

# ...take it outside! The Next Ten Years

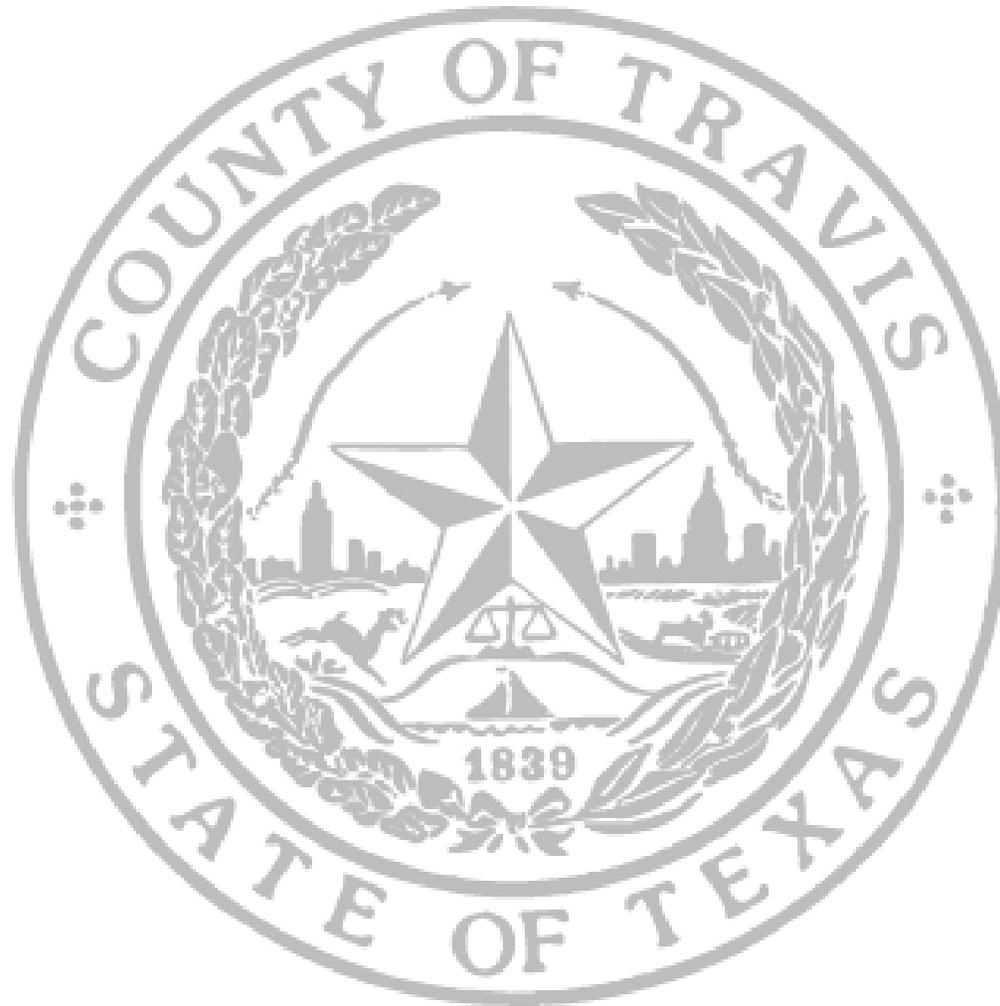
## Public Engagement Report

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# Introduction

## Background

Travis County Parks prepared their master plan titled “**...take it outside! The Next Ten Years**” which was approved unanimously by the Commissioners Court for public review on January 26, 2016. It includes demographic and geographic information about the county; goals, objectives, and policies for developing and managing the county park system; the concepts driving the type of parks to be developed; a park and facility inventory; a needs assessment; and implementation plan. It identifies the priorities for future capital improvement programs which have historically been funded with voter-approved bonds. It satisfies the requirements set by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for what constitutes a “locally prepared master plan” which needs to be adopted by the governing agency in order for that agency to apply for state parks and recreation grants.

## Outreach

Emails, social media, print advertisements, flyers circulated in both English and Spanish, a press release, newspaper announcements and articles, and mailings to elected officials, city administrators, and park directors in Travis, Hays, Bastrop, and Williamson counties were used to inform the public of opportunities to join the conversation about Travis County Parks’ master plan. The master plan report and English and Spanish versions of the executive summary were posted at <https://parks.traviscountytx.gov/news-alerts/parks-master-plan>. Public outreach started in early March when information about the process was mailed to municipal and county representatives and an email blast was sent to 1,257 people inviting them to participate in the process. Advertisements were placed in the Austin Chronicle and in Arriba and TCTV 17 ran announcements in mid-March. A press release was issued at that time; the Austin American Statesman followed up with announcements of public meetings in their COMMUNITY NEWS section and Community Impact also ran articles about the master plan in their Lake Travis/Westlake edition in May and Round Rock/Pflugerville/Hutto edition in June. Once the master plan was revised in response to public input, an email blast was sent to 1,625 people informing them that the final master plan, which staff would be asking the Commissioners Court to adopt, was posted online for their information. They were also notified of the date when the Commissioners Court would consider adopting the master plan and the opportunity to comment again on the master plan at that time. Tweets and face book posts were made throughout the process.

## Process

The Public Engagement process ran from March 4, 2016 to May 1, 2016 (the review phase was originally scheduled to end on April 13, 2016 but was extended to accommodate a citizen request for more time). Six (6) meetings were held throughout the county. They were formatted to facilitate both formal and informal discussions. They started with an open house in which participants could speak informally with Parks staff. Staff then made a presentation, followed by a question and answer session. Meeting attendees were encouraged to submit comments in writing to become part of the official record. Meetings were held at the following times and locations. Seventy (70) people attended the meetings. Attendance varied from one (1) to thirty (30) people.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Pflugerville Public Library	March 22, 2016	6
Del Valle Community Center	March 23, 2016	1
Bee Cave City Hall	March 29, 2016	14
Travis County Administration Building	March 30, 2016	14
Jonestown Community Center	March 31, 2016	30
Manor Community Center	April 6, 2016	5

# Overview

A total of 348 people commented on the draft parks master plan. An overview of the major topics they addressed is provided below. Specific comments are provided in the following section. Although these comments are not statistically representative of Travis County residents' opinions, they provide insight into specific concerns of special user groups and individual citizens.

## Southwest Travis County Youth Sports Fields

The single-most commented upon topic is the need for youth sports fields near the cities of Bee Cave and Lakeway: 207 people are requesting the County to assist with development of new youth sports fields in this area. They cite the increasing number of young families moving to the area as driving demand for more facilities; the difficulty of scheduling time for practice and games (which often forces them to travel to other communities that have facilities); and the quality of the facilities that they currently use. They also note that eastern Travis County has County sports complexes but western Travis County does not. This request is countered by nine (9) people who object to the County doing this: they are concerned about the impact of sports lighting on dark skies and the impact of a sports complex on traffic; they don't believe the County should invest in facilities for a private entity (Lake Travis Youth Association) or invest in facilities that they feel the cities should provide; and they object to using either Reimers Ranch Park or property adjacent to the Lakeway's middle school on Bee Creek Road for a youth sports complex.

## Resource-Based Parks and Recreation

The second-most popular topic relates to having a natural resource-based park and recreation system: 111 people are requesting the County to acquire parkland to preserve natural areas and provide opportunities for mountain biking, rock climbing, hiking and biking, camping, and appreciating nature. People value these opportunities for both their own enjoyment and for the benefits others, particularly children, derive from recreating in nature. Specific topics are as follows:

- Thirty-six (36) people commented in support of the parkland acquisition priorities set in the park master plan: people support the general objective to acquire parkland throughout the county and they support the specific objectives to acquire parkland a) in the Pedernales River and Reimers Ranch Park area and on Lake Travis in western Travis County and b) along the Colorado River, creeks, and the Post Oak Savanna eco-region in eastern Travis County. Individuals, however, are requesting that the County add land on Cotton Creek in northeast Travis County, Barton Creek in southwest Travis County, Big Sandy Creek in northwest Travis County, near Oak Hill, and the Resort Ranch property near Pace Bend Park as acquisition priorities.

- Twenty-six (26) people are requesting more mountain biking trails: people describe how much they enjoy this activity and their appreciation of existing Travis County trails. They also cite health benefits of mountain biking, the appreciation of nature it fosters, and the minimal impact this activity has on the environment.
- Seventeen (17) comments were made in support of having a variety of trails in County parks, from single-track hiking to paved multi-use.
- Sixteen (16) comments were made in support of having opportunities to enjoy many different types of nature-based recreational activities, including camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, environmental education, and nature appreciation.
- Sixteen (16) comments were submitted in support of rock climbing: people emphasized the need to continue to maintain access to existing climbing places in Travis County parks as well as expand opportunities (including purchasing Resort Ranch on Lake Travis) to climb. They also noted their stewardship of the natural resources they use, their light touch on the land, and the low cost of accommodating this activity.

## Disc Golf Course

Twenty-nine (29) people are requesting both more disc golf courses and greater diversity of disc golf courses in Travis County parks. They cite the sport's growing popularity and the need for more facilities to meet this demand. They advocate for it as a family-friendly, social, low cost sport that is suitable for all ages and abilities. They also note that the number of courses in the Austin metropolitan area has not kept pace with population growth so many are congested. Specific requests were made for having 9 and 18-hole intermediate and championship level courses in the park system and having multiple courses for different skill levels at the same park. While they'd like to have disc golf courses throughout the county, they specifically asked for courses at Arkansas Bend Park, East Metro Park, the Onion Creek area, and Reimers Ranch Park. They also note the opportunity for Travis County to be a major disc golf destination.

## Park Improvements

Fifteen (17) comments were submitted relative to park improvements: people both supported proposed facility improvements but also cautioned against over-development of our resource-based parks and not maintaining dark skies. People like the proposed campground development and trail expansion, and request facilities for equestrian camping and increased riding trails are added to the plan for Reimers Ranch Park. Conversely they worry about the impact of campground development on the natural character of both Reimers Ranch Park and Pace Bend Park. Comments were also made about eastern Travis County park facilities: the softball fields at Southeast Metro Park need to be improved and new soccer fields

need to be provided in northeast Travis County or existing fields at Northeast Metro Park need to be upgraded with synthetic turf so they can accommodate more play time.

## **Park Land Management**

A number of people (11) submitted comments about how they would like Travis County to manage parkland. They support acquiring large tracts of land and maintaining them as natural areas. They also emphasize the importance of preserving or restoring wildlife habit and corridors and suggest completing biological surveys and specie inventories.

## **Trails End Preserve**

Eleven (11) people living near Trails End Preserve, a property purchased as part of a Balcones Canyonland Preserve (BCP) acquisition in northwestern Travis County, commented on proposed plans for the County to develop this property as a public park. Although the BCP does not typically acquire parkland, a 68-acre portion of this acquisition functions as a park for some residents of the Red Wagon Ranchettes subdivision who have deeded access to the property (one of whom expressed a willingness to sell his rights to access the property to the County). A majority of those submitting comments support having this property operated as a public park which is minimally developed so its natural character is preserved. One (1) person specifically requested having lake access because the community no longer can use property at the end of Trails End Road for this purpose (the County does not know the history of this property nor why it is no longer is available for public use). Support for a public park is mitigated, though, by concern about the impact of increased visitation on the traffic and security of their neighborhood.

## **Multi-modal Transportation**

Seven (7) people brought up multi-modal transportation issues: they would like county parks to be connected to regional trails, particularly those in the City of Austin, cities of Bee Cave and Lakeway, and City of Leander. People are also concerned about the impact of adding facilities to Reimer's Ranch Park on Hamilton Pool Road traffic, and suggest having public transit access to parks.

## **Local Food Production**

Three (3) people commented on the importance of preserving productive farmland in the county and ask that some parkland be used for local food production.



# Staff Responses

## Southwest Travis County Youth Sports Fields

Travis County agrees that there is a shortage of youth sports facilities in southwest Travis County. In fact, the County has worked to develop a metropolitan park in this region since 2001. Development of such a park has been stymied, however, by several factors: the prohibitive cost of property; topographic constraints to constructing ball fields; access to utilities and infrastructure; and community resistance to lighting and traffic generated by sports facilities.

The City of Lakeway, however, has acquired property on Bee Creek Road for a “ball park” and is interested in working with the County on its development. The site has some topographic constraints but the location has good vehicular access and roads that can handle the traffic volume generated by a sports complex, and utilities and infrastructure are nearby. Care will be taken to limit the impact of lighting on nearby residential areas. Given this partnership opportunity, Travis County is identifying this as a top priority for park development in southwest Travis County.

County investment in this project is contingent upon a suitable inter-local agreement being executed with the City of Lakeway that will include transferring ownership of the land to the county or execution of a lease agreement. Travis County Parks will manage this sports complex as they do other sports complexes in the system.

## Resource-based Parks and Recreation

- Staff recommends maintaining the parkland acquisition priorities as proposed in the draft parks master plan.
- Requests for nature-based recreational facilities including well-developed trail systems, mountain bike trails, and places to rock climb are aligned with the type of facilities the County wants to develop as part of a strong nature-based parks and recreation system.
- Specific requests were made to acquire Resort Ranch as a rock climbing destination. Travis County Parks will explore this further but notes that there is no access to water for non-climbers on this site and that nearby Reimer’s Ranch Park and Pace Bend Park have climbing cliffs.

## **Disc Golf Course**

Staff agrees that Reimer's Ranch Park, Pace Bend Park, and Arkansas Bend Park are potentially suitable locations for disc golf courses. Those parks will be assessed in regards to compatibility with disc golf given existing and master planned uses. Staff notes that disc golfers have a proven track record for volunteering and helping to design and maintain facilities.

## **Park Improvements**

Staff agrees that proposed improvements at Reimer's Ranch Park, Pace Bend Park, and other nature-based parks need to be designed and built to have minimal impact on the natural character of the sites that attracts people to the parks. Whether there will be improved camping for equestrians at Reimer's Ranch Park will be decided – with stakeholder input – when site improvements are being master planned. Staff also prioritizes maintaining dark skies in, and, to the extent possible, near nature-based parks. This is particularly important at Reimers Ranch Park which has “star parties” at its observatory. Staff also agrees that some fields at Northeast Metro Park need to be converted to synthetic turf to accommodate more play time.

## **Park Land Management**

Staff agrees with recommendations to preserve or restore wildlife habitat and corridors on County parkland and to complete biological surveys and species inventories. Towards this end, staff will first develop plans for park properties – with public engagement – in which areas of parks are to be managed as natural areas and used for nature-based recreation (e.g., trails, and bird watching) are identified.

## **Trails End Preserve**

Staff recommends developing Trails End Preserve as a public park as proposed. It will be a minimally developed, natural resource-based park that is compatible with the mission of the BCP. People will have the opportunity to provide input and comment on site-specific plans for the park's development.

## **Multi-modal Transportation**

Staff supports integrating park trails into the regional bike/pedestrian trail system. Staff works regularly with City of Austin and TXDOT staff to identify opportunities for connecting Onion Creek Greenway and Gilleland Creek Greenway with their trail system (the Onion Creek Greenway trail includes a section of trail on ABIA property and it already connects to the State's SHWY 71 trail. The Gilleland Creek Greenway trail will connect to

the city's Austin to Manor Trail [A2M] and US290 trail). Connectivity in western Travis County is more challenging. The County does not have a linear greenway park system in the west the topography and land ownership patterns are not as conducive to greenway development as they are in eastern Travis County and the community has prioritized investment in the Pedernales River corridor. Most likely, connectivity will have to be achieved through an on-road system. This issue will be addressed in the bike/pedestrian trail component of the comprehensive transportation plan the County is currently completing.

## **Local Food Production**

Travis County Parks currently has short-term leases for haying and grazing newly acquired properties in eastern Travis County that are not yet developed or open for public use. These leases are typically executed with individuals who had already been leasing the property for agricultural uses. Staff is receptive, however, to developing policies and enacting policies for long term leasing of portions of parkland for "truck farms" and accommodating community gardens. Staff has been discussing this issue with the Sustainable Food Policy Board's (SFPB's) Farmland Preservation Work Group and will continue to work with them on this matter.



# Sign-in Sheets

03/07/16 I've reviewed your summary and master plan at <https://parks.traviscountytexas.gov/news-alerts/parks-master-plan>. I see your interest in new parks on Lake Travis. Please pursue purchase of Resort Ranch, a private park that was up for sale a few years ago. This park is on Pace Bend Road. Here are features of the property: 1. It is on water considered Pedernales River / Lake Travis, since normal lake levels mean water is high in front of this property. 2. It has a wide riverfront. 3. It has boat docks that could serve fishing, canoing, and kayaking. 4. It has excellent rock climbing. The sport of rock climbing continues to grow, and Travis County is already a major rock climbing area. Populations will grow into this location. I estimate this property has 200 potential routes, rivaling Travis County's "North Bank aka. North Shore" climbing area. Climbing on this property would serve novice and intermediate climbers very well and offers unique "rock island" formations that are delightful for hikers and climbers. 5. It has an elevator and a stairway down to the water. If an elevator is undesired, the structure could likely be modified to support a stairway. 6. The property (at one time) had horse facilities and trails.

03/07/16 I would just like to weigh my support for the consideration of purchasing Resort Ranch for the lovely hiking and lake recreation in the park. The property would also benefit Austin's ecotourism for the sport of rock climbing. Although it is not open for rock climbing at this time, many climbers who have been to the park for other forms of recreation believe the area would be an exceptionally attractive destination for rock climbing. Areas such as Reimers Ranch, and the Barton Creek Greenbelt attract thousands of visitors every year, solely through the interest of rock climbing. The purchase of Resort Ranch would not only attract visitors from Travis County, but many out of state visitors as well.

03/08/16 I see that as part of the Ten Year Plan, there is interest in acquiring new property on Lake Travis. Please consider buying the Resort Ranch on Lake Travis, a park that was put up for sale a few years ago on Pace Bend Road. Not only does it have a marina, wide riverfront, and trails, it has the potential of 200 new rock-climbing routes. Climbers from Houston, Dallas, and further are already coming to Travis county on the weekends to climb at Reimer's Ranch, Pace Bend, and our Greenbelt. The sport is fast growing and has the potential to increase park utilization if additional areas are added.

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03/08/16 Rock climbing has become a big part of the Austin outdoor community, and Travis County Parks has done a great job with the Reimers Ranch/North Shore climbing area. Please consider the purchase of Resort Ranch private park on Pace Bend Road for new climbing areas!

03/08/16 I read the summary and master plan that was posted online. A new parks on Lake Travis would be great. With the area's growing population, and increasing urban and suburban density, preserving river/lake front property for public use should be a priority. Please consider the purchase of Resort Ranch. This is a private park on Pace Bend Road that was for sale a few years ago. While it's not on the main part of the lake, it would add park acreage very close to Pace Bend Park and when the lake is at normal levels the water is high here. There are already facilities, including boat docks, an elevator and staircase down to the water, and the potential for lots of rock climbing routes. I am a climber and route developer and my sport is growing exponentially in Austin. Even with the addition of the North Shore area of Reimers Ranch, climbing walls are becoming crowded on weekends and holidays, especially at the lower and medium grades. This area has the potential for 200 or more new routes, most in the highly popular range, which would take the pressure off of other, overly loved areas like Reimers and the Barton Creek Greenbelt. The climbing community has also been good about taking part in trail clearing and building activities at Reimers and the Greenbelt and would surely rally to do the same at a new area where climbing was available. I sincerely hope you will consider this property for purchase as a county park.

03/21/16 Are there any plans for waiving entrance fees for Travis county employees?

03/22/16 I would like to ask that the County add a Sandy Creek Trail to connect with our future Sandy Creek Trail. Your connection would take the trail to Sandy Creek Park on Lake Travis. Attached is our Trail Master Plan and the Sandy Creek Trail is in the far south west area of Leander.

03/26/16 Thanks for developing master plan with focus on preserving larger natural areas as the focus, incorporating awareness of ecosystem connectivity in your plans, and enhancing access to lands for recreation. I am a professional biologist and like to contribute comments as follows: 1. Please consider having periodic biological inventories, surveys to understand the species, population numbers at a given park. Realize not funds for extensive and frequent but suggest some regular and ad hoc collection of info, perhaps in partnership w outside groups, researchers. 2. Please consider how people are going to be able to access these parks. Reliance on single person or family or group car generates pollution, lot of parking demand, and excludes many people without cars or who cannot afford gas, maintenance costs or worry their cars may breakdown in outlying areas. Pls consider having well publicized use of bus which could take people to a given park on a scheduled weekend periodically, for modest cost. This would be an excellent investment. 3. Yes, to Pace Bend bathroom remodeling. When I last visited, they were absolutely disgraceful and neglected. 4. Please consider having some multi-miles paved bikeways at a few parks, so people can be in nature on bikes away from roads but are not on dirt trails which become damaging and which tend to expand outward due to mud and use.

03/26/16 Thank you for a good master plan and ideas for adding additional open space and parkland throughout Travis County. I think most of what the County has proposed is reasonable and (hopefully) attainable. But, as I resident of Southwest Austin and the Oak Hill area, I would like to see a couple more areas added. 1) In the 290W/RM 1826 area there is a need for more expansive open space in addition to the City of Austin Circle C Metro Park on Slaughter Lane. Perhaps additional properties along Slaughter Creek or a similar greenway project to protect the headwaters of Slaughter Creek east and west of RM 1826. Also, at the end of Granada Hills Drive, 9409 Granada Hills Drive 78737, there is a 60+ acre church camp that, right now, is not for sale, but in the event it ever goes up for sale, the County should have some type of right-of-first-refusal to purchase the property for open space. 2) A Barton Creek Greenway plan should be added to protect more land along Barton Creek west of Hwy 71, and/or to encourage joining a conservation easment program for the creek.

03/29/16 Dear Judge E! Please do what you can to assure that Travis County stays a premiere disc golf community and destination! There are tremendous social, economic and health benefits associated with disc...we just went to Arkansas last week and the fact that there was a disc course at a particular resort was the major reason we stayed there! Don't let Wilco take over our rightful place as THE disc destination of central Texas! Keep up the Great Work you are doing....Thanx!

03/29/16 Please continue to support the sport of disc golf here in Austin, Texas. I was born and raised here in Austin and love and take pride in my hometown and home state. Gordon Kelley has informed the disc golfers here in Austin that Travis County is seeking input on its overall Master Plan for county parks. Disc golf can easily be misjudged as a game for "hippies". However, that is no longer the case. I have been playing for 8-10 years now and it has changed my life. It has taught me to appreciate nature, comradery amongst other players, but most of all has brought me closer to my father. We started playing around the same time and have built a bond amongst each other and the sport of which I will forever be grateful for. Over the past years we have played in a handful of doubles tournaments of which we cherish the times, win or lose. About a year or two into playing, a lot of my close friends began coming out with me and at least 5 still play with me when we can. Its a nice way to get outdoors, get away from work and just decompress while playing a friendly but competitive game of disc golf. Learning the game is easy and almost anyone can play. You don't need to be the most athletic, you don't need to be fast, you don't need to be tall, you just need to show up and have fun. Almost everyone is encouraging, even during a competitive game. People are often times sharing discs, trading discs, giving away discs, offering help and tips to improve their game. Its a very friendly environment. Now I have noticed some parks, like Zilker and Wells Branch that are changing from a challenging course, to a more open and family environment. On these family friendly courses, the baskets are much shorter in distance and there are less obstacles. But this is great as the adults can take their children or significant others and bond, like my dad and I have been able to. I have seen an increase of our youth playing. When I was younger, I had no idea this sport even existed, so its awesome to see that this game is more widely known, especially among the youth. Because like mentioned before, almost anyone can pick up a disc (frisbee) and throw it. Of course practice makes perfect, right? The negative side of more and more people playing is that the disc golf courses are now becoming a traffic jam. Especially since the population in Austin and Travis County itself are growing in size. So I strongly believe Austin is in need of more disc golf courses, both that are challenging and of course more family-friendly courses as well for families and beginners. Today on the radio I heard a statistic that today's younger generation spend less time outside than those individuals in prison. Today's youth spend an average of 30 minutes outside, while the imprisoned individuals spend an average of one hour outside. Coming from a generation of playing outside everyday as much as I could, its sad to hear. So lets get the youth outside and take pride in their parks and city. Please keep disc golf in mind when developing new parks. Its a win-win situation for the city of Austin and the people of Austin.

03/29/16 Please look into signage on the trails (hiking, biking) in Pale Face [Pace Bend] Park.

03/31/16 Southeast Metro Park's four main softball (multi-purpose) fields need help with the outfield grass and leveling. As a renter for the past 11 years and thousands of hours of games, I have seen several injuries due to a rough and rocky service that were avoidable. 1) There are rocks, everywhere (all shapes and sizes) 2) The grass type is sharp and soil is insufficient \*Any softball or flag football player sliding or diving on the grass is guaranteed to stand up with scraped or bloody arms/legs. Lack of soil & poor selection of grass? 3) The grading was incorrectly implemented when fields were built. \*Drainage of rain does not lead off of the field, as it should. Two of the four fields gather the largest

concentration of water at second base, and two others have it sit in multiple pockets throughout the playing surface. My suggestion is to close one field at a time (for budgeting purposes, and to allow the other three to be used) to laser level the surface and fix the soil. Aerating and topdressing are short-term solutions, however are not fixing any of the above three issues. They need to start from scratch.

03/31/16 At Arkansas Bend, the value of the money (\$9 million) is now worth less (sustantially) then when originally passed at bond. Can we provide additional funds via bond or other means to preserve the original scope of work contemplated for the park improvements.

04/01/16 Thank you for the informative meeting at the Jonestown Community Center last night. I am exciting to hear the Arkansas Bend project is in the design/engineering phase and construction will begin next year. This will be a wonderful asset to the Lago Vista/Jonestown/Point Venture area. The private park situation here can be frustrating, to say the least, for residents just outside the POA areas. My request/suggestion is to begin with the hike and bike trails. The chamber and city are working on a 20-year comprehensive plan with a series of town hall meetings. The desire for hiking and biking trails continues to be at the top of the list. While camping and boat ramps can be enjoyed by some, it seems to me the greater good for the greatest number would be a trail system. I appreciate your efforts in saving green areas for all.

04/05/16 Please consider the benefits of outdoor sports like disc golf as you further the master plan for our county parks. Disc golf attracts a wide swath of the population and serves young to old. I fall more into the “older” category, having played the sport since 1985. Through the sport I have visited many public and private disc courses throughout central Texas and in the lower 48. We have a great climate here for the sport and there are more and more disc courses being built, which in turn has grown the sport and attracted more youth to get outside and exercise. Build it and they will come - disc golf is affordable, teaches etiquette and sportsmanship, is family friendly, has a low impact and is low in cost to establish. Please consider expanding the disc golf resources and dedicating more resources to promote the sport and engage our citizens to get outside and stay healthy.

