



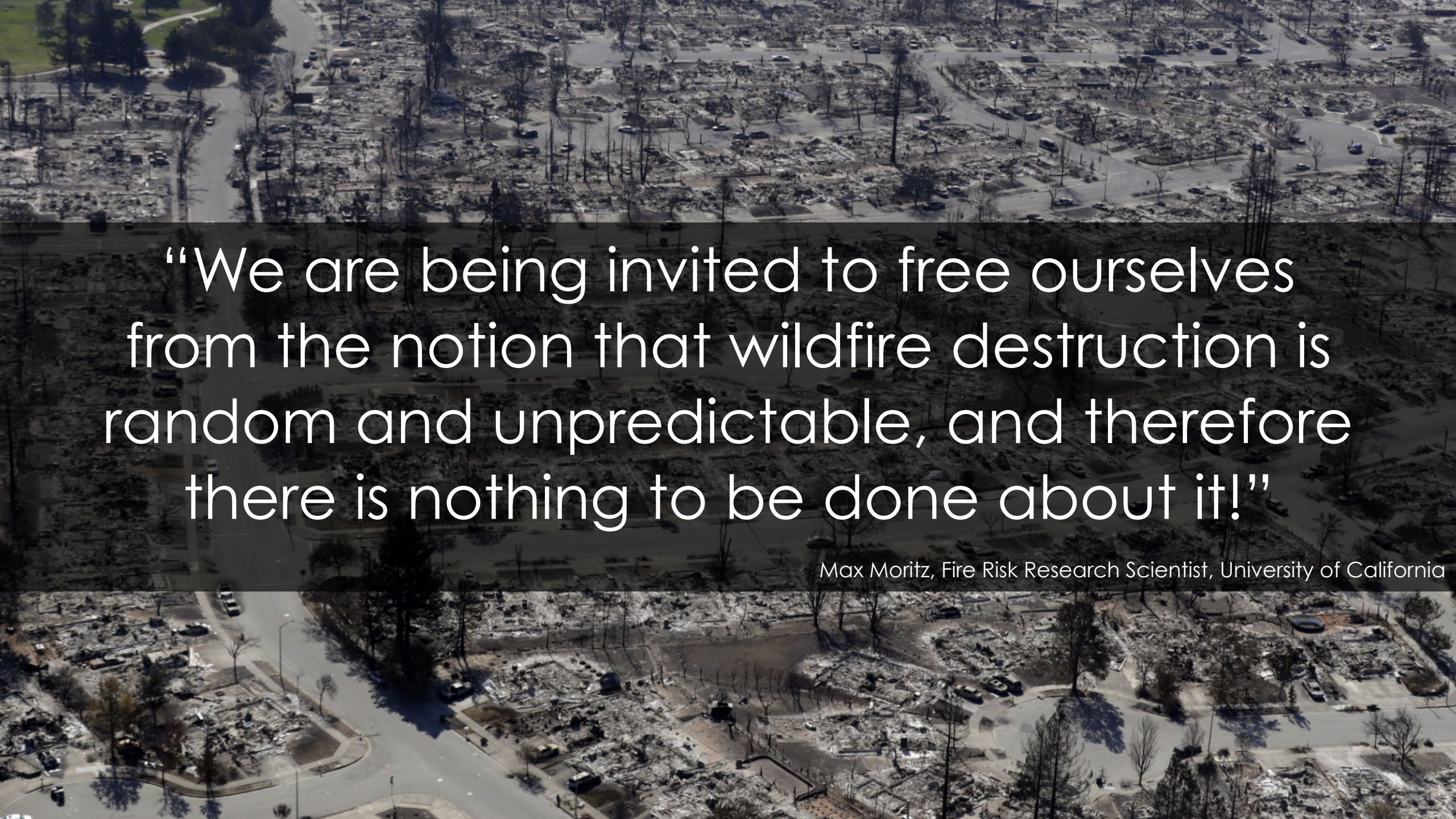
Will We Survive?

Building Resiliency in our Communities

Wildfire Community Preparedness Symposium

May 3, 2019

Austin, TX

An aerial photograph showing a residential neighborhood that has been almost completely destroyed by a wildfire. The landscape is covered in ash and charred remains of houses and trees. A few trees remain standing, but many are blackened and skeletal. The streets are visible, and some vehicles are scattered throughout the area. The overall scene is one of total devastation.

“We are being invited to free ourselves from the notion that wildfire destruction is random and unpredictable, and therefore there is nothing to be done about it!”

Max Moritz, Fire Risk Research Scientist, University of California

“We’re too busy!”

“We’re too distracted!”

“We have other things to deal with!”

“It might happen to someone else...
...but it won't happen to me!”

