

APPENDIX A



URBAN FOREST GRANT PROGRAM

PROJECT PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM*

PROJECT TITLE: 2010 Arbor Day Project at Longhorn International Shores along Lady Bird Lake.
BUDGET CATEGORY: (see page 3) Tree Planting and Transplanting

Does the project meet the required basic criteria:

Within the Austin city limits..... ☒ YES or NO
On public property or Civic areas as defined in 25-2-6(A) within the Land Development Code, or within 15 feet of these areas..... ☒ YES or NO
For public benefit..... ☒ YES or NO
Adhere to the Land Development Code criteria..... ☒ YES or NO

Will the project occur without UFGP award..... YES or NO or ☒ UNSURE

INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

ATTACHMENT A
(description not to exceed one page)

APPROACH AND METHODS

ATTACHMENT B
(description not to exceed two pages)

BUDGET

ATTACHMENT C
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PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS

ATTACHMENT D

PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION
(name, phone number, email address, and mailing address)

ATTACHMENT E

* Applicants are to submit three copies (including attachments) to Austin Community Foundation (See CONTACTS section for addresses).

2010 Arbor Day Project at Longhorn and International Shores Along Lady Bird Lake

Introduction and Objectives

Over 135 years ago, J. Sterling Morton from the Nebraska Territory recognized the importance of trees and shrubbery to preserving topsoil and the natural beauty of the world around him. In 1872 the first Arbor Day was celebrated in Nebraska by the planting of over 1000 trees. Since then, Arbor Day has become a recognized national holiday celebrated by planting trees and shrubs in communities across the nation.

The Urban Forestry Program of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department is planning an Arbor Day event for late October 2010; the tentative date is Saturday, October 23rd. The event will be held at Longhorn and International Shores at the east end of Lady Bird Lake. Because The Trail Foundation is committed to preserving and enhancing the Trail around Lady Bird Lake, the Urban Forestry Program has invited the Foundation to partner with them for the Arbor Day festivities. The Trail Foundation will provide 200 trees to plant along Longhorn and International Shores and provide 100 volunteers for the project.

Objectives of the 2010 Arbor Day festivities include:

- Adding beauty, shade and species diversity to Longhorn and International Shores
- Increasing public awareness about the importance of trees and shrubs in our natural world
- Involving the community in the preservation and improvement of public parks

The 2010 Arbor Day event falls in the Tree Planting and Transplanting category.

Approach and Methods

The Urban Forestry Program and The Trail Foundation are in the process of selecting the 200 trees to be planted. Currently, the following species are being planned for the project:

- **Small trees:** Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*), Texas Mountain Laurel (*Sophora secundiflora*), Rusty Blackhaw (*Viburnum rufidulum*), Texas Redbud (*Cercis Canadensis* var. *texensis*) and Mexican Buckeye (*Ungnadia speciosa*)
- **Medium trees:** Mexican White Oak (*Quercus polymorpha*), Lacey Oak (*Quercus glaucoides*) and Chinquapin Oak (*Quercus muchlenbergii*)
- **Large trees:** Cedar Elm (*Ulmus crassifolia*), Pecan (*Carya illinoensis*) and Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*)

Once the tree selection is finalized, The Trail Foundation will contact Native Texas Nursery and other qualified nurseries for estimates of selected species in the appropriate quantities. We anticipate the estimate to be in the \$15,000 range.

The Trail Foundation will place an order for an assortment of trees from the list agreed upon by the Urban Forestry Program that will total no less than 200 and not exceed \$15,000.

The trees will be planted on Saturday, October 23rd by community volunteers who will be under the direction and supervision of personnel from the Urban Forestry Program of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department and The Trail Foundation. Professional background on these individuals can be found in the Personnel Qualifications attachment of this proposal.

The maintenance of these trees will be dependent on the installation of an irrigation system which will be a separate project of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department or The Trail Foundation.

Timeline for Arbor Day project:

Late August: Urban Forestry Program and The Trail Foundation finalize Tree selection and request for cost estimate is submitted.

Early September: Selected trees are ordered from Native Texas Nursery or comparable nursery.

September - early October: Volunteers are recruited by The Trail Foundation. Project Managers (Susan Rankin, Keith O'Herrin and Daryl Benkendorfer) map location where trees will be planted along Longhorn and International Shores.

Mid October: Longhorn and International Shores are prepared for planting by Urban Forestry Program.

Late October: Saturday, October 23rd all 200 trees are planted and mulched by volunteers and project managers.

