



Rooted in Community



Growing Since 2021

2021

- Arboretum vision made public
- Board and Advisors formed

2022

- Site Selected Republic Golf Club
- Brooks Development \$1M land Investment
- Arboretum SA earns 501(c)3 status

2023

- City \$400k gift for tree nursery
- Bexar County \$7.3M investment
- Former Republic Golf Course land purchased
- Master Planning RFQ launched

2024

- Three firms chosen to submit master planning RFP.
- Sasaki chosen for Master Planning
- 12-month master planning process



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Leon Creek Greenway

Salado Creek Greenway

Northside

Alamo Heights

Westside

Eastside

Downtown San Antonio

 The Alamo

Martin Luther King Park

Lackland & Kelly AFB

Mission Concepcion 

China Grove

Southside Lions Park

 Mission San Jose

Pearsall Park

Southside

Brooks



ARBORETUM SAN ANTONIO

Mission San Juan 

San Antonio River

Leon Creek

Texas A&M San Antonio

Mission del Lago

Mitchell Lake

Salado Creek

Medina River Greenway

Mission Espada 

Arboretum Site

- 188 acres total
- Strategic partnership with Brooks
- Many mature trees, diverse species
- Located along Salado Creek
- SAWS recycled water contract
- ~12 min from downtown, off SE Military
- Greenway hike and bike trail system
- ~4 miles of paved cart paths





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Arboretum San Antonio



Stories of Flora

A scenic view of a river flowing through a wooded area. The water is calm and reflects the surrounding trees and sky. The trees are in various stages of green and brown, suggesting a transition between seasons. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

Stories of the Water



Stories of the Land



Meet the Master Plan Team!

Ecologists

Architects

Planners

Engineers

Landscape
Architects

Designers

Fundraisers

Marketing

Historians

Community
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Arborists



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NATIONAL FIRMS
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MBE MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

WBE WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

SBE SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

The Master Plan Process

PHASE 1
Discovery & Inventory

PHASE 2
Frameworks & Visioning

PHASE 3
**Refined Site Plan
(Iterative Design)**

PHASE 4
**The Action Plan
(Final Master Plan)**



P1: Discovery & Inventory 12 Weeks (May 6-Jul 26)

P2: Frameworks & Visioning 10 Weeks (Jul 29 - Oct 4)

P3: Refined Site Plan 10 Weeks (Oct 7- Dec 13)

P4: Action Plan 10 Weeks (Jan 6-Mar 14)



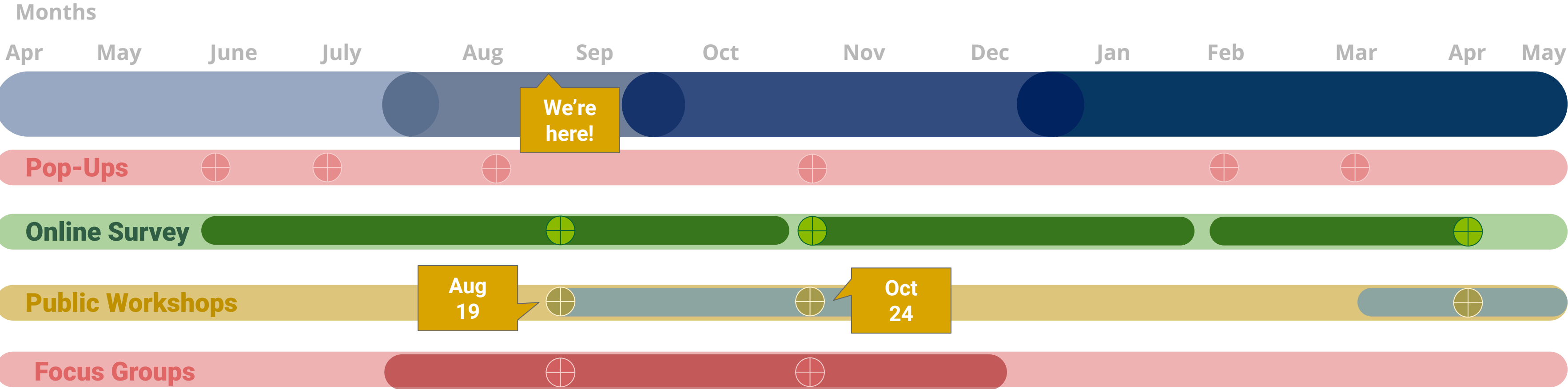
Staying Connected in Each Step

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Discovery & Inventory

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Share your thoughts with us

What is an Arboretum? ¿Qué es un Arboreto?

