



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1620, **Agenda Item #:** 104.

8/28/2025

Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing in accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Code Chapter 26 to consider a resolution authorizing a permanent change of use of approximately 31,694 square feet of dedicated parkland located in Balcones District Park for Austin Water to construct, operate, maintain, and repair an odor and corrosion control facility for the Little Walnut Creek and Walnut Creek wastewater interceptors. Funding: Upon Council approval of this item, the Parks and Recreation Department will receive \$742,361 from Austin Water for the permanent use of Parkland.

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

For More Information:

Lead Department - Parks and Recreation Department, Ricardo Soliz, Division Manager, (512) 974-9452; Gregory Montes, Program Manager, (512) 974-9458.

Sponsoring Department - Austin Water, Van Van Winkle, Supervising Engineer, (512) 972-0160.

Managing Department - Capital Delivery Services Department, Tony L. Lopez, Project Manager, (512) 974-6581.

Council Committee, Board, and Commission Action:

July 28, 2025 - Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board on an 11-0 vote. Recommendation No. 20250728-3.

Additional Backup Information:

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon findings that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the parkland and that all reasonable planning has been undertaken to minimize harm to such land.

Odor and corrosion issues have been documented within the Walnut Creek and Little Walnut Creek wastewater basins for many years. Specific segments of the wastewater collection system experience pressurization, resulting in the release of noxious odors and the onset of corrosion-related problems. This project proposes the construction of odor control facilities along the Little Walnut Creek and Walnut Creek interceptors to mitigate these issues. One of the proposed facilities, to be located within Balcones District Park, will require the permanent use of approximately 31,694 square feet of dedicated parkland.

Upon Council approval of this item, the Parks and Recreation Department will receive \$742,361 from Austin Water as mitigation for its permanent use of the parkland.

The Parks and Recreation Board reviewed the project at its July 28, 2025, meeting and provided a recommendation to City Council. This item is brought forward because there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland and all reasonable planning has been and will be taken to

minimize harm to such land. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman were August 3, 10 and 17, 2025.