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Milwood Vacant House Patrol 512-645-7469



Attendees: approx. 45 residents

Presenters: 5 presenters/outside people: Officer Whetston (APD), Mary Rudrig (LoveNorthAustin.com & NxNA Garden

Tour), Sabrina Joblin (Adelphi Acre), Kernan Hornburg (WXNA) Board Members Attending: Ryan, Erik, Bethany, Jill, Meg, John

Door Prizes: 9

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# Crime Prevention & Block Captain Training Tues. May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

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Officer Mike Whetston came to speak with the group about current crime numbers and preventing and addressing any specific issues/concerns.

When is it appropriate to call 911: if the activity is happening right then or if it is urgent or dangerous or if you are unsure. Otherwise you can call 311 and they will address your concerns or redirect you to 911 to file a report. 311 has an app now that is wonderfully quick for repairing sidewalks, potholes, downed signs, etc. So everyone was encouraged to add the 311 app to their phone and report non-emergencies there.

Current crime is down just a little this year. He addressed: a house that is suspected of narotics, speeding in the neighborhood, dog poop and that it is illegal to not have your dog on a leash.

Officer Whetston also mentioned that he or another officer will gladly come by your home for FREE to do an assessment of what you can do to your home to better protect yourself and it from criminal activity. For example – trim trees and bushes away from doors, windows and walkways so you have a clear view of anyone that could be lurking around ready to pounce and they won't be blocked from view when trying to break your windows/doors open.

Get to know the 5 neighbors around you: 2 next door and 3 across the street so they will know who should and shouldn't be coming and going and if something happens you will have their contact information.

The May 26<sup>th</sup> Training will go into more depth about keeping crime out of our neighborhood and your house. July 12<sup>th</sup> = Next Commander's Forum

# Adelphi Acre Garden Update



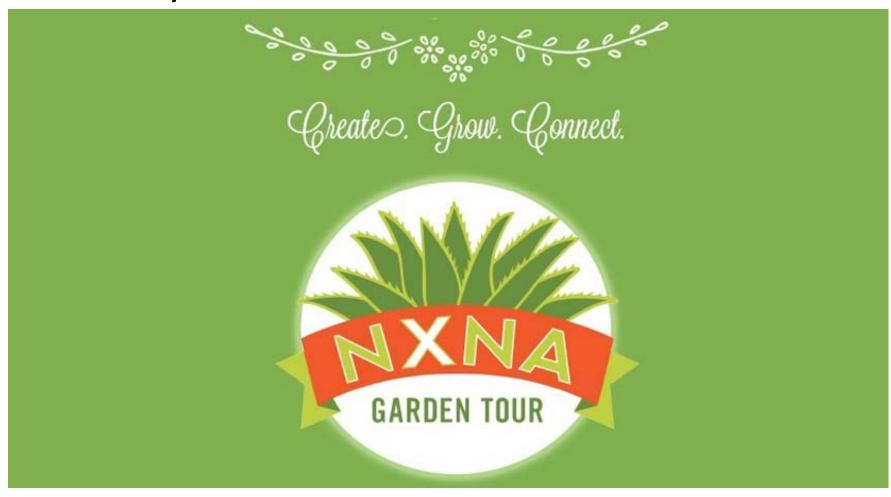


There are flower beds that go to food banks. Anyone is welcome to come help tend these beds and a few others. Simply contact AdelphiAcre.org to learn more about pitching in if you would like. There is currently a wait list for beds, Milwood, Walnut Crossing, Northwood and a few very close surrounding have priority on the wait list.

# NxNA Garden & Artisan Tour Sat. May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am - 4pm Tickets are \$10.

Proceeds will go to Walnut Creek Metro Park & McBee Elem. School.

Buy a ticket at www.lovenorthaustin.com





The tour has had lots of interest. Adelphi Acre will be on the tour. Most of the gardens are gardens that could be attended by the average individual. The tickets can be purchased at any time prior to the event at www.lovenorthaustin.com.

# MNA's Mission is to help build community through social events and meetings and keep Milwood connected to the city/county.

#### Some MNA's activities include:

- Advocated for Milwood Pocket Library & Shortened Reno Timeline
- Working for Completion of The Balcones Park Trail
- Monitor regional development projects and interact with city staff
- Liaison with City of Austin on zoning and planning
- Publishes information to the MNA website and to email lists
- July 4th Parade & Picnic
- Holiday Lighting Contest
- It's My Park Day / Dumping Concerns
- National Night Out
- 2 Annual General Membership Meetings
- 2 Annual Neighborhood Garage Sales
- Candidate Forums

Your \$15 Yearly
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stay current on your dues at
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Thanks!

