



City of Sunset Valley

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BCCP Coordinating Committee
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BCCP Coordinating Committee Members,

The City of Sunset Valley owns and manages a 21.894 acre tract of land known as the Gaines Greenbelt. This tract is adjacent to property owned by the City of Austin and is located north of Highway 290 and east of Mopac. The Gaines Greenbelt is home to the golden-cheeked warbler (*Setophagia chrysoparia*). The Gaines Greenbelt is also contained within the original BCP Preserve Acquisition Boundary, an area defined as the best habitat for the species listed on the permit.

After many years of working with representative from Travis County and the City of Austin, the City of Sunset Valley has decided to pursue the possibility of a Managing Partner Agreement to demonstrate Sunset Valley's commitment to the protection of endangered species. On behalf of the City of Sunset Valley I would like to propose that a Managing Partner Agreement be drafted between the City of Sunset Valley and the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Coordinating Committee. At the March 6th Sunset Valley City Council meeting, a list of items was proposed that Sunset Valley would like to have included as part of this agreement. This list is attached. In addition, the site has a trail that meanders between Sunset Valley and Austin. This trail has also been selected as the possible route of the regional Violet Crown Trail. It is requested that this trail be considered a grandfathered use and continued to be allowed as part of the agreement.

The protection of these preserve lands is important to each of us. By continuing to partner with municipalities and other governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and private land owners the City of Austin and Travis County have created an effective and lasting way of protecting endangered species. I hope that you consider our proposal and Sunset Valley has the opportunity to join in this effort.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Carolyn Meredith, Environmental Services Manager.

Sincerely,

Clay Collins
City Administrator