2026 Bond Development

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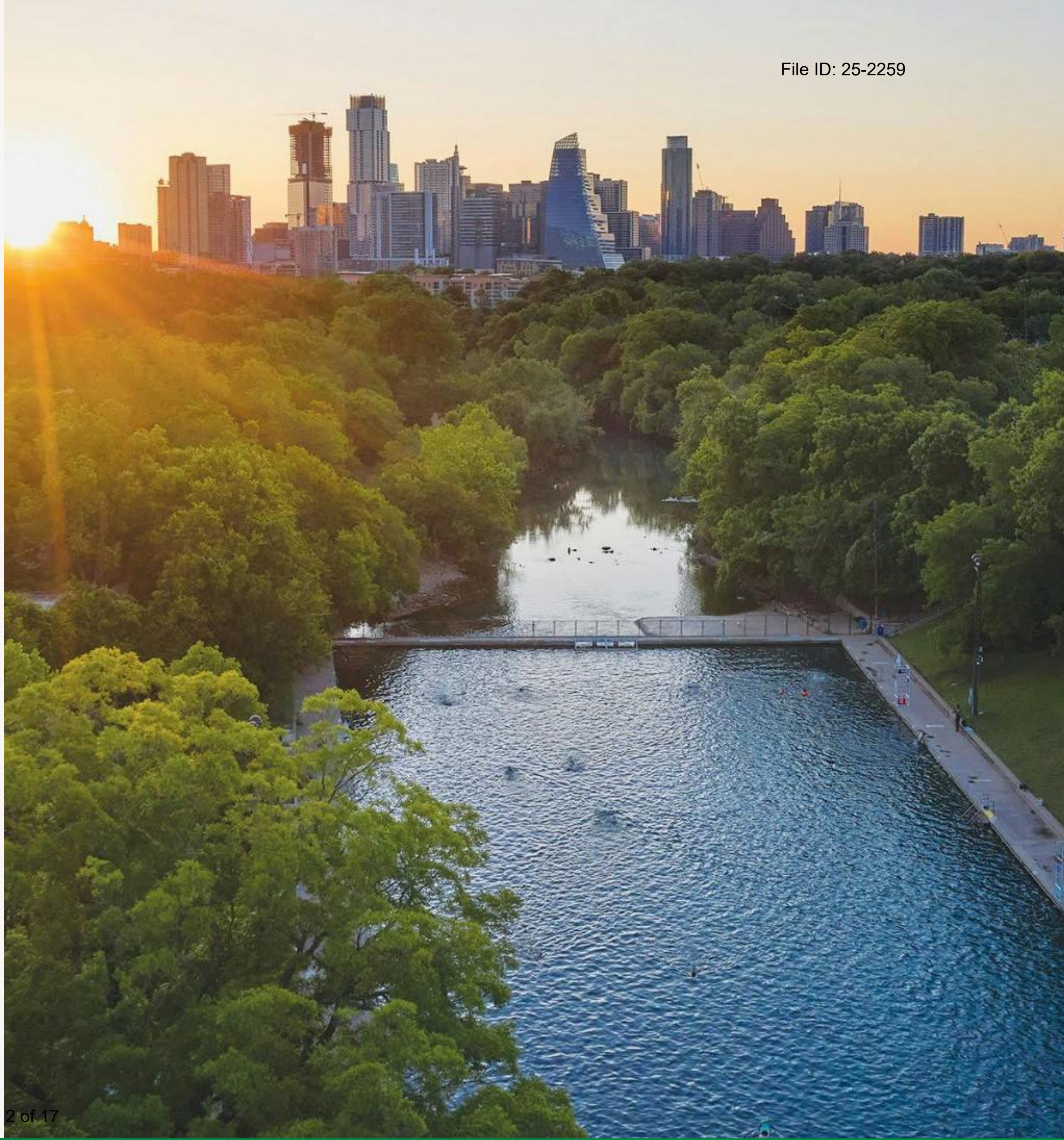