# Milwood Library Update

 Some larger scale site work will begin this week or next, so the parking lot will be affected. The pocket library will remain open.

Hours are:

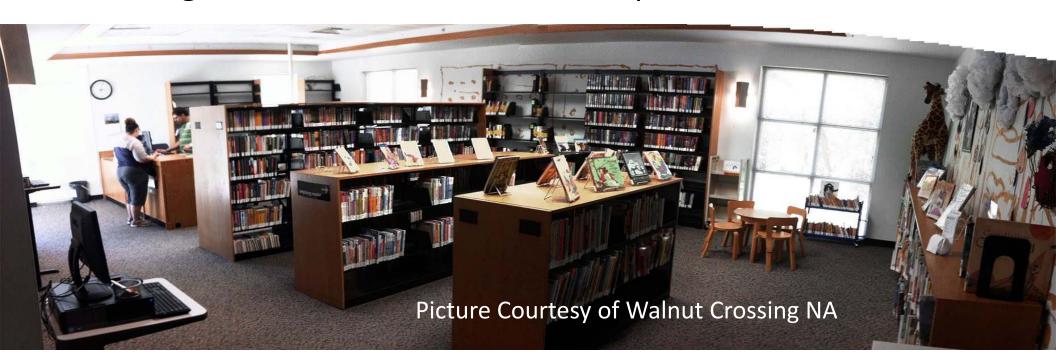
Mon-Thurs: 1 – 7pm

Friday: 1 – 6pm

Saturday: 10am – 5pm

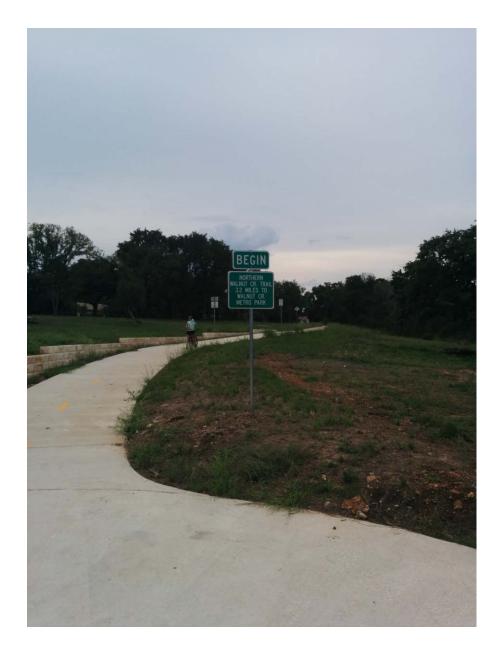
Sunday: Closed

 Contents: a computer terminal, copy machine, kids books and reading area, reserved books & a drop box for 24/7 returns



# Trail Update







The Trail Update Issue in a Nutshell: Milwood Neighborhood Assoc and Walnut Crossing Neighborhood Assoc began putting pressure on the city to complete our trail earlier this year. The pressure led to uncovering that the city was out of funds and did not intend to do more on the completion of the portion (approx. 3200 ft) of the trail from West of Mopac to Balcones Park. With the help of Leslie Pool and the Open Spaces... Committee, this issue was addressed with the city and they agreed to work towards completion of the trail by finding the funds elsewhere and completing the project on the earliest possible timeline with the input of the neighborhoods and users to establish a useable trail path. After several meetings and months, we are currently awaiting 3 different routes to be drawn up and presented to us by the city. The estimated time to see these plans is mid-May. In the meantime, MNA has asked Austin Ridge Riders, who has been very supportive with the issue, to work to shut down the dangerous portion of the trial behind Scribe Dr and establish another safer trail with a lower grade with minor damage to the park and trees. They will also be getting the approval of PARD to complete this task. Feel free to contact mnaboard@milwoodna.com for more details or to get on the committee to continue to push the city for resolution on this issue.