Optimism bias: a cognitive bias that causes people to believe that they are less likely to experience a negative event than others.

*Weinstein, Neil D.; William M. Klein (1996). "Unrealistic Optimism: Present and Future".
Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology.*

Just-world fallacy: refers to a tendency for people to blame and disparage victims of an accident or a tragedy to reassure themselves of their insusceptibility to such events.

Summers, G.; Feldman, N. S. (1984). "Blaming the victim versus blaming the perpetrator".

Five things we can do
to build resiliency in
our communities!

1

Motivate ourselves to become interested in and proactive about our safety.

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Increase 'Situational Awareness'.



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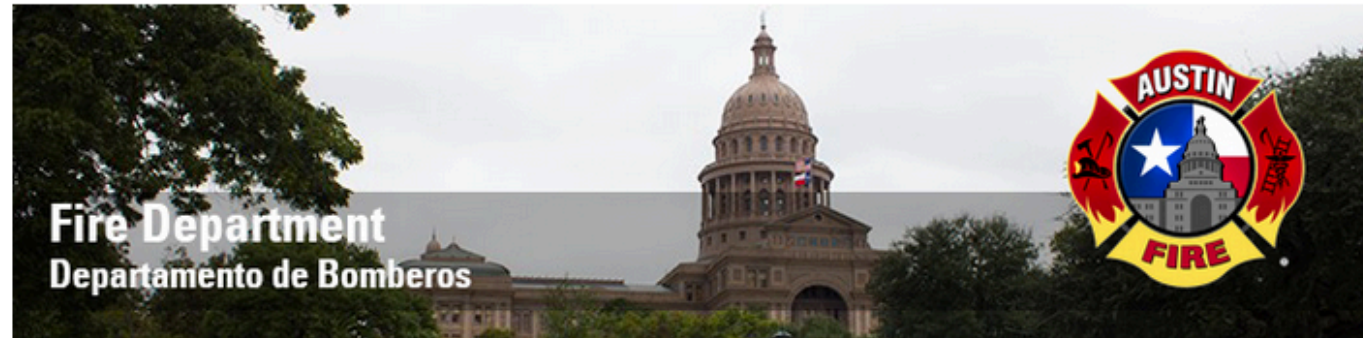
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WHAT IS YOUR



WILDFIRE RISK?



Fire Department
Departamento de Bomberos



WILDFIRE

The Wildfire division addresses the potential threat of wildfires through public education, fuel (vegetation) management and effective firefighting response.

The Wildfire division assists neighborhoods in becoming Fire Adapted Communities through public education by incorporating Firewise principles during community assessments and presentations conducted by our Firewise Program Coordinators.

KNOW YOUR RISK



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Austin's Wildfire Threat

Wildfire Risk Map

Wildfire Preparedness Symposium

Join us on May 3 to learn about your



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FIREWISE USA®

RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

NFPA's Firewise USA® program teaches people how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and take action now to prevent losses.

Join the growing network of more than [1,500 recognized Firewise USA® sites](#) from across the nation taking action and ownership in preparing and protecting their homes against the threat of wildfire.

- [Get started now!](#)
Learn about becoming a recognized Firewise USA® site.
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How to maintain your Firewise USA® recognition.
- [Login to Firewise USA® program management portal](#)
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NATURE IN THE CITY – AUSTIN

Get Firewise, Be Resilient

Nov 05, 2015 - 11:40 am CST

Get Firewise
Be Resilient

ABOUT THIS BLOG

Austin, Nature in the City is a blog featuring timely announcements and information about Austin's trees and vegetation. Each month we'll feature something different from seasonal tips, demonstration projects, and new reports, to opportunities for grants and volunteering. Sign up for the [The Austin Treebune](#) to receive monthly updates, and stay current by [Liking us on Facebook](#).

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Preparedness Materials

These educational materials are available for download for presentations, professional printing and office printing. Where applicable, content has been created in coordination with the American Red Cross and National Weather Services. Design files are available to accredited non-profit and government organizations by request to the [HSEM Public Information and Marketing Manager](#).

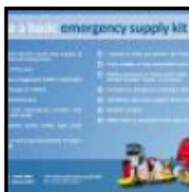
Preparedness Publications

- [Wildfire Action Guide](#)

Warn Central Texas (English/Spanish)

- ▶ [Download 11x17 poster - English](#)
- ▶ [Download 11x17 poster - Spanish](#)
- ▶ [Download Social Package - English](#)
- ▶ [Download Social Package - Spanish](#)

Emergency Kit Checklist (dual-sided English/Spanish)



- ▶ [Download for professional printing 7"x5" - \(Prints 4/4 bleeds\)](#)
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Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – City of Austin



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Make a Basic Emergency Supply Kit



Basic Emergency Operations Plan – COA



Local Publications

- River Place Review
- River Place Newsletter
- Four Points Newspaper
- River Place Bulletin Board
- Community Impact Publication
- Nextdoor.com

Community Events



River Place July 4th Parade,
Sun Tree Park
July 4, 2018



River Place BBQ,
River Place Golf Club
July 4, 2018

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Collaborate with expert resources
and other communities.

