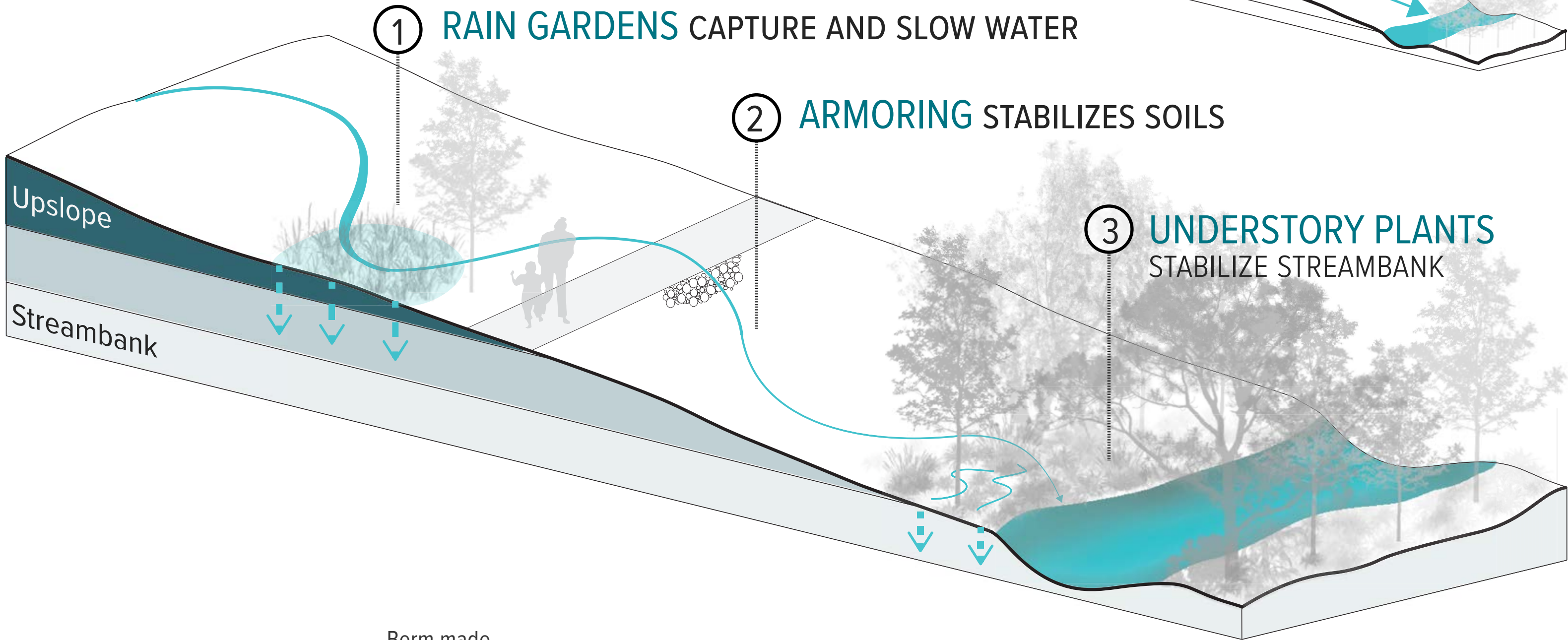
Improves water quality

SUSTAINABILITY

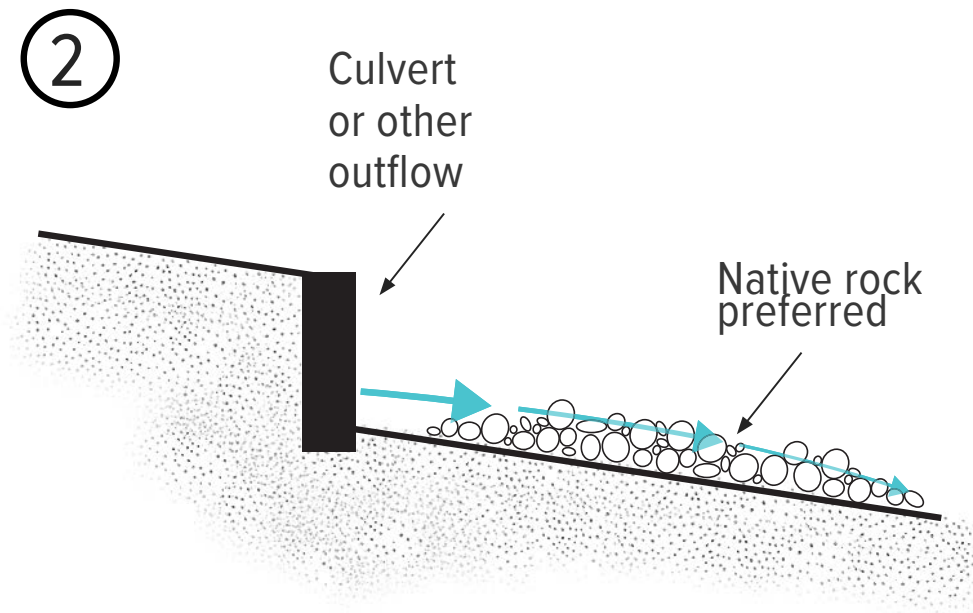
GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE OPTIONS

