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*County Judge*

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**CAMERON COUNTY RECEIVES \$750,000 DOLLARS FROM THE TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SANTA MARIA COMMUNITY PARK**

Cameron County is pleased to announce the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has awarded \$750,000 for the development of the Santa Maria Community Park under the Non-Urban Outdoor Local Park Grant Program. The plans for the Santa Maria Community Park include: a splashpad, covered basketball court, a lighted soccer field, lighted baseball field, trails, playground equipment, picnic shelters, parking, concession building, restrooms and other supporting amenities. A Community building is also planned for the near future.

Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr., stated, “We thank the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission for partnering with Cameron County on this wonderful project. The Santa Maria community, which currently does not have a County park, will benefit greatly from the recreational and educational opportunities this future park will provide. Cameron County recently acquired a 12-acre tract of land for the development of this park and we look forward to starting this project soon.”

Cameron County Commissioner Gus Ruiz stated, “Today’s grant funding award from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department puts us one step closer to the development of the Santa Maria Park. This park is going to bring an array of recreational opportunities for the residents of this community. Thank you Texas Parks and Wildlife for this great partnership.”

Cameron County Parks Director Joe E. Vega stated, “We greatly appreciate this outstanding funding opportunity that Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has provided to Cameron County. This is an exciting project and we look forward to breaking ground in the near future. This project will benefit the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Santa Maria and Cameron County.”

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