

Budget and Fiscal Affairs (BFA) Committee

Open Space Ordinance

– Requested information from March 2, 2026, Committee Meeting

In the discussion on the open space ordinance during BFA meeting on March 2, 2026, requests were made for additional information on expenditures from **Fund 4035 – Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund**. The information below is provided by the Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD).

Figure 1 shows fee income through the open space ordinance from single and multi-family housing developments, with data from 2009-2025.

FIGURE 1. FEE INCOME BY SINGLE AND MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

Year	Total Fees	Single family	Multifamily	Single Family %	Multifamily %
2009	\$262,500.00	\$210,700.00	\$51,800.00	80	20
2010	\$1,274,350.00	\$291,200.00	\$983,150.00	23	77
2011	\$2,957,269.00	\$388,969.00	\$2,568,300.00	13	87
2012	\$5,089,587.86	\$571,087.86	\$4,518,500.00	11	89
2013	\$4,954,737.92	\$1,092,835.52	\$3,861,902.40	22	78
2014	\$7,721,701.22	\$1,512,700.00	\$6,209,001.22	20	80
2015	\$8,275,709.38	\$1,787,565.81	\$6,488,143.57	22	78
2016	\$5,161,365.48	\$1,695,665.48	\$3,465,700.00	33	67
2017	\$5,936,854.44	\$2,218,612.60	\$3,718,241.84	37	63
2018	\$5,759,671.79	\$2,254,071.79	\$3,505,600.00	39	61
2019	\$7,240,496.72	\$1,905,096.72	\$5,335,400.00	26	74
2020	\$8,687,478.08	\$2,666,778.08	\$6,020,700.00	31	69
2021	\$8,188,890.86	\$3,415,590.86	\$4,773,300.00	42	58
2022	\$9,880,034.45	\$3,345,374.34	\$6,534,660.11	34	66
2023	\$7,022,647.70	\$3,018,647.70	\$4,004,000.00	43	57
2024	\$6,218,145.60	\$3,514,045.60	\$2,704,100.00	57	43
2025	\$6,305,945.88	\$3,004,745.88	\$3,301,200.00	48	52
TOTAL	\$100,937,386.38	\$32,893,687.24	\$68,043,699.14		

Current unallocated balance in the account: \$14,862,272

Follow-up questions:

- 1. What amenities have been added or improved at parks using open space funds and which parks have been improved with these funds?**

The funds have been used for land acquisition, park redevelopment and renovations (such as pavilion and picnic shelter upgrades, sports field enhancements, new fitness equipment, and site furnishings), playground development and replacements, walking trails, dog parks, court improvements, lighting improvements and building improvements.

Figure 2 below provides usage of Park Dedication funds delineated by park sector.

Further details on park improvements may be found in the attached **2016-2023 Parks Investment Report**.

2. How much land has been purchased using these funds?

65 acres of land have been purchased to date.

A **map of the purchased parkland** has also been provided by HPARD.

Both of the above documents can be found on the [BFA committee website](#).

FIGURE 2. PARK DEDICATION FUNDS USAGE BY PARK SECTOR

Park Sector	Park Dedication Funds Usage - Parks Benefited or Targeted:
1	American Legion (LPH), Aaron Ledet (50/50), Candlelight, Cole Creek, Forest West (50/50), Highland, Indep. Heights (MLOP), Mangum Manor, McCullough, Northview Greenspace, Oak Forest, Oakbrook Greenspace, Sylvester Turner Park, TC Jester, Westside Trail, and Winzer
2	Clark, Kelly Maintenance Facility, Melrose, Squatty Lyons and Veterans Memorial
3	Kingwood Community Center, Lake Houston Wilderness Park, Dylan Duncan Skatepark (LPH) and Eisenhower Park
4	Busby, Scenic Woods (50/50), Greenwood (LPH), Hermann Brown, Trinity Gardens (LPH), Trotter, Lakewood (LPH), and Tidwell
5	JP White and Clinton
6	Freeway Manor (50/50), Glenbrook, Gulf Palms, Oak Meadow (50/50), Wilson Memorial, Charlton, Margueritte Ray, Meadowcreek and Milby
7	Andover, Blackhawk, Beverly Hills, Bricker, Cloverland, Crestmont, Cullinan, Dow (50/50), EP Hill (50/50), Edgewood, Golfview, Grimes (50/50), Law, Sims Bayou, Southcrest, St. Lo, Stewart, Sunnyside, Walter Jones, Wilmington Greenspace
8	Braeburn Glen (50/50)/LeClear Tennis Center, Beulah Maxey, Blueridge, Bonham (LPH), Burnett Bayland, ER & Ann Taylor, Glenshire, Haviland (LPH), Mayfair (50/50), Simon Minchen (50/50), South Main Estates, Townwood, Westbury Park, Wildheather, Willow Waterhole, and Windsor Village
9	Bendwood (50/50), Briarbend (50/50), Briarmeadow, Country Creek Project, Craine (LPH), Forum (50/50), Franklow(LPH), Grady, Landsdale, Sharpstown, Tanglewilde (50/50), Tanglewood, Walter Rasmus Heritage House, Woodchase Greenspace
10	Agnes Moffit, Haden (LPH), R.L. Cora Johnson, Langwood, and Schwartz (LPH)
11	Broadmoor-Kretschmar, Cullinan, Denver Harbor, Eastwood, Guadalupe Plaza, Siro Gutierrez, Hidalgo (50/50), Ingrando, Japhet Creek, Judson Robinson Sr., Tony Marron, Lawndale, Mason, Spurlock and Buffalo Bend/Hidalgo (BBP)
12	Avondale, Cottage Grove (LMOP), Herkimer Greenspace, Jaycee, Lawrence (LPH), Little Thicket, Love (50/50), Montie Beach (LPH), Milroy, Stude, West 11th Street, Sunset Heights, Proctor Plaza Courts, West 26th Street, Woodland, Right Wright-Bembry
13	Hermann Park/Judson Robinson Jr Community Center, Linkwood, Fleming, Peggy, Schweppe, Linkwood, and Karl Young
14	Fourth Ward site, 803 Kipling, Autry, Avondale, Bethel Church, Buffalo Bayou Park, Cherryhurst, Cleveland, Dow Elementary, Ervan Chew, Heiner Greenspace, Mandell Park, Memorial Park, Randall Jones, Richard Brock, River Oaks/Pumpkin, West Dallas Greenspace, Wagner Greenspace, Westend Park, West Webster Park, Spotts, West Gray /MMS, Nellie Keyes Park, Founders Memorial Cemetery, and Wiley Park.
15	Beech-White, Brookline, Emancipation, Fonde, Gragg, Moses Leroy (MLOP), MacGregor, Cyril Madison, Malone (MLOP), Nelson, Our Park (MLOP), Riverside, and Zollie Scales Park (LPH)
16	Hermann Square, Sam Houston Park and Tranquility Park
17	Avenue Place, Brewster, Cliff-Tuttle (50/50), Delce (MLOP), Evella (MLOP), Irvington (MLOP), Moody Park, Nieto (50/50), Tuffly (50/50),and Castillo
18	Boone Road, Hackberry, Harwin (50/50), Kirkwood Greenspace (LPH), Waldemar, Waloon Greenspace (LPH), Westside Trail, and Wilcrest/Camden
19	Cullen
20	Bordersville (acquisition)
21	Sylvan Rodriguez Park and Sagemont Park