



North Houston District

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Nearly 1M in park improvements planned at Wussow Park in North Houston**

*North Houston District earns Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant.*

**HOUSTON, TX** (January 30, 2024) - The North Houston District received a \$455,013 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant for the Wussow Park Renovation project, which focuses on improving area residents' health and wellness and enhancing the natural aspects of the park. The projected project cost is \$940,000, and the TPWD grant will cover nearly half.

"Wussow Park is our signature neighborhood park, serving a densely populated community," said North Houston District President Greg Simpson. "We are thankful for this grant and excited about the renovations that will update this twenty-two-year-old facility, allowing it to better serve local families and children."

Improvements include:

- Two youth soccer fields to accompany the mini pitch currently in progress, an accessible and shaded fitness area with multiple workout stations focused on adults of all ages and an expansion of the playground area for toddlers and children.
- There are three separate planting areas: a coastal prairie along the bayou trail, a pollinator garden, and plantings in an on-site drainage ravine to filter pollutants that might otherwise discharge to Greens Bayou. All of these will include interpretive signage.
- Additional and upgraded lighting to improve security will be added, including new walking paths, picnic areas, and park benches.

Plans for the revamp at Thomas R Wussow Park grew from a parks planning process the District conducted in 2022 and 2023, culminating with the Parks Master Plan. Wussow Park at 500 Greens Road is the District's largest, oldest, and most heavily used park.

"Our two over-arching goals for this project are to help improve the health and wellness of the community and to give the residents a more authentic and enhanced natural experience," said Robert Fiederlein, NHD Vice President of Planning and Infrastructure. "This grant makes that possible."

Detailed planning and permitting will be done in 2024. Construction is expected to begin in 2025. Please follow the North Houston District on social media or register to receive our newsletters for updates at [northhouston.org/connect](http://northhouston.org/connect).

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### **About the North Houston District**

Created in 1991 by the Texas Legislature, the **North Houston District** is a business improvement district that leverages public and private partnerships to provide enhanced services in transportation mobility, public safety, beautification and recreational development, marketing and strategic planning and development. Minutes from Bush IAH, the District's 12-square-mile service area has 20 million square feet of office, retail and industrial properties. The District area includes more than 3,800 businesses, 68,000 employees and 118,500 residents. For more information, visit [www.northhouston.org](http://www.northhouston.org).