

# **Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Grant Application**



**City Council A Session**

**Item #13**

**April 10, 2025**

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# ORLP Grant



## Grant Information

- Grant from National Park Service administered through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Competitive Grant Process
- Grant Amounts \$300,000 to \$15 million

## Eligibility Criteria

- Disadvantaged Community (per Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool)
- Projects that provide new or significantly improved recreational opportunities in urban communities
- **Requires \$1:\$1 match funding**

## Priorities for Consideration

- Nature based projects favored

# Project and Funding

## Recommended Project: Normoyle Park (CD5)

### Estimated Matching Funds

• 2022 Bond	\$4,750,000
• Tree Mitigation Fund	\$1,022,861
<i>Estimated Total Matching Funds</i>	<i>\$5,772,861</i>

### Estimated Grant Request: \$5,772,861

### Project Recommendations

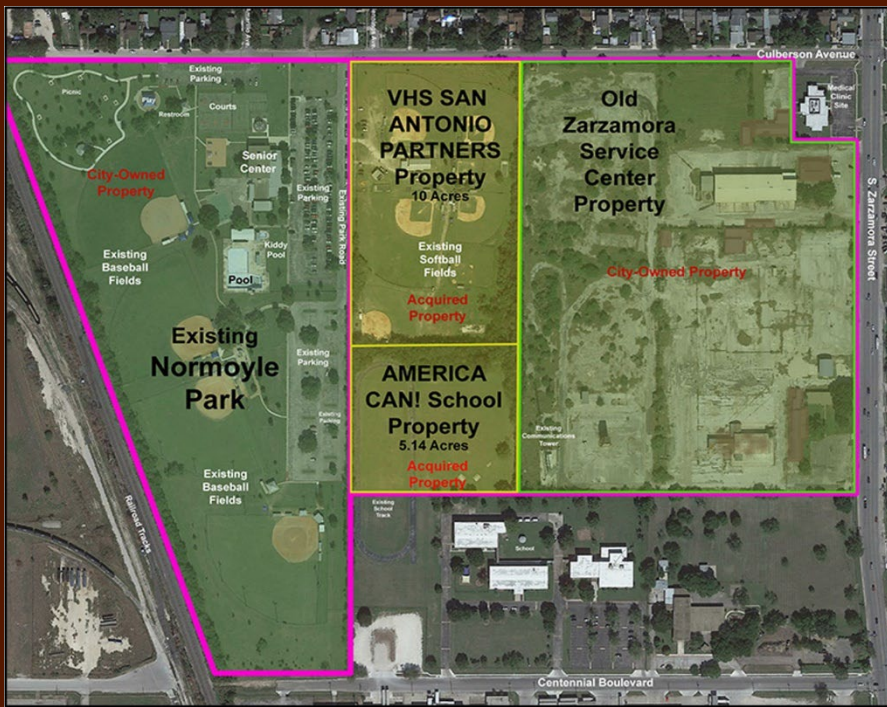
- Restoring Greenspace
- Establish urban canopy within the 407-acre expansion area
- New Park Amenities Based on Community Input





# Background

- \$6.75 million in 2022 Bond funds
- \$2 million spent on property acquisition
- City owned former Fire Academy and Solid Waste Refueling Station area will be converted to parkland
- Existing 30-acre park will be expanded to 75-acre in total
- The Normoyle Park project has had robust community engagement from the 2022 Bond Public Input Meetings beginning in Fall 2021 through public meetings and events in April 2025.



# Timeline

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- April 15, 2025 - Application Deadline for Submission to TPWD
- June 30, 2025 – TWPD Application for Submission to NPS
- September 2025 – NPS Notifies Agencies of Intent to Proceed
- November 2026 – Official Award Announcements or Re-application

# Action

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- Approval of the submission of a grant application and the acceptance of funds in an amount up to \$5,772,861.00 for the revitalization and development at Normoyle Park located in District 5.



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# Recommendation

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- Staff recommends approval