



**AUSTIN  
PARKS**  
FOUNDATION



**2023 ANNUAL REPORT**



Dear friends,

More than 30 years ago - all the way back in 1992 - the seed of Austin Parks Foundation was planted. Since that day, and thanks to your support, our roots have climbed deeper and stretched wider with each passing year. Today, we are happy to be solidly planted in the Austin community, doing more than ever before to support the city's nearly 400 parks, trails and green spaces.


As we take a look back at 2023, I want to express my sincere gratitude for all the support you have provided to us at APF. Our parks mean so much to our community, and your contributions have helped enhance the quality of life for everyone in Austin through the creation and preservation of our parks.

Here are just a few of the highlights we've celebrated in the past year:

- We teamed up with the San Antonio Spurs to announce Play ATX, a \$500,000 multi-year program dedicated to renovating parks and basketball courts throughout Austin. Some of the projects are already complete, with more planned in the coming months!
- We made a \$2M commitment to match the City of Austin's funds to provide manmade and natural shade structures at parks across Austin.
- We celebrated the 20th Anniversary of It's My Park Day, our biannual, community-wide volunteer event that features more than 160 park projects and thousands of volunteers. Our 2023 events generated nearly \$600,000 in labor value (equal to eight full-time PARD maintenance staff), with nearly 19,000 hours logged and 96,170 pounds of trash collected - wow!
- We celebrated the opening of the brand new Earl J. Pomerleau Pocket Park, in Northeast Austin.
- We awarded \$223,650 in ACL Music Festival Grants to fund improvements identified by community members at parks across the city.
- We started planning work on Austin's first public All Abilities Playground - which will be APF's largest project to date.

These accomplishments would not be possible without you. As we look forward to the year ahead, let's pledge to do more in 2024 - more for our parks, and more for our people. Let's ensure that all Austinites have access to a safe space where they can relax and unwind. Let's create welcoming, inclusive playgrounds where everyone can enjoy the magic of play. Let's maintain our parks for future generations, and let's do it all together.

On behalf of everyone at APF, thank you for being a part of our community.

 Colin Wallis  
CEO, Austin Parks Foundation

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# VOLUNTEERISM & ADVOCACY

2023 was not without its challenges for Austin's parks. The legislative session dealt a devastating blow to parks funding with the [passing of HB 1526](#), while a historic ice storm in February caused extensive damage to our parks and urban tree canopy. Despite these challenges, our community showed up in droves to support park projects and celebrate the 20th Anniversary of It's My Park Day! APF hosted 83 civic and custom corporate volunteer workdays in 2023, totaling nearly 250 hours of volunteer labor put directly back into our parks.

It was a big year for parks advocacy following the passing of new laws limiting Parkland Dedication, but our team and fellow park lovers took to the Capitol to advocate for our city's beloved green spaces. While there's still much work to be done, APF is proud of what our community has accomplished in successfully advocating for increased funds for the PARD budget, including a \$2 Million allocation (with funds matched from APF) for increased shade structures.



2,115

CUBIC YARDS OF MULCH



10,796

VOLUNTEERS



287

PARK PROJECTS



32,388

HOURS OF WORK



146

PARKS ACROSS AUSTIN



Through our ACL Music Festival Grants program, APF is able to fund community-initiated park improvements, large and small, across Austin. Our Park Design Services are intended to provide design options to Adopt-A-Park groups at every scale. These funding opportunities are given to park stakeholder groups looking to make a difference in their park.



## ACL MUSIC FESTIVAL GRANTS AWARDED IN 2023

- \$2,000** **St. David's Foundation Community Garden (D1, 78702)**  
Community garden fencing
- \$2,500** **Walnut Creek Metro Park (D7, 78753)**  
Ice storm maintenance
- \$4,800** **Festival Beach Community Garden (D3, 78702)**  
Garden site plan
- \$5,000** **PEAS/Cunningham School Park (D5, 78745)**  
Garden improvements and repair
- \$6,000** **Parque Zaragoza (D3, 78702)**  
Shade trees
- \$8,850** **Gus Garcia Community Garden (D4, 78753)**  
Rainwater tank repair
- \$10,000** **Armadillo Neighborhood Park (D5, 78745)**  
Poison ivy and invasive species removal
- \$25,000** **Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum (D5, 78704)**  
Historic preservation, expansion and unification plan
- \$25,000** **Elisabet Ney Museum (D9, 78751)**  
Museum landscape plan
- \$27,000** **Haskell House and Community Garden (D9, 78703)**  
Heritage garden establishment, interpretive plan and garden improvements
- \$29,000** **Pastor Craig Neighborhood Park (D2, 78744)**  
Neighborhood information kiosk
- \$50,000** **Dottie Jordan Neighborhood Park (D1, 78723)**  
Playground shade structure
- \$89,400** **Roy G. Guerrero Colorado Metro Park (D3, 78741)**  
Trail installation and maintenance

