

**2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION**  
***Response to Request for Information***

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**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**REQUEST NO.:** 51

**REQUESTED BY:** Alter

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**REQUEST:** What if any additions are built into the budget to expand recycling in city parks?

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**RESPONSE:**

The Parks and Recreation Department did not allocate any additional funds to expand the recycling program within the parks system within the proposed FY 2018-19 budget. However, the Parks and Recreation Department intends to maintain current recycling efforts, which in FY 2018 include \$47,092 from the General Fund, \$50,000 from the Austin Parks Foundation and \$7,500 from The Trail Foundation for annual cart and dumpster fees to provide recycling at the following facilities/locations:

- All Recreation Centers
- All Museums and Cultural Centers
- All Special Events within Parks
- Year Round Swimming Pools (Deep Eddy, Barton Springs, Bartholomew, Springwoods, Big Stacy)
- 12 Seasonal Neighborhood Pools with highest attendance
- 3 Metropolitan Parks (Zilker, Town Lake and Walnut Creek)
- 3 District/Neighborhood Parks (Bull Creek, Ramsey, Walsh Boat Landing)
- 5 Golf Courses
- Athletic Complexes (Krieg and Havins)

The Recycling Task Force recently released its final recommendations for expanding recycling in parks, which the Parks and Recreation Department addressed in a memo to Council titled "Update on Council Resolution No. 20180614-072: Recycling Task Force." The memo is attached to this response for your reference.