An arboretum is more than a park! It is a collection of trees and shrubs dedicated to research, education, and conservation. It provides a space for scientific study, public learning, and recreational exploration. These living collections emphasize the ecological and educational value of tree species!

¿Un arboreto es más que un parque! Es una colección de árboles y arbustos dedicados a la investigación, la educación y la conservación, que brinda un espacio para el estudio científico, el aprendizaje público y la exploración recreativa. Estas colecciones vivas enfatizan el valor ecológico y educativo de las especies de árboles!

What does the term "Arboretum mean to you?" ¿Qué significa para usted el término "Arboretum"?

What does San Antonio think? ¿Qué piensa San Antonio?

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Arboretum Experience

A Rich and Layered History Una Historia Rica y Compleja

Historically, Indigenous traditions sustained this region. *Históricamente, las tradiciones indígenas sostuvieron esta región.*

Vernacular & Regional Land Management Practices

San Antonio, South Texas, and the wider region has a rich and varied history with trees as a fundamental part of the provision and cultivation of food. Indigenous traditions & strategies, including irrigation, soil management, and plant associations, have been developed and used over generations. Here are a few that our landscape and potential arboretum could be showcased at the Arboretum San Antonio.

Coahuiltecan Ethnobotany: Indigenous Use of Plants

The Coahuiltecan people used plants for food, medicine, and other purposes. This infographic details various plant uses.

Mass Migration Timeline

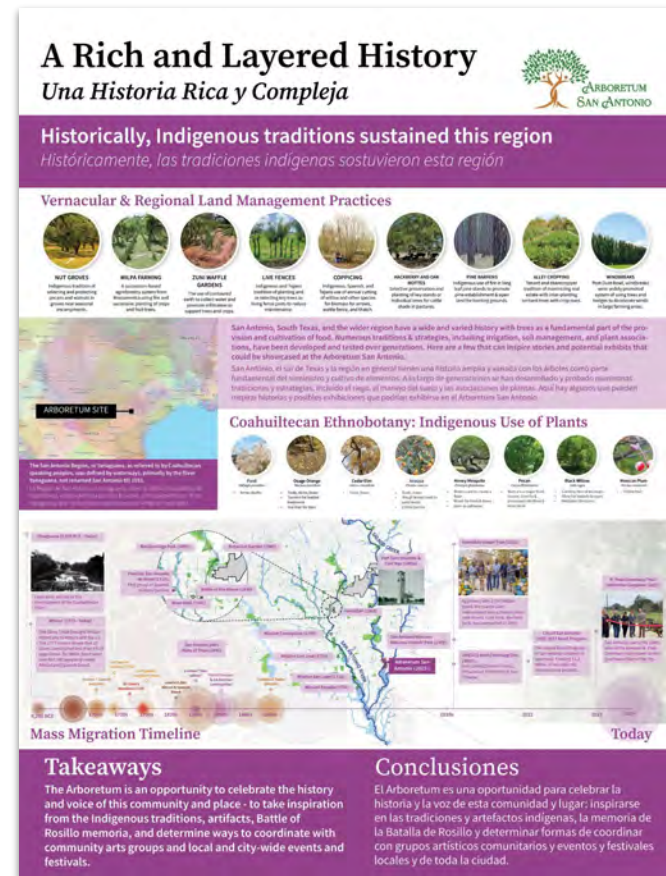
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Takeaways

The Arboretum is an opportunity to celebrate the history and voice of this community and place - to take inspiration from the Indigenous traditions, artifacts, Battle of Rosillo memoria, and determine ways to coordinate with community arts groups and local and city-wide events and festivals.

Conclusiones

El Arboretum es una oportunidad para celebrar la historia y la voz de esta comunidad y lugar; inspirarse en las tradiciones y artefactos indígenas, la memoria de la Batalla de Rosillo y determinar formas de coordinar con grupos artísticos comunitarios y eventos y festivales locales y de toda la ciudad.



