



POTENTIAL PARKS PROJECTS

DS-25-012

April 15, 2025

Background – Grant Application

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- ❑ On June 25, 2024, Council approved a grant application to the National Park Service (NPS) for a 50% match of a \$4.15 million grant from the DOD's REPI Program to fund Phase 1 of Westside Regional Park. However, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), the grant's state lead agency, has informed the city that no response was received on the status of the grant from NPS, 3 months after the expected January 2025 notification date. Per TPWD, the timeline of the grant award is unknown.

Background - Land

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- ❑ A letter of intent for the 115.3-acre land donation needed for Westside Regional Park was provided by the property owner and was submitted with the grant application.
- ❑ Numerous discussions have been had with the property owner about the donation but the land has not yet been acquired by the City.
- ❑ As a result, Councilman Boyd has recommended reallocating the \$4.15 million to other potential park projects for Council consideration.

Potential Park Projects

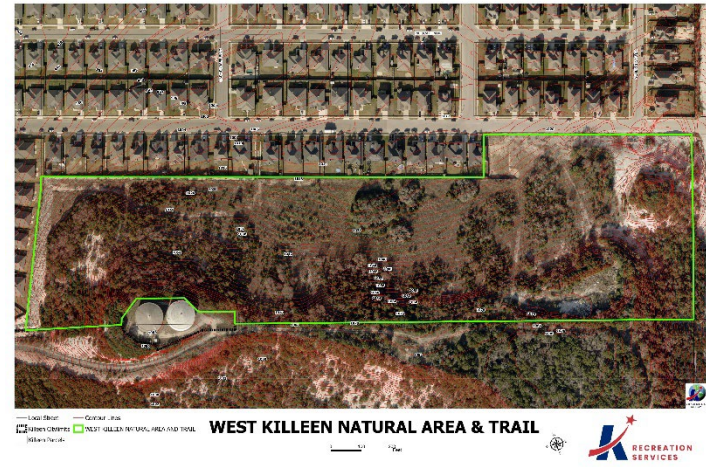
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❑ The following projects are proposed for potential funding:

- Bunny Trail Passive Recreation Park
- West Killeen Natural Area & Trail
- Goodnight Ranch Community Park (Prewitt Ranch)
- Saddle Ridge Pocket Park
- Purser Heritage Oaks Hike & Bike Trail Enhancements

Bunny Trail Passive Recreation Park & West Killeen Natural Area & Trail

- ❑ Bunny Trail Passive Recreation Park (33 acres) and West Killeen Natural Area and Trail (23 acres) were donated to the city and accepted on March 19, 2024, in accordance with the Parkland Dedication Ordinance.



Bunny Trail Passive Recreation Park & West Killeen Natural Area & Trail









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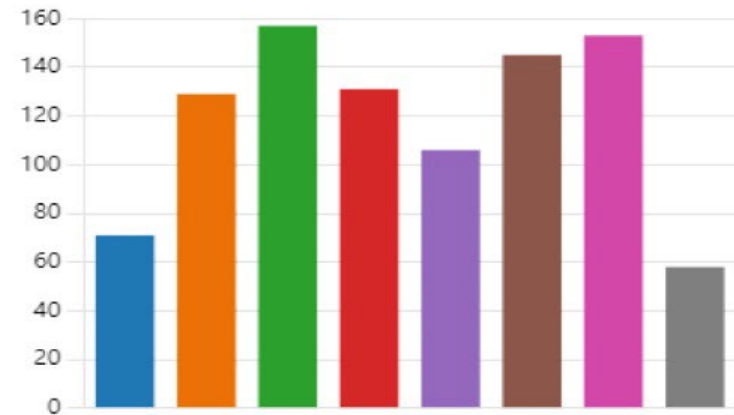
- ❑ A Community Meeting was held on August 23, 2024, and a survey for community input was open from July 29, 2024, to August 30, 2024.
 - The survey received 195 responses, and 14 community members participated in the meeting, along with two council members.
 - The majority of the respondents support the development of a park in the area.
 - Some residents expressed concerns about safety and requested increased law enforcement patrols, as well as safety cameras and sufficient lighting, if a park were to be implemented.