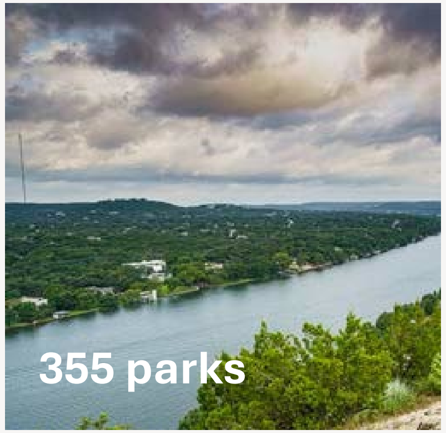
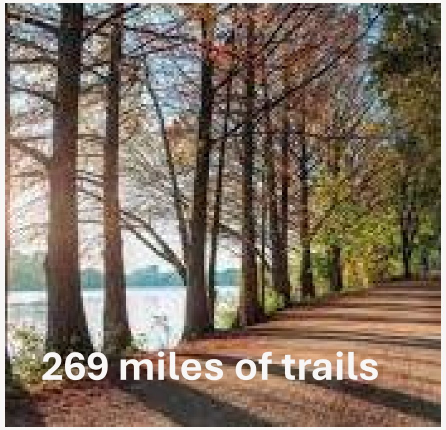
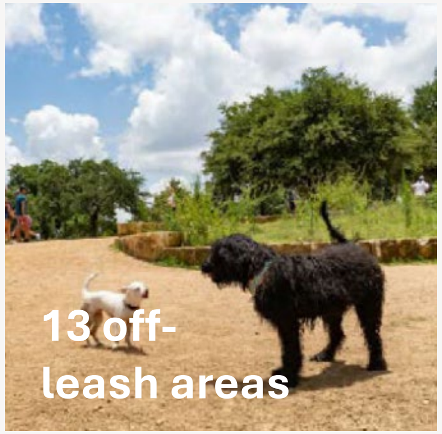


