

Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee

April 16, 2024



Agenda

- I. **Welcome**
 - Robert Ramirez & Skye Curd, Committee Co-Chairs
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**, February 2024 & March 2024
- IV. **Calendar Items**
 - Yoga on the Creek – Monday's at 6:00pm – St. James A.M.E.C. Culture Crossing at San Pedro Creek Culture Park
 - Earth Day at Woodlawn Park, City of San Antonio Event – Saturday, April 20th 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Woodlawn Park
 - Community Drum Circle – Tuesday, May 14th 7:00 – 8:00 PM – Plaza de Fundación at San Pedro Creek Culture Park
 - Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee – Tuesday, May 21st 6:00 – 7:00 PM – San Antonio River Authority Boardroom
- V. **General Manager Updates**, Derek Boese, River Authority
- VI. **Project Status Update**, Rebecca Krug, River Authority
- VII. **Presentation on USACE Cultural Resources Process**, Chris Davies & Seth Sampson, USACE
- VIII. **Citizens to be Heard**
- IX. **Miscellaneous items**
- X. **Adjourn**

Public Participation:

Comments during the public comment portion are limited to three (3) minutes and we ask that time not be transferred to another individual.

For additional project information visit:
www.westsidecreeks.com www.spcculturepark.com



Agenda
April 16, 2024
Westside Creeks Restoration
Oversight Committee
(WCROC) Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Organization Name	Member Name	Alternate Member
Co-Chair	Robert Ramirez	
Co-Chair	Skye Curd	
Alazán Resident Council	Christina Barbosa	
Avenida Guadalupe	Gabriel Velasquez	
Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association	Jerry Lockey	
Bexar Audubon Society	Rita Avery	
Historic Westside Residents Association	Mary Ann Valdez-Hernandez	
Los Bexareños Genealogical Society	Barbara Chavez	
Opportunity Home San Antonio	Michael Lopez	
Our Lady of the Lake University	Brianna Salas	Adam Bynum
Prosper West	Ramiro Gonzales	
Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association	Jeremy Landin	Russell Felan
River Aid San Antonio	Charles Blank	Athena Santos
San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation	Rick Rodriguez	
San Antonio Conservation Society	Rick Hernandez	
San Antonio Independent School District	Anna Alicia Romero	Brooke Vasquez
San Antonio Wheelman	Abel Ramirez	
St. Mary's University	William "Bill" Buhrman	Evelynn Mitchell
TexasTejano.com	Kamala Platt	
University of Texas at San Antonio	Albert Salgado	
United San Antonio Pow Wow Inc.	Erwin DeLuna	
Woodlawn Lake Neighborhood Association	Charles Oisten	

Approval of the Minutes

February 20, 2024 & March 19, 2024

Calendar Items

Yoga on the Creek

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- St. James A.M.E.C. Culture Crossing at San Pedro Creek

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Community Drum Circle

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Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee

- Tuesday, May 21st at 6:00 PM
- San Antonio River Authority, 100 E Guenther St

General Manager Update

Derek Boese, River Authority



Reminder: Fiesta Medals



- Final opportunity for Oversight Committee members to pick-up their Fiesta medals from the River Authority office
- Wednesday & Thursday **this week** 8:00 – 5:00
- SPCCP Fiesta Medal has been selected as a finalist for SABI Fiesta Medal 2024 (Gov't Entity), vote online

River Authority's Supplemental Oral History Project

- River Authority will conduct an auxiliary Cultural and Oral History project, to supplement USACE's Cultural Resources Study
 - In the process of procuring a consultant
- Project team will work with WCROC members, Westside community leaders, and collaborative organizations to record and transcribe the oral history of the Westside
 - In the process of defining the project scope, preliminary stage
- The results of the River Authority's project will not be a part of USACE's Cultural Resources process, but will be integrated into other aspects of the project, such as the interpretive panels along the project

Questions?

Project Status Update

Rebecca Krug, River Authority



WSC ER: Design Activity Update

- “Response for Information” requests from design team
 - Geotech questions
 - Survey questions
- Request for Betterments/Additional Work under review by USACE
- Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE), Level B field work near completion
- Cultural Resources survey in progress – Presentation from USACE tonight
 - Shovel tests completed this week
 - Trench tests will begin next week

WSC ER: Schedule Update

65% Design on track for June 2024

- Public information sessions targeted for end of June
- Dates and locations will be confirmed next month

Half-way through design!



