

# Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails



**PARKS &  
RECREATION**



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# Program Beginnings

- 1998 - Mayor Howard Peak and other Council members initiated and supported idea of creating linear parks along San Antonio creekways.
- 1999 - Program plan was developed, focused around San Antonio River, Salado Creek and Leon Creek
- 2000 – First Sales Tax Initiative passed by voters to provide \$20m
- 2022 – Greenways funded through 2022 Bond.



# Program Mission & Goals

## Mission:

To enhance the quality of life for San Antonio residents and visitors

## Goals:

- Expand recreational opportunities and park access
- Preserve open space and riparian connectivity for wildlife habitat
- Building blocks for pedestrian and bicycle connectivity
- Increase creekway access for stormwater management





# Design Objectives

## User Friendliness & Safety

- ADA accessible concrete trails (width varies)
- Signage, mile markers, flood warnings
- Connections to neighborhoods and other destinations
- Trailhead locations convenient to residents
- Operating Hours – sunrise to sunset

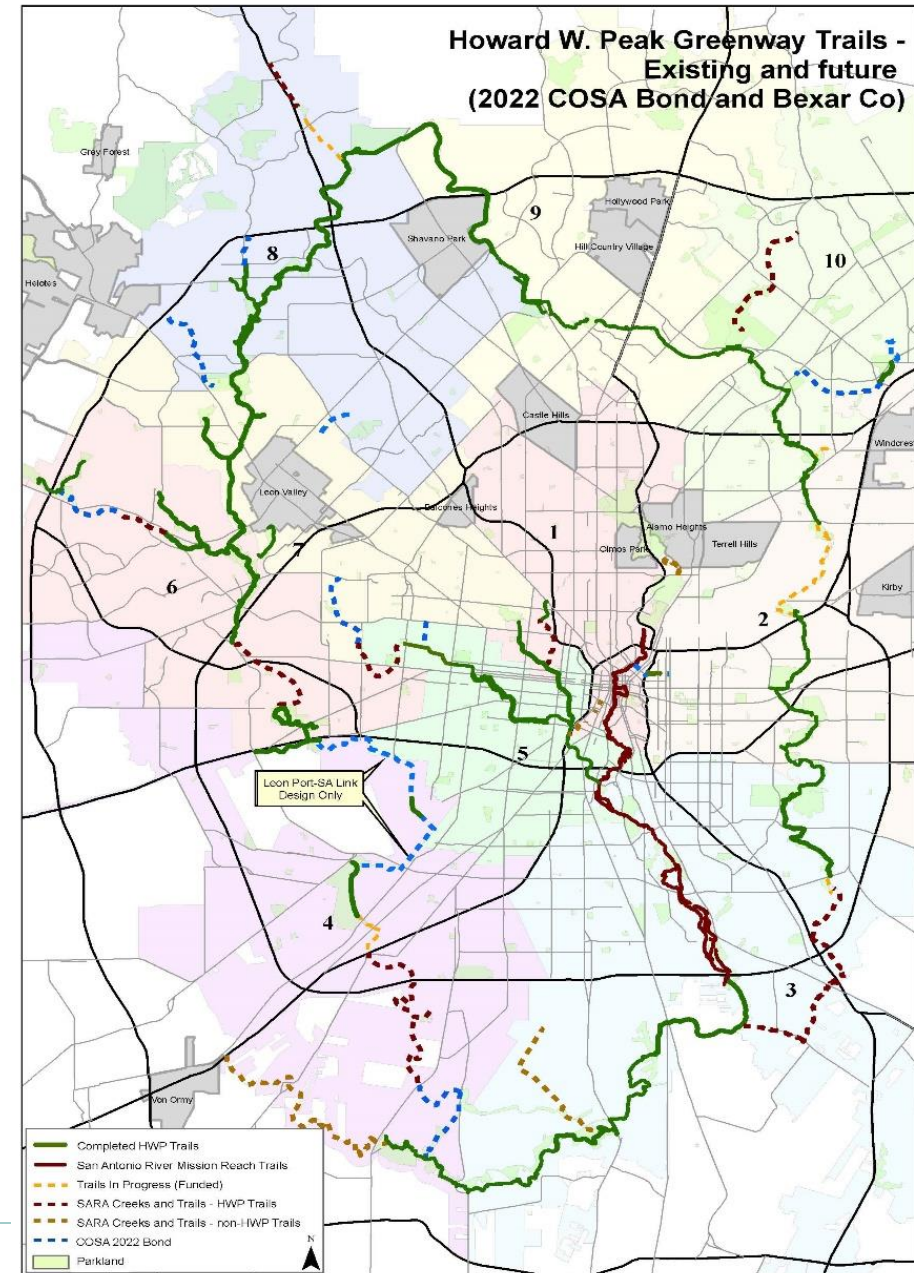
## Environmental Sustainability

- Protection of Riparian Habitat
- Low Impact Development (LID) principals
- Native landscape materials
- Preserve tree canopy and geology
- Alleviate dumping and off-roading
- Removal of invasive species



# HWP Greenway Trails Program Accomplishments

- Approximately 101 miles of trail completed
- Over 1,650 acres of creekway lands acquired to date
- 31 miles of trail in design and construction
- 25 additional miles planned in partnership with Bexar County





# Greenway System Management

- **Public Safety**
  - Park Police Bike & ATV patrol
  - Trail Stewards
  - Trail Watch Volunteers
- **Park Operations**
  - Ongoing trail and park land maintenance
- **Stormwater Operations**
  - Ongoing removal of trash and debris to facilitate drainage (5-year cycle)





# Leon to Salado Greenway Connection





# Medina River to San Antonio River Trails Connection





# Westside Creeks Greenway Trails





# Public Art and Butterfly Gardens

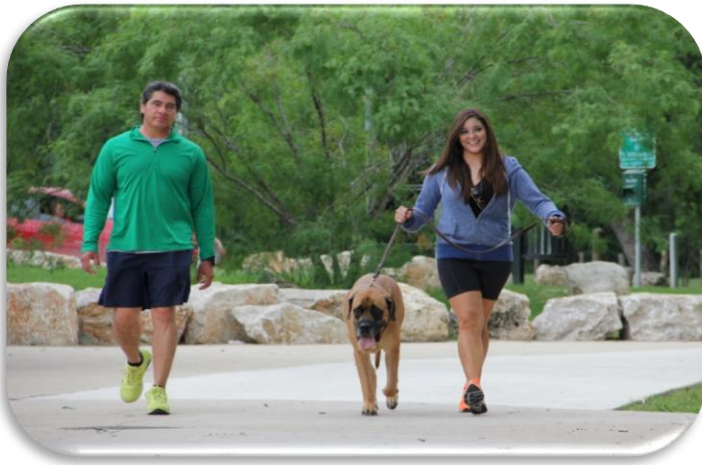




# Wilshire Terrace Trailhead (Salado)











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