

TPWD NON-URBAN
OUTDOOR GRANT
PROGRAM FY27 FOR
GOODNIGHT COMMUNITY
RANCH PARK

RS-26-109

July 21, 2026

Background

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- ❑ Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) Local Park Grant Program assists local governments with acquisition and/or development of recreation areas and facilities throughout the State of Texas.
- ❑ The Program provides 50% matching grants on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants.
- ❑ The City is eligible for the Non-Urban Outdoor Grant Program due to population size.

Grant Program

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- ❑ Application deadline: August 3, 2026
- ❑ Awards anticipated in January 2027
- ❑ Grant ceiling is \$750,000
- ❑ Required City match is \$750,000
- ❑ Total grant request including City match is \$1,500,000
- ❑ City has CO Bond Funding as a match of \$1,862,000
- ❑ Total Potential Project Funding, up to \$2,612,000
(Existing Co Bond Funding + TPWD Match)

Project

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- ❑ Goodnight Ranch Community Park is located at 4001 Corinne Drive in southwest Killeen, approximately 38.5 acres of dedicated parkland
- ❑ The project supports park and trail development in a growing residential area
- ❑ May 6, 2025, the City Council allocated \$1.862 million for the development of this parcel, which is a drainage tract located behind Prewitt Ranch Drive.

Proposed Use of Funds

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The grant request would support:

- ❑ Professional services, design, floodplain and environmental coordination as needed
- ❑ Eligible park development costs such as trail development, playground improvements, shade structures, picnic facilities, site furniture, lighting, trees, landscaping, signage, etc.
- ❑ Project scope based on the City's design services RFQ for Goodnight Ranch Community Park

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- ❑ The project is consistent with the *Killeen Parks and Open Space Master Plan*, including recommendation TR17 for southwest greenway and neighborhood trail connectivity.
- ❑ TR17: Identify funding and develop a southwest greenway extension of the General Cavazos Regional Trail.
- ❑ Develop an ADA accessible greenway trail.
- ❑ Maximize neighborhood extensions by exploring opportunities to extend a neighborhood connector trail to Corinne Dr. & Charles Goodnight Ave.

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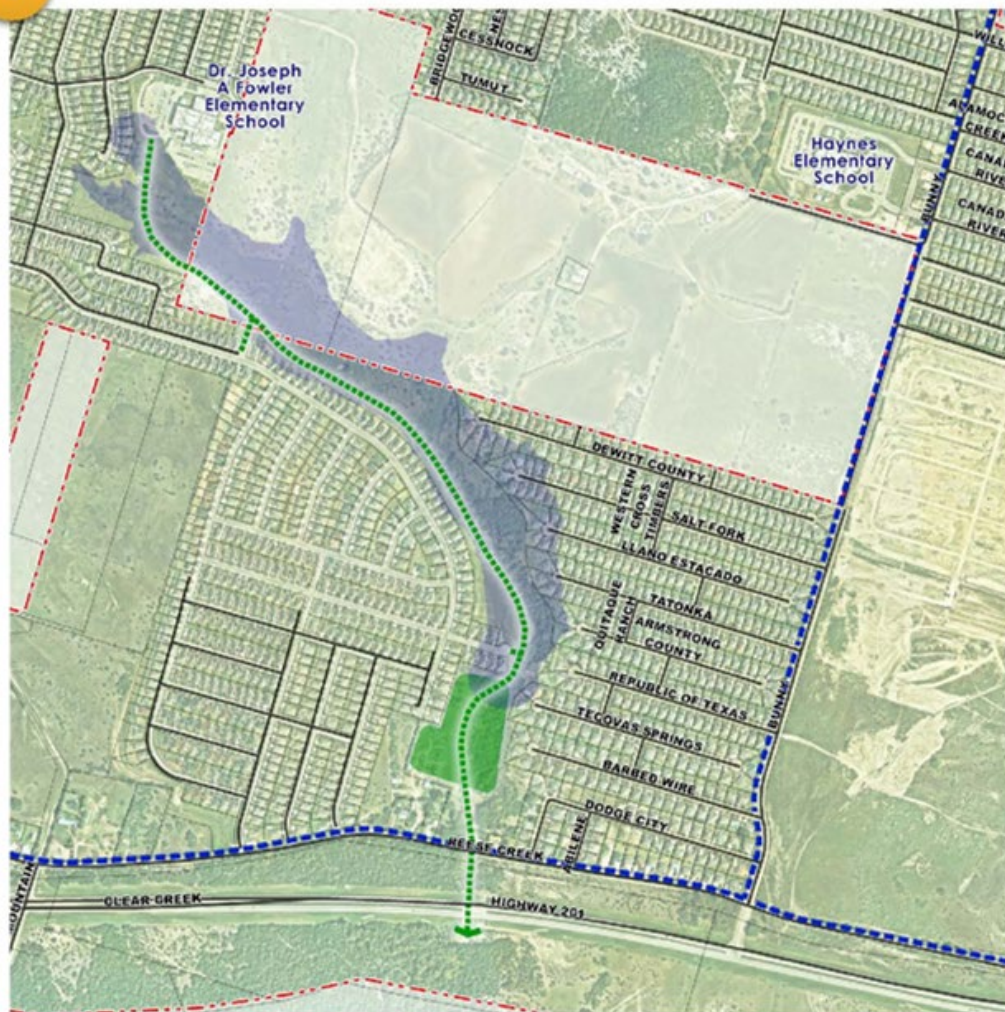
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- ❑ Extend trail connectors to the portion of the Goodnight Ranch neighborhood on the westside of the creek.
- ❑ Develop appropriate trailheads at neighborhood connection entrance.
- ❑ Explore opportunities to create a neighborhood park with the Goodnight Ranch neighborhood.

