
McKinney Parks Foundation

2022 MCDC Grant Request



McKinney Parks Foundation (MPF)

- Formed in 2017 to partner with PROS to enhance the beautification and maintenance of the parks and open spaces, promote community involvement and provide education about the natural spaces
- Registered IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the State of Texas. Federal status is PENDING
- 100% Volunteer based, including board members



MPF Leadership

- **Rich Szecsy, PhD, PE — President**
- **Greg Smith, Col. USAF (Ret), Master Naturalist — Vice-President**
- **Rick Moreno, PhD — Treasurer**
- **Andy Hudson — Master Naturalist, Director**
- **Ellen Ataie — Communications Director**

McKinney Parks Foundation Partners

- Young Men's Service League (MISD)
- Covenant Church; Elevate Life Church; Anchor Church
- Martin Marietta Materials and Charley's Concrete
- Blackland Prairie Texas Master Naturalist Chapter
- Boy Scouts USA (McKinney, Allen)
- Trail Life USA (McKinney)
- North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD)
- Texas A&M Forestry Service
- Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary
- Dallas Off-Road Bicycle Association (DORBA)



MPF Functions

- Organizes volunteers to help with projects in conjunction with the McKinney PROS Department
- Provides a structure for organizing educational opportunities about the natural environment
- Plan stewardship projects monthly at Community Center Trail and McKinney Greens Nature Preserve
- Received Monarch Watch grant of 500 milkweed plants to be planted next month in MG by volunteers
- Recipient of \$51,000 grant from Bonneville Environmental Foundation to plant 1600 trees along Wilson Creek in MG in November 2021

Volunteer Efforts

- Since 2017 = **3800+ volunteer hours**
 - The organization Independent Sector estimates that the value of **volunteer** time for 2021 was **\$28.54 per hour**

3847 hrs x \$28.54 = \$109,793 to McKinney parks

To date: 550+ volunteers have worked with the MPF

Grant Efforts

- **2018 MCDC \$3,500 for concrete benches**
- **2019 MCDC \$6,500 for Community Tool Shed**
- **2020 MCDC \$14,000 for Gator, trailer, wood chipper**
- **2020 Bonneville Environmental Foundation \$51,000 for 1600 trees, Restore the Canopy**
- **2021 MCDC \$16,000 for Renegade Zero Turn Mower**









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- 2022 62in Bad Boy Renegade Zero Turn Mower.
- Locally purchased from Landmark Equipment
- Can be purchased and delivered by April in time for Spring growth.
- To be used at MCK Greens, Towne Lake, and Gray Branch Park