

A photograph of a small waterfall cascading over mossy rocks in a forest. The water flows over several tiers of large, grey, moss-covered rocks. The surrounding area is filled with lush green trees and foliage, creating a dense forest backdrop. The water at the base of the falls is turbulent and white with foam.

Walnut Creek

A Greenway of Opportunities

Imagine...

Texas Parks and Wildlife



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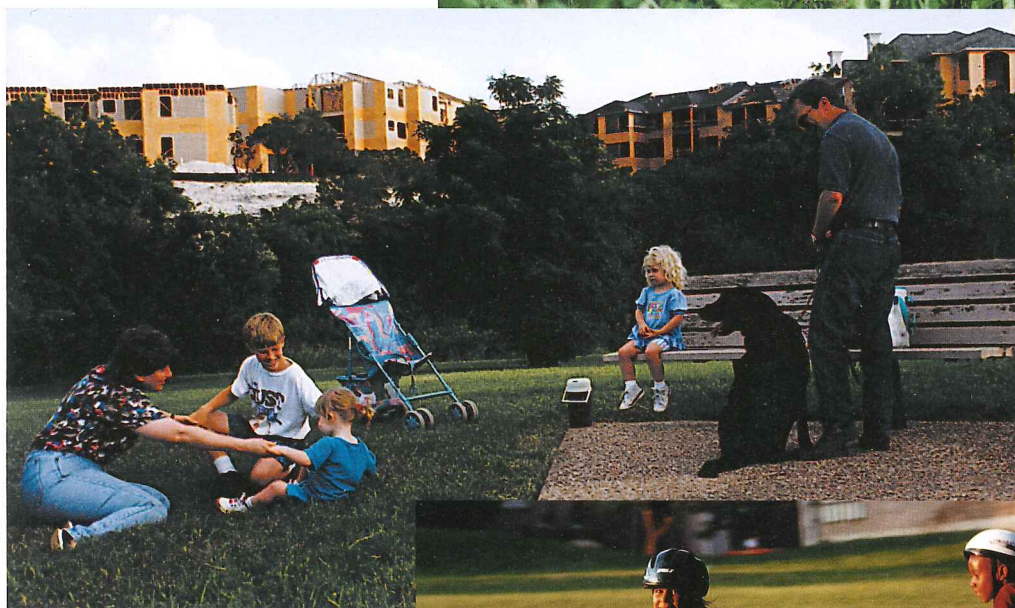
special places
for recreation
and exploration

natural areas for
habitat protection
and water quality
enhancement



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an enhanced quality
of life and economy



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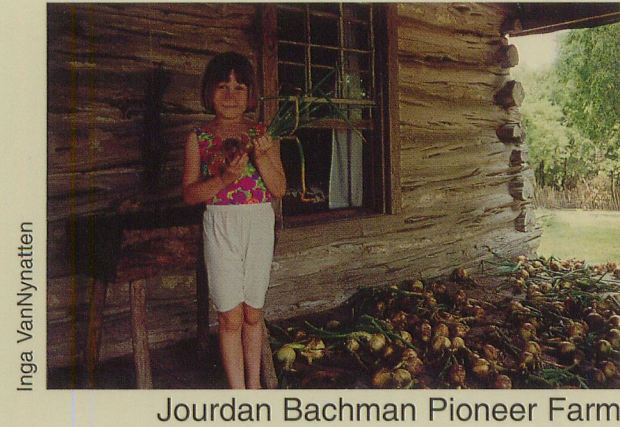
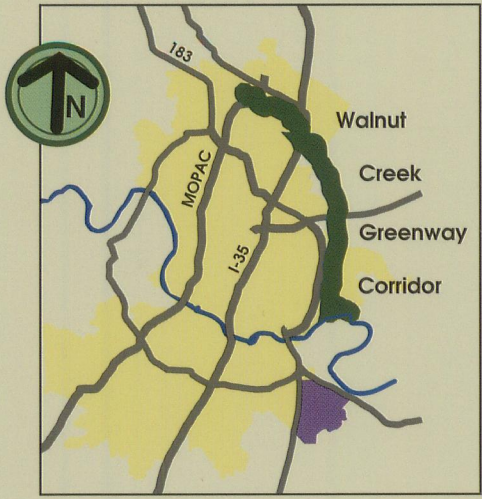


