

Violet Crown Amphitheater Fact Sheet



Local developer Chris Milam has submitted plans to the City of Austin for a massive entertainment complex surrounded by the Barton Creek Habitat Preserve. The development would include:

- 20,000-capacity outdoor amphitheater
- 28 & 20-story condo towers with 500 units
- 3 Night clubs
- Restaurant
- Whiskey distillery
- 400-capacity indoor amphitheater
- Driving range
- Pool club
- Office space

This development would be completely out of scale with other development in the area, which consists of rural neighborhoods with one acre or larger lots.

Nature Preserve Species Impacts

- Barton Creek Habitat Preserve is the largest tract of protected area for the endangered Golden-Cheeked Warbler (GCW) in the country.
- Noise pollution/amplified music [could hinder these songbirds' ability to sing and be heard](#), critical for defending territory and attracting a mate.
- Light pollution from the proposed entertainment district could negatively impact GCW migration, causing disorientation, exhaustion, [and collisions with buildings](#).
- Light pollution can also disrupt GCW sleep patterns, phenological cues, and provide nighttime advantages for GCW predators.



Barton Creek Impacts

- During the construction phase, sediment from the construction site would inevitably end up in Barton Creek and its riparian areas since Barton Creek is 250' elevation below the proposed development site and connected to the site via a tributary.
- More vehicles and impervious cover in the area would lead to creek pollution from engine oil, antifreeze, and other auto fluids.
- Large crowds and fertilizers would introduce excessive trash and nutrient pollution (nitrogen and phosphorous) into Barton Creek.
- Barton Creek is already showing nutrient stress due to development, with last summer's toxic algae outbreak at Sculpture Falls + increased eutrophication in numerous developed areas.

Human impacts include increased traffic, increased noise at night, and loss of Nature Preserve value