

OVERVIEW OF THE VISION PLAN

PLAN FEATURES

- 1** Land Bridge to connect north and south sides of Barton Springs Road and more broadly connect with regional trail systems.
- 2** 93 acres of Ecological Uplift to heal back environmentally damaged spaces within the park.
- 3** Improved access within and into the park via shuttles and increased connections across the creek and lake.
- 4** Welcome Center that repurposes the Caretakers Cottage and Quonset Cabin to serve as a hub for visitors.

PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

The Zilker Park Vision Plan represents thousands of individual comments from the community, thousands of hours of work, and addressing today's challenges while looking into the future for a sustainable park for all of Austin. The park exists physically in the center of Austin and also at the center of many planning initiatives that will potentially shape the way people get around the city, to the park and enjoy the park spaces.

The Zilker Park Vision Plan will potentially take decades to realize the full vision. This serves as a roadmap for City leadership, decision-makers, and collaborators as implementation moves forward. The recommendations include projects, policies, programs and partnerships. It is understood that these elements will move forward as opportunities arise – funding opportunities, partnership opportunities, and other tangential City projects.



CURRENT CONDITION





NORTHERN AREA

- 1 Parking Garage under MoPac or just east will be used for the visitors to Zilker Botanical Garden, Austin Nature and Science Center, and the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail.
- 2 Stratford Drive would be realigned to the east of MoPac, along the Zilker Botanical Garden. If the road were to be built here, a sound wall could be built as part of that project to help mitigate noise.
- 3 The existing landfill area will be restored woodland and meadow with ecological uplift.

ECOLOGICAL UPLIFT ON LANDFILL AREA



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CENTRAL AREA

- 4** The land bridge will stitch the park back together by joining the north and south sides of the park with an underground parking garage.
- 5** Sports area will bring existing activities together, including baseball, volleyball, to the east side of Polo Field Lawn near existing Disc Golf courses.
- 6** The new Zilker Hillside Theater is integrated with the land bridge.
- 7** Barton Springs Road may be reduced to one lane of traffic each way, with on-street parallel parking and improved bus stops.

ZILKER LAND BRIDGE



ZILKER HILLSIDE THEATER



CURRENT CONDITION



MOON TOWER

STRATFORD DR

VOLLEYBALL COURTS

LOU NEFF RD

ROCK ISLAND

GREAT LAWN

LADY BIRD LAKE

LOU NEFF POINT

BARTON SPRINGS RD

RUGBY FIELD

PECAN GROVE PICNIC AREA

PLAYGROUND

CARETAKER'S COTTAGE

QUONSET HUT

ZILKER PARK BOAT RENTALS

BARTON SPRINGS SPILLWAY

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EASTERN SIDE

- 8** Picnic area with concession and restroom is another gathering spot for the visitors around Great Lawn.
- 9** The pedestrian and bike bridge is relocated to along Toomey Road, increasing connectivity.
- 10** Lou Neff Road is becoming pedestrian and bike only trail with emergency or maintenance vehicle access.
- 11** The new bridge across Lady Bird Lake provides another crossing point between Roberta Crenshaw Bridge and Pfluger Pedestrian Bridge.

