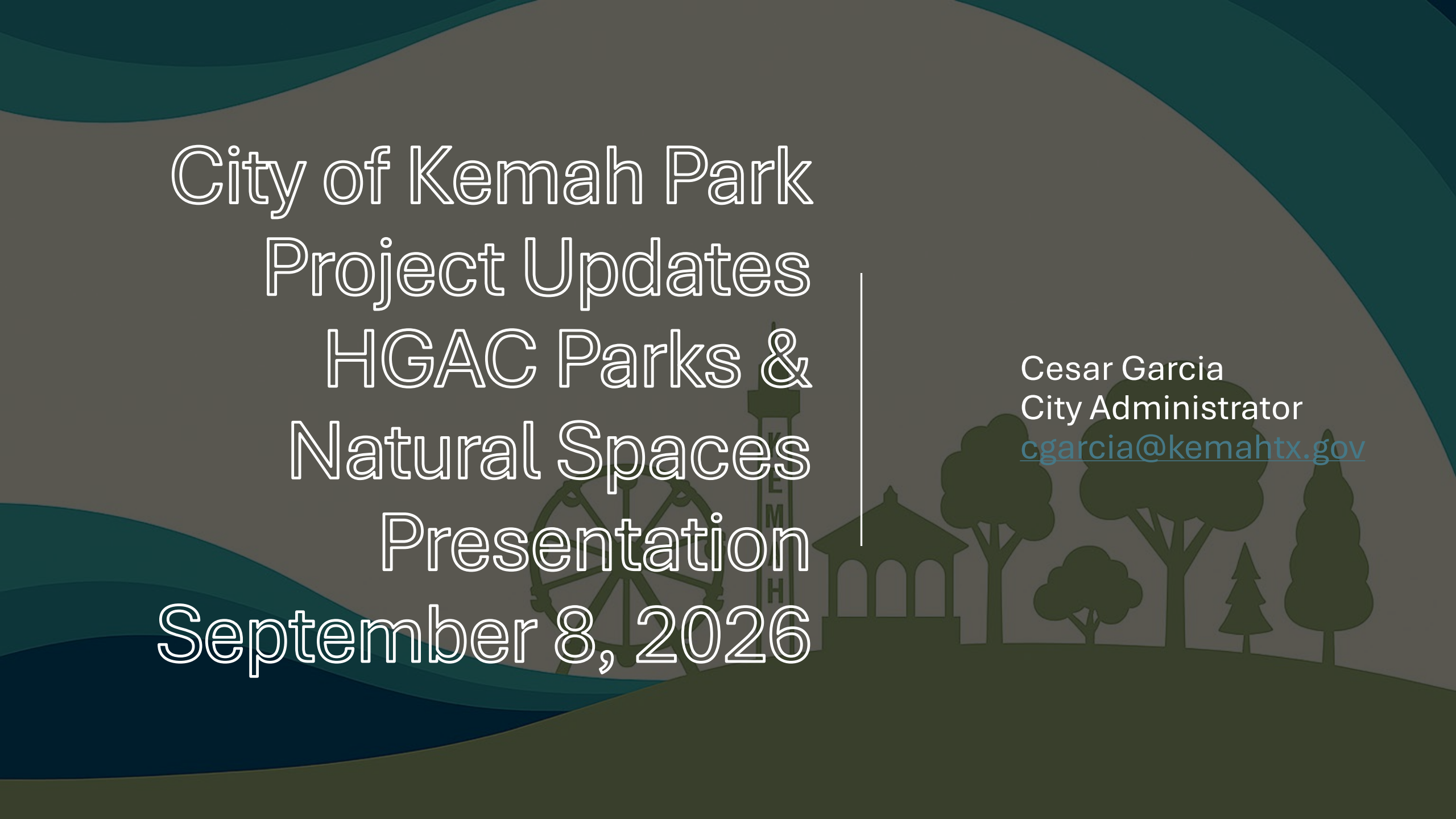




City of Kemah Park Project Updates HGAC Parks & Natural Spaces Presentation September 8, 2026

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City Administrator
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What has happened in 2026?





ICMA - International City/County Mana...

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City of Kemah is reimagining what an inclusive city can look like, embedding sensory-friendly design, autism awareness, and equitable access into parks, public spaces, and city services.

Explore how your city can adopt autism-friendly practices, build welcoming spaces, and lead in equity and inclusion. <https://bit.ly/4drZlhR>



Ensuring Accessible and Autism-Friendly Parks, Services, and Destinations

icma.org

Come out on Saturday and check out our Cops and Kids police vehicle. We hope to see you there!!!

