

Building a Legacy with Our Parks



Georgetown Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan

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Letter of Transmittal

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City of Georgetown
Ms. Kimberly Garrett, CPRP
Director of Parks and Recreation
City of Georgetown
1101 North College Street
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Reference: Report - *Building a Legacy with Our Parks*, Georgetown Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan

Dear Ms. Garrett:

Half Associates is honored to present the final version of the Georgetown's Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan. *Building a Legacy with Our Parks* is meant to reflect the needs and desires of the residents of Georgetown. A significant amount of public input went into formulating this plan and as such the recommendations that were formed out of the park planning process convey what the residents of Georgetown deemed as important. The many recommendations of this Master Plan are part of a comprehensive analysis and include actions that address immediate needs and actions that are meant to be implemented long term.

Half Associates is honored to have worked with you, the Parks and Recreation Department Staff, elected officials of Georgetown and the citizens of Georgetown. We are looking forward to building a legacy with Georgetown's parks.

Sincerely,

Half Associates, Inc.

Jim Carrillo, ASLA, AICP
Vice President, Director of Planning



Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-17

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Georgetown, Texas, Adopting a New "Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Element" of the City's 2030 Comprehensive Plan in Accordance with Chapter 1.08 of the Georgetown City Charter, and Making Corresponding Changes to Chapter 1.12.080 of the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances; Repealing Conflicting Ordinances and Resolutions; Including a Severability Clause; and Establishing an Effective Date.

Whereas, the City Charter of the City of Georgetown was amended by vote of the people in April 1986 such that comprehensive planning was established as a continuous and ongoing governmental function; and

Whereas, Section 1.08(2)(E) of the City Charter provides that the City's Comprehensive Plan should include a recreation and open space element, and that the Plan (or the elements comprising the Plan) shall not be revised more than once every 5 years, except on a super majority vote of the City Council; and

Whereas, the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan was last updated in 2002, so has been more than five (5) years since the last time that the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element was revised; and

Whereas, on May 22, 2008, a public open house was conducted to evaluate the City Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and the future need for parks and trails within the community; and

Whereas, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met over several months to work on the update of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan; and

Whereas, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board did recommend to City Council approval of the draft 2030 Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Element, on December 11, 2008.

Whereas, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a public meeting on the draft 2030 Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Element on January 8, 2009; and

Whereas, the City Council held a public hearing concerning the draft 2030 Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Element, on January 27, 2009; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. The facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this ordinance are

hereby found and declared to be true and correct, and are incorporated by reference herein and expressly made a part hereof, as if copied verbatim. The City Council hereby finds that this ordinance implements provisions of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Section 2 Chapter 1.12, Georgetown Comprehensive Plan, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Georgetown is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 1.12.070. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan.
In accordance with Chapter 1.08, Subsection 2 of the City Charter, the City Council of the City has adopted that certain document entitled "2030 Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Element" for the purpose of directing the City Council, staff, and/or commissions in rendering actions and resolutions relating to the utilization of all of the available resources within the City and its planning area for the purpose of developing and conducting the parks and recreation programs of the City. This document is dated April 14, 2009 and may be amended from time to time.

Editor's note: Copies of the "2030 Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Element" are available in both the office of the City Secretary and the Parks & Recreation Administration Office.

Section 3. The 2030 Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Element shall be implemented in accordance with the Administrative procedures of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, consistent with state law and Unified Development Code notification and procedures.

Section 4. All future ordinances of the City implementing elements of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Element shall be in conformity with the adopted 2030 Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Element.

Section 5. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts of ordinances and resolutions, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and are no longer of any force and effect.


Section 6. If any provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, or application thereof, of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Georgetown.


PASSED AND APPROVED on First Reading on the 24 day of March 2009.

PASSED AND APPROVED on Second Reading on the 14 day of April 2009.

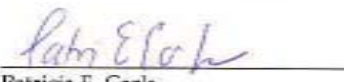
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Jessica Hamilton
City Secretary

THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN:


By: George G. Garver
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Patricia E. Carls
City Attorney



Acknowledgements

The 2008 Citywide Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan was developed by the City of Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department with the technical assistance and design help of Half Associates, Inc. A special thanks goes to the many residents, landowners, business owners, and community leaders for their insight and support throughout the duration of this study.