#### Exhibit 1A - Construction Status —Balcones Park to Mopac

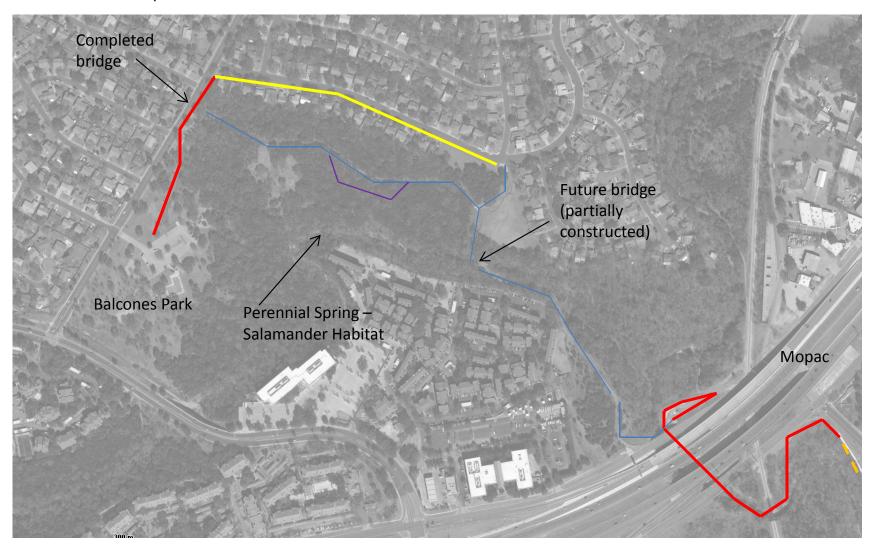
Completed 10' shared use path (since 2013)

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Completed ADA sidewalk

Future Trail (cleared in 2010 – offset from actual location to show cleared path)

Proposed reroute to avoid need for elevated trail section



#### Exhibit 1B – Construction Status – Mopac to Metric Blvd

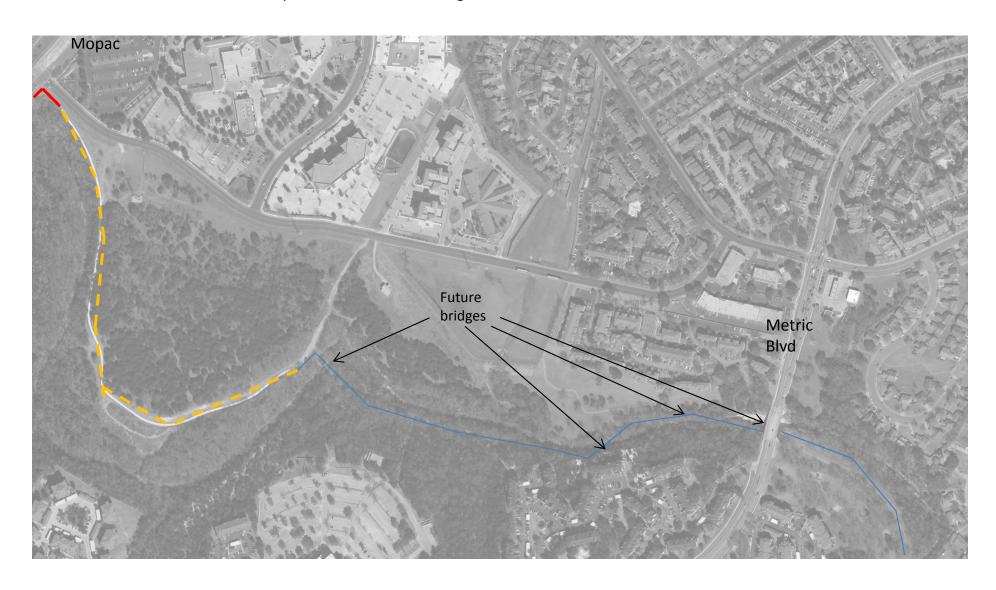


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Future Trail, portions cleared for bridge construction access



