



## **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

September 23, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Consider approval of a resolution supporting increased funding for the Texas Recreation and Parks Account and the State Park System

**SUBMITTED BY:** Ray McDonald, Director of Parks and Community Services

**REFERENCE NO:** Resolution No. 08-1289

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### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Consider the approval of Resolution No. 08-1289 that supports increased funding for the Texas Recreation and Parks Account and the State Park System.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

- Do not approve the resolution
- Table

### **SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:**

The Texas Recreation and Parks Account is a grant program for parkland acquisition and development and for the development of recreational facilities that is administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Funding for the grant program was restored to \$15.5 million per year during the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. Additional funding was also approved for State Parks in Texas. The resolution requests that members of the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature support increased funding for the TRPA and for the Texas State Park System. The resolution also requests support to insure that all grants funded through the TRPA be subject to the competitive scoring system managed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The City of Euless has received several park development grants from TPWD over the past several years. In fact, the development of Bob Eden Park, The Villages of Bear Creek Park, The Parks at Texas Star, The Preserve at McCormick Park and both Wilshire and South Euless pools were all partially funded with matching grants from TPWD. As we move towards development of the Midway Park Family Life Center over the months ahead, staff will be pursuing available grant opportunities available through TPWD to assist with the development and/or re-development of parkland and facilities to support this project.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Revenue Sources:

Expenditure Accounts:

Budgeted Fiscal Year(s):

Estimated Expenditure:

Over/Under Projection By:

Other Comments:

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

- Resolution No. 08-1289

**APPROVED BY:**

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City Manager's Office

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City Secretary's Office