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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Auditor's Office

CITY AUDITOR: Madison Rorschach

DATE: January 13, 2026

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding Audit Project 044—Park Management & Planning.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This action supports Key Focus Area: Pursue Organizational Excellence and Collaborative and Respectful Leadership.

BACKGROUND

City of Denton Charter Article VI, Section 6.04 states, the City Internal Auditor is responsible for providing an independent appraisal of City operations as directed that the City's vendors are managed efficiently, effectively, equitably, and in compliance with applicable regulations throughout the procurement lifecycle by the City Council. These audits are conducted in accordance with *Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards* promulgated by the US Government Accountability Office.

Per *Government Auditing Standards*, internal auditors should make audit reports available to the public and should communicate results to the parties who can ensure that the results are given due consideration. In order to meet these *Government Auditing Standards*, the City of Denton's Internal Audit Procedures Manual requires finalized audit reports to be presented to the City Council. Once presented, all published reports can be found on the City of Denton's [Internal Audit Webpage](#).

DISCUSSION

This audit project is intended to provide assurance that the City's park management and planning processes are transparent, effective, and equitable; parkland acquisition and development funding practices are fair, economical, and calculated accurately; and park maintenance activities are effective, efficient, and economical. Denton maintains over 1,300 acres of developed parkland as well as almost 3,500 acres of natural and undeveloped greenspace. Initial, detailed findings from this audit project are presented in the attached Audit of Park Management & Planning report.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends closing Audit Project 044—Park Management & Planning until a follow-up review is conducted to assess the implementation of the 15 issued recommendations likely in Fiscal Year 2027-28.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

Sep. 19, 2023: Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Internal Audit Plan Adopted
Sep. 17, 2024: Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Internal Audit Plan Adopted

Feb. 18, 2025: Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Internal Audit Plan Amended
May 20, 2025: Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Internal Audit Plan Amended

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Audit of Park Management & Planning
3. Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
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