

6.10 PLACEMAKING INTERVENTIONS

Throughout the trail system, there are many opportunities for artistic expression. Such interventions can offer a sense of place and will elevate the trail as a cultural and heritage destination.

ART AT BRIDGES

Many low water bridge crossings have vertical concrete structures that are meant to provide edge protection while also allowing water to run over the bridge during flood stage. This infrastructure can be re-imagined by artists both before and after construction of the bridge.



FOOD TRUCKS (TEMPORARY)

Adding food trucks and temporary additional furnishings can bring in users that normally don't use the trail system and is a great way to make an activity hub at a Tier I trailhead.



AMPHITHEATER

Amphitheatres can be used for regular performance programming. Seating can incorporate gabions, which compliment nearby retaining walls. In addition, seating can take advantage of topography to create a acoustic "bowl" effect.



NATURE PLAY

Integrating opportunities for play along the greenway will encourage more families to visit the system. At the same time, it also fosters conservation values for children. Free-form play in wild spaces has been proven to have physical, social, and spiritual benefits. These play areas can flank corridors but would be most utilized at Tier I and II trailheads.



OVERLOOKS

There are multiple opportunities for “bumpouts” along the greenway, at particularly scenic vantage points such as restoration areas, hill country vistas, or particularly notable bald cypress trees. Special paving materials, artistic metal work, and environmental interpretation signage.



SITE SPECIFIC ART PIECES

Unique sculptural elements can be an unexpected whimsical addition to trail system. They also provide an excellent photo opportunity.



LABYRINTH

A labyrinth is an irregular network of passages or paths in which it is difficult to find one’s way. These features can be added to trailheads for visual interest.



RAMMED EARTH WALLS

Can be used as a “gateway” at Tier II trailheads. Can be integrated into signage system and used in lieu of masonry walls.



EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Exercise equipment can be a complementary amenity to trails as they provide opportunities for strength training in addition to the opportunity to focus on cardiovascular health on the trail.