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Jourdan Bachman Pioneer Farm

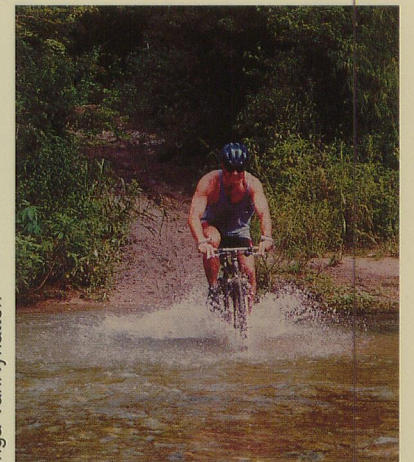


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Source: Economic Impacts of Protecting Rivers, Trails, and Greenway Corridors. National Park Service, 1992.



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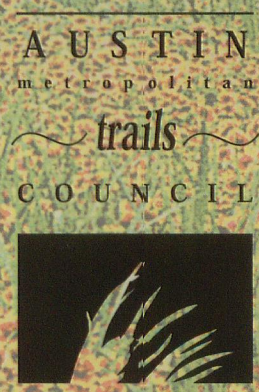
A 1994 Study on the impacts of greenways in the Denver area found that trails are an amenity to surrounding neighborhoods and increase the desirability of property. Of the real estate agents interviewed, 73% believed a home adjacent to a trail would be easier to sell and 55% agreed that the home would sell for more than a comparable home in a different neighborhood.

Source: The Effect of Greenways on Property Values and Public Safety. Colorado State Trails Program, 1995.

Over 20,000 employees of National Instruments, IBM, Time-Warner Communications, Austin Diagnostic Clinic, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), Tracor, and Motorola will have direct access to the greenbelt.

Note: This publication presents a conceptual representation of the Walnut Creek Greenway. The actual implementation of the greenway will be determined through a long-term planning and public involvement effort.

