



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**ACM:** Christine Taylor

**DATE:** September 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:**

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a cooperative agreement with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the Range Creek Public Hunting Area; and provide an effective date. Park Board recommended approval. (5-0)

**BACKGROUND**

The Range Creek Public Hunting Area (RCPHA) is approximately 453 acres and is located on the northeast edge of Ray Roberts Lake. It is included in Supplement Agreement 1 to the Park Management Contract for Ray Roberts Lake. The area is generally 5 miles northeast of Tioga, TX along Range Creek and consists of six wetland cells constructed in 1991.

The RCPHA has been managed under a cooperative agreement between the City of Denton and Texas Parks and Wildlife since September of 2001, which allowed for public hunting on these lands requiring a Type II or Annual Public Hunting / Walk-In Hunting permit.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has been upgrading public hunting access points around Ray Roberts Lake, and they brought to our attention that the existing Agreement expired on April 30, 2025.

This agreement includes revisions that are desired by both parties and are consistent with TPWD and City of Denton standard agreements. In essence, this agreement ensures that Texas Parks and Wildlife continues to manage the public hunting land associated with the Range Creek area and establishes that any physical improvements to RCPHA can be made as TPWD funding allows.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommend renewing the agreement with an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Texas Parks and Department for the Range Creek Public Hunting Area.

**ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT**

Agreement would take effect immediately upon execution.

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)**

On January 8, 2019, City Council adopted an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a cooperative agreement with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department establishing the RCPHA.

On August 3, 2025, the Parks and Recreation Board voted unanimously to recommend approval to execute the new agreement with TPWD for RCPHA.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

There is no financial obligation associated with this agreement

**EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Ordinance

Exhibit 3- Agreement

Exhibit 4- TPWD and City of Denton Agreement 2019

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Packan, Director, Parks and Recreation