## ACL MUSIC FESTIVAL GRANTS COMPLETED IN 2023

Great parks take time! APF is proud to add these previous ACL Music Festival Grant recipients to our list of completed park projects in 2023.



**North Oaks Community Garden (D1, 78753)** - Perimeter community garden fencing



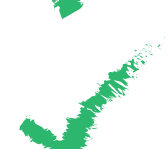
**Sanchez School Park (D3, 78702)** - New water fountain



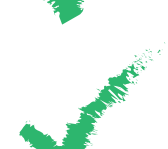
**Gus Garcia Community Garden (D4, 78753)** - Rainwater tank repair



**T.A. Brown Neighborhood Park (D4, 78752)** - New exercise equipment



**Gullett School Park (D7, 78756)** - Resurfacing of multi-use court



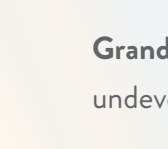
**Reed Neighborhood Park (D10, 78703)** - New picnic tables and benches



**Deep Eddy Community Garden (D10, 78703)** - New tool shed and solar panels



**School Parks (Various Council Districts and Zip Codes)** - Various amenities and updates



**St. David's Foundation Community Garden (D1, 78702)** - Community garden fencing

## COMMUNITY INITIATED DESIGN SERVICES

**Grand Meadow Neighborhood Park (D2, 78747)** - Overall park planning for 10 acres of undeveloped parkland, completed October 2023.

**Mary Dawson Pocket Park (D9, 78704)** - Detailed park design, creating park concept plan and cost estimate, completed May 2023.

# PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

APF invests in special, short-term projects, as well as long-term, strategic improvements. By providing design and funding park renovations all over the city, we are increasing access and improving the usability of some of our city's most well-loved parks, as well as those that need help to become the urban sanctuaries they are meant to be.

## McBETH RECREATION CENTER PLAYGROUND

District 8 (78746)  
Completed Sept. 2023  
\$106,421.00 Total Cost



## POMERLEAU POCKET PARK

District 4 (78723)  
Completed July 2023  
\$574,120.14 Total Cost



## T.A. BROWN EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

(construction, design & permits)

District 4 (78752)  
Completed May 2023  
\$38,389.00 Total Cost



## GARRISON PARK BASKETBALL COURT REFURBISHMENT

w/ the San Antonio Spurs

District 5 (78745)  
Completed Oct. 2023  
\$129,658.10 Total Cost



## DOVE SPRINGS DISTRICT PARK BASKETBALL COURT REFURBISHMENT

w/ the San Antonio Spurs

District 2 (78744)  
Completed April 2023  
\$149,098.00 Total Cost



## GOVALLE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK BASEBALL FIELD LIGHTING

District 3 (78721)  
Completed March 2023  
\$308,210.00 Total Cost





## THANKS TO OUR 2023 SPONSORS

We invest 86 cents of every dollar donated directly into projects and programming in parks, trails and green spaces across Austin! When you support Austin Parks Foundation, you are investing in healthier, more vibrant and safer communities.



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## VOLUNTEER

We place tremendous value on the individuals, groups and companies in our dedicated volunteer corps. From city-wide volunteer days, to individual work days, to the Adopt-A-Park Program, we leverage thousands of volunteers to help maintain and preserve Austin's green spaces.

Join us at [austinparks.org/volunteer](http://austinparks.org/volunteer)

**DONATE**

As a non-profit organization, we rely on the generosity of people like you. Join us in enhancing our parks so that they are greener, safer and better able to meet the ever-changing needs of the Austin community.

Donate to support our work at [austinparks.org/donate](https://austinparks.org/donate)

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