Parks and Recreation: At a Glance

MISSION: To inspire Austin to learn, play, protect, and connect by creating diverse programs and experiences in sustainable natural spaces and public places.







And more!

CIP Funding Sources

On average, PARD spends $0.70 of PLD fees for every Bond $1 spent on land acquisitions

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Primary Funding Source:

General Obligation Bonds

Additional Funding Sources
Parkland Dedication Fees
Grants
Hotel Occupancy Tax
Partnerships
Certificates of Obligation
Mitigation Fees
Donations
General Fund

Bond History - Parks

Bond	Department / Facility	PARD Appropriation
1998 Bond (Prop 2)	Parks and Recreation	$75.90 M
2006 Bond (Prop 3)	Parks and Recreation	$84.70 M
2006 Bond (Prop 4)	Cultural Facilities	$11.49 M
2012 Bond (Prop 14)	Parks and Recreation	$77.68 M
2018 Bond (Prop B)	Libraries, Museums and Cultural Centers	$66.50 M
2018 Bond (Prop C)	Parks and Recreation	$149.00 M

APR 2018 Bond Progress – Prop C

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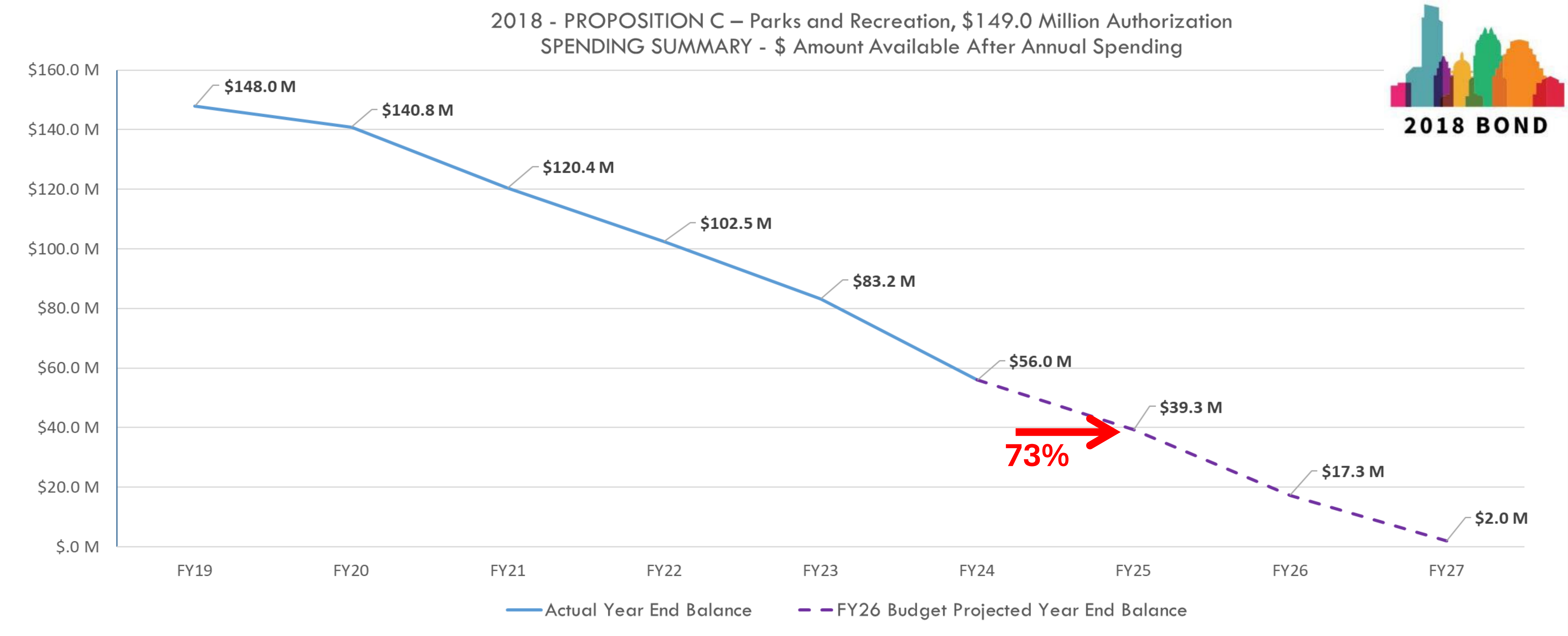
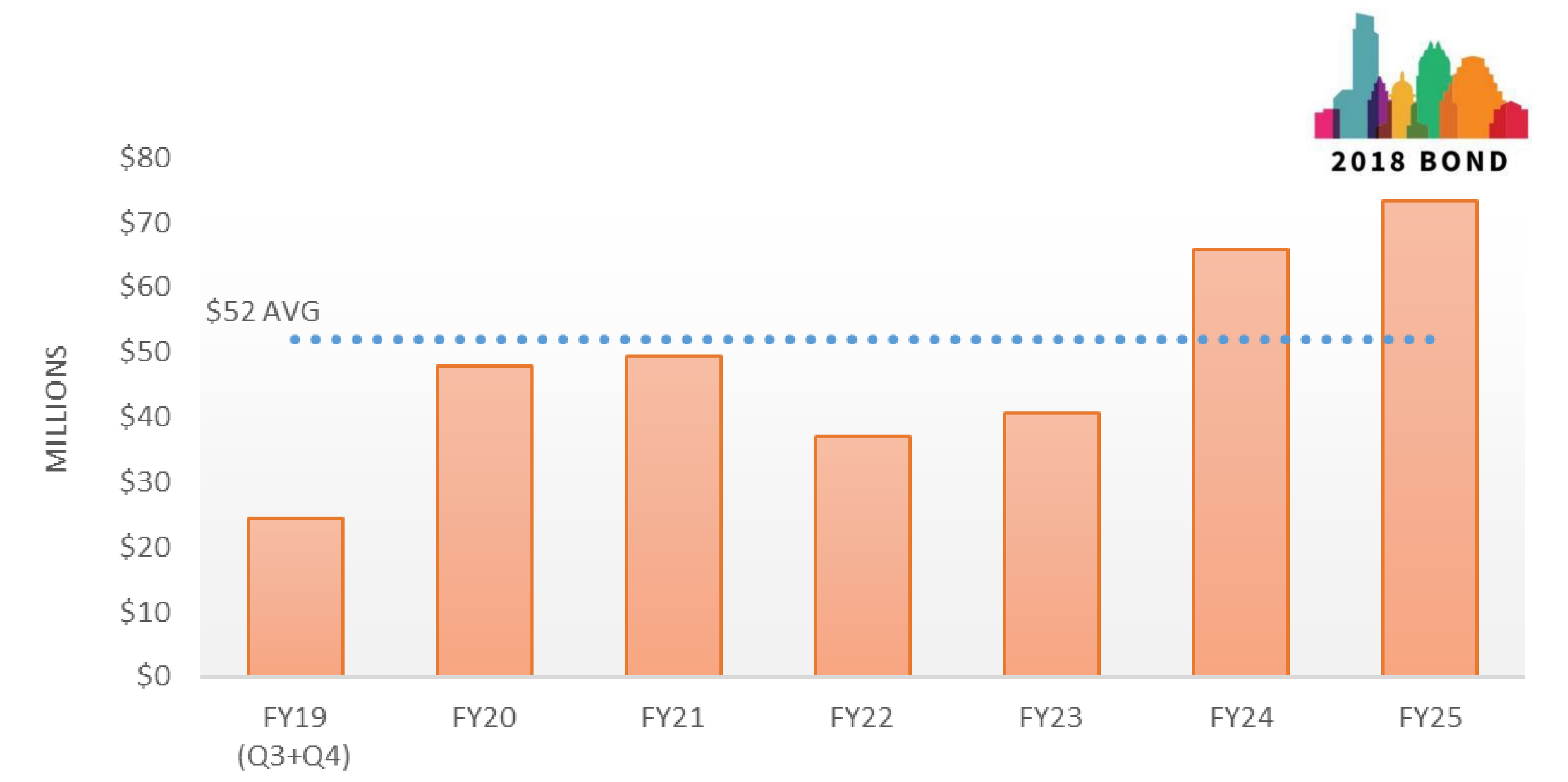
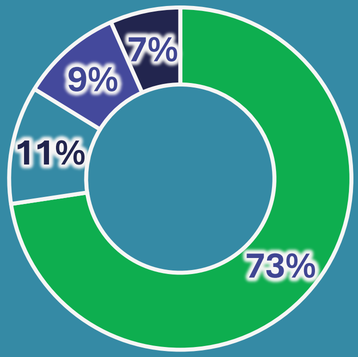


