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Wylie Awarded \$500,000 Grant to Add to Hike, Bike Trail

Wylie, TX, Oct. 29, 2015 – The City of Wylie was recently awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Collin County Parks and Open Space Program, to be used for 6,700 additional linear feet of 12-foot wide concrete hike and bike trail in the East Meadow of the Wylie Municipal Complex. The East Meadow trail will connect with the trail that opened earlier this year, also funded by a Collin County Parks and Open Space grant. Together, they will form a loop of almost two miles.

Included will be a pedestrian bridge, parking lot off of Brown Street, solar trail lighting, litter receptacles, trail benches, and trail signage and markings.

Public Services Director Mike Sferra said he’s pleased that the city of Wylie will once again work in partnership with Collin County. “Our team looks forward to working with the county on enhancing the trail system.”

“We are grateful for the support of our county officials and for their partnership as we work to provide even more amenities for the citizens in our community,” said Mayor Eric Hogue. “This will be a true benefit, promoting wellness and healthy living.”

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The trail system's close proximity to the municipal complex provides opportunities to create programs and activities that incorporate the Smith Library and Wylie Recreation Center, both of which have become activity hubs in the community. The East Meadow trail will connect to a 200-home neighborhood to the east of the Municipal Complex, making it possible for residents to walk or bike to the library, recreation center or city hall completely on the trail and without having to cross any major roads.

Currently, the Blackland Prairie Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists is assisting the city in restoring to native prairie conditions the meadow north of the complex. A soft-surface trail has been built there, and intensive seed harvesting and sowing activity is ongoing year 'round.

The Wylie Municipal Complex, located at 300 Country Club Rd., features a 46,000-square-foot City Hall, 47,000-square-foot Recreation Center and 44,000 square foot Library. The unique design by nationally known architectural firms Architexas and Holzman Moss Bottino Architecture features a combination of West Texas Permian Sea Coral limestone, colored stainless steel Millennium Tile, and hand-formed D'hanis clay bricks. Many of the materials are native to Texas including the limestone and Mesquite in-grain flooring.

For details on City of Wylie Parks and Recreation, visit www.wylietexas.gov/parks. Parks and Recreation Superintendent Robert Diaz may be contacted by email, robert.diaz@wylietexas.gov, or by phone 972-516-6341.

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About Wylie -- Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 43,000) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 184% increase since 2000. Wylie was recently named the 25th Best Place to Live in the Country by Money Magazine.