

## ACTION FORM BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

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| <b>DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING:</b> March 25, 2014  |   | <b>DATE SUBMITTED:</b> March 10, 2014 |   |
| <b>DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN:</b> Economic Development   |   | <b>SUBMITTED BY:</b> Frank Clark      |   |
| <b>MEETING TYPE:</b>  | <b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>                        | <b>ORDINANCE:</b>                     | <b>STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:</b>                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BCD  | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC HEARING       | <input type="checkbox"/> 1ST READING  | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC SAFETY                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL  | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT              | <input type="checkbox"/> 2ND READING  | <input type="checkbox"/> SERVICE                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATUTORY |                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC DEVELOP. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WORKSHOP   | <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR              |                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFRASTRUCTURE    |
|   |   |                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QUALITY OF LIFE   |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:</b> Consider approving a resolution of the City of Bryan (COB) proclaiming its support for the planning and development of the Turkey Creek Recreation and Conservation Corridor trail network and the creation of a private, non-profit entity to manage and provide the maintenance of the public trail network; and proclaiming support for the possible conveyance of portions of land/easements owned by COB for the trail network; and providing an effective date.                                     |   |                                       |   |
| <b>SUMMARY STATEMENT:</b> The Turkey Creek Recreation and Conservation Corridor (TCRCC) is a community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation project. The TCRCC is designed to preserve the Turkey Creek greenbelt corridor for wildlife habitat, plant protection, and to provide bicycle-pedestrian trail connectivity between neighborhoods, schools, and parks between Harvey Mitchell Parkway (FM2818) and State Highway 47 that follows the "Turkey Creek" flood plain/floodway in the heart of southwest Bryan. |   |                                       |   |
| The project is led by the Turkey Creek Recreation & Conservation Greenway Subcommittee that is comprised of local citizens and various community leaders with assistance from the National Park Service.  |   |                                       |   |
| <b>STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION:</b> The proposed resolution does not obligate the COB to any future cost. However, the resolution does commit the COB to support the utilization of portions of land owned by COB, if approved by the City of Bryan City Council.   |   |                                       |   |
| The planning and development of the TCRCC trail network will support economic development in the southwest Bryan area. Furthermore, the creation of a private, nonprofit entity to manage and provide maintenance of the trail network will not be additional burden to the City of Bryan Parks and Recreation Department.  |   |                                       |   |
| The pledge of support from COB is necessary for the TCRCC to begin soliciting State and Federal Grants as well as local community contributions for the construction and maintenance of the trail network. Additionally, COB support will assist to establish the TCRCC as a non-profit entity.   |   |                                       |   |
| Staff recommends approval of the proposed resolution.   |   |                                       |   |
| <b>OPTIONS (In Suggested Order of Staff Preference):</b>  |   |                                       |   |
| 1. Approve the proposed resolution.   |   |                                       |   |
| 2. Modify the proposed resolution, which may require consideration at a future City Council meeting and discussions with other TCRCC committee members.   |   |                                       |   |

3. Deny the proposed resolution and provide direction to staff.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. The proposed resolution proclaiming support for the planning and development of the Turkey Creek Recreation and Conservation Corridor trail network and the creation of a private, non-profit entity to manage and provide the maintenance of the public trail network
2. August 21, 2012, Letter from the City of Bryan expressing support of the TCRCC

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**APPROVALS:** Hugh R. Walker, 03/12/2014

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY MANAGER**

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY ATTORNEY**

Revised 05/2013

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS, PROCLAIMING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE TURKEY CREEK RECREATION AND CONSERVATION CORRIDOR PUBLIC TRAIL NETWORK AND THE CREATION OF A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT ENTITY TO MANAGE AND PROVIDE THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PUBLIC TRAIL NETWORK; AND PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR THE POSSIBLE UTILIZATION OF PORTIONS OF CITY PARKLAND FOR THE TRAIL NETWORK; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Bryan City Council finds that opportunities for outdoor recreation and the conservation and enjoyment of our natural environment are important to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Turkey Creek Recreation and Conservation Corridor is a community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation project, designed to preserve the Turkey Creek greenbelt corridor for wildlife habitat, plant protection and to provide bicycle-pedestrian trail connectivity between neighborhoods, schools, and parks throughout the proposed corridor.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS THAT:**

Section 1.

The City of Bryan recognizes the importance of, and desires to be a part of a cooperative effort to pursue the planning and development of the Turkey Creek Recreation and Conservation Corridor trail network, and supports the creation of a private, nonprofit entity to manage and provide maintenance of the trail network.

Section 2.

The City of Bryan supports the utilization of portions of City parkland by the nonprofit entity as part of the network of trails through the conveyance of an access easement or a license agreement, and subject to approval by the Bryan City Council.

Section 3.

THIS resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bryan, Texas, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

ATTEST:

CITY OF BRYAN:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Lynn Stratta, City Secretary

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Jason Bienski, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Janis K. Hampton, City Attorney

August, 21, 2012

Ms. Kathryn Nichols  
Community Planner  
Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Planner  
Texas Rivers Center at Aquarena  
P.O. Box 688  
San Marcos, Texas 78667



Dear Ms. Nichols,

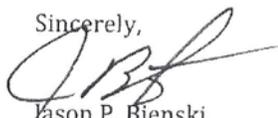
On behalf of the City of Bryan and the Bryan City Council, I take this opportunity to express our support of the Turkey Creek Recreation and Conservation Corridor Coalition's ("TCRCC's") application for support from the National Parks Service through its Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program for the proposed Turkey Creek Recreation and Conservation Corridor.

The City of Bryan supports the public purpose goals of the Turkey Creek Recreation and Conservation Corridor, a community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation project. The City of Bryan is a growing Texas city of over 75,000 people. Anchored by significant public investment in our downtown district and the new Texas A&M Health Science Center, the southwestern side of Bryan is poised for explosive growth in the immediate future. Turkey Creek runs through the heart of southwest Bryan. With proper planning within its floodplain, Turkey Creek represents a unique opportunity for improving the quality of life in Bryan for generations to come.

Important to the community are opportunities for outdoor recreation and the conservation and enjoyment of our natural environment. Safe multi-modal connectivity between neighborhoods, schools, parks is also a key community ideal.

We look forward to our participation in this effort and pledge our collaboration with the National Parks Service process. Should the TCRCC be successful in its application, we are committed to providing a city staff member from one or more departments of the city to join in this team effort to explore options to make the vision of the Turkey Creek Recreation and Conservation Corridor a reality.

Sincerely,



Jason P. Bienski,  
Mayor