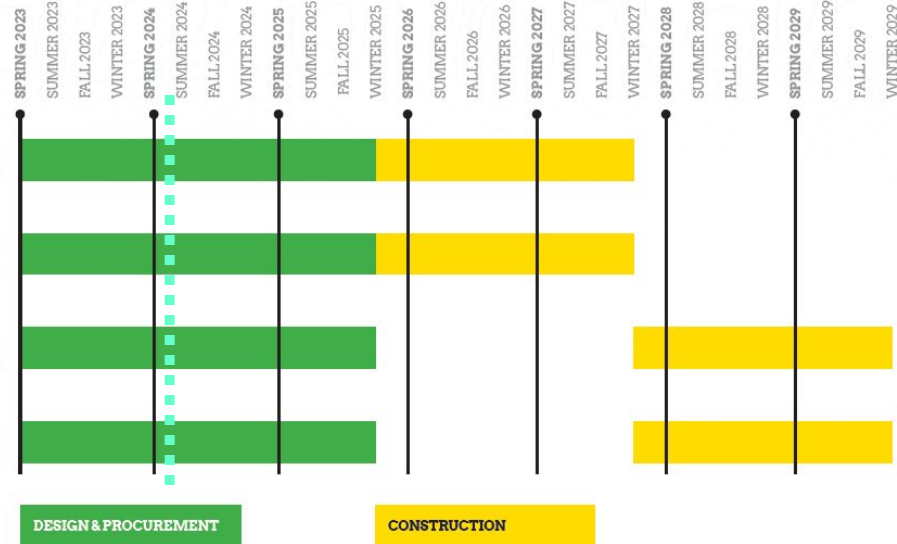
Current Project Design Timeline

San Pedro Creek

Apache Creek

Alazán Creek

Martinez Creek



WSC ER: Apache Creek Remediation Update

- 90% plans by end of April
- Construction solicitation est. November 2024
- Construction - Summer 2025
- Project complete before start of Apache Restoration



Questions?

Presentation on USACE Cultural Resources Process

Chris Davies & Seth Sampson, USACE



USACE CULTURAL RESOURCE PROCESS WESTSIDE CREEKS ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT

Seth Sampson (USACE Archaeologist)
Christopher G. Davies (USACE SWF/SWD Tribal Liaison)
Regional Planning and & Environmental Center (RPEC)
USACE Fort Worth District

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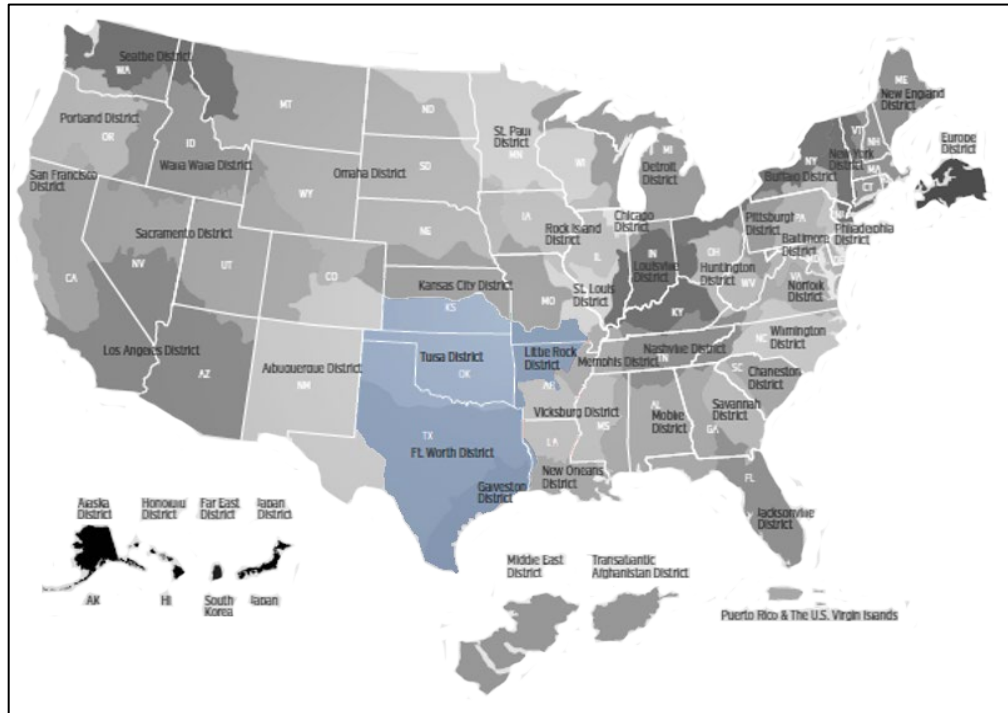


