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MUELLER TO START CONSTRUCTION ON SOUTHEAST GREENWAY'S NEXT PHASE THIS SPRING

New, nearly 30-acree green space will feature skate park, open play field when completed in mid-2022

AUSTIN, Texas — Mar. 25, 2021 — <u>Mueller</u>, Austin's mixed-use, mixed-income community, is pleased to announce the next phase to complete the Southeast Greenway will begin construction this spring. This 28.5-acre park will add a skate park, more trails and a large open field to its already established pond and tree orchard.

The Southeast Greenway, designed by RVi Planning, will include a skatepark plaza and pump track, developed for those who enjoy skateboarding, inline skating and riding BMX bikes. This skate area was designed by New Line Skateparks, and will include colorful shade canopies, seating areas and lighting for evening use.

The Southeast Greenway will also feature more than one mile of hike and bike trails that will connect to established and future trails. A restroom building will feature two gender-neutral restrooms, lockers and



A concept design rendering of the new skate park and pump track that will be a part of Mueller's Southeast Greenway near Zach Scot St. and Manor Rd. Image courtesy RVi Planning and New Line Skateparks.

storage. Additionally, the park will include an expansive grassy open play field, picnic areas, benches, drinking fountains, bike racks and a small lighted parking lot. Approximately 450 trees will be planted in the park and around the existing pond.

"We strive to have something different in each park in Mueller, and something uniquely special for the surrounding community," said Greg Weaver, executive vice president of <u>Catellus</u>, the master developer of the Mueller community. "In the Southeast Greenway, there will be places for people to skate and rollerblade, have a picnic, toss a Frisbee, play a pick-up game of soccer or watch the dozens of bird species that already flock to this area."

A previously developed area of the park is the large pond that collects and filters area storm water, similar to the water features in Mueller's Southwest Greenway and Lake Park. The Southeast Greenway pond and a large post oak grove on the pond's northeastern shore have become a valuable habitat for birds and other wildlife and an important location for birdwatchers.

The Southeast Greenway gets its name due to its location in the southeast area of the Mueller redevelopment. The park will be situated between Manor Road and an extension of Tom Miller Street, south of Zach Scott Street and east of Tilley Street. At Tilley, it will connect to another previously developed portion of the greenway commonly referred to as "The Orchard" because of its collection of various fruit and nut trees.

Catellus, the City of Austin's Economic Development Department and RVi anticipate the park should be completed in approximately one year, weather permitting.

When completed, the Southeast Greenway will among nine signature parks in Mueller. In November 2020, the community welcomed Mueller's latest open space, <u>Jessie Andrews Park</u>, which features an outdoor dining area, a nature-inspired playscape and a 20-foot metal octopus sculpture named "Ocho." The new park is located along Philomena Street near The Jordan affordable apartment community and Habitat for Humanity's recently completed collection of affordable row homes.

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 public-private partnership between the City of Austin Economic Development department and Catellus Development. Upon completion, Mueller will feature at least 6,200 single-family and multifamily 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, find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

About Catellus: Catellus is a national leader in mixed-use development, solving some of America's most complex land challenges. With nearly 30 years of experience as a master developer, Catellus has transformed former airports, military bases, and urban industrial sites into thriving retail, residential, and commercial communities. These projects, which often include substantial public amenities, add economic, social and environmental value to the communities they serve. Catellus has both the financial strength and development expertise to turn vision into reality at even the most demanding development sites.

About the City of Austin, Economic Development Department: The City of Austin Economic Development Department influences revenue generation through its programs and investments in order to secure economic mobility for our residents and promote a competitive, sustainable, vibrant, and equitable economy for all. With a focus on regenerating key assets of the city, the Redevelopment Division has implemented catalyst redevelopment projects, including the Seaholm District, Second Street Retail District, and the Mueller Redevelopment, an award-winning national model for responsible urban planning and development.

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