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TEXAS RIVER SCHOOL OPENS NEW RIVER ACCESS FOR COLORADO RIVER

AUSTIN, TEXAS- With the help of the River Access grant and a large donation, Texas River School has opened a new river access at their campground on the Colorado River.

The Texas River School received a donation of \$20,000 from long-time supporter Monica Cleckler as well as the River Access and Conservation Grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife. These donations give the school an opportunity to make several improvements to the Texas River School campground. In the continuation of the school's mission and in accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) River Access and Conservation Grant, Texas River School (TRS) is providing 150 feet of bank stabilization and native riparian plant restoration along with grassland restoration to reduce erosion and runoff. These improvements will increase accessibility and functionality with construction of canoe / boat / fishing / viewing dock, clearing for granite parking area for 20 cars, and providing another Eloo toilet (an environmentally friendly toilet). Educational signs will also be placed throughout the Camp for self-guided opportunities to become aware of and see the camp's demonstrations of conservation.

The continuing restoration of this former illegal dump site exhibits the school's focus on conserving the river access property by further implementing and maintaining biodiversity within a 150 foot stretch of the river and bank at the guidance of TPWD and conservation partners – Travis County, Keep Austin Beautiful (KAB), and Tree Folks. Steps will be taken to bring more native species back into the area – (specific fish, reptiles, animals, plants) – and protecting them through native biodiversity and the removal of invasive species.

“Thanks to the River Access Grant and this large donation, we are able to improve our campgrounds giving our kids and our community access to an environment to connect with nature and learn about the importance of the rivers,” said Joe Kendall, founder of the Texas River School.

The TRS campground is an acre of leased-access fishing, boating, and camping area located in eastern Travis County on the northern bank of the Colorado River, approximately four miles downriver of the Montopolis Street Bridge crossing. The River Camp is accessible from Farm to Market Highway 969 as well as the river.

Not only is the campground the river school's main site for campers, but that it is open to the public with both campsites available as well as river access and a boat launch.

The new river access and improvements made to the campground gives the school the opportunity to "keep our kids and rivers healthy."

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