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Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant Application for a New Trail at Bill Witt Park

January 27, 2026

SUMMARY:

- The Parks & Recreation Department (PARD), in coordination with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD), propose to submit a grant application to the Recreational Trails Grant Program to improve trail connectivity at Bill Witt Park.
- The trail connectivity project aims to significantly enhance mobility by linking the park to a broader network of recreational spaces & surrounding residential neighborhoods.



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BACKGROUND:

- The trail connectivity project is planned to be executed in two phases.
- This application to acquire TPWD grant funds will only be for the Phase 1 of the project.
- Phase 1 of the project involves the construction of a new trail, approximately 2,300 feet, that will bridge the gap between the existing Bear Creek Hike & Bike Trail and the Oso Creek Nature Trail.
- Upon execution, the City will provide a cash match of 20%, not to exceed \$75,000 & TPWD will reimburse 80%, which equal \$300,000.



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Proposed Bill Witt Trail Connectivity



**Bear Creek Hike & Bike Trail
Head at Yorktown Blvd (North)**



Bear Creek Hike & Bike Trail Junction

Current Trail Heads/Junction:



Oso Creek Park at Safety Steel Drive (South)



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RECOMMENDATION:

- Staff recommend approval of the Resolution to apply for grant funding from TPWD for the design & construction of a new trail located at Bill Witt Park.



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