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Project Recommendations

Parks & Open Space Advisory Commission 2.0

- Scott Way – Chair
- Carolyn Gonzalez
- Kathryn Nichols
- Lori Olson

- Blanca Loya – Vice Chair
- Lisa Prewitt
- Scott Tomhave

February 2020

POSAC is
established



July 2020

POSAC proposes
bond



November 2020

Voters approved
Prop A \$75M



May – July 2021

2nd call for
projects



Aug. – Oct. 2021

Review and
scoring

Parks & Open Space Advisory Commission 1.0 & 2.0

First Round:

- 18 Requests, ~\$100M
- 11 Meetings
- 600-700 POSAC Person Hours

Second Round:

- 25 Requests, ~\$88M
- 18 Meetings
- 300-400 POSAC Person Hours

43 Total Projects w/ ~\$188M in requested funds (\$295M)

29 Total Meetings between February 2020 and November 2021

900-1100 POSAC Person Hours Total

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ROUND 1
Urban Parks

Urban Parks Recommended Projects – Round 1

Project	PCT	Sponsor	Description
Dripping Springs Regional Skatepark	4	City of Dripping Springs	New Park – 14,000 sq. ft.
Dripping Springs Town Center	4	City of Dripping Springs	New Open Space
Patriots' Hall	4	City of Dripping Springs	New Veterans' Facility – 10 acres
Wimberley Nature Center	3	City of Wimberley	New Facility

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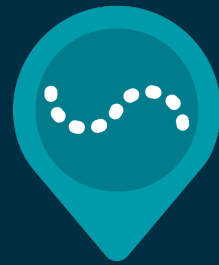


ROUND 1
Open Space &
Natural Areas

Open Spaces & Natural Areas Recommended Projects – Round 1

Project	PCT	Sponsor	Description
Coleman's Canyon Preserve	3	Wimberley Watershed Assoc.	Conservation Easement
Sentinel Peak Park & Preserve	3	Wimberley Watershed Assoc.	New Facility
San Marcos River Recharge Lands	1	San Marcos River Foundation	Land Purchase
Purgatory Creek Preserve	3	Hill Country Conservancy	Conservation Easement
Rathgeber Natural Resources Park	4	City of Dripping Springs	New Facility – 2.5 acres and 7,000 sq. feet building
John Knox Ranch	3		Conservation Easement
Presa Grande	4	Great Springs Project & Hill Country Cons.	Land Purchase, Conservation Easement

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ROUND 1
Connectivity

Connectivity Recommended Projects – Round 1

Project	PCT	Sponsor	Description
Cape's Pond Project	1	Hays County	Land Purchase – 28 acres
Old Fitzhugh Road Multi-Use Trail	4	City of Dripping Springs	New Trail – 0.6 miles
Violet Crown Trail	2	Hill Country Conservancy	Trail Expansion – 14 miles

ROUND 1

Recommended Projects

ROUND 1 PROJECTS

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| 1 Cape's Pond Project | 9 Purgatory Creek Preserve |
| 2 Colemans Canyon | 10 Rathgeber Natural Resource Park |
| 3 Dripping Springs Regional Skate Park | 11 San Marcos River Recharge Lands |
| 4 Dripping Springs Town Center | 12 Sentinel Peak Park & Preserve |
| 5 John Knox Ranch Preserve | 13 Violet Crown Trail |
| 6 Old Fitzhugh Road Multi-Use Trail | 14 Wimberly Nature Center |
| 7 Patriots' Hall | |
| 8 Presa Grande | |

CATEGORY LEGEND

-  Urban Parks  Open Space & Natural Areas  Connectivity



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ROUND 2
Urban Parks

Urban Park Recommended Projects – Round 2

Project	PCT	Sponsor	Description
Buda Eastside Regional Park	2	City of Buda	Land Acquisition – 50+ acres
Garison Park	2	City of Buda	Land Development
Gary Softball Complex	1	City of San Marcos	Park Improvements
Gregg-Clarke Park	3	City of Kyle	Park Improvements
Indigenous Cultures Center	1	Indigenous Cultures Institute	Land Purchase and New Facility – 10 acres
Kyle Sportsplex Park & Trail	2	City of Kyle	Park and trail improvements
NHO Youth Sportsplex	1	NHO Youth Sportsplex	Facility restoration and improvements
Wimberley Youth Sports Association	3	Wimberley Youth Sports Assoc.	Land Acquisition and New Facility – 20 acres
Woodcreek Parks	3	City of Woodcreek	New Park

