

Friends of Red Bud Isle 2009 Red Bud Project Ideas (updated March 2009)

Invasive Removal and Regrowth

- Cut, treat, and remove remaining ligustrum in various areas of park. Approximately 10% remain, located near the front parking entrance. (FORB, Ecorps, PARD)
- Poison Ivy solution. Need confirmation of plan to significantly reduce poison ivy throughout the park. (PARD or Ecorps)
- Tree planting program. (PARD)

Erosion Repairs

- Repair of erosion runoff gully on east trail. (APF or FORB or CTTT)
- Reinforcement of water access on SW corner of main play area.

Capital Improvements

- Nature trail in section "B" of park – this is the area that had the most Ligustrum removal and follows a nice area of the lake. Late summer project. (Eagle Scout)
- Repaint red "fire zone" curbs and handicap space. (FORB or PARD)
- Installation of 3 new trash bin enclosures with green wooden cage. (PARD)
- Off-leash dog park sign. (PARD)

Maintenance Work

- Mulching of primary dog play areas. (FORB)
- Clean up front entrance - vines, tangled mess, trash. (FORB)
- Trash pickup, esp. sunken dog toys and trash in water near boat ramp. (FORB)
- Poop patrol – monthly sweep of wayward dog waste. (FORB)
- Erosion repairs – primarily holes dug by dogs in various areas. (FORB)
- Invasive maintenance, i.e. sapling removal, cane cutting. (FORB, PARD)
- Clean and repair signs – entrance, mutt mitt stations, kiosk. (FORB)
- Reinforcement of erosion stairways to ensure areas under water are not getting washed out. (FORB)
- Storm patrol – cleanup of island after significant weather, i.e. floods. (FORB)

Friends of Red Bud Isle Project Summaries

(March 2007 – Present)

Completed Park Projects

In addition to items noted as on-going maintenance, the following projects have been completed and/or facilitated by Friends of Red Bud Isle:

- ✓ Purchased and installed 4 benches in main play area.
- ✓ Purchased and installed message-center kiosk.
- ✓ Purchased and installed lost & found basket on kiosk.
- ✓ Installed cedar fencing along west path at low-water dog entrance/play area.
- ✓ Repaired major erosion cut on eastern side of park near small play circle near far end of island. This is where a dog had been pinned by a dislodged rock.
- ✓ Small shore erosion repair steps on southwest tip of island.
- ✓ Large shore erosion repair steps on southeast tip of island.
- ✓ Repair erosion gully between large and small play areas near front of park.
- ✓ 90% of invasive ligustrum and giant cane removed from 13 acres of parkland.
- ✓ Nursed dozens of trees back to health that had been choked out by giant cane.
- ✓ Cut back poison ivy throughout the park.
- ✓ Created and maintain a RedBudIsle.org website.
- ✓ Installed 2 additional mutt mitt stations.
- ✓ Flagstone pathway connecting dog stairways at end of island. *Removed pathway.*
- ✓ Purchased and installed of dog ball station. *Removed due to lack of use.*

Rejected, Shelved Park Projects

- ☹️ Water fountain installation. *Unable to do without significant financial investment.*
- ☹️ Creation of “small dog” play area – small designated area for small dogs to play, likely needs to be fenced area. *Not necessary at this time.*
- ☹️ Create natural stairs on back side of small play area where a rough footpath going to the eastern trail has been created. *Not necessary at this time.*
- ☹️ Boat ramp repairs and reinforcements. *Requirements spread across numerous city and county agencies.*

Community Contribution Summary

Following is a brief summary of overall contributions facilitated by Friends of Red Bud Isle since inception in early 2007:

- 1800 volunteer hours. This is the equivalent to more than \$19,000 of labor
- Awarded ~\$20,000 in grant funding from Austin Parks Foundation
- Matching funds from the community exceeding \$6,000.

TOTAL Community Contributions exceed \$45,000.

Red Bud Isle Public Meeting
Parks and Recreation Department
March 11, 2009

Listed below is input gathered from interested citizens in attendance at the March 11th meeting held by the City of Austin's Parks and Recreation Department regarding future project initiatives for the park. Inputs range in order of priority as voiced by the public. Note this is only a public input list and does not represent items that will necessarily be acted upon. PARD will consider this input in the long-term management of the park and will require further investigation.

- ⇒ Parking Problems – Suggestions made to both remove and add parking spaces
- ⇒ Removal of poison ivy
- ⇒ Alternative leash free areas – additional “Dog Parks”. Need more areas....
*Symptom of a bigger problem – more separate areas.
- ⇒ No cutting signage
- ⇒ No dog areas to preserve
- ⇒ Irrigation System – need some form of water
- ⇒ Rotate areas of park for use to improve sections of park. Close to dogs but open to people.
- ⇒ Keep it “Austinie”
- ⇒ Segregated Parking.....Short Term/Long Term
- ⇒ Access for emergency vehicles
- ⇒ Repaint emergency areas
- ⇒ Fence close to steep banks between water and bank to limit access, to save vegetation.
- ⇒ Signage about fishing rules.
- ⇒ Fencing along the street
- ⇒ Stop erosion around stairs
- ⇒ Beware of the development around the stairs
- ⇒ Make sure we remember Mother Nature – keep that in mind when making plans.
- High Water
- ⇒ Understory Plantings
- ⇒ Signage to stay off/out of certain areas.
- ⇒ Keep it natural
- ⇒ Less Parking
- ⇒ No Weapons Signage
- ⇒ Construction of new bridge
- ⇒ Reservable Space
- ⇒ Make erosion control rock proper stairways – 7 in.