Community Amenities

Understanding the Site Comprender el Sitio

HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE | DESARROLLO HISTÓRICO DEL SITIO

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Takeaways

62% of the site is less than 5% in slope, making it easy to implement accessible trails and still offer great views! The steep slopes along Salado Creek and the high 500-year flood plain are the most significant constraints for locating programs.

Conclusiones

El 62% del sitio tiene menos del 5% de inclinación, lo que facilita la implementación de senderos accesibles y aún ofrece excelentes vistas. Las inclinaciones pronunciadas a lo largo de Salado Creek y la alta llanura aluvial de 500 años son las limitaciones más importantes para la localización de programas.



Sustainability Goals

What's on-site Today? La colección de especies existentes

85+ species total
66 native species
13 invasive species
6 endemic species

In the past, there were 14 habitats that existed at the arboretum. En el pasado, existían 14 hábitats en el arboreto.

Takeaways

After changing from farmland to a golf course, the unique habitats on the site have mostly turned into the same type. However, the historical habitats suggest strong potential for ecosystem restoration and naturalization.

Conclusiones

Después de cambiar de tierras de cultivo a un campo de golf, los hábitats únicos en el sitio se han convertido en su mayoría en el mismo tipo. Sin embargo, los hábitats históricos sugieren un fuerte potencial para la restauración y naturalización del ecosistema.



Environmental Programs

Salado Creek Conditions Condiciones ribereñas de Salado Creek

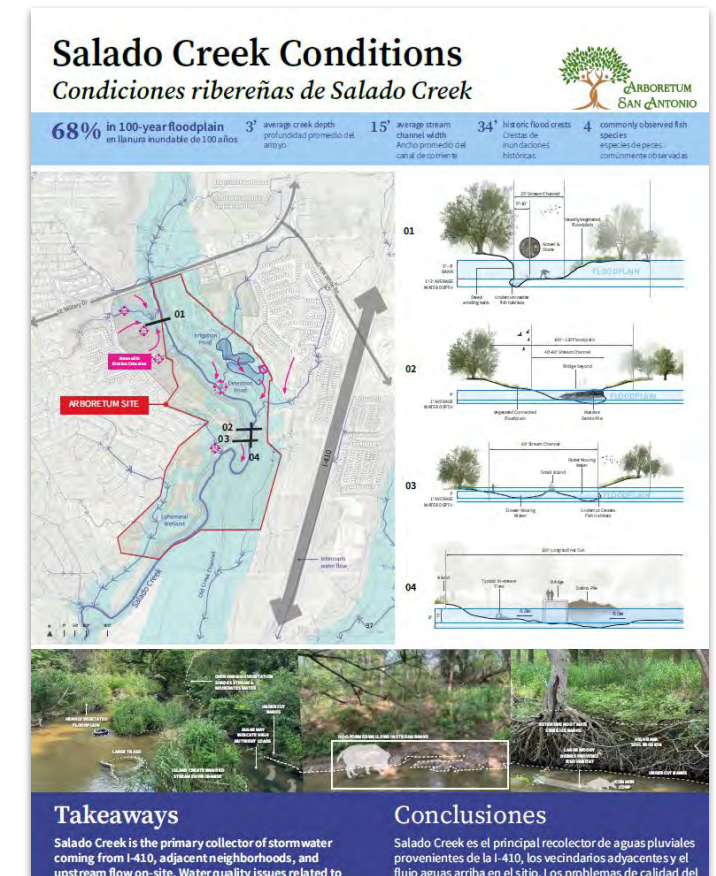
68% in 100-year floodplain
3' average creek depth
15' average stream channel width
34' historic flood crest
4 commonly observed fish species

Takeaways

Salado Creek is the primary collector of storm water coming from I-410, adjacent neighborhoods, and upstream flow on-site. Water quality issues related to

Conclusiones

Salado Creek es el principal recolector de aguas pluviales provenientes de la I-410, los vecindarios adyacentes y el flujo aguas arriba en el sitio. Los problemas de calidad del



Watershed Stewardship





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