





MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Susana Carbajal, Assistant City Manager 

From: Jorge L. Morales, P.E., CFM, Director, Austin Watershed Protection 

Date: November 21, 2025

Subject: **Austin Watershed Protection Potential 2026 Bond Projects**

The purpose of this memorandum is to share the proposed 2026 Bond programs, projects, and map for Austin Watershed Protection.

The Austin Watershed Protection funding request for the proposed upcoming bond is organized around five major programs, each representing a distinct type of work necessary to meet community needs. These programs with associated six-year bond requests were outlined in a [July 31, 2025 memorandum to Mayor and Council](#):

Program	Program Description	6-Year Request
Strategic Plan Identified Drainage & Stormwater Infrastructure Projects	Projects to reduce the most severe flood, erosion, and water pollution risks as identified in Watershed Protection's Strategic and Asset Management Plans. Projects include storm drain infrastructure improvements, low-water crossing upgrades, stream bank stabilization and restoration, dam modernization, water quality controls, and other capital solutions.	\$327,970,000*
Stormwater Resilience Program	Program to fund improvements that enhance community resilience to flooding, erosion, or water pollution. Projects may include voluntary buyouts or other eligible improvements that enhance community resilience, reduce community risk to watershed hazards, and provide a public benefit.	\$50,000,000

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Program	Program Description	6-Year Request
Small Scale Stormwater & Drainage Asset Management Opportunities	Program to fund critical small drainage, erosion, and water quality projects that can be done more efficiently through Indefinite Quantity Indefinite Deliverable (IDIQ) contracts.	\$36,000,000
Stormwater & Drainage Partnership Opportunities	Program to fund drainage infrastructure improvements in coordination with other departments, developers, or Project Connect (PC) betterments. This flexible funding source enables Watershed Protection to leverage other funding sources and coordination resources to address undersized, non-existent, or failing drainage infrastructure.	\$140,000,000
Watershed Protection - Facility for Operations	Project would fund site acquisition, construction, and/or improvements to add needed capacity for Watershed Protection operations staff use and storage of equipment and materials for the department to deliver critical projects and programs.	\$16,000,000
Total		\$569,970,000

*Note that Infrastructure Projects has been reduced from \$350,000,000 in the July memorandum to \$327,970,000 as project scopes are continuously refined.

Project List and Map

The Strategic Plan identified Drainage & Stormwater Infrastructure Projects Program as the only program that contains specific, named projects. The attached table and corresponding map identify the projects and their locations. Projects have been sorted by project ID for quick identification.

The following programs either do not have pre-identified project lists and/or do not have pre-identified locations:

- Stormwater Resilience Program,
- Small-Scale Projects & Drainage Asset Management Opportunities Program,
- Stormwater & Drainage Partnership Opportunities Program; and
- Watershed Protection – Facility for Operations Program

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Instead, these programs will be deployed flexibly based on critical needs, system conditions, and partnership opportunities over the six-year bond cycle. In order to maintain funding for critical needs for each of these initiatives, funding for these programs will scale depending on the final bond amount.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Janae Spence, Assistant Director of Austin Watershed Protection at Janae.Spence@austintexas.gov or (512) 500-7705.

Attachments: Table - 2026 Bond Austin Watershed Protection Potential Projects
Map of 2026 Bond Austin Watershed Protection Potential Projects

cc: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
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2026 Bond Austin Watershed Protection Potential Projects

