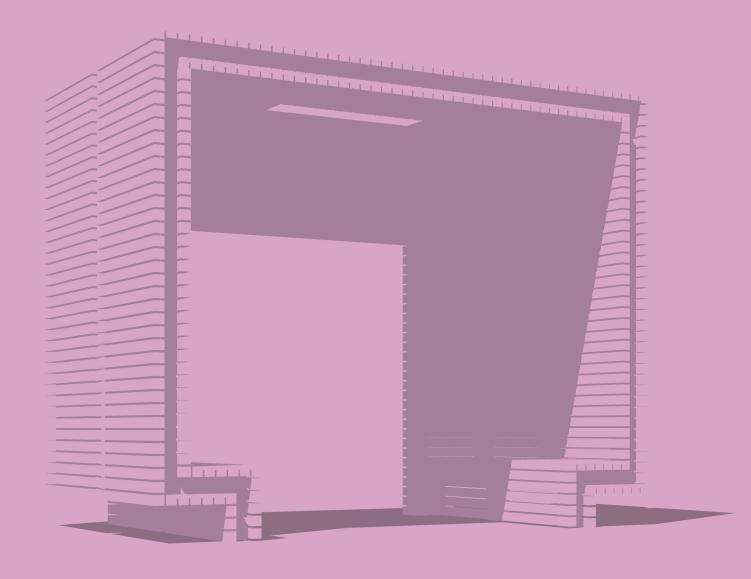
6 DESIGN TOOLKITS

A unified palette of furnishings for the HWP Greenway Trail System provides branding and an enhanced aesthetic system-wide. This Toolkit proposes custom shade structures for each Character Area with a materiality that complements easily procured "off-the-shelf" items. The furnishings proposed will be factory powder-coated with the Character Area colors.

Creek beds, often with steep slopes and regular flooding, are challenging places to build. Because of this, there are many areas where long, continuous runs of retaining walls are needed. Currently, there are many types of retaining walls being used throughout the trail system, including pour in place concrete, concrete with stencils, stone masonry, and gunnite. A unified and consistent palette of attractive, contemporary, and cost effective retaining walls is recommended by this Trail Design Strategy to give the trail system cohesion and identity.

As a steward of sensitive riparian areas, the City is committed to reducing environmental impact as much as possible by utilizing low impact development (LID) techniques. The intent of these tools is to reduce runoff from impervious surfaces, such as parking lots, and should be used whenever constructing new Tier 1 trailheads or upgrading existing trailheads with parking facilities.

A tree species selection matrix and pollinator plant list is also included in this section to assist consultants with locating the most appropriate species within various diverse growing conditions.



6.1 MEDINA RIVER

SHADE STRUCTURE

The Medina River is the most wild and least disturbed part of the trail system. The organic curved lines of the powder-coated steel beams reference the many twists and turns of the river. Simple wood columns, wood cladding, an integrated board-formed concrete bench, and oversized black steel post bases offer a rugged yet refined aesthetic.

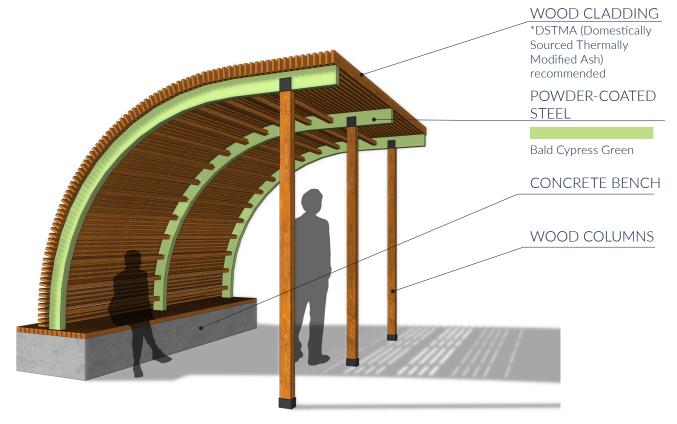
CHARACTER AREA COLOR



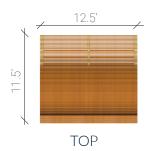


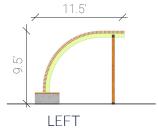
Bald Cypress Green RAL 6019 RGB 185, 206, 172

