



CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI  
**PARKS &  
RECREATION**



**Ordinance Accepting & Appropriating Grant Funds  
from the National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA)  
for Heart Your Park Volunteer Days.**

City Council Meeting  
October 14, 2025

# Background

---



- This Ordinance will accept & appropriate grant funds totaling \$15,000 from NRPA to fund the Heart Your Park Volunteer Days for the Parks & Recreation Department.
- Parks & Recreation has been a grant recipient of the Heart Your Park grant from 2018 – 2025 (excluding 2020 due to COVID).
- This grant aims to support building coastal communities that may be impacted by natural disasters by enhancement investments for local parks.
- Throughout the years, Heart Your Park events have been conducted at Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve, Doddridge Park & the Hans Suter Wildlife Refuge.
- These events include general park clean ups, beautification & educational signage.

# Grant Objectives

---



- Engage 100 community volunteers in a total of 400 hours of work to conserve/restore public park lands/resources through a minimum of three total events.
- Conduct local community outreach through web, social media, and local press release for promotion.
- Provide opportunities for corporate employees and individuals to contribute to the Project through hands-on volunteer activities and/or educational experiences.
- This grant has been beneficial in expanding community engagement opportunities & educating the community on the importance of conserving/preserving park lands.

# Heart Your Park Event 2024



Hans & Pat Suter Wildlife Refuge at 909 Ennis Joslin Road



Heart Your Park 2025 will include Blucher Nature Park, Hans & Pat Suter Wildlife Refuge & the Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve.

# Recommendation

---



- Staff recommend approval of the Ordinance accepting & appropriating \$15,000 from the National Recreation & Park Association for the Heart Your Park Volunteer Days.