

# City of College Station

## Neighborhood Park Improvement Proposal

April 2004

**PURPOSE:** This proposal is intended to offer a response to direction giving to Staff at the February 26, 2004 City Council Workshop (Agenda \$4) in regard to the improvement of Eastgate Park and Steeplechase Park. At that meeting, the Mayor directed Staff to develop a plan along with funding options to provide improvements to these two sites. In addition, two other neighborhood parks are worthy of consideration for improvements due to their proximity to existing residents and the lack of any park facilities within 1/2 mile walking distance.

Woodland Hills Park is located in a new subdivision north of Greens Prairie Road. Residents in this neighborhood have requested improvements to the existing vacant park land. However, there is only \$33,000 in Parkland Dedication Funds in the Zone 9 account. It is unlikely that any significant additional funds will be generated in this area due to the current land use plan which includes the new business park. Therefore, additional funding is required to develop a typical neighborhood park for the residents.

**PROPOSAL:** This proposal is intended to provide supplemental funding for development of these four parks. Partial funding is available from existing resources for Eastgate, Steeplechase and Woodland Hills Parks. The University Park site is in an area that is eligible for Community Development Block Grant Funding.

Development of a typical neighborhood park in College Station is estimated to cost approximately \$315,000. This proposal uses that number as a starting point and adjusts the amount based upon each specific site and probable improvements. Also, any currently available funding is factored in to determine the additional estimated costs.

### **SCHEDULE:**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PARK SITE</b>	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>PARK ZONE</b>	<b>EST. COST</b>
<b>FY2005</b>	<b>Eastgate</b>	<b>1.80</b>	<b>Park Zone 2</b>	<b>\$180,000<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>FY2005</b>	<b>Steeplechase</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>Park Zone 5</b>	<b>\$245,000<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>FY2006</b>	<b>Woodland Hills</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>Park Zone 9</b>	<b>\$282,000<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>FY2007</b>	<b>University Park*</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>Park Zone 2</b>	<b>\$400,000<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$1,107,00</b>

<sup>1</sup> Supplements \$40,000 KBB beautification project & \$xx of Zone 2 Parkland Dedication Funds

<sup>2</sup> Supplements \$70,000 of Zone 5 Parkland Dedication Funds

<sup>3</sup> Supplements \$33,000 of Zone 9 Parkland Dedication Funds

<sup>4</sup> Proposed for Community Development Block Grant funding

**CONCLUSION:** This proposal will result in the development of four additional neighborhood parks within the next three fiscal years. All of these sites are currently owned by the City and are in close proximity to existing residents. Also, without additional funding approval, these sites will not be developed in any significant manner for the foreseeable future.

Annual operation and maintenance costs will increase as the parks are developed. These costs will be dependent upon the type of improvements for each site and will have to be included in the annual budget requests as they become operational.