Green stormwater infrastructure can address the root cause of erosion: fast-moving water often coming off roads, parking lots, and buildings. When water moves more slowly, it has longer to soak into the soil, reducing erosion, preventing sediment and pollutants from entering streams and springs, and increasing groundwater supplies. Green infrastructure offers other benefits, including increased creek flow and wildlife habitat. In addition, a well-planned and designed green stormwater installation can heighten the aesthetics and quality of the user experience in these areas. The following are recommended types of green stormwater infrastructure at Zilker Park.

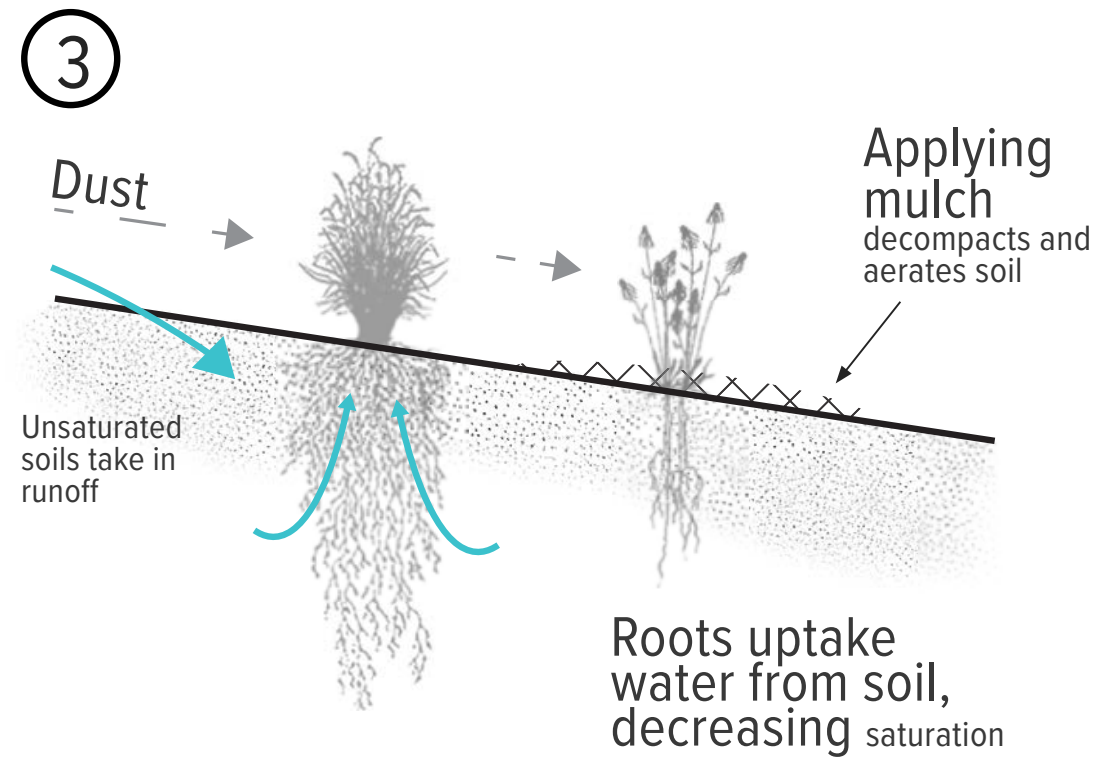
- 1 SWALES & RAIN GARDENS
- 2 ARMORING
- 3 UNDERSTORY PLANTS



SWALES & RAIN GARDENS
CAPTURE WATERFLOW AND INFILTRATE WATER INTO SOIL



ARMORING (RIPRAP, CONCRETE, LIMESTONE, GRANITE BLOCK GABIONS, OR EROSION MATS) NEAR OUTFLOWS WILL SLOW WATERFLOW AND STABILIZE SOILS



UNDERSTORY PLANTS STABILIZE SOILS, INCREASE WATER UPTAKE, AND REDUCE DUST DISPERSION — REDUCING SEDIMENT DEPOSITS IN CREEKBED

SUSTAINABILITY

GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE OPTIONS

The images depict Green Stormwater Infrastructure precedents found in the Central Texas area.