04/05/16 It would be nice to see sports fields in SW Travis county in the Bee Cave – Lakeway- Lake Travis area.

04/06/16 I have lived in the Trails End community for over 35 years and walking distance from the West End of the Trails End Preserve. Being an avid hiker and birder, I sincerely appreciate Travis County preserving this valuable piece of land for the nesting Golden Checked Warblers along with the high variety of plants and animals that are in the Trails End area. My vision for this West Trails End Preserve is to keep the property as unimproved and natural as possible. I think that birding and hiking should be the main use of the property. Mountain biking is not a traditional use of this area and I do not support that activity as it is very invasive. With more exploration, I think scientists will discover

other endangered species of plants, insects and birds using this property. My property has a high variety of native plants which makes me think that this area has a wealth of undiscovered plants. The management of the East End of Trails End Preserve is going to be more challenging. It may be the best plan to just allow day use only as overnight camping will have more impact. We are a relatively isolated area and overnight camping may attract more unappropriated activities as park patrolling may not be cost effective. My preference would be for both the West and East sides to remain undeveloped and for day use only for hiking, exploring and birding. Overnight camping will attract more traffic, trash and parties. The East End has Indian artifacts at the mouth of Lime Creek. That area needs extra protection as there has been men with a backhoe digging there in the past for Indian artifacts. I want to thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts about the management of Trails End Preserve. I support your effort and will be happy to volunteer for any community projects that you need. A trash clean up on the West End is needed as we had squatters leaving tires and household trash. There is a trash dump that needs to be cleaned up. Contractors have been dumping there also before the fence was erected. Please let me know if I can help on any volunteer projects.

04/07/16 It was nice to meet you last week in Jonestown at the Parks meeting. Thanks for taking the time to speak with me after the meeting as well. I live at 11619 Trails End Road and am one of the people that have deeded access to the park and lake via the Trails End Preserve. As we discussed, its my strong preference that the property remain a preserve, and not be turned into a park. With all of the construction at the top of Trails End (300+ Milestone homes) and across 1431 at Travisso, I am concerned that a park will have a detrimental impact on the neighborhood and quality of life of the Trails End Community. I do not believe a park is in the best interest of the area. I have spoken with a few of my neighbors with deeded access, and its my understanding that they feel the same way. Here are a few of my other thoughts, as we discussed at the meeting. 1. We paid a premium for the deeded lake and park access as part of the purchase price for our home. Converting this land to a public park with shared access for all would marginalize what I paid for this. 2. I believe that our interests are aligned – the county wishes this to remain a preserve and had to make it a park due to the deeded access that exists. For the right level of compensation, I would be willing to give up this deeded access so that the county could turn the area into a preserve. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail. I would also be interested in knowing what next steps are and how I can help getting the Red Wagon folks on board with an action to keep the area as a preserve in return for compensation.

04/07/16 I am writing you as a resident and tax payer of western Travis county. We are in dire need of parks and recreation ball fields for our youth. I understand that you guys are taking input as you develop your future plans for development. We have to have a solution for our booming growth of young families and children. I myself am a parent of 2 boys who play youth sports and we struggle to find ball fields to play on.

04/07/16 I want to request a Disc Golf course to be built in Arkansas Bend Park. This is very popular in our area but the issue is that the Disc Golf Course is located in a POA controlled park called Arrowhead. The teams are comprised of members who can get through the gate and non-members who must park on private land and walk to course. I tried to find the leader of the group who spoke at the POA meeting but have been unsuccessful in getting a phone number or email. Here is a request on their behalf.

04/07/16 More Disc Golf Courses in Travis County Parks is a Good Thing! Travis county is growing at an extremely fast pace. However, the amount of disc golf courses have stayed at about the same number for the last 20 years or so. I have played the sport since 1983 and interest continues to be strong and it is a good way to get people outside for sunshine, vitamin D, etc.

04/07/16 We need it. We are going so fast here and have already out grown our 6 fields. Please take note. Please help.

04/07/16 I am a taxpayer in western TRAVIS county, 15+ years. The Lakeway/ Bee Caves area needs new sports fields in the biggest way. Top 5 fastest growing areas in the US - what a shame city councils think we need dog parks not kid parks. These city councils ( some members, not all) have ""rode the backs "" of free donated fields by fine 5013C non profit organizations like LTYA. ( who BTW have to pay to rent gym space from LTISD so kids can enjoy basketball) No more! We're outta space and outta parking and have dirt parking lots and port-o-cans for mothers who need to utilize restroom facilities while watching their child's game. We're busting at the seams!!! It's time TRAVIS county invested in our youth in Travis county. Let's get on the stick and invest in our youth!

04/07/16 Hi- For what it's worth, I believe we desperately need new sports field in Western Travis County. Question: have you attended a game at LTYA's Field of Dreams? How about finding somewhere to park on the unpaved lot? How about tried to schedule a practice time with your son or daughter during season? Have you successfully turned West on HWY 71 at 5:30 pm WITHOUT saying a prayer to the big guy upstairs???? The truth is we are completely out of space, both in parking, bathrooms & field/practice space! With the unprecedented explosion of growth in Western Travis County (the secret is out unfortunately) we have no other choice than to be strategically proactive for our kids... We need additional up to date sports field space & we need our County representatives to take notice & start making real plans for what's next. You guys know how healthy property tax revenue is out here- let's put a portion of that money into new sports fields where we can be proud of our investment in the county's youth!

04/07/16 Surprised to hear that no new ball parks or sports fields were planned for western Travis County. The Lakeway/Bee Cave area is growing rapidly with young families. Providing ballparks and sports fields for these young people and families has a positive impact on the entire community. I hope that both short range and long range planning will include ballparks and sports fields in west Travis County.

04/07/16 I am a mother of 4, all of 3 children are all involved in baseball and softball, we desperately are in need of new and improved fields, with much needed parking space. Our current field of dreams off of highway 71 is in much need of expansion. With this in mind please help us out, as I speak for many families of softball, baseball, and soccer. We really do need more fields with the growth of population in this area. Please take some consideration with grant money that could be used for new fields. We recently loss our 12 U. Fields at Drysdale. We are saddened by this as now the 12 U. Has come to field of dreams, which make the parking spaces far and few between. We love all our ball players and want to continue to raise our kids in great fun sports at LTYA. Thanks for your time.

04/07/16 I am a resident of Bee Cave. I currently have boys ages 11, 10 and 5 playing youth baseball. Unfortunately, we routinely travel 25 to 30 miles each way for the older two to play baseball in Dripping Springs because we do not have enough field space in our area. It is really embarrassing that we have such an abundance of new young families moving to our area and nothing to offer in the way of recreational fields. If you would take an afternoon to drive out to the LTYA complex, you will see that it is grossly inadequate for the youth of our area. With the help of the County and some degree of cooperation with the City of Bee Cave or Lakeway, we could have a very nice facility for all of the local youth to enjoy. Please seriously consider the comments being submitted for new recreational facilities as the youth of our community are the foundation for future growth.

04/07/16 I have been a taxpaying resident of western Travis county for 11 years and of Travis County for 26 years. My kids play multiple sports out here and there is a huge need for more ball fields for these leagues and kids. It has come to my attention that there are no plans to fund or assist with funds any fields for kids in Western Travis and I would like to suggest that needs to be re-considered. Please roll this up to the decision making body that will make decisions on this. The area kids really need it.

04/07/16 Over the past 7 years my son has been playing baseball in and around the Austin/Travis County Area. From my experience it is clear that a Sports Complex in western Travis County has not been a priority of the Travis County Planning Commission. I have visited several very nice facilities that are Travis County Sports Complex's in eastern Travis County (East Metro Park, Southeast Metro Park) but there is nothing comparable on the West side of Travis County. There are several large neighborhoods (River Place, Steiner Ranch, Lake Travis) that contribute a significant amount Property Taxes to Travis County. In addition, these neighborhoods have a significant number of youth that do not have access to a nearby sports complex. All sports are supported by the community parks in the neighborhoods and/or Leander School district with limited availability. I would respectfully request that the Planning Commission consider a Sports Complex in western Travis County in the Four Points area.

04/07/16 "I am writing to you as a resident of the Trails End area. First let me say that I think it is wonderful that Travis County has acquired the land in this area to create a preserve and habitat for the golden cheek warbler! While I was unable to attend the meeting that you had with the area residents, I wanted to reach out to you about the possible creation of a park using the 68 acres on the east side of Trails End road (apparently referred to as the ""star gate"" property. My family as well as many of our neighbors feel that the addition of a park in that area would be a huge benefit for the neighborhood. I wanted to add my voice in strong support of building a park, and I wanted to make the following suggestions for that park if possible given budgetary restrictions:

- Lake Access - I am a little unclear on the specifics, but I believe that property has an easement for access to the lake. If so, having the ability to enter the lake at this park would be wonderful as all other options for accessing the lake have been shut off to many residents over the years, decreasing the value of their property and the lifestyle they have enjoyed for decades. The ability to swim or use kayaks would be wonderful.

- Hike/Bike Trail - Many of the residents in the area enjoy walking, running, or biking, however none of the roads have even rudimentary shoulders or sidewalks. As a result, many cyclists and pedestrians end up on Trails End, Darleen, and Johnson road, which is especially dangerous since there are so many twists and hills. If the park had a trail loop then many of us could utilize that instead, which would be much safer and much more enjoyable.

- Playground - There are many families with children in the area, so a playground would be a great addition to the park and give kids a safe space to play.

04/08/16 I am a resident in Lakeway and have been for over 10 years. I have 3 children, all involved in sports. I have always been concerned with the lack of Sports facilities not to mention the quality. As my oldest has started traveling more, it has become very apparent to just how poor our facilities are. From Kyle to Georgetown and Dripping Springs to Bastrop, I see amazing fields which are all paid for by the county and city money. Lakeway, Bee cave, and Westlake which are the highest concentrations of the tax base are left out in the cold, scrambling to rent space from their ISD at exorbitant rates and playing on soccer and baseball fields that are in extremely poor shape and are funded 100% by a non profit volunteer group. We need sports facilities and we need support from our local government to help. Please consider spending some of our tax base on fields in Western Travis county.

04/08/16 What is the best way to sit down with you guys and make sure the CoA Urban Trail Program is complimenting your park planning effort? I would love to sit down with you during the planning process if you are available.

04/08/16 I've been told that the County is planning to build facilities at Arkansas Bend Park, and that resident input is encouraged as to what kinds of facilities to build there. Please consider building a Disc Golf course at the park. Disc Golf is very popular among all age groups and

is increasing in popularity. It is a fun, family-friendly activity that has low environmental impact. I feel that our county has too few disc golf courses, and this would be an excellent location for a new course.

04/08/16 Please help us get our kids some proper fields!! My 10 year old son has Friday night soccer games and parents will use their car headlights to help light the fields at Field of Dreams!

04/08/16 I would love for my tax dollars to be apportioned for sports facilities. Our fields are sub par compared to every other town we visit. If I can be of any help, please let me know. Hope you guys are well!

04/08/16 I am sending this e-mail to support the discussion of adding a youth sports park here in Lakeway. I currently drive my kiddos as far north as Hudson Bend and as far south as Bee Cave, plus everywhere in between, to get them to their practices/games/camps. We, as tax payers, would love to see a community youth sports facility right here in Lakeway!

04/08/16 I am writing as a taxpayer who lives in Lakeway. We have a great community with lots of kids and more and more families are moving here every day. But we are woefully short of outdoor parks and facilities for our kids sporting interests. I am writing just to voice my encouragement for Travis County parks department to consider working with our community leaders and implementing a sports facility park for our kids. Thank you.

04/08/16 I want to voice my support for our county tax dollars to be allocated back to its constituents in the form of sports/athletics parks in and/or around the City of Lakeway and our area of Western Travis County. As a Property Tax payer in Travis County, my family would love to see the money put back into athletics facilities/sports parks for our children.

04/08/16 My family and I have been residents of Lakeway/Travis County for the last 16 years. We love the community and have enjoyed raising our children here. All 3 of our children are active in our local youth sports organization, LTYA, and have been since they reached an eligible age. As a tax payer, parent, and coach, I ask that you urgently consider allocating some of our tax dollars to create better sports facilities for our children. As our community continues to grow, as does the LTYA population, we direly need a facility/facilities that can accommodate demand for all of our children. Many of the other communities/counties we compete in have already done this, and their constituents are thrilled with the benefits the community has received through them.

04/08/16 As a property tax payer in Travis county, I would like to express my desire that some of our tax dollars be spent toward sports facilities for the youth in our county, e.g. soccer fields, football fields, baseball, basketball courts, etc. There is a huge interest in youth sports in this area, but I feel that current facilities available to us are inadequate and insufficient to support the demand.

04/08/16 My family has lived in Lakeway for about 15 years. Out here, we have no good place for basketball games/tournaments other than the schools. There are few options for outdoor basketball practice. There is an outdoor soccer complex, but considering the affluence of this community, it's a disappointing sight - dusty fields and unpaved lots. We have no indoor soccer options. I would love to see tax dollars from this and adjacent communities put towards a nice complex for basketball and soccer.

04/08/16 As Property tax payers in Travis county, want to see our tax dollars spent on sports facilities for our kids. Please consider this request in your upcoming planning meetings as our exponential growth of families in this area necessitates finding a place where our children can learn and grow through sports

04/08/16 As a parent of three children who all play sports within Lake Travis ISD I'd like to advocate for the NEED for more sports facilities in this area. As a property tax payer in Travis county we would like to see our tax dollars spent on the sports facilities for our kids.

04/08/16 I'd like to start out by saying thank you for making yourself available and being responsive to questions and concerns concerning both the preserve and potential park . There are many ideas being tossed around as to what the community would like to see . However there are also many concerns as to how a county park may effect our neighborhood . Some concerns are traffic , environmental impact , potential crime and the pressure it may put on our private HOA park . I know there were many individuals at the meeting in Jonestown on the 31st however I was unable to attend due to a prior commitment . It's my understanding you would like input / suggestions no later than April 13th . The problem is I am having a tough time organizing a meeting to discuss this with the HOA members in such short notice . All that being said I would like to ask if it's possible to extend that date too April 30th . This would allow a little time to organize a meeting with the members and get a better idea as a whole as to what all would like to see . I would also like to ask if it's possible for myself to have a quick meeting with you so that I may be better informed going forward . I would come to you and meet at your convenience. Again thanks for the open line of communication and taking input from the community

04/08/16 Hiking trails and disc golf would be a great addition!

04/08/16 Odette Tan responded to my email the following day, but I appreciate the response from you.. Any idea if I'll still be able to use the park for launching my boat in the summer of 2017 or will i have make other arrangements ?

04/09/16 I was informed I could send suggestions for improvements to Arkansas Bend Park by emailing you. My suggestion would be to add a dog park to the facility. I think it would be a great asset to the park, and that many citizens and there dogs would enjoy having a designated area for their pets to play. Using a small portion of the waters edge would be an additional benefit by letting dogs swim and savings on fencing.

04/09/16 Two years ago, my family and I moved to the Lake Travis area. We arrived with three elementary school-aged children and were excited about our new home state. Having previously lived in St. Louis, Missouri and Lexington, Kentucky, we were familiar with what other communities offered their children in the form of extracurricular activities, and we sought out the same here. We chose a home near schools and the Field of Dreams knowing we would spend many hours there watching our children practice and play soccer and baseball. What a shock to find the overcrowded fields, no running water (especially water fountains for the young athletes), and unsafe parking. We are a community growing daily. Lake Travis ISD has made this area very desirable for families with children. How is it that we do not have facilities to adequately support our children? These activities are what teach our children about respect, discipline, hard work, and the list goes on! These are the kinds of attributes we want to build in our children through their activities. Without proper fields, families are forced to drive to other facilities in the area to practice and play games. We, as Property tax payers in Travis county, want to see our tax dollars spent on the sports facilities for our kids. We would love to see our tax dollars allocated for our children and their future.

04/09/16 My family and I live in Lakeway and we would like to see sports fields and natural areas where our kids can explore the outdoors. This email has been spurred by the request for decent sports fields for LTYA. Thank you for your consideration.

04/10/16 I am writing in hopes of being a voice for our Bee Caves community; for the children who learn and play at Field of Dreams enjoying the outdoors after a long day at school, and for the parents who put in hard working hours volunteering for our kids. I am among the few who grew up in the Lake Travis area and have myself played many many games on the very fields I am concerned with. Over the years I have seen minimal expansion or improvements even though there are now hundreds if not thousands of people frequenting the fields. I have seen it happen many times over the years but just yesterday we had to call games off because of the weather. All understandable and what needed to be done. However, because we have no facility, no covered pavilion or area to congregate all the coaches and their kids were left uncovered in the middle of the fields to discuss if we were calling the game and what the plan would be. If we could have a covered area we would have a safe place for teams to get out of bad weather, protected from cold windy weather and the hot sun. At this point the only protection we have is our

own cars, not even an adequate dugout. We have no concession stands with covered picnic tables for a place to stop and have a snack in between games or waiting for your next child to play. We have no bathrooms or a place to wash hands. When a child falls and gets hurt there is no where to take them to clean them off. At the end of the season when we want to celebrate with cupcakes we all feel we need to go to Bee Caves Park or the Galleria because there is no where to all sit together and celebrate a great season. There is no desirable area to bring in teams from other associations and have tournaments because our amenities are so undesirable. In fact I know of roughly 20 families that prefer to drive and play at Dripping Springs Youth Association or with i9 Sports because they offer much better facilities. Everyone is eager for the Hill Country Indoor to open so there is a better place to play and I know the Lake Travis I've grown up in and love can offer something better than that! We have no where to park and it is extremely dangerous the way it is set up now. Not only do people have to park on the main streets outside of the fields but everyone is left feeling they have to fight for a parking spot and go at excessive speeds to get there. As our community grows I have seen the many ways it has affected our kids. There are now so many children that we don't have enough space to even practice both with soccer and baseball teams. We are constantly having to cancel practice or schedule practice and games at times that are way too late for little kids just in hopes of being able to give them an opportunity to play. For an example, my sons team is composed of 5-7 year olds still so confused on what to do on the baseball field because we never have space to practice and to teach them. The fields are always over booked because we don't have the space for all of the kids that are now in our community. I am a resident of Spanish Oaks that has countless kids in LTYA at Field Of Dreams everyday. A community that works hard coaching and maintaining the fields. We try our best to provide tools for our children at Field Of Dreams with volunteer hours. We are dedicated to our children and would help in anyway to make their experience at our fields desirable. We are extremely outdated in facilities yet live in one of the highest tax rates in the Austin area. I myself give around \$34,000 in taxes every year. I know my neighbors and the neighborhoods that feed into the LTYA system are among those high numbers and we are desperate for a safe and fun place for our kids to enjoy sports and the outdoors.

04/10/16 Please put my duly paid and substantial tax dollars to the western area of Travis county which has been incredibly lacking in return for our payments. I understand and do support the concept of supporting those with less, but to know there is zero investment in sports facilities for our area which is a shining model for youth sports engagement by parents is simply poor policy. Please correct this with a comprehensive long-range plan proposal for developing more youth sports facilities in our area.

04/11/16 My name is Dustin Purkey and I am a Lake Travis County resident. I have 4 children. The oldest is a recent graduate from Lake Travis HS and the younger 3 are avid sports players. I would very much appreciate Lake Travis County investing our tax dollars into our youth through your support of updated sports fields. Our children have played the last several years of softball and soccer for LTYSA and Dynamo and their advancement in this area is very much dependent on having modernized sports fields.

04/11/16 I am totally in favor of creating a disc golf course at Arkansas Bend

04/11/16 \* We need 9 & 18 hole intermediate and championship level courses. Championship level courses bring a ton of people and money especially if we hold A-tier tournaments. \* We need multiple courses, for different skill levels, in the same parks. \* A beginner course at East Metro in Manor would be a great companion to the championship level course already there. \* Courses added to the planning they are doing in the Onion Creek area would be great. \* Courses at their parks in the Southwest and Northwest areas. I am especially biased about the NW parks since I live in NW Austin. \* A complex of 3 or 4 courses at the huge Reimer's Ranch area.

04/11/16 As a tax payer and member of the community the need for space to accommodate youth sports is much needed for our rapidly growing community and we need the support of Travis County and appreciate their consideration.

04/11/16 I'm writing to show my support for more disc golf in Travis County. Disc golf is the fastest growing sport in America for the following reasons. #1. Little to no start up costs makes it easy for people of all income groups to play. #2. Environmentally friendly, disc golf doesn't require clear cutting of our local parks and/or resource intensive watering and/or fertilizers to keep grass green (soccer, golf, football etc). #3. Disc golf is a lifetime sport, meaning it's great for people of all ages.

04/11/16 I moved back to the Bee Cave area 2 yrs ago. It is a great place to live but wanted to take a few minutes to mention the tragic state of local ballparks and soccer fields within West Travis county. This area has grown up drastically since we left Austin 10 yrs ago, when we came back home I expected the local parks and common areas to keep up with the growing rate of new residents. Unfortunately, this hasn't been the case. We are in a desperate state to update these areas. I hope that you consider our area for a local ballfield gentrification project in the near future.

04/11/16 Some of the best times my kids spent in Lake Travis were those on the outdoor sports fields. They developed their leadership skills, negotiating skills, gross motor skills..all without knowing it. Playing a team sport is a valuable activity for a growing youth. Please make sure that we keep our fields. Why would you give up the Field of Dreams. It is great location for play.

04/11/16 I am writing as a Travis County tax payer and wanted to voice my support of the Lake Travis Youth Association's (LYA) effort to build our kids new ball fields out near Lakeway, TX. I have attended several of the planning meetings/hearings over the past two years. I know enough about it to say that I am in support of it. We need a safe, modern place for our kids to play team sports

04/11/16 There is an acute shortage of sports facilities in the Lakeway-bee cave area. Please do the needful to solve this issue.

04/11/16 I am writing you in regards to support for the future development of sports facilities and fields for our kids in Western Travis County. It was communicated at a recent meeting by County Officials that there had been no support or requests from taxpayers in Western Travis County for this kind of support. I am officially asking and requesting that the county put tax dollars aside for us.

04/11/16 I am a resident of western Travis County and have a strong interest in obtaining support and public funds for the development of parks and ball fields by Travis County. Please dedicate public funds to support LTYA and the land development for the future building of sports facilities and fields for our kids in western Travis County.

04/11/16 Please site this email as a formal taxpayer request for funding consideration in western Travis County. As a resident and taxpayer for last 17 years, I have seen the growth and demand for family recreational areas and youth sports facilities grow exponentially. This area has been under served in this area of funding from a city/county aspect for many years and is overdue. I am a firm believer in the benefits of youth sports and their long term impact these community programs can have on children and their communities. The subsequent small business development and opportunity is also a consideration to benefit the community—as businesses would need to support the influx of youth participating from neighboring counties and more families opting staying closer to home. Please consider supporting the development of youth fields in this portion of our county.

04/11/16 Hello! I'm writing to you because we in West Travis County are in need of new sports fields. The ones we currently have in Bee Cave (off Hwy 71) are not big enough and only have port a pottys. The youngest tball teams don't even have a free time slot to play there most of the time and have to play at an elementary school! The middle school girls lacrosse team, which is a fast growing sport in Lake Travis, doesn't have home fields to play on and have to even practice some at a grassy area not made for sports practices! It would be great to receive funding to develop new or additional sports complexes in our area.

04/11/16 I recently moved from Round Rock to Lakeway and haven't seen any sport parks available to the kids in Lakeway. We pay higher property taxes in Lakeway compared to Round Rock yet Round Rock had better sport parks. I would like to see more of our tax dollars be spent on a nice park for sport activities.

04/11/16 My family and I have been residents of Travis County for the last 3 years. We love the community and have enjoyed raising our children here. Both of our boys are active in our local youth sports organization, LTYA, and have been since they reached an eligible age. As a taxpayer, parent, and volunteer, I ask that you urgently consider allocating some of our tax dollars to create better sports facilities for our children. As our community continues to grow, as does the LTYA population, we direly need a facility/facilities that can accommodate demand

for all of our children. Many of the other communities/counties we compete in have already done this, and their constituents are thrilled with the benefits the community has received through them.

04/11/16 "As a longtime resident of Southwest Travis County and member of the Bee Cave Economic Development Board, I share the sentiments reflected in the Parks plan. Many of the goals in this Plan and the LWT Plan are shared by local residents. These include: • Providing facilities that are popular with a broad cross-section of residents • Promoting community parks • Creating a multi-use trail system and linear parks • A planning philosophy that recognizes "activity centers" • A planning philosophy that balances development and land conservation interests • An implementation strategy that leverages the resources of municipalities, school districts, Travis County, the State and private citizens.

04/11/16 I am in favor of travis county providing parks for hiking, biking, climbing, fishing, kayaking, etc. Ball fields are the responsibility of the CITY, the parents and the players, not the taxpayers, in my opinion.

04/11/16 I own two houses in west Travis County and I have 3 boys that have participated in youth sports. There is a strong need for more space to play in, please fund the LTYA project and any other project that will relieve the lack of space.

04/11/16 Pls provide funds to support the development of public parks and ball fields.

04/11/16 In response to the request below for the development of parks and fields for LTYA, I do NOT support taxpayers paying for LTYA fields. This is a private entity and should be self funded. Last I heard, Hill Country Indoor is not requesting public bonds to pay for project. Why should LTYA be any different.

04/11/16 Please support the planned development of the LTYA sports fields in Western Travis County. Current fields are not large enough to accommodate the population out here. This issue causes many of us to have to drive an hour to and from other sports fields to get our kids to general sports practice on a weekly basis. It's a horrible situation for families to be in and our kids deserve space to play organized sports outside!

04/11/16 I hope you will consider using public funds to build sports fields for the kids in and around the Bee Cave/Lakeway area. The kids deserve more than what is currently available to them at the Field of Dreams on HWY 71. It is overcrowded and overused. It would be great to see the county make an investment in youth sports programs.

04/11/16 Hello. about 16 months ago, our family moved to Rough Hollow in Lakeway. The community, city, and county are everything we hoped for when we made our move. One of the great things about the area is the demographics of professionals with families. The continued growth is driving our school district, LTISD, to put forward an ambitious plan to build many new schools. The reason for my email is to encourage you and your committee to consider public sports parks to complement the schools and developer areas. Having lived in many cities around the world, I haven't seen an area with such a love of kids sports, and although I'm not a sociologist, I feel that these opportunities help to develop happier, more balanced kids. I certainly see it in my three kids. I can appreciate that your committee has many competing challenges and tough decisions to make. I hope in the end analysis that you find some place for sports parks, which will further strengthen western Travis County as a place people want to move to and continue living in.

