


Parks & Recreation Board

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation Department
FROM: Jessica Martinez, Deputy Director of Parks
MEETING: June 18, 2026

SUBJECT:

Receive a report and provide feedback regarding naturalized areas throughout the City of Burleson. *(Staff Contact: Jessica Martinez, Deputy Director of Parks)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>Great Place to Live Through Expanded Quality of Life Amenities</p>	<p>1.2 Provide high-quality parks</p>

SUMMARY:

The Parks and Recreation Department initiated an additional phase of the Naturalized Areas Program to transition select high-maintenance turf areas into low-maintenance native and naturalized landscapes. The program supports operational efficiency while promoting environmental stewardship and biodiversity.

Phase 1 has been completed at six sites, converting approximately 5.29 acres from traditional turf maintenance to naturalized areas. Initial results indicate an estimated \$20,000 in annual operational savings, including reduced contracted mowing costs and staff time that was redirected to other mowing areas that were able to be serviced internally versus externally. Phase 1 required a one-time seed investment of approximately \$4,502.

Phase 2 proposes converting two additional sites totaling approximately 1.5 acres. Estimated one-time seed costs are approximately \$2,655, which can be absorbed within the department's existing operational budget.

Future expansion opportunities may include additional medians and roadway corridors, including the John Jones corridor.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

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