



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Andrew Binz, Parks and Community Services Director

**Parks & Recreation
Commission Meeting
Date:** January 21, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: **Presentation on the City of Dripping Springs Bird City Texas recertification.**

Agenda Item Requestor: Andrew Binz, Parks & Community Services Director

Summary/Background: Sponsored by Audubon Texas and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Bird City Texas is a community-focused certification program created to help people protect birds and their habitats where we live, work, and recreate. The criteria required to attain certification are designed to be impactful and efficient against habitat loss and other harmful factors impacting birds. Research shows that bird friendly habitat increases property values, helps control insects, and generates tourism dollars.

The City of Dripping Springs was first awarded the Bird City Texas designation in February 2021. In November of 2025, Dripping Springs received the news that we were recertified. Our designation is due to all the hard work from our partnering organizations in the community including the Dripping Springs Birding Club, Texas Master Naturalists, Wild Birds Unlimited, and Destination Dripping Springs.

Staff N/A

Recommendations:

Attachments: Bird City Texas Letter – Recertification Dripping Springs

Next Steps/Schedule: Continue to work with our community partners to support the bird conservation movement in Dripping Springs.

