2003 Bond Program

Funding for Parks & Open Space is one of the three propositions for the Collin County 2003 Bond Program, with the other two being for Facilities and Transportation projects. The Collin County Commissioners Court set the funding for the 2003 Parks & Open Space Bond at $11 million, the Facilities Bond at $76 million and the Transportation Bond at $142 million. **The Court projects that passage of all propositions will not result in an increase in property taxes**.

Each 2003 bond proposition was developed by citizen committees, which evaluated and determined viable projects for the program. Committee members were nominated by the Commissioners Court and include representatives from municipalities and unincorporated areas of the county. The committees were supported by engineers, architects, urban planners and other specialists. The mission of the citizen committees was to make recommendations that would enhance Collin County residents' quality of life, while taking into consideration the county's future growth.

After months of meetings, the committees made recommendations to the Commissioners Court on which projects would be considered as part of the 2003 Bond Program. Eligible voters will cast ballots on the three bond propositions during the November 4, 2003 election.

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An Overview

On November 4, 2003, Collin County residents will vote on whether to issue **$11 million** in bonds for parks improvements throughout the county. The bond proceeds would be utilized for projects with non-profit organizations or cities to initiate or improve parks or recreational opportunities within the county. Bond proceeds would provide **50%** of the funding for each eligible project.

In 1999, Collin County voters approved a $5.725 million bond. This money funded the development of a Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan that localities may use in their own park development. The funding also purchased 75 acres of land for the expansion of the Collin County Youth Park, located near McKinney. Additionally, proceeds from the 1999 bond were allocated for improvements to Sister Grove Park, which is a 75-acre hike/bike trail located between Princeton and Farmersville, adjacent to Lake Lavon. The remaining funds were distributed in three phases to localities

and non-profit groups for matching use in individual park areas.

The 1999 bond package generated more than $20 million in parks projects throughout the county.

The following organizations are being assisted by the previous Parks & Open Space Bond Package: Anna City Park, Community Park in Blue Ridge, Blue Ridge Area Sports Association, Blue Ridge ISD, Municipal Park in Celina, Preston Ridge Trail in Dallas, a city park in Farmersville, W. Rowlett Creek Hike/Bike Trail, Heard Museum, Lovejoy ISD, community parks in Lucas, Princeton and Wylie, Prosper, Trinity Trail, Birmingham Park in Wylie, Chaparral Trails in Farmersville, KidMania in Allen, Celina Municipal Park, Onion Shed and Spain Park in Farmersville, Forest Creek Park in Lucas, Bob Miller Park in Melissa, Glen Ridge Park in Murphy, Land on Maxwell Creek in Parker, Tennyson/ Archgate in Plano, Quail Meadow Park in Wylie, Rowlett Creek in Allen, Rowlett Creek in Frisco, City of Lucas, Wilson Creek in McKinney, White Rock Creek in Plano, UTD in Richardson, Breckinridge/ Rowlett Creek Trail in Richardson and Plano ISD.