

<p style="text-align: center;">ADVOCACY ISSUES and OPPORTUNITIES for Texas Recreation & Park Society & 86th Texas Legislature (8.27.18)</p>
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- ◆ ***Protect and enhance our investments in all public parks, and open space (Stewardship)***
 - Sporting Good Sales Tax
 - Support constitutional dedication of full amount
 - Oppose Tax Free weekend on sporting goods
 - Oppose appropriation riders to the TPWD – local park grant programs.
 - Support conservation of open space and making public lands accessible for public use.
 - Support tree preservation.
 - Federal Funding
 - Support the Land Water Conservation Fund
 - Support the Sport Fish Restoration Boat Access program
 - Support the United States Department of Transportation Recreation Trails
 - Water and Natural Resources
 - Support conservation
 - Support rights and access to recreational amenities.
 - Unfunded Mandates
 - Oppose exemptions that substantially erode the tax base.
 - Oppose tax limit on Municipalities.

- ◆ ***Increase physical activity and improve health and wellness by utilizing parks and recreation amenities & services (Health & Well-Being)***
 - Support funding for services and programs that ensure access for people with disabilities.
 - Such as, reducing the Medicaid Waiver waitlist.
 - Support legislation in reducing the obesity and diabetes epidemics.
 - Support funding for the connection of communities to nature and the outdoors.

- ◆ ***Create livable, safe, and responsible communities. (Connectivity & Safety)***
 - Support safe pathways, trails ... create safety zones
 - Transportation
 - Support the United States Department of Transportation Recreation Trails
 - Support accessibility, so long as it does not impose an unfunded mandate.
 - Support the progress of connecting our communities to nature and the outdoors
 - Support the findings of the positive economic impact from the Parks & Recreation Industry.
 - Easement & Acquisition
 - Oppose eminent domain limits
 - Support the inclusion of commercial development in Parkland Dedication requirements.

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TML Policy Committee approved 8/27/18
(Removed Safe Zone Item)