04/11/16 As a tax payer and member of the community the need for this space is much needed for our rapidly growing community and we need the support of Travis County and appreciate their consideration in this matter. I have a 9 and 11 year old who love soccer and my son plus football as well. My son who plays on U12 gets a small little area to practice on because of the lack of field space and they usually have to move due to another team saying they are slotted that area for practice. We have to drive my daughter all the way to Hudson Bend to practice due to the lack of field space at field of dreams. I would love for them to have a beautiful field space to continue to play on and for us as parents not have to worry about no parking or potholes in the parking lot. We have a beautiful community with beautiful families who have kids that just want a nice area to play all the sports that they love!

04/11/16 My name is Jennifer Lieb and I want to express my support for the future development of sports facilities and fields for our kids in the Lake Travis area. My kids (now ages 10 and 13) have been playing soccer and baseball at The Field of Dreams in Bee Cave for the last 4 years. I have to say that out of all of the community fields we've played on, these are by far the worst! The field conditions are terrible due to lack of irrigation, which is tough to play on and dangerous for young sports players. The lack of bathrooms/sinks is ridiculous. It's my understanding that at a recent meeting, county officials communicated to LTYA that they did not have record of request for public funds to support the land development, despite many months and years of communications with elected officials. I implore you to research this and explore the options of providing funding for safe, well-lit, irrigated fields for our county's youth to enjoy.

04/11/16 As a longtime Travis County resident and father to two Lake Travis Youth Association (LTYA)/elementary school kids, I urge Travis County to financially support efforts to acquire and develop more athletic facilities in fast-growing Western Travis County, especially in and around the Lakeway area. As you know, Western Travis County is booming with new apartment, condo and home construction, adding to the Travis County property, sales and business tax bases. Many of these West Travis County residents are young families seeking more affordable neighborhoods in well regarded school districts. Girls and boys youth athletics - baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse and the like - are popular

and growing activities which teach children teamwork, sportsmanship and the importance of the outdoors and exercise. Youth athletics build community spirit and bridge ethnic, income and neighborhood divides. West Travis does not have enough access to ball fields and gyms to accommodate the existing population, not to mention keeping pace with the new growth coming online. We respectfully request the Travis County Commission and County government to support the acquisition, development and maintenance of athletic facilities in West Travis County for the good of our children, neighborhoods, schools and Travis County as a whole.

04/11/16 I am a mother in Spicewood with children in the Lake Travis School District. My daughter, Elizabeth age 9, has been actively involved in LTYA since age 4. She has done several different sports in the last 5 years. We have a great organization and a great community, what's not great is our facilities. It's surprising considering what a beautiful community we live in and the exorbitant amount of money we all pay in taxes, that our children are left to play in dirt fields and over crowded gyms. We have an amazing group of parents that volunteer countless hours to support these teams and this organization. Not one of these sports in LTYA is inexpensive to say the least. But as much as we spend and give of ourselves, it can never be enough. I request that you and your constituents would be advocates for us. This community of families working together to give our children something to work hard for and be proud of. We are ready to grow and thrive and we are looking for your support. With that being said, I, Courtney Blake, make a formal request for funds to be put towards development of physical property for our organization, Lake Travis Youth Association. Thank you for your time and service! I believe that together we will make this community a model of the American Dream!

04/11/16 As I resident of western Travis County, I request public funds be used to provide support for the future development of sports facilities and fields for the LTYA.

04/11/16 I am a tax payer of Travis County and strongly support our LTYA non-profit organization in the funding request and allocation of land to build new Ball & Park fields for our youth in the Lake Travis Community. Please take this email as a strong supporter and advocate of LTYA and everything they do.

04/11/16 My wife, Lori and I would like to go on the record for the support of additional ball fields and parks in western Travis County as there is an unprecedented shortage as compared to other parts of the county and as compared to surrounding counties. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need us to show our support for this much needed public improvement in any additional way other than this email.

04/11/16 I am emailing to communicate with you the need for parks and ball fields in western Travis county. My sons have played baseball for 6 years. The Field of Dreams on highway 71 scarcely qualifies as a ball park. I worry about the people falling (and have seen this happen), as

there are many rocks and no sidewalks. There are also only port a potties, as the city of Bee Cave (at least this is what's always been rumored) won't allow the water lines to be run to the park, and in the heat, it is disgusting and difficult for those with small children and the elderly. I think that families deserve better. I think it's a disgrace that we don't have a nicer place, everywhere else that we go to play ball, at least has a bathroom that is not a port a potty and most are far nicer in general. This season, one of our sons, both are on LTYA teams, has had to go to the CTX field in Henly, for practice, as the fields on 71 are too full for us to get a practice time, so that's well over an hour of driving round trip just for a practice. This takes kids away from time at home and puts them on the road during high traffic times. There are many homes being built and many kids moving here, signing up to play, we desperately need more ball fields in this area, as well as soccer fields and parks. Please help us get a nice ball park with sidewalks and air conditioned bathroom facilities. Our kids and families deserve and need this. We are thankful to live in such an active community, let's encourage outside activity and exercise for healthy kids.

04/11/16 Good morning. I am a resident of western Travis county. We live in Sweetwater. We would love to see the abundance of tax dollars that we pay go in part to support ballfields. Soccer ball, baseball, lacrosse, etc. My personal suggestion would be to annex or provide funds for the field of dreams at Hamilton Pool Road. That property could easily be improved and expanded. There aren't even bathrooms at that facility. And it is used year-round buy lots of tax payers. My understanding is there are several other properties that could also be utilized for ballfields. I would support tax money going to these efforts. I thank you for your support of the youth in western Travis county.

04/11/16 I am writing you as a resident and tax payer of western Travis county. It has become increasingly important for the need to expand and have opportunity to provide field space for our youth and would much appreciate this for consideration as you discuss development of this area. There has to be a solution for the exponential growth of our community and chance to provide our youth with outdoor space to grow and foster. As a parent of two young boys, in which I keep active in outdoor sports and activities, to find open space for them to do this is a significant concern of mine.

04/11/16 As a Travis County resident and tax payer, I would like to let you know that I support the future development of new parks and sports fields for the kids in Western Travis county.

04/11/16 I would like to support the use of public funds for the development of sports facilities in the Western Travis county area.

04/11/16 I have been a youth coach and parent for the last 14 years in the Lake Travis area. During that time we have experienced unprecedented growth in our youth sports as well as the general population. However, our fields have not changed. Williamson County has received a massive new park off of 1431 to sustain their growth as well as the expansion of Town and Country fields. North East Austin

Metropolitan Park has been added to help the Round Rock and Pflugerville areas. Georgetown has 2 new complexes each of which has been expanded over the last 10 years. South Austin has several areas for their youth sports. We desperately need help with a park. At the end of every season you will see many children practicing sports with masks or scarves over their faces. This is due to the overuse of the fields removing around 70% of the grass. The kids are left to practice on dirt. A typical Wednesday will have around 200 children practicing at the same time on around 1.3 acres. This is 5 times the correct amount. I can't imagine that the property taxes in the Lake Travis area do not justify some type of county help. I also am confident that our sports programs could easily pay yearly fees to help support these bonds.

04/11/16 As a resident and tax payer of western Travis County, I ask that Travis County support the development of parks and ball fields for our kids. This is an official request for public funds to support the land development for sports facilities and fields for the LTYA.

04/11/16 I intently express my strong support and interest in Travis County developing parks and sports fields for our kid's in Travis County. It is a glaring deficit we have in our community not to have enough quality field space and park facilities for the youth and all residents. I am in full support of public funds to support this endeavor. Sports and recreation should be among the county's top priorities.

04/11/16 I just wanted to take a minute to express my concern and support for public funds to support the land development of parks and ball fields in Western Travis County to support the growth of the Bee Cave, Lakeway and Spicewood area. With the potential sale of the Field of Dreams ball fields, there will be no fields left for kids to have youth sports that are not owned and operated by LTISD. Recently the baseball field behind the Hill Country Galleria was bulldozed for more development. I fully support the growth of the area, but want to insure that our County and City governments are planning accordingly for the recreational and physical needs of the growing community. Without the parks and ball fields our children miss out on the opportunity to learn how to be part of a team and get much needed physical fitness.

04/11/16 Please build additional sports facilities in the Bee Cave/Lakeway area to support the growing population. It would be a shame if children are not allowed to participate because of overcrowding or lack of space.

04/11/16 As a resident and taxpayer of western Travis County, I would like to express my support for and strong interest in the future development of sports facilities and fields for our kids. I have two sons currently participating in LTYA sports and a daughter who likely will in the near future. I coach many of my sons' teams and there is an absolute need for new and better facilities. Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

04/11/16 I wanted to send you an email to let you know that I support the future development of sports facilities and fields for our kids in Western Travis County. I think it's important for our community and programs like LTYA to have ball fields, parks, and facilities for our families to gather and support one another. Overall, it makes the area a nice welcoming place to live.

04/11/16 I wanted write you as Travis County and Lake Travis Area resident. I fully support Travis County working with LTYA to utilize public county funds to build and develop parks and ball fields for the community.

04/11/16 I am a resident o Western Travis County. As you may be aware of growth of Austin and growth of Western Travis County. We have more residents moving in and several new communities have come up in last few years. We definitely need many more parks and ball fields to keep our children engaged in sports and out door activities and more importantly keep them off the video games and television. As a resident I kindly request for parks and balls fields for western travis county.

04/11/16 As a Travis County Resident and Taxpayer I would like to express my full support and desire to see more development of ball fields and youth leagues such as LTYA. I think this is one of the most important and beneficial functions available to local government officials. Please make it a priority in your planning and decision making processes. I am available for questions or discussion at any time.

04/11/16 The area is in desperate need of field space for kids sports. Other areas in town have such nice fields and facilities. It really is gross to not have descent restrooms at the field of dreams. Please, please consider taking this action as soon as possible!

04/12/16 As a current taxpayer in Travis County, I'd like to express my support for county money to be allocated for a new sporting complex for our kids here in Lakeway and the surrounding area; as I'm sure you're aware, playing sports helps our youth build character, learn persistence and fosters teamwork. Not to mention getting them out from in front of their screens (tv, computer, video games, etc.) and just being good for physical fitness! Thank you for your time!

04/12/16 "There are lots of great reasons for loving disc golf, besides it being a healthy/outdoor activity. It is a great activity for families and social gatherings. As an avid disc golfer, that enjoys playing competitively as well, I feel we need more courses in the area. In my opinion the county needs: more short 9 & 18 hole courses for beginners, kids, and families. \* We need 9 & 18 hole intermediate and championship level courses. \* We need multiple courses, of different skill levels, in the same parks. \* A beginner course at East Metro in Manor would be a great companion to the championship level course already there. \* Courses added to the Onion Creek area would be great as well.

04/12/16 "I would like to request that Travis County funds be allocated to be used toward MUCH NEEDED and LONG OVERDUE sports fields in western Travis County. There is literally no way to meet the need of the youth of Travis County to participate in sports activities without our tax dollars being directed in our local area. We live, own businesses and work in western Travis County and deserve to have our tax dollars used in the area where we live, especially when the need is so urgent. As a long time Travis County resident, I have seen Travis County fund park projects, mostly in eastern Travis County, NEVER IN WESTERN TRAVIS COUNTY. Please note: of the Travis County sports fields, ALL are located in eastern Travis County, from NE Metropolitan, East Metropolitan, Webberville, Richard Moya, Del Valle, to SE Metropolitan. NONE are located in WESTERN Travis County.

There is one small ""baseball field"" located in Windmill Run. This is basically an area in a very wooded and rocky path, that is not suitable to be considered as a baseball field and certainly not a ""sports facility"". Without the much needed facilities for baseball, softball and soccer, there is literally no space for the youth of western Travis County to be involved in the activities that they love and need to participate to be active and healthy.

There has been a need to expand the facilities in western Travis County for a least a decade. With the growth we are experiencing in our area, it is imperative that we receive funding and not be passed over again. As Travis County tax payers, we deserve to our tax dollars be used in our community. We have been passed over for too long.

04/12/16 I am writing as a Travis County resident to voice my support for more parks and open space in western Travis County. I think and feel that natural, accessible green and open places for public recreation are very important to our wellbeing. I realize that this is a challenge and I thank you for your efforts to plan, acquire and open more parks. I do not want to be negative, but I do not support Travis County providing funding for the Lake Travis Youth Association Sports group as I believe that they have historically mismanaged their funds.

04/12/16 As residents of and tax payers in Travis County my wife Lyndsey and I ask for and support for the future development of sports facilities and fields for our kids to Travis County. Our boys Grant(8) and Layton(7) use the current field on 71 several times a week and look forward to the expansion of the program. If you need further info please reply to this email or call me at 513 755-0250.

04/12/16 I am writing in regard to future decisions concerning Travis County parks. I and my two daughters visit parks in Travis county with some frequency, most often to play disc golf. Both of my daughters enjoy the sport and often bring friends to play. We all have been playing for several years. During that time, I have seen the sport grow exponentially in popularity. The growth in the number of courses has not at all kept up with the growth in the number of participants. Please know that the number of participants in the sport of disc golf continues to grow rapidly and it is a great outdoor activity for families. I know that my family would be very excited to have more places to play. You guys do a great job with your parks in a challenging time of growth for Travis County. Thanks for receiving my feedback.

04/13/16 Thank you for letting me provide feedback! Is there any chance of Travis County better supporting the urbanizing parts of the county that have insufficient park space? I live on Burnet Rd, which is an early suburban part of the county. Travis County used to offer us a community space at the Burnet Farmer's Market, but you sold that off in 2007. Now we're getting development that's unsupported by park space. City of Austin doesn't have the funding to meet the need for parks here. I know there are some state regulations in terms of what counties can spend on. But given how much I pay in county taxes, versus the modest benefit I get in services, it'd be great if there could be some partnerships or other mechanisms to better support our part of the county for this critical need.

04/13/16 "I am writing to voice my support for additional disc golf courses in Travis County parks. I often play disc golf in and around Austin, and they are very popular. Additional courses would ease overcrowding of existing courses and increase this form of outdoor recreation that is both inexpensive to play but encourages walking and exercise. Disc golf fits in with many natural settings without requiring the clearing of land to establish a recreation area, and that benefits the environment as such land is set aside to not be developed. I believe we need more short disc golf courses in our parks so families with children and players of all skill levels and ages can play easily. There are several locations that could support a new disc golf course, including: \* East Metro in Manor \* Onion Creek area \* Reimer's Ranch area when it is opened

04/13/16 My husband and I are Travis County property tax payers. We have lived and been property owners and tax payers in western Travis County for the last 10 of 12 years. We, as property tax payers in Travis county, want to see our tax dollars spent on the sports facilities for our kids. We respectfully request that Travis county money be allocated back to its constituents in the form of sports parks, specifically in Western Travis County. We request that this be included as a priority on your agenda for your next meeting.

04/13/16 We would also like to have lake access as we did at the end of trails end road. Now That is closed off to us. I am not referring to the private park at the end of Trails End to the left. Please let us know what happened to that access. It is a free access way to Lake Travis from Trails End Road.

04/13/16 As a tax payer in the community, we choose to see my tax dollars go towards the Sports Complex on 71. We have completely outgrown what we have and those tax dollars should be spent on sports facilities for our kids.

04/13/16 I have reviewed the Parks Master Plan and find that Western Travis County has been generally left out. With much of the tax funds coming from the Western part of the county, I find it interesting that there is no mention of new projects in the area. I have been told at the public hearing in Bee Cave last week that there was a question on that - the answer was that no one had asked. The other report was that land is too expensive in the Western part of the county and it is hard to find property suitable for this activity. Once again, much of the county is

funded by citizens in the Western half, yet no parks or sports facilities are in a 10 year plan. Lakeway has recently purchased 70 acres of property and wants it developed into a sports complex for the Lake Travis Youth Association (LTYA). So, here's the property – what will it take to get Travis County to fund development? Our kids need a place to have sports training, Travis County has a significant number of residents in the area that would use it along with other kids. Let's do the right thing and support our kids!

04/13/16 Being a senior Travis County resident, I would like to request that the Parks planners give serious consideration to the addition of Disc Golf Courses in the development plan. I play disc golf and so does my adult son and many of our friends. I find the sport a great way to provide exercise and positive social development for our youth and the community in general. This is one of the fastest growing sports in the USA. Requires low maintenance and is vigorously supported by the local disc golf community including many maintenance volunteer efforts and fund raisers. The courses are set in natural parks and do not require water or manicuring as traditional gold courses, at a comparatively low development cost. One needs no expensive equipment to participate and the sport provides the opportunity for outdoor exercise and positive social involvement year round. Please give serious consideration to this request. Thank you!

04/13/16 To further strengthen the County's efforts to increase nature-based recreational opportunities and to support the health and well-being of Travis County residents, I recommend that the plan include language that creates more opportunities for county residents to use parklands for local food production, especially at a smaller, community-based scale. The movement for more local and regional food production will likely strengthen over the life of the plan, so with additional language in the plan, county residents will have the opportunity, if they so choose, to use these open spaces for gardening or larger food production activities. Specifically, I recommend that the plan: 1) Provide greater emphasis on the use of suitable parkland for agricultural use, such as providing the structures, removing barriers, or providing incentives to the leasing of parkland for agricultural production (re: Policies B.2.4 and B.4.4). 2) Include specific objectives and policies under Goal A (Support the health and wellbeing of Travis County residents) and Goal B (Protect natural and cultural resources) to include community gardens as a potential use of suitable parkland, particularly in the two eastern sectors where soils are especially suited to agriculture and gardening.

04/13/16 I understand Travis County has purchased 220 acres on one side of Trails End Rd. for a nature preserve. My neighbors and I appreciate this very much. I also understand that 68 acres were purchased on the other side of Trails End Rd. It is my hope that the 68 acres will be developed into a public park including bike trails, picnic area(s) with water access, including a boat ramp. We have many neighbors in this area who have no (or very limited) access to Lake Travis. I, and all of my friends and neighbors, became aware of the latest public meeting concerning this acreage after it had already occurred a week or so ago. We would like to have another meeting so our voices could be heard also. Please schedule another meeting and let me know the date and time via email or phone.

04/13/16 First, regional connectivity with bike trails is essentially. The city of Pflugerville has them, and Travis County should continue to invest in them. In particular, bike trails along the creek side parks that are planned.

04/13/16 Second, NEMP needs more soccer field time. To this end, adding AstroTurf fields would be an excellent way to rectify that situation. Adding even a few fields would be beneficial. Giving youth more access is in my focus. Yes, adult leagues are important, but they have the ability to drive further and be flexible.

04/13/16 Thanks. Sorry there was such a poor turn out. Manor is tough.

04/14/16 Please consider using tax dollars on sports facilities in the Lake Travis area. This area is growing drastically and our kids are in desperate need of adequate facilities to support this growth. My kids have played soccer here for the last 4 years and every year registration has increased. Field of Dreams cannot keep up with the growth. Plus, the fields are getting torn up because of overuse. I am a true believer that sports not only keep our kids healthy but more importantly it gives them an outlet to try and stay out of trouble. It would also be nice to one day see our community hosting tournaments. The opportunities are endless if we just had the facilities to support us. Please consider helping out.

04/14/16 Northeast: I am excited for proposed acquisitions of parklands and corridors (especially along the Colorado River Corridor & Post Oak Savannah). Envision Central Texas / Greenprint for Growth identified many high priority conservation opportunities in Eastern Travis County and it is good to see there are plans to follow through on this action. These areas need protection as development pushes eastward!! Southeast: Less familiar with the parks in this area but am all for expanded trail facilities and protection of Colorado River Corridor especially. Southwest: (Numbers refer to map) 1. Fantastic idea, amazing pieces of land and would be great to add to parklands and avoid more development on the other bank of the river here! 2. Amazing park (the jewel of Travis County parks system!) and am excited to see how it has developed in the last 5+ years with new facilities and improvements. Excited to hear about the addition of camping (!) but concerned about over-development. Would like to see the camping facilities remain relatively primitive to the extent possible. 3. No comment 4. Personally I would keep this low priority and focus on more ecologically interesting or environmentally sensitive areas. And it is probably better to buy it during a 5 year drought of record than when the reservoir is temporarily nearly full again... Northeast: See comment above on Lake Travis acquisitions... money better spent elsewhere unless an incredible opportunity pops up, in my opinion.

04/14/16 "I live on Blake Manor Rd. in the Post Oak Savanna area and want to remind Travis County that the City of Austin has a report that mentions how critical it is to preserve farmland titled Energy Depletion Risk Task Force Report. see link:

<https://austinenergy.com/wps/wcm/connect/97344c0b-71c6-4c3a-9f98-09cde5e5d20c/energyDepletionReport2009.pdf?MOD=AJPERES> Also, Austin, Travis County and Texas Parks and Wildlife have Land Trust programs that are actively preserving farm and ranch land. I have an 80 acre farm in the Northeast region and many of the farms that supply Austin are in my area. It is imperative that we as a community consider our local food supply and the land needed to create that food supply. The land east and northeast of Austin is the best farmland in the county but it is also in Austin's desired development zone which will cause additional loss of farmland. Please consider the farming community's concerns when you purchase land in and around Austin for park use. As the area becomes more populated, we will need more farmland to be put into food production.

04/14/16 We hope that the 68 acres that were purchased on the other side of Trails End road would be developed into a public park. It would be incredible to have an area with trails, lake access / boat if possible, children's playground. Many females in this area walk the roadways which is incredibly dangerous, there are NO walk ways and a few areas we have to run around to make sure we miss cars coming through. it would be great to have an area for families to gather / park / picnic and a safer place to enjoy nature while walking and not worry about every car that flies past.

04/15/16 I am a homeowner, tax-payer, voter and mother of three young boys. All of them play sports and go to LTISD schools. Our current youth league is doing its best to provide positive youth recreational sports to the children, but the facility is in desperate need of improvement and moreover, expansion. We are one of the fastest growing areas of the county, with the highest tax base. As the county plans for the expenditure of public resources and planning for the future growth, that happens every day in our area, please consider this request for funds to support the development of quality sports facilities for our youth and families in the Bee Cave, Lakeway and LTISD school district area.

04/15/16 I think I might be late in sending this email, but I would like to lend my support to the idea of sports fields being developed in Travis County. My kids play soccer at Field of Dreams with LTYA and as a family, we very much look forward to both practices and games. I myself and a neighbor of mine have been recipients of scholarship grants for some of the registration fees we are very grateful to the community for their support. I think LTYA is such a great organization and believe that all the hard work and dedication of so many volunteers deserves financial backing from the community for further land and facilities development.

04/15/16 Please allocate funds for the youth fields. Youth sports are a corner stone for a community and must be a priority.

04/15/16 I am writing to state my support for the new fields going in for the LTYA recreational sports leagues. The area has been flooded with new families and our current facilities are not sufficient to allow every child to play that wants to play. It is a shame if children are limited in participating just because of lack of field space. Please note my support and I hope to see construction start asap!

04/15/16 I am writing to you to please have Travis County provide support for the future development of sports facilities and fields for our kids. We in western Travis County prove to have a strong interest in obtaining support for the development of parks and ball fields.

04/15/16 I wanted to voice my support for funding for more athletic fields/courts in the Lakeway/Bee Cave area. We need more access to keeping our kids active vs electronics!

04/15/16 As a resident of Lakeway I am in full support of building a new set of ballfields. Our fields are dated AND the facilities are very poor considering the number of families we serve. A number that is growing rapidly as our population increases with new families moving to the area. Further we service a relatively large geographical area that offers little in the way of an alternative to this sports complex. We have to travel very far to find a ball park that has real bathrooms (not just port o cans) and running water. Between the growth of this area and the current facilities we are in desperate need of your support to make these facilities a reality. I hope we have your full support in what is a very important part of a growing community. Simply put we cannot do it without your assistance. I hope you will choose to support our community and our children in the endeavor to make a safe, pleasant place for our children to cultivate important skills that will translate into their adulthood (effort, attitude, teamwork, communication) and create memories that will last a lifetime.

04/15/16 The southwest side of town really needs a soccer park that is comparable to northeast metro, east metro, and southeast metro. All of these take 45 plus minutes to get to on a Sunday. Our area has a small privately maintained field area, that suffers from extreme overuse. I would really appreciate your consideration in this matter.

04/16/16 I am a parent here in Bee Cave and have been surprised that in an area that has so many resources at their disposal there are not better sports facilities for kids. We live and shop in this neighborhood and ask that this issue be at the top of the agenda. These complexes serve as a pipeline for the type of athletes that Lake Travis prides itself on. We pay plenty for our kids to participate and would like to feel like children are a top priority in such a family-oriented neighborhood. You have many families moving into this area with the expectations that the city has our best interest in mind.

04/17/16 The Lake Travis community needs new playing fields for our youth leagues!

04/17/16 We desperately need a baseball field in Western Travis County. Thanks for the consideration.

04/17/16 Hello. I'm writing to give my input on baseball field availability in our area. Due to the overwhelming number of families moving into our area, we simply do not have enough fields to accommodate our baseball players. Our American pastime is more alive then ever yet we do not have enough available space to accommodate the players, games and practices. Please consider this when you are revamping the parks program. Thank you.

04/17/16 I would like to submit a request for baseball facilities in Western, Southern, and Southwest Travis county. Because of the limited field space, baseball families in these areas are forced to travel north- even to other counties. Unfortunately, we are adding to the traffic congestion!!

