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\$830,000 TPWD Urban Outdoor Grant Makes \$1.6 Million Dollar Renovation of Busby Park a Reality

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) has been awarded an \$830,000 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (T.P.W.D.) Urban Outdoor Grant for Busby Park. The grant will be matched with Capital Improvement Project monies to complete a \$1.6 million dollar renovation of Busby Park. The grant is one of four recommended for awarding by the T.P.W.D. Commission on January 22, 2015.

“Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant funds make a difference in the lives of our communities here in Houston and across the state,” said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. “The Busby Park grant, for example, will provide outdoor recreational opportunities for the Houston-Trinity Gardens and Kashmere Gardens neighborhoods. We are very appreciative to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for this grant funding.”

Since 2004, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded 16 grants totaling over \$12 million dollars in grant funds from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in the form of Urban Outdoor, Urban Indoor, Recreational Trail and CO-OP grants.

The \$1.6 million dollar renovation project will redesign the park to include outdoor recreational opportunities and a natural element to the park. The scope of work includes: design and construction services, demolition, site preparation and grading. The proposed features of the project include: new playground development, a practice field with back stop and soccer goals, a community and rain garden and a prairie habitat area, outdoor exercise stations, a walking trail, a half basketball court, a seating plaza with specialty paving, picnic tables, benches and trash cans, picnic shelter with grill, perimeter fencing, site lighting, as well as native tree plantings with associated drip irrigation.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,851 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.