



HAYS COUNTY

Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission (POSAC) RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMMISSIONERS COURT

The following recommendations are respectfully submitted by members of the Hays County Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission (POSAC) on November 23, 2021.

This document is a synthesis of the previously submitted recommendation made on July 28, 2020 (Round 1 Projects) with updates based on project changes and the second presentation to be made to the Court on November 23, 2021 (Round 2 Projects) and is meant to provide an easy visual overview of the projects submitted by various entities which were evaluated by the POSAC through the lens of the 2012 Parks, Open Space and Natural Areas Master Plan.

These project recommendations demonstrate a substantial need for resources in addition to those currently available for parks and open space within Hays County.

The named projects below are presented by round and category and ranked within the tiers showing highest ratings from top down within each category. Included also are the project sponsor and funding request. The numbering of projects relates to the attached project maps. The numbering is based on alphabetical order per round and is not related to ranking.

ROUND 1

TIER ONE PROJECTS ("very best"; highly recommend to fund at some level)	Amount Requested
Open Space/Natural Areas/Trails/Water Quality/Habitat	
2. Coleman's Canyon Preserve (WVWA)	\$ 2,600,000
12. Sentinel Peak Park & Preserve (Hays County)	10,000,000
11. San Marcos River Recharge Lands (SMRF)	4,380,000
Regional Park, water quality/trails, 1200 acres (Hays County/COA via HCC) Project Removed	0
9. Purgatory Creek: habitat, clean water preserve (HCC)	17,717,500
10. Rathgeber Natural Resource Park (City of Dripping Springs)	7,500,000
Connectivity	
13. Violet Crown Trail in Hays County (HCC)	3,800,000
1. Cape's Fishing Pond (Hays County)	2,500,000
TOTAL Tier One Project Requests (ROUND 1)	\$ 48,497,500

TIER TWO PROJECTS ("very good"; strong recommendation to fund at some level)	Amount Requested
Urban Parks	
3. Dripping Springs Regional Skate Park (DS Skate Park, Inc, non-profit)	\$ 624,250
4. Dripping Springs Town Center (City of Dripping Springs)	4,480,600
7. Patriot's Hall, near Dripping Springs (PatriotsHall.org; non-profit)	1,500,000
14. Nature Center at Blue Hole Park (City of Wimberley)	2,700,000
Open Space/Natural Areas/Trails/Water Quality/Habitat	
5. John Knox Ranch Preserve (John Knox Ranch/HCC)	2,500,000
8. Presa Grande, Sink Creek Watershed (Great Springs Project)	8,100,000
Connectivity	
6. Old Fitzhugh Road Trail (City of Dripping Springs)	1,305,000
Kyle Fajita Fields (City of Kyle) Project Replaced w/ Round 2 Requests	0
TOTAL Tier Two Project Requests (ROUND 1)	\$ 21,209,850

TOTAL TIER ONE & TWO PROJECT REQUESTS (ROUND 1)	\$ 69,707,350
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TIER THREE PROJECTS (for consideration at a future date)	Amount Requested
Open Space/Natural Areas/Trails/Water Quality/Habitat	
Regional Conservation Fund for Jacob's Well Groundwater Management Zone (WVWA)	\$20,000,000
Wimberley Dog & Skate Park (City of Wimberley)	450,110
TOTAL Tier Three Project Requests (ROUND 1)	\$ 20,460,111

TOTAL TIER ONE, TWO, THREE PROJECT REQUESTS (ROUND 1)	\$90,157,460
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TOTAL PROJECT COSTS FOR ALL PROJECTS SUBMITTED (ROUND 1)	~ \$160,000,000
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ROUND 2

TIER ONE PROJECTS ("very best"; highly recommend to fund at some level)	Amount Requested
Urban Parks	
6. Garison Park (City of Buda)	\$ 11,000,000
10. Indigenous Cultures Center (Indigenous Cultures Institute)	\$ 10,000,000
Open Space/Natural Areas/Trails/Water Quality/Habitat	
5. Eastside Park Acquisition (City of San Marcos)	\$ 10,500,000
3. Dry Cypress Creek Trail (WVWA)	1,500,000
18. Roy Creek Canyon Preserve (WVWA)	1,500,000
21. Starnes Ranch (HCC)	100,000
14. Old Glory (HCC)	4,506,000
Connectivity	
17. Purgatory Creek Improvements (City of San Marcos)	2,500,000
2. Cypress Creek De Cordova Trail (WVWA)	4,100,000
16. Plum Creek Trail Improvements (City of Kyle)	2,000,000
7. Onion Creek Trail (City of Buda)	837,000
TOTAL Tier One Project Requests (ROUND 2)	\$ 48,543,000

TIER TWO PROJECTS ("very good"; strong recommendation to fund at some level)	Amount Requested
Urban Parks	
11. Kyle Sportsplex (City of Kyle)	\$ 7,000,000
4. Eastside Regional Park (City of Buda)	7,800,000
7. Garison Parkland Expansion (City of Buda)	600,000
13. NHO Youth Sportsplex (NHO)	500,000
Open Space/Natural Areas/Trails/Water Quality/Habitat	
12. Mt Edith Land Acquisition (City of Wimberley)	2,800,000
1. Blanco Bend Ranch (Great Springs Project)	7,000,000
TOTAL Tier Two Project Requests (ROUND 2)	\$ 25,700,000

TOTAL TIER ONE & TWO PROJECT REQUESTS (ROUND 2)	\$ 74,243,000
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TIER THREE PROJECTS (for consideration at a future date)	Amount Requested
Urban Parks	
9. Gregg-Clarke Park Improvements (City of Kyle)	\$ 1,000,000
23. Wimberley Youth Sports Association Expansion (WYSA)	4,000,000
22. Woodcreek Parks Project (City of Woodcreek)	202,500
8. Gary Softball Complex Renovations (City of San Marcos)	1,750,000

19. San Marcos CISD Public Park (SMCISD)	360,000
Connectivity	
20. Lakeside Trail Restoration (Texas State University)	5,000,000
15. Garlic Creek Trail (City of Buda)	400,000
19. San Marcos CISD Walking Trail (SMCISD)	800,000
TOTAL Tier Three Project Requests (ROUND 2)	\$ 13,512,500

TOTAL TIER ONE, TWO & THREE PROJECT REQUESTS (ROUND 2) \$ 87,755,500

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS FOR ALL PROJECTS SUBMITTED (ROUND 2) ~\$ 135,000,000

