

Texas Parks Recreation and Conservation Grants to Local Governments and Non- Profits

For the past 34 years the Texas Legislature and Texas Parks and Wildlife have partnered with Texas' Local Governments and Non-Profits to provide close to home parks, recreation and conservation experiences for our citizens. Since 1979 Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Park Grant programs have invested more than \$390.2 million (matching funds) grant dollars in 1,630 projects throughout the state. This investment has provided for the acquisition and development of local park and recreation sites, and provided resources to supplement local park and conservation programs that introduce children and families to the outdoors. These grants have been made from the Texas Recreation and Parks Account, reinvesting sales taxes paid by Texas citizens in close to home recreation opportunities.

Texas Recreation and Parks Account

Program Details:

- Matching grants for local park and recreation facilities and land acquisition
- Development of active recreation like organized sports facilities, trails, swimming pools, playgrounds and group outdoor event facilities
- Acquisition of natural resource conservation and public park lands
- Development of passive and natural outdoor facilities
- Development of indoor recreation facilities like municipal recreation centers and nature interpretative facilities
- Program grants to introduce children and families to outdoor recreation and conservation experiences
- Separate programs for competition among urban and smaller Texas Communities

Investment Details:

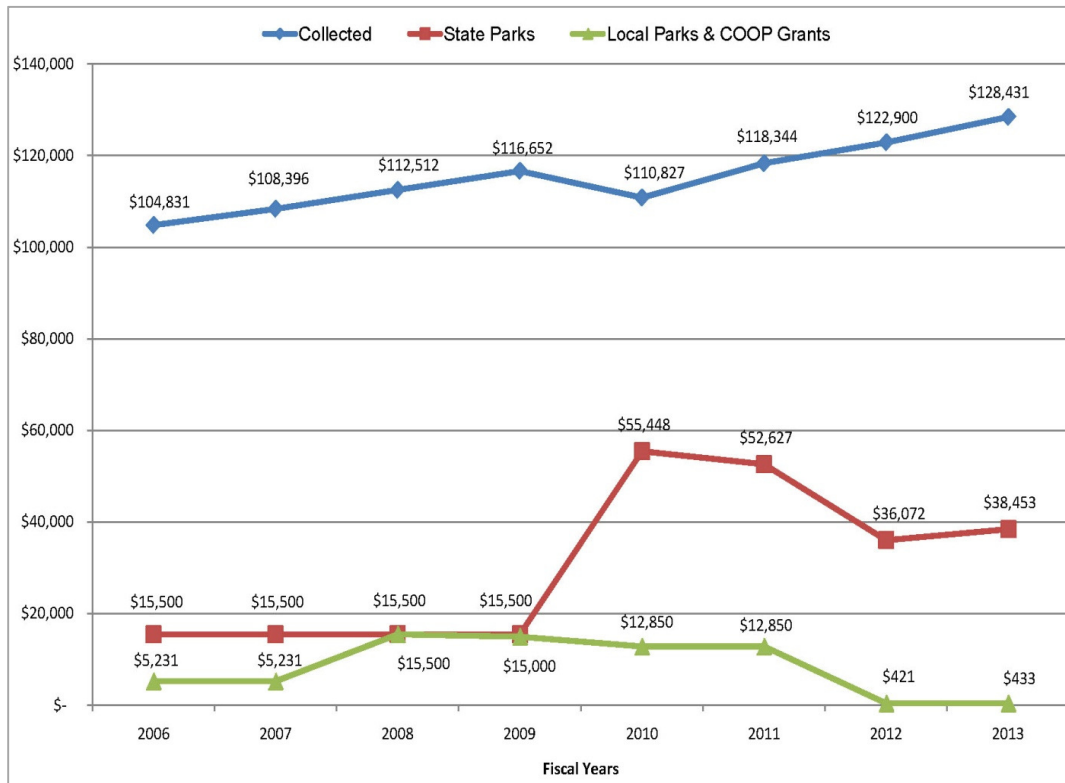
- State sale taxes on sporting goods reinvested in local park and recreation facilities
- Matching grant partnerships that partner State and Local Government and non-profit resources to accomplish mutual goals (leveraging limited tax resources further)
- Local and non-profit investments of tax funds and partnership resources almost always far exceed State funds
- Encourage donations of lands, funds and in-kind resources from the public and private sectors to broaden partnerships
- Most construction projects use local builders, reinvesting in their local economy
- Parks are created that promote local economic activity, growth, better health and quality of life and promote values like water conservation
- Texas communities consider their parks to be part of basic community infrastructure and are proven to improve property values

Funding for these grant programs was suspended by the Texas Legislature for Texas state budget years 2012-2013.

Investment in Texas Recreation and Parks Grants is ESSENTIAL FOR TEXAS' FUTURE!

LET'S TELL TEXAS LEGISLATORS WE NEED FUNDING FOR THESE GRANT PROGRAMS RESTORED!