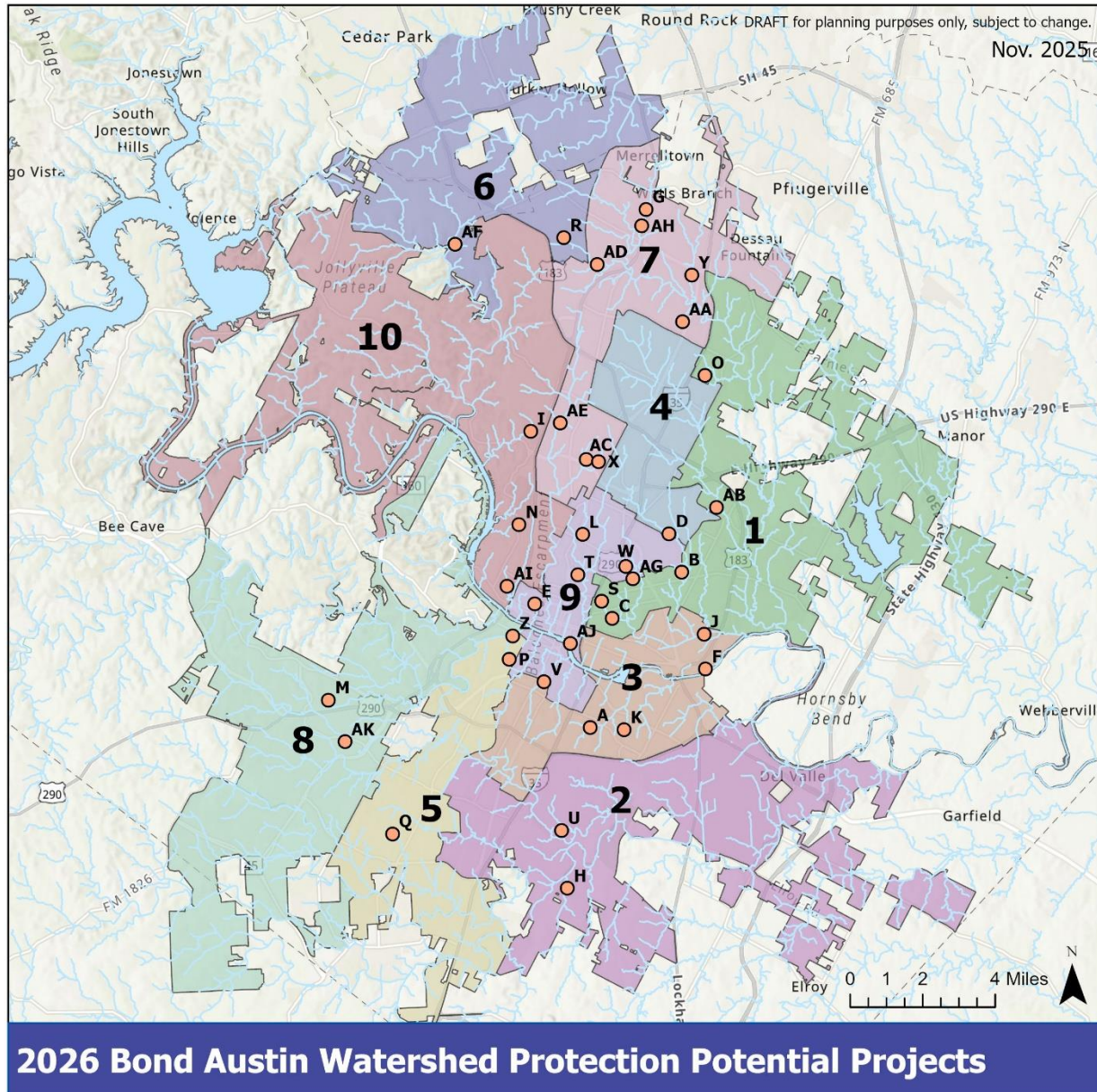
Projects have been sorted by project ID for quick identification. Please refer to the corresponding Map of 2026 Bond Austin Watershed Protection Potential Projects for project location.

