

Charge to ATX Wildfire Coalition

Wildfire Response Subcommittee

Fire Protection for Preserves and Open Spaces Tsk Group

- How is fire protection for open spaces (Parks and Preserves) owned by Austin and Travis County and communities that adjoin them funded?
  - In many cases jurisdictions are unable to collect revenues directly from areas they are responsible to protect (direct revenues).
  - Are there indirect sources of revenues that should or could be contributing to funding to protecting these untaxed areas?
  - Are there agreements or other in-kind commitments that address fire protection for these areas?
    - Mutual aid
    - Automatic aid
    - MOUs or Interlocal Agreements
- Does the current funding model place an undue burden or unfunded mandate upon fire Jurisdictions (primarily ESDs)?
- Are there alternatives to funding fire protection in these cases where fire jurisdictions are responsible for fire protection to very large areas that do not contribute to their tax base?