[#copsandkids](#)

Inspired Abilities Market Kemah
April 4th
12 – 5 PM

Logos and text on the poster include:
- KTX EVENTS (top left)
- FUNDAMENTALLY AWESOME (top right)
- Walmart sparkgood (middle left)
- MATTRESS FIRM (middle right)
- TEXAS ABA CENTERS (bottom left)
- zeffy (bottom right)
- 608 Bradford Avenue, Kemah, TX
- Shop local • Family-friendly • All are welcome
- DAVE & NISTER'S (bottom right corner)



Expanding Energy Options with **SolSmart**

About **SolSmart**

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The SolSmart program offers free technical assistance to local governments (including cities, counties, and regional organizations) to adopt nationally recognized solar best practices, saving municipal staff time and money while maintaining safety. All local governments and regional organizations in the United States are eligible to participate.

Tourism Certification and our role in World Cup Fever



Congratulations!
KEMAH
A Tourism Friendly
Texas Certified
Community



TravelTexas.com #LetsTexas



City of Kemah

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Last night, Mayor and Council shared a proclamation for National Parks & Recreation Month, celebrating our Public Works crew for the tremendous work they do to keep our parks clean and green.



GALVESTON COUNTY
1401 N HWY 146 KEMAH CITY HALL
KEMAH TEXAS 77565

RE: Project Name: 57 ACRE NATURE FACILITY PHASE 1
Facility Name: 1860 PARK OAKS DR
Address: KEMAH TX 77565
Project Number: TABS2024016875

Notice of Project Approval

Attention Building Owner,

The project listed above has been inspected by a Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS) for purpose of determining compliance with provisions of the Texas Architectural Barriers Act (TABAA), Tex. Gov. Code §§469.101 and 469.105 in order to ensure compliance with the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS).

We are please to inform you that both the Department and the RAS who performed the review have found your project to be in substantial compliance. Therefore, this project has now been approved.

Please note, this determination does not address the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), (P.L. 101-336), or any other state, local or federal requirements. For information on the ADA, please contact the United

Partnered with Developer
for \$40K worth of free
sidewalks along Evergreen
Memorial to support 57
Acre Nature Facility
Project



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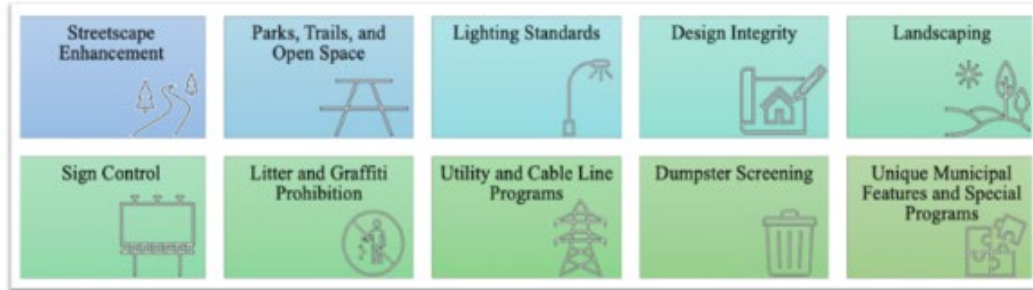
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In this week's
City Administrator Cesar Garcia pr...

The evaluation reviews every applicant's existing ordinance and code language in these areas



CERTIFIED TEXAS SCENIC CITIES

Platinum

Arlington
Bee Cave
Buda
Cedar Park
Celina
Denton
Dripping Springs
Fairview
Flower Mound
Frisco
Granbury
Horseshoe Bay
Irving
Keller
Lago Vista
Lancaster
League City
Little Elm
McAllen
McKinney
Mesquite
Missouri City
North Richland Hills
Pearland
Pflugerville
Plano
Richardson
Richmond
Roanoke
Rowlett
Schertz
Southlake
Sugar Land
Westlake