Bunny Trail Passive Recreation Park (District 4)

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1. What kind of ***park amenities*** would you like to see at **Bunny Trail Passive Recreation Park?**

	Bike Racks	71
	Water Fountains	129
	Restrooms	157
	Pavilion and Picnic Tables	131
	Fitness Stations	106
	Shade Structures	145
	Shaded Seating under Trees	153
	Other	58



☐ Schematic Design costs:\$47K









☐ Estimated construction: \$2.23M

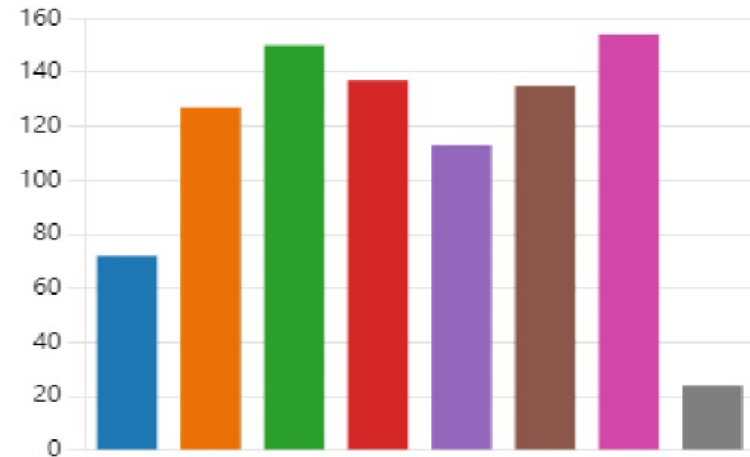
☐ Amenities: Trails, playground, restrooms, lighting, water fountains, etc.

West Killeen Natural Area & Trail (District 4)

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5. What kind of ***park amenities*** would you like to see at **West Killeen Natural Area & Trail**?

	Bike Racks	72
	Water Fountains	127
	Restrooms	150
	Pavilion and Picnic Tables	137
	Fitness Stations	113
	Shade Structures	135
	Shaded Seating under Trees	154
	Other	24



☐ Schematic design costs:\$52K

☐ Estimated construction: \$2.23M

☐ Amenities: Trails, dog park, restrooms, playground, lighting, water fountains, etc.

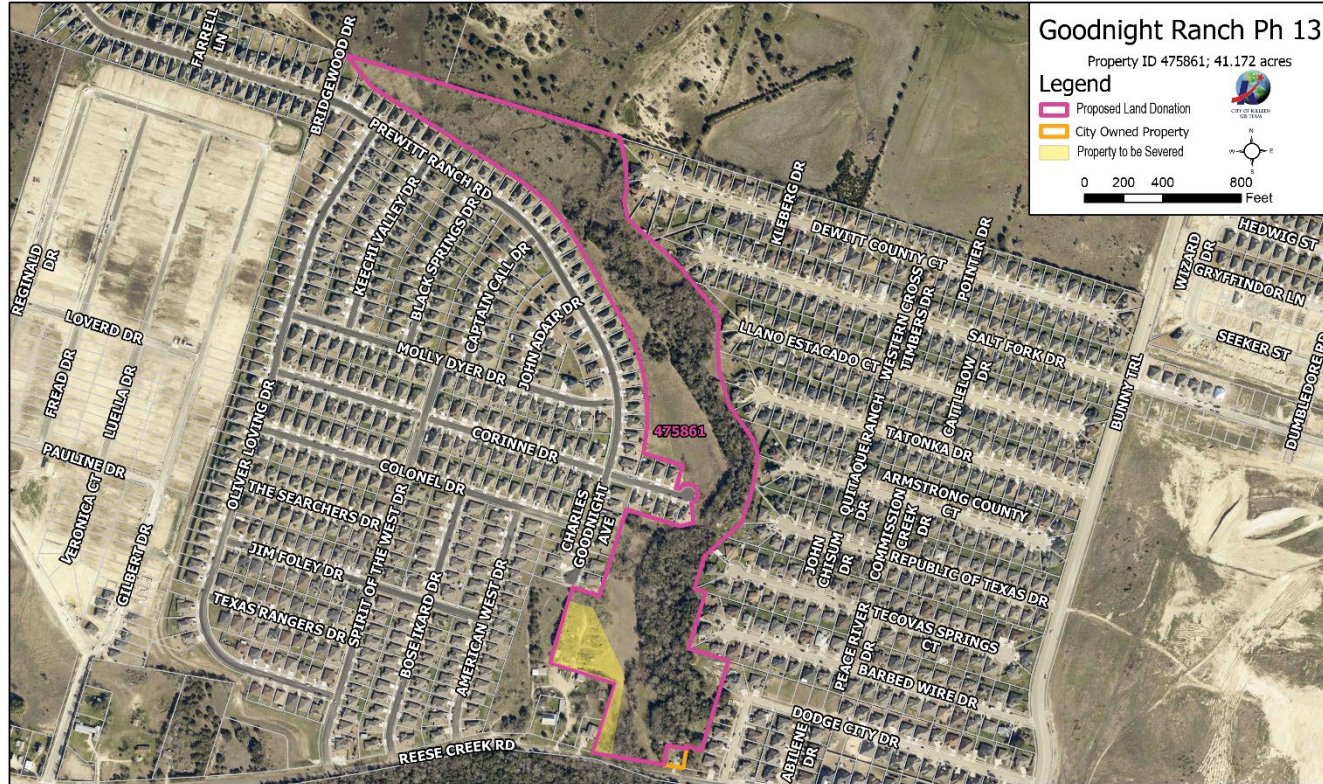
Goodnight Ranch Community Park (Prewitt Ranch, District 4)

