

**Public Hearing
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Set a public hearing to approve approximately 1.36 acres for two sedimentation/filtration ponds, along with an approximately 3-acre temporary working space area use agreement to allow for the construction of the ponds through dedicated park land known as Zilker Park located on Barton Hills Drive in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife code. (Suggested date and time: September 29, 2005 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 301 West 2nd Street).

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

REQUESTING Public Works
DEPARTMENT: for Watershed Protection
and Development Review;

**DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of park land for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

The Watershed Protection and Development Review Department is proposing a water quality project in Zilker Park to treat storm water run-off from the Park Place Apartments at 1200 Barton Hills Drive and from a portion of the adjacent neighborhood and street. The project will consist of the removal of contaminated sediment, construction of two sedimentation/filtration ponds, and the rerouting of storm water to a drainage ditch downstream of Barton Springs Pool on dedicated park land known as Zilker Park. The Park Place Apartments is a complex upstream from Barton Springs pool and it has been determined that that run-off from the apartment parking lot contains high levels of the contaminants polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) found within the sediment in various creeks throughout the city including the tributary adjacent to the Park Place Apartments. This tributary discharges into Barton Creek approximately 300 feet upstream of Barton Springs Pool.

The ponds have been located in a relatively remote area that gets very little foot use by the public. At the request of the neighborhood representatives, the upper pond site was shifted to the west to move it out of the soccer practice area and it will make it less visible from Barton Hills Drive. Additional landscaping will further assure that there will be the least possible visual impact. The approximately 1.36 acre site will be fenced as a safety measure. It is estimated that construction will last 120 days and will occur during winter months, beginning in November.

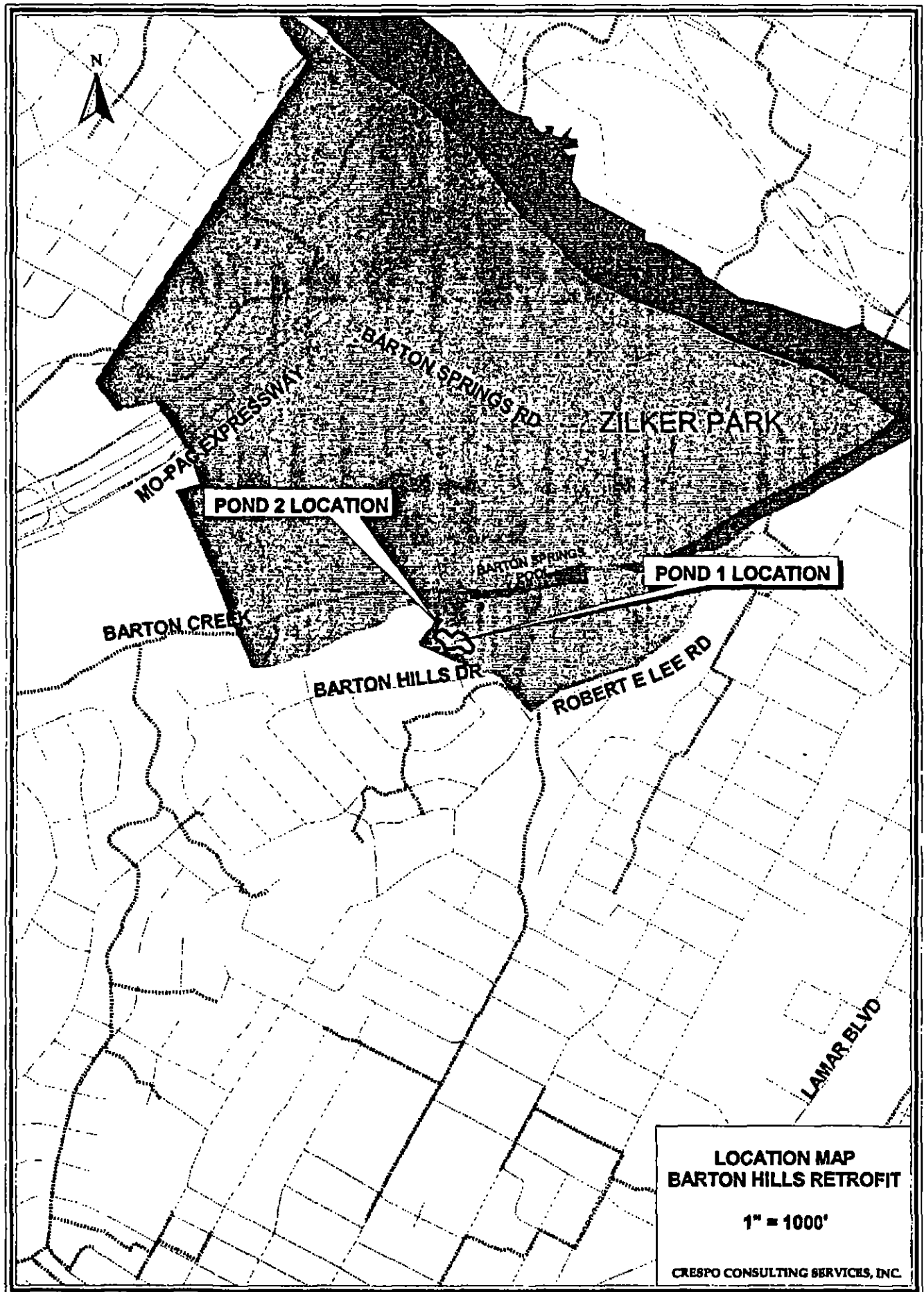
Approval of the use of park land is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance

