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Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust and Local Community Form Partnership to Conserve Park Land

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<li style='margin-left:12px;'> Riverfront Land Will Extend Allen Bates Park
<li style='margin-left:12px;'> Fundraising To Secure Purchase Has Begun

HAYS COUNTY - Officials of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust and the City of Martindale recently signed an agreement to preserve nearly two acres of land with river frontage along the San Marcos River in Martindale. Fundraising for \$50,000 to buy this prime 1.59 acre tract will begin immediately.

City of Martindale officials have been considering the tract for new parkland - doubling the size of the existing Allen Bates Park. The larger park would provide an opportunity for Martindale residents to experience longer trails, more river front, as well as relax and play spaces.

The partnership between the two entities provides several advantages for the community. As funds are raised for the land purchase, the Trust would oversee the funds, explained Janaé Reneaud, the Trust's interim executive director. "When the fundraising goal is reached, the funds would be redirected to Martindale officials to complete the purchase of the land."

Martindale City Administrator Jeff Caldwell said, "This arrangement works out well for us because donors can take advantage of tax deductions available through the Trust." More importantly, he added, "Contributors will know that their gift is part of a project that will exist in perpetuity for future generations to enjoy."

Anyone interested in supporting the park project and the river is encouraged to contact Janaé Reneaud to make a donation, at (830) 379-5822 or email jreaneud@gbrtrust.org.

The Trust is a charitable, non-profit 501(c)3 organization that was developed to conserve the land and water of the Guadalupe River watershed for its natural, recreational, scenic, historic and productive value. The mission of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust is to promote and encourage the conservation, stewardship and enjoyment of the land and water resources of the Guadalupe River watershed, while maintaining its unique and irreplaceable natural heritage. Additional information about the Trust is available at www.gbrtrust.org.

Martindale was established along the banks of the San Marcos River in 1855 by George and Nancy Martindale who moved to Texas from Mississippi. City offices are located at 407 Main Street, Martindale, TX 78655.