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- ❑ On February 21, 2023, the City Council issued a Motion of Direction authorizing staff to engage in discussions with the landowner of an approximately 38.5-acre parcel regarding the transfer of a drainage tract to facilitate the establishment of a community park.
- ❑ Proposed Goodnight Ranch (Prewitt Ranch) is on the April 15, 2025, City Council agenda for consideration.

Goodnight Ranch Community Park (Prewitt Ranch, District 4)

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- ❑ Schematic design cost: \$14K
- ❑ Estimated construction costs: \$1.86M
- ❑ Amenities: Trails and potential connections, open play field, and alternate elements may include shade structure, play elements, lighting seating, etc.

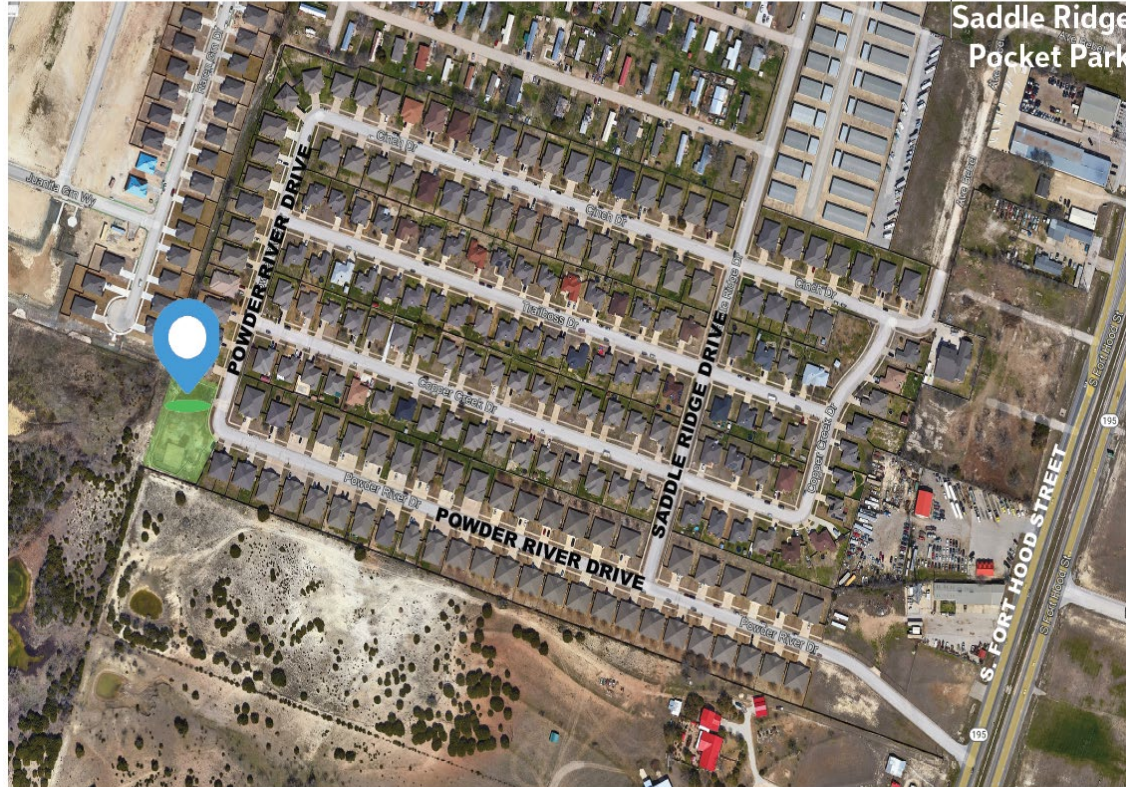
Saddle Ridge Pocket Park (District 4)