04/17/16 Our family has been involved in southwest Travis county youth baseball for 6 years (2008/9). The facilities for LTYA (Lake Travis Youth Association) have been limited at best, sharing the field space with youth soccer. More recently due to the ongoing development of the Hill Country Galleria area, one of their fields was closed. While baseball has continued to grow in this area of the city, field space has continued to disappear. The City of Bee Cave, where LTYA is located, has not been accommodating to this youth athletic facility, forcing it to put the property up for sale several years ago in order to begin the construction of new fields several miles west on Hwy. 71. The limits forced on LTYA concerning potential suitors of the property (roughly at Hwy 71 & Bee Cave Pkwy) have handcuffed that sale. The use of the LTYA facility has forced the overcapacity of teams to be a huge issue versus the under capacity of field space for not only the LTYA teams, but also the higher more specialized (select) teams, of which there are many in the Lakeway/Bee Cave area. In order to get in 2 practices a week, the select program we are involved with (for the last 2+ years), has been forced to have 1 weekly practice north of Hwy 183 in NW Austin, some 25 miles away. Weekend Tournaments are another story altogether. The majority of them are played in Round Rock (Old Settlers Park), Georgetown, and Taylor, or even 8 miles west of Dripping Springs on Hwy 290. The lone city park field (Ranger) in Lakeway is a multiuse, in high demand, and very limited. Ideally, a baseball park could be added in this area, with a minimum of 4 back to back fields, allowed these teams more field time, which is desperately needed. Limited field space has been an issue for at least 10 years, as this area continues to grow, add families, and be extremely limited on the ability to accommodate baseball. Please keep Lakeway/Bee Cave in your near plans for expansion of city parks/baseball & softball

04/18/16 My family and I have been residents of Lakeway/Travis County since 2001. We love the community and have enjoyed raising our children here. All 4 of our children are active in our local youth sports organization, LTYA, and have been since they reached an eligible age. As a tax payer, parent, and coach, I ask that you urgently consider allocating some of our tax dollars to create better sports facilities for our children. As our community continues to grow, as does the LTYA population, we direly need a facility/facilities that can accommodate demand for all of

our children. Many of the other communities/counties we compete in have already done this, and their constituents are thrilled with the benefits the community has received through them.

04/18/16 My family and I have been residents of Lakeway/Travis County for the last 5 years. We love the community and have enjoyed raising our children here. All 3 of our children are active in our local youth sports organization, LTYA, and have been since they reached an eligible age. As a tax payer, parent, and coach, I ask that you urgently consider allocating some of our tax dollars to create better sports fields/facilities for our children. As our community continues to grow, as does the LTYA population, we direly need a fields/facilities that can accommodate demand for all of our children. Many of the other communities/counties we compete in have already done this, and their constituents are thrilled with the benefits the community has received through them.

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04/19/16 I am writing to express my strong support and request to have new and adequate sports fields for the youth in Bee Cave/Lakeway. I have two kids that grew up playing at LTYA. It has been a few years, but there wasn't enough space when we were playing there. I can't imagine how it is now with the amount of unbelievable growth that our community has seen. Please invest in additional fields to provide the kids a place to participate in sports and to GET OUTSIDE. Doing so also brings families together as the majority of our family friends were made through our kids sporting activities. Thank you very much for supporting this development. Games are forced to start at 4 pm on weekdays to accommodate all of the teams, which makes it extremely difficult and almost impossible for parents to make these times (having to leave early from work which most cannot do and getting through traffic). Practice times are so limited, that most baseball teams are only allotted 2-5 practice times during game season, which is terrible for skill development, team building, etc.

04/19/16 As a concerned tax payer and resident of the Lakeway/Bee Cave area, I am compelled to submit a request to seriously consider playing fields for our continually growing area. I have three sons under the age of 10, all whom play sports for Lake Travis Youth Association. With the increasing population and participation in youth sports, it has become a nightmare to get through a season with adequate practice

times OR reasonable game times. There are so many kids playing (specifically) baseball, soccer and softball, that there is not enough field space to accommodate everyone, and there is nowhere else to go that is in close proximity to Western Travis County. Games are forced to start at 4 pm on weekdays to accommodate all of the teams, which makes it extremely difficult and almost impossible for parents to make these times (having to leave early from work which most cannot do and getting through traffic). Practice times are so limited, that most baseball teams are only allotted 2-5 practice times during game season, which is terrible for skill development, team building, etc. We have kids from Steiner Ranch, Lakeway/Bee Cave, Spicewood and beyond who participate in team sports. If you look at the rapid growth and development of this area, you will find that the current and antiquated Field of Dreams does not support this growth by any means at all. All of the positive experiences that children benefit from through team sports is not being met to its fullest potential in our area because we are so severely lacking in field space. Please consider reviewing the need for our area.

04/19/16 We have been residents of Western Travis County for the last 7 years. We love the community of Lakeway and all that it has to offer. All four of our children have been active in our local youth sports program throughout these years. As a Travis County resident, I ask that you consider allocating some of our tax dollars to create better sports facilities for our children. As our community continues to grow, so does the population of youth sports program, where we direly need facilities that can accommodate the growing demand. We lean heavily on the Lake Travis ISD for field space – which has become a serious challenge. We have been to other Travis County parks such as Northeast Metro – and we can only dream of having a facility like that for our children and the future of our youth programs.

04/20/16 I've been told this is the place to go to request a baseball complex in the Four Points area. All 3 of my kids play & we are constantly driving across town to get them to practice & games. I'm in a Facebook group for Steiner moms & one of the most asked questions is where to play baseball/how to deal with the traffic getting to the various fields/why nothing around here. So we Steiner moms are BEGGING for fields for our kiddos that are nearby!

04/20/16 As a parent of two athletic children, I cannot tell you how badly we are in need of recreation facilities in our Lakeway, Bee Cave, western Travis County area.

04/21/16 As a disc golfer living in Travis County, I am writing to express 1st, my thanks for the fine competition level disc golf course you have put in the East Travis County Metropolitan Park south of Manor. But I also am writing to suggest that another, more "family friendly" course be installed in the SAME park! The existing course is not right for golfers with limited golfing skills, but East Travis County Metro Park is large enough to allow a nine hole or even an 18 hole course designed for beginning and intermediate level players. Something along the lines of Zilker Park's 18 hole course would suffice. That way, the family can spend their entire day at the park, finding Disc Golf courses of different skill

levels, as well as all the other amenities East Austin Metro offers, without having to travel 15-20 miles to a more suitable course. I understand the concept of “destination” parks as being suitable for such sports as soccer, where teams might spend all day involved in competition, or for disc golf, as the space required should not be multi-purposed. As Travis County is blessed with some large properties not usable for other sorts of development (here I refer to the Onion Creek Area), why not build a disc sports complex. There are many other flying disc sports besides golf. Double Disc Court and Ultimate Frisbee are two which come to mind. And such a complex, perhaps with several disc golf courses, would quickly become one of the most used parks in the county and would draw golfers nationwide. Austin must prepare to host a Disc Golf World Championship someday. Travis County Parks system will play a huge part in such an undertaking, and should benefit financially from it. Any size disc golf course installed in any park with an entry fee will see increased income as a result of a disc golf course’s being there, and the bigger the number and more varied the courses, the bigger the potential the draw. Let us not forget that Disc Golf is the fastest growing sport in America today. Before I close, I want to mention Reimer’s Ranch, which, I hear, might number as many as 2,000 acres. Every soccer complex looks the same and is built in the same way. The selected area is scraped smooth of ALL NATIVE vegetation, the ground is leveled, soil is brought in, grass is planted, etc. From the air they all look pretty much alike. I have little doubt that such a complex is planned for the ranch even though many such already exist. A disc golf course uses the existing land formations and removes as little vegetation as possible. No two courses are the same, as each is influenced by the land upon which it is constructed. There is such variety in the landscape at Reimer’s Ranch that three, four, or even five disc golf courses of varying skill levels could be created there. Think about it.

04/21/16 With all the benefits disc golf offers to the community, there should be a course in northwest part of Travis county. Disc golf is a very becoming sport played worldwide by all. Disc golf has many charitable aspects such as raising over 100,000.00 for the Ronald McDonald House. The Tony Ware annual (based in northwest Travis county) raised over 10,000.00 to send a young man through college who's father had passed away. Local businesses will benefit as well. Disc golf has many health benefits, getting outdoors, having fun while getting exercise. There are to many benefits to list bottom line Travis county needs to have a Disc golf course in Lago Vista, Jonestown area and there are many of us out here [North Shore Disc Golf Association] and we will be glad to help design and maintain.

04/21/16 Purpose: This missive is to give our comments to Travis County Parks to formulate their Master Plan regarding the land purchased along Trails End Road. Who We Are: We are Jim and June Roberts residing at 10316 W. Darleen Drive across from the Preserve land on the west side of Trails End Road. We are 20 year residents and members of the Trails End Home Owners Association (HOA). Our HOA members were former caretakers of this land before it was purchased by the county. Comments: We would propose that a low-impact park be built on the property on the east side of Trails End Road. Trails End Road is a dead end, two lane road in a fire-prone area. It is important that traffic be kept at a level not far exceeding what it is today. In addition, the Trails End HOA Park is barely adequate to serve Trails End

Subdivision. Looking at other County Parks across the county shows that they can cause the local area and private parks to be overran. This further suggests that the park must be kept at as a low-impact park.

04/22/16 As the coordinator of the City of Austin Wildlife Austin program, I wanted to put in my plug for wildlife corridors, conservation of pollinator habitat, and open space, especially given the recent decline of pollinators. I appreciate that a major plan concept is to “Reduce fragmentation of ecosystems and wildlife habitat” and with the greenways, to “Protect riparian ecosystems and wildlife habitat” and “Provide corridors for wildlife movement”. Pollination is one of the major ecosystem services that we cannot live without and we need to ensure that our open spaces have deliberate plans for pollinator habitat as well as wildlife habitat and wildlife corridors. Please also consider having parkland designated as certified wildlife habitat with an organization like National Wildlife Federation or Texas Parks and Wildlife “Best of Texas”.

04/23/16 My family and I have been residents of the Bee Cave area in Travis County for the last 2 years. We love the community and have enjoyed raising our sons here. All of our boys are active in our local youth sports organization, LTYA, and have been since they reached an eligible age. As a tax payer and parent, I ask that you urgently consider allocating some of our tax dollars to create better sports facilities for our children. As our community continues to grow, so does the population of LTYA, where we direly need facilities that can accommodate the demand for all of our children. Several communities that we compete in already have county facilities, and their constituents are thrilled with the benefits the community has received through them.

04/25/16 My family has owned property in the Trails End neighborhood since 1957. All this time there has only been ONE (1) road in and ONE (1) road out. 2016 – 1957 = 59 years + with only ONE (1) road. Despite the growth of this area, we have been fortunate to have not suffered any drastic event such as major fires, etc. However, with the intended project to open the NEW park area, and opening it to the public, these are my concerns: 1 – Impact on the neighbors of our community – needs to have LOW impact on our community. 2 – PUBLIC access to this park – safety & security to our neighborhood, as anyone could come in here, not just the normal folks who live here and their family and friends; will there be additional police patrol over this area? 3 – PARKING along Trails End? There should be specific designated parking area WITHIN the PARK area, off the road...again, we have ONLY ONE ROAD IN AND ONE ROAD OUT! 4 – PUBLIC BATHROOMS – where will park visitors relieve themselves? Please consider ALL aspects of this project and how your decision will affect EVERYONE!

04/25/16 Please take this email as a request for you to support additional sports fields in the southwest Travis county area. Lakeway, Bee Cave, Spicewood are all in need of additional space for our local youth.

04/25/16 As a resident of SW Travis County, the lack of Sport Fields in our area is very surprising. Sports is a great way for young children to develop many required tools for a happy and healthy development with exercise and team development skills. SW Travis County is far behind all other regions in the Central Texas area in providing adequate safe playing fields for our children to develop.

04/25/16 To whom it may concern, I have 3 kids and they all play multiple sports for LTYA. Although it is nice to at least have a place to play, with the amount of kids living and moving to the area, I think that we need more fields and updated facilities. Sometimes it is embarrassing to have other clubs come in and play on our fields. They are compacted together and there are no built restrooms. I am in favor of more and better fields and facilities. This area certainly needs them.

04/25/16 I understand you are in process of developing plans for additional sports fields and parks in Travis County. I'm writing to petition that you add some in southwestern Travis county - Lakeway, Bee Cave, Spicewood areas. Our communities are experiencing significant growth, expected to continue. I have active 6 and 8 year olds, and we regularly have to travel significant distances (30 minutes or more) to get to games, camps, etc. Also just not a lot of parks in the area and would love to see more. Again, this area is growing by leaps and bounds and is a wealthy area, making big tax contributions. Also full of active, engaged families who will treat properties well and support upkeep. It's a great place to make an investment!

04/25/16 I would very much appreciate if you help to sports facilities, parks, and fields in Bee Cave area in Travis county. This helps local kids to learn sports and it is good for them.

04/25/16 Western Travis county is expanding rapidly. Greenspace is will be disappearing but there will be a need for outdoor space for all of these people to utilize. Yes, this email is in support of LTYA's attempts to develop some sports fields in the Bee Cave/Lakeway area. I think it is a great opportunity for the county to be able to get some support from a private entity to get some fields developed. I think it would be very useful that if these multi-use soccer/baseball/softball fields were developed, that there also be a nature/running trail around the campus so that it could be utilized for more than just fields.

04/25/16 I'm a Bee Cave resident for over 10 years. I'm writing to ask for support of more sports fields for the kids and adults in the Southwest areas of Travis County. At the moment, we are driving to WCRP, NEMP, EMP, OCSC for our soccer and baseball activities. There's nothing around our areas except the small fields at LTYA. Please consider to plan for more fields in our areas of Bee Cave and Lakeway.

04/25/16 My name is Peter Caciola. I live at near Lakeway Texas after moving here 8 years ago because of the awesome family atmosphere (ok and the lake too.) It has been troubling to see how poor the youth sports fields are supported here though. We have amazing communities but currently our sports fields I have two sons on have no permanent bathroom facilities, poor parking, and are stretched to the limits still. This is a testament to how much sports and kids is important to this community. I know you are probly receiving a bunch of these emails with the proposal for some new field that has been pending out here. Thank goodness someone is doing something and I hope you are supporting it. We are watching and and hoping we can get some traction in this issue.

04/25/16 In regards to the upcoming public input meeting, i would like to comment on the urgent and dire need for more sports fields for the youth of our area. The current facilities is not near sufficient to support the current needs of our youth sports; and with the incoming of more families the needs will only increase. The current facilities do not provide a pleasurable experience for the kids nor the parents; due to the limited facilities, some kids do not get a chance to play because the number of teams is capped due to field space. Its a mad dash to sign up for a sport when the enrollment starts because if you hesitate you run the risk of your kid not being able to play because there are too many kids. Thus they end up playing in other parts of town which makes for a difficult experience. We desperately need more fields in the lakeway/bee cave/spicewood area; i would expect that the vast majority of residents feel the same and would fully support such an initiative. Please address this need for the benefit of our kids and our community.

04/25/16 I'd like to convey my thoughts on the current lack of sports fields in Southwest Travis County, covering the Lakeway, Bee Cave, Spicewood areas of our county. I've lived in Lakeway, Texas for over 8 years and have been involved with LTYA as a volunteer baseball coach for the past 2.5 years. I can say, without a doubt, this area of our county needs more parks and recreation for the incredible number of kids and families who have settled in this area over the past 8 years. I realize the growth has been phenomenal and fast and parks take time to plan and build. Sports and specifically youth sports are such a huge part of our every day lives these days and our kids need great facilities to be able to grow, learn and frankly get the exercise that sports will afford them. The problem is, there are not enough sports facilities and the current ones we have are inadequate. LTYA's "Field Of Dreams" is pretty much the only organized sports complex for the entire area - and the area has just outgrown it. My son is currently 9 years old and plays in LTYA's 10U baseball program. For this Spring season, we have 13 "10U teams" that must share one baseball field for all games and practices. It's not enough. It it almost impossible to adequately teach these kids baseball when you are afforded only 40 minutes of field time per week for practices. I implore you to take a very close look at our area and to please dive in and help us map out adequate facilities to help our youth. I'm generally aware of LTYA's current plan for their new fields in connection with the City Of Lakeway. We need those fields. We needed those fields 2 years ago. At this point, my son will likely be out of those sports programs before any new fields can be built - but hopefully we can get them build for the next few decades of kids who need them.

04/25/16 I'm told that a current 10 year proposal has no plans for field development serving the Bee Cave, Spicewood, Lakeway, Lake Travis areas. This is a gross misjudgment in my opinion as the area is one of the most desirable for new families relocating to the Austin area. To not have field space to support youth athletic programs in this area with the number of kids already here and moving here makes no sense. I get that land in our area is a premium and money talks when it comes to deciding how the land is divided and zoned, but please apply some common sense to the situation.

04/25/16 I am writing to express a need in SW Travis County for new parks and sports fields. We live in Bee Cave and have watched this area grow so much over the last 10 years. And, it continues to grow by leaps and bounds. Our area would greatly benefit from new parks and sports fields. We recently lost a baseball field when the land sold so are over crowded as it is at the Field of Dreams. Please consider that the families in the communities in and around Bee Cave and Lakeway would utilize and enjoy the new fields and parks for generations to come.

04/25/16 I have two kids playing sports with LTYA and I've been a volunteer coach for several years. As you already know our area is booming and the number of kids needing outdoor recreation and sports has never been higher. Our field space and availability is stretched to the max and we're continually sending away teams and kids who want to play.

04/25/16 I have been told that Travis County Parks Master Plan does not include any parks or sports field for the Southwest Travis County especially around the Bee Cave, Lakeway and Spicewood area. This area is rapidly developing with master planned communities and additional schools. There are no parks or sports fields for children and what we have currently is being repurposed for additional development. Please consider it a priority to add this area to your Master plan for parks and sports fields otherwise I fear it will be too late to do anything in the future.

04/25/16 I live in Sweetwater and my kids play many sports through LTYA and other leagues. We desperately need to improve facilities in our area. The baseball and soccer fields at Hamilton Pool Road/71 don't even have restrooms. Or running water. If they had the ability to sell concessions, they could make enough money to significantly subsidize the operation. This area has been shamefully neglected regarding youth sports and activities. Not that our tax bills reflect that!

04/25/16 Baseball fields are sorely lacking. So is a place to enjoy a picnic (15 min drive to City Park for us). Sadly, any athletic field space provide for baseball is almost entirely by private interests. The ONE baseball field at City Park isn't even properly maintained. As you open Lakeway up for commercial and residential expansion, the need for quality open space/ play space is desperate. Growth (and a growing tax base) comes with the responsibility, by our elected officials, to maintain a great quality of life. We pay very high property taxes to live here and we

expect a great quality of service and amenities. Please uphold the responsibility you have been given and provide OPEN SPACE and Baseball fields

04/25/16 Please consider planning for the explosive family growth in our region. We need parks and sports fields in this area. I found it disturbing that there are no plans for expansion in a 10 year plan.

04/25/16 We NEED sports fields in SW Travis County and the Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood area.

04/25/16 I am writing to inform you of my support for new parks and sports field in southwest Travis County. I understand that the county currently supports three sports complexes in eastern Travis County (NE, E, and SE), but none in western Travis County. We have been oversubscribed in western Travis County (Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood) for some time and the fields (notably baseball and softball) are not nearly adequate to support the number of participants in the area. The facilities in general are of the lowest quality in the metro area (after having visited softball and baseball parks throughout the metro area). Please support the amending of your ten year plan to support additional sports facilities in Travis County.

04/25/16 I have been living in the Bee Cave area most of my adult life, I currently have two children that play rec sports through the LTYA. I am writing as a concerned tax payer that would love to see Travis County give some support for some additional sports fields for Western Travis County. I am also a coach for the LTYA league and currently serving as field coordinator for the baseball board. I have seen firsthand the lack of field space and the overcrowding that we have now. Please consider adding new fields for this area, at the current rate this area is growing there will not be field space available and I would not want to start turning kids away.

04/25/16 I live in Bee Cave, Texas in Southwest Travis County. I have 6 children who are all very active in sports. However, there are simply not enough soccer fields in the Lakeway, Bee Cave, and Spicewood area to accommodate all of the children currently living in this part of Travis County who want to play soccer. And this area is growing rapidly! Please allocate resources and land to build sports facilities in our area of SW Travis County.

04/25/16 I am emailing to reiterate the need for more sports fields in SW Travis county particularly in and around Bee Cave, Lakeway, and Spicewood. I know there are sports complexes in three other areas of Austin but nothing that fills the needs of our expanding community. As a parent and coach, I see firsthand every week how over-crowded our facilities have become. We have a rapidly growing base of young athletes that aren't getting the practice they need due to limited field space. It's time to remedy this situation.

04/25/16 As most people who live in West Austin know, there is now a red light every 1/4 mile. I grew up in West Austin in the late 80's when it was country. That's no longer the case. We're booming, and it's not stopping, unlike our red lights now : \ Below is a little humor to help make the point to consider West Austin in your future parks plans.

04/25/16 I have 3 sons that are going up in the Bee Caves / Lakeway Area. We have lived in the area 12 years. My oldest son is currently a sophomore at Lake Travis high school and plays varsity baseball and football. My other sons are 7 and 5 and play youth sports in our area. All my boys have grown up playing soccer, basketball, baseball and football. We live in what i consider to be one of the most competitive (if not the most) communities in the Austin area. Our high school sports tell the whole story. All those kids are playing sports at a young age and are working as hard as possible just to compete in their own community. Our Middle school and high school facilities are second to none. Those are a very accurate reflection of the community and the participation of the families in sports. However, our youth facilities are some of the worst i have been to. We have traveled all over Texas with our oldest son competing in soccer, baseball and football. Lake Travis probably has the worst your facilities we have ever been to. Our community has grown like crazy. Our parents are involved and competitive, and our youth facilities are so bad that our entire community jokes about it. Until we have to go there on a Friday night, Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon... and then we are just frustrated. If there is anything you can to do help us with this situation we would appreciate the help.

04/25/16 I am writing regarding the necessity of a new, larger sports complex in the south-west portion of Travis County. I am a softball coach for LTYA, and have been for 5 seasons. My business is also a league sponsor. There is only 1 softball field at our current field ( "Field of Dreams" on 71) The one softball field is shared between about 12 teams, in 5 age groups. (6u,8u,10u,12u,14u) There are no real restrooms in the entire sports complex, the home teams and visiting teams/families are forced to use porta-potties, which are also shared with the baseball/soccer teams/families. They are often left in really bad/unsanitary shape. The dirt parking lot is extremely small and dangerous. There are massive potholes throughout, and several blind spots, which is obviously dangerous when there are hundreds of little ones running around. The softball field is surrounded by the parking lot, part of which is a steep embankment, the cars park at the edge of the embankment, without any cement parking blocks.. It's entirely possible that a driver could accidentally drive too close the edge, and accidentally drive through the fence, and into the softball field! In addition to all of this, the area is rapidly growing as you are aware, and the complex is going to get more and more crowded, and the parking area more and more dangerous. I am a resident of Travis County as well as a business owner in Travis County... I've personally paid over a million dollars in property taxes via my residence and business over the past 10 years...so I would be ecstatic to see that money benefit the thousands of little ones in my area!

04/25/16 I am a resident of Bee Cave and the father of two daughters heavily involved in sports in the area. Thanks to the effort of the folks at LTYA, there are plenty of options to participate and learn valuable life lessons through the fantastic athletic leagues and clinics.

Unfortunately, we have a dearth of sports facilities to accommodate the demand. Given the obvious need and the fact that we are tax paying citizens of Travis county, I respectfully request you consider Southwest Travis County as you plan for the future. We are greatly in need now, and by every projection I've seen, the population growth in our area is expected to be exponential.

04/25/16 I'm writing to you today to provide my support for additional funds for the development of parks and sports fields in SW Travis County. As a longtime resident of the western portion of the county, I spent many weekends driving back and forth to the metro fields for adult soccer activities, and was always impressed by the quality of the facilities. Now, as a parent of school aged children participating in outdoor sports, it has become increasingly noticeable that the western portion of the county has had to rely on its own resources for public parks and sports fields, and to-date has done an admirable job with limited resources and comprehensive planning. My daughter began playing select soccer this past year, and in our travels around the central Texas area, we continue to notice the size and quality of the parks that we visit. Outside of the NE and SE metro Austin parks, I don't believe Austin offers anything in comparison, which is a shame given Austin's focus on greenspace and quality of life. While I am unfamiliar with the processes involved with funding and planning these types of projects within the government confines, it would seem possible that the county could coordinate with the local municipalities and perhaps school districts (EISD and LTISD) to identify and develop more robust facilities to accommodate the growth on this side of the county. I applaud the City of Bee Cave for developing a city park a few years ago, but as I look at the park space and the nearby land once occupied by the Backyard, I see a missed opportunity to truly develop a western metro park to serve this area of the county. Real estate prices continue to escalate, and as large tracts of land continue to be absorbed by developers, my fear is that our window of opportunity is quickly closing unless land approaching Briarcliff or Dripping Springs is purchased. Absent that, working with the school districts would seem to be one of the few remaining options unless multiple parks are developed. As an example, could the Field of Dreams be repurposed for just soccer or baseball, with the other sport finding a new home nearby. For parents with children participating in both sports, this isn't an ideal solution, but for many that might be preferable so long as we are provided with larger and better park space for outdoor activities. I appreciate your time reading this e-mail, and others from concerned citizens. We all share a love of Austin and its surrounding communities within Travis County. For those of us who live/work on the western side of the county, it is important for us to feel that our tax dollars are supporting our community needs as well, and not strictly those of Austin.

04/25/16 I am PE coach at Serene Hills Elementary School in Lake Travis ISD. My son has start tee ball through LTYA this year and is loving it. We need more sports fields in SW Travis County and the Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood area. I am shocked to hear that the current 10 year park plan does not include any additional sports fields in Travis County. It is disappointing that there are no county supported sports fields in Western Travis County. This area is seeing so much growth and the majority of that growth is young families moving to the area. I drive 18 minutes (when there is no added traffic) to get my son the LTYA fields. It is crowded each time we are there and sometimes the parking is limited

to full. I am in support of adding more fields to Western Travis County. Keeping kids active and able to have the opportunity to play sports is so important!

04/25/16 I'd like to voice my support for sports fields in SW Travis County and the Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood area. We need the help in Southwest Travis County. The current 10 year park plan does not include any additional sports fields in Travis County. The county currently supports 3 sports field complexes in Eastern Travis County (NE Metro, East Metro and SE Metro). There are no county supported sports fields in Western Travis County. Please help us.

04/25/16 I am a mother of 2 boys in Elementary School in the Lakeway ISD and City of Lakeway resident. Please consider Southwest Travis County for additional parks and sports field complexes in the near future! We are a growing area and really need them!!!

04/25/16 Please support more sport facilities in our area. We are growing and our kids need great fields and locations so they can remain active, enjoy games, and build teamwork skills.

04/25/16 I am a resident of western Travis County and have a strong interest in obtaining support and public funds for the development of parks and ball fields by Travis County. Please dedicate public funds to support LTYA and the land development for the future building of sports facilities and fields for our kids in western Travis County.

04/25/16 I am writing to express the need for some sport fields in western Travis county. I have two young boys who are very active and we'd love the option to take them to play sports in a designated field.