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ROUND 2
Open Space &
Natural Areas

Open Space & Natural Areas Recommended Projects – Round 2

Project	PCT	Sponsor	Description
Blanco Bend Ranch	4	Great Springs Project	Conservation Easement – 2,700 acres
Dry Cypress Creek Trail	3	Wimberley Watershed Assoc.	Land Purchase and Conservation Easement – 118 acres
Garison Parkland Expansion	2	City of Buda	Land Purchase – 4 acres
Mt. Edith Land Acquisition	3	City of Wimberley	Land Purchase – 50 acres
Old Glory Ranch	3	Hill Country Cons..	Conservation Easement – 646 acres
Roy Creek Canyon Reserve	4	Wimberley Watershed Assoc.	Conservation Easement – 50 acres
San Marcos Eastside Park	1	City of San Marcos	Land Purchase – 175 acres
Starnes Ranch	3	Hill Country Cons.	Conservation Easement – 52 acres

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ROUND 2
Connectivity

Connectivity Recommended Projects – Round 2

Project	PCT	Sponsor	Description
Cypress Creek De Cordova Trail	3	Wimberley Valley Watershed	Conservation Easement – 129 acres
Lakeside Trail Restoration – Spring Lake	4	Texas State University	Trail Improvements
Onion Creek Trail	2	City of Buda	New Trail – 12’ to 14’ wide approx. 1.4 miles
Plum Creek Trail	1	City of Kyle	Trail Improvements – approx. 4 miles
Purgatory Creek Improvements	1, 3	City of Kyle	Conservation Easement – 1,068 acres
San Marcos CISD Walking Trail	1	San Marcos CISD	New Trail