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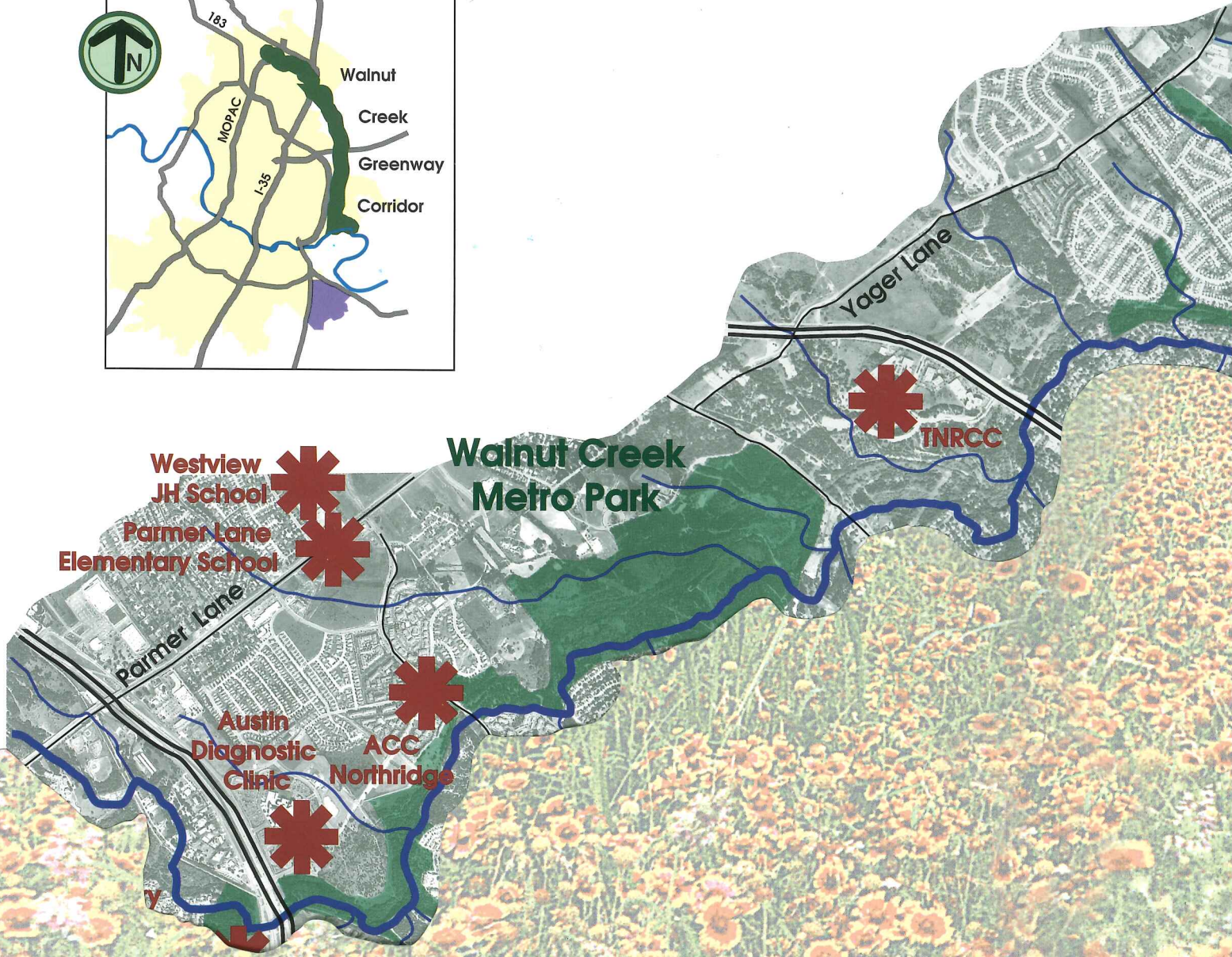
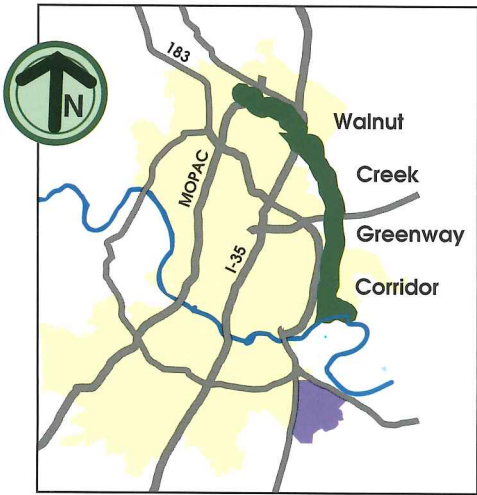


The Austin Metropolitan Trails Council is a local advocacy group committed to the development of a comprehensive, regional system of greenways and trails for the greater Austin metropolitan area. The Trails Council supports community-based greenway and trail proposals that provide commuting and recreational travel opportunities, protect natural resources, promote community cohesion, and improve quality of life in and around Austin.