PROGRAM BOND APPROACH AT 73% | ON TRACK

Capital Improvement Annual Spending



2018 BOND
Prop C
$149 M



$109 M	Spent
$15.6 M	Encumbered
$14.3M	Assigned
$9.9 M	Contingency

Land Acquisitions since 1998

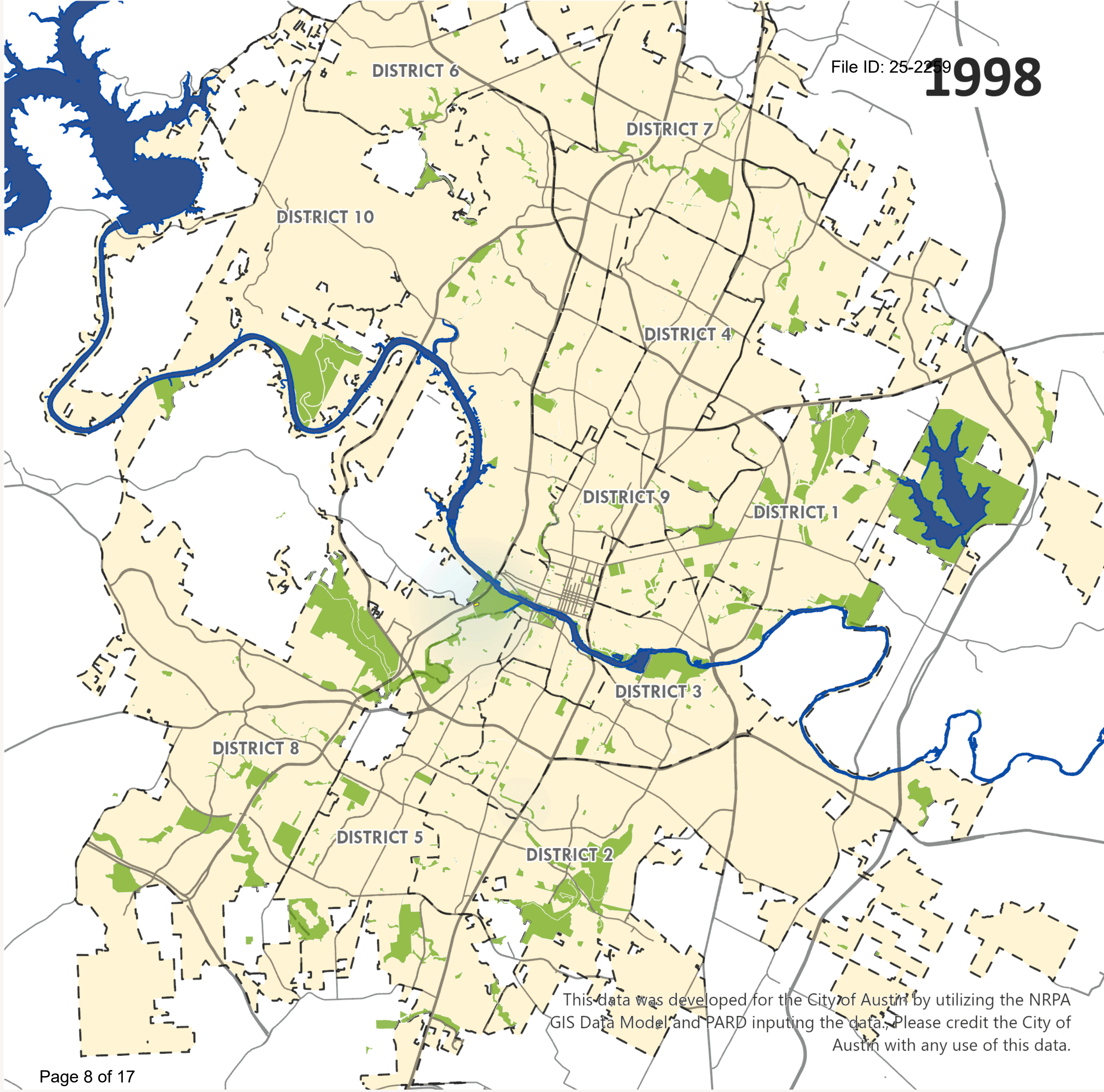
- Over **3,300 acres** acquired through bond or PLD
- **197 new parks** or park expansions
- $20 million in PLD fees expended on land acquisition
- $96 million in bond funds expended on land acquisition

