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Winter Storm Mara



WINTER STORM MARA



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- Storm began Monday, January 30, 2023, and storm and freezing temperatures continued through Thursday, February 2, 2023
- Extensive Power Outages throughout the Hill Country
- Multiple Internet Outages
- City Parks closed due to debris
- Roads closed, including Mercer, due to down utility lines, obstructions, and icy conditions
- No Wastewater Outages or Issues



Response and Damages

Contractors

- Canyon Creek: \$13,000 (\$6,500/day – Founders Memorial Park and Veterans Memorial Park)
- Elk Ridge Mowing: \$6,000 (\$3,000/day – Sports and Rec Park and Charro Park)
- Lumberjack Tree Services: \$6,000 (\$375/crew/HR – Streets and ROW clearing and chipping) – Contractor is still currently working and could add an additional \$6,000 if needed.
- **ESTIMATED TOTAL - \$25,000**

Equipment and Supplies Purchased

- Chipper Attachment - \$1,500
- Chain saw supplies - \$500
- Fuel - \$875 (estimated)
 - *Unleaded fuel – 155 Gallons – est. \$465*
 - *Clear Diesel – 47 Gallons – est. \$195*
 - *Dyed Diesel – 54 Gallons – est. \$ 215*
- **ESTIMATED TOTAL - \$2,875**

Response and Damages

Maintenance Staff time

- Estimated maintenance staff total hours from 1/31-2/6: 210 Hours
 - Maintenance Staff includes: Craig Rice, Sonny Garza, John Hill, Robert Hutson, Andrew Thompson, and Riley Sublett

Utility Staff time

- Estimated utility staff time in addition to fully staffing the WW treatment plant during the event from 1/31-2/6: 60 hours
 - Maintenance Staff includes: Aaron Reed, Billy Stevens, Gray Lahrman, Anthony Pennell, Wacey Henager

Parks Staff Time

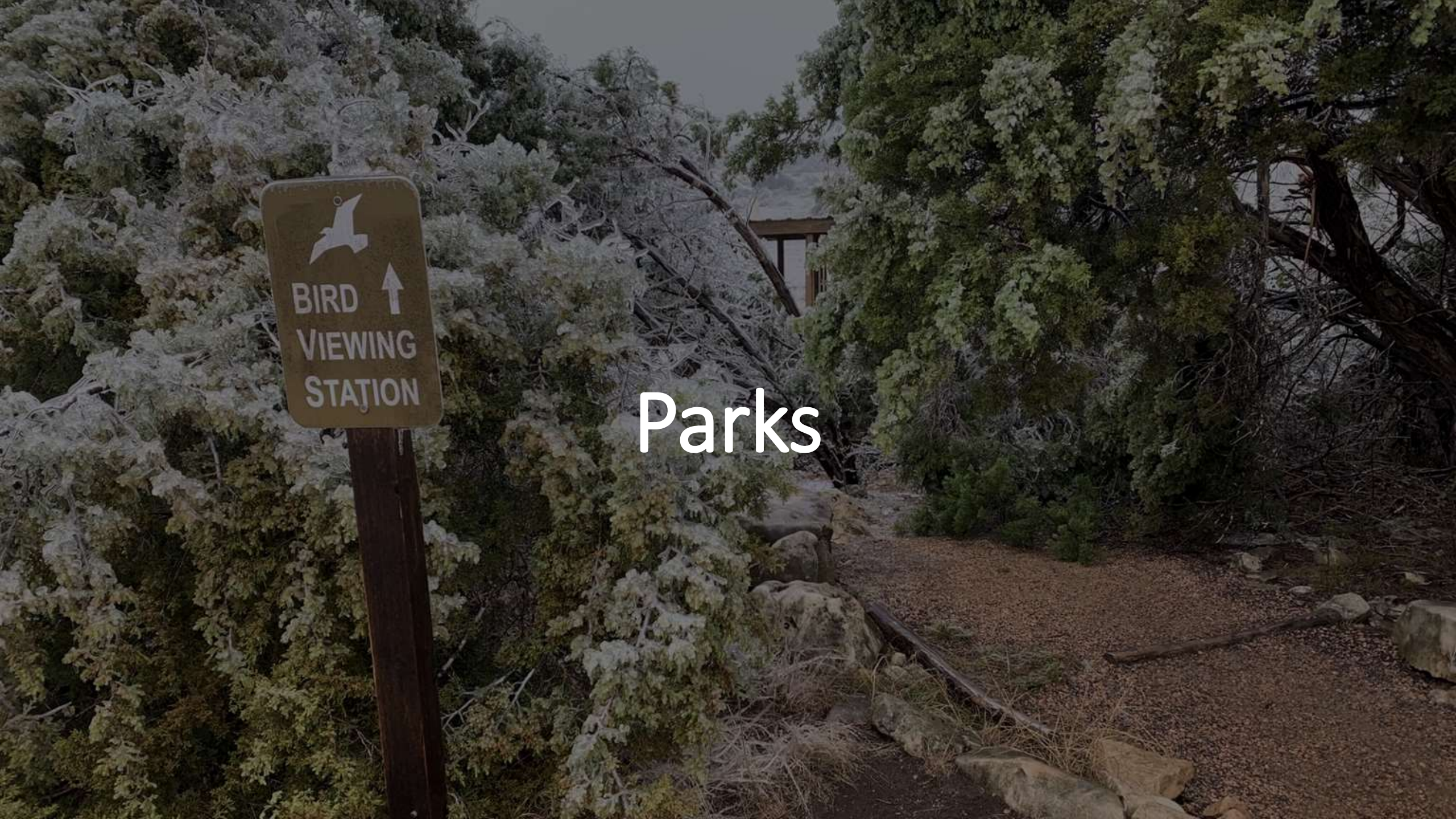
- Estimated parks staff time total hours working on winter event from 1/31-2/6: 200 Hours
 - Parks Staff includes: Andrew Binz, Charlie Reed, Johnna Krantz, Mack Rusick, Emily Nelson, Lily Sellers, Nick Spillar, Fletcher Engstrom, Kyle Hagen, Sheri Kapanaka, Teri Sanders, Caylie Houchin, Andrew T