04/25/16 Please consider adding more fields (baseball, soccer, lacrosse, etc) for residents between the four points and Lakeway area. We live an area where there are thousands of families looking for ways to get their kids more involved in sports and outside activities. Many of the limited sports activities/options are restricted to school property and the availability of such facilities. Residents specifically in the Steiner Ranch area are limited to driving 30-40 minutes to get their kids to baseball and lacrosse facilities in addition to Soccer. Not all families can accommodate this. And not everyone can play football. Also, taxes in Travis County are high, and tax revenues are climbing at a rapid rate. There has to be revenues from this that could go towards investing in the land and construction of such facilities. For those that get to make decisions on these matters need to keep the kids and families of the communities in Travis County in mind. This is an issue of priority, not if it can or cannot be done. If leaders that make decisions want to pursue an issue like this (for their constituents that pay the bills), they can make it happen if they want to.

04/25/16 We are in desperate need for new fields for our children to play sports. The one complex we have is not sufficient for the growing sports program that we currently have.

04/25/16 I am sure you are aware that we have had a population explosion in Western/Southwester Travis County including myself who moved to Austin in 2011 from Dallas. I was born and raised in San Antonio so one of the few actual Texans that live in Austin. I have seen a massive amount of growth in my short 5 years and continue to see growth that is outpacing the infrastructure. Part of the infrastructure is to provide our kids a place to run, laugh, and play like most of us did growing up outdoors in Texas. Please consider adding more park in support of the growth so that all of our children can safe participate in team sports and/or enjoy a nice day at a local park with friends. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

04/25/16 I've lived in the Lakeway area for 3 years now and one thing we certainly need are more sports fields in the area. I feel the same way about Southwest Travis County and the Bee Cave and Spicewood areas. Please let me know if there is anything I can provide to help you better understand the need for this part of town as certainly want all the kids to be able to benefit from all the great work you all do day in and day out. Thank you!

04/25/16 This message is to inform you that we support the new parks and sports fields in Southwest Travis County. We would appreciate it if you and your peers would review the project and allow it to move forward.

04/25/16 I am writing to express my support for new sports facilities in our area. We travel with my two older children to Round Rock, Taylor, Georgetown, Dallas or Houston, almost every weekend for sporting events. While there, I see many of our neighbors who are doing the same. There is more than enough need to support the facilities.

04/25/16 My family is in strong support of new sports fields in the SW Travis County area – specifically, Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood areas. We have two young boys that attend Bee Cave Elementary and they are now 6 & 8 years old participating in LTYA sports. It is obvious that we need more sports fields in this area badly, and if we do not make it happen soon, the growth in the area will outpace the opportunity to keep up with the growing needs of our children in this community! This expanding area desperately needs more county supported sports fields, and I hope you will pass along this feedback to all those making decisions regarding this matter.

04/25/16 I wanted to just take a minute of your time to encourage you to support new parks and sports fields in Southwest Travis County. The parks and sports fields have not kept up with the explosion of population in this area. The families and kids of this area would greatly benefit by new parks and sports fields.

04/25/16 We have lived in Lake Pointe (Bee Cave area) since 2000, and our kids have attended the Lake Travis schools and are now attending Lake Travis High School. Our daughter played softball and soccer. Our son played baseball and football. One constant need in the Bee Cave / Lakeway / Spicewood area is field space for field sports. There are very few fields in the area, and the lack of field space limits the accessibility of sports programs to our youth. For example, I served on the Softball Board for LTYA, and we were limited in our growth by the lack of fields in the area. Also, from an economic standpoint, I would love to see the hotel, restaurant, etc. resources spent in Williamson County at the Settlers Park Fields in Round Rock actually stay in Travis County. Because of the lack of field space, we traveled not only to Round Rock, but also to San Marcos, Hutto, Burnet, Dripping Springs, and other areas that had funded sports complexes for the community. With the population growth occurring in SW Travis County, I truly believe it is time to build a sports complex that matches what we see in these other close-by communities as well as what we see in NE Metro, E Metro, and SE Metro.

04/25/16 As a father and a coach for softball and flag football, I find it disheartening when we travel to other teams fields in Cedar Park, Oak Hill, Taylor and others. When I arrive at those complexes, you feel welcomed. It amazes me with amount of wealth and drive in this community that we do not have a better complex to host our own team, let alone a symbol to other teams that visit our complex should feel when they arrive. Last year we attended a softball tournament in Taylor. At first when I looked up the location and how remote it was, I expected to be greeted with something rundown. Instead I was welcomed into a complex that I think is a facility almost as nice as any college campus. The concession stand was open all the time, there was clean and ample seating for all of the families. There is phrase, "if you build it, they will come". This should be what you think about when designing and ultimately when funding these projects. It is a shame that our kids do not have better facilities to play the sports that they love and one day may play professionally. Also, please take into account the growth that this area still will see over the next decade. Please don't just build for what you see today, please build for the future.

04/25/16 Good morning! I wanted to reach out to you to request new sports fields in Southwest Travis County! We have a son and daughter who play soccer and baseball. We travel to other fields in the Austin area and it amazes me how terrible our field situation is with the number of sports programs in Lake Travis. The parking and driving structure is horrible and the number of fields to practice/play is not enough to support the number of participants. Please consider funding the parks program here in Southwest Travis County, specifically Lake Travis/Bee Cave/Lakeway.

04/25/16 Hello...I am a mother to three boys ages 10, 8, and 5, and we are very much in support for more playing fields and parks for the children of LTYA. Fields and parking lots are filled over capacity, and there are only more people moving into the area. Please do help us give our children the opportunities for great athletic teams.

04/25/16 I live in Lakeway at 617 Peterson Lane. I would like to include my support for more parks and spot fields added in our community as well as SW Travis, Bee Cave and Spicewood. We are a family of four with two boys. Families live all around us and continue to move into this area. There is a huge need for more outdoor places for children and sport fields. The baseball fields lone on 71 are overcrowded.

04/25/16 I am writing to lend my support to more county supported parks in southwest Travis county. The growth of Lakeway, Bee Cave and Spicewood continues. Travis county should help support that growth by providing safe and healthy parks for the public to use. It will help our children, seniors, parents, sports teams, and community.

04/25/16 As a resident of Travis County, I support the addition of parks in western Travis county, with sport fields for tennis, baseball, basketball, etc. Due to rapid growth along the 620 corridor from Anderson Mill to Hwy 71, there is demand for sport fields. The four points area has been wanting a sport field for many years, and the the Bee Caves sport fields are insufficient for the current demand. Currently, I commute 10-30 miles to use sports fields. Because of the traffic demand on the major roads in the area, I support a few smaller sport fields in select locations, rather than a large mega-complex.

04/25/16 I am writing to express my concern for the lack of parks and sports fields in my area. I live in the Bee Cave/Lakeway/Spicewood area, one of the fastest growing areas around. It has come to my attention that the current county 10-year plan does NOT include any plans for sports fields. As Travis County DOES support sports complexes in other areas of the city, I would like our area to be supported as well. We are a growing, thriving, community full of families, some of whom have joined travel teams which play out of Austin due to lack of access locally. We need your help

04/25/16 Please support the need for sports fields in SW Travis County and the Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood area. The residents, including my family would greatly appreciate assistance in additional sports fields in our area.

04/25/16 The current sports complex situation in our area is abysmal at best. We have been in SW Travis County for almost 2 years. In that time, the number of families with children eligible to play local sports has exponentially exploded. The current fields/facilities available to our children are beyond their capacities to allow them to play and participate in a safe and rewarding environment. I have read that the current

10 year plan does not include additional complexes in Travis County. 10 years? At the rate our area is growing, multiple generations of children will miss out on the chance to play and participate in local programs because the current fields just will not be able to handle/support that many people. In addition, the girls have one field only to play softball on. One field! That is telling our daughters, granddaughters, nieces, etc that they are not important enough to have more than one field. That is terrible! Also, there are no bathroom facilities or running water. There are only porta-potties and these are out by the parking lot. Not only does this pose a safety hazard being right by all the cars, it also puts kids at risk to predators. I am asking not only as a taxpayer, but as a parent to 2 young children. It is of the utmost importance that the children in SW Travis County have a sports facility that allows them to reach their potentials and provides a safe and functioning environment in which to do that. Please consider adding a sports complex to the "to-do" list for Travis County.

04/25/16 I am writing to express the extremely high need for sports fields in SW Travis County and the Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood area. The area is growing significantly and we are limited with what we currently have. Please consider helping with plans towards this cause.

04/25/16 I would like to throw in my support for more parks and sports fields for our children. It is well known how fast our area is growing and with that is a need for more outdoor area where kids can play. As it is, Southwest Travis County has very few places to play and with so many kids, schedules can be hectic and troublesome. A few weeks back we lost a baseball field to a restaurant at the Hill Country Galleria and the thought of diminishing our kids available outdoor sports venues is scary. I grew up outside, playing ball and running in the parks. I do not want my kid to be OK with sitting on the couch experiencing life in front of a screen. I do want sports and outdoors to be available to our youth and not to allow over population and business run sports out of the community. Kids grow from succeeding and failing, what better place to learn than a ballfield!

04/25/16 Good afternoon, I am writing to you regarding the need for a new park in our area.. My daughter currently in enrolled in Serene Hills Elementary and she plays 10U Girls Softball.. Her home field is The field of dreams which in my opinion falls short in comparison to a lot of the other fields we play on for away games.. I hate to compare the area to others, but we live in a more affluent area than some of the places we play and I have been very surprised that our fields are lacking in comparison..

04/25/16 This email is to let you know that we the need sports fields in SW Travis County and the Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood area.

04/25/16 I understand you exploring the need for parks in the Lakeway/ Bee Cave / Spicewood area. As a Spicewood resident I would love to see more parks located further out beyond or near Bee Creek Road. There are limited city parks in Bee Cave and lakeway and nothing in the Spicewood area. As you well know it is a fast growing area and I new parks would greatly enhance the area and allow for more flexibility for

residents in sports and recreation. I've learned that for any park activity or sport, I need to drive to Bee Cave for any of those events and I've been doing so for the 6 years I've lived in Travis county. Please consider this area of Travis county for new parks in the master plan.

04/25/16 I am emailing regarding the need for our community to increase the number of sports fields/ parks in the SW Travis county area. We have 4 children(and one on the way) and 2 are of age to participate in LTYA sports. With the increase population in this area there is a high demand and need for additional fields and parks for our community. I enjoy having our children be apart of LTYA. With that said, I have noticed an in the past 3 years an increase in over crowding of our current fields, scheduling issues, not enough space for practices and safety concerns with parking due to the amount of people at our current field(s). Please consider my families request to increase the amount of fields/parks for the SW Travis County communities.

04/25/16 I received your email address from [name delted] at Lake Travis Youth Association (LTYA) as he mentioned that you and your team are planning parks and sports fields for the future. I would like to ask that you please consider adding sports fields in the Lakeway/Bee Cave area. We have a severe shortage of fields for our kids. We have been participants in LTYA's youth sports programs since moving here in 2013. In the last 3 years we have experienced first hand the need for additional fields. As you may know, the area mentioned has experienced a tremendous amount of growth over the last decade and expectations are for that growth to continue. The current fields allow us an opportunity to play games but kids really need more than that - they need practice time. Because of the shortage, our kids don't get enough practice time because fields are just not available. Thanks for listening and please consider adding sports fields in the Lakeway/Bee Cave/Spicewood area.

04/25/16 Please consider examining the need and eventually approving the construction of new ball fields in Southwest Travis County, especially Bee Cave and Spicewood. We need them badly!

04/25/16 My family and I have been residents of Travis County for the last 3 years. We love the community and have enjoyed raising our children here. Both of our boys are active in our local youth sports organization, LTYA, and have been since they reached an eligible age. As a taxpayer, parent, and volunteer, I ask that you urgently consider allocating some of our tax dollars to create better sports facilities for our children. As our community continues to grow, as does the LTYA population, we direly need a facility/facilities that can accommodate demand for all of our children. Many of the other communities/counties we compete in have already done this, and their constituents are thrilled with the benefits the community has received through them.

04/25/16 I am a resident of the Falconhead neighborhood, in between Bee Cave and Lakeway. My kids play soccer and softball through LTYA. Our community is in DESPERATE need of fields and facilities where kids sports can THRIVE. what we are using now is tired and an embarrassment. Please let our kids experience home field advantage. Give us a great place for our kids to play sports - soccer, softball, basketball, baseball, you name it. We need it.

04/25/16 I understand that Travis County is planning parks, and I wanted to share my support for sports fields in the Bee Cave/Lakeway area. With a growing population and so many families with children, there is already a need for additional quality athletic fields in our area. We've struggled in the past to find practice fields for my children's teams - and have even had to resort to using our backyard for practice for younger teams.

04/25/16 I am writing as a Travis County tax payer and wanted to voice my support of the Lake Travis Youth Association's (LTYA) effort to build our kids new ball fields out near Lakeway, TX (SW Travis County, Bee Cave, Lakeway & Spicewood). I have attended several of the planning meetings/hearings over the past two years. I know enough about it to say that I am in support of it. We need a safe, modern place for our kids to play team sports. From what I have read, it appears that Travis County is only planning on building more parks/fields on the eastern side of the city/county. I would like for the western part of Travis County to also be recognized for it's fast-growing populations, without the parks/fields to support the growth. The one ball field that our son was playing on, behind the Bee Cave Galleria, was recently leveled by a developer that felt more offices in the area were better for his bottom line than kids playing team sports in a safe place. We are in desperate need of fields for our kids to play on. More houses are being built every day, but no new fields/parks are being built to accommodate the incremental rise in families with kids in the area. Help!

04/25/16 I am sending this email in hopes to get additional field capacity for our youth athletic programs. I am a father of young athletes, and a minister in the Lake Travis area. We are a fast growing community and our need for sport fields is growing as well. I have been very fortunate to participate in my children's sport activities, as a coach and a fan. The LTYA sports program is one of the most organized programs I have ever been involved with. The Lake Travis area is definitely in need of field capacity. As a father I see the benefits of sports in my own children's life. As a minister and a man who spends time with other families, I see the impact sports is making in the home. Sport activities are playing a critical role in families. If fields are full or too difficult to access, less families are committing to sport activities. As a result more children are staying home playing with electronic devices and not spending time with other children or getting the exercise needed for young growing children. I know it is the parents responsibility to get their children outside and exercising, but I feel it is our responsibility to make it easier for these families. Travis County has great leadership and I thank you for your commitment and service. I wanted to send this letter in support of the Lake Travis area. It was brought to my attention there is currently no plans for development in the Lake Travis area and this is

concerning. We are growing fast and the need for additional fields is growing faster. Please consider the Lake Travis area when looking for where your next sport fields will be developed in the future.

04/25/16 I send this e-mail to voice my concern for county supported sports fields in SW Travis County. We have lived here for several years now, and with children from 10 to 3 years old am at the fields every weekend all years long. Coming from Keller, Texas I have seen first hand the benefits of county supported fields. As Travis County continues to grow, the youth organization has far outgrown the capacity for the current fields. As important as sports are to our young children's growth and to the community it seems that this would be a priority for the Lakeway/Bee Cave area. Please consider supporting the growth out here.

04/25/16 I live in Lakeway and just wanted to relay the need and interest to support the development of sports fields in the Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood areas. I'm a parent of two outdoor, athletic kids and we drive to Round Rock for select baseball tournaments (or NE Metro, or Pflugerville) and Westlake for volleyball. This requires hours of tiring drive time for our family and it's absolute shame. And the growth and development that is occurring in Bee Cave/Spicewood means that we need sports fields for our kids soon (vs. 10+ years out). I'm asking that you please prioritize the planning and development of sports fields/athletic facilities soon in SW Travis County.

04/25/16 I am writing in support of additional sports fields in SW Travis County and the Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood area. I understand the Travis County Commissioners are planning future parks and sports fields. The current 10 year park plan does not include any additional sports fields in Travis County. As a mother of 3 kids playing sports in the area, I can attest that the fields are desperately needed. Our school district is expected to double in size over the next 10 years. If you need any additional demographic data in that regard, the Lake Travis Independent School District has a number of studies and projections that would be useful. I know children all over Travis County would benefit from sports fields, but our part of Travis County is growing rapidly with no end in sight. We would greatly appreciate your support.

04/25/16 Thank you for all your help and for all that you do. We live in the Bee Cave/Lakeway area and have seen the amazing fast growth in the last few years. Most of our kids in the area love sports and we seem to be outgrowing our FOD-field of dreams. I am reaching out to you ton Please help keep our kids active and healthy by allowing us more sports fields to accommodate the growth in our neighborhoods.

04/25/16 As a resident of Travis County, I am writing to bring your attention to the urgent need to support sports fields in SW Travis County, and specifically the Bee Cave, Lakeway, and Spicewood area. My children ages 8 and 5 have participated in local sports leagues for the past 3 years and we've seen the local leagues dramatically expand with the growth in the area. However, the limited number of existing fields

have become overcrowded and field conditions & available facilities need to be dramatically improved. The fact that the county is currently not supporting any fields in Western Travis County is unacceptable.

04/25/16 We are in support of new parks and sports fields in Southwest Travis County. We live in the Lakeway area with young children. Our area desperately needs sports fields.

04/25/16 I write to you regarding the lack of athletic facilities for the families on the West side of Travis County. I have been a resident of Travis County for 17 years and in my playing days traveled 1.5hrs (each way) to the SEMP facility to play soccer every weekend. I now have three sons and we drive a 72mile round trip four times a week for them to play Soccer in South Austin because of the abject lack of facilities on the Western side of the County. Anything you can do to move forward a project to provide multi sport facilities for the local youth would be very much appreciated.

04/25/16 My family and I have been residents of Lakeway/Travis County for the last 16 years. We love the community and have enjoyed raising our children here. All 3 of our children are active in our local youth sports organization, LTYA, and have been since they reached an eligible age. As a tax payer, parent, and coach, I ask that you urgently consider allocating some of our tax dollars to create better sports facilities for our children. As our community continues to grow, as does the LTYA population, we direly need a facility/facilities that can accommodate demand for all of our children. Many of the other communities/counties we compete in have already done this, and their constituents are thrilled with the benefits the community has received through them.

04/25/16 We have lived in the Bee Cave/Lakeway area for 6 years and had to quit playing social sports as well as search for youth sport options in the area. There is a need for more facilities and ones that can support the growth here in this area.

04/25/16 I am a Travis County tax payer living in Lakeway and I would urge you to please Add more parks and playing fields to Lake Travis and specifically in the Lakeway and Bee Cave areas. They are building a beautiful indoor sports facility in Westlake and our children have hardly any fields to play on and the ones they do have are not in very good shape. I support the addition of new fields in this area and hope you will vote in support of adding them.

04/25/16 Please support development of sports fields/facilities in western travis county. In our area we only have field of dreams, roads/parking often impassable and slated for developement.

04/25/16 Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this plan. In an effort to ensure social justice while supporting the health and well-being of Travis County residents, it would be wonderful if there were more opportunities created for county residents to use parklands for local food production, especially small and sustainable farms and community gardens. County residents, many of whom are low income and experience food insecurity, could and should have the opportunity to use open spaces for gardening or larger food production. I'd like to recommend that the plan: 1) Provide greater emphasis on the use of suitable parkland for food production, such as providing the structures, removing barriers, or providing incentives to the leasing of parkland for agricultural production (re: Policies B.2.4 and B.4.4). 2) Include specific objectives and policies under Goal A (Support the health and wellbeing of Travis County residents) and Goal B (Protect natural and cultural resources) to include sustainable farming and community gardens as a potential use of parkland, particularly in the two eastern sectors where soils are especially suited for agriculture.

04/25/16 I wanted to take a minute and express my support for Travis county to build a park in SW Travis county (particularly the Bee Cave, Lake Travis area). This area has grown very rapidly and even right, now at our existing sports fields, we are way beyond capacity to service all the kids in our district that are wanting to play sports. Getting practice time on the soccer fields is not easy and is for limited amount of time. As a life long Travis County resident residing mostly in SW Travis county, and registered voter that does vote, I ask that you please consider supporting the health of our youth in this district by providing a park for them to play sports like has been invested in other parts of Travis County.

04/25/16 With the massive inflow of people to the southwest part of Travis county, we are in dire need of additional recreation and competitive sports facilities in the Bee Cave, Lakeway, and Spicewood (Southwest Travis County) area. As this is regarded as one of the most desirable areas to live in Texas, I was surprised when I moved here and found that there are such limited access to sports facilities. Every other area in the state, that is considered as desirable an area to live and raise kids, seems to have facilities to be proud of; whereas, we are an embarrassment when our facilities are compared to those in comparable parts of SA, Houston, Fort Worth and Dallas. There is a significant shortage of soccer fields (which can also be used for flag football, pee-wee football, lacrosse, and other field sports). In an area that covers tens of thousands of residents, there is one facility here - Field of Dreams. This has three soccer fields and very limited parking. The grounds are underdeveloped and embarrassingly maintained. I can only put this down to the fact that there is no county involvement/funding/oversight of these facilities. The people that come from all around the Austin area and all the other cities in Texas to play teams from Lake Travis, Bee Cave, and Spicewood refer to this facility as the Field of Dirt. How can we not afford to equip the local community with better soccer fields? Surely there is an answer. Can you please allocate sufficient funds in the next bond election to bring us up to the level of northwest Austin, Georgetown, Cedar Park, and Circle C; comparable to such facilities as Northeast Metro, East Metro, Southeast Metro, Onion Creek and the like? I have heard that there is no plan in the next 10 years to produce anything related to additional sports fields in the Southwest Travis County

area. I truly hope this is not the case. I would be more than happy to help in any way possible to rally support for this if asked. Please reach out to me personally if you would like my help.

04/25/16 I am sending this email as a result of learning that there is no plan to expand parks and rec. into the SW Travis Country area at this time. Not only is this sorely needed for the children in these areas but, the economic impact driving tax revenues to this portion of the metro would be quite beneficial. Aside from metro wide pull, drawing from San Antonio, Marble Falls and so on would be significant as there are tournaments that gain a very wide geographic audience. As a parent who spends nearly EVERY weekend in Round Rock, NE Metro etc or in a gym watching volleyball and spending considerable expense in these portions of the metro, as well as other cities, I would prefer to have a place where my children, as well as hundreds of his/her closest friends can play that is in our neck of the woods. I realize land in NE and the SE areas was probably inexpensive, but there has to be some sort of plan to leverage land out 290 or 71 near Dripping Springs or Spicewood that would gain tremendously from mid week and weekend use. If, the LTYA land does sell, I would honestly feel that a backup plan not being in place to fill the void would be of significant and a massive failure as a community to plan. I'm here to contribute ideas, help etc to make sure that a city like ours stays ahead of the game, and that we don't get caught in a situation where our road systems are, behind.

04/25/16 We have a lot of fast food places in 78734, we need more parks for our kids.

04/25/16 Please include parks and sports fields in SW Travis County, specifically in Bee Cave/Lakeway area! There are so many kids in these growing communities that deserve a chance to play sports. Our taxes should support our own kids too!

04/25/16 We have moved to Lake Travis 3 years ago and we noticed there is not enough parks for our kids in the area. It is kind of interesting to see this community that provide higher property tax income to the Travis county and yet we are not served with enough amenities for our kids except private services. It is kind of not fair to many home owners in the area that are joining the community for the great LTISD but no community parks for the kids. We live in rough Hollow so your support of new parks and sports fields in Southwest Travis is critical as I saw many families decided to leave because the area is missing sports fields in SW Travis County and the Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood area. As you all are planning parks and sports fields for the future. I was alerted in time to seek your help in the Southwest Travis County area. Am concern that the current 10 year park plan does not include any additional sports fields in Travis County. The county currently supports 3 sports field complexes in Eastern Travis County (NE Metro, East Metro and SE Metro). But why no county supported sports fields in Western Travis County and there are many families like us needing public sport facilities for our kids...

04/25/16 I am a resident of Travis County who lives on RR 620, close to Mansfield Dam. My son has participated in LTYA sports for several years. He first played t-ball at the current LTYA Field of Dreams four years ago, and that began his love of baseball. The baseball fields are in

desperate need of replacement. They are overcrowded because there are more kids who want to play baseball than the fields can accommodate. This overuse leads to many holes in the fields, which can be dangerous to the players. There are also no bathroom facilities (which means we have to use port-a-potties). I would like to state my support for newer sports fields in SW Travis County. We would be very appreciative if the LTYA baseball fields can be replaced by a new location with more fields and bathroom facilities.

04/25/16 I wanted to write to you to request your support and consideration for additional parks and sports fields in Southwest Travis County. I understand there currently is no provision within the 10 year plan for adding fields in this area and it concerns me greatly given the need and the continued growth in the area we live. I live with my wife and 2 children in Bee Cave and sports and recreation are a major part of our lives and health. We have enjoyed the opportunities provided for our kids through LTYA but we know that field space and availability is an issue for literally every sport. We need your help and support to insure that our kids and countless more young families will have the facilities needed to sustain opportunities for organized and recreational activities in the Southwest Travis County area. We are counting on you.

04/25/16 I wanted to write to you and let you know of the great need we have for a new baseball facility in the Beecave/Spicewood area. Currently my son plays in the ltya youth sports league and the fields are in need of a replacement. I know for a fact of two players getting injured during the past 3 years my son has been a participant. The injuries happened because there is not adequate space to warm/up and players are getting ready in hilly areas where a bunch of twisted ankles happen, one boy lost his balance and hit his forearm on a rock and had to go to the ER for treatment of a broken arm. There are many boys who participate from a lot of areas surrounding Lake Travis and the numbers continue to rise which contribute to a need for updated and state of the art fields. Practices are hard to come by as the limited number of fields we have are almost always booked for games or teams that are lucky enough to be granted a slot due to time constraints and some teams do not get the practice time needed. Please keep our area in mind as you make plans for future projects that would benefit this area/league.

04/25/16 As you develop your future plans for the parks in the Travis county it is extremely important to include a sports complex. As the youth of today have become more distracted with electronics, the teamwork and cooperation skills have deteriorated. It is extremely important to have the facilities to give the youth these opportunities to play sports. Please also consider the need for a local sports complex. As most parents are both working they are not able to travel distances to enroll their children in sports activities. This also contributes to the growth of the community for families. strongly believe there is a need for a sports complex in the Lake Travis/ Bee Cave / Spicewood Texas area.

04/25/16 We were just informed that your team was making decisions about where to put sports fields in Travis County. We highly suggest the Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood area. There has been an enormous amount of growth (residential developments) and no accompanying outdoor recreational infrastructure. Because of this there is a real need for more sports fields. It would be disappointing to see

this area turn into another suburban sprawl with nowhere for our youth to enjoy the great outdoors combined with the comradeship of organized sports.