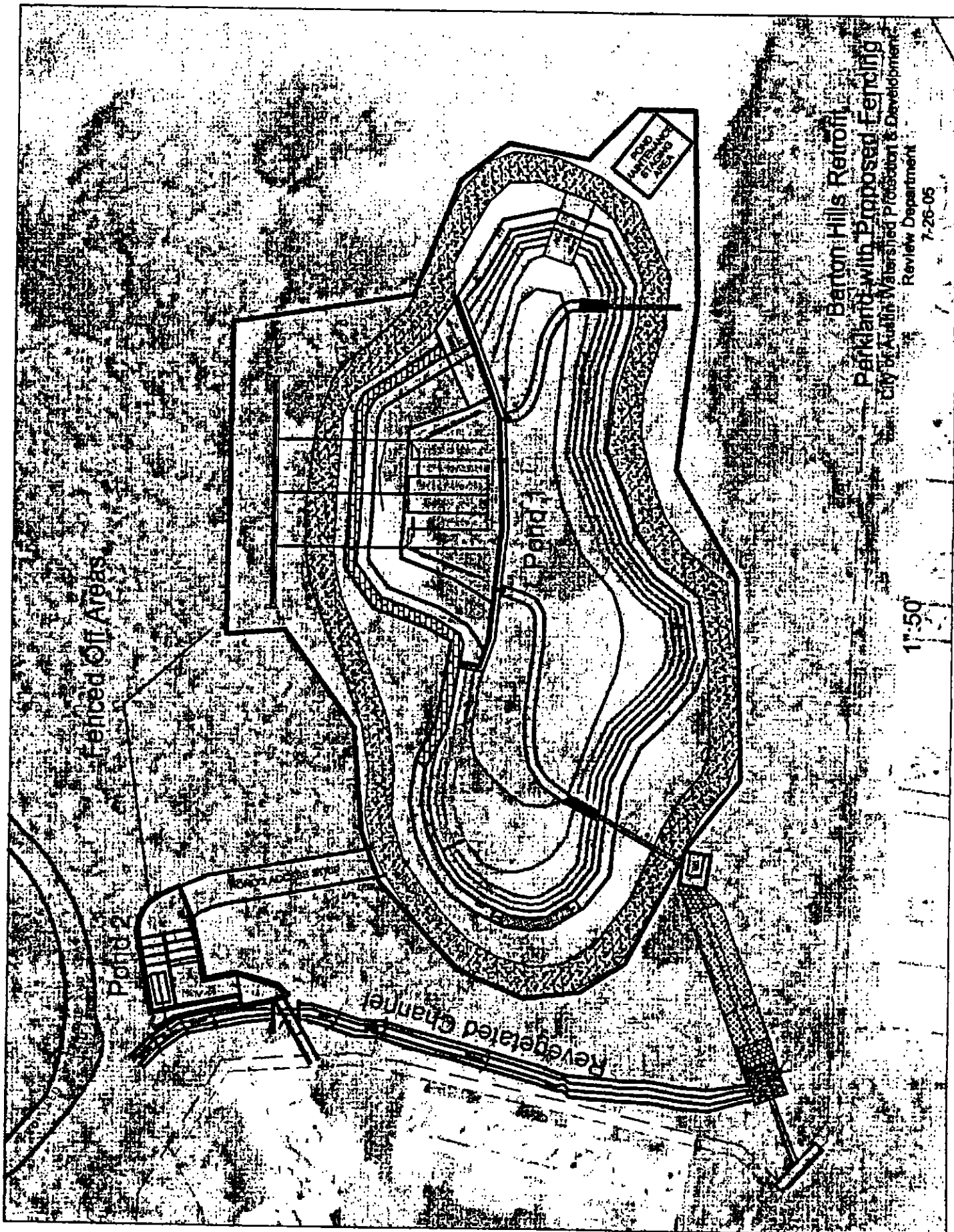
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with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and all restoration in park land will be completed in accordance with the Parks and Recreation Department's Construction in Parks Specifications. The requestor is required to pay any and all costs associated with the restoration.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated park land, which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are September 4, September 11 and September 18, 2005.





Barton Hills Reentry

Parkland with Proposed Fencing

City of Austin Watershed Protection & Development

Review Department

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