



***Eddie Treviño, Jr.***  
***County Judge***

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**CAMERON COUNTY RECEIVES \$750,000 DOLLARS FROM THE TEXAS  
PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BEJARANO-  
MCFARLAND MEMORIAL PARK**

Cameron County is pleased to announce that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has approved funding for improvements to the Bejarano-McFarland Memorial Park under the Non-Urban Outdoor Local Park Grant Programs in the amount of \$750,000.

The Bejarano-McFarland Memorial Park is located in the community of the Laguna Heights fronting the beautiful Laguna Madre Bay area. The Cameron County Commissioners' Court recently acquired adjacent property, allowing for an extended footprint for this park. The proposed park improvements include: Universal Design splash pad, Universal Design playground equipment, new picnic pavilion, covered basketball court, restroom renovations, upgrades to the existing nature trail which includes lighting, arbor bench swings to view the Laguna Madre Bay, bike racks, benches, and drinking water fountains. In addition, improvements include the existing birdwatch overlook, with upgrades consisting of water access for wade fishing and kayaking. The installation of wildlife friendly amber lighting will be installed along the trail and birdwatch overlook, along with interpretive signage and other associated improvements.

Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr., stated, "Thank you, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for this wonderful funding opportunity. We are excited to announce these new additions and park improvements, which will highlight the beautiful coastal and natural resources of this area. I'm happy to say that most of these improvements will be Universal Design, an inclusive concept, for both able and disabled visitors. This gem of a park will be enjoyed by the community of Laguna Heights, the surrounding communities, and all visitors."

Cameron County Commissioner Precinct 3 David A. Garza stated, "We're excited to announce this new funding opportunity and the improvements underway. It's a beautiful park with wonderful anticipated improvements that will invite all folks to go outdoors and have a great time, and enjoy the great scenery, native habitat, and wildlife. Thanks, Texas Parks & Wildlife, for the continuous partnership and most importantly, for supporting us in our nonstop efforts of beautifying and highlighting the great outdoors of South Texas."

Joe E. Vega, Cameron County Parks & Recreation Director stated, "We appreciate the continued partnership with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and this new funding opportunity awarded to Cameron County. New and improved amenities to the Bejarano-McFarland Memorial Park will allow visitors of all walks of life to be able to enjoy nature and the array of great recreational opportunities such as fishing, kayaking, birdwatching, family picnics, and many more fun outdoor activities."

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