Gold

Argyle
Bastrop
Beaumont
Bedford
Belton
Benbrook
Blanco
Boerne
Bulverde
Cedar Hill
Cibolo
Colleyville
Corinth
Cuero
DeSoto
Edinburg
El Campo
Fort Worth
Grand Prairie
Heath
Hutto
Kerrville
Kyle
La Vernia
Leander
Manor
Mansfield
Marble Falls
Nassau Bay
Nolanville
Pharr
Port Aransas
Prosper
Round Rock
San Antonio
Sealy
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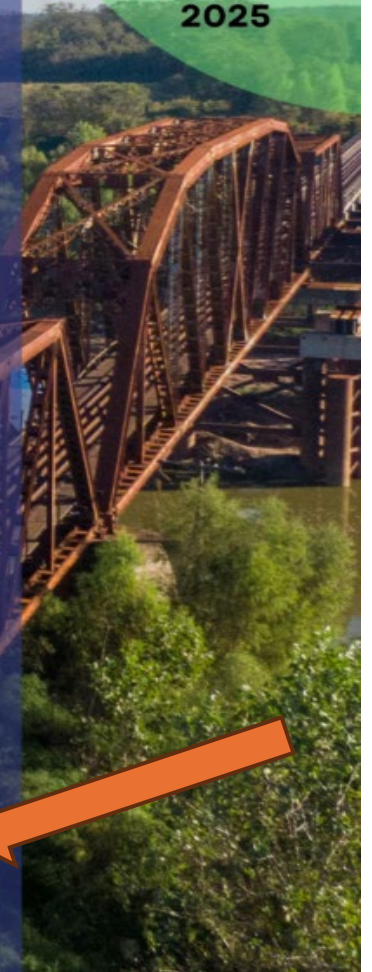
Bronze

Dayton
Duncanville
Forest Hill
Garden Ridge
Goliad
Helotes
Kaufman
Mineola
Orange Grove
Pilot Point
Port Lavaca
Rockdale
Sachse
San Marcos
Seabrook
Taylor
Tomball

Recognized

Baytown
Dalhart
Denison
Freeport
Kemah
Lake Jackson
Manvel
Shavano Park

Richmond
Platinum
Scenic City
of the Year
2025





Comprehensive Certification Benefits Earning the **Certified Scenic City** designation is a prestigious distinction that reflects a city's commitment to high-quality infrastructure, environmental stewardship, and long-term planning. But it's more than just a title—it's an active partnership that brings real, ongoing value. **Prestige, Public Recognition & Visibility**

- **Statewide Recognition:** Featured on the **Scenic Texas website** with your city's profile, photo, website link, and placement on a searchable statewide map—seen by over **100,000+ annual visitors**.
- **Use of Official Scenic City Certification Badge and Logo:** Instantly elevate your brand with certified graphics that can be displayed on city websites, signage, social media, and promotional materials.
- **City Gateway Markers:** Gateway markers and plaques recognize your status at major entry points—promoting civic pride and setting a welcoming tone for visitors.
- **Media Features:** Cities are routinely highlighted in **Scenic Texas press releases**, state-wide newsletters, social media spotlights, and the **Scenic City Showcase** video series and distribution emails.

Strengthen & Promote Economic Development and Tourism Appeal

- **Tourism Enhancement:** Scenic City status helps attract visitors interested in well-maintained, visually appealing destinations.

Strategic Marketing & Outreach Support

- **Custom Promotional Videos:** Recognition videos created for award-winning cities and shared across digital platforms and events.
- **Support for Local Campaigns:** Scenic Texas can help co-brand beautification or conservation campaigns with your city to increase reach and participation.

Policy Advocacy & Legislative Representation

- **Real-Time Legislative Alerts:** Get early warning and analysis on bills that may affect scenic or municipal authority—potentially saving your city thousands in advocacy costs.
- **Advocacy Support:** Scenic Texas serves as a **voice at the Capitol**, tracking legislation and advocating on your behalf during each legislative session.
- **City Authority Protection:** Scenic Texas defends local control over signage, lighting, tree ordinances, streetscapes, and environmental quality.

Municipal Development & Best Practice Resources

- **Ordinance Development Guidance:** Access templates and expert-reviewed examples of effective signage, lighting, tree, and infrastructure codes.
- **Technical Support:** Personalized consultation available on improving municipal visual standards and infrastructure quality.
- **Infrastructure Benchmarking:** Compare your city's development standards to other Scenic Cities to identify opportunities for improvement.

Funded \$20,000 for Tree Project

Texas A&M Forest Service awards historic \$15.4 million through forestry grant program

Twenty-two Texas cities, neighborhoods, non-profit organizations and schools received grant funding through the Texas A&M Forest Service Community Forestry Grants Program, totaling \$15.4 million.

can grow on trees.

\$15.4
MILLION

Texas
Community
Forestry

*Total monetary amount;
to be distributed among
the chosen recipients.





Beacon Project





Beacon Project



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The City of Kemah received \$2,619,323 today through the **Texas General Land Office** Coastal Resources Program during a presentation ceremony in ...more



GULF OF MEXICO ENERGY SECURITY ACT (GOMESA)

The Texas General Land Office oversees the administration and distribution of GOMESA funds to support projects that meet GOMESA authorized uses, Coastal Management Program (CMP) or Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA) Program goals and objectives, and priorities identified in the Texas Coastal Resiliency Master Plan.