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- ❑ Presentation for Saddle Ridge Pocket Park was presented to Council September 19, 2023, by the Parks and Recreation Executive Director. The parcel is a detention basin approximately 0.9 acres.
- ❑ This detention basin is maintained by Public Works and is utilized currently by residents as a makeshift basketball court.
- ❑ Proposed improvements aim to enhance usability and provide more play value for nearby residents.

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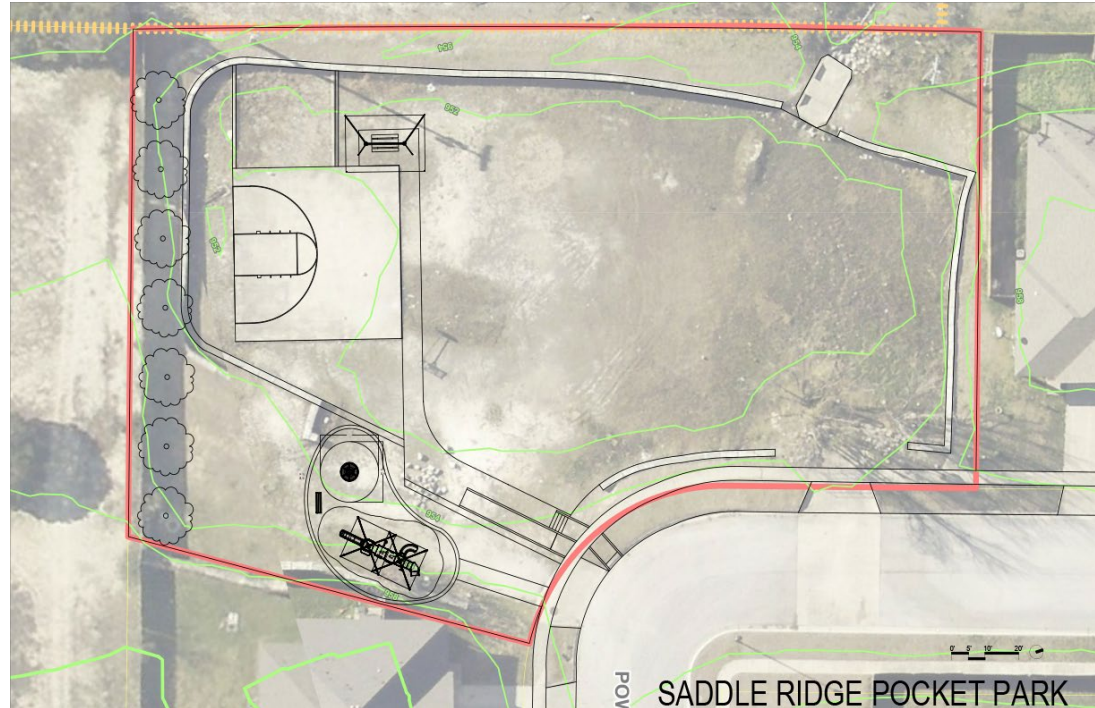
Saddle Ridge Pocket Park (District 4)

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- ❑ The sight will need to be engineered to determine holding capacity and if any room can be allotted to higher ground where a potential playground can be placed on the southwest side.
- ❑ This is a joint project between Engineering, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation.
- ❑ Engineering & Design: \$49K
- ❑ Construction: \$213K
- ❑ Amenities: playground, resurfacing basketball court and replacing basketball goal, seating, lighting, water fountains, accessible path to connect amenities, modifying and repairing retaining walls

Saddle Ridge Pocket Park (District 4)