- Ⓐ A raingarden collects runoff from a building and pathway at **Dell Medical**.
- Ⓑ A swale directs water and allows for interesting vegetation along a pathway at **Hardberger Park** near San Antonio.
- Ⓒ Limestone terraces allow vegetation to be planted along the bank of Waller Creek, slowing down water as it flows from the urban areas at **Dell Medical**.



MOWING MAP

EXISTING CONDITIONS

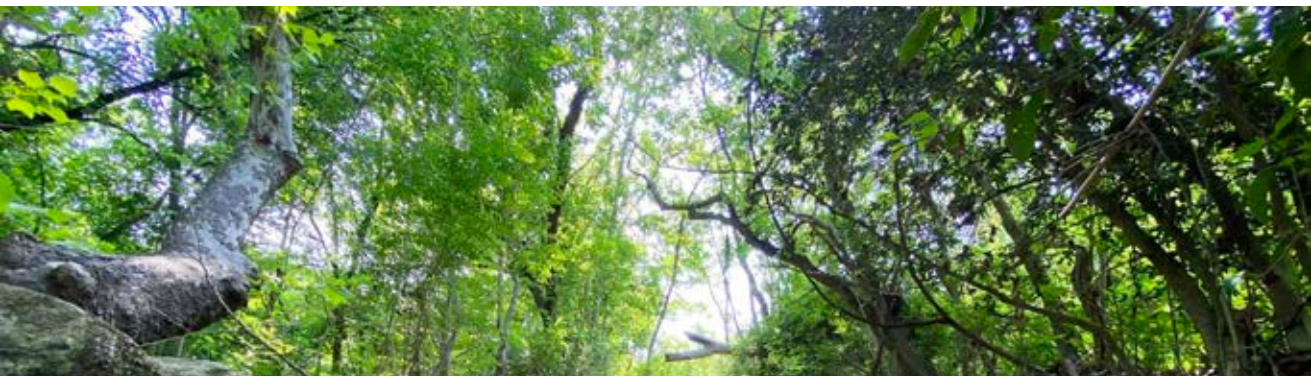
① REGULAR MOWING



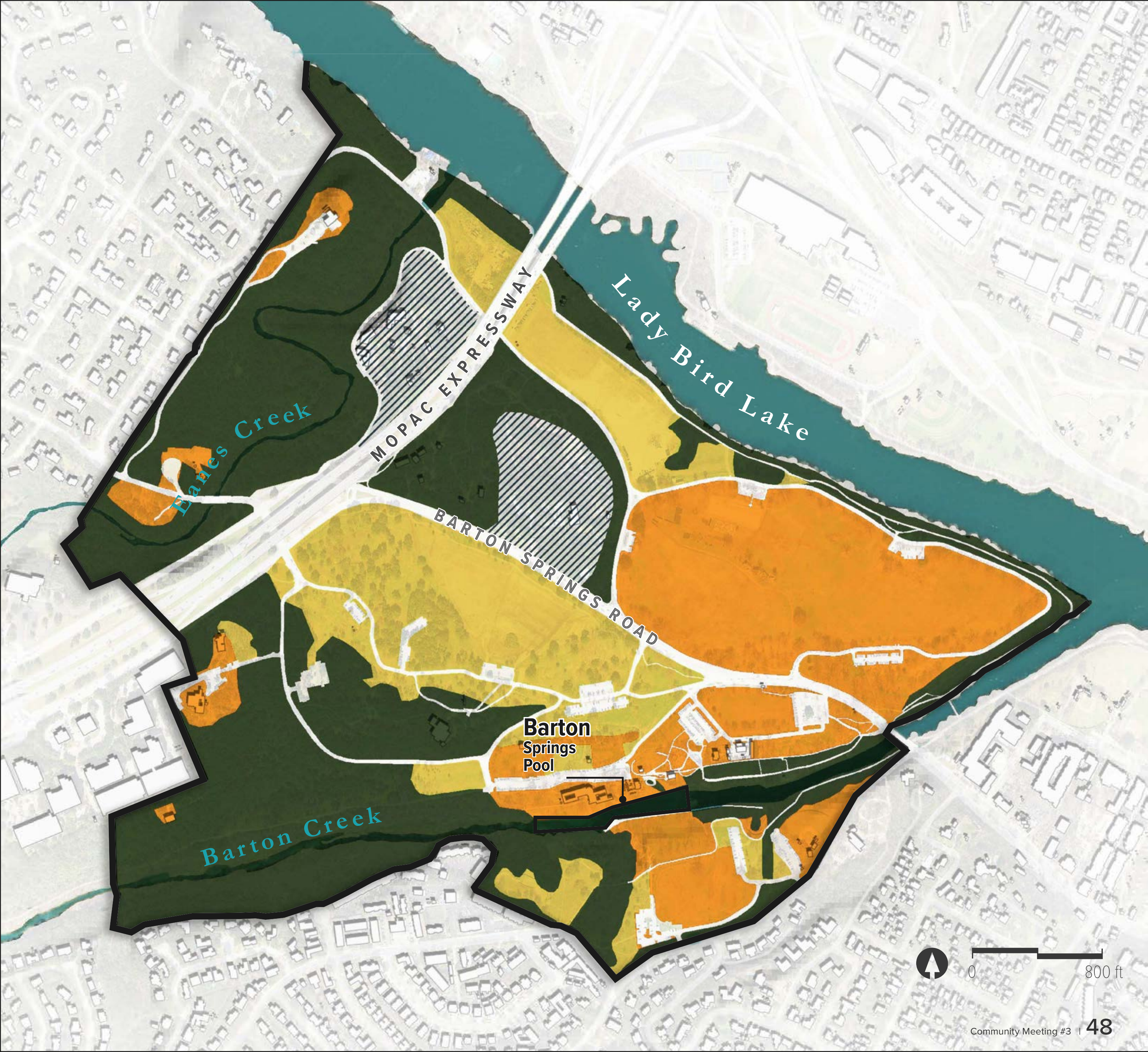
② SEASONAL MOWING



③ NO MOWING



- MOWING
- Regular mowing (85 acres)
 - Seasonal mowing (69 acres)
 - No mowing - existing "wild" areas (171 acres)
- OTHER
- Independently managed



LANDFILL

Scenarios

Existing Condition

MAINTAIN SCENARIO (1)

Keep existing condition for parking



What to do with 17 acres of underutilized lake front land at Zilker Park?



EXTRACTION SCENARIO (2)

Extract landfill debris, amend soil for restoration



BURY SCENARIO (3)

Import soil on top of cap to support native plant communities



STATUS QUO SCENARIO (4)

Berm and swale system with GSI to create planting areas

--- Current ground plane
— Proposed ground plane
Cap
Landfill



Create up to 17 acres of restored native vegetation and wildlife habitat

Enhance the user experience with an opportunity to engage the lake, interact with nature, and/or additional programming.

Construct rain gardens that capture stormwater, protect downslope wetlands, and Lady Bird Lake.

Limited because of landfill cap

Enhance canopy to create shade, increase user comfort, mitigate and adapt to climate change, and improve air quality

Extremely limited

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Not feasible

Limited

Any combination of the three scenarios allows for ecological restoration, active park programming, passive park programming, surface parking, and/or structured parking.

