

2011 Travis County Bond Election

Proposition 2:

Parks and Land Conservation Projects

The Parks and Land Conservation proposition allows voters to approve or reject funds for improving the park system and conserving land. The \$73,770,400 earmarked for park projects will be used to acquire parkland, build new recreational facilities, and protect natural and cultural resources in the county park system. The \$8,332,500 earmarked for land conservation will be used to purchase conservation easements, for perpetuity, from willing landowners, to protect natural and cultural resources throughout the County.

Proposition 2 park funds will also be invested in projects throughout the county. In eastern Travis County, recreational facilities will be built at five existing parks (see project list); parkland will be purchased and developed along Onion Creek, Gilleland Creek, and other waterways in the SH 130 corridor; and flood-prone properties in the Timber Creek Subdivision will be purchased and incorporated into the Onion Creek Greenway. In western Travis County, day use, camping, and boat launch facilities will be improved at Arkansas Bend and Dink Pearson parks on Lake Travis; and parkland will be acquired on the Pedernales River for river-centered recreation and preservation of natural areas. Restoration of woodlands, grasslands, and riparian areas is central to both the eastern creek greenway and Lake Travis park projects.

Bond Proposition 2 Projects

Total: \$82,105,000

Parks and Land Conservation Projects

Northeast Metro Park

Build a multi-use play field, infrastructure for a BMX race track, new entrance road and bridge, other amenities, and associated infrastructure.

Arkansas Bend/Dink Pearson Park ***

Improve beach, picnic areas, playgrounds, and boat ramp, other amenities, and associated infrastructure for day-use area and build a new campground at Arkansas Bend Park; construct boat ramp and other amenities and associated infrastructure at Dink Pearson Park; and restore disturbed land to natural conditions at both parks.

Onion Creek Open Space Parkland ***

Build hike and bike trails, playgrounds, picnic areas, group facilities, other amenities, and associated infrastructure; restore bottomland woods, grasslands, and wetlands to mitigate flood damage, protect water resources, and improve wildlife habitat and scenic views.

Eastern Travis County Parks (Southeast Metro Park, East Metro Park, Webberville Park and Richard Moya Park)

Construct park improvements including picnic facilities, shade structures, concession stand, maintenance barn, other amenities, and associated infrastructure.

Timber Creek Subdivision Project ***

Acquire flood prone properties in the Timber Creek subdivision; incorporate new properties into the Onion Creek Greenway.

Eastern Creek Open Space Parkland (Onion Creek and Gilleland Creek)

Acquire parkland and develop greenways along Onion Creek, Gilleland Creek, and other waterways in the SH 130 corridor for recreational use and to protect floodplains, wildlife habitat, and scenic views.

Pedernales River Open Space Parkland

Acquire parkland on the Pedernales River (connecting Milton Reimers Ranch Park and Hamilton Pool Preserve) for recreational use and to protect wildlife habitat, water resources, rural character, and scenic views.

Acquisition of Conservation Easements ***

Conserve open space with willing landowners and other partners through perpetual land conservation agreements to protect working farms and ranches, water resources, wildlife habitat, rural character, and scenic views.

***** *Projects with Cost-Sharing Partnership with Travis County***

All project scopes are proposed and are subject to change.

All amounts include inflation and issuance costs.