

Spring Season of Caring self-guided community beautification

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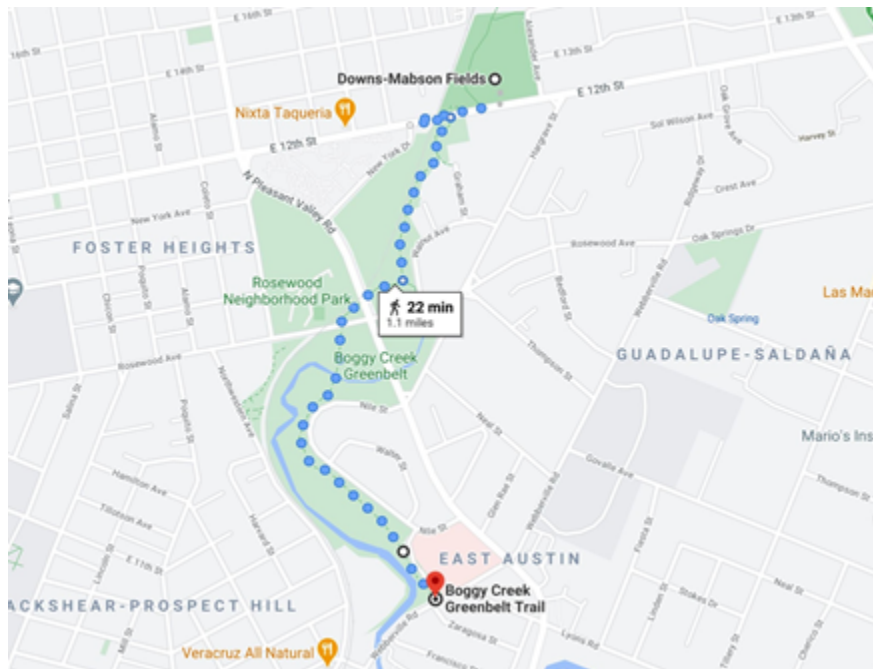
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Route 1 – EAST

Downs-Mabson Fields and the Boggy Creek Greenbelt

The EAST self-guided community beautification starts at [Downs-Mabson Fields](#) and takes you through the [Boggy Creek Greenbelt](#). Park near the baseball field along Alexander Avenue. Spend an hour volunteering, exploring, and collecting trash along the trail all the way to Webberville Road, and back again for a two-mile jaunt.

1. [Downs-Mabson Fields](#) - 2816 E 12th St, Austin, TX 78702
2. [Boggy Creek Greenbelt](#) - Boggy Creek Greenbelt Trail Austin, TX 78702



Some history



Downs-Mabson Fields - In 1927, this baseball diamond was the home of the Austin Black Senators -- the first Negro League Baseball team in the city. Some notable players who have swung the bat here are Satchel Paige, Willie Wells, Smokey Joe Williams, Willie Mays, and Buck O'Neil. Now Downs-Mabson is the home of the Huston-Tillotson University Rams baseball team.



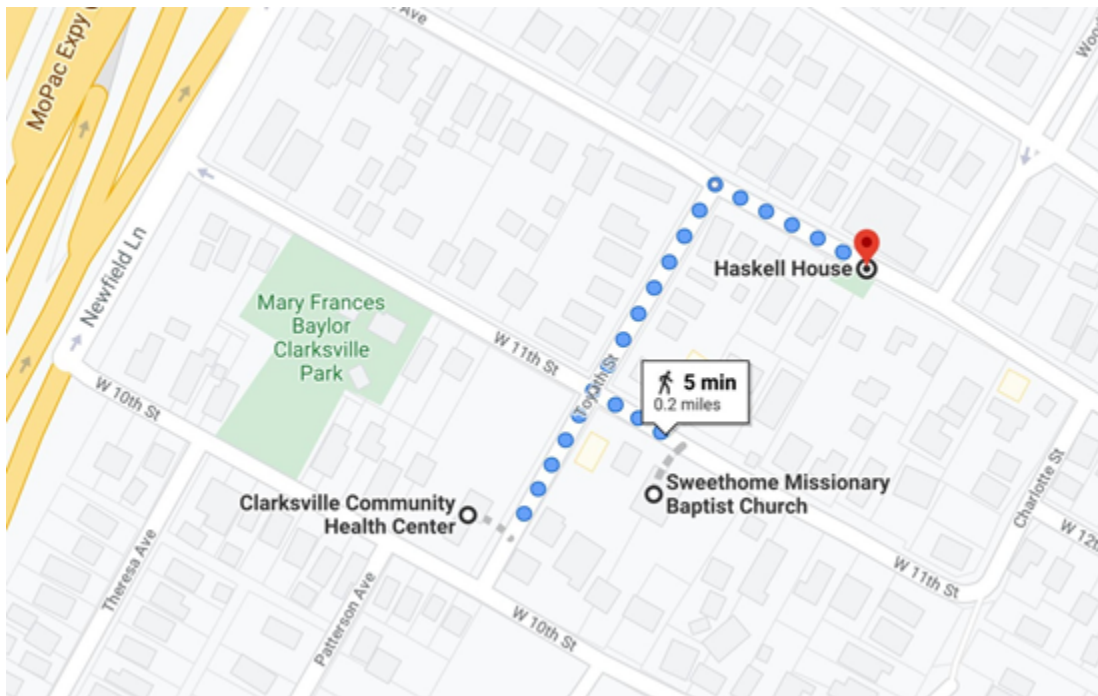
Boggy Creek Greenbelt Trail - This ADA accessible trail is a short little tree-lined gem in East Austin. Listen for the birds and enjoy this bit of green in the midst of our city.