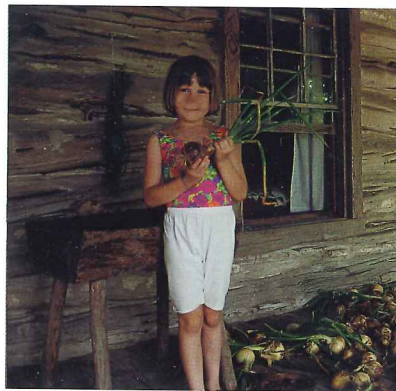
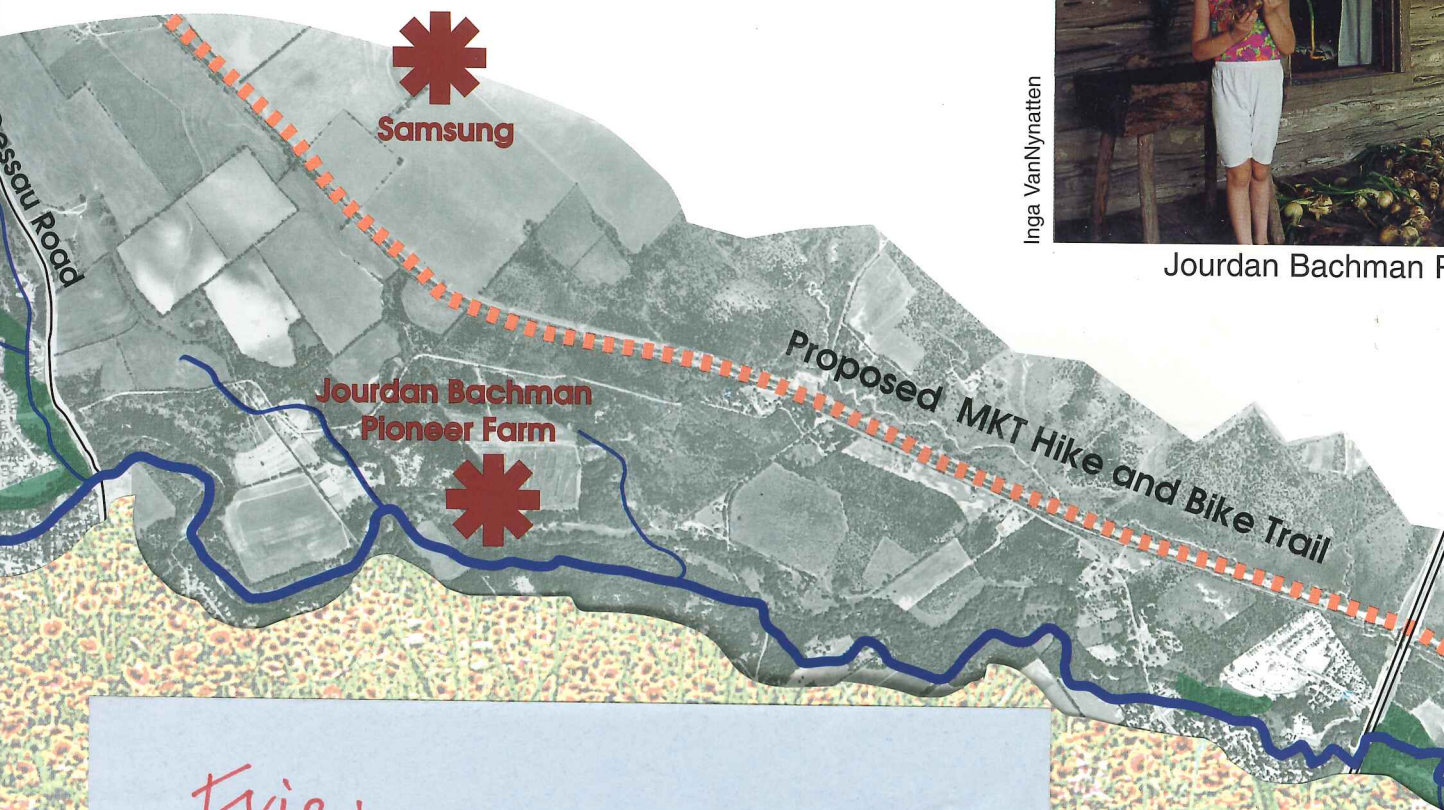
The Austin Metropolitan Trails Council will:

- pursue results to accomplish our mission
- build and maintain partnerships with government, neighborhoods, groups, businesses, and individuals
- be inclusive, welcoming all participants and ideas
- build consensus through information and education about the benefits of trails and greenways
- support community empowerment and neighborhood involvement

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Plans for the Walnut Creek
Greenway are underway...



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Eric:

A copy of the Walnut
Creek Greenway brochure.
There is also a great 10 min
video if your group would like
to see it. Peter Marler

The greenway means opportunity for Austin.
Opportunity to revitalize our neighborhoods and rediscover our sense of community.
Opportunity to create a safe place for recreation and exploration...
Opportunity to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution...

