



**DRIPPING SPRINGS**  
Texas

Rathgeber Natural Resources Park  
Vision Plan Update  
City Council Meeting  
November 14, 2023

# Vision Plan Update

As of today...

- June 20, 2023 – Professional Services Agreement with RVi Planning was approved by City Council for the Rathgeber Natural Resources Park Vision Plan
- Kickoff Meeting with RVi Team and City Staff was held on July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Site Analysis and Data Collection Phase has been completed.
  - Aerial drone and 360 degree photography of the property.
  - Base map information collected and compiled.
  - RVi Team and City Staff met with DSISD about their plans for the school site.
- Client Vision Workshop was held on October 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - RVi Team, City Staff and Parks & Recreation Commission Representatives



# Public Engagement Phase

## Public Engagement Plan

Developed with input from City Staff and reviewed by Hays County representatives.

## Public Engagement Guiding Principles:

- **Provide meaningful information** to all stakeholders during the process.
- **Engage in two-way communication** with a wide range of stakeholders.
- **Listen to the desires and priorities** of stakeholders.
- **Respond openly and honestly** to all comments.



# Public Engagement Phase

## Key Messages

The Rathgeber Natural Resource Park will allow citizens to celebrate and enjoy our natural environment in a gentle way that protects the environment.

- Once open, the park will allow citizens to passively recreate, immerse in nature, and explore the Texas Night Sky.
- The park will protect 300 acres of the pristine Texas Hill Country located adjacent to the Headwaters Subdivision.
- The park is made possible from the generosity of Dick Rathgeber and Rathgeber Investment Company, which donated the land to the City of Dripping Springs, and funding through the Hays County Park & Open Space Bond.
- Planning for the park will be a transparent process and will involve public input on (1) the initial goals and priorities, and (2) preliminary concepts for the park based on public input.
- Information about the project will be available on the City of Dripping Springs website ([www.cityofdrippingsprings.com/rathgeber](http://www.cityofdrippingsprings.com/rathgeber)) and at various community events, public meetings and stakeholder workshops.



# Public Engagement Opportunities

## Christmas on Mercer

- Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Parks and Community Services Tent

## Public Meeting #1

- Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at City Hall from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

## Future Opportunities:

- Stakeholder Engagement Workshop (March 2024)
- Founders Day Event (April 27, 2024)
- Public Meeting #2 – Presentation of two concepts. (May 2024)



**June 2024**

Presentation of the Vision Plan to the Parks & Recreation Commission and City Council.