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Buda Bonds Parks Projects Get \$9.85 Million Boost from Hays County



BUDA, TEXAS -- Additional funding has become available for 2021 Buda Bonds Parks projects. On Feb. 28, 2023, the Hays County Commissioners Court executed a funding agreement with the City of Buda to allocate \$9.85 million from the 2020 Hays County Parks and Open Space Bond. This agreement states that funds may be used toward selected 2021 Buda Bonds Proposition B projects.

This additional funding will leverage the City's existing bond funds and may be used for the following projects: Eastside Park Land Acquisition, Garison Park Phase I, Garlic Creek Trail Phase II, Onion Creek Trail.

"Our Bond team has worked diligently to identify additional funding opportunities for parks projects planned for our city," Buda City Manager Micah Grau said. "The Hays County Parks and Open Space Bond reinforced the importance of prioritizing local parks and recreation sites. This additional funding gives us the opportunity to move our projects along."

Grau added, "I want to thank Hays County residents, the Hays County Commissioner's Court, and the Parks Open Space Advisory Committee for making these funds available for parkland and preservation of green space."

A land acquisition of approximately 70 acres is planned for a regional park East of I-35. Garison Park improvements include park and land restoration and the addition of amenities such as parking lots, pavilions, and restrooms. Phase II of Garlic Creek Trail will include the construction of a trail with pedestrian bridges that connect to the White Oak Preserve neighborhood. Lastly, the construction of an approximately 7,700-foot trail is planned along Onion Creek in Buda.

Buda Parks and Recreation Director Tony Host said, "We are grateful for the support from Hays County and City of Buda voters who have advocated for an active community from the beginning, and we look forward to improving existing parks and creating new spaces for the community."

About the Bonds

In 2021, the Buda Bond propositions passed with more than 60% of voter approval, indicating strong support for a safe, accessible, and active community for all. The City of Buda is now working to bring these projects to life. Bond projects are also being assessed based on their eligibility for potential local, state, or federal grand funding. To learn more about the Bond projects or to sign up for updates, visit BudaBonds.com or email BudaBonds@BudaTX.gov.

City of Buda

The City of Buda is home to about 18,000 residents and has earned designations as a “Texas Main Street City,” “Tree City USA,” “Bee City Affiliate” and “Platinum-Level Scenic City.” Buda, the Outdoor Capitol of Texas, is situated along the Interstate 35 corridor in Hays County, has 14 parks and a historic downtown district where residents and visitors alike can shop, dine, relax, and *breathe easy here*.

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