BARTON SPRINGS SPILLWAY



CURRENT CONDITION

POLO FIELD

GREAT LAWN

ANDREW ZILKER RD

MOON TOWER

BARTON SPRINGS RD

SUNSHINE CAMP

RUGBY FIELD

PECAN GROVE PICNIC AREA

COLUMBUS DR

ZILKER HILLSIDE THEATER

PLAYGROUND

VIOLET CROWN TRAILHEAD

BARTON SPRINGS SPILLWAY

BARTON SPRINGS POOL

SUNKEN GARDEN

WRIGHT FIELD

MONKEY TREE LAWN



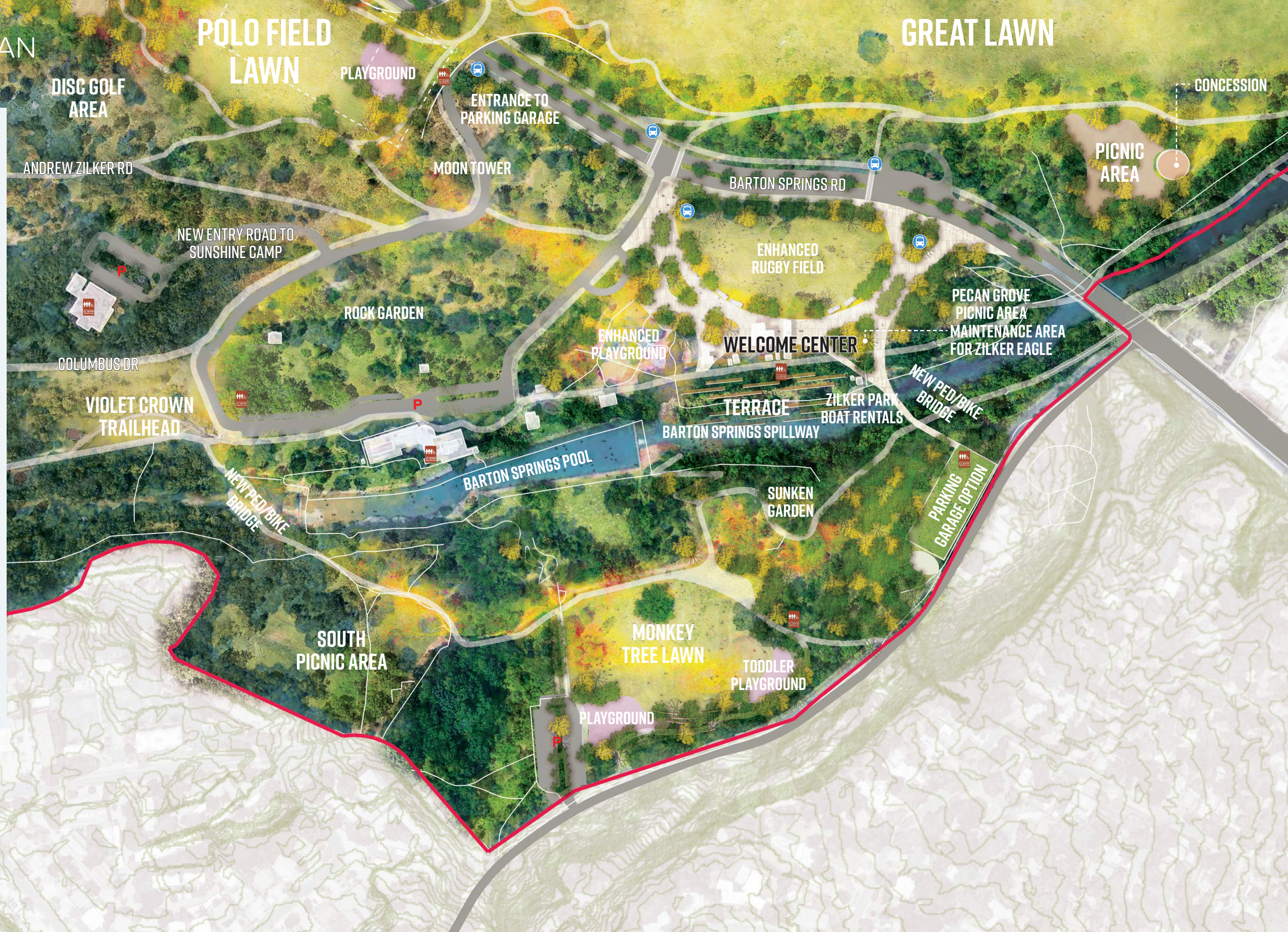
SOUTHERN AREA

12 A new bridge connects the parking garage to the Welcome Center.

13 Caretaker's Cottage and Quonset Hut in Welcome Center are repurposed to educational purpose.

14 The south entrance of Barton Springs Pool would remain available year-round with access to new playscapes for families.