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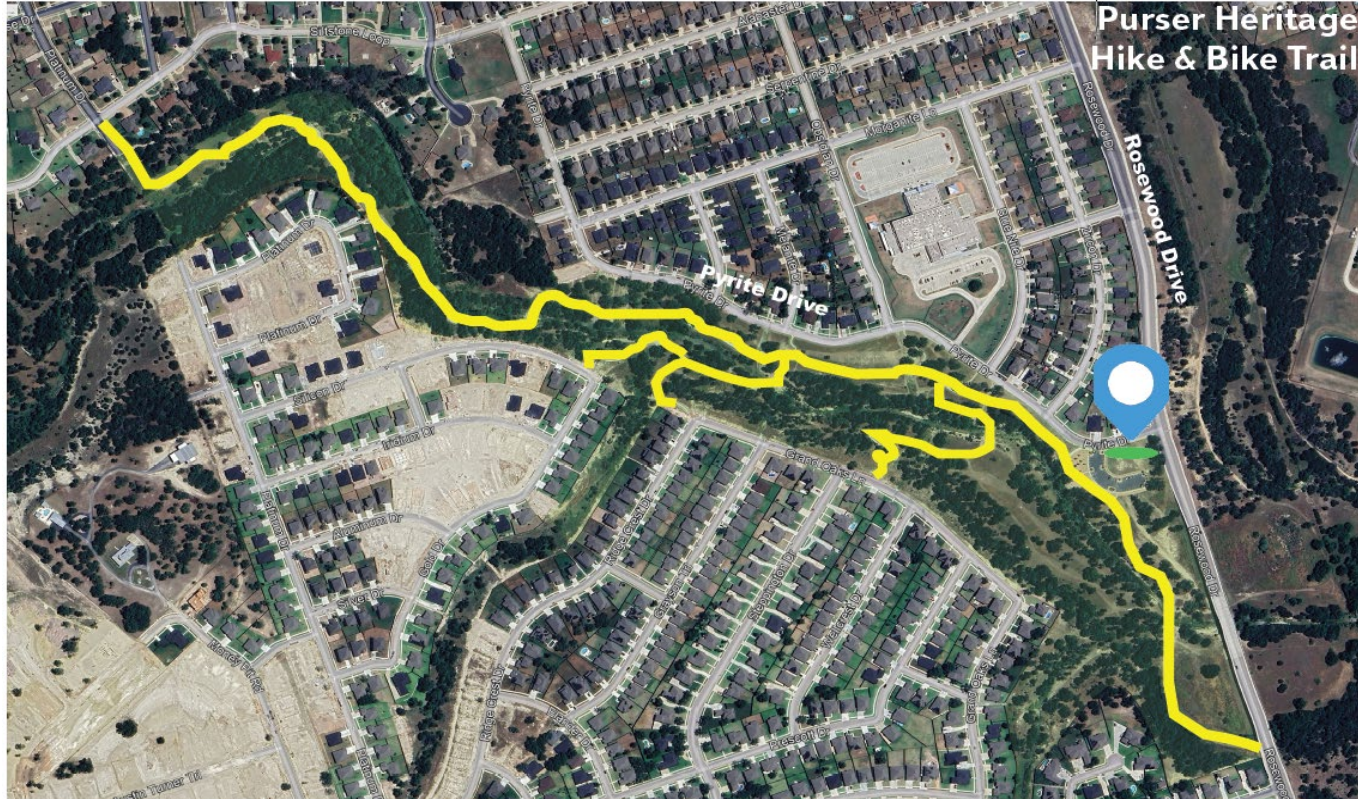
Purser Heritage Hike & Bike Trail (District 2)

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- ❑ The Killeen Parks and Open Space Master Plan includes recommendations for Phase 2 improvements to Purser Heritage Oaks Hike and Bike Trail, PR 13, Identify opportunities to fund and construct the additional neighborhood-scaled park amenities originally conceptualized for the Heritage Oaks Linear Park.