[GOMESA Internal Funding Guidance](#)

2026 – GLO / GOMESA Funding = \$2.6M







Over 150 free trees planted as part of Scenic City Partnership, Community Forestry Grant, and GOMESA Grants so far



In 2026 so far:

- Scenic City Recognition
- Tourism Certification
- Solsmart Certification
- GOMESA Grant Award = \$2.6M
- Community Forestry Grant Award = \$40K
- Eagle Scout Project
- Planted over 125 Trees = Valued at ~ \$300-400K



What's Next?



Adopt-a-Tree Program





Trees in Communities

TREE CITY USA

Cultivate civic pride by committing to a community that's healthier, happier, and more livable, and earn national recognition as a Tree City USA.

PHASE 3

PHASE INCLUDES: DG TRAIL
W/ CONTAINER BAND, COMPOSITE
DECKING PLATFORM, BENCHES

PHASE 4

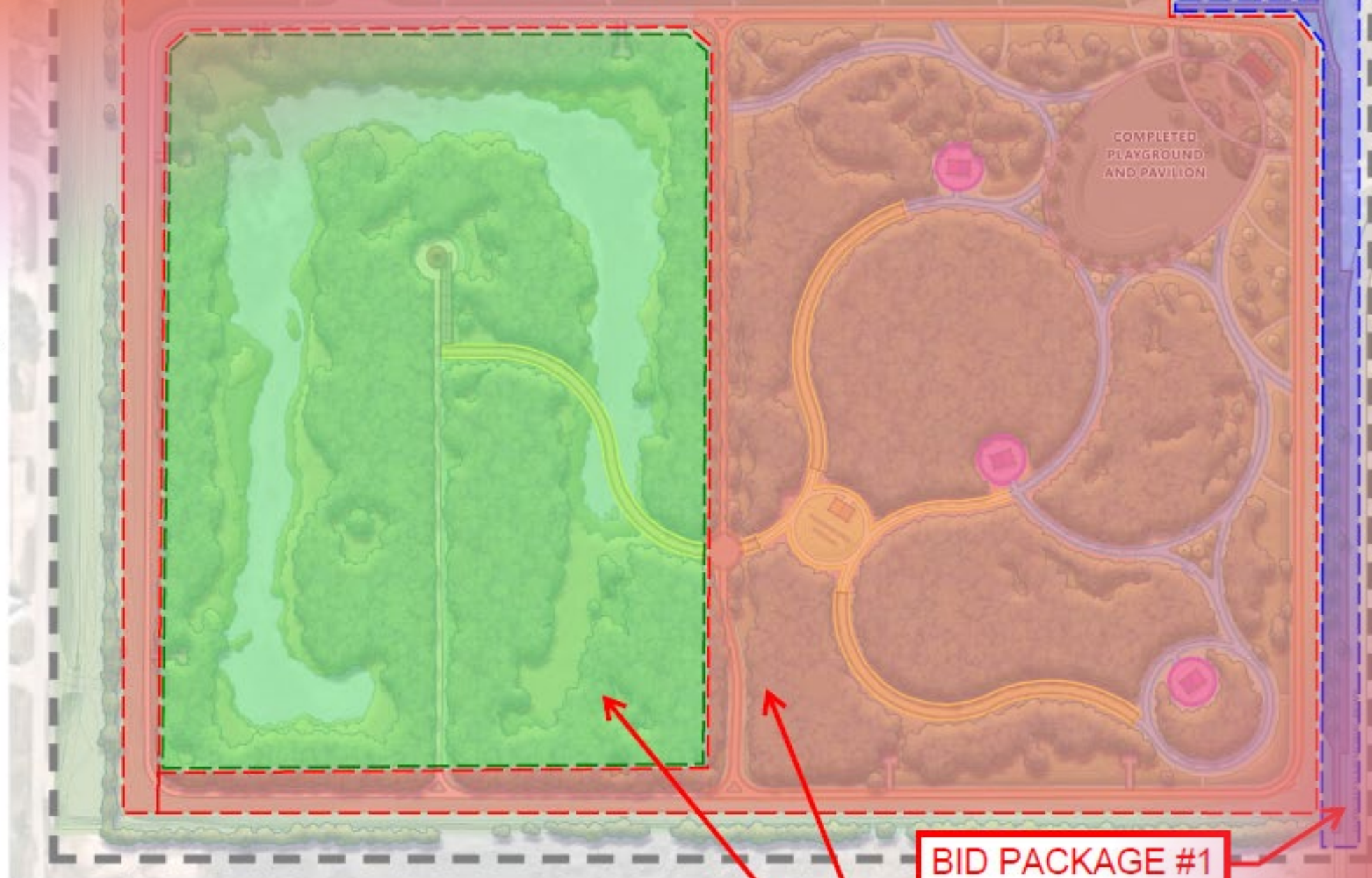
PHASE INCLUDES: CONCRETE
SIDEWALKS, BENCHES