Emergency Management Staff Time

- Estimated emergency management staff time total hours working on winter event from 1/31-2/7: 52 hours



Parks







Parks

- Debris Removal
- Staff Debris Drop Off Area
- Checking on Parks and the Pool
- Photos of Damage



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Public Works



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- Roads blocked
- Wastewater Treatment Plant manned during storm
 - Intermittent power outages
 - Blower damage that was repaired
 - No Sanitary Sewer Overflows
 - One treated effluent discharge
- West Travis County PUA
 - Major Power Outage
 - Loss of Pressure
 - Pressure restored on Friday Evening
 - Wastewater staff flushed the system



Emergency Management



Emergency Management

- Daily Winter Weather Email Updates
- Daily Briefings with Administration and Mayor
- Supervision of Limb Dropoff at DSRP
- Public Education in coordination with Communications/Marketing staff
- Coordinating with Hays County and Texas Department of Emergency Management



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Disaster Declarations

PROCLAMATION BY THE Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that severe winter weather and heavy rain pose a threat of imminent disaster, including widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life, due to significant ice accumulations, sub-freezing temperatures, freezing rain and sleet, hazardous travel disruptions, power outages, and heavy rains in Denton, Hays, Henderson, Milam, Smith, Travis, and Williamson Counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby declare a state of disaster in the previously listed counties based on the existence of such threat.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 4th day of February, 2023.

