



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**THROUGH:** Susana Carbajal, Assistant City Manager 

**FROM:** Jorge L. Morales, P.E., CFM, Director, Watershed Protection Department 

**DATE:** April 17, 2025

**SUBJECT:** **2024 State of Our Environment Report**

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the 2024 State of Our Environment Report, in accordance with [City Code Chapter 25-1-45\(C\)](#) which requires the environmental officer to deliver a report on the Austin's environment each April.

Since 2018, the report has been accessible to the public as a virtual document and includes information about the current condition of Austin's natural resources and the City's efforts to protect them.

The report can be found in English and Spanish at the following link:  
[www.austintexas.gov/environment](http://www.austintexas.gov/environment)

Staff from multiple departments collaborated on this effort to include metrics across many departmental disciplines, such as:

- Lakes, Creeks, and Aquifers
- Urban Forest
- Public Open Space
- Wildlands
- Climate Change
- Air Quality

We appreciate the support and commitment from the following contributing departments who are dedicated to providing valuable and accessible data to our community:

- Parks and Recreation Department's Park Planning Division,
- Development Services Department Community Tree Preservation Division,
- Austin Water Wildlands Division,
- Watershed Protection Department Applied Watershed Science section,
- Office of Climate Action and Resiliency, and
- Office of Equity and Inclusion.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Liz Johnston, Interim Environmental Officer, Watershed Protection Department, at [Liz.Johnston@austintexas.gov](mailto:Liz.Johnston@austintexas.gov) or (512) 974-2619.

cc: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager

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