

PROJECT INFORMATION FORM
Hays County Parks & Open Space 2020
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PROJECT CRITERIA

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https://hayscountytexas.com/download/departments/parks_recreation/Parks-Master-Plan-April-2012.pdf

Submitter's information required by form

Email Address

Name of Project

Submitters Name

Submitter's Phone

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Project Sponsor (entity or individual):

Primary Contact Name

Primary Contact Email

Primary Contact Phone

Secondary Contact (name/email/phone)

PROJECT LOCATION & DESCRIPTION

Hays County Precinct (form to include link to precinct map):

Pct 1

Pct 2

Pct 3

Pct 4

Location

___ In municipal jurisdiction, including ETJ

___ In unincorporated area of County

Please provide:

Physical address
and/or

Google Map Link
and/or

GIS Coordinates

Approximate size of project (Lineal feet, square feet or acres):

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

For reference while answering the following questions, please review the 2012 Hays County Parks, Open Space and Natural Areas MASTER PLAN at <https://bit.ly/3cZpMhG>

Description of the proposed project.

(50 words or less)

Does the project address any of the following stated “Goals” of the Hays County Parks Master Plan? Check all that apply.

___ **Community Goal:** Provide ample parks and open spaces in the park and open space system; provide a range of recreational experiences to service a variety of age groups and user-types year-round; Connect the parks and open space system where appropriate.

___ **Environmental Goal:** Utilize the parks and open space system to improve the condition of water quality and quantity; protect scenic qualities throughout the County; conserve important natural resource areas that contribute to the health and vitality of the County.

___ **Financial Goal:** Incorporate a variety of funding mechanisms and partnerships for park and open space funding; promote economic development through increased year-round tourism.

Describe how the project will contribute to each goal, in 50 words or less. (For reference pages 9-10 in the 2012 Master Plan)

Which of the following 2012 Master Plan Project Priorities are met by your project?

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY. The following project types are listed in order of priority in the 2012 Master Plan, pages 26-27.)

- River and creek access
- Multi-use trails
- Camping
- Youth camping facilities
- General nature enjoyment lands
- Nature center
- Festivals and special event spaces
- Recreation center and sports complex
- Shooting sports complex
- Community gardens

PROJECT CATEGORY

Please choose one of the following three categories that BEST fits your project.

Urban Park, Active Recreation, Infrastructure, Special Purpose Facility
 Projects submitted under this category may include acquisition of lands and/or easements or facilities for projects less than 50 acres in size; active and passive public recreation opportunities; proposed new or renovated facilities and/or hardscapes; projects creating or enhancing equity and access for all (ADA compliance).

Open or Natural Space, Habitat Land, Water Quality/Quantity Land
 Projects submitted under this category may include acquisition of lands and/or easements or facilities for projects 50 acres or greater in size; projects protecting known threatened/endangered flora and/or fauna and their habitat; projects with critical headwaters and watershed areas, live water creeks/streams, aquifer recharge areas, and/or karst (cave) feature protection; public trail, hiking, camping, and wilderness education opportunities, and protection of historic and/or working ranch and farmlands.

Connectivity (new or expanded connections to or between protected areas, parks, or trails)
 Projects submitted under this category may include: acquisition of lands and/or easements or facilities that create or expand trails connecting to or within one or more parks or protected open space lands; trailheads; way-finding and educational kiosks; enhancement or augmentation of existing non-motorized transportation plans and trails/facilities; projects creating or enhancing equity and access for all (ADA compliance).

Please complete ONLY the checklist below that corresponds to the project category you've selected above.

If you selected Urban Park, Active Recreation, Infrastructure, Special Purpose Facility, then:

Which of the following features apply to the proposed project?
(check all that apply)

- Multipurpose regional park
- Sports complex and/or special use parks
- River or water access

- Hiking, biking and multi-use trail connectivity
- Camping
- Shooting sports
- 4H livestock and/or equestrian
- Active recreation
- Experiencing nature
- Wildlife viewing
- New or renovated park facilities
- Located in an underserved area

If you selected Open or Natural Space, Habitat Land, Water Quality/Quantity Land, then:

Which of the following features apply to the proposed project? *(check all that apply)*

- Open space
- River or water access
- Wildlife habitat conservation
- Sensitive environmental feature conservation (karst, springs, seeps, steep slopes, rim rock, wetlands)
- Conservation of intact/rare plant communities
- Restoration of habitat
- Conservation of species of concern (threatened, endangered, rare)
- Scenic vistas and viewsheds
- Cultural resource preservation
- Hiking, biking trails
- Experiencing nature
- Camping
- Conservation easement
- Ecosystem services, riparian protection, recharge protection, water quality
- Conserve water resources or protect water quality
- Contribute to preservation of a larger, regional landscape of conserved lands
- Protect lands threatened by fragmentation or development
- Protect heritage ranch and farmlands

If you selected Connectivity, then:

Which of the following features apply to this proposed project?

(check all that apply)

- Walking, running, hiking, biking trails
- Equestrian trails
- Trail and/or greenway easement
- Active recreation
- Wildlife viewing
- Riparian area protection or restoration
- River or creek access
- Wildlife corridors
- Connectivity within (or to) one or more current parks and/or protected open space lands
- Expands existing park or open space area

___ Located within an underserved area

FUNDING & PROJECT COSTS

Funds are requested for the following purpose (check all that apply):

- ___ Land acquisition
- ___ Conservation easement acquisition
- ___ Trail easement acquisition
- ___ Planning (land management, design, engineering)
- ___ Facility design and/or construction
- ___ Other

If other, please explain:

Estimated amount of funds required for project and source, if known:

- \$ _____ **Hays County (amount you are requesting from Hays County; can be range)**
- \$ _____ Other Public Entity, Name: _____
- \$ _____ Philanthropic Grant/Donation, Source: _____
- \$ _____ Other (Describe below): _____

- \$ _____ **TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST**

PROJECT PARTNERS & ROLES

List all anticipated project partners and the role(s) they may play in your project. Roles can include funding partners (private, foundation, grants, loans or public funds), donated lands or easements, planning and design services, management and operations support, volunteer groups, public support, or any other project partner role.

Enter Partner & Role they will play. Press enter to add a line space between partners