

AGENDA



Thursday, September 25, 2008

**Parks and Recreation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 42**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS LADY BIRD JOHNSON WILDFLOWER CENTER to prepare a plan to restore the native vegetation along West Bouldin Creek Greenbelt in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2007 - 2008 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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The Watershed Protection and Development Review Department (WPDRD) has appropriated \$2 million for Water Quality improvements in the West Bouldin watershed per the Department Master Plan, primarily for two large scale water quality ponds.

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) tract along West Bouldin near South Sixth Street, presents a unique opportunity for WPDRD, PARC and the West Bouldin Neighborhood Association to cooperate in a riparian restoration project that will provide further water quality benefits for the watershed. The anticipated future water quality projects include: removal of invasive plants, increasing the number and diversity of native species, aerating and tilling compacted soil, relocating dirt bike tracks away from the creek and reducing upland erosion.

This Interlocal Agreement will allow the City of Austin to pay the University of Texas Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center to assess the restoration potential of the area and create a restoration plan. WPDRD staff will provide technical review and the Parks and Recreation Department will administer the contract.