Budget

The budget for the Arbor Day project is \$15,000. We plan on purchasing 200 trees at an average of \$75.00 per tree. Most species will be available in a 15-gallon tree size, but a few species will only be available in a 10-gallon size. A final cost estimate will be available once the Urban Forestry Program finalizes drawings.

Personnel Qualifications

Susan Rankin, Executive Director, The Trail Foundation

Susan has been the Executive Director of The Trail Foundation for more than three years. During this time she has overseen both professional and volunteer driven projects on the Trail. Her expertise includes: volunteer and project management, knowledge of appropriate botanical species for project and requirements for the maintenance and long-term success of the project. Her primary role in this project will be to obtain estimates for the 200 trees, purchase them and coordinate delivery of trees for installation. She will also be responsible for recruiting 100 volunteers to plant and mulch around the trees. Susan will contribute an estimated 40% of the projects total workload.

Keith O'Herrin, Forester, Urban Forestry Program-Austin Parks and Recreation Department

Keith has a B.S. in Urban Forestry from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and has been with the City of Austin's Urban Forestry Program since April 2010. Previously, he worked as a City Forester in La Porte, IN and has experience working with multiple city departments to facilitate the success of several urban forestry projects. Keith will be responsible for finalizing the assortment of trees to be planted, mapping the location of each tree to be planted, preparing the sites for planting and overseeing the project installation. He will contribute approximately 40% of the projects total workload.

Daryl Benkendorfer, RLA, ASLA; President, Land Design Partners

Mr. Benkendorfer has been practicing landscape architecture since 1982. During the course of his 27-year career, he has been fortunate to have been involved in numerous, high-profile projects that have garnered numerous awards and recognition. More importantly, he prides himself on his ability to develop lasting relationships with his clients. He fosters these relationships by using a simple formula - produce a high quality product and keep your promises. To this end, many of his clients have utilized the services of Land Design Partners for many years. His role will primarily be advisory; to oversee the project and lend his advise and expertise where needed. Mr. Benkendorfer will contribute approximately 20% of the projects total workload.

Susan Plettman Rankin

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EDUCATION

1978 University of Texas School of Law, J.D. with Honors

1975 University of Texas at Austin, B.A., Botany, *Summa Cum Laude*

EXPERIENCE

2003–2006 *Field Botanist*

Collected, documented and identified plants for floristic surveys of Chinati Mountains and Government Canyon State Natural Areas, Bastrop State Park, and Camp Swift Army National Guard Training Facility.

1996–2002 **Reading Is FUNDamental of Austin (RIF)**, *Board Member*

Exercised leadership as President, Chair of Board Development, and Chair of Corporations (business fundraising, 40% total fundraising, 25% over goal). Focused on corporate and individual fundraising. Set policy for the nonprofit through program direction and funding decisions.

2000 **Garden.com**, *Horticulture Specialist*

Researched and communicated information about plant cultivation and identification. Promoted gardening to the public.

1991 **Texas Nature Conservancy**, *Government Relations Coordinator (contract)*

Directed State legislative program for Texas Office of Conservancy. Drafted legislation and worked with legislators on bills related to land management, tax treatment of private land, and endangered species.

1989–91 **College of Natural Sciences, University of Texas**, *Director, Industrial Associates Program*

Collaborated on public outreach activities to increase the public's interest in science education and career choice. Raised all program operating funds. Worked with corporate executives and research scientists to increase working and funding partnerships between the College and industry. Initiated College-wide undergraduate student coop and placement program.

1987 **Office of General Counsel, University of Texas System**, *Attorney*

Evaluated environmental risks and liabilities of System properties and operations. Worked on environmental management issues related to remediation of contaminated property, land management, and radioactive waste disposal. Analyzed proposed federal and state legislation for its potential effect on System.

1982–85, 1978–80 **Texas Department of Water Resources**, *General Counsel, Assistant General Counsel, Staff Attorney*

Advised governing board and executive director on laws related to water quality, water rights, hazardous waste, water development, and water project financing. Directed compliance with open meetings and public information laws. Contributed to statewide water policy. Counseled executive director on enforcement, permitting, penalty negotiations, and contracts. Coordinated with federal, state, and regional agencies. Operations and supervision, 20 attorneys and 10 support staff. Developed budget for legal office. Completed performance evaluations for staff. Coordinated litigation with Texas Attorney General's Office. Represented agency in public hearings.

Guided legislative program during two legislative sessions; drafted legislation, analyzed bills, and testified before legislative committees.

1980–82 Environmental Protection Division, Texas Attorney General's Office, *Asst. Attorney General*.