Map Label	Subproject ID	Project Name	Current Funding Request Estimate	Council District
A	4015.001	Country Club Creek (Between Metcalfe & Oltorf) Wastewater Improvements	\$5,470,000	3
B	5282.043	Tannehill Creek - Morris Williams Stormwater Improvements	\$8,500,000	1
C	5282.133	Boggy Creek - Kealing Park Green Infrastructure Retrofit	\$1,300,000	1
D	5282.134	Tannehill Creek - Bartholomew Park Stormwater Treatment Retrofit	\$1,400,000	4
E	5282.150	Lady Bird Lake - West Austin Park Water Quality Retrofits	\$2,625,000	9
F	5282.162	Colorado River - CAPEX Water Quality Control	\$21,650,000	3
G	5754.089	Walnut Creek - McNeil Drive Low Water Crossing Improvements	\$1,500,000	7
H	5754.139	Onion Creek - Paces Mill Creek Flood Risk Reduction	\$8,100,000	2
I	5754.145	Dry Creek North - Highland Hills Low Water Crossing Improvements	\$1,075,000	10
J	5754.147	Boggy Creek - Corps Flood Control Channel Ecosystem Restoration	\$3,750,000	3
K	5754.149	Country Club West - Riverside Farms Low Water Crossing Improvements Project	\$2,500,000	3
L	5789.075	Waller Creek - Guadalupe St, W. 35-37th Storm Drain Improvements	\$35,000,000	9
M	5789.107	Barton Creek – Oak Park Local Flood Risk Reduction Project	\$16,750,000	8
N	5789.121	Taylor Slough South - Warren St Storm Drain Improvements	\$6,255,000	10
O	5789.126	Walnut Creek - North Acres Storm Drain Improvements	\$21,250,000	1,4
P	5789.127	Zilker, Bluebonnet Hether, Water and Wastewater Pipeline Renewal	\$11,000,000	5,9
Q	5789.136	Slaughter Creek - Vassal Dr Storm Drain Improvements	\$7,700,000	5
R	5789.139	Walnut Creek - West Cow Path Flood Risk Reduction	\$11,250,000	6
S	5789.141	Boggy Creek - Oakwood Cemetery Storm Drain Improvements	\$7,350,000	1

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T	5789.150	Lady Bird Lake – Citywide Storm Drain Renewal Program – Phase 1	\$3,000,000	9
U	5789.145	Williamson Creek - Brassiewood Dr Ph 3 Neighborhood Stormdrain Improvements	\$20,000,000	2
V	5789.146	East Bouldin - Annie Street Flood Risk Reduction Project - Phase 2	\$4,450,000	3,9
W	5848.053	Boggy Creek - Clarkson Tributary Rehabilitation	\$5,195,000	9
X	5848.070	Shoal Creek - Grover Channel Stabilization (from Brentwood PER)	\$22,000,000	7
Y	5848.071	Walnut Creek - Wells Branch Willow Bend Stream Restoration	\$5,000,000	7
Z	5848.087	Barton Creek Tributary - Sunken Gardens Erosion Protection	\$7,125,000	5
AA	5848.091	Walnut Creek - Eubank Tributary Stream Stabilization	\$5,200,000	7
AB	5848.092	Little Walnut Creek - Loyola Lane & Dottie Jordan Park Stream Stabilization	\$4,000,000	1
AC	6039.109	Shoal Creek - Brentwood Integrated Drainage Improvements	\$33,500,000	4,7,9
AD	7492.011	Walnut Creek - Duval East and Duval West Dam Modernization	\$4,200,000	7
AE	7492.032	Shoal Creek - Northwest Park Dam Rehabilitation and Modernization	\$10,500,000	7
AF	7492.045	Bull Creek - Bintliff Dr Dam Modernization	\$2,750,000	6
AG	8598.014	Boggy Creek - MLK TOD Stormwater Conveyance Improvements Phase 3	\$1,500,000	1,9
AH	9999.235	Walnut Creek - Oak Creek Drive Low Water Crossing	\$5,000,000	7
AI	9999.236	Johnson Creek - 11th, 12th & Meridian St Low Water Crossings	\$8,750,000	1
AJ	10878.010	Waller Creek - Waller Creek Tunnel Outlet Improvement Project	\$8,750,000	9
AK	11889.004	William Cannon Drive Corridor - US 290 to East of Brodie Ln	\$2,625,000	5,8
		Total	\$327,970,000	

Map of 2026 Bond Austin Watershed Protection Potential Projects

Projects have been sorted by project ID for quick identification. Please refer to the 2026 Bond Austin Watershed Protection Potential Projects table for information about each project.



— Creek and Lakes



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