

Future Forest Project

Coordinated collaboration of
partnerships to restore the urban
forest in riparian zones







Habitat Restoration: Invasive species removal



Planting Bald Cypress, MLK Day of Service



Nature Preserves: Colorado River Wildlife Sanctuary





Heritage Oaks Park

2100 Parker Ln.

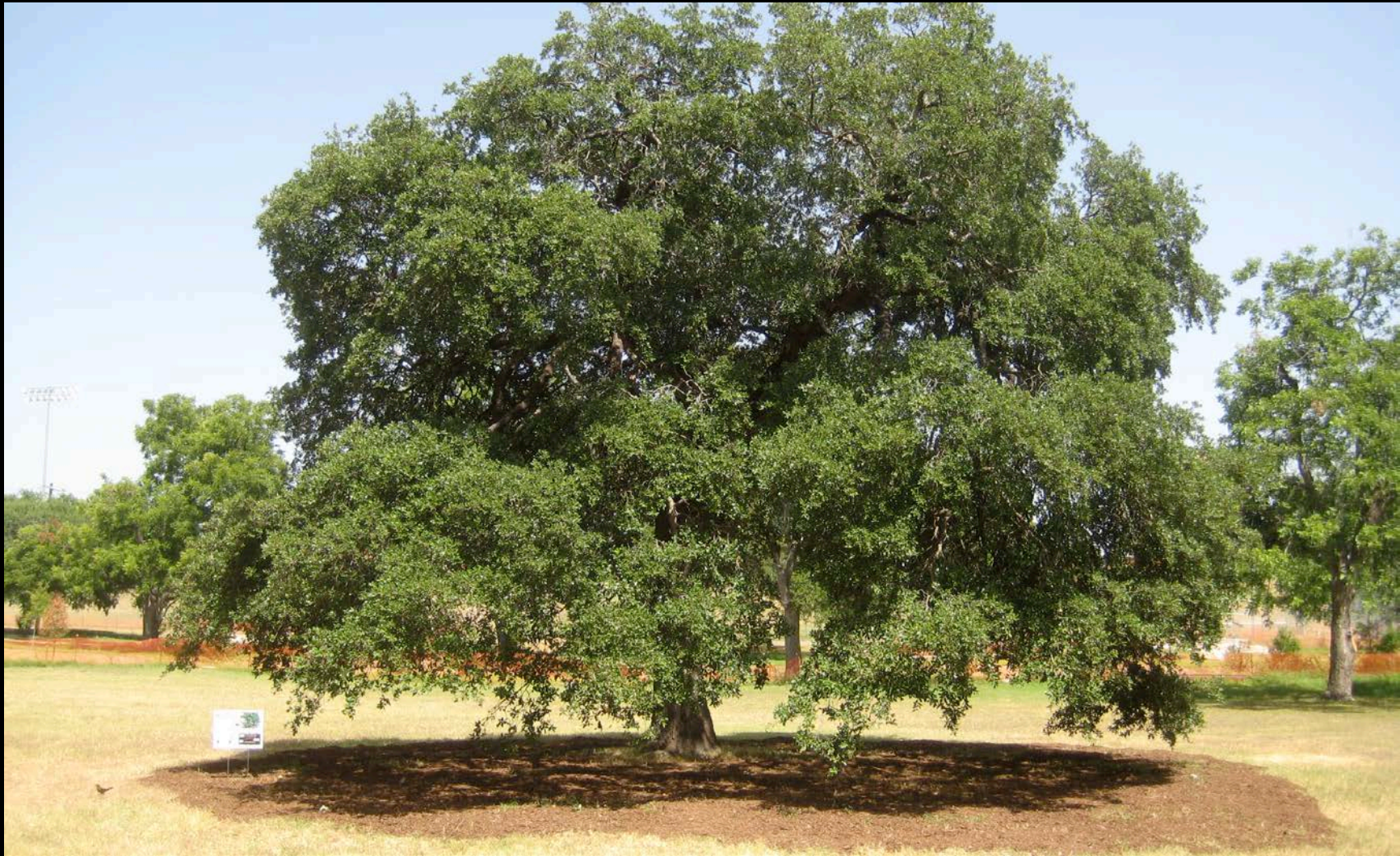












FFP Alliance

Future Forest Project Alliance could work on:

- Planning and prioritizing planting,
- Mulching/root collar clearing,
- Utilizing the volunteer base of Adopt-A-Park,
- Providing skills training for Volunteer Leaders,
- Raising funds for increasing program scope

Bartholomew Park, Adopt-a-Park FPP workshop March 12, 2012

FUTURE FOREST PROJECT
Working together to protect and increase the urban forest

Bartholomew Park Workshop

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**Windsor Park
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Friends of Bartholomew Park

VOLUNTEERS



- 2014 Total projects: 194
- Total volunteers engaged: 6,146
- Total volunteer hours: 18,867
- Total dollar value (\$22.40/Hr.): \$441,187.80



Tools



- 2014 total projects: 194
- Total volunteers engaged: 6,146
- Total tool loans: 220 +
- “Mulch Sleds” were a new innovation; created by Super Volunteers Nadene Morning and Jerry Levanson. Currently we have 90 available.





It's My Park Day 2014

March 1, 2014



- Total number of Projects: 101 (2013=92)
- Volunteers: 2,863 (2013=2,765)
- Volunteer Hours: 8,589
- Future Forest Projects: 52 of 101



National Trails Day



- 2014 Total number of Projects: 29 (2013=18)
- Volunteers: 506 (2013=350)
- Volunteer Hours: 1,518 (2013=1,050)
- Future Forest Projects: 8 of 29



National Public Lands Day

September 27, 2014



- Total number of Projects: 38 (2013=26)
- Volunteers: 1,265 (2013=630)
- Volunteer Hours: 3,795 (2013=1,890)
- Future Forest Projects: 12 of 38



Planting bare-root saplings: Watershed Protection Dept.





Bamboo removal at Bartholomew Park



Girdling Exotic Invasive Species





No mow, now grow zones



Mulch! The number 1 ingredient to protect trees in the drought







Mulch for Healthy Trees

grow green

- Insulate the soil and roots
- Slow soil moisture evaporation
- Mimic the forest floor
- Reduce weed and grass competition
- Provide a buffer between the turf and tree to help protect the trunk and surface roots from mower and equipment damage.
- Wounds at the base of the trees cause lifelong problems

YES



NO



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Park Improvement Education Series (PIES)

Four Topics:

- Habitat Restoration
 - Tree Maintenance – Mulching & Root Collar Clearing
 - Water Conservation
 - Trail Design & Maintenance
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- Workshop Presentations lead by staff from Watershed Protection Department, Urban Forestry, S&S Trail Design and Austin Ridge Riders.
 - Sponsored by Chipotle Mexican Grill
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- Total number of Workshops: 9
 - Participants, first year of training program: 270
 - Future Forest workshops: 6 of 9





PIES: Habitat Restoration



PIES: Water Conservation – Watershed Protection Department



Trail Design: Austin Ridge Riders, S & S Trails



Future Forest Project



- Total number of projects: 142 of 194
- Volunteers: 4,063
- Volunteer Hours: 13,977 (equivalent to \$ 313,084, at \$22.40/Hr.)
- Future Forest Projects include:
- Mulching & Root Collar Clearing: 85 projects; total mulch volume 1,820 cu.yds. (2013 total: 1,325 = 28% increase)
- Invasive exotic plant removal: Achieved utilizing a Habitat Restoration Plan as developed by Watershed Protection Department.
- Tree Planting



Public Advocacy for increasing Parks Budget