The Medina River is the most undeveloped Character Area. The majestic Bald Cypress trees lining its bank are its most striking natural

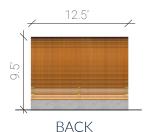


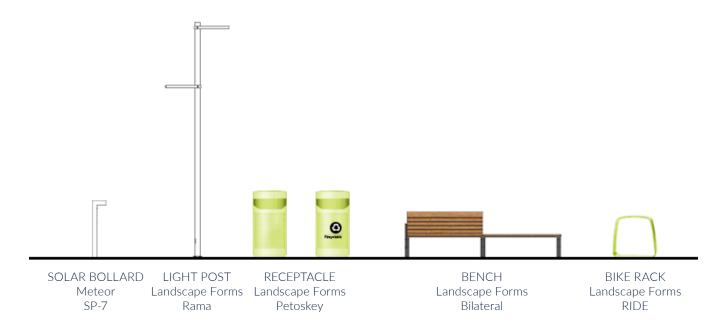






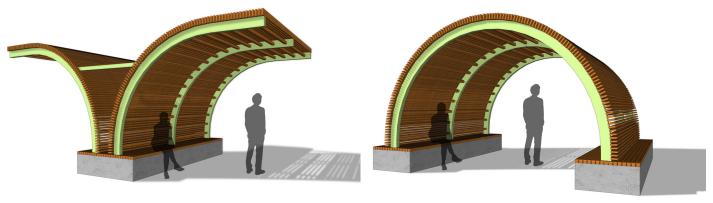






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MIRRORED CONFIGURATION

HANGAR CONFIGURATION







6.2 SALADO CREEK SOUTH

SHADE STRUCTURE

The offset angles of this shade structure are inspired by the jagged faults of the region's most iconic geologic feature - the Balcones Escarpment. Cor-ten panels offer a durable yet contemporary aesthetic. An integrated bench provides different depths of seating, allowing trail users to either sit or rest with their feet up. While this option is consistent with Salado Creek North, color changes to the powder-coated metal offer an opportunity to differentiate between the two.

