

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, approving a recommendation of the New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation to provide up to \$58,000 the City of New Braunfels to partially fund a professional services agreement with Vickrey & Associates, LLC. for preliminary design services of Alligator Creek Trail Master Plan for the Parks Department.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

The City's recently updated Hike and Bike Trail Plan includes Opportunity Areas for future trail planning and construction. Alligator Creek Trail is identified as one of these Opportunity Areas. The proposed trail would be a good candidate for upcoming funding opportunities through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department or MPO funding.

Alligator Creek spans northwest and east sides of New Braunfels, crossing IH-35. The West Alligator Creek segment is located in Park District 1, west of IH-35, and includes approximately 1/2 mile of existing hike and bike trail, the plan would identify additional trail opportunities. The East Alligator Creek segment, in Park District 2 and east of IH-35, includes approximately 1.5 miles of existing hike and bike trail, the plan would identify additional trail connections.

A Master Plan for Alligator Creek trails would design preferred alignments to connect existing trails, road projects, local destinations, schools and neighborhoods. It will also include park amenities including but not limited to seating, bike racks, wayfinding, signage and disc golf.

The New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation (NBEDC) approved an expenditure of up to \$58,000 for a contract with Vickrey & Associates for development of the Alligator Creek Trails Master Plan at their meeting on March 3, 2021. Vickrey & Associates is pre-qualified on the City's IDIQ for Professional Services and fulfills the procurement requirements.

The total cost of these services is \$83,478. The New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation (\$56,228) and the remainder (\$26,850) from Parks Development Funds.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

Yes	Strategic Priorities:	Maintain fiscal stability of City operations Expand recreational, arts and cultural enrichment opportunities Preserve and improve our open space Ensure a variety of transportation options for pedestrian, cycling and vehicular mobility
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The NBEDC has sufficient funds to support the portion of the project described above.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The NBEDC recommended approval of this item at their meeting on March 3, 2021.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution for an EDC expenditure with Vickery & Associates, LLC. for preliminary design services of Alligator Creek Trail Master Plan.