Parkland Acquisition Heat Map

Completed Land Acquisitions since 1998

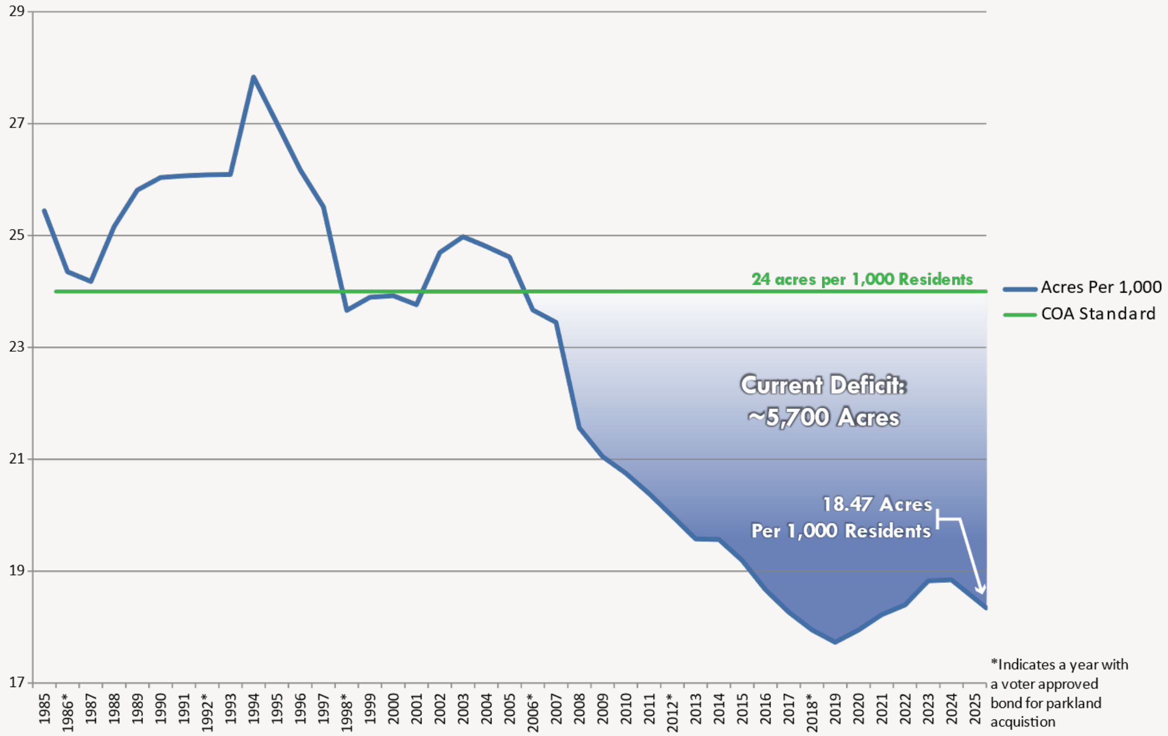
Concentration of acres purchased High Low

New or Expanded Park



Longterm Goal Progress

18.20 Acres of Parkland per 1,000 People



70% of Austinites within a Five to Ten-Minute Walk of a Park

APR Technical Criteria & Scoring

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For projects & programs not already prioritized in existing plans or studies

Percentage	Technical Criteria	Description
30%	Social Equity	Population served, income of service area, people of color served, children served
25%	Proactive Reinvestment	Site/building condition, safety, maintenance costs, reinvestment, facility usage, accessibility
20%	Sustainability & Resilience	Green infrastructure, resilience networks, sustainable design, energy efficiency, water usage
15%	Leveraging Funds and Partnerships	Ability to utilize matching funds from alternative sources such as grants, donations, partners, historic preservation fund, other city departments, etc.
10%	Strategic Direction	Project aligns with existing city plans, APR Long Range Plan, APR vision plans, etc.
100%	Total	

Parkland Improvement Program

Funding for the **development of existing City parks**, including neighborhood parks, district parks, metro parks, greenbelts, special parks, and downtown squares.

2018 Bond: $25M

- Projects Completed or In Progress: 33
- Approximately $36.1M in 2026 dollars*

Rolling Needs List

- Estimated Need: $167M

2026 Bond Staff Recommendation: $70M

Minimum Bond Funding Scenario: $40M

Givens District Park

Brush Square Rehab

Brownie Neighborhood

*highly variable, but 30-yr average inflation rate for non-residential construction is: 4.7%

Parkland Infrastructure Program

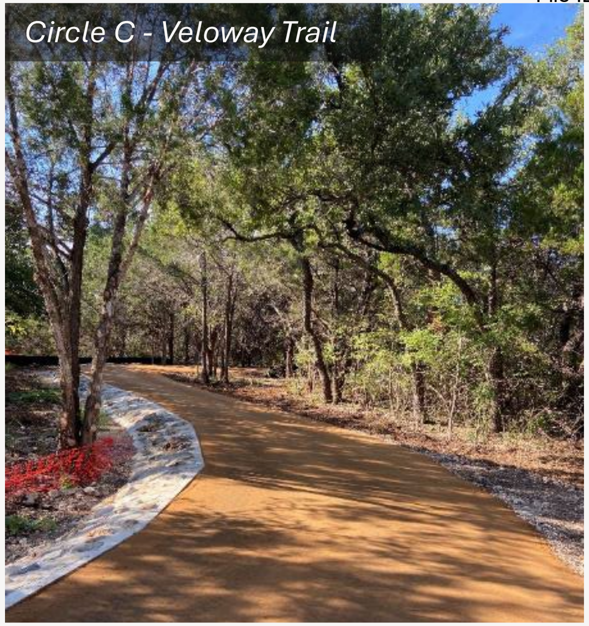
Funding for the **improvement or replacement** of park infrastructure, such as playscapes, trails, parking lots, roadways, athletic fields/facilities, and City cemeteries.