CHARACTER AREA COLOR

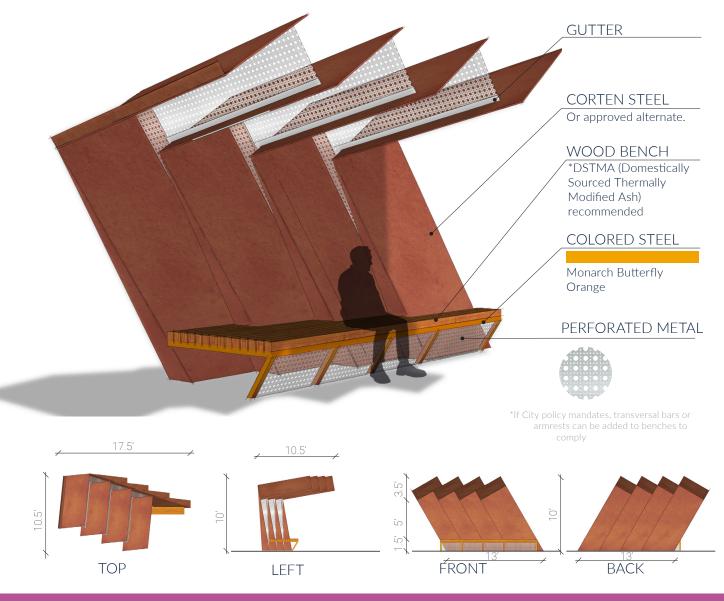


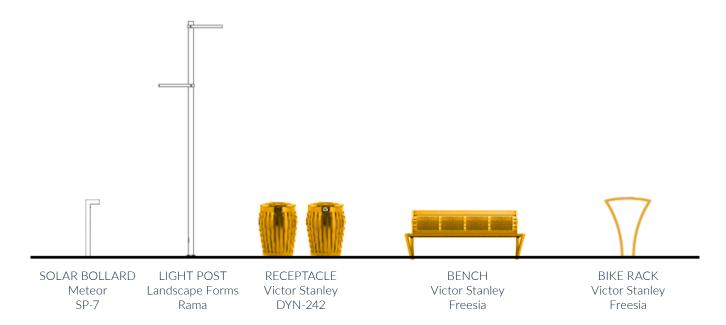


Monarch Butterfly Orange **RAL 1003**

RGB 249, 168, 0

Located in several important migration routes, Salado Creek's natural areas contain vital habitat for the iconic Monarch Butterfly



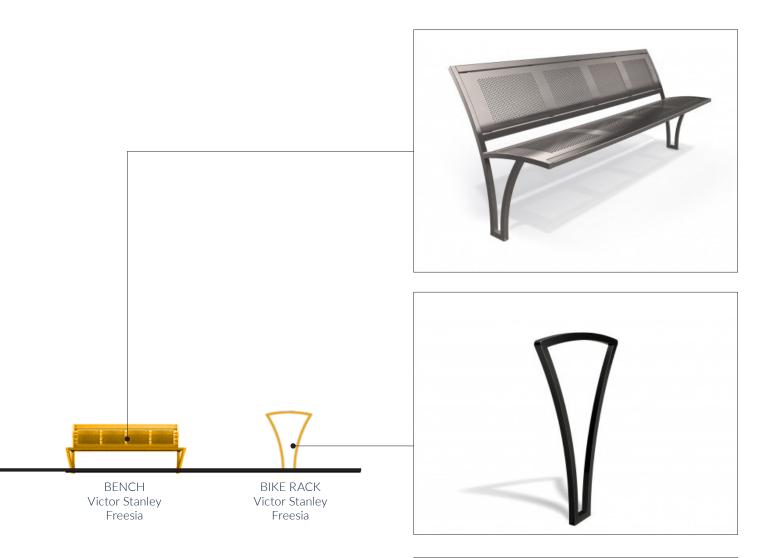


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6.3 SALADO CREEK NORTH

SHADE STRUCTURE

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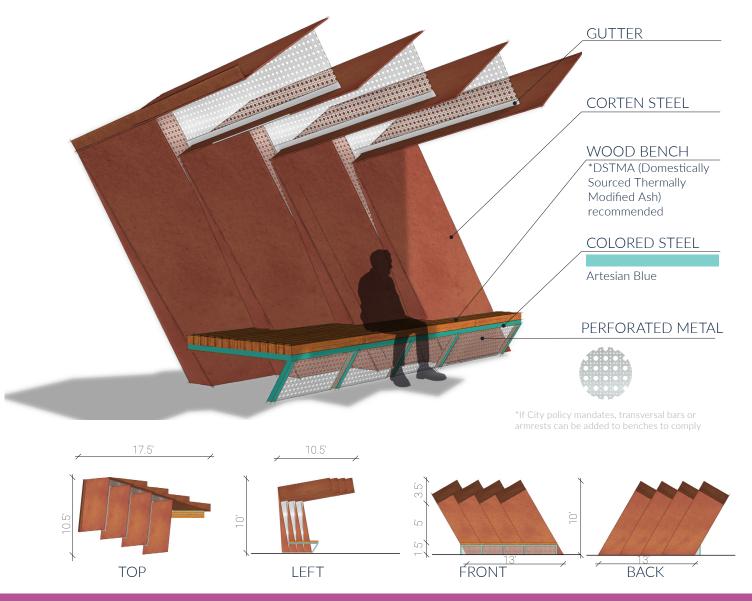
CHARACTER AREA COLOR