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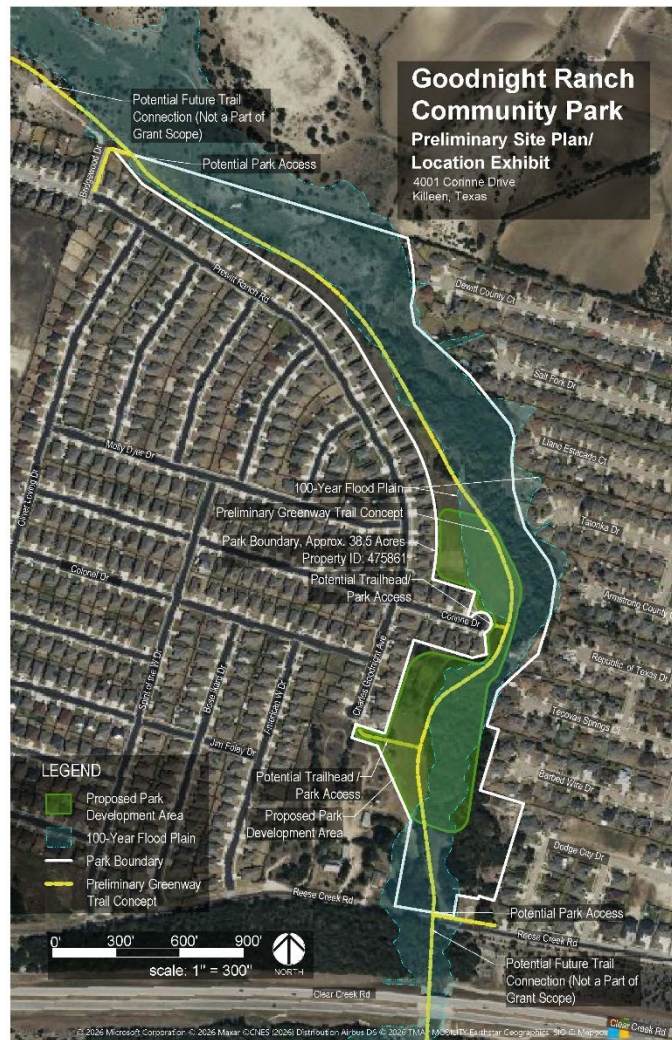
- ❑ Since portions of this property is in the floodplain, it will need to be developed with passive recreation activities such as a trailhead, a playscape, some picnic facilities, etc.
- ❑ Portions of the property which are out of the floodplain and could be developed with more intensive amenities.
- ❑ Add lots of trees, benches, trail and trailhead solar lighting, picnic facilities. Explore opportunities for stream restoration.



Killeen Parks and Open Space Master Plan

Recommendation
TR17

Recommends
greenway trail
development



Recommendation

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- Staff recommend that City Council authorize the City Manager, or the Executive Director of Finance, to submit, modify, or cancel, as necessary, a grant application under the FY2027 Non-Urban Outdoor Grant Program for Goodnight Ranch Community Park.