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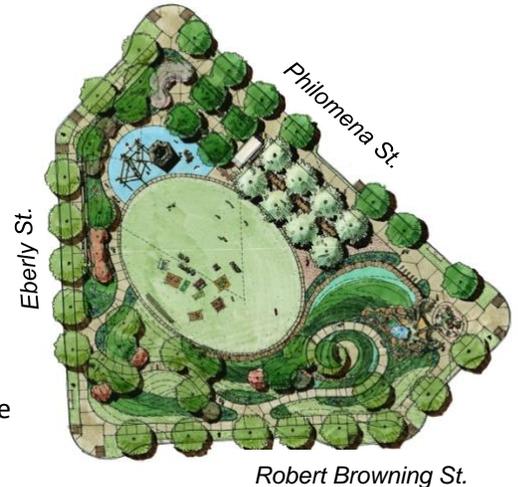
MUELLER ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR EIGHTH SIGNATURE PARK

New Green Space Coming to Austin’s Mixed-Use, Mixed-Income Community

Austin, Texas – Sept. 11, 2019 – Another new urban public park will soon be added to the mixed-use, mixed-income urban village of [Mueller](#) in 2020. Closely following the recent opening of [Mary Elizabeth Branch Park](#), this is the latest milestone toward the commitment to deliver 140 acres — 20 percent of Mueller — as parkland and open space.

Bordered by Philomena, Eberly and Robert Browning streets, the new pentagon-shaped park will be located in the northeast section of the neighborhood. The park will be a part of the newest phase of homes and apartments currently under construction, including Foundation Communities’ The Jordan and Habitat for Humanity’s upcoming collection of 11 row homes, both of which are part of Mueller’s [affordable homes program](#).

The nearly one-acre park will feature a multi-purpose open space in the heart of the park, surrounded by a variety of amenities, including a nature-inspired playscape area, tables for games like chess and checkers, an outdoor dining area with room for occasional food trucks, a live performance space, bike racks, restrooms, a shaded strolling path and a special public art feature.



A conceptual site plan (subject to change) of the new park designed by RVi shows a variety of amenities that will be available to Mueller and surrounding neighborhoods.

“We designed this new park to inspire the community to engage in the outdoors while enjoying beautiful amenities for recreation and relaxation,” said Chris Lalich, Director of Project Operations at RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture, which led the design of the park. “The space will be programmed to reflect the Austin lifestyle, with areas for live entertainment and outdoor dining reflecting the uniqueness of the neighborhood.”

Mueller has commissioned nationally renowned artist [Dixie Friend Gay](#) to provide her third piece of art for the community — a giant mixed-media octopus atop the park’s restrooms, with its arms curling down in front of the structure. The octopus will lead down to a planting area reminiscent of a coral reef.

“From Nesity at Lake Park to the giant spider sculpture in the Southwest Greenway, my goal with each piece of art is to create a sense of childlike wonder and exploration for neighbors of all ages,” said Dixie Friend Gay. “I’m thrilled to work with my friends at Mueller again as we design this larger-than-life octopus sculpture for the new park.”

This is the eighth public park to be built in the Mueller community, joining the recently opened Branch Park, the Northwest Greenway, Lake Park, Southwest Greenway, Ella Wooten Park, Paggi Square and John Gaines Park. Each park offers distinctive features to support a variety of activities.

“It was important to the City and the surrounding neighborhoods from the beginning of redevelopment planning that Mueller provide an extensive public park and open space system for the benefit of northeast Austin,” said Ken Blaker, Senior Vice President of Development for Catellus Development, the master developer of Mueller. “We anticipate this park will be another popular gathering place for families and employees from around Mueller and the surrounding communities to enjoy the outdoors.”

Nearly every home at Mueller is within 600 feet of a park or open space. Construction of the park is scheduled to begin in fall 2019, with an anticipated opening in late-2020.

ABOUT MUELLER: Mueller is one of the nation’s most notable mixed-income, mixed-use communities located in the heart of Austin. The 700-acre site of Austin’s former airport is being transformed into a diverse, sustainable, compatible, revitalizing and fiscally responsible master-planned community. Mueller is a joint project between the City of Austin [Economic Development](#) department and [Catellus Development](#). Upon completion, Mueller will feature at least 6,200 single-family and multi-family homes (including more than 1,500 affordable homes), a mixed-use town center district known as [Aldrich Street](#), 4.5 million square feet of prime commercial space, including 750,000 square feet of local and regional retail space, 140 acres of public parks and open space, plus Dell Children’s Medical Center, the Austin Film Studios, The Thinkery children’s museum, H-E-B grocer and the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center. For more information, visit www.MuellerAustin.com, find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MuellerAustin and follow us on Twitter [@MuellerAustin](https://twitter.com/MuellerAustin).

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