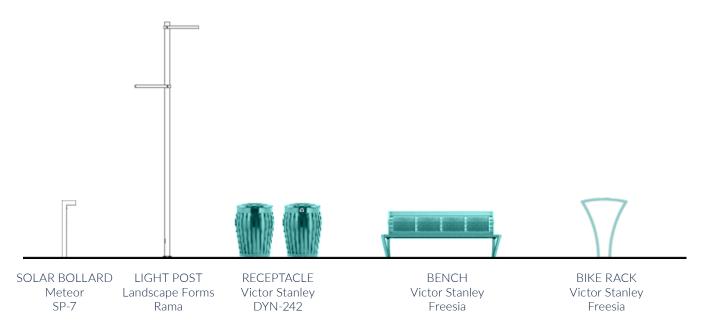




Artesian Blue RAL 6027 RGB 126, 186, 181

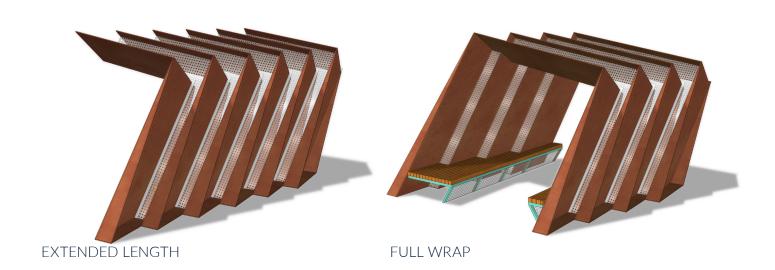
Salado Creek, once a reliable artesian spring-fed stream full of aquatic life, nearly dried up at the turn of the century. Today, it has been restored.





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6.4 LEON CREEK SOUTH

SHADE STRUCTURE

Inspired by a modern design aesthetic, this shade structure consists of offset wood cladding supported by a steel frame. The wrapped walls provide maximum solar protection while the spacing allows for visual transparency and breezes. A perforated metal "skylight" casts intricate patterns onto the floor below. This shade structure also provides some of the most substantial shade relative to other Character Areas - an important consideration for an area with minimal tree canopy. While this option is consistent with Leon Creek North, color changes to the powder-coated metal offer an opportunity to differentiate between the two.

CHARACTER AREA COLOR





Air Force Blue RAL 5013

RGB 25, 49, 83

Leon Creek connects the rapidly growing UTSA area to the Hill Country ecoregion and Lackland Air Force Base to the South.

PERFORATED METAL

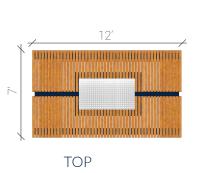


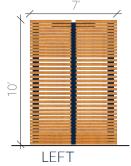
POWDER-COATED STEEL

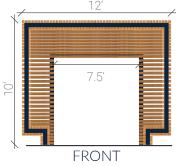
Air Force Blue

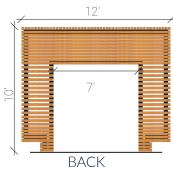
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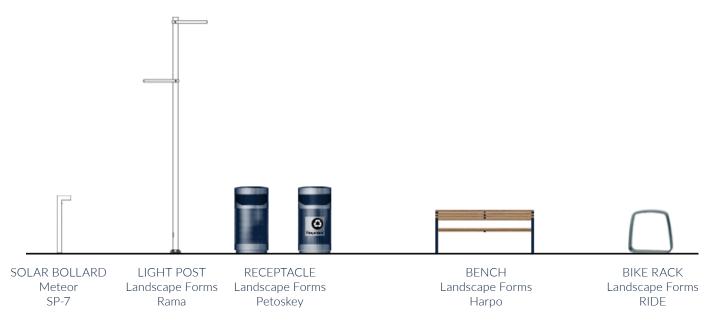
*DSTMA (Domestically Sourced Thermally Modified Ash) recommended











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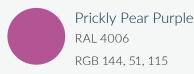
6.5 LEON CREEK NORTH

SHADE STRUCTURE

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CHARACTER AREA COLOR





The Prickly Pear Cactus and its brightly colored fruits are an iconic plant for the entire region and are commonly found nearby.

