



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3292, **Agenda Item #:** 12.

11/4/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary to acquire in fee simple Lot 58, Block B, Enclave at Covered Bridge, according to the map or plat, recorded in Document No. 2015000145, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, located at 6700 Halesboro Drive, Austin, Texas from Evelyn L. Bassford a/k/a Evelyn Bassford Hull and Marvin Glenn Bassford, Trustee of the Marvin Bassford Trust, for a total amount not to exceed \$781,549, including closing costs.

Lead Department

Office of Real Estate Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$781,549 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This acquisition is for park and recreation purposes. It consists of an approximately 5.38 acre tract located along Williamson Creek, south of W SH 71 and west of the Y in Oak Hill. The Parks and Recreation Department's Long Range Plan, Our Parks, Our Future, specifically recommends acquiring parkland along creeks and to close gaps in greenbelts. The tract runs along a section of Williamson Creek, and its acquisition will expand the existing Williamson Creek Greenbelt, which connects southeast Austin to southwest Austin through Districts 2, 5 and 8. This acquisition will close a critical gap along Williamson Creek, and serve as an expanded destination park with opportunities for water access, trails, and nature play. The acquisition includes a segment of the Williamson Creek Trail, a Tier II Urban Trail identified in the Council-adopted Urban Trails Master Plan. The land is flat and open, with a mature pecan tree grove.

The property is currently surrounded by public parkland.

The Parks and Recreation Department will purchase this proposed acquisition utilizing 2018 bond funds. The purchase price of \$761,049 is the current fair market value as determined by an independent third-party appraiser. The amount of the purchase price plus closing costs is not to exceed \$781,549.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.