15 Barton Creek will be rehabilitated with controlled water access and erosion treatments.



SOUTH SIDE OF BARTON SPRINGS POOL



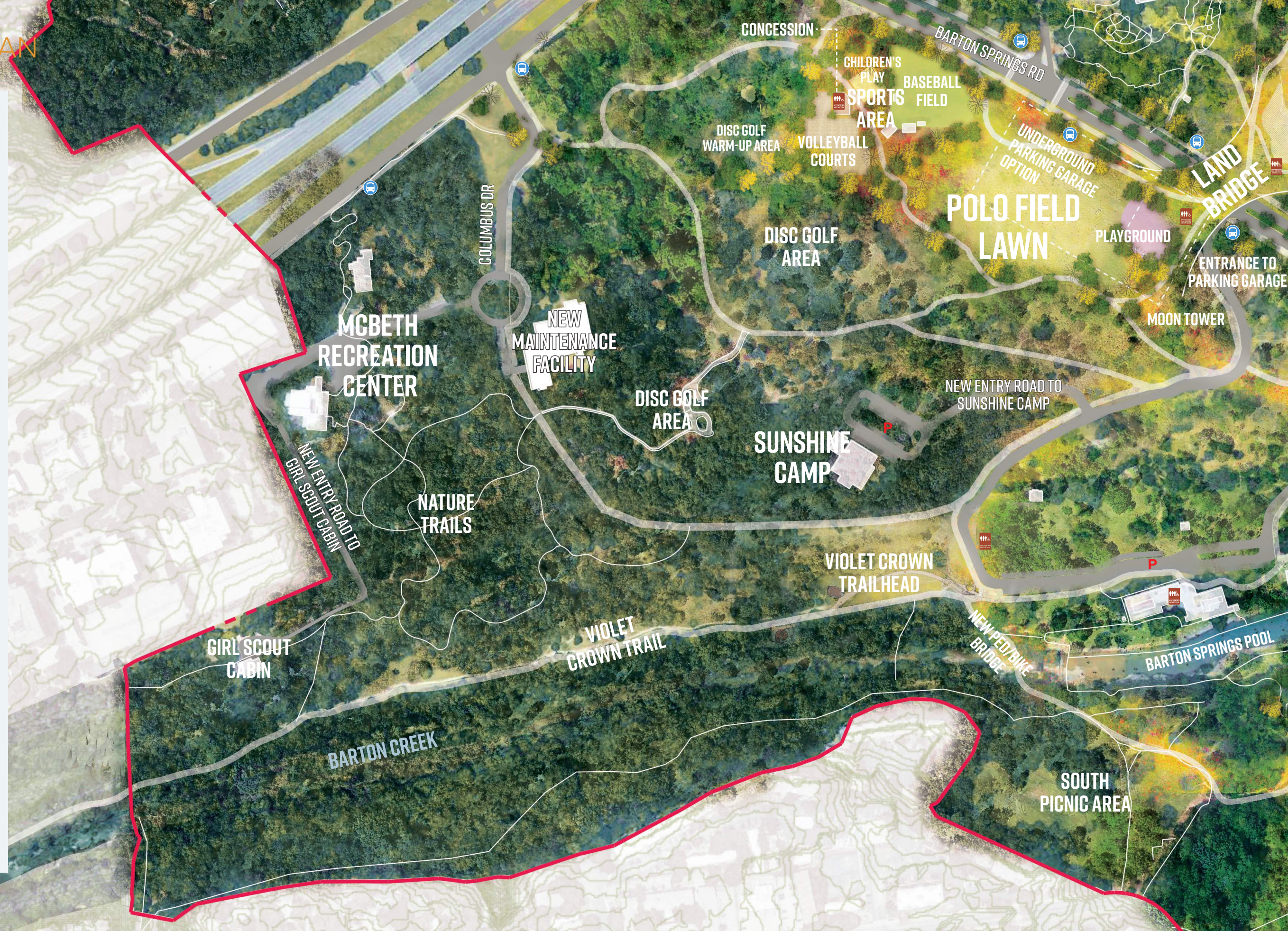
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WESTERN AREA

- 16** With the new entry road to the Girl Scout Cabin, the southern part of Columbus Drive becomes a nature trail.
- 17** As Andrew Zilker Road becomes pedestrian and bike only trails, the Disc Golf Area can be extended to the south.
- 18** Columbus Drive will be partially closed with a roundabout. The nature trail will be continued from Barton Creek Greenbelt to Lady Bird Lake over the land bridge.
- 19** The new pedestrian bridge on the west side of Barton Springs Pool will improve connectivity across Barton Creek.



ZILKER SPORTS AREA