Litigated for environmental agencies including Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Air Control Board, Texas Department of Water Resources, Texas Department of Health.

Additional Community Involvement

Texas Parks and Wildlife

Volunteer field botanist, San Marcos River, Texas wildrice population monitoring, July 2004 through 2010.

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Seasonal research assistant, 2002, 2003.

Robert E. Lee Elementary School

Chair, Landscape Team, 2001-2003.

KEITH O'HERRIN

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Professional Objective:

Position leading to professional responsibilities in urban forestry, with opportunities for increasing impact based on merit.

Education:

B.S., May 2008
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP), Stevens Point, WI
Major: **URBAN FORESTRY**
Cumulative GPA: 3.48 (4.0=A)

Experience:

City of Austin, TX April 2010-Present

FORESTER. Investigate citizen concerns and complaints to determine validity and appropriate action. Generate work for in-house and contracted tree crews. Create new and update existing inventories of trees on parkland and along city streets using GPS/data collector and GIS software. Create detailed tree planting plans for various parks and right-of-way locations using GIS software. Plan large volunteer tree planting events to promote the urban forestry program. Evaluate and review plans for new construction to determine impact on existing vegetation. Enforce the City's various tree protection ordinances.

City of La Porte, IN

May 2008 – April 2010

CITY FORESTER. Responsible for the City's urban forestry program. Spearheaded legislation to widen tree lawns in new subdivisions. Wrote two grants and was awarded \$10,500 to purchase new street trees for the City. Regularly wrote articles about the importance of trees in the community for the local news source whatsnewlaporte.com. Plant, maintain, and remove trees in the public right-of-way while scheduling with the Street Department and Park Department as a source for necessary manpower and equipment. Coordinate with the City's various utility departments and private utility companies to resolve existing and avoid future tree-utility conflicts. Pushed for the creation of a small nursery in spring 2010. Took the first steps to turn an unused building into an environmental education center. Started a comprehensive inventory during summer of 2009 using GPS/data collector. Tackled special projects such as rejuvenating forgotten sections of public property. Work with the City's Engineering Dept evaluating landscape plans for new developments. Investigate complaints and concerns from citizens to determine appropriate action. Enforce the City's tree ordinance and update it as necessary. Manage yearly budget. Present to groups such as Audubon Society, Master Gardeners Clubs and Indiana Tree Steward students.

Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, Redding, CA

Summer 2007

LABORER LEADER. Employed by the National Park Service as a trail crew leader. Supervised work of 10 volunteer college students building new and maintaining existing hiking trails. Constructed and installed four wooden benches and two wooden picnic tables. Constructed ½ mile of new hiking trail using hand tools such as shovels, picks and axes in steep, rugged terrain and extreme heat. Earned college credit towards major for a side project benefiting future volunteers experience at Whiskeytown. I was again asked to come back the following year, but decided to pursue a position in my career field instead.

Experience: Shade Tree Service Co., Fenton, MO Summer 2006
(continued) **GROUNDSMAN.** Worked on a traveling utility line clearance crew in southwestern Wisconsin. Operated chipper, bucket, and various chainsaws. Climbed trees near energized power lines with and without use of spikes. Interacted with concerned homeowners to reduce impact on vegetation.

Computer Labs Management, UWSP Academic years, Fall 05-Spring 08
COMPUTER LAB COORDINATOR. Supervised 8-10 computer lab assistants. Managed reservations and necessary supplies for assigned computer lab while performing all duties assigned to computer lab assistant. Troubleshoot technical issues for computer lab users. Employed 15-20 hours/week while enrolled as a full time student.

Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, Redding, CA. Summer 2005
TRAIL LABORER (Volunteer). Hired by the National Park Service as a volunteer intern with the Student Conservation Association to build new and maintain existing hiking trails. At the end of the summer I was asked to come back as a paid employee next summer. I could not due to mandatory summer camp, but instead went back two years later, in the summer of 2007.

Special Certified Arborist # IN-3291A
Skills: Efficient worker with minimal supervision necessary

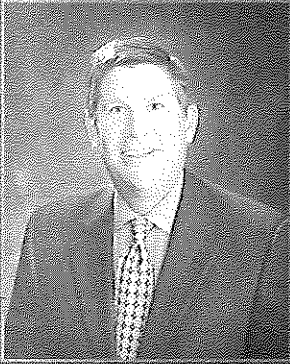
Undergrad College of Natural Resources, UWSP Academic years, April 2007-May 2008
Research **HOME BUILDER ATTITUDE SURVEY.** Research entitled '25 Years Later: Home
Project: **Builder Knowledge and Perceptions of the Wooded Lot**'. Project was designed to attempt to determine how attitudes and beliefs have changed in 25 years towards residual vegetation near homes built on recently cleared woodlots.