Purser Heritage Hike & Bike Trail (District 2)

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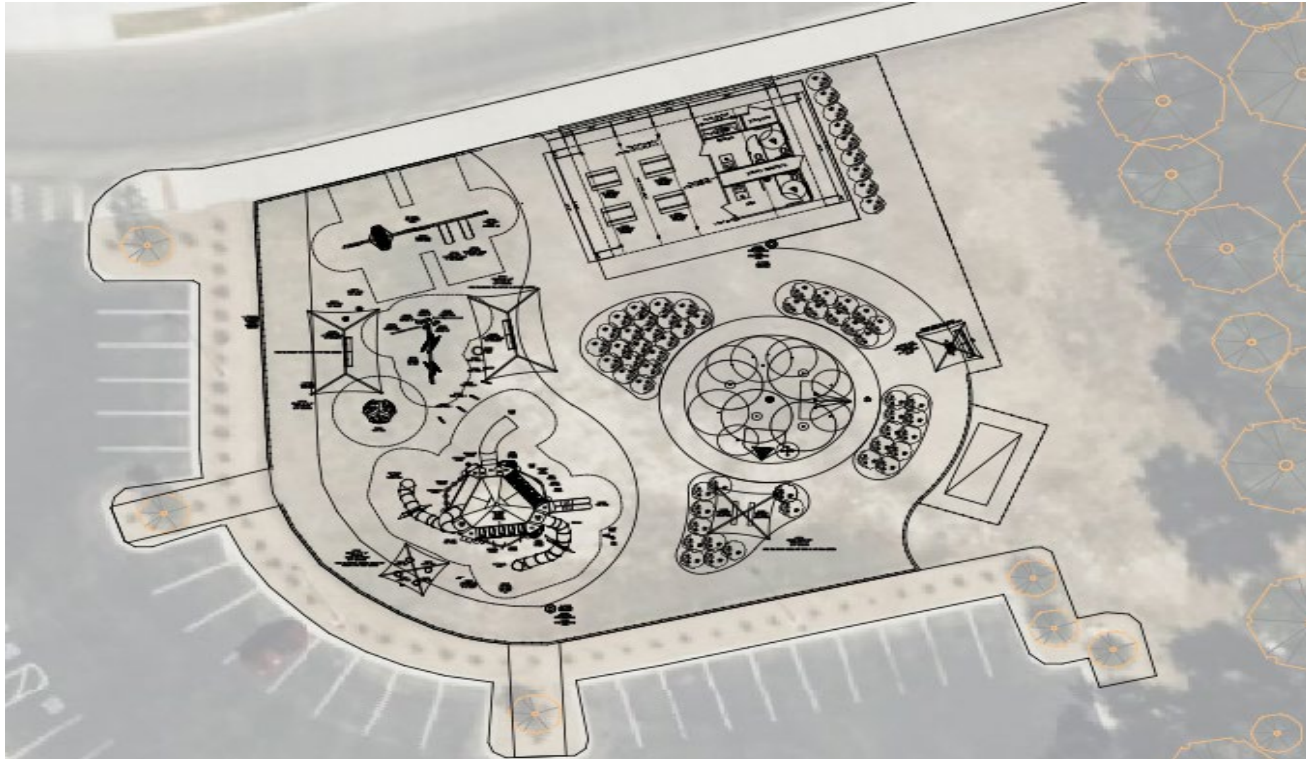
Purser Heritage Hike & Bike Trail (District 2)

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- ❑ Design: \$35K
- ❑ Total project construction with all amenities: \$2.15M
- ❑ Amenities: Splash Pad & Recirculation System, restrooms & shaded seating area, playscape structure, swings, & musical instruments, perimeter fence, shade structures, design & site work
- ❑ The following amenities could be phased to immediately reduce costs:
 - ❑ Playground Costs: \$464K
 - ❑ Splash Pad Costs: \$562K
 - ❑ Restroom: \$370K

Purser Heritage Hike & Bike Trail (District 2)

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Options to Reallocate \$4.15M

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PARKS PROJECTS	DESIGN	DESIGN + CONSTRUCTION
Bunny Trail Passive Recreation Park	\$47K	\$2.23M
West Killeen Natural Area & Trail	\$52K	\$2.23M
Goodnight Ranch Community Park	\$15K	\$1.86M
Saddle Ridge Pocket Park	\$49K	\$262K
Purser Heritage Oaks (PHO) with playground**	\$35K	\$1.22M
PHO with playground & splashpad		\$1.81M
PHO with playground & restrooms		\$1.58M
PHO with playground, splashpad, restrooms		\$2.15M

Direction Needed

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- ❑ Staff is seeking direction from Council to reallocate the \$4.15M match from the West Side Regional Trail project, withdrawing from the grant, or wait until TXPS is provided with direction from NPW regarding the grant, and continue to pursue the respective land donation
- ❑ If it's decided to reallocate the funding, staff is seeking direction on projects to pursue based on the \$8.6M of potential parks projects provided in the presentation.