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**CAMERON COUNTY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE “OLMITO NATURE PARK” AND RECEIVES \$750,000 FROM
TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT**

Cameron County is pleased to announce the development of a new nature park in the community of Olmito, Texas in Cameron County Precinct 2. In 2019, Frank Michael McKinney and Jane E. McKinney donated 39.16 acres to Cameron County for the development of a nature park, and today, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has approved and awarded \$750,000 to Cameron County under the Non-Urban Outdoor Local Park Grant Programs.

The Olmito Nature Park will be located adjacent to the Lake Olmito Resaca with approximately 3,240 feet of waterfront landscape, providing a variety of park amenities with recreational, environmental, and educational opportunities. Paving the way for this additional great Parks & Recreation amenity in Cameron County, the grant funding will ensure that Cameron County breaks ground and starts Phase I of this project which includes: nature trails, fishing piers, birdwatch overlooks, wildlife viewing areas, an educational pavilion, naturescape playgrounds, interpretive signage, wildlife-friendly lighting, green open-space, comfort stations, picnic shelters, butterfly gardens, native landscaping, and other supporting amenities.

Future amenities in this nature park will include a kayak launching area, indoor facility, concession areas, and an R.V. site for all visitors. Cameron County is committed to offering recreational opportunities to all residents and visitors, regardless of age or ability, in order to enjoy, play, and learn together.

“It’s an exciting time for the community of Olmito and all the surrounding areas of Cameron County. I want to thank the McKinney Family for their generous donation to the people of Cameron County and to Precinct 2 Commissioner Joey Lopez, County Parks Director Joe E. Vega, and the Parks & Recreation Department for working hand in hand to make this happen. Together, we’re expanding the parks system in Cameron County and showcasing the great outdoors South Texas offers us year-round,” stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

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“I want to thank the McKinney family for the donation and this great opportunity to build a nature park in Olmito, on nearly 40 acres. This park is for everyone, the young and older generations, to enjoy the three fishing piers, hike and bike trails, nature overlooks and gardens, and the native vegetation, scenery and ecosystem that's one of a kind to the valley,” stated Cameron County Commissioner Precinct 2 Joey Lopez. “This park will include 20 R.V. sites to be leased out providing no financial strains to Cameron County, being a self-sustained and fully maintained park at all times. We’re excited to see this park come to fruition in Precinct 2, and I thank the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for the partnership in this great project.”

“This is a very exciting project that we’re proud to announce. The Olmito Nature Park will be a beautiful park where visitors will get to experience nature and enjoy an array of educational and recreational opportunities such as fishing, kayaking, walking, birdwatching, family picnics, and many more fun outdoor activities,” stated Cameron County Parks & Recreation Director Joe E. Vega.

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