PHASE 5

PHASE INCLUDES: PICNIC PAVILION
AND DG PADS, PICNIC TABLES

PHASE 6

PHASE INCLUDES: COMPOSITE
BOARDWALK W/ RAILING, OUTDOOR
CLASSROOM PAVILION AND SLAB,
WAYFINDING SIGNAGE, PICNIC TABLES,
SIDEWALK, CONCRETE BENCHES



BID PACKAGE #1

BID PACKAGE #2

BID PACKAGE #3



PLANNING &
LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTURE

57 ACRE NATURE FACILITY / PHASING PLAN

LOCATION: KEMAH, TEXAS

CLIENT: CITY OF KEMAH

DATE: 15TH FEBRUARY, 2026

Scenic City Recognition – Move up to next level

Solsmart Certification – Pursue Charge Smart & Moving up to Silver/Gold

Adopt A Tree Program

Pursue Tree City USA Designation

Accepted Proposal for 57 Acre Nature Facility Design

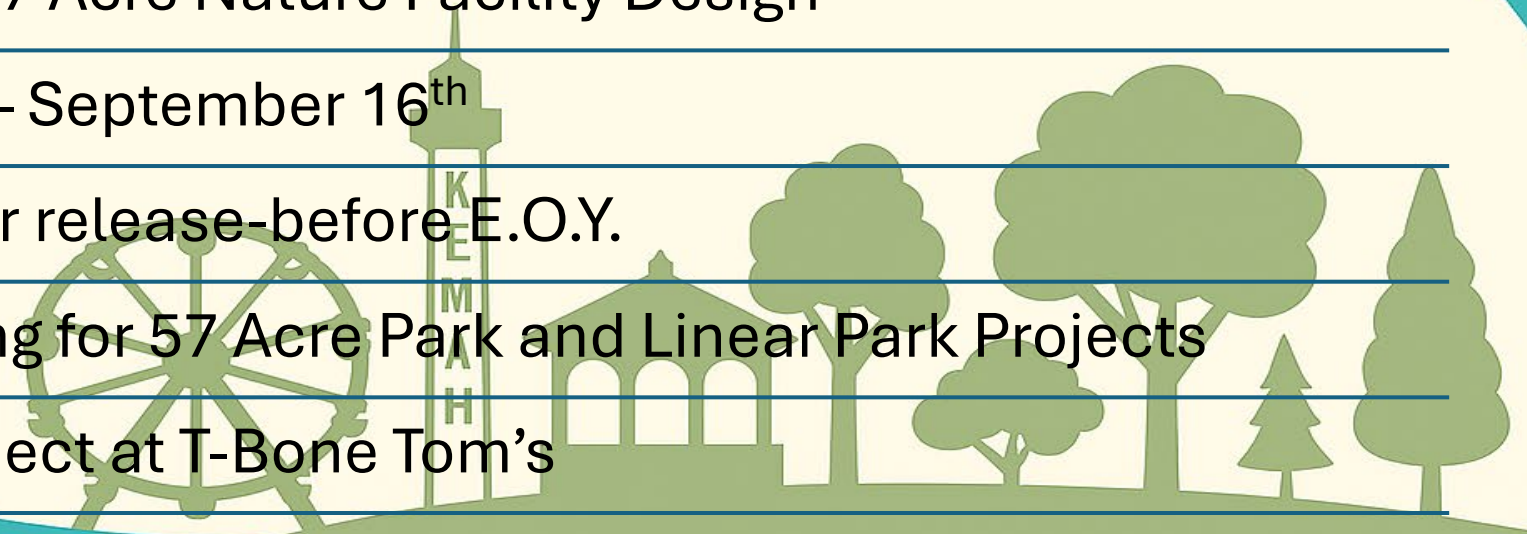
Putting Phase 1 bid out – September 16th

Finalizing Phase 2 bid for release before E.O.Y.

Obtain additional funding for 57 Acre Park and Linear Park Projects

Finish Beacon Point project at T-Bone Tom's

Release / Let the Boat Ramp Project through TXDOT 1/2027



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