2007 Park Bond Fund Projects & Results

Report to the Hays County Commissioners Court
July 19, 2016

Hays County Grants Administration
2007 Park Bond Fund Proposition

• PROPOSITION 2 (PROPUESTA 2)
• “THE ISSUANCE OF $30,000,000 OF HAYS COUNTY TAX BONDS FOR PARKS, NATURAL AREAS, OPEN SPACE, AND RELATED PROJECTS, AND THE PRESERVATION OF WATER QUALITY, AQUIFER RECHARGE AREAS, AND WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF.”
Park Bond Proposition Approved

• On May 12, 2007, Hays County voters approved, by a 2 to 1 margin, the $30 million bond package.

• Overall, projects were intended to be matched on at least a 1:1 basis by sponsor funds, donations, grants, in-kind or other resources.
Project Criteria and Selection

• Early in the process, the Hays County Parks and Open Space Advisory Board (POSAB), which included appointed representatives from all County precincts, reviewed presentations from project proponents and provided recommendations to the Commissioners Court for its approval.

• Potential projects were considered based on conformity with the 2006 Hays County Parks and Open Space Master Plan and criteria developed in accordance with Plan elements.
Project Criteria and Selection

• Later criteria also addressed elements that related to wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and the preservation of natural area/open space values and required more structured proposals.

• The Commissioners Court in turn acted on project proposals to award, amend or deny funding.
Recreational Improvements

• Improvements were made at many park areas to provide for active recreational pursuits such as softball, baseball, soccer and football fields, tennis and basketball courts, skate parks, swimming area improvements on natural waters of the County, kayak/canoe launch areas, an arena for rodeo and other events, multi-use trails, playgrounds, and other amenities such as picnicking areas, spectator seating, and supporting infrastructure.
Sports Fields

CFPO Park, San Marcos

DSYSA Founders Park, Dripping Springs

HCYAA Sports Complex

North Hays Optimist Sports Complex
Sports Fields

Kyle Gregg-Clarke Park

Gary Sports Complex, San Marcos

Five Mile Dam Park – Hays Co./San Marcos

Wimberley Blue Hole Park
Skate Parks & Courts

Buda Jackson Tyler Norris Skate Park
San Marcos Memorial Park Skate Park
San Marcos Rio Vista Tennis Courts
Wimberley Blue Hole Park
Water-Based Activities

Buda Bradfield Park

Hays Co. Dahlstrom Ranch Preserve

Buda Stagecoach Park

Hays Co. Five Mile Dam Park
Water-Based Activities

Wimberley Blue Hole Park

Hays Co. Five Mile Dam Park

Hays Co. Jacob’s Well Natural Area

Kyle Lake Kyle Park
Amenity Features

Kyle Lake Kyle Park

WCID #2 Bear Creek Park

Buda Stagecoach Park

Hays Co. Five Mile Dam Park
Trails

Buda Bradfield Park

Kyle Lake Kyle Park

Hays Co. Winter’s Mill Trail

Hays Co. Jacob’s Well Natural Area
Even More Facilities

Dripping Springs Ranch Park

Hays Co./San Marcos Five Mile Dam Park

Dripping Springs Ranch Park
Natural Areas/Open Space

• Certain projects also focused on the preservation/conservation of natural resources, with positive impacts to water quality and quantity, wildlife and endangered species, and the native scenic values and landscapes that Hays County residents and visitors cherish.
Natural Areas/Open Space

Hays County Jacob’s Well Natural Area

San Marcos Purgatory Creek Preserve

Hays Co. Dahlstrom Ranch Preserve

Wimberley Blue Hole Park
Wildlife Habitat/Endangered Species

La Cima RHCP Conservation Easement

Purgatory Creek Natural Area Expansion
Hays County, TX

Hays Co./San Marcos Wildenthal RHCP Property

La Cima RHCP Conservation Easement
Additional Benefits

• Economic benefits are also apparent as funding came at a time of national recession, creating jobs through design and construction activities, leveraging local resources to maximize the return for the dollars committed to each project, & improving quality of life.

• Tourism

• Public Health
Project Sponsors

- Park Bond funding was distributed to County projects, local municipal projects, and to non-profit and local associations to increase opportunities for both the young and older generations to participate in recreational activities and/or benefit in other ways from the projects delivered.
Hays County & Partner Projects

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Total Park Bond Funds - $13,909,120
## Municipal Projects

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## Non-Profit/Other Projects

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<td>Village of San Marcos, Inc.</td>
<td>CFPO/PAL Park</td>
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**Total Park Bond Funds - $2,965,102**
• A total of $29,024,590 in Park Bond Funds were spent directly on projects.
• A total of approximately $46,745,972 in matching funds were identified, including local cash appropriations, grants, donations, land value equivalents, in-kind support (labor, equipment, materials) and estimated RHCP credit sales.
• This provides a match ratio of 1.6 to 1 local match/bond.
• A total of 23 individual areas funded with approximately $75,770,562 in total project value.
What Did You Get for the Bonds You Approved?

• By having these funds available when the timing was right, and by making the most of partnerships with other agencies and governments, the County could take advantage of low interest rates and great opportunities, resulting in even more efficient use of bond funds.
By Leveraging $30 Million We Enjoy All These Projects

- Five Mile Dam Park, Jacob’s Well Natural Area, Winter’s Mill/Blue Hole Loop Trail, Dahlstrom Ranch Conservation Easement & Gay Ruby Dahlstrom Nature Preserve, La Cima Conservation Easement, Wildenthal RHCP, Buda Stagecoach Park, Buda Tyler Norris Memorial Skateboard Park, Buda Bradfield Park & Trails, Dripping Springs Ranch Park, Kyle City Square Park, Kyle Gregg-Clarke Park, Kyle Plum Creek Preserve/Lake Kyle Park, San Marcos Combined Parks Improvements, Wimberley Blue Hole Regional Park, Dripping Springs Youth Sports Association Sports Fields, Hays County Youth Sports Complex/FM 2770, Bear Creek Park & Trail (Belterra subdivision), North Hays Optimist Foundation Park (Goforth Road), Village of San Marcos Youth Sports Fields
Further Information/Questions

• This presentation, along with a status report listing each of the projects including elements constructed, bond and local match expenditures, and additional detail, will be posted to the Hays County web site (www.co.hays.tx.us).

• Thanks to the Citizens of Hays County for supporting these very worthwhile Park Bond Projects!
Swimming at Jacob’s Well is the best ever!

I play soccer and my whole family comes out to watch and cheer me on!

I’m so glad we saved land from development so wildlife and people can enjoy it.

What the 2007 Voter-Approved Parks Bonds Did for You:
Fun! Sports! Conservation!
Family Time! More Fun!

My kids and I love nature walks!

A safe place to skateboard!
Yay!!