#### Exhibit 1C - Construction Status - Metric to Walnut Creek Park

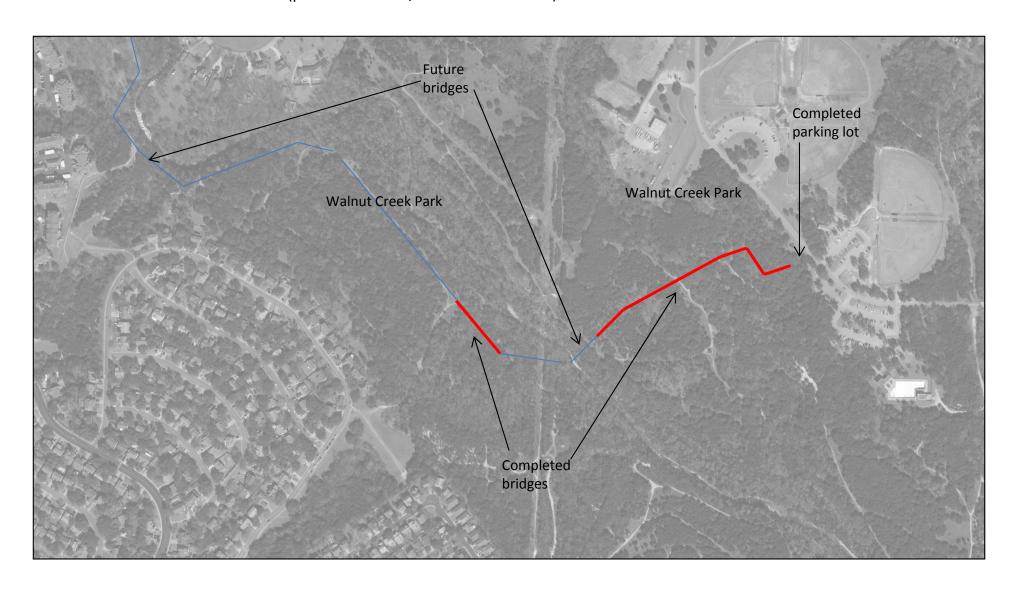


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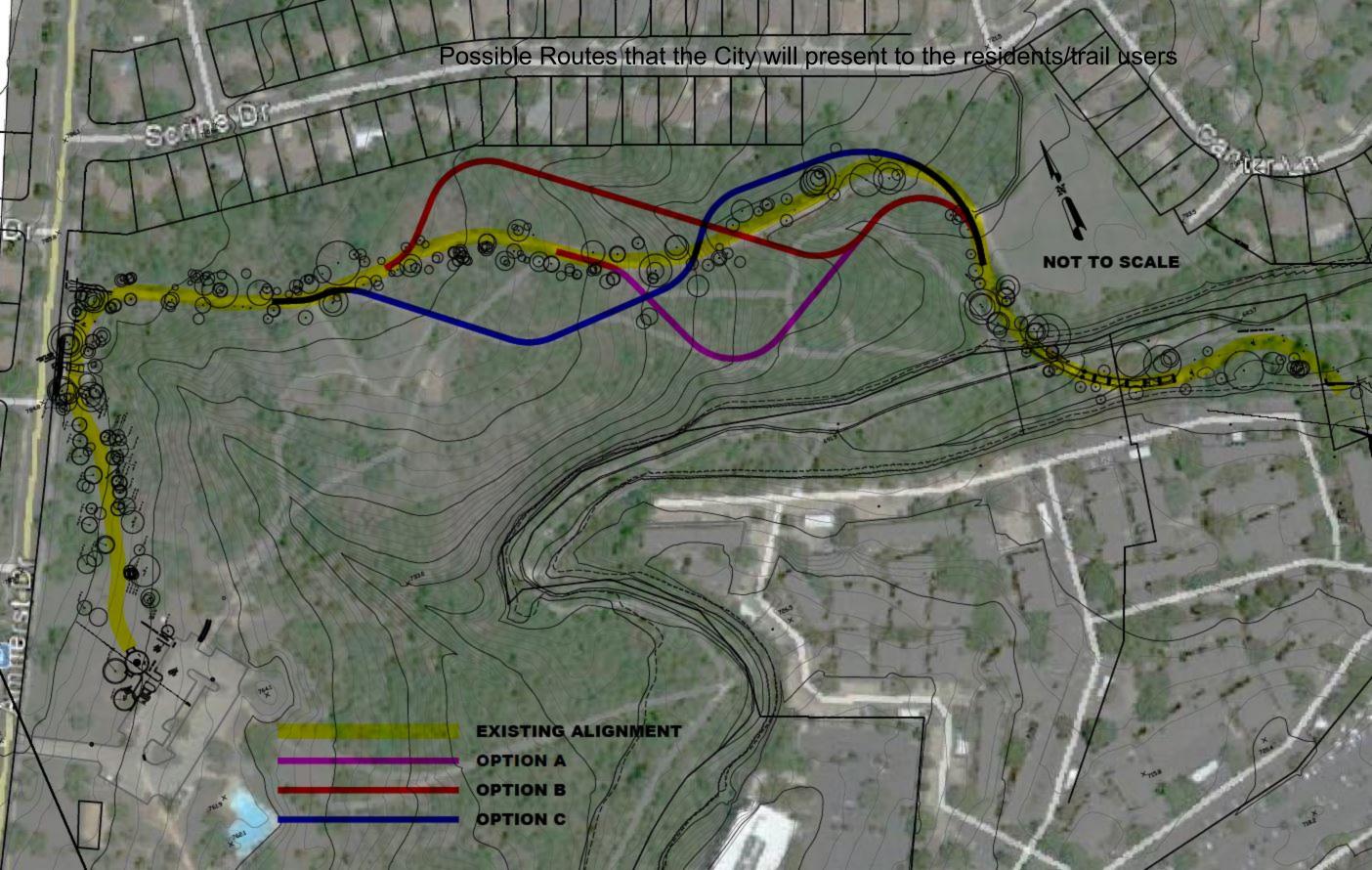