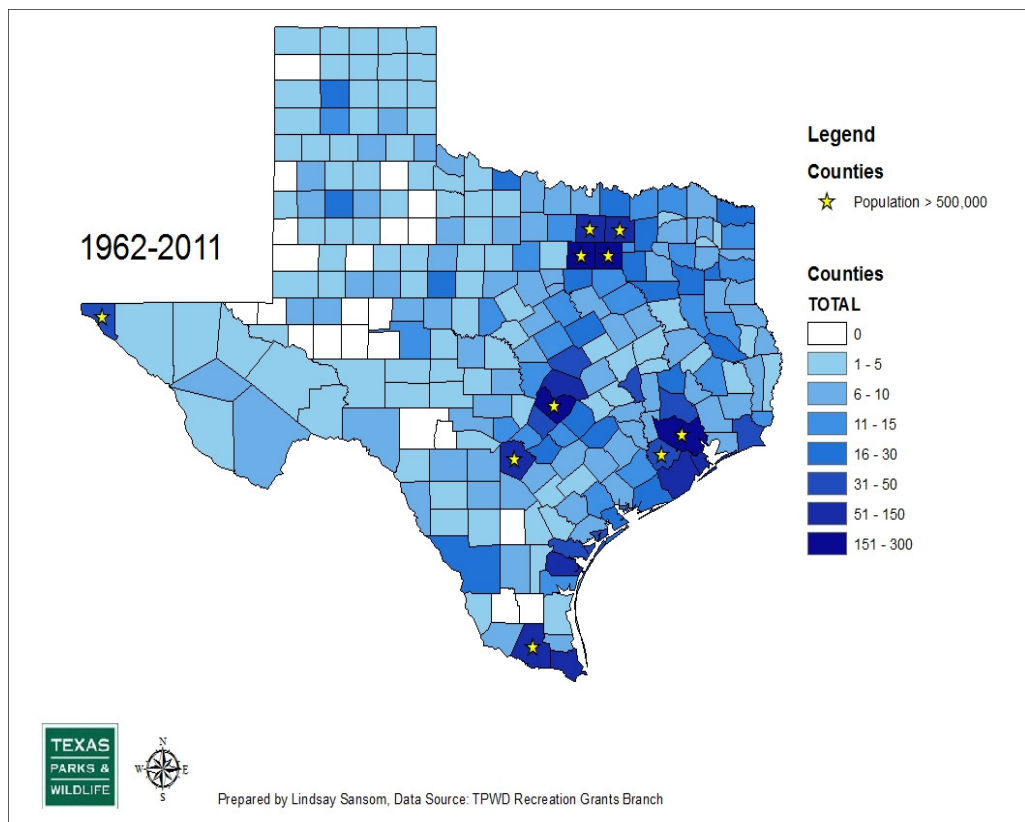
We Can Afford This Investment!



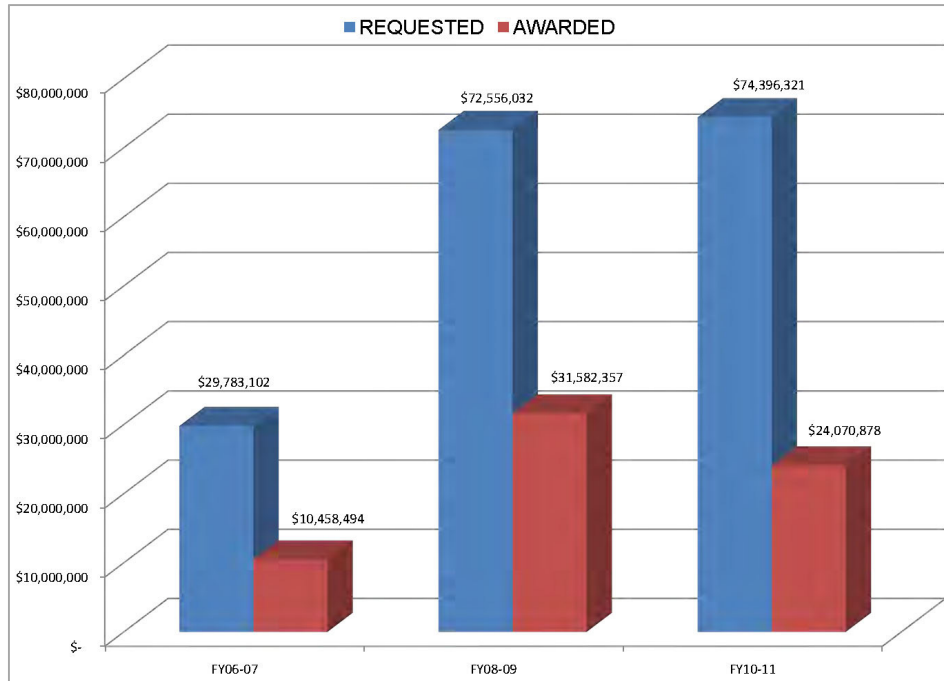
Sporting Goods Sales Taxes Collected as Compared To Investments in Our Parks (in \$millions)

Texas Parks and Wildlife Park and Recreation Grants Have Touched Every Corner of Texas

Grant distribution by County



Demand For Texas Recreation and Parks Grants Far Exceed Available Funding



Investment in Parks and Recreation Benefits Us All And Can Pay For Itself