PERFORATED METAL

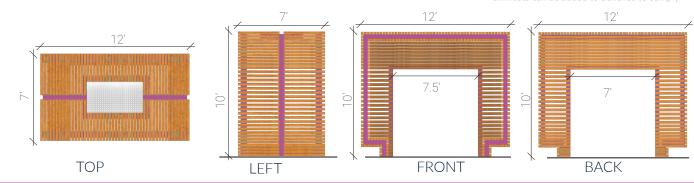


POWDER-COATED STEEL

Prickly Pear Purple

WOOD CLADDING

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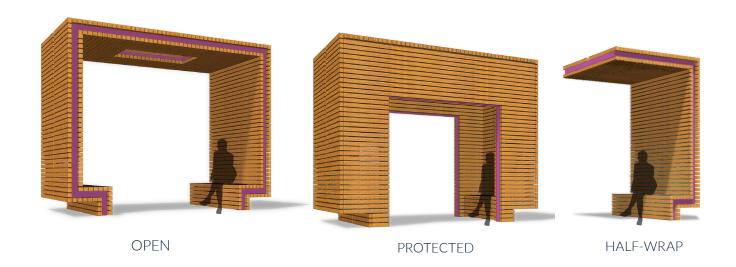




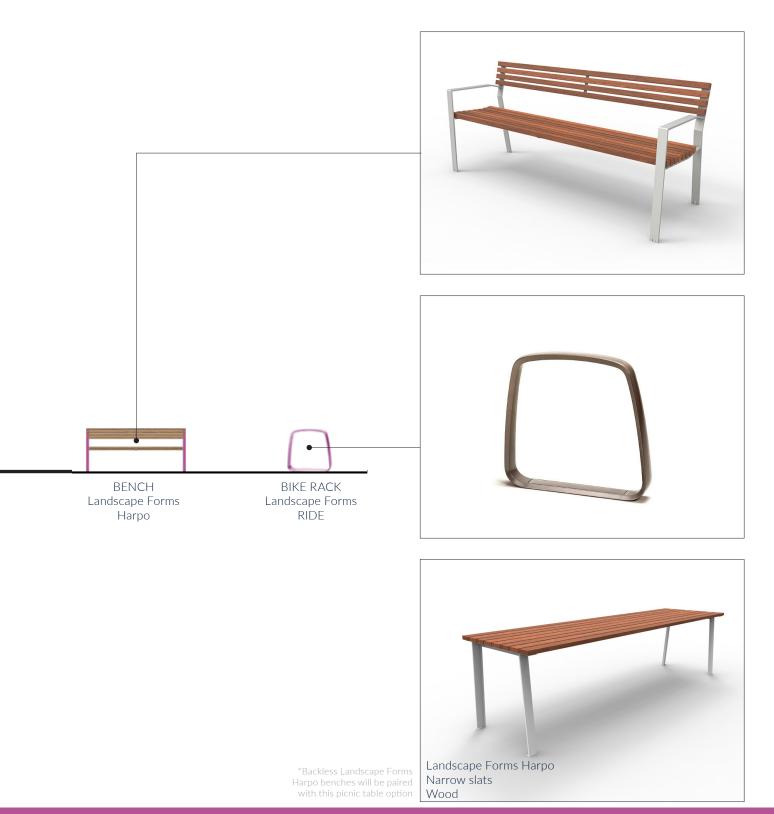


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6.6 WEST SIDE CREEKS

SHADE STRUCTURE

The Westside Creek's trails are almost entirely in floodplains. The robust "wickets" of this structure minimize the amount of damage that would occur during flooding. The channelized banks are almost totally devoid of tree coverage, and shade structures may be required at more regular intervals. The simple construction minimizes costs, allowing for shade at more frequent intervals.