04/25/16 My family and I have been residents of Spicewood (Travis County) for the past year. Our children are active in our local youth sports organization in LTYA. As a tax payer and parent, I ask that you urgently consider allocating some of our tax dollars to create better sports facilities for our children as we are often forced to compete for fields with the schools whose property they are. As our community continues to grow, so does the population of LTYA, where we direly need facilities that can accommodate the demand for all of our children. Several communities that we compete in already have county facilities, and their constituents are thrilled with the benefits the community has received through them.

04/26/16 I have four boys and we have been playing sports with LTYA since we moved to Bee Cave 7 1/2 years ago. It's crazy how much Bee Cave has grown in that time. The current LTYA fields are crowded and it's difficult to get field time for practice and games (especially now that we no longer can use the old Drysdale field by Hill Country Galleria). Sports are so important to kids. We really need to have sports parks in the Bee Cave/Lakeway/Spicewood area. The area is growing fast and with the good schools, it's attracting a lot of families with kids. I hope you will consider an additional sports field in the Bee Cave/Lakeway/Spicewood area.

04/26/16 [We] are writing to express our support for sports fields in Southwest Travis County, specifically the areas in and around Bee Cave, Spicewood and Lakeway (where we own two residences). We understand you are developing the parks and sports fields future planning and hope that you will include this rapidly growing area in your plans. Our request is based on the following factors: 1. It is also our understanding that while Travis County currently supports three (3) sports field complexes in Eastern Travis County (NE Metro, East Metro and SE Metro), there are no county supported sports fields in Western Travis County. We greatly appreciate your and County Commissioner Daugherty's efforts on this topic and look forward to reviewing your draft plan. 2. It is our understanding that the current 10 year park plan does not include any additional sports fields in Travis County. 3. Southwest Travis County is experiencing tremendous growth and it is my understanding that this growth is outpacing other areas within the County. We believe it is more than just appropriate, but rather critical that services / resources be equitably distributed based on population and usage. Unequivocally, a majority of the residents that are moving to SW Travis are young families such as ours with a desire and need for well maintained and suitable parks and sports fields.

04/26/16 I am writing to express my support for the creation of sports fields in the SW Travis County area. We are long-time residents of the Lakeway/Bee Cave area who see the need for more recreational fields with the extensive growth of the area and families moving here.

04/26/16 It's my understanding that Travis County will soon be considering future park sites. With the increased building (in my opinion, overbuilding and I've only been here 4 years) and settling of more families in the area, it would be greatly appreciated if Travis County could consider building a sports complex in or around the areas of Southwest Travis County (Bee Cave, Spicewood, Lakeway areas). There are many children involved in sports and other outdoor activities who need a place to play. Bee Cave Park is nice, however it doesn't have any sports fields (it has a basketball court). Drysdale baseball field has been torn down. Please put some heartfelt thought into your plans and consider constructing a sports complex instead of more homes and if possible a splash pad area or the like somewhere for those hot days (maybe at Bee Cave park). Children need to be able to play in their own neighborhoods.

04/26/16 Thank you for taking public input regarding the proposed park down Trails End Road. I own a house down Trails End Road and frequent the Trails End HOA park. My main concern with a public park being so close to us is the amount of pressure it will place on our HOA park and a potential for added increase in traffic on Trails End Road. That being said, I would like to see a park that will have minimal impact on our community. For park amenities, I would like to see some picnic tables, BBQ pits, parking down by the Lake, and a possible swimming and fishing area. I wouldn't want to see overnight camping being made available. The main thing I would like to see for this park would be limited access, specifically limiting the number of people allowed in the park at one time. I am not sure what the number would need to be, but my gut feeling would be around 20 - 30 people max occupancy at any given time.

04/26/16 Please add county supported sports fields in WESTERN TRAVIS COUNTY (Bee Cave/ Lakeway/ Spicewood areas specifically) to the current park plan! I have been a property owner in Lakeway for over 20 years. The growth in the area is obvious. The demographics have shifted from a 'more mature' population to young families with children, as evidenced by the addition of several schools in the district, shopping, restaurants and family activities. At this point, the availability of field space is a limiting factor. PLEASE consider Western Travis County in your PLAN!

04/26/16 I would like to express my support for new sports fields in the SW Travis County / Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood area. We are in strong need of additional fields in this area! The current fields are far too overcrowded, making it difficult to schedule games and practices for all of the teams. The overcrowding also creates a dangerous environment for the children as the parking is not sufficient for the number of families attending games. Please consider allocating some money for the addition of new fields or expansion of existing facilities in this area.

04/26/16 I am pleased to see that acquisition of parkland for the Pedernales River Corridor is a top priority in the SW Planning Area. A view of the unspoiled cliffs along the Pedernales River at Reimers Ranch Park is something that I truly value. When the skies are clear, birds are soaring and the river is running, this place offers a breath of true relaxation - visually and spiritually. Protecting the cliff edge from development

thus protecting the cliffside, rural view and open, blue sky and linking Reimers to Hamilton Pool are priorities that the entire county will enjoy for generations. And once the chance is lost, it will never be reclaimed. I would also like to see Reimers Ranch Park campground accommodate horse trailers - perhaps with electrical hookups for overnight guests camping with horses. Keep the skies dark. It is my intent to support all the aspects of the Travis County Parks Master Plan. I am so grateful to live here.

04/26/16 I am a parent with a child that utilizes the Field Of Dreams baseball fields and has done so for the last three years. I grew up in a little town outside of San Antonio called Schertz Texas, not so little anymore, but you can get the picture, I graduated in 1983. One of the biggest impacts I had growing up was playing on the baseball fields at Schertz Park managed by the Buffalo Valley Youth Association. The Fields were exceptional for a small town and every year, the little town of Schertz, held many state youth association events to include the State Girls and Boys tournaments. There seemed to be something going on all year long and was quite beneficial for all the "Yutes" in the area, a "My Cousin Vinny" quote, all the youths. The ball fields were the place to be and will always have a place in my heart. Now the FOD ballpark: LTYA does an exceptional job with what they have to work with, the baseball and soccer fields are the best they can be and are always in great condition. The parking lot is a nightmare, if it rains your vehicle and everyone walking in the parking lot will need to be hosed down asap. If it doesn't rain good luck with the dust storm in the parking lot and if you have a game nearby take a deep breath it's wonderful. I make sure to tell my son and every guest I try and invite, to use the bathroom before you get there because you only have port a potties. All the parents and coaches have learned to deal with it because most importantly the "CHILDREN" are having a blast and taking home memories they will never forget... Let's start removing the negativity out of these memories and provide some new parks and sports fields... When we travel to other ballparks around Austin, including surrounding areas, the ball parks are really nice.

04/26/16 I live in the Lake Pointe neighborhood in the Bee Cave area and wanted to voice my support for new parks and sports fields in our future development. Our park options are few and I would love to see more park development in the future including sports fields and trails.

04/26/16 We need more parks to accommodate the growing population in SW Travis County, Bee Cave and Spicewood. Your consideration of our needs will be appreciated.

04/26/16 Please consider the adding a sports field/park in Bee Cave or the surrounding area. We have experienced significant growth in the area and really could use additional public park/sports fields. I know my son and other children in the area would benefit from a much needed field.

04/26/16 I am a resident of Bee Cave with a young family of 3 children. We live in Bella Colinas, 15833 De Fortuna Drive off route 71. We are extremely happy living in Bee Cave and think that the town and Travis County offers an outstanding quality of living. However, we do see that there are limited options of fields for sports in our area. Field of Dreams off R 71 has good fields and the voluntary work being done there keeps them in good use, but they are not enough to accommodate the number of children growing up in the area. Bee Cave Central Park is a beautiful area to spend time, but it does not have appropriate facilities for playing baseball or soccer. We kindly ask for you to consider investing in county supported fields in Western and Southwestern Travis County. Sports fields are a magnet for families and children to spend time together and do sports.

04/26/16 I am a resident of southwestern Travis County, and my wife and I have four children. I am writing to encourage the County to pursue the construction of parks and sports fields in our part of the County. As you know, the population in our area is growing rapidly, and families are not being adequately served by County parks facilities. Thank you for considering this email as you plan for new park growth.

04/26/16 The time is now as we are seeing an increase in people who play disc golf to expand and make our area the best disc golf area and reap the many benefits of this improvement. \* We need short 9 & 18 hole courses for beginners, kids, and families. I've raised each of my kids to experience disc golf and it is something that has taught them respect for nature and exercise. \* We need 9 & 18 hole intermediate and championship level courses. More advanced players need some space to throw far and practice their skill to participate in championship events. It is good to have both kinds of courses. We need courses at the parks in the Southwest Southeast and Northwest areas. A complex of 3 or 4 courses at the huge Reimer's Ranch area would be ideal for many. Disc golf is great for people of all ages, from young kids to seniors. It is very affordable, making it accessible to people from all socio-economic backgrounds. These things make it an excellent family activity for all Travis County residents. For parks with entrance fees, it generates revenue. Gives both residents and visitors/tourists a great reason to visit the county's parks. It is actually ideal to group two or three or even more of these different types of courses in the same park it makes the destination that much more attractive to families, players, residents, and tourists because folks of different skill levels all have places to play within the same park. Someone can start out at a park on the beginner course and then over time, as they get better, move on to the harder course(s), all while visiting their favorite and/or closest Travis County Park.

04/27/16 Disc golf is one of the fastest growing sports in the world so we need to ensure Travis county is keeping up with this growth. \* We need short 9 & 18 hole courses for beginners, kids, and families. \* We need 9 & 18 hole intermediate and championship level courses. \* We need multiple courses, for different skill levels, in the same parks. \* A beginner course at East Metro in Manor would be a great companion to the championship level course already there. \* Courses added to the planning they are doing in the Onion Creek area would be great. \* Courses

at their parks in the Southwest and Northwest areas.\* A complex of 3 or 4 courses at the huge Reimer's Ranch area (that isn't open yet but will be at some point; they said at one of the meetings that this tract of land is over 2,000 acres in size).

04/27/16 I am writing this letter to show support for the addition of sports fields in Southwest Travis County. This is something that is much needed and will be fully utilized by the amount of current and new family's moving into our community at a high rate. There are several supported fields in the Eastern part of Travis County and we need them in our area as well! As a mom of two boys I am constantly on the road for an hour or more taking them to tournaments and practices in other parts of the county because we do not have anywhere for them in our own community, the same community that I pay taxes in and shop local in. Please take this email as a HUGE support for Sports Fields in Southwestern Travis County!

04/27/16 First of all, thank you for your efforts to hear community input regarding sports fields in our area, and for extending the deadline to May 1. It gives time for a busy mother like me to give my attention to this very important matter. I am writing to request more parks and sports fields in the South West Travis County and the Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood area. We are an active family of 6, and our children are heavily involved in local sports (softball, soccer, rugby, and apparently soon-to-be Lacrosse - according to my littlest!). Our area is desperate for new locations! When families benefit from such positive changes, so does the entire city (Busy kids stay out of trouble!! Happy parents don't relocate. Top athletes raise the profile of the city and attract growth). We would appreciate if you could prioritize this investment in our community. Our children truly need you to make a difference in their lives.

04/27/16 I just wanted to add my voice to those who are seeking to have Travis County establish sports fields in SW Austin. I do feel like we've missed out so far, and there is most definitely a need.

04/27/16 I would like to make a short comment about the master plans in general and the Southwest plan specifically. There is a huge needs for parks. However, the incumberance by parks with hiking trails is quite different than those that have soccer and ball fields. 1) Please keep the ball fields away from adjacent neighborhoods. 2) please consider future use and allow for appropriate parking/traffic/lighting for the parks considering the neighborhoods around them. 3)Specifically in the Southwest part of Travis county, consider putting the parks that host ball tournaments next to commercial properties and not next to quiet neighborhoods. There may be input from one neighborhood to locate it "not near them", making another neighborhood having to endure the traffic, noise, lighting of weekend tournaments going well into the night and starting early morning.

04/27/16 We have relocated to Austin recently from Washington, DC after serving 23 years in the Army. We and our two school-age children love our new home, but we note; compared to other places we have lived that the sports field complexes here are overcrowded, overplayed and the parking is simply dangerous and causes traffic and congestion to those that don't even use the fields. As taxpayers we request that you consider expansion of county fields into southwest Austin. I am sure the demographics and tax revenues would help support.

04/27/16 I would like to give some input on the parks plan. I live and work in South Austin near Southwest Pkwy and Mopac. My wife and I have 2 and 4 year old kids that enjoy all the parks especially those with splashpads and water features. We would like to see more of those added to all parks where possible. We are also avid disc golfers. We need short 9 & 18 hole courses for beginners, kids, and families. We need multiple courses, for different skill levels, in the same parks. A beginner course at East Metro in Manor would be a great companion to the championship level course already there. Courses added to the planning you are doing in the Onion Creek area would also be great. A complex of 3 or 4 courses at the huge Reimer's Ranch area would be a great way to bring the PDGA tour to Austin on a bi yearly basis which would help grow the sport locally and help bring in a large amount of tax money.

04/27/16 Our kids play soccer at The Field of Dreams and it's a joy to watch. For the last 4 years, we've spent almost every Friday night or Saturday morning at the field watching a whole generation of kids have a blast – we feel lucky to have this space so close by. That being said – our area of the world (SW Travis County, Bee Cave and Lakeway) is experiencing exploding growth, with lots of young families and more potential soccer and softball players – the need for additional play space is real, with it already feeling like we're bursting at the seams. Please consider additional play fields for our little neck of the woods.

04/27/16 As a cyclist and hiker I frequent many Travis County parks regularly, I appreciate and support your efforts in the current Parks Master Plan. I am a resident of Southwest Travis County and support the acquisition of park land and improvements of parks in all four county quadrants, and especially the focus for more land acquisition in the Pedernales Corridor and continued development of Reimers. I realize it is not part of the Parks Plan but I would love to see Travis County Parks partner with our local municipalities, Bee Cave and Lakeway specifically, to help create hike and bike trails for more local connectivity. It is something that is sorely missing in this area and would be an asset to the community. Lastly, I understand the pressure from local youth groups for more sports fields, apparently needed, but please not at the expense of our scenic areas and night skies. I attended the recent Parks Master Plan presentation in Bee Cave last month and appreciate the great work you all do!

04/28/16 As a resident of the Hamilton Pool Road neighborhood, I greatly appreciate the plan to acquire parkland in the picturesque and environmentally sensitive Pedernales River Corridor. I hope that the plan is approved. As an advocate of dark skies and the preservation of natural areas, I would be opposed to the construction of sports venues at Reimers, as some have suggested.

04/28/16 I have heard that there is consideration of building more sports fields in the county. The people in the Bee Cave area could definitely use more sports fields. My wife and I have five kids with only three of them are playing sports at this time. The other two will start playing sports as they get old enough. The current fields are very busy during the sports seasons and the games are getting scheduled later into the nights due to fitting in all the games and practices. This makes it very hard for us to attend all the games because we have such young kids that need to go to bed at a decent time. The parking can also be a big hassle when multiple sports are going on at the same time. With the population growing quickly we would love to have more sports fields in our area.

04/28/16 Thank you for soliciting comments about Travis County's park plan. I have just two remarks: 1) please continue the County's focus on implementing the Trust for Public Lands Greenpoint plan. 2) please continue the County's acquisition of easements and fee title to land along Gilliland and Wilbarger creeks in east Austin. Thanks for your work on County parks.

04/28/16 I am a frequent visitor to the Travis County parks. I've been a long time resident of Southwest Travis County and fully support the acquisition and improvement of park land specifically along the Pedernales and in the Reimer's Ranch area. My hope is that Travis County will partner with Bee Cave and Lakeway to create interconnecting hike and bike trails to serve the needs of these growing communities. I have heard talk of putting ballfields in Reimer's Ranch Park and I absolutely OPPOSE this endeavor. PLEASE, protect our investment in this scenic, pristine park by not allowing such a project to go forward. Thank you for the great work you do!

04/28/16 my kids Love sports, especially soccer and flag football. We are currently on teams in the Lake Travis Youth Association (LYA). The fields and parking are having a hard time keeping up with the numbers of kids that would like to play sports in the area. We would love to have additional sports fields in SW Travis County and the Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood area. This would ensure that my kids, and the growing number of kids in the area, are able to continue to play the sports they love. Thank you and have a wonderful day.

04/28/16 Thank you for opening up the Parks Master Plan for comments. Being a Southwest Travis county resident, we want to express our support for your Southwest Travis County priorities. An additional comment is that bike trails would be nice - especially if there was a way to connect to the bike trails in Bee Cave and surrounding areas. (We realize that may be asking a lot!) Also, we wanted to express a desire to limit anything that would impact our natural, scenic areas and starry skies - such as sports fields. Let's keep things more natural!

04/28/16 My family and I have been residents of Lakeway/Travis County for the last 7 years. We love the community and have enjoyed raising our son here. Our child is active in our local youth sports organization, LTYA, and has been since he reached an eligible age. As a tax payer and parent, I ask that you urgently consider allocating some of our tax dollars to create better sports facilities for our children. As our community continues to grow, so does the population of LTYA, where we direly need facilities that can accommodate the demand for all of our children. Several communities that we compete in already have county facilities, and their constituents are thrilled with the benefits the community has received through them.

04/28/16 I understand that you are in the process of finalizing a 10 year park plan for athletic fields in Travis County. I also understand that SW Travis County is not currently a component of that planning. I hope the residents in this area, aside from myself, have voiced their concerns over this matter. As a 78738 resident and father of two children who are actively involved in the LTYA, this is somewhat alarming considering the population and participation in youth sports in this part of the county. As it stands, I have to drive my kids 8 miles to Hudson Bend Middle School to play soccer, despite the fact that there are soccer fields less than 2 miles away at Field of Dreams. The challenge is that there is also baseball and other sports occurring concurrently and not enough fields for all the activity and participants. I believe LTYA alone has over 1700 active participants enrolled in some form of athletic activity this spring and that doesn't account for LTISD athletic programs or other organizations in the area. The solution is to either cap the enrollment of children in the sports programs or expand the venues at which they can play. Considering that sports are such an integral component of our children's development, both physical and social, it hardly seems prudent to limit the programs, thus limiting children's' opportunity for this form of development. Please add consideration of SW Travis County, and in particular the Lakeway, Bee Cave, Spicewood area to your 10 year plan.

04/28/16 We moved to Lakeway 2 years ago from the Houston area and have been really disappointed by the lack of sports fields (soccer, basketball, etc.) in our area (SW Travis County, Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood). Our elementary and now middle school children thrive on sports in combination with normal school activities. We've found that sports in combination with education provides a great foundation for the future. We appreciate you factoring new fields/facilities into future funding decisions to accommodate our rapidly growing and thriving community.

04/29/16 I have lived and worked in Travis County all my life. 62 years now. I find incredible value in the parklands that Travis County provides me access to that embrace the natural beauty of Travis County. When friends comes from out of town, I take them to Travis County parks, like Hamilton Pool, Sandy Creek, Reimer's Ranch and other county parks to allow them to experience the beauty and wonder of our area. And they understand the forward thinking of our Commissioners that continue to purchase and develop these types of spaces. I personally am a rock climber and enjoy the access and challenges that Milton Reimers offers to climbers of all abilities. I have honed my climbing skills in this

park for more than 20 years and I take those skills to other areas to climb at Smith Rock, OR ,Yosemite and El Cap, to Mexico , Senneca Rock and even Switzerland. The climbing here in Travis County is world class and has prepared me to climb anywhere in the world. I notice that the number of residents climbing here is ever increasing. If at all possible, more climbing areas in Travis County need to be acquired and developed for climbing, as we did for the acquisition of Reimers and the Pouge Tract back in 2004 and 2005. I believe that if you ask the county personnel who work at Reimers, you will find they appreciate the " light touch" that climbers use in their activities. We practice " Leave No Trace" and do not damage facilities or natural features. The climbers organize and volunteer on regular projects that rebuild or enhance existing trail systems.I think the county staff will also tell you that in the past 10 years the numbers of climbers has dramatically increased and that additional climbing areas need to be in our long range plans. Please continue to support acquisitions of land for natural uses and please consider increasing areas suitable for rock climbing.

04/29/16 Please seriously consider helping financially with building sports fields for the SW Travis County and the Bee Cave, Lakeway and Spicewood areas. This area is growing quickly and we are getting no support for sports fields. The prices we are currently having to pay to make this happen for our children is absurd. The county needs to invest some money in this rapidly growing area. Due to the lack of support by the county we are having to pay over \$170 a season for a 5 year old soccer league that is volunteer coached, and volunteer refereed. PLEASE help contribute to fields for this area as you have for NE Metro, East Metro and SE Metro.

04/29/16 I'm writing this email to support that we do need sports fields in the Bee Cave area. As a mom for 2 kids, I moved to Bee Cave in 2010 and saw the expanding of communities here. There are more families come to reside here. However, the sports fields are so limited in Western Travis County. We really really hope there are any sports fields in the current 10 year park plan for Bee Cave, Lakeway and Spicewood area.

04/29/16 Please consider purchasing additional land for the climbing community. Climbing has become a huge sport with the college crowd that cycles through the UT campus. Having lived here the past 10 years, I have witnessed the current climbing areas which are continually overwhelmed with climbers. Climbers bring lots of revenue to local businesses, as well as the state parks. Developing more climbing areas in this part of the country will allow others to experience the beauty of nature, while promoting economic growth. I highly encourage and support your decision to acquire more public use land in Texas.

04/29/16 I want to re-emphasize the benefits of including the development of outdoor recreation areas, including rock climbing into Travis County and Austin, TX. Providing access and permitting development of climbing, as a nature based facility not only requires limited county financial investment and resources, but serves to preserve the natural beauty of the area and create a destination for local community members

and national visitors. The economic impact on the county is significant as well. For instance, a recent study conducted by Eastern Kentucky University about rock climbing's impact on Red River Gorge, KY (which can be found at <https://www.accessfund.org/uploads/RRG-EIS-final.pdf>) made the following conclusions: 1. Climbers spend an estimated \$3.6 million dollars in the regional economy each year. 2. Climbers generate an estimated \$2.7 in total revenues for local business owners and support an estimated 39 full-time jobs in a region with high poverty rates. 3. Climbers are generally highly educated, with the majority having (or working on) college degrees.

04/29/16 I have grown up in Travis county for over half my life, 22 years now. I find incredible value in the natural beauty of Travis County parks. When friends and family comes from out of town, I take them to Travis County parks, like Hamilton Pool, Sandy Creek, Reimer's Ranch and other county parks to allow them to experience the beauty and wonder of our area. And they understand the forward thinking of our Commissioners that continue to purchase and develop these types of spaces. I consider myself a rock climber. I learned to climb at Reimers Ranch and have acquired skills and strength to tackle climbing destinations such as Yosemite, Devil's tower, the Matterhorn in Switzerland and many other world destinations. I see an increasing number of climbers every weekend I go to Reimers Ranch. If at all possible, more climbing areas in Travis County need to be acquired and developed for climbing, as we did for the acquisition of Reimers and the Pouge Tract back in 2004 and 2005. I believe that if you ask the county personnel who work at Reimers, you will find they appreciate the "light touch" that climbers use in their activities. We practice "Leave No Trace" and do not damage facilities or natural features. The climbers organize and volunteer on regular projects that rebuild or enhance existing trail systems. I think the county staff will also tell you that in the past 10 years the numbers of climbers has dramatically increased and that additional climbing areas need to be in our long range plans. Please continue to support acquisitions of land for natural uses and please consider increasing areas suitable for rock climbing.

04/29/16 Austin is known for being one of the few cities in Texas that offer real outdoor experiences. Unless you drive all the way out to East Texas, the only true Texas mountain biking or rock climbing can be found in Austin. Austin offers experiences for hiking that leave you asking if the Green Belt is even really considered a hike? There is so much more that Austin has to offer because it's the Hill Country in Texas. I'm from Corpus Christi, originally, and I can tell you that living in Austin has allowed me to explore the outdoors more than any other city I've lived in. I hope that you'll consider the fact that every city has soccer fields and fancy playgrounds for their community. But I've seen so many boy scout groups identify different types of plants/animals that live in Reimer's Ranch. I've seen community outreach programs work with kids at Windy Point and families enjoying a day together at Pace Bend. I see kids pushing themselves and becoming more comfortable outside because these places are harder to get to, and so much farther away from their TV's and video games than a soccer field is. The opportunity for a child to face their fear of heights on a 6-foot cliff at Pace Bend is rarer than how many leave a field feeling that kind of accomplishment. It's just as meaningful, but one is definitely harder to find than the other. Respect for the outdoors is also something that is dwindling here in Austin, as more and more people decide to move here. If we open up more natural parklands, more kids will have the opportunity to see what real nature

looks like and hopefully grow up respecting it more. That would leave places like Hamilton Pool better off, because right now people don't respect it like they should. I hope you'll consider this opinion when deciding the future of what Austin's parks could and should look like. I'd like to see more natural parks open up and I would happily volunteer time to make it more accessible. I've done it before and I'll keep doing it because I have a vested interest in seeing these parks flourish.

04/29/16        While considering the budget for the next ten years I would please urge you all to consider more parkland with more natural recreation in mind. Organized sports arenas are valuable but are many in Travis county. Things like climbing, mountain biking, equestrian riding, hiking, bird watching all have a great availability in the Travis county area. I hope to see more places to recreate in these ways due to your acquisitions.

04/29/16        I can't tell you how excited I am to see all the plans laid out in the Master Plan that has been posted online. Specifically, I'm excited about: 1) The Colorado River Corridor. Assuming this would provide continuous riverfront access from Southeast Metro Park to Little Webberville, this would be a great addition to the community. 2) Acquiring the land across the Pedernales from Reimers Ranch. I spend most of my weekends hanging off a cliff at Reimers, and whenever I stare across the river I think two things: one, I really hope more houses don't get built over there, and two, there is a lot of potential for new rock climbing areas over there. 3) A new park on the north side of Lake Travis. Lake Travis holds a special place in my heart--my first experiences with Austin were family trips to visit my Aunt, who owns a house on the Lake. I spent many childhood summers boating on Lake Travis, and as a cajun from the flat swamps of Louisiana, the towering cliffs and desert-like vegetation around the lake had me transfixed. As Austin's population expands and the Lake is increasingly developed for residential use, it's important we preserve the wild character of the north shore. I would also welcome the addition of a new campground (in the style of Pace Bend). There are a couple other proposals that--while exciting--also cause me some concern: 1) A campground at Reimers Ranch. On the surface, this seems like a great idea and I was happy about it. However, care would need to be taken to ensure that the campground doesn't detract from the natural beauty of the park. I'd like to see it as very primitive camping, perhaps restricted to walk-in sites only. If done properly, though, a campground at Reimers Ranch would be a great addition to the park and roundly welcomed, especially by the local climbing community. 2) Improvements to the campgrounds at Pace Bend. This concerns me for the same reasons as the campground at Reimers. Pace Bend is one of my favorite parks in Texas and the clear jewel of the Travis County Park system. The thing that's so unique about it is that because of the primitive nature of the development and the spacing of the sites, it's easy to feel like you are much more remote than a simple 30 minute drive from town. I would hate to see this lost in the interest of creating more developed campsites, at least on the west side of the park. Overall, I think Travis County does a wonderful job with its parkland. The easy access to wilderness areas is one of the main reasons I continue to live in Austin, and I look forward to the next ten years.