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THE NHPA AND THE GOAL OF THE SECTION 106 PROCESS

Of the multiple laws, regs, and E.Os passed to protect cultural resources, below is the primary driver for the USACE cultural resource program, as it pertains to the Westside Creeks Ecosystem Restoration Project:

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and its implementing regulation 36 CFR Part 800.

- Section 106.
 - **Area of Potential Effect (APE)** and defined in 36 CFR 800.16(d): Area of potential effects means the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist. The area of potential effects is influenced by the scale and nature of an undertaking and may be different for different kinds of effects caused by the undertaking.

Goal of the Section 106 Process:

It requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. The process seeks to accommodate historic preservation concerns with the needs of Federal undertakings through consultation among the agency official and other parties with an interest in the effects of the undertaking on historic properties. *For the Westside Creeks undertaking, identifying archaeology and architecture within the APE is the focus for the USACE.



Section 106 Review Process

36 CFR § 800.3-7

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INITIATE the process

- Determine undertaking
- Coordinate with other reviews
- Identify SHPO/THPO, Indian tribes/NHOs, and other parties
- Plan to involve the public

No undertaking with potential to affect historic properties?

NO



IDENTIFY historic properties

- Determine APE and scope of effort
- Make reasonable and good faith effort to identify
- Determine National Register eligibility
- Consult SHPO/THPO, Indian tribes/NHOs, and other parties
- Involve the public

No historic properties present or affected?

NO



ASSESS adverse effects

- Apply Criteria of Adverse Effects
- Consult SHPO/THPO, Indian tribes/NHOs, and other parties
- Involve the public

No historic properties adversely affected?

NO



RESOLVE adverse effects

- Develop and consider alternatives or modifications to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects
- Notify the ACHP
- Consult SHPO/THPO, Indian tribes/NHOs, and other parties
- Involve the public