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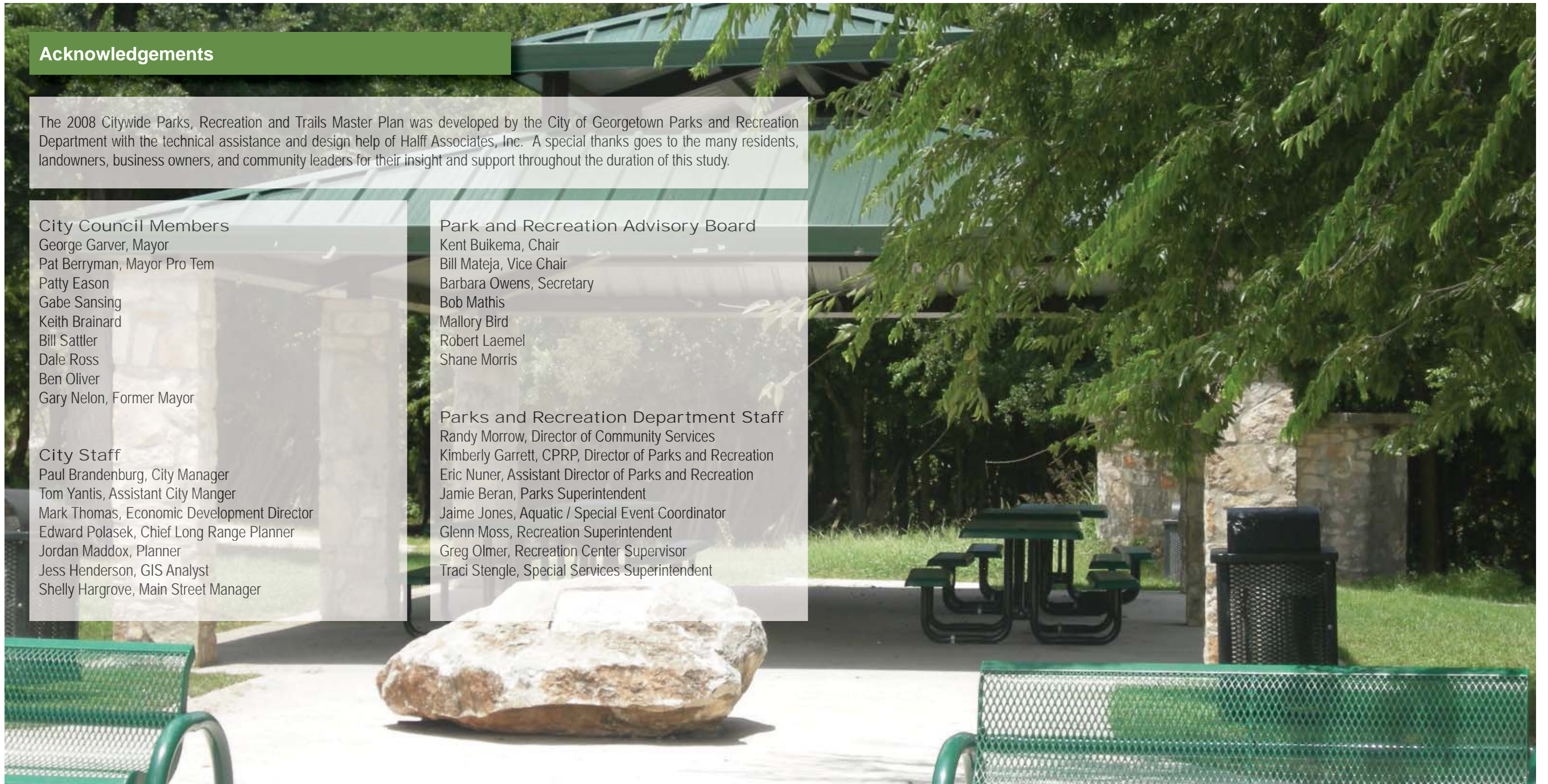