04/29/16 I wanted to add my voice to the concern that there are plans to change some of the open spaces in the Travis County parks. Please leave the existing natural parks as they are, for everyone to enjoy the natural beauty and please work on acquiring more natural space.

04/29/16 I am writing to offer strong support for the proposed Travis County Parks Masterplan. As the Executive Director of Westcave Outdoor Discovery Center I am acutely aware of how important the Travis County Park system is to our community and how loved (over-loved?) it is by our neighbors. As a board member of NRPA, I am also encouraged by its attention to social equity and to the important role it plays in improving and sustaining a healthy lifestyles for our citizens. We (Westcave Outdoor Discovery Center and our Children in Nature Collaborative of Austin) are especially interested in your goal to increase nature-based recreational opportunities and look forward to partnering with Travis County Parks when appropriate to help further develop this piece of your plan. I look forward to working with you all in the coming years and again, great work on this forward looking plan!

04/29/16 I understand that the 10 year park plan is under consideration and we wanted to make sure our voice was heard. We have a tremendous need for parks and sports fields in the Bee Cave/Lake Travis area. Please consider adding facilities in these areas.

04/29/16 Austin is amazing because of the park system here. We are known for our outdoorsy culture throughout the nation. I love the hiking trails and rock climbing here. Maintaining trail access and climbing is of utmost importance to our community. I would love to see more areas to climb also! Reimer's gets very busy on weekend with all those interested in climbing. Also, climbing is growing in popularity. 2 of the largest climbing facilities in the US opened in Austin this year which will create even more demand for outdoor climbing areas and draw more climbers to the area. Austin has a potential to be a rock climbing destination like Red River Gorge, KY which bring 3.6 million in climbing revenue to the area.

04/29/16 Please continue to support acquisitions of land for natural uses. Parks like Pace Bend, Hamilton Pool, Milton Reimers' Ranch, Sandy Creek Park, Windy Point and so many other parks allow for enjoyment of the natural beauty that Travis County have to offer.

04/29/16 Please consider adding more disc golf courses to your plan. It is a growing sport that all shapes, sizes, abilities can participate in. A big family sport with little infrastructure costs.

04/29/16 I have been a resident of Austin Texas for over 15 years. My draw to Austin was the beauty of the city and the amount of natural parks. I'm an avid outdoor enthusiast. I hike, swim, camp and rock climb. I'm still amazed and in awe of the natural beauty that Austin parks

have to offer. To me, this is what sets Austin apart from other generic and planned cities. I love that I can walk to the nature trails from my residence or drive usually within 10-30 minutes and am in one of the many natural parks. I have frequented Reimers Ranch, Hamilton Pool, Pace Bend, McKinney Falls, The Greenbelt, Turkey Creek, Bull Creek, etc. throughout the years. Please consider to continue funding to maintain existing and purchase more natural parks. Austin has changed so much due to the population growth and development that it continues to get denser. I feel that today, it is even more important and necessary to keep natural parks and land in tact, so that we don't end up with even less land and more concrete surrounding us. I do hope you feel the same way.

04/29/16 I would urge you to keep as a high priority in the eastern half of the county the protection and restoration of high quality habitat. Habitat in the western part of the county has received significant attention because of the two endangered bird species. Eastern Travis habitat includes the Post Oak, Colorado River riparian forest and Blackland Prairie communities that have less than adequate protection. As Aldo Leopold said –“Save all the pieces”.

04/29/16 I moved to Austin to help build trails, restore habitat and support conservation efforts around the state through AmeriCorps. All the blood and sweat I poured out to help out black-capped vireos and golden-cheeked warblers really made me appreciate the flora and fauna of the hill country more than an experience I've ever had. Some of the work I did was at Travis County parks like Hamilton Pool and Hippy Hollow. These areas are treasures. Austin and the greater Travis County areas has plenty of soccer fields but the preserved areas are rapidly disappearing. Please consider the natural heritage that is our Hill Country. Please consider keeping these areas for generations to come.

04/29/16 My family and I have lived in Travis county for 16 years and we love it here. However, I'm seeing that the surrounding counties are really drawing people out of Travis county by creating excellent and accessible park systems. I'm specifically talking about Williamson county and what they are doing up in Cedar Park with the Brushy Creek trails. I'm a mountain biker and I appreciate all the trails that you offer us in Travis County. However, there seems to be a trend to reduce the amount of trail rather than increase it and that is troubling. I'm all for preserving the natural spaces but we need to utilize those spaces so everyone can enjoy them. I'm in favor of anything that we can do to get people outside and keep them active. My children enjoy hiking the Barton Creek greenbelt and we spend a lot of time at Walnut Creek park. Please keep these areas accessible to all trail users and continue to make Austin a destination city for mountain bikers and other outdoor enthusiasts.

04/29/16 My name is Joel Schopp, and I am president of the Central Texas Mountaineers. Our organization has a long history dating back to 1976 of working with parks organizations to manage recreational rock climbing. I am writing to express my support for the Travis County Parks Master Plan as drafted. Reimers Ranch has been a very successful park. Since its purchase by Travis County the user groups of rock

climbers, mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians have worked with the park system to make this park the jewel of the county. The park has become a destination for visitors from around the state and even around the world. We are also supportive of continued acquisition of parkland in Travis County in general, and along the Pedernales Corridor in particular. Our user group prefers acquisition of additional properties with climbable cliffs, but we fully support acquisition of areas with other natural wilderness activities such as swimming, hiking, or mountain biking. With every passing day the population of Travis County increases and land prices also increase. We need to acquire parkland now while we still can in quantities to support a much larger population that is arriving quickly. git In addition to being president of the Central Texas Mountaineers I also run a Facebook page for Texas Swimming Holes with over 2,500 fans. While this user group is not formally organized I feel that I can speak on behalf of it as well. I am supportive of the recent switch of Hamilton Pool to reservation only on the summer weekends. However, this change illustrates that Travis County needs more public swimming holes. I would recommend looking into acquiring Dead Man's Hole, which shares many properties with Hamilton Pool and is in the Pedernales River Corridor. Thank you for all the great work you do managing parks, you bring a lot of joy into our lives.

04/29/16 I would like to comment on including more disc golf courses in park development. It is a great family sport. Disc golf courses can be used in flood zones or other areas to be developed later. Disc golf courses actually curb crime because it puts people in the parks. Disc golf courses of all sizes and skill levels are needed. Disc Golf courses with multiple tee pads make it a course for all skill levels and play like several courses. Having alternate tee and basket locations help with any possible erosion problems. Look at the success of existing disc golf courses and make sure they are in the plans for future parks. The parks need more short recreational to championship disc golf courses.

04/29/16 "Thanks to you and Travis County for all of your work on this Parks Master Plan. It's clear that a lot of thought and consideration was included in the plan. I hope my comments are helpful and timely. • For context, it would be helpful if some of the exhibits in the plan more clearly depicted other publicly accessible parks throughout the county, such as municipal parks. • Many of the maps showing existing parkland don't show the thousands of acres preserved as part of the BCP and City of Austin WQPLs. These areas, in context, are important for public consideration of park needs related to natural resource protection. • p. 41, Under Needs and Implementation Priorities: o The category called "Donations" might be broadened to something like "Donations and Partnerships". In addition to developers donating, landowners might sometimes donate land outright, or the County may benefit from partnerships with nonprofits, etc. that help to leverage limited County resources. • P 42, Under Northeast Planning Area Needs: o Suggest also emphasizing regional parks and preserves, greenways and river corridors along Cottonwood Creek: sensitive natural resources in an underserved part of the county. • P 46, Under Northeast Planning Area Needs: o Suggest prioritizing regional parks and preserves, greenways and river corridors along Barton Creek and its tributaries in particular, as well as along Lick Creek and Hamilton Creek, etc. [I haven't investigated it thoroughly, but it seems to me that much of Barton Creek (in the

contributing zone, at least) is more commonly flowing than the Pedernales River, thus providing aquatic recreational opportunities. Also, Barton Creek is important for the protection of the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer.]

04/29/16 I am a frequent visitor to the Travis County parks. I've been a long time resident of Southwest Travis County and fully support the acquisition and improvement of park land specifically along the Pedernales and in the Reimer's Ranch area. My hope is that Travis County will partner with Bee Cave and Lakeway to create interconnecting hike and bike trails to serve the needs of these growing communities. I have heard talk of putting ballfields in Reimer's Ranch Park and I absolutely OPPOSE this endeavor. PLEASE, protect our investment in this scenic, pristine park by not allowing such a project to go forward. Thank you for the great work you do!

04/29/16 My name is Geo Meyer, I would like to voice my opinion about what Travis County parks should look like in the future. I have been Mountain Biking for 4 years now, I am an active member of the Austin Ridge Riders Mountain Biking Club here in Austin. Not only I am part of the trail crew and love volunteering for trail work in County Parks and private land but also race mountain bikes representing Texas nation wide. Traveling to other states such as Colorado, Utah and California I see we have the potential here in central Texas to be as outdoor oriented as they are, we have the land and resources to make mountain biking as enjoyable as theirs. All around the country other States are doing inspirational things to make bicycling better in their own communities. We want access to better places to ride. Central Texas, Austin in particular is consider the mecca of mountain biking filled with mountain biking enthusiasts. Trails systems serve the needs of multiple groups and most committed trail users have important roles in volunteering to maintain the trails we love. We want to create good experiences for locals as well as visitors. Our sport brings us closer to nature and fosters the desire for environmental protection. Back-country riding is physically demanding and cyclist particularly mountain bikers wish to protect these experiences.

04/30/16 I encourage you to take into account the importance of biking areas as the Master Plan evolves. Reimer's Ranch has been a wonderful resource for me and my family as it provides a great way to share the outdoors via mountain biking. As the biking population grows it will become more important to provide/maintain such access to bicycling trails in Travis County Parks.

04/30/16 In general the plan appears to be sound. I especially like the goal of acquiring more green space along creeks in the NE. In addition, the all ages/abilities philosophy for access is compatible and complements the approach the City of Austin is taking with non motorized transportation. I am writing specifically about mountain biking. I would encourage language in the plan that supports continued access for mountain biking on existing trails and for expanding compatible trails where possible. I am a member of the International Mountain Biking Association through the local chapter, Austin Ridge Riders.

04/30/16 I greatly appreciate that the County Commissioners are developing a plan for the future of county parks. Based on your population projections, many more residents of Travis County will want to enjoy opportunities for access to parkland for recreation and just enjoying the natural beauty of Travis County. Very important to me is having access to mountain biking trails and amenities at Reimers Ranch and Pace Bend parks. Reimers Ranch has outstanding trails where I can take in the vistas of the Hill Country and enjoy access to the Pedernales River for swimming. All the while I can exercise to improve my quality of life. I would like to see more biking areas available to me, my family, and future Travis County residents. Additional parkland similar to Reimers Ranch and Pace Bend parks is needed to create opportunities for more people to enjoy access to our beautiful land.

04/30/16 Please, I beg you, do not forget about Mountain Bikers, we also need a place to ride. I served in the Army and I was stationed in VA and while I was there, I got an opportunity to experience a park called Fountainhead Regional Park in Virginia. Fountainhead park is split into two, one side of the park is for hikers/runners and the other side is for mountain bikers and through the year, there were mountain bike races and trail running races. The trails were always maintained and many volunteers would come out to keep the park nice for everyone. Mountain bike clubs maintain the trails and the park sets rules for other mountain bikers to follow. The park would close when it rains to mountain bike riders and allow enough time for the trails to dry, to help with trail erosion. I know the bike clubs in Austin would be more than happy to maintain the trails and keep cost down. For me, this park is a great example what a park should be like and a model for other parks, makes everyone happy and still maintains the nature beauty. I have been to many parks throughout the country and Fountainhead is one of the best. It has something to offer for everyone. Please visit this park to see for yourself or call them

04/30/16 I am the Trail Program Director for the Austin Ridge Riders Mountain Bike Club. I offer the following comments on the Travis County Parks 10 Year Master Plan – 1) We support the acquisition and development of trail systems. We prefer mountain bike specific, natural surface, single track trails. That said, we also support trails shared with other groups such as hikers and equestrians. 2) We support the development of paved surface trails systems that link park areas across the county. Examples are the greenway trails along creeks and rivers. However, paved trail is not our charter as mountain bikers. 3) While specifics were not found in the Master Plan, there have been discussions of changes at Reimers Ranch. Adding camping, sports fields, and other such amenities would be great, but those should not be at the expense of the trail system. It is expected that such amenities would be on the flatter areas and not on the rocky and sloped areas. Redeveloping the flatter areas would be fine if replacement trails were developed on the steeper and rockier areas. 4) We do not support hiking only trails or “parklands” that are closed to public recreational use. Closed areas are preserves, not parks. I think we should consider opening closed lands to public use where the public use does not conflict with the primary purpose. 5) The Austin Ridge Riders have worked with Travis County and other user groups to build and maintain recreational use trails. We look forward to continuing those efforts.

04/30/16 Travis County Parks personnel have become expert on wildland restoration through years of study and hard work. No private landowner I know comes close to their expertise. As an individual, I have spent the last 25 years also trying to repair what I have to call the

devastation of Hill Country land through goating, overgrazing, importation of invasives and European settlers' plain ignorance of what the land should be. I'm fortunate to live adjacent to Westcave/Hamilton Pool/Reimers/Pedernales River Corridor--a priceless network of parks and preserves. Overdevelopment is bearing down on us from Bee Caves and Highway 71, spilling over onto Hamilton Pool Road east of Highway 12. To the west, FM 962 ranchers, who have since Texas was a Republic tried to be good land stewards for their heirs, are beginning to sell. Wealthy outsiders are buying up tracts of land, which they immediately suburbanize. The land is stripped of vines, shrubs, understory trees, ashe juniper breaks, etc. to leave only live oak trees interspersed with scalped grasses, mainly invasive KR. No effort is made to restore native little/big bluestem, sideoats grama, Indian grass, cup grass, etc., etc. If a suburban landscape is not enough, these outsiders also put up massive game fences for exotics. It is common now to see zebras, for example, grazing on the Pedernales River. No value is placed on native wildlife. Where FM 962 ranchers considered it in bad taste and senseless to build on the riverbanks, these new landowners are constructing ugly structures which dominate the bluffs and ruin the experience of a wild river for those of us who value it. In this context of continuing devastation and loss, we look to Travis County Parks to restore wildland, protect native wildlife and their habitat, protect water quality, preserve dark skies and, importantly, create connective corridors so that these island preserves do not die a slow and inevitable death from surrounding overdevelopment. It is important to expand the Pedernales River Corridor from Reimers Ranch Park to Pedernales Falls State Park. It is important to fight Reimers-Peacock Road with a projected 2,600 unsustainable homes looming over Reimers Ranch Park and destroying water quality in dry southwest Travis County. It is important to support our parks! Thank you

04/30/16 I believe that one of the primary factors that contributes to the appeal of the Austin area is the amount of green space and outdoor activities available. As an avid mountain biker I would like to encourage you to improve and expand the opportunities for mountain biking in the area. Since cyclists can cover longer distances than hikers, remote trails can provide a highly desirable amenity with minimal conflict with other users. In my opinion bike trails are a good way to expand access to large parks like Reimers Ranch and further enhance the reputation of the Austin area as an outdoor haven.

04/30/16 I wanted to say how much my wife and I enjoy using the mountain bike trails at Reimers Ranch, which are wonderful! We would like to encourage additional trails and additional parks be included in your final parks master plan

04/30/16 My name is Carol Drake . I am a mountain biker who uses the existing trails in the Travis County parks quite often. Specifically, Reimers Ranch is my favorite place to ride and I would come ride every day if I could. I desire to maintain current access and expand MTB compatible trails where possible/advisable. Continuing the use of the existing trails and adding more public use trails should be encouraged.

04/30/16 I am an avid rock climber and mountain biker who uses the existing climbing areas, trails, natural areas, and facilities in Travis County parks. Maintaining access to these areas and facilities is important to me and the public in general. Continuing the use of existing natural areas, and adding more without restricting access to existing user groups, is encouraged. I support the acquisition and development of trail systems, climbing areas, and natural areas. I prefer mountain bike specific, natural surface, single track trails. I also prefer natural areas and

climbing areas with minimal development. I also support the development of paved surface trails systems that link park areas across the county. Examples are the greenway trails along creeks and rivers. I have frequented Reimer's Ranch since long before it was a county park, and adding camping, sports fields, and other such amenities at Reimer's should be approached with caution. These should not be added at the expense of the rock climbing areas, trail system, or natural areas of the park. It is expected that new amenities would be on the flatter areas and not on the rocky and sloped areas. Redeveloping the flatter areas would be fine if the prairie ecosystems are minimally impacted, and if trails and climbing were developed on the steeper and rockier areas. Expanding the facilities at Reimer's will also bring more vehicular traffic, and with the long, narrow access road, you could easily imagine how traffic issues would ensue that are on par or worse than those at Hamilton Pool. If facilities are expanded at Reimer's, they should be accompanied by traffic improvements, and possibly more entrances and parking, that help vehicles flow freely through the park. The Austin area does not need yet another traffic problem, especially one that involves getting to a natural area where users are trying to get away from traffic and vehicles in the first place. I do not support "parklands" or hiking-only trails that are closed to public recreational use. Closed areas are preserves, not parks. I think we should consider opening closed lands to public use where the public use does not conflict with the primary purpose. Finally, I support the general direction of the 10 Year Master Plan, and appreciate all of your hard work.

04/30/16 My name is Cooper Sellers and I have been an avid mountain biker in the Austin area for nearly 15 years. I greatly enjoy the trails at Reimer's Ranch and Pace Bend Park in particular. I wanted to just throw my comments out there concerning the newly posted up Master Plan. I just want to voice that I support continued development of mountain biking trails in Travis County parks and hope to see continued support for the sport.

04/30/16 I am writing to let you know that I have read the 10 year master plan. While it was short on details, I wanted to let you know that I support any initiatives to create more natural surface mountain bike trails.

04/30/16 one of the most valuable recreational resources in travis county are the mtn biking trails in the parks. it is essential that trails be expanded to handle the growing population of bikers moving in the county. as a member of the austin ridge riders, a senior citizen and multiple-activity user of the county parks i am surprised that given the valuable investment arr has made to the parks in trail creation and maintenance there is not more support for mtn biking. nor only have the mtn bikers made important qualitative contributions to our parks, but the positive economic impact of the sport, proven repeatedly, has helpd balance the books at some of the county parks. our events and races yield increased revenue mostly at times of little activity by other user groups. thank you.

04/30/16 I am an Austin resident since 1985 and since then have bicycling here, both on the roads and using mountain bikes, on the trails. Austin has grown very substantially. Trails that used to exist, whether official or not, have been swallowed up by developments. Roads

that used to be nice country lanes now carry too much traffic to be pleasant or even safe. I understand there is pressure to add intramural fields. That is well and good. However, please do not leave out trails and paths for use by cyclists, whether mountain bikers or road bikers. Reimers Ranch, for example, is an asset to be protected and expanded. Access to Reimers Ranch via Hamilton Pool road is no longer really pleasant or safe for cyclists, although I presume those issues are outside your purview. New trails and paths certainly would be welcomed. Finding safe ways to connect them would be great. For example, the relatively new South Walnut Creek Trail in east Austin seems to end at Lake Long. However, it is just a short road ride on up to Hwy 290 where great separated bike paths let you go almost to in sight of Manor. On the return, there are at least sidewalks along Hwy 290 that somewhat safely can get you pretty far to the west, past I-35. These kind of long loops that connect parks or trails are very special. Whatever you are now doing, I do appreciate that. While I am way too old to be in the young hipster group moving into Austin or already here, if we are to attract that set we should accommodate the kinds of recreation they like. What I want, as a 69 year old, is something safe, yet still challenging, so I can maintain my health and stay out of the health care system. I live in deep south Austin, in an area I call "bubba-land." While Mary Searight is nearby, it is pretty short in terms of trails for cyclists and not really very challenging at, even for an old guy like me. It is nice to ride out to Richard Moya (a long ride from house though) but once out there at Moore's Crossing, there is not much beyond that is as safe as it used to be. The very wonderful trail system along Town Lake ends at the Roy Guerrero park. The map indicates a lot of land along the river and south of it, apparently used for gravel mining. Being able to extend the Colorado River trail to the east would be very fine. And I do appreciate the great work that has already been done from Pleasant Valley out to Montopolis. I would conclude noting that the Austin bike map, while good, does not cover all of even Travis county, especially to the south of Slaughter Lane (I live near Slaughter and Manchaca). There is much that could be improved there, including a way to upload routes to a GPS so you can simply follow it on your own GPS device, referring to the overview map for context.

04/30/16 We support the need for sports fields in Southwest Travis County and the Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood area. Please help our community and our kids.

04/30/16 I wanted to take a moment to express how important it is to maintain the current access and in the future expand access to park land for mountain bikers. Austin has a huge cycling scene and with the growing population trails are getting more and more crowded. I hope during this planning phase you will take into account the growing need for diverse trail systems and access to public parks for mountain bikers.

04/30/16 I am writing to inform of the importance of maintaining and developing park land for the use of Mountain biking and pedestrian trail use. Mountain bikers unlike any other sport will build and maintain their own venue, thereby saving the county budget. Organizations such as AUstin Ridge riders have many arrangements thus far that are prime examples of this synergy. Park land gets developed with multi use sustainably built trails that dont require constant maintenance by park staff. It is very difficult to find the available trails in town for existing

residents as well as newcomers. Having dedicated trails and park land across the county is key so all areas have access to a nature trail near them without traversing the austin traffic jam to enjoy it. While I enjoy the reimers location, its proximity to me and the lower income residents on the eastern side of town will almost never drive the hour to get there.

04/30/16 I am a resident of Fort Bend County, which is basically west Houston. I've been rock climbing on a frequent basis for over the 39 years and my wife has been climbing even longer than I have. My wife and I routinely drive to the Milton Reimers Park to rock climb on the fantastic limestone. We typically drive there and climb and then get back home in one long day. Its tough, but its worth it, as we both have challenging jobs and climbing at Reimers usually helps us cope with everyday stress. We have probably averaged one to two trips to Reimers per month over the last five years. The six-hour round driving time is worth it to us because we are both avid climbers and Reimers gives us what we need, to climb outside in a beautiful place. Although I grew up and lived in Oklahoma, I made my first visit to climb at the Milton Reimers Fish Camp around 1980. I loved the place and came back with my four-year old son in 1990. With Milton's permission, we camped in the big cave and climbed some of the wild routes at the cave. Two memories stand out from that night that we camped in the cave. The first occurred while we were sitting on a rock ledge and watching the lightning show of an approaching thunderstorm. All of a sudden, there was a great scream from somewhere just above us, on another ledge. The strength and suddenness of the scream froze us in fear. Then it happened again, but sounded farther away, like on top of the cliff, and we realized that it was a big cat...like a mountain lion. Later, as the thunderstorm approached and we were all in our sleeping bags on the floor of the cave, we noticed a very peculiar humming or ringing sound. Upon investigating the sound, we realized that very tiny, needle-like stalagmites that were hanging down from the cave's ceiling were vibrating with the storm and making the cave sing. Many years later, in 2007, I returned to Reimers and found that although Milton and his family were gone (and probably the big cat as well), the place had been protected and was thankfully now a County Park. I was so happy to see that although the number of climbing routes and trails had increased, the place was as beautiful and pristine as it had been back in 1990. I really appreciate the thoughtful environmental awareness of all the climbers and hikers that have preserved Reimers over the years. I also especially appreciate the work of Travis County and its employees to save and maintain this amazing place. In conclusion, I invite you to check out the cave that is located near the main climbing area approach gully during a thunderstorm. I bet it still sings with the thunder.

04/30/16 I am an avid rock climber who uses the existing climbing areas, natural areas, and facilities in Travis County parks. Maintaining access to these areas is important to me and the public in general. Continuing the use of existing climbing and natural areas, and adding more, is encouraged. I support the general direction of the 10 Year Master Plan.

04/30/16 Thanks so much for asking for input on the use of Travis County Parks in the master plan. My wife and I have an TC Parks annual pass and use the Pace Bend and Reimers trails several times a week. Thank you for supporting the efforts in building out new trails for mountain

biking and running. Outside of the increase of off-leash dogs (not enforced); it is a definite pleasure to still be able to get away from the problems of the ever-expanding Austin. I know that I speak for dozens of others who may not know about this public input opportunity, but please consider expanding trail systems and look to potential places to start new trail systems, possibly on the east side of Austin or NW as well.

04/30/16 I am a rock climber who uses the existing climbing areas, natural areas, and facilities in Travis County parks. I actually just returned from climbing at Reimer's Ranch earlier today. Maintaining access to these areas is important to me and the public in general. Continuing the use of existing climbing and natural areas, and adding more, is encouraged. I support the general direction of the 10 Year Master Plan.

05/01/16 Just wanted to send my support for extending the trail systems at Reimer's Ranch for mixed use, including mountain biking which is my primary sport. With all the great terrain we have in the area of the southwest, there aren't a lot of places that mountain bikers can ride. I certainly understand the need for multi-use trails – mountain bikers are not the only people who want to "Take it outside"; but wanted to let you know that mountain biking is a great part of the Reimer's Ranch experience and I would love to see that be expanded, or at the very least not decreased.

05/01/16 Love to see planning on parks being done. Please remember to include planning for mountain bike single track. It is low cost, low impact, high fun, use of trail. We prefer dedicated trail of course, but realize that is not always feasible, so are willing to share with other user groups. Also be aware that there are groups that are willing and able to develop trail at no cost to the county. Austin Ridge Riders mountain biking, as well as trail runner group and just trail angle groups.

05/01/16 I've lived and worked in Travis county since graduating college 7 years ago and have thoroughly enjoyed all the outdoor recreational opportunities afforded by the local beauty of the hill country. Hardly a weekend goes by that I don't head out to Reimer's Ranch for some climbing with friends or hike at areas such the greenbelt or St. Edwards. Improvements in recent years to access and facilities at Reimer's has really increased the utilization of the park and I would love to see the acquisition and development of more parks such as these in the future to allow for greater opportunities for rock climbing, hiking, and swimming. As the population of Travis County grows, I think that it's ever more important to preserve areas that can be set aside in a more natural state to allow people to seek some refuge away from the the city.