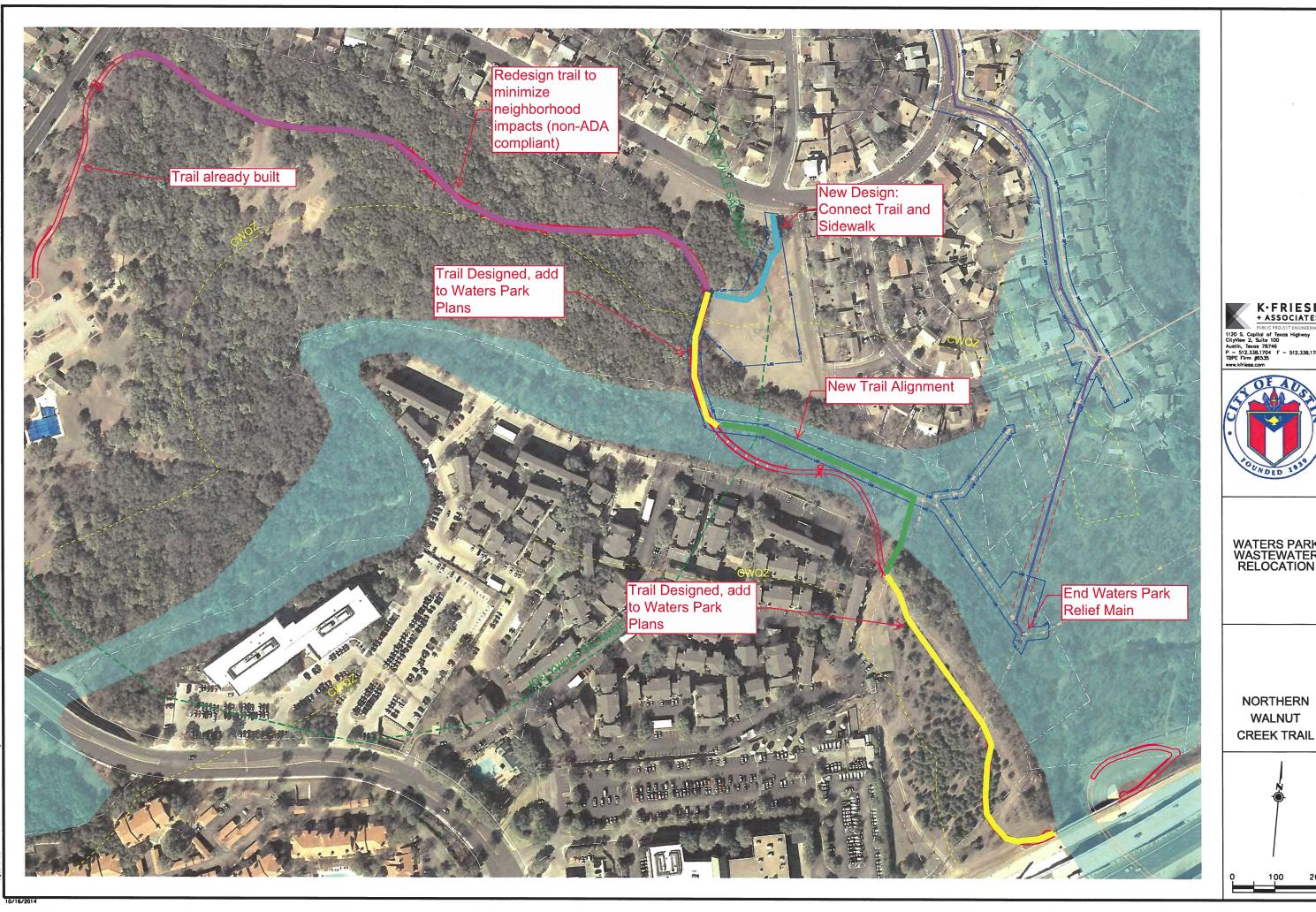
## Issues

- Construction on the project started in 2009
- Completion has been pushed back to October 2017
- Project completion is overdue.
- Construction left parts of park in poor condition with unsafe conditions.
- Poor communication of setbacks to NA's