Collaboration: Expert Resources

- Austin Fire Department – Wildfire Division
- Lake Travis Fire Rescue
- Travis County Fire Marshal's Office
- Texas Forest Services
- Texas A&M
- Homeland Security
- Etc.

Collaboration: Local Communities

- Steiner Ranch Area Evacuation Project (TC TNR CIP)
- Westminster Glen HOA
- Comanche Trail Community Association
- Austin Firewise Alliance
- Etc.

Collaboration: Other Communities

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The Camp Fire Documentary
Benefit Screening

May 14, 2019 6:30PM
CineArts Sequoia Theater, Mill Valley

Meet the Filmmaker, Local Wildfire Experts, & BABY GOATS!



Firewise USA Recognition Program

MARIN IS THE FASTEST GROWING FIREWISE COUNTY IN THE US!

NFPA **45** **FIREWISE USA™**
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

FIRESAFE MARIN CAN HELP YOUR COMMUNITY ACHIEVE FIREWISE RECOGNITION! SOME INSURANCE COMPANIES NOW OFFER SUBSTANTIAL DISCOUNTS TO HOMEOWNERS IN RECOGNIZED FIREWISE COMMUNITIES. [CONTACT FIRESAFE MARIN FOR DETAILS.](#)

Firewise USA

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Marin County

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Wildfire Mitigation

Colorado State Forest Service personnel serve as resources for landowners, homeowners and communities so they have the knowledge to fully prepare for future wildfires.



What is Wildfire Mitigation?

Wildfire Mitigation

- Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (CO-WRAP)
- Community Wildfire Protection Plans
- Fire Adapted Communities
- Firewise USA™
- Protect your Home, Property & Forest

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Colorado State, Forest Services

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Develop practical wildfire mitigation and emergency preparedness protocols.

Wildfire Mitigation & Disaster Response Plan

River Place

Wildfire Mitigation & Disaster Response Plan

"Draft"



May, 2019

Wildfire Mitigation Protocol

Wildfire Mitigation Protocols
Among
[The Fire Department of the City of Austin]¹
[River Place Country Club]
And
[River Place Home Owner's Association]
“DRAFT”

BACKGROUND:

The Fire Department of the City of Austin (the “**Austin Fire Department**”) is concerned with preventing wildfires and, if one occurs, minimizing its harm to people, animals and property. Communities surrounded by areas of dense vegetation are at particular risk because such vegetation can serve to fuel and accelerate fires during periods of hot, dry weather. The River Place Country Club (“**RPCC**”) and the community of River Place (which is represented by the River Place Home Owner's Association, the “**River Place Community**”) are surrounded by large areas of dense vegetation, which makes them vulnerable to wildfires. RPCC and the River Place Community are also, however, uniquely situated in that they are largely encompassed by RPCC's golf course. RPCC has fairway sprinklers throughout the golf course which utilize gray water produced by the River Place Community, while the fire hydrants within the River Place Community are served by a separate water source. Because of the separation of systems, use of the RPCC fairway sprinklers would not impact water pressure to the fire hydrants within the River Place Community. Given their common interest in protecting RPCC and the River Place Community from the potential devastation of fires, to provide an additional line of defense, the Austin Fire Department, RPCC and the River Place Community have collaboratively developed these protocols to utilize the RPCC fairway sprinklers to prevent fires from spreading within, or to, the RPCC and the River Place Community.

PURPOSE:

The fairway sprinklers of RPCC could serve as a fire break and “safe zone” for individuals if a fire originates in, or encroaches on, RPCC and the River Place Community. **These protocols establish the communications and actions to be taken by the Austin Fire Department, RPCC and the River Place Community to utilize the RPCC fairway sprinklers in the event of a fire emergency.**

PROTOCOLS:

Appointment of Representatives

¹ [Note: Will need to ensure proper entity names]

Fairway Fire Breaks



Fairway Irrigation System



Gray Water Reservoir



Other Water Reservoirs



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Leverage community resources.

Safe Refuge - Shelter in Place







Safe Refuge

- 1 Motivate
- 2 Increase Situational Awareness
- 3 Collaborate
- 4 Develop Practical Protocols
- 5 Leverage Community Resources



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