Note: *APR does not have dedicated asset renewal and replacement funding.*

2018 Bond: $17.5M
- Projects Completed or In Progress: 65
- Approximately $25.3M in 2026 dollars*

Rolling Needs List
- Estimated Need: $346M

2026 Bond Staff Recommendation: $40M
Minimum Bond Funding Scenario: $25M


Circle C - Veloway Trail


Duncan ADA Crossing


Dottie Jordan Playscape

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Parkland Acquisition Program

Funding for the acquisition of land, such as neighborhood parks in park-deficient areas, greenways and corridors for increased connectivity, destination parks and land for a future southeast recreation center. Priority areas based on the technical criteria for the bond and park deficiency.

2018 Bond: $45M

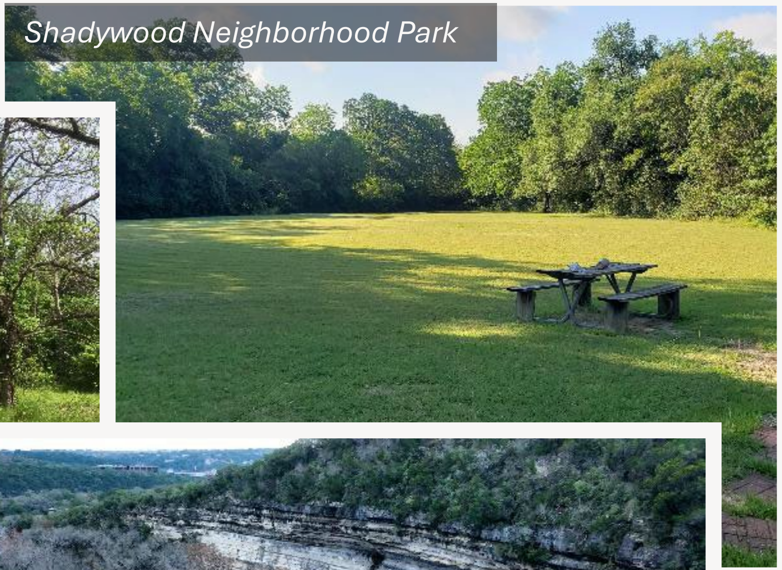
- Acquired 30 new parks or park expansions

Rolling Needs List

- Estimated Need: $120.5M

2026 Bond Staff Recommendation: $100M

Minimum Bond Funding Scenario: $60M



Shadywood Neighborhood Park

Tillery Pecan Neighborhood Park

Bull Creek Bluff Neighborhood Park

Recreation & Senior Center Improvement Program

Funding for renovations, rehabilitations, and additions to existing senior and recreation centers and assets. Priorities and needs identified in the 2024 Recreation and Senior Center Facility Assessment and Gap Analysis Report.

2018 Bond: $0M

- Previously part of the $21.5M Building Renovations Program

Rolling Needs List

- Estimated Need: $115.5M

2026 Bond Staff Recommendation: $55M
Minimum Bond Funding Scenario: $40M

Givens Recreation Center

Dottie Jordan Recreation

Delores Duffie Recreation

Building Renovation & Replacement Program

Funding for **renovation/rehabilitation or replacement** of existing Parks and Recreation maintenance facilities and assets, including ADA and safety improvements.

