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Improvements to the Dry Comal Trail Rescheduled

New Braunfels, TX - The City of New Braunfels is in partnership with the Comal Trails Alliance, a non-profit group dedicated to creating a system of trails connecting communities and providing opportunities for education, health, and enjoyment of the natural resources located in Comal County. In 2015 the Comal Trails Alliance obtained grant funding from the McKenna Foundation to make improvements to the Dry Comal Nature Trail. Some of those improvements will include enhanced signage, invasive species removal, and trail building. For several years efforts have been made to improve the quality of wildlife habitat and conservation of the natural area through the sweat equity of volunteers, contractors, and City staff to remove non-native trees.

In the upcoming project, the Comal Trail Alliance and the City will work with the Texas Conservation Corps (TxCC). This organization provides young people with opportunities to build careers, strengthen communities, and improve the environment through education, on-the-job training, and service to others. TxCC is an AmeriCorps service program, which, for nearly 20 years, has focused on developing leaders in conservation and emergency management and provided critical support to improve parks and preserves.

The Dry Comal Nature Trail will undergo a habitat restoration project during the week of May 23rd. This work was originally slated for March, but had to be rescheduled when the (TxCC) had to be activated to assist with flooding occurring in East Texas.

There is opportunity for the public to continue to assist community parks with conservation efforts through the Comal Trails Alliance, Parks Foundation or hands-on volunteering. Volunteers can assist on Tuesday, May 24th and Thursday, May 26th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and should wear close-toed shoes, bring gloves, water, handsaws, loppers, hoes, or sharpshooter shovels and meet at the trail head on the left.

Those interested in volunteering to help that week should contact Kelly Eby, the City's Urban Forester, at keby@nbtexas.org for more information.

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