ROUND 2

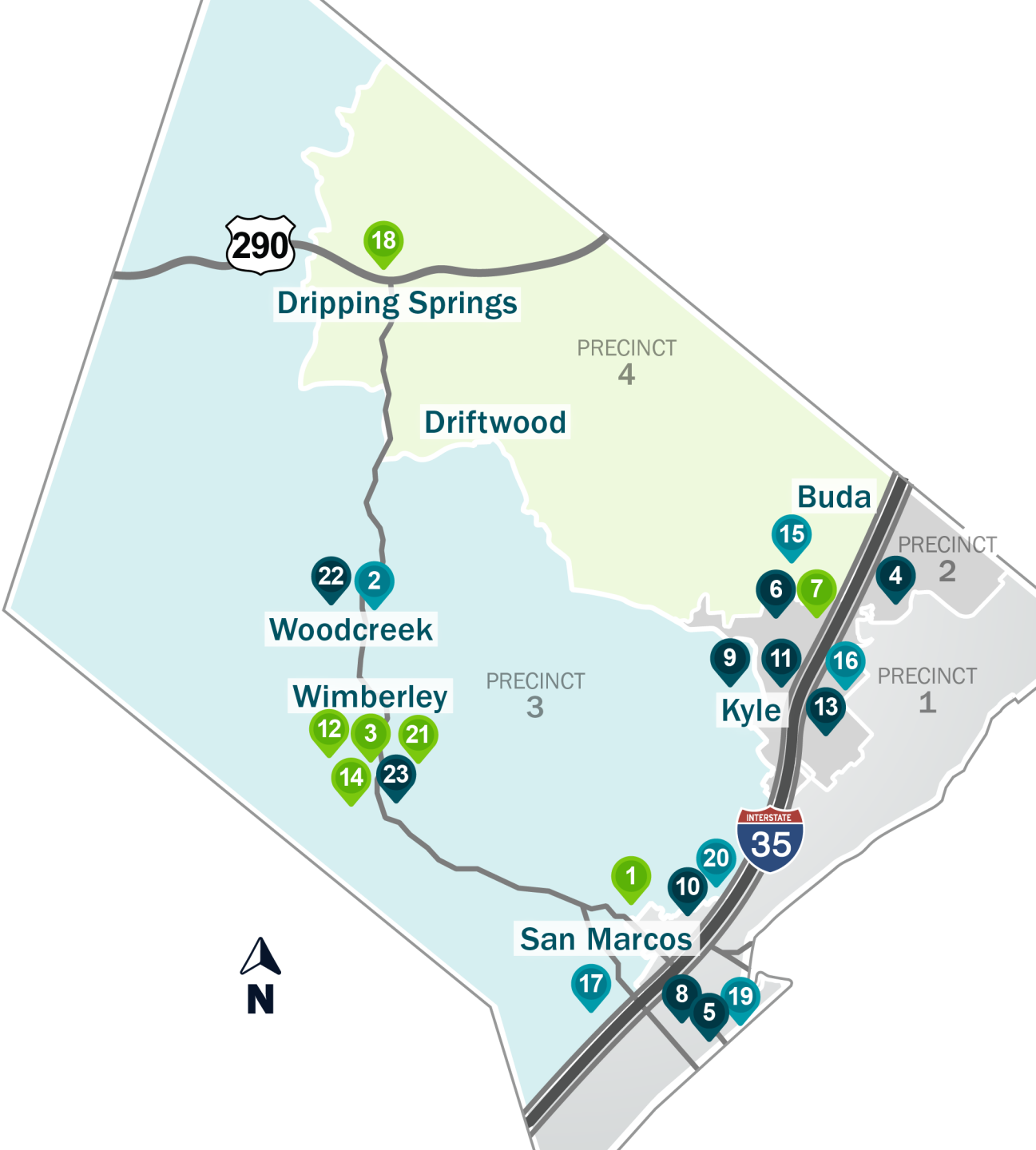
Recommended Projects

ROUND 2 PROJECTS

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| 1 Blanco Bend Ranch | 13 NHO Youth Sportsplex Facility Modernization & Rehabilitation |
| 2 Cypress Creek De Cordova Trail | 14 Old Glory Ranch |
| 3 Dry Cypress Creek Trail | 15 Onion Creek Trail RM 967 to Garison Park |
| 4 Buda Eastside Regional Park | 16 Plum Creek Trail Improvements |
| 5 San Marcos Eastside Park | 17 Purgatory Creek Improvements |
| 6 Garison Park | 18 Roy Creek Canyon Reserve |
| 7 Garison Parkland Expansion | 19 SMCISD Walking Trail |
| 8 Gary Softball Complex Renovations | 20 Spring Lake – Lakeside Trail Restoration |
| 9 Gregg-Clarke Park Improvements | 21 Starnes Ranch |
| 10 Indigenous Cultures Center | 22 Woodcreek Parks Project |
| 11 Kyle Sportsplex Park & Trail Improvements | 23 Wimberley Youth Sports Association Expansion |
| 12 Mt. Edith Land Acquisition | |

CATEGORY LEGEND

-  Urban Parks  Open Space & Natural Areas  Connectivity



Recommended Projects

ROUND 1 PROJECTS

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- Urban Parks
- Open Space & Natural Areas
- Connectivity



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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)	4,480,800
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 Field (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. Garrison 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. Garrison 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

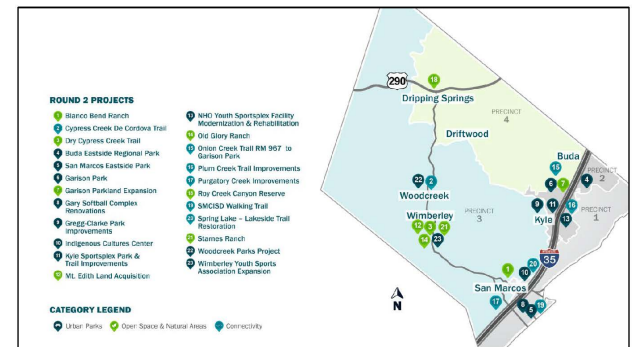
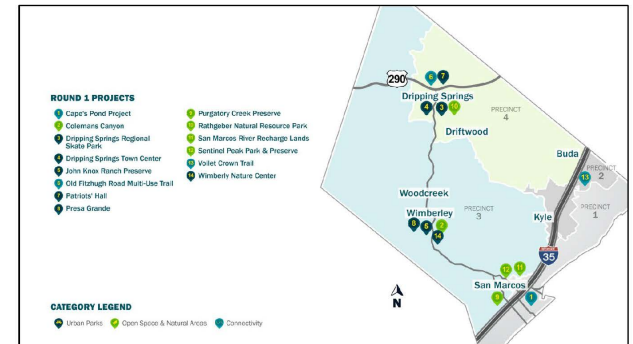
TOTAL TIER ONE & TWO PROJECT REQUESTS (ROUND 2)	\$ 74,243,000
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TIER THREE PROJECTS (for consideration at a future date)	Amount Requested
Urban Parks	
9. Gregg-Clarke Park Improvements (City of Kyle)	\$ 1,000,000
23. Wimberley Youth Sports Association 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
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TOTAL PROJECT COSTS FOR ALL PROJECTS SUBMITTED (ROUND 2)	~\$ 135,000,000
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QUESTIONS ?