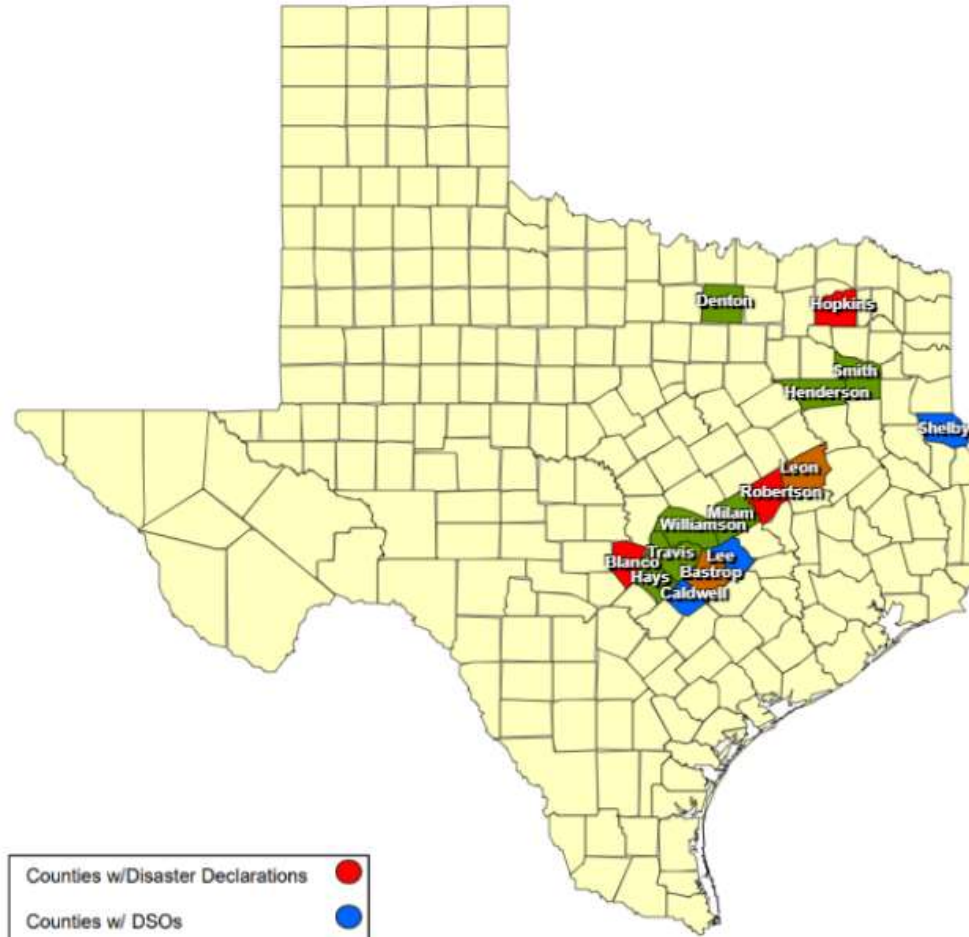
Greg Abbott
GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

Jane Nelson
JANE NELSON
Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
11:41 AM O'CLOCK

FEB 04 2023



Counties w/Disaster Declarations	Red
Counties w/ DSOs	Blue
Counties w/Ltr to Governor	Yellow
Counties w/Declarations & DSOs	Purple
Counties w/DD & Ltr	Brown
Counties w/DSO & Ltr	Green
Counties w/DD, DSO, & Ltr	Cyan
Counties covered on Gov Dec	Olive



LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION FOR HAYS COUNTY RELATED TO WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, Hays County has experienced Winter Storm Warnings, Winter Weather Advisories and cold, wet, icy conditions over the last three days; and

WHEREAS, temperatures have dropped below freezing, causing the wet conditions to turn to ice on roadways and in other public areas, and fallen tree limbs due to ice accumulations have caused significant damage; and

WHEREAS, Hays County resources have been authorized to deal with dangerous conditions created by this weather event; and

WHEREAS, the Hays County Judge, on advice from Mike Jones, Emergency Services Director, and Alex Valadez, Chief of Staff, has determined that weather-related conditions pose a significant threat to Hays County citizens and their property; and that measures must be taken to prevent threats and maintain the health and safety of our community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED:

- 1) That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Hays County, Texas, pursuant to §418.106(a) of the Texas Government Code; and
- 2) That, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, this local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date cited below, unless this local state of disaster is continued by Resolution of the Hays County Commissioners Court; and
- 3) That, pursuant to §418.106(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Hays County Clerk; and
- 4) That, pursuant to §418.108(e) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Hays County Emergency Management Plan; and
- 5) That this Declaration shall take effect immediately upon its execution by the Hays County Judge, as is evidenced by his duly authorized signature, below, and remain in effect until it expires, or until winter weather conditions no longer exist.

DECLARED AND ORDERED this 3rd day of February, 2023.

Ruben Secora

Ruben Secora
Hays County Judge



Accepted and Filed

Elaine Cardenas

Elaine Cardenas, MBA, PhD
Hays County Clerk

Local Estimate of Damage to Public Property by Category Public Assistance Categories