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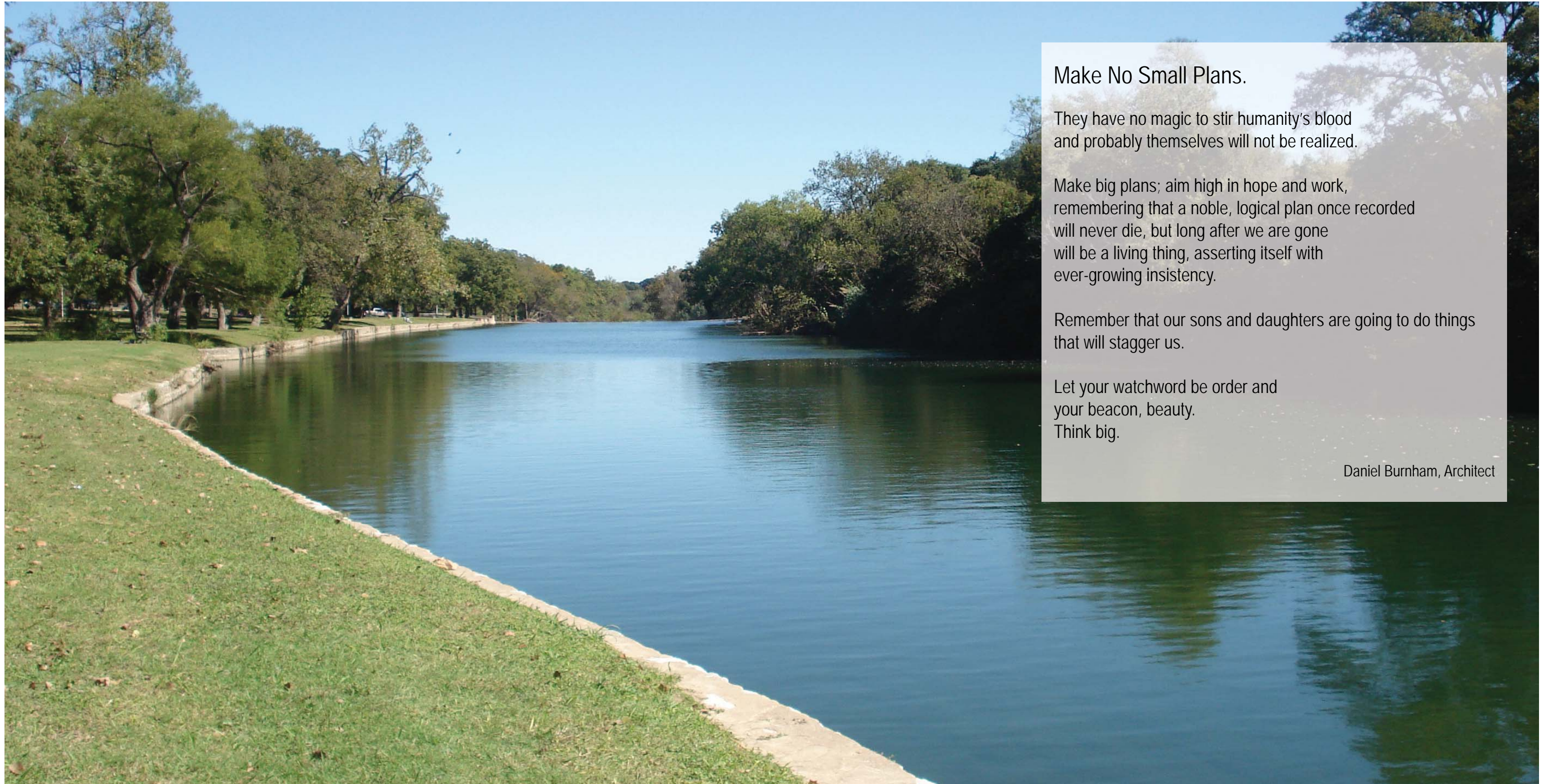
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Make No Small Plans.

They have no magic to stir humanity's blood and probably themselves will not be realized.

Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical plan once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing, asserting itself with ever-growing insistency.

Remember that our sons and daughters are going to do things that will stagger us.

Let your watchword be order and your beacon, beauty.
Think big.

Daniel Burnham, Architect