Route 2 – WEST

Historic landmarks in Clarksville

The WEST self-guided community beautification takes you through the Clarksville neighborhood. Park near the Clarksville Community Health Center along Toyath st. and take in the history of this land, explore, and collect trash. Make sure to stop by Sweet Home Missionary Church and the Haskell House.

1. [Clarksville Community Health Center](#) - 1000 Toyath St, Austin, TX 78703
2. [Sweet Home Missionary Church](#) - 1725 W 11th St, Austin, TX 78703
3. [Haskell House](#) - 1705 Waterston Ave, Austin, TX 78703



Some history



Sweet Home Baptist Church Rev. H. B. Southern, Pastor
Austin, Texas

Sweet Home Missionary Church - In 1871 a newly freed man named Charles Clark moved to land west of downtown, to what we now call Clarksville. Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church has been at the center of this community since Clarksville itself was founded. The congregation of this historic church first gathered under a tree on this land in the early 1870s.



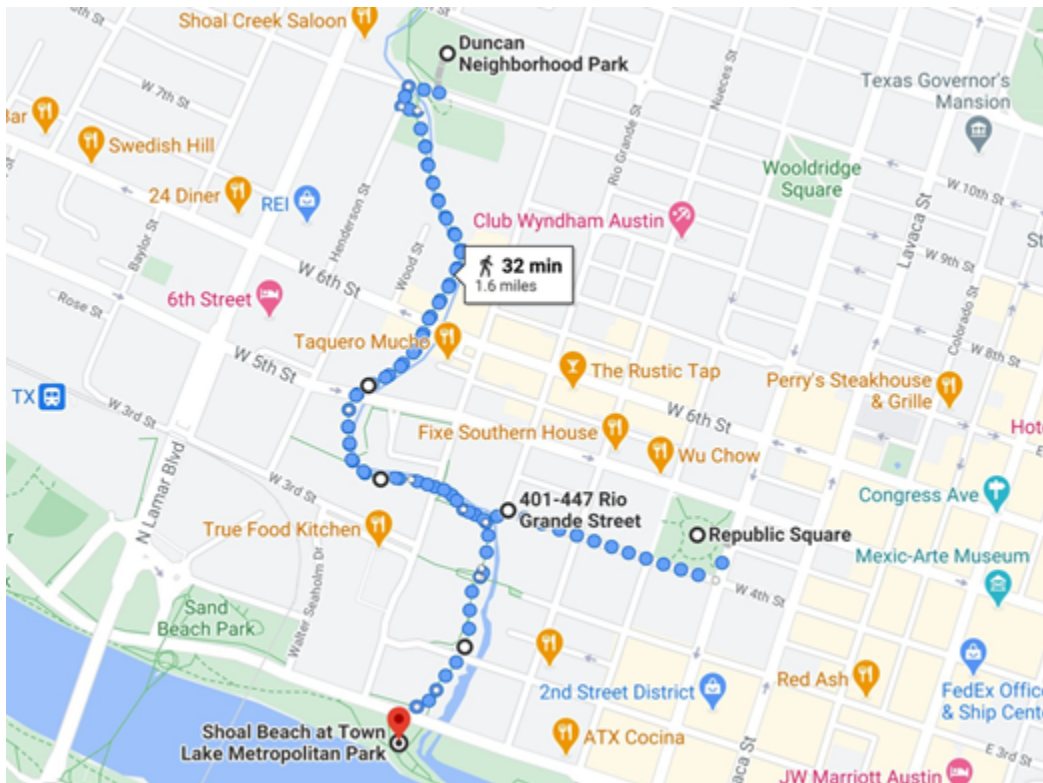
Haskell House - This land was originally bought by a formerly enslaved man just after the Civil War. The 1879 Haskell House serves as a physical reminder of Clarksville's historic roots and the struggles of people who were formerly enslaved. To them, Clarksville was an oasis of freedom, community, and dignity.

Route 3 – CENTRAL

Republic Square and the Shoal Creek Trail

The CENTRAL self-guided community beautification starts at Republic Square and takes you along the Shoal Creek Trail. Park at the 451 W 4th St Lot, and head west on 4th street to the Shoal Creek Trail. From the trail, go where the mood takes you - south to Lady Bird Lake for water views, or north to Duncan Neighborhood park for more city views.

1. [Republic Square](#) - Parking at 451W W 4th St, Austin, TX 78701
2. [Shoal Creek Trail](#) - 401-447 Rio Grande St
3. [Lady Bird Lake](#) - 707 W Cesar Chavez St, Austin, TX 78701
4. [Duncan Neighborhood Park](#) - 900 W 9th St, Austin, TX 78701



Some history



Republic Square - Republic Square was one of four public squares laid out in the original 1839 Austin City Plan. This plan set up the grid that we now know as downtown Austin. The neighborhood surrounding the park became significant for its Mexican American residents in the 1870s. The community held celebrations at the square, and it even became a popular place to buy tamales and candy from vendors.