	Public Assistance Categories	A	B	C	D	E	F	G				
All Total Jurisdictions: (Includes *) 14	County / City	Debris Removal	Police / EMS	Roads & Bridges	Water Facilities	Buildings	Public Utility Systems	Other	County Totals	County Threshold	MET?	LOCAL DEC
	Total	\$12,433,650	\$16,678,750	\$542,408	\$0	\$138,300	\$1,215,972	\$12,830	\$31,021,910	\$10,322,427	No	
1	City of Elgin	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$425,000			NO
1	City of Smithville	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500			NO
	Bastrop County	\$150,000	\$202,500	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$427,500	\$431,639	NO	NO
1	Caldwell County	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$330	\$330			NO
	Caldwell County	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$330	\$330	\$203,721	NO	NO
1	Hays County	\$93,000	\$8,250	\$522,408	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,623,658			YES
1	City of Dripping Springs	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$5,300			YES
	Hays County	\$98,000	\$8,250	\$522,408	\$0	\$300	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,628,958	\$1,070,337	YES	YES
1	Lee County	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$82,000			YES
	Lee County	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$82,000	\$77,602	YES	YES
1	Shelby County	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000			NO
	Shelby County	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$106,658	NO	NO
1	Travis County	\$10,210,650	\$15,191,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,401,650			YES
1	City of Volente	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000			YES
1	City of West Lake Hills	\$335,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$435,000			YES
	Travis County	\$10,605,650	\$15,191,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$25,896,650	\$5,728,435	YES	YES
	Williamson County	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			YES
1	City of Cedar Park	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$602,500			YES
1	City of Georgetown	\$375,000	\$1,212,000	\$0	\$0	\$110,000	\$53,472	\$10,000	\$1,760,472			NO
1	City of Leander	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000			YES
	City of Round Rock	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			NO
1	City of Taylor	\$505,000	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$12,500	\$0	\$578,500			YES
	Williamson County	\$1,500,000	\$1,277,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$111,000	\$65,972	\$12,500	\$2,971,472	\$2,704,035	YES	YES
	Total	\$12,433,650	\$16,678,750	\$542,408	\$0	\$138,300	\$1,215,972	\$12,830	\$31,021,910	\$10,322,427	No	

Disaster Declaration

- Disaster Declaration issued by Mayor on February 5, 2023
- Letter sent to Governor requesting aid
- Disaster Declaration expires on February 12, 2023 unless extended by City Council for 30 days

Disaster Declaration allows City to access resources from the County and the State including funding, reimbursements, personnel, and equipment to help clear the City and repair and protect the City's infrastructure



Founders Memorial Park, Charro Ranch Park and Sports & Recreation Park Are Now Open!

However, due to hazards with falling limbs, Dripping Springs Ranch Park & Veterans Memorial Park are still closed until further notice.

We will update you when other parks will be reopened.



City of Dripping Springs Emergency Management

Limb & Brush Drop-off at DSRP will be open tentatively Monday, Feb.13th - Sunday, Feb. 19th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

We are at capacity. We are working with Hays County to clear the area to make more room for limb and brush. We will be open for one week from 9-5, tentatively, starting on Monday, Feb. 13th.



Administration

- Assist other departments
- Record costs and hours for potential reimbursement
- Review and draft agreements
- Review and draft disaster declaration and correspondence
- Provide education through social media, regular media, and direct to public
- Continued operations remotely including ensuring that IT and VPN worked for off-site employees and posting meetings

Latest on DSRP Limb and Brush Drop-Off »

Dripping Springs Ranch Park (DSRP) is NOT accepting any trees or limbs at this time. We have been using DSRP as a...

City of Dripping Springs Issues Disaster Declaration »

DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS - February 5, 2023 - Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr. has issued a Disaster Declaration for the City of...

Debris Information »

If you have debris from the recent ice storm, Waste Connections customers will have their debris picked up on your ...

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- DSRP limb deposit was so successful it is full, but hoping to reopen next week if possible
- Waste Connections provides bulk pickup for certain size limbs
- Electrical Outages to be reported to PEC
- Recommended reaching out to Insurance Carriers
- Report damage and costs through iSTAT portal <https://damage.tdem.texas.gov/>
- Assistance may be provided through the Individuals and Households Program through FEMA – www.fema.gov

Current Status

- All Parks and Trails, other than DSRP are open
- Playgrounds are open after inspection
- DSRP clearing continues and limb collection is estimated to reopen next week
- No significant damage to city facilities, fleet, or equipment except for the Ranch House
- Work on Mercer Street is continuing
- Tree clearing on right-of-way continues



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RECOMMENDATION AND NEXT STEPS

- Staff recommends:
 - extension of the Disaster Declaration
 - approval of expenditures related to the Disaster
 - authorize the Mayor and staff to provide resources to the
 - public as appropriate including education



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QUESTIONS?

