



Legislation Text

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Acceptance of completion and retainage release for the Deer Park Nature Preserve and Tallow Mitigation Project to Ecological Restoration Services LLC (ERS).

The City of Deer Park wished to restore native wetland vegetation associated with an approximately 17- acre wetland located immediately east of East Boulevard between East Thirteenth Street and East X Street. This wetland is unique in that it is a historical swale and was placed under a restrictive easement as part of the mitigation required for the construction of East Boulevard. As such it requires special consideration for the restoration of vegetation.

The Deer Park Nature Preserve had been an ongoing construction project that was completed in the fall of 2018 with the exception of the invasive Tallow mitigation portion of the project.

The Tallow mitigation portion of the project was completed in July 2019.

The cost of the project was \$215,393.22 and was funded by a 100% grant match from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) under the name Texas Parks & Wildlife Local Park Grant up to a maximum of \$400,000. The City's portion of the project will be \$500,000, with the additional \$100,000 being funded out of Bond Fund 34. Because this is a reimbursement grant, the City's grant funded expenditures will be recorded in the Special Revenue Grant Fund (Fund 105) as a receivable until such time as reimbursement is received from the TPWD.

Staff is requesting approval of the release of retainage to Ecological Restoration Services LLC (ERS) and acceptance of completed project.