Background: Elected the President of the Student Society of Arboriculture (SSA) affiliated with Wisconsin Arborist Association. Often led groups of members while pruning the trees on campus, which SSA was paid for. To finance a trip to the Tree Care Industry Expo in Hartford, CT in November 2007, I led a special work day at the home of the Chancellor of the University.

References: Furnished upon request

Daryl Benkendorfer, RLA, ASLA

President



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science - Landscape Architecture, Texas A&M University, 1982

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS

- Registered Landscape Architect, State of Texas, Number 1370; State of Utah, Number 6696949-5301
- Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards, Number 1064
- American Society of Landscape Architects, Member

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Society of Landscape Architects, Member
- Real Estate Council of Austin, former Board Member
- Urban Land Institute, Member
- City of Rollingwood, former Park Board Member
- YMCA of Austin, Board Member

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Mr. Benkendorfer has worked on projects in 15 states across the country and abroad. His experience includes mixed-use, TND, retail, multifamily, hotel/resort, institutional, commercial and single family developments. In addition to being well versed in landscape architecture practices, he is also an accomplished planner with many projects to his credit.

Little Dix Bay Resort

Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands

- Mr. Benkendorfer oversaw full design and construction observation services for a new pool and garden area at this famous Caribbean resort that once was considered the pride of Lawrence Rockefeller's hotel empire. Due to the unique nature of construction practices and minimal equipment available on the tiny island, Mr. Benkendorfer was especially hands-on in order to maximize design with limited resources. Most of the materials used in the design utilized indigenous materials commonly found on the island and the adjacent resort property.

Four Seasons Resort

Nevis, West Indies

- Because the existing grounds at this posh resort had become inadequate for the number of users, LDP was commissioned to provide full design services, preparation of construction documents and construction observation for a new pool and garden area.

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Four Seasons Condominiums

Austin, Texas

- This project consisted of an upscale downtown community associated with The Four Seasons Hotel. Mr. Benkendorfer recently assisted the owner in successfully obtaining a site development permit for the construction of the project. Additionally, full construction documents were provided for the development of a roof top pool and Zen style garden as well as the full exterior of the building for a previous owner.

AMLI Downtown

Austin, Texas

- Mr. Benkendorfer was the Principal-in-Charge who oversaw the design and construction observation services for the project for this six-story apartment tower with urban streetscape and fifth story pool above parking. Project scope included code compliance consulting on the pool design, the design of all hardscape, softscape and irrigation of the roof top garden deck, all elements of the streetscape including compliance with The City of Austin Great Streets Program and obtaining a license agreement with the City.

The Nokonah

Austin, Texas

- Hardscape, softscape and irrigation design of the urban streetscape were designed for this upscale high-rise apartment building that many of Austin's elite, such as the late Ann Richards and longhorn coach Auggie Garrido, call home.

Bricktown

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

- As Principal-in-Charge, Mr. Benkendorfer oversaw full design of the landscape architecture of this urban renewal project in the heart of the well known Bricktown area of Oklahoma City. Specifically, the scope included design of the hardscape, softscape and irrigation for streetscape / garden areas and a pool / courtyard area.

Four Seasons Hotel Pool and Garden

Austin, Texas

- LDP is currently providing design and planning services for an upgrade and expansion of Austin's most luxurious hotel.

AMLI Block 22

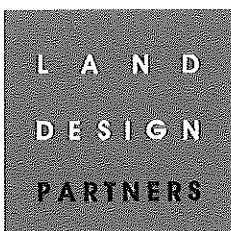
Austin, Texas

- The scope for this mid-rise tower with urban streetscape and pool above parking included complete design and construction observation services. Mr. Benkendorfer was the Principal-in-Charge who oversaw design of all hardscape, softscape and irrigation of the roof top garden deck, all elements of the streetscape including compliance with The City of Austin Great Streets Program and obtaining a license agreement with the City.

Alexan Congress

Austin, Texas

- An urban apartment community with extensive streetscape along South Congress Avenue (SOCO), scope of work included assisting the engineer in obtaining a site development permit (tree mitigation and landscape ordinance issues), full grading and drainage, ADA and other hardscape design, softscape design and irrigation design. The project was instrumental in helping to establish the SOCO area as one of Austin's special places that emulate the "Keep Austin Weird" philosophy.



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