## Action taken

- MNA & WXNA have been lobbying via letters and meetings to get project moving faster
- MNA & WXNA Reps met with Leslie Pool and attended Committee meeting in March at City Council.
- New liaison assigned to project to improve communication and coordination
- City has committed to go the fastest route to complete the project in Balcones Park.
- Reroute requested to eliminate unsafe trail.









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#### Exhibit 5 – Unsafe Eroded "Informal" Trail



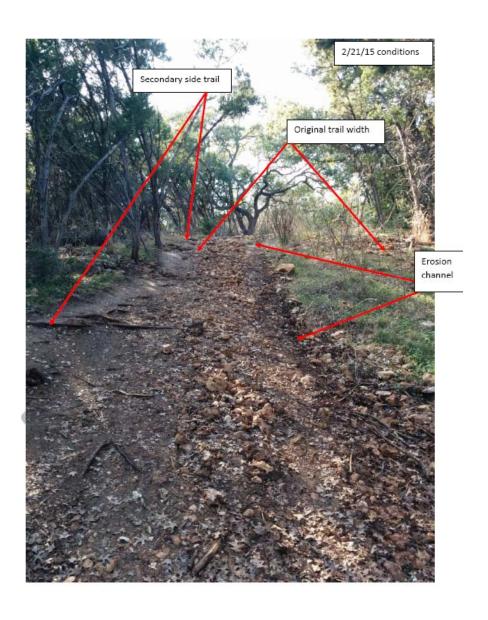
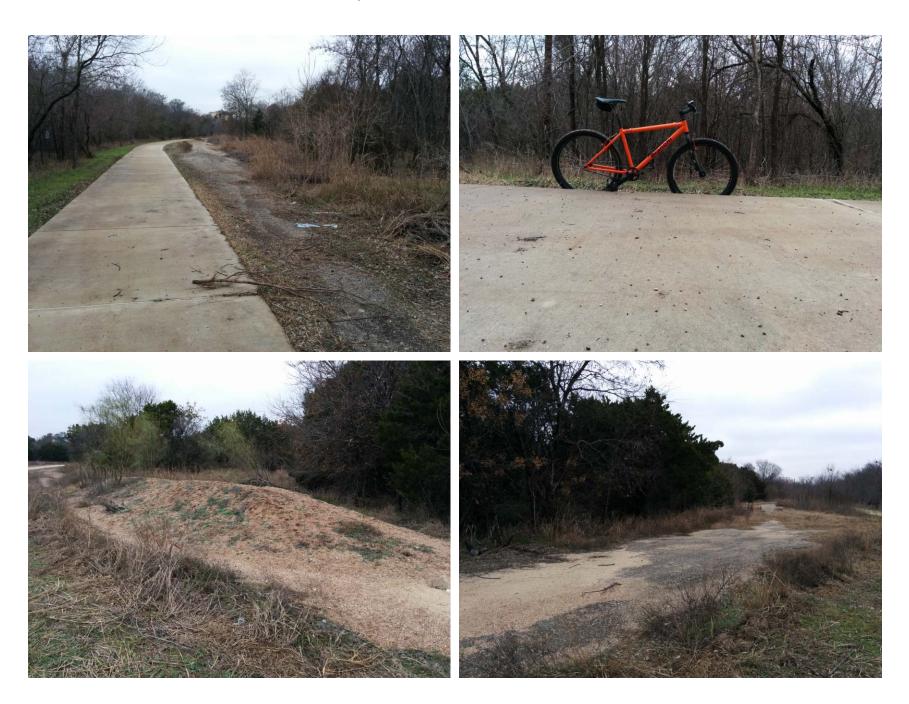


Exhibit 8- Asphalt Road left next to new trail



Note: this section of trail was poured under original contract in 2011, note edge drop off on concrete trail).