SUSTAINABILITY

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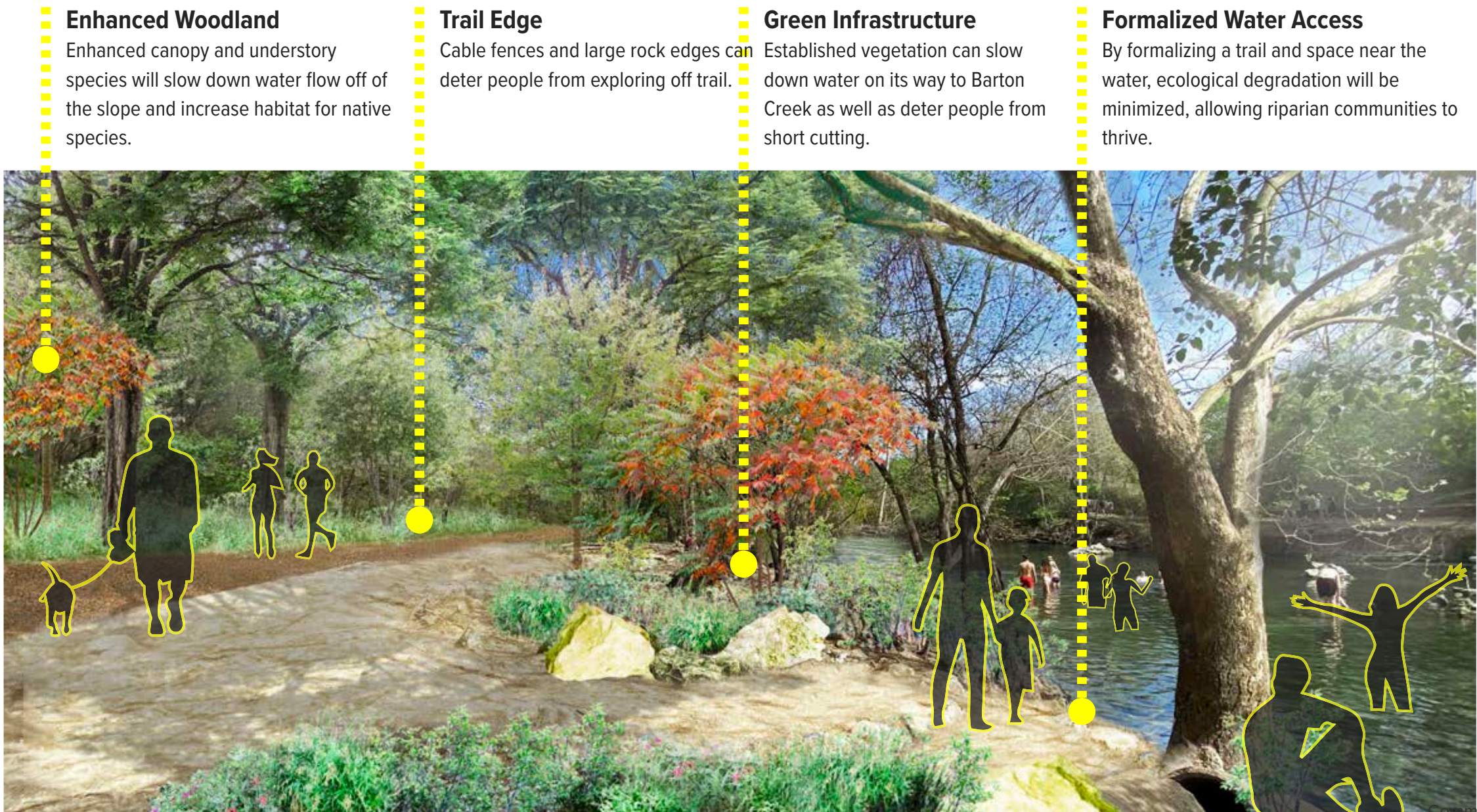
The graphic visualizes the Lower Barton Creek transformation. Green infrastructure works in collaborate with enhanced woodland and formalization of the trail edge and water access in order to create an exceptional space for humans and critters.

- **EXISTING CONDITIONS:** shows degradation from lack of stormwater management upslope, trampling, and flooding that has resulted in compacted soils, erosion, an incomplete canopy, struggling vegetation, and a degraded user experience.
- **PROPOSED CONDITIONS:** shows the ecological health and enhanced user experience that results by addressing upslope stormwater with green stormwater infrastructure, formalizing trails and water access, installing physical barriers to plantings, decompacting soils, and planting robust native canopy, understory, and groundcover vegetation.

EXISTING CONDITIONS
LOWER BARTON CREEK



PROPOSED CONDITIONS
LOWER BARTON CREEK



NEXT STEPS

• **Survey and Interactive Map:**
Available October 25 on project website

• **Pop-Ups**
Oct to Nov

• **Small Group Discussions**
Dec to Jan

• **Contact Information**
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• **Upcoming Schedules**
Community Meeting #4: February
Community Meeting #5: April
Final Approvals: May-June

Zilker Park: Outside Barton Springs Pool north entrance, near Zilker Cafe
Monday, October 25, 4 p.m.

Dove Springs Recreation Center (D2)
5801 Ainez Dr.
Tuesday, October 26, 5 p.m.

COA/North Austin YMCA (D4)
1000 W. Rundberg Ln.
Saturday, October 30, 10 a.m.

H Mart (D6)
11301 Lakeline Blvd.
Sunday, November 7, Noon

Circle C Ranch Metropolitan Park (D8)
6301 W Slaughter Ln
Saturday, November 13, 9 a.m.

Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library (D10)
7051 Village Center Dr.
Monday, November 15, 3 p.m.

Austin Country Flea Market (D1)
9500 U.S. Highway 290 E
Sunday, October 24, 10 a.m.

South Austin Recreation Center (D3)
1100 Cumberland Rd.
Friday, November 19, 5 p.m.

Manchaca Road Branch, Austin Public Library (D5)
5500 Menchaca Rd.
Saturday, November 13, Noon

Gateway Farmers Market by Farmer George (tentative) (D7)
9607 Research Blvd.
Sunday, October 31, Noon

Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (D9)
600 River St.
Monday, November 1, 5 p.m.

Zilker Park: Zilker Holiday Tree Lighting
Tentative