



## *Community Call to Action: Pause Wastewater Pipeline Construction at Festival Beach Food Forest*

### How to Contact Your City Council Representative

Festival Beach Food Forest is asking for an immediate pause on planned wastewater pipeline construction to allow for a permaculture-based approach to this utility project and the impacted area. One of the most effective ways to support this request is to contact your City Council representative directly. Festival Beach Food Forest is located in [District 3](#), so messages from District 3 residents are especially impactful.

If you don't live in District 3, [click here](#) or scroll past Step 5.

#### **Step 1: Find Your City Council District**

Before emailing your representative, confirm which City Council district you live in.

[Use the City of Austin District Map.](#)

How to use the map:

- Click the blue "I want to" box and select "Find my council district"
- Enter your home address in the search bar
- The map will display your City Council district number
- **If your district is District 3, please consider taking a moment to send a message to your representatives by following the steps below.**

#### **Step 2: Contact the District 3 City Council Representative**

District 3 Council Member:  
Council Member José Velásquez

Email:  
[district3@austintexas.gov](mailto:district3@austintexas.gov)



### Step 3: Copy & Paste the Email Script Below

You can copy and paste the message below directly into an email.

Personalizing it with a sentence about why this issue matters to you is encouraged, but not required.

### Email Subject Line

Request for Pause on Wastewater Pipeline at Festival Beach Food Forest

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### Email Body

Hello Council Member Velásquez,

I am writing as a [District 3 resident/Festival Beach Food Forest core team member/Festival Beach Food Forest volunteer] to ask for an immediate pause on the [planned wastewater pipeline construction](#) through Festival Beach Food Forest (FBFF)

FBFF is a volunteer-led, community-stewarded permaculture food forest on public parkland that has been developed in partnership with the City of Austin over many years. Community stewards were notified of the planned excavation only weeks before construction is scheduled to begin.

I support a temporary pause so the City, Austin Water, TxDOT, and community stewards can work together on a permaculture-based approach that minimizes ecological damage and respects existing City-approved plans and public investment.

Thank you for your time and for considering a more transparent, community-centered approach to this project.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address or ZIP Code]

### Step 6: Email Parks and Recreation



All Austin residents are invited to email Parks and Recreation (the Food Forest's landowners) about their concerns.

Visit <https://www.austintexas.gov/email/parks> to send an email.

### **Step 7: Copy & Paste the Script Below**

You will be prompted to enter 1) **Your Name**, 2) **Your e-mail address**, 3) **A Subject** and 4) **A Message**

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### **Subject Line**

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### **Message**

I am writing as a [resident/Festival Beach Food Forest core team member/Festival Beach Food Forest volunteer] to ask for an immediate pause on the [planned wastewater pipeline construction](#) through Festival Beach Food Forest (FBFF).

This food forest has been developed in partnership with the City of Austin over many years. Community stewards were notified of the planned excavation only weeks before construction is scheduled to begin.

I support a temporary pause so the City, Austin Water, TxDOT, and community stewards can work together on a permaculture-based approach that minimizes ecological damage and respects existing City-approved plans and public investment.

Thank you for your time and for considering a more transparent, community-centered approach to the use of our public parkland.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address or ZIP Code]