# Dumping











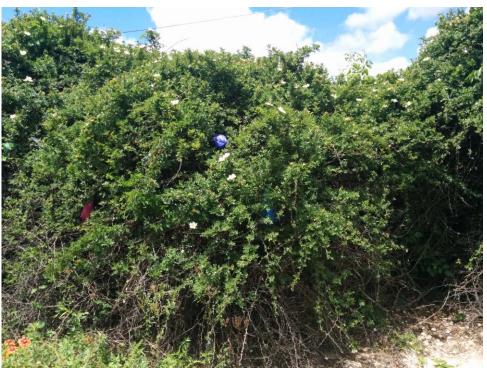
Area by RR where Dorsett bends to head north. MNA worked with the city and Officer Nettle, Code Enforcement, to get this common dumping ground cleaned up and posted. So please keep your eyes out for any dumping activity and call 911 if you see it occurring or 311 if it has already occurred.

# How can you help?

- Please report any dumping activity, downed signs or suspicious activity immediately to 311. Repeated activity will enable the City to take additional action.
- If you hire someone to do a remodel job, landscape, fence replacement, etc that will generate waste materials, ask the contractor where they will take the material. Make sure they take it to a registered landfill or a recycling center. Brush and leaves will be collected by the city if left on the curb in bins or bundled.
- Let's work together to keep our neighborhood looking good!

## Pet Waste





Bags of dog waste in tree off Dorsett Road – really?

- Several Austin streams are impaired (unsuitable for contact recreation wading/swimming) due to high levels of bacteria. Our neighborhood is in the Walnut Creek Watershed one of the impaired streams
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"Scoop it Forward" – If you see poop and have a bag, please pick it up. Or if you see a bag of poop please pick it up and throw it in the trash can.

Don't leave poop bags along the trail or sidewalk, no one is responsible to pick those up and dispose in a trash can but you.

We all need to pitch in to help keep our neighborhood clean from Dog Poop. It is illegal to not clean up after your dog. Also if you see someone not pick up after their pet – please say something to them in order to hold them accountable. The trail is also so important because the endangered salamander lives along it and the quantity of left dog poop is affecting its environment negatively. Please do your part!

It's My Park Day

Thanks to all the volunteers who gave Balcones Park and the adjacent greenbelt a Spring Cleaning. We had a good turnout, with lots of local volunteers including a large group from the nearby Home2Suites in the Domain.

 Construction debris, a shopping cart, mattress, rubber raft, and a bedliner from a pickup truck were some of the more interesting finds.



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The projects were presented and committee chairs and participants were requested. The deadline to receive city funding is June 1<sup>st</sup> and again in October. Currently we have a committee that has formed for tennis courts at Balcones Park. Thank you, volunteers!

If you are interested in being involved in making one of these happen = contact mnaboard@milwoodna.com

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#### NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERING PROGRAM

In support of Imagine Austin, the Neighborhood Partnering Program (NPP) provides opportunities for community and neighborhood organizations to affect public improvements by sharing in the costs of those efforts with the City of Austin government.



The Neighborhood Partnering Program consists of 4 subprograms:

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#### Mission and Core Values:

The Mission of the Neighborhood Partnering Program is "Empowering Neighborhoods, Building Community".

Project proposals are evaluated on the program's core values: community participation, cost sharing, quality of life enhancement, incorporation of City initiatives, and geographic equity.

- · Application Instructions
- Full Program Rules
- Frequently Asked Questions
- . Request a Presentation to Your Community Group

#### **Getting Started:**

The Neighborhood Partnering Program is now accepting applications for our June 1st, 2015 deadline! You can request an application to start the process here.

#### TOP CONTENT

- ☆ The Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake
- \* Street and Bridge Operations
- ☆ The Walnut Creek Trail System
- \* Neighborhood Partnering Program
- A Capital Improvement Program

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Adelphi Acre Community Garden Ribbon Cutting Apr. 18, 2015

Cherry Creek Community Garden Ribbon Cutting

Apr. 25, 2015

#### MORE EVENTS

#### **CONTACT INFO**

Phone: 512-974-6439

Physical Address:

505 Barton Springs Road, 9th Floor Austin, Texas 78704



Frequently asked questions about NPP

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# MNA's Website

- Businesses in Our Backyard
- Advertiser's Coupons
- Calendar of Upcoming Events (Do you know of an upcoming event send it to mnaboard@milwoodna.com)
- Up to Date Happenings around Milwood
- Up to the Minute Weather from Personal Weather Station within Milwood
- Easy Way to Pay Dues

### Milwood Neighborhood Association



General Mtg: April 16 Library Open Upcoming Events About MNA Businesses in Milwood

Dues

#### Milwood's Next General Meeting is April 16th

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Don't forget to add MNA's General Meeting to your calendar - Thurs, April 16th - 7pm at Abel's North. For info on the agenda and lots of door prizes - Click Here

#### Adelphi Acr Easy to Pay Your Annual \$15/Yr Dues -> 1pm



Contact Us Links Search Sign-up for the Neighborhood Garage Sale on Sat. April 25th Milwood Neighborhood Association Like You like this. Click to Pay Your Annual Dues Only a \$15 a Year Donation Sign-up for Milwood News: Your email address Sign up Our Supporters: <del>→</del> + = **BIG SAVINGS** Saxon Insurance Services 512-339-8494 MilwoodNeighbor

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### This Fri, April 10: Matador Fest – Murchison PTA Spring Carnival!!

