

Precinct 4's Greenway Plans

In August 2005, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) awarded a \$1 million Regional Park Grant to Harris and Montgomery counties (equally shared funding) for the development of the Spring Creek Greenway.

Precinct 4 will use their portion of the TPWD grant to fund trail construction and development at **Pundt Park**. The first phase development will add a parking lot and rest room facility. The second phase development will add a canoe launch, picnic loop, playground, soft nature trail, and greenway trail. Precinct 4 hopes to begin construction by June 2008.

The Jones-Bender Trail, a 1.5-mile trail at **Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center**, connects neighborhoods to the Spring Creek Greenway. In future expansions, the Jones-Bender Trail will give outdoor enthusiasts a linear trail system from Highway 59 at the San Jacinto River, through Jones Park to Pundt Park, and beyond I-45. Precinct 4 received an 80 percent grant from the TPWD to fund the Jones-Bender Trailhead. Partnerships with area developers Appaloosa Land Company and Kenswick Meadows provided land donations and construction of necessary bridge crossings.



A 5,500-acre nature preserve with land and water trails will connect the Montgomery County Preserve to Jones Park with two new gateway parks and preserve sites along approximately 18 miles of Spring Creek. Nature centers, outdoor classrooms, and interpretive signage are important components of the educational goals of the project.

The acquisition of a 15-acre tract connects Jones Park to Cypress Creek and a new canoe launch at Jones Park & Nature Center opened in January 2008.