



August 22, 2004

Mr. Steve Beachy
Director of Parks and Recreation
City of College Station

Dear Mr. Beachy,

I would like to support the recent proposal made by Dr. Amy L. Stuart, Department of Atmospheric Sciences, Texas A&M University to place a tower structure in Lick Creek Park that will be used to help monitor air quality in southeast Texas. Objectives in the Lick Creek Park Master Plan, adopted by City Council in 1997, make clear that the park is to be made available for scientific research and for cooperative projects with Texas A&M University. The proposed monitoring tower would provide an opportunity for the city of College Station to assist with an important research project on air quality that is consistent with park mandates. The tower is to be located in a portion of the park that is off the main trail system and it would not be visible from Rock Prairie Road. Visitors to the park who do see the tower will have a chance to learn about the air quality project through interpretive signs that will be placed at its base. Given Lick Creek Park's history in our community as a place valued for the natural environment it seems appropriate to provide this opportunity for Dr. Stuart and her colleagues to research ways the environment may be changing.

Sincerely,

Submitted via email

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