

# SAN PEDRO SPRINGS PARK

## 2022 BOND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

San Pedro Springs Park, the oldest park in Texas and 2nd oldest in the US, is a historic site centered around the San Pedro Springs. In 2022, **San Antonio** committed to investing **\$1.75 MILLION DOLLARS** into the park through the bond and in 2023, the **City Council District 1** office under Councilwoman Kaur, committed an additional **\$1.75 MILLION DOLLARS** to support the revitalization of the park.

The community engagement process for the bond unfolded over nine months, beginning with foundational research on the park's history, best practices from local conservancies, and preliminary stakeholder interviews.

Inspired by insights from the stakeholder meetings, the Sueños Campaign adopted **two primary strategies** for gathering community feedback, and concluded with a **final event** that allowed for additional, higher-level input. Feedback was collected through three main mechanisms:



### SA SPEAKUP COMMUNITY SURVEY

This highly accessible digital survey, available in English and Spanish, reached the community through targeted email and text campaigns, along with park signage and flyers, to ensure broad awareness and participation.

### SUEÑOS OF SAN PEDRO SPRINGS PARK GAME

This interactive "game" allowed participants to envision and "build" their ideal version of the park while providing feedback on current bond spending and their future aspirations for the space. Engagement for the game took place at park activations and local neighborhood meetings, offering a hands-on, creative way for participants to share their perspectives while learning more about the park.

### SUEÑOS EVENT & LEVEL 2 FEEDBACK

The campaign culminated in a community event, the Celebration of the Sueños of San Pedro Springs Park, that served as a final opportunity for feedback. This event was structured around initial findings from both the survey and the Sueños game, enabling a second layer of more detailed feedback on bond allocations and future improvements.

HISTORY

RECREATION

NATURE

Synthesis of the feedback revealed three key pillars of **history, recreation, and nature** that define the park's contribution to the community. Incorporating these pillars into future design and programming decisions is recommended.

VISION

San Pedro Springs Park is the life spring of San Antonio, holding the city's rich history where communities have flourished around its springs for thousands of years. Today, this 46-acre park offers safe, accessible green spaces that invites community members to reconnect with San Antonio's deep historical roots while exploring nature and engaging in recreational activities.

# San Pedro Springs Park 2022 Bond Recommendations

Through the community engagement process of the SA Speak-Up Community Survey, the Sueños Game, and Level 2 data, 1,350 points of feedback were collected to indicate priorities for the 2022 Bond.

**1,350**  
PARTICIPANTS

**Maintenance & Safety** surfaced as the greatest priorities.

## TOP RANKED DESIGN FEATURES

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**POOL**
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**SHADE**
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**RESTROOMS**
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**LIGHTING**

## PARK SIGNAGE

Wayfinding signage to highlight the park's historical significance and key points of interest as well as "see something, say something" safety signage.



## TREES

\$250,000 from the Tree Mitigation Fund to 1. Care for existing trees through added irrigation 2. Planting and irrigation of new trees

## NEXT STEPS: IMPLEMENTATION

San Antonio's Parks & Recreation Department, in collaboration with Public Works, will develop design plans for the community-prioritized design features and assess which elements are feasible for construction leveraging 2022 bond funds.