Please join the growing numbers of Walnut Creek Greenway supporters

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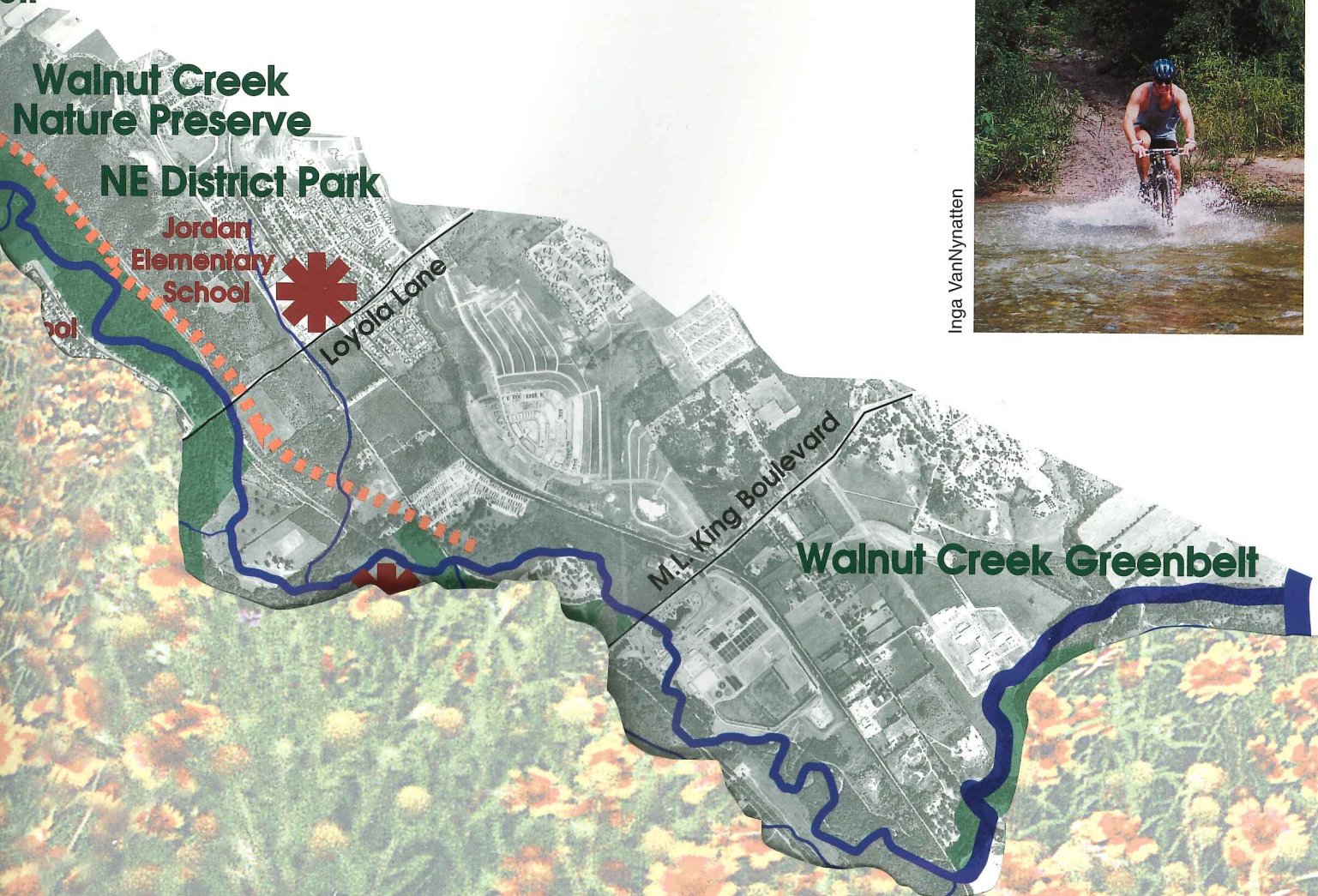


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can make the Walnut Creek Greenway a reality for Austin.

The Walnut Creek Greenway

is a partnership project that has been underway since the summer of 1995. The following agencies and organizations have joined the greenway planning effort.

Austin Community College
Austin Diagnostic Clinic and Medical Center
Austin Parks Foundation
Austin Ridge Riders
Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Carter Burgess
Central Texas Trail Tamers
City of Austin Drainage Utility Department
City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department
Copperfield Neighborhood Association
Friends of Jourdan Bachman Pioneer Farm
Ginny's Copying Service
Greystar Reality Services
Harris Ridge Homeowners Association
Keep Austin Beautiful
Lamplight Village Neighborhood Association
Millwood Neighborhood Association
National Park Service
Northeast Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association
North Graceywoods Neighborhood Association
Northtown Neighborhood Association
Northwood Neighborhood Association
RunTex
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Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
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The Trust for Public Land
Walnut Creek Elementary School
Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association
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