05/01/16 As a frequent visitor of the Travis county parks I am excited about plans to expand and improve the county parks resources. As an avid mountain biker I am want to ensure current access to existing trails remain. Additionally as our central Texas population continues to

grow we will need to expand resources for the growing mountain biking community. Travis County I hope you will ensure we have ample resources available to mountain bikers over the next 10 years.

05/01/16 As, a long time mountain biker and park user I support the continued and hopefully expanded mountain bike and multi-use trails in Travis County Parks. My family and I have been park users and seasonal pass holders since the early 1980's.

05/01/16 I, and many of my friends, are avid rock climbers, and make frequent use of areas like Milton Reimer's Ranch, and the Barton Creek Greenbelt. In my eyes, devoting funds to further land acquisitions which contain cliffs suitable for climbing, and the development of that land for sport climbing, would be well received, and well spent. Central Texas Mountaineers is the organization which is in control of climbing development and safety. They could surely offer suggestions for future lands with climbable topology, and budgetary information. Rock climbing definitely draws people to the area for visits, and to live. I also am a slackliner. Continuing work to allow responsible use of park trees for slacklining, without undue constraint (like the need to acquire a permit), is important to me. Using trees as a natural anchoring point will always be desirable. But in developing parklands, installing other forms of anchors, specifically for slacklining, like steel posts, would be very useful as well.

05/01/16 I am a Travis County resident and avid mountain bikers. I would love to see more land open up to recreational use. Natural surfaces of single-track have been one of the main reasons I love living in Austin and draws a lot of visitors. Specifically, I would love to see development of facilities near these parks- parking, toilets, and trash cans. One of my biggest pet peeves (pun intended) is the prevalence of dog poop bags on the trail. I feel that more trash cans close to trail heads might alleviate this issue. I would also love to see more paved or natural surface trails that connect the region by bike so that cyclist can travel long distances with minimal exposure to vehicular traffic. The Walnut Creek South trail is a great example of this. I would love to see a network of trail that connect the city.

05/01/16 I am a rock climber who uses the existing climbing areas, natural areas, and facilities in Travis County parks. Maintaining access to these areas is important to me and the public in general. Continuing the use of existing climbing and natural areas, and adding more, is encouraged. I support the general direction of the 10 Year Master Plan." After quickly scanning the plan, the only issue I could potentially see is traffic troubles on the Reimer's road. The plan calls for expanding trails and public use facilities at Reimer's, which would bring more people, and also more cars. We don't want to end up with a Hamilton Pool traffic jam every weekend, so proper traffic planning should be encouraged along with the development of the park(s).

05/01/16 As a mountain biker, having more trails to ride on, or improving existing trails is great. I noticed that there are suggested improvements to Reimer's Ranch. I think bringing a larger group of park users out there would be great, but not at the expense of any of the existing mountain bike trails. Since you're exploring a new master plan, how about opening up some of the closed trails, like Forrest Ridge? More parks: good. Altering or closing biking and hiking trails: bad.

05/01/16 Hello Travis County, I love the idea of creating more green belts and acquiring land along creeks and rivers. MORE TRAILS!!!!!!!!!!

05/01/16 The acquisition of land for the Pedernales River Corridor will have the greatest positive impact of any of the provisions of the plan. I hope the county will attempt to preserve the primitive nature of the southwestern parks: Reimers, Hamilton Pool Preserve, and the Pedernales River Corridor. The county poured a lot of concrete and tarmac on Reimers to make it accessible. It would be great to really set aside a great portion of these lands to remain primitive, accessible by foot, horse, and possibly bike, but not auto. Additionally, the plan should explicitly prohibit uses like sports fields for Reimers and PRC. They should remain as natural areas. When plans for the Reimers campground are formed, please make preservation of the natural aspect of the park the priority. I don't understand, from the plan as circulated, what the campground would look like — would it serve motor camping, or primitive camping? I'm unfamiliar with how other county parks do it. Primitive camping is most in keeping with the nature and history of this park.

05/01/16 I am a mountain biker who uses the existing trails at Travis County parks, specifically, Pace Bend and Reimers Ranch. Maintaining access to those trails is very important to me and to the public in general. I would encourage continuing the use and upkeep of the existing trails and adding more public use trails for mountain biking. Thank you for the opportunity to submit a comment.

05/01/16 The master plan looks good. I support the initiatives to acquire more land. I really enjoy riding my mountain bike on the trails of Travis County Parks, such as Reimer's Ranch, Pace Bend and others. Please continue to look for opportunities to expand the trail system to hikers and bikers. Being able to access so many great trails is one of the things I love about Austin.

05/01/16 Please consider the following: \* We need short 9 & 18 hole courses for beginners, kids, and families. \* We need 9 & 18 hole intermediate and championship level courses. \* We need multiple courses, for different skill levels, in the same parks. \* A beginner course at East Metro in Manor would be a great companion to the championship level course already there. \* Courses added to the planning they are doing in the Onion Creek area would be great. \* Courses at their parks in the Southwest and Northwest areas. \* A complex of 3 or 4 courses at the huge Reimer's Ranch area (that isn't open yet but will be at some point; they said at one of the meetings that this tract of land is over 2,000 acres in size).

05/01/16 Please include Disc Golf to be part of all master plans to improve our existing parks and new parks in our beautiful city. As our city grows, so does the Disc Golf Movement and we must keep up with the times. I urge you to consider some beginner courses in the smaller parks and championship courses where the park land is plentiful. There are very many people that contribute to fixing and maintaining on their own time, I myself contribute all the time. The sport is a great way of getting in shape and also bringing families to nature, my sons, daughter, wife, and I play all the time and its a great way to spend family time outside away from tv and video games. Again I ask you to please consider disc golf to be a part of our master plans of our parks.

05/01/16 Hi im a disc golf player. I love the course that u have in travis county. We need more beginner course for kids n there family. Some intermediate and some championship course. Would like to see a few going in Onion Creek and at Reimer's Ranch area. Would like to see 3 to 4 course at these park area's. Would like to see some new one in Southwest and in Northwest Travis County. Thank you for your time and hope that we are able to get some new course in are County.

05/01/16 I have a few concerns about he planning of parks in Travis County moving forward. I think it's great that we have so many disc golf courses but it's not enough. \* We need short 9 & 18 hole courses for beginners, kids, and families. \* We need 9 & 18 hole intermediate and championship level courses. \* We need multiple courses, for different skill levels, in the same parks. \* A beginner course at East Metro in Manor would be a great companion to the championship level course already there. \* Courses added to the planning they are doing in the Onion Creek area would be great. \* Courses at their parks in the Southwest and Northwest areas. \* A complex of 3 or 4 courses at the huge Reimer's Ranch area (that isn't open yet but will be at some point.

05/01/16 I moved from Corpus Christi to Austin in 1991 when I was 21. The first chance I got, I went out and bought a Disc Golf disc and headed for Zilker park. I started playing casual rounds, and met some of the friendliest and helpful people. I started competing in tournaments around town, as well as represented Austin in other cities and states in competitions. I met such a wide range of people playing Disc Golf, blue collar, white collar, students, teachers, lawyers, bankers, computer geeks, firemen, and police; and I would guess 85% of my friends I have directly or indirectly due to playing Disc Golf here in Austin. Please let's keep this sport growing in Travis County, and I promise to help keep the goodwill alive out on the Disc Golf course.

05/01/16 As a resident of southern Travis county and proud Austinite I urge you to include more disc golf courses in the 10 year plan currently under consideration. I have played disc golf since 2007 when a friend convinced me to accompany him to the now defunct Pease Park course. I wasn't very good but I had a blast and have played several times a week ever since. Disc golf is great exercise and use of public parkland. It is accommodating to persons of all ages from kids through senior citizens. It is a low-impact sport with very low barriers to entry

(cost) other than available courses. I have watched the sport grow by leaps and bounds since I started playing. It is not uncommon to have a wait on every hole on some of our more popular courses. Hundreds, if not thousands, of volunteer hours are put back into these courses by local clubs each year to help maintain these 'parks within a park'. As I previously stated, disc golfers are a varied and eclectic group encompassing all age groups and socioeconomic classes. What we need to keep this awesome sport expanding is more courses in the area.

05/01/16 \*Championship level courses will bring revenue to Austin, look at Emporia Kansas as an example for what the Glass Blown Open Tournament has done for their city. \*Look at the spectator crowds that flood in to championship tournaments. \*Pro disc golfers are not drug addicts and alcoholics, they are extremely professional and dedicated athletes. \*I am a member of one of Austin's largest disc golf clubs, Wells Branch Disc Gold Club and the vast majority of our members volunteer money, time and energy into cleaning parks, planting trees and growing the sport. This includes all ages, individual and families. \*The number of parents and children in strollers has dramatically increased over the last few years. \*This has become a huge spectator sport with people traveling from all over the world to watch these tournaments. \* We need short 9 & 18 hole courses for beginners, kids, and families. \* We need 9 & 18 hole intermediate and championship level courses. \* We need multiple courses, for different skill levels, in the same parks. \* A beginner course at East Metro in Manor would be a great companion to the championship level course already there. \* Courses added to the planning they are doing in the Onion Creek area would be great. \* Courses at their parks in the Southwest and Northwest areas. \* A complex of 3 or 4 courses at the huge Reimer's Ranch area (that isn't open yet but will be at some point; they said at one of the meetings that this tract of land is over 2,000 acres in size). There are lots more great reasons that all of you have for loving disc golf and wanting, and needing, more of it.

05/01/16 I have lived in Travis county for 41 years (in an unincorporated area the last 35 years) and have enjoyed parks and outdoor activities all my life. I think Travis County has done an outstanding job focusing the park land acquisition on larger tracts that can mostly be left in their native state. Urban type parks with softball fields and playgrounds certainly have their benefits to the urban population and the City of Austin has many of those type of parks. I have been a rock climber for the last 40 years and enjoy climbing at Reimers Ranch Park. I strongly support your top two priorities for the southwest planning area: 1) Acquire parkland for the Pedernales River Corridor 2) Develop Reimers Ranch Park campground and expand trail system. I know that climbers are good stewards of the parks from my time climbing as well as working on trails and maintenance activities on Parks Day. The County should identify and purchase more land that has topographical features suitable for expanded climbing opportunities. Thank you for soliciting public input on this process.

05/01/16 Thank for you taking the public's input as you move forward with your next 10-year Parks Master Plan. I am President of Waterloo Disc Golf Club, the largest, oldest disc golf club in Central Texas. The club formed in 1999 and now has over 550 members. We work hard to maintain and improve disc golf courses in the Austin & Travis County area, and to help create new courses whenever possible. The 18-

hole championship caliber disc golf course at Travis County's East Metro Park in Manor is wonderful and we are very glad it is there. However, we feel that many more disc golf courses are needed, and are possible, in the county's other parks. What do we want to see as Travis County moves forward? What do the residents, both those who currently play disc golf and those who might if it were more available and accessible, want and need? \* short 9 & 18 hole courses for beginners, kids, and families \* 9 & 18 hole intermediate and championship level courses \* multiple courses, for different skill levels, in the same parks. A bit more specifically: \* A beginner course at East Metro in Manor would be a great companion to the championship level course already there. \* Courses added to the planning you are doing in the Onion Creek area would be great. \* Courses at your parks in the Southwest and Northwest areas. \* A complex of 3 or 4 courses at the huge Reimer's Ranch area (the one that isn't open yet but will be at some point). Beginner courses are short, easy to play, easy to get around, and aren't just for adults starting the sport but they are great for families too, a perfect spot to take younger children to try the sport and so families can spend time outdoors playing as a family. Intermediate level courses are perfect for people who have gotten better at the sport and are too good to enjoy the beginner course; also good for more experienced players who don't have as much time and/or who want to play a different, yet fun, type of course instead of the professional/championship courses they usually play. Professional/championship level course are for the experienced players; but are also good for intermediate players who really want to challenge themselves and stretch/grow their skills. Larger parks, such as Reimer's Ranch especially but even a number of the other county parks are very good-sized, are great places for multiple courses in the same park. This will provide, in just one park, a place for all types of disc golf players plus activities and amenities for their friends and family members that don't play. A family can come to the park and spend the whole day there. The dad and a younger child can go play the beginner course. The mom and an older kid can play the intermediate course. The uncle and older kid and a friend can play the championship level course. The Aunt and other kids who aren't interested in playing can go enjoy the playscapes, ball fields, hiking trails, etc. They can meet back up for a picnic lunch, and then maybe switch who plays which courses in the afternoon while the rest not playing go off for other activities. Parks such as these become destination parks, and are great not only for Travis County residents but also for visitors and tourists. Disc golfers will travel specifically to play disc golf courses, and those who travel for other reasons often take their discs with them and explore parks and disc golf courses wherever they go. Disc golf is the kind of outdoor, good-exercise, appreciate nature, have fun with friends and family activity that we need so much more of. It gets kids, teens, adults, and seniors out of the house and engaged in a fun and healthy sport. It is playable by folks of all ages, from 3 – 90, and is accessible to people of all socio-economic backgrounds. One disc, costing as little as \$7-\$8 (and less if purchasing a "used disc") is all it takes to play as much as someone wants. Waterloo Disc Golf Club helped with the creation of the Manor (East Metro) disc golf course and has had work days out there as well over the years to help maintain the course. The club would be happy to assist in the creation and maintenance of other courses in the county's parks as well. Thank you for all you do in making Travis County a better place to live and play,

05/01/16

I am writing to lend support for the Travis County Parks Plan. We especially note and appreciate the awareness of the demographic and ecological diversity of Travis County, and the Plan's responsiveness to these realities in a manner consistent with the Travis County Land, Water and Transportation Plan. The goals you have set forth for Southwest Travis County inspire natural resource protection and

outdoor experiences in nature for people in our growing region, and we share this goal with you. In the late 1990's, our family voluntarily placed two conservation easements on the Shield Ranch, protecting more than 6,400 acres on Barton Creek in the Hamilton Pool Road corridor to benefit water supply and to protect water quality, wildlife habitat, scenic beauty and quality of life for our urbanizing community. We now offer a unique nature immersion camping experience for economically disadvantaged youth; as well as opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, hunting, environmental education, and scientific research. The Reimer's Ranch acquisition has turned out to be a tremendous community asset—a place where families learn to love and explore the natural world, protect our pristine streams, and gaze at starry skies. Your goal to expand parklands and also camping and hiking opportunities along the Pedemales Corridor and Hamilton Pool Road will benefit the character, beauty and health of our neighborhood for generations to come. Thank you, and please consider us your partner as you move forward with the implementation of this plan.

05/01/16 Just wanted to add my request / support for Disc Golf as part of the Parks plans. I think it's a great sport and a great fit for parks in general. With the continuing rapid growth of the sport (now seeing better coverage and real sponsorships), continuing Austin's tradition of support for the sport would complement its character well. Specifically I think any of the below would be wonderful: - More short courses geared towards beginners (short, good boundaries between holes so nobody gets hurt. - Seeing side-by-side beginner and professional courses would get more people into parks and provide a good environment for separating new and experienced players. - More (or improved) championship level courses would draw more, higher profile tournaments. I think the parks are pretty great in Austin relative to other Texas cities I've lived in. Keep up the great work.

05/01/16 I'm a rock climber here in Travis county. I utilize outdoor climbing areas such as Reimers Ranch, Barton Creek Greenbelt's Seimic, Gus Fruh and New Walls as well as the climbing in Bull Creek park. I just wanted to comment that with the opening of Austin Bouldering Project this year, Austin has put itself on the map for bouldering and sport/traditional climbing. Along with ABP and the North and South Austin Rock Gyms, a fourth gym is expected, Crux, in the south Congress area. These are training grounds for outdoor climbers. I believe the recent boom in climbing is enough evidence that there are thousands of climbers in the area. The maintenance of local climbing areas is critical our safety and is something that means a lot to the climbing community. We also hope to see more areas developed in the Travis County Parks system as the demand for climbing crags increases over the next 5-10 years. Specifically, please consider parking accommodations at Reimers Ranch which offers the best quality and most quantity of sport climbing in the county. It already fills up on some weekends and with the suggested improvements we hope that the area will ever be able to support the greater number of patrons at the park. We greatly appreciate the climbing areas that have already been developed and we do everything we can as a community to promote a Leave No Trace policy wherever access is permitted.

05/01/16 I'm writing to express support for the Travis County Parks Plan, specifically the SW Travis County regional goals. Please note this comment letter is coming from me personally and not from my employer. I am enthusiastic about the priorities you have outlined to protect additional lands along the Pedernales Corridor and Lake Travis. I am also very happy to see a focus on park facilities including hiking trails and camp sites. I worked hard on the campaign to purchase the Reimer's Ranch park and I personally use that facility and appreciate the beautiful, quiet, natural experience found at Reimer's Ranch. Thank you!! I hear some whispers about the need for sports facilities in our area. I have a 14-year-old son that has played baseball at the LTYA fields in Bee Cave since he was five. I can see the need to expand those fields and I encourage the county to work closely with the City of Bee Cave to secure additional land adjacent to or near these fields. I believe any new sports facilities should be located near existing population centers, in the cities of Bee Cave, Lakeway or Oak Hill. I am concerned about the fact that Lakeway and LTYA would like to add sports field adjacent to the Lake Travis Middle School. That site is high on a hill with steep slopes leading to Bee Creek. It will be next to impossible to light those fields and deal with traffic impacts without significantly devaluing the neighborhoods along quiet Bee Creek Road. Please avoid the quiet neighborhoods of Hamilton Pool Road and the Bee Creek valley as possible sites for sports fields. Also, I want you to know that I regularly drive my son to NE Metro, Town and Country and Dell Diamond for baseball tournaments and I gladly drive the distance to a flatter terrain that is more conducive to these kinds of facilities. By the way, you did a fantastic job on the NE Metro park – we love it! We are fortunate to live in a part of the county that is rich in scenic beauty, wildlife habitat and clean flowing waters. We are on the edge of the Hill Country and while this area is attracting new residents at a fast pace, we need to recognize our natural assets and protect our hills, the character and charm, the beautiful parks and natural areas we are so blessed with. Thank you for your good work. The Parks Plan is excellent.

05/02/16 I am a mountain biker who uses the existing trails Travis County parks. Maintaining access to those trails is important to me and the public in general. Continuing the use of the existing trails and adding more public use trails should be encouraged. I support the general direction of the 10 Year Master Plan.

05/02/16 Have been in town nearly a quarter century, drawn largely by the amount and quality of greenspace in the city. I'm an extremely heavy user of the town lake hike-n-bike trail, Barton Creek Greenbelt, and Milton Reimer's Ranch. I'd say my primary activities include running, climbing, and hiking. That said, I also value the fact that I can share and enjoy these areas with my friends, the mountain bikers, kayakers, and others. If there is a general emphasis I would urge, it would be the expansion of pure, natural greenspace in the central region, along with mountain biking, hiking, and especially technical rock climbing. Currently the demand for these area exceeds the capacity, and most folks I know are drawn to the far limits of our county for these activities. Reimer's Ranch is nearly an hour's drive for me, yet remains the only place I can faithfully count on being in unadorned natural settings and finding open climbing space. Oddly, I see scalable walls near the 360 bridge, and near Bull Creek that remain undeveloped and unused, as well as other opportunities. I must count myself as a strong supporter of

the Travis County Park system, and applaud your acquisition of more open space to preserve the green-natural settings amidst our growing metropolis. Yea! Great Job! I hope my comments help influence your continued direction, to keep our city on the cutting edge of the unique, as one of the few larger urban areas with a commitment to preserve -- at least in part -- the sense of the natural landscape, while still encouraging hiking, biking, climbing, and other activities that bring people in close contact with the pristine to remind them of what came before.



# Appendix A: Public Meeting Attendance



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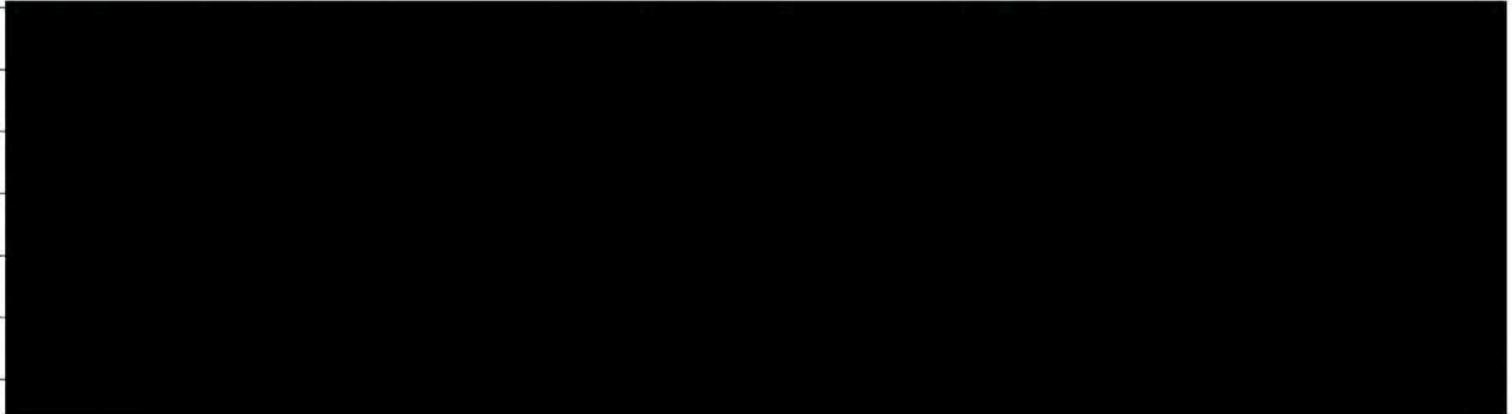
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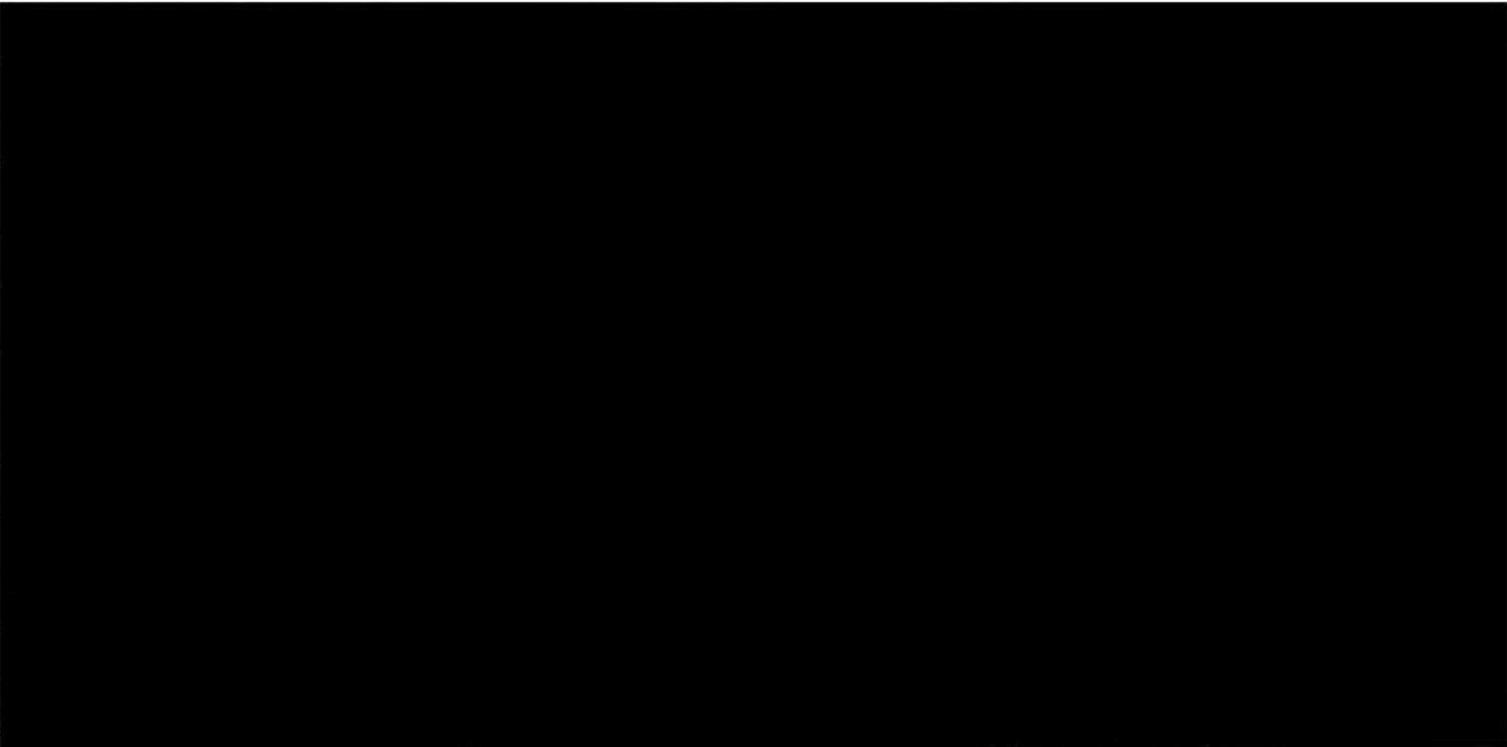


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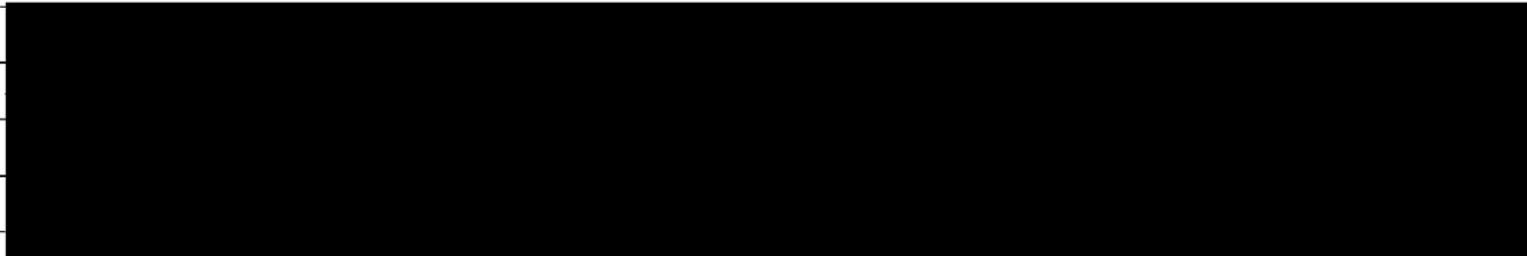
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