CHARACTER AREA COLOR

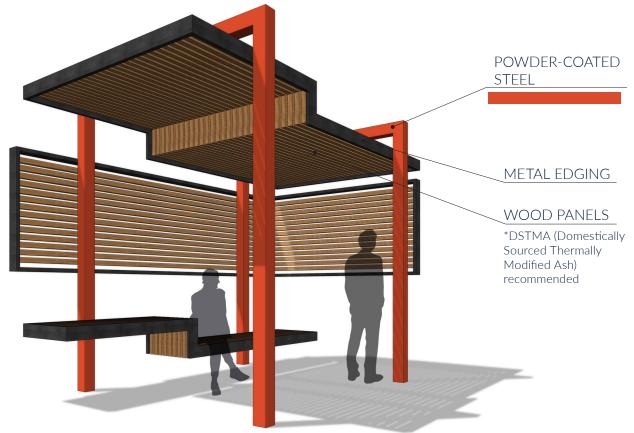


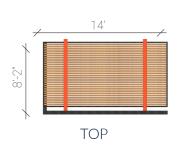


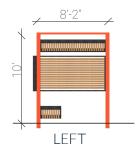
Enchilada Red RAL 2010

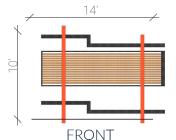
RGB 208, 93, 40

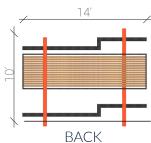
Enchilada Red is a color frequently used in a variety of ways at local restaurants, convenience stores, and murals on the Westside.













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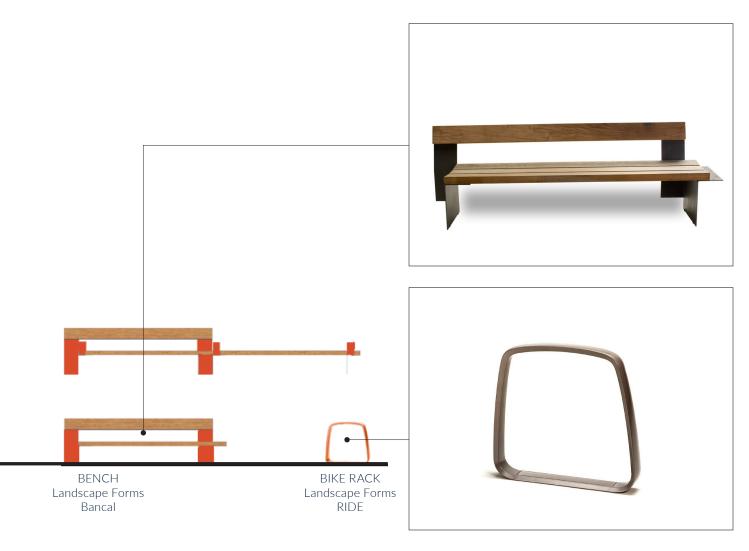






SIDE SCREEN, DOUBLE-WIDTH, ADDITIONAL BENCH







*Backless Landscape Forms Bancal benches will be paired with this picnic table option

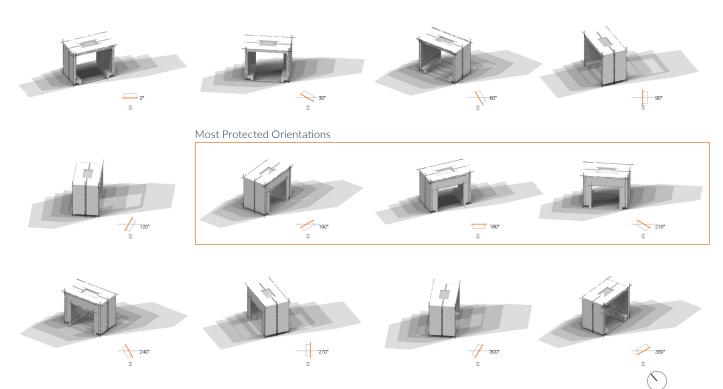
6.7 SOLAR ORIENTATION

SHADE STUDIES

Due to the nature of the floodplain environment, long stretches of the Greenway system are exposed to the sun. Shade structures at strategic locations offer respite to the greenway system user. However, each structure will be individually located by a designer as funding becomes available.

Several shade structure simulations were run to determine the ideal solar orientation (not every shade structure was simulated). The results indicate that structures should generally have their massing face south. A rotation angle of 150-210 degrees from true south generally provides the most shade and is recommended for all future shade structures constructed along the Greenway system.

SHADE STUDY: LEON CREEK



SHADE STUDY: SALADO CREEK