Posted on April 9, 2015 by Meg Davis

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Matador Fest is the MMS PTA Spring Carnival and is one of our major fundraisers for our PTA which helps us fund our classroom and scho

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It is THIS FRIDAY, April 10 from 6-9:00 p.m. But new this year, we are naving a pre-festival dinner hour for folks who can join us for dinner before the carnival. Food trucks and vendors from Hat Creek, Jim Jim's, Blue Baker, Carnival Concessions with hamburgers, corn dogs, Frito pies, pizza and more. This food court will be in front of the school with tickets on sale right there and will be a great place for our community to gather from 5-6:00 p.m. until the carnival begins. And the food court will remain open throughout Matador Fest.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE ONLINE FOR advanced purchase with a special deal: For every \$5.00 bundle you get a 6th ticket for free; for every \$10.00 bundle you get 3 tickets for free. Most games and activities will be 1-2 tickets, drinks will be 1 ticket, and most food items will be 2-4 tickets. All advanced purchase tickets will be at the Will Call ticket booth waiting for you Friday night. Tickets will also be on sale during the event at regular price. So make plans to come and go online NOW to buy tickets at:

http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=wvackzhab&oeidk=ao7eas7ew6j5a9be5of

If you can volunteer, go to Volunteer Spot and sign up: http://vols.pt/N4Mmk5

You don't want to miss the Murchison party of the year!

Murchison PTA

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Posted on April 1, 2015 by Meg Davis

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Milwood Schools: News & Websites

#### **Upcoming Events**

7:00 pm Milwood's
General Meeting @
Abel's North



10:00 am Adelphi Acre Garden Grand Opening @ Adelphi Acre Community Garden



Neighborhood

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Hosted and Sponsored by Abel's North on Parmer

When: April 11th 6:30-9:30 pm Silent Auction from 6:30-8:30 pm Live Auction at 8:45 pm

Ticket are \$25 and available for purchase at the door.

Ticket price includes a wristband for unlimited heavy hors d'oeuvres and two drink tickets.

If you would like to keep up to date on all the fabulous auction items, Like the Facebook page, "Summitt Elementary Spring Fling".

Auction items include a signed Ricky Williams football, 4 day passes to Disney Land, 1 night stay at the Renaissance Hotel, an assortment of gift baskets, and much much more.

#### Do you have a product or service you can donate?

They're still looking for sponsors, donations, and help! <u>Download a donation letter</u> to see the sponsorship levels available. Contact us at <u>springflingdonations@gmail.com</u>.

For More Info>>> http://summitteagles.org/events/spring-fling/

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#### Our Pocket Lib Milwood Weather at the moment ->

Posted on March 26, 2015 by meg pavis

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Milwood Adelphi, Austin, TX temp: 69.1 F (20.6 C) (20.6)

humidity: 94%

wind: From the SE at 3.7 MPH pressure: 29.62" (1002.9 mb) station: KTXAUSTI417 hardware:AcuRite Pro Weather

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updated: April 16, 8:31 AM CDT local forecast

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# **Upcoming Events**

- Sat, April 18<sup>th</sup> = Adelphi Acre Grand Opening
- Sat, April 18<sup>th</sup> = Save Texas Schools Rally
- Sat, April 25<sup>th</sup> = Milwood-wide Garage Sale
- Sat, May 2<sup>nd</sup> = NxNA Garden Tour
- Sat, May 16<sup>th</sup> = District 7 Town Hall Mtg
- Tues, May 26<sup>th</sup> = Crime/Block Capt. Training
- Sat, July 4<sup>th</sup> = Milwood July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade & Picnic
- Mon, July 6<sup>th</sup> = Large Brush Collection

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- Like Us at "Milwood Neighborhood Association"
   Facebook Page
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- Summitt sells HEB Giftcards to get a % of the sales.
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# Resident's Concerns or Questions