Note: *APR does not have dedicated asset renewal and replacement funding.*

2018 Bond: $21.5M

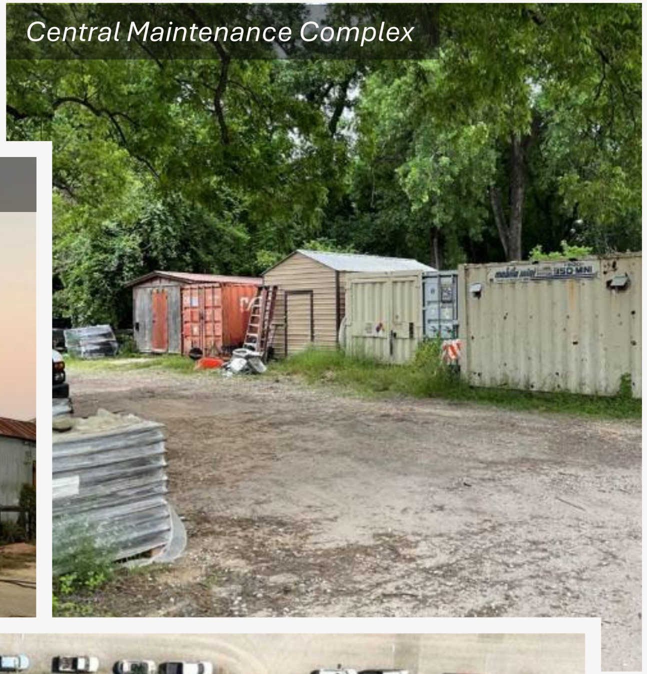
- Projects Completed or In Progress: 46
- Approximately $31M in 2026 dollars*

Rolling Needs List

- Estimated Need: $223M

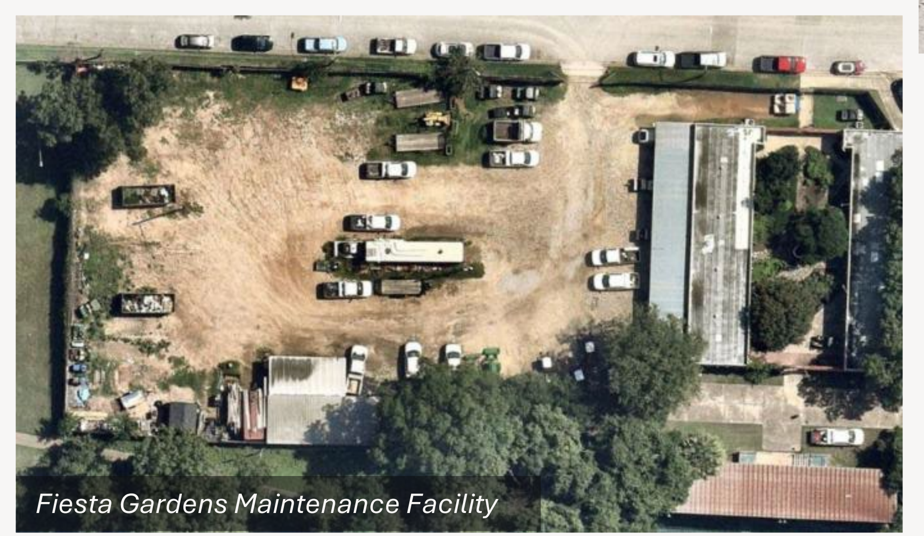
2026 Bond Staff Recommendation: $85M

Minimum Bond Funding Scenario: $75M



Central Maintenance Complex

North Grounds Maintenance Facility



Fiesta Gardens Maintenance Facility

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Aquatics Program

Funding for major renovations or replacements of existing City pools. Priorities and needs identified in the 2018 Council approved Aquatic Vision Plan.

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2018 Bond: $40M

- Projects Completed or In Progress: 7
- Approximately $58M in 2026 dollars*

Rolling Needs List

- Estimated Need: $195M

2026 Bond Staff Recommendation: $60M

Minimum Bond Funding Scenario: $40M


Givens District Park Pool

Montopolis Pool


Colony Park Pool

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Thank you!