AGREEMENT or Council Comment

PROCEED



ARCHAEOLOGY SURVEY AND SHOVEL TESTING





ARCHAEOLOGY BACKHOE TRENCHING AND METAL DETECTION



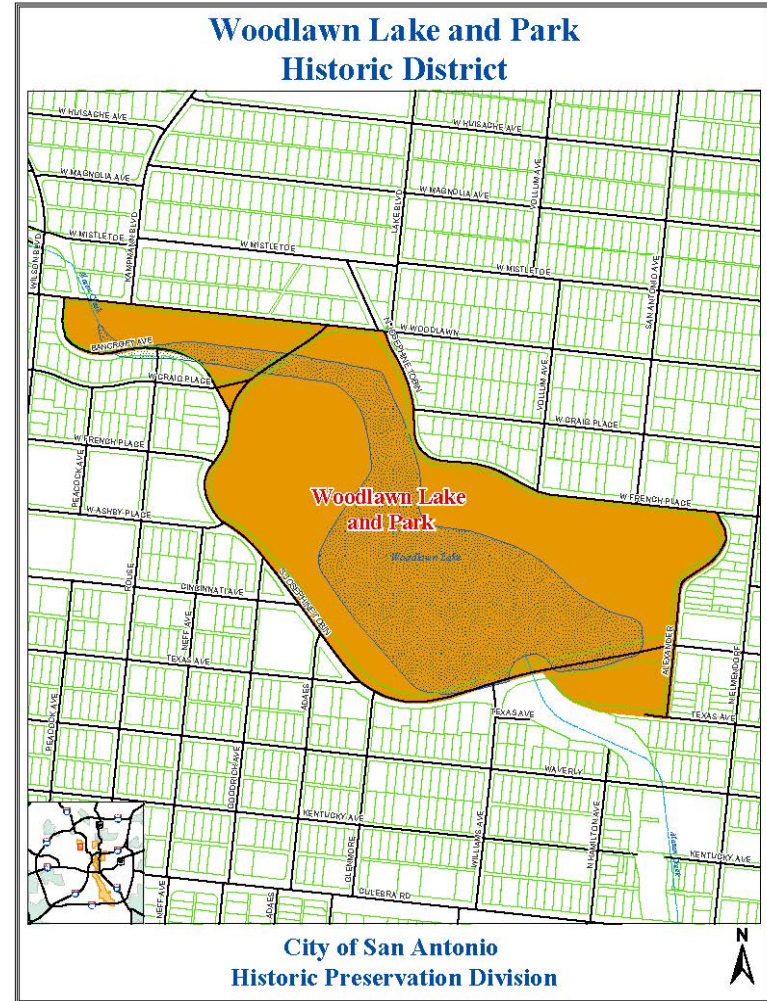
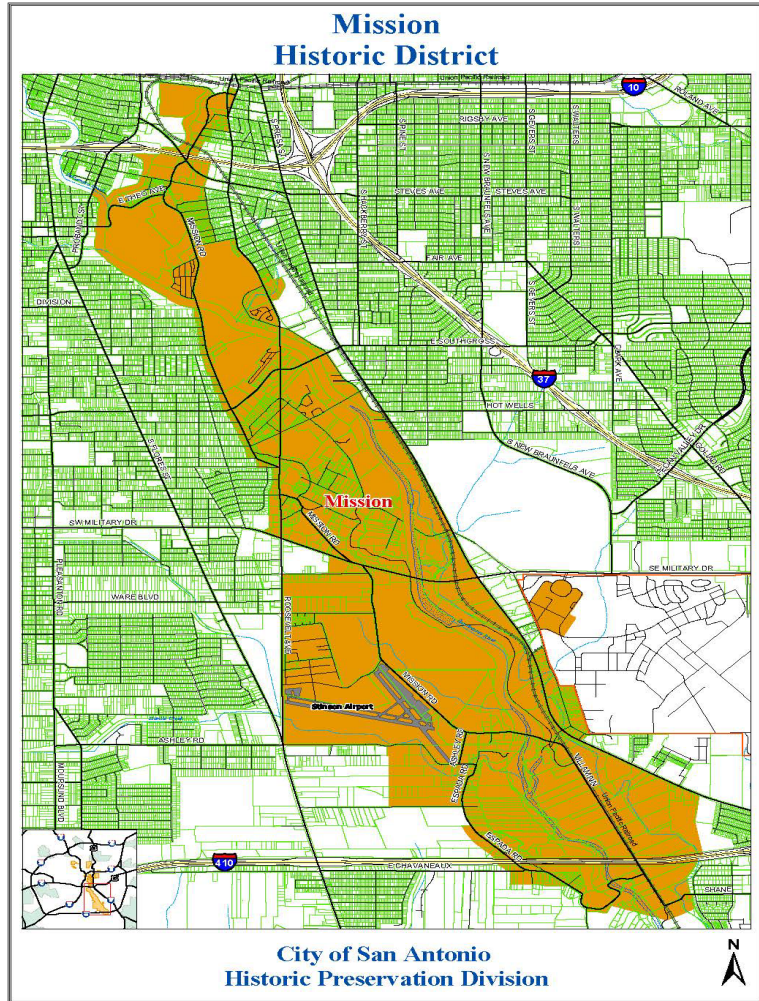


ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY





ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY-HISTORIC DISTRICTS





Next Steps

- Once the USACE contractor has completed survey of the APE:
 1. A draft report with recommendations of NRHP eligibility and effect is submitted to USACE for review
 2. The USACE contractor makes edits to the 106-report based on USACE comments
 3. The USACE makes a determination of effect for the undertaking (based on the contractor's recommendations) and the USACE also makes a determination of eligibility (if applicable) for any archaeological site, building, structure or object identified and recorded as part of the field survey
 4. The USACE submits the draft report in consultation to the identified consulting parties for review and comment
 5. The USACE contractor makes edits to the draft report based on comments received from consulting parties





6. Any collected artifacts are curated and the fully consulted on accepted final Section 106 report is filed with the Texas Historical Commission

*All steps of the Section 106 process are done in consultation with the identified consulting parties for this undertaking.



QUESTIONS



Citizens to be Heard

Comments limited to three (3) minutes

Miscellaneous Items

Adjourn

Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 21st