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Cape's Dam vision plan presented to City

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Cape's Dam is back on the City Council agenda. The Council presentation on the potential restoration with Hays County surrounding a recreational area for citizens of San Marcos and its neighboring communities.

The presentation, given by Mitch Wright of Vista Planning & Design, shared a vision or conceptual plan for the area which might be restored. The plan included a dam structure on either side of the dam which means

that water doesn't just flow forward with the idea, it over the top but flows through it. "It's a porous structure. In addition to restoration, the plan included safety for the mill race and Thompson Dam through railing and an observation platform, as well as increased leisure and recreation in the surrounding areas. If the city decides to move

"In addition to the dam restoration, the vision plan included safety access to the mill race and Thompson Dam through railing and an observation platform, as well as increased leisure and recreation in the surrounding areas."

presented the idea which would cost \$7,687,000. "I think there is a great opportunity to provide this vision as we work through with this concept to part of our county and city that has been underserved in the past," Debbie Ingalsbe, Hays County Commissioner said. "The presentation asked a number of questions relating to the vision study. Each council member

"I think we have a really great opportunity to provide this vision as we work through with this concept to part of our county and city that has been underserved in the past," Debbie Ingalsbe, Hays County Commissioner

SEE DAM PAGE 8A

Majority believes Cape's Dam should be preserved

"The poll asking, **'Do you think Cape's Dam should be preserved?'**" received a total of 3,339 votes, with the majority of votes – **73%** or 2,453 votes – going to option **"Yes, it is historically significant and is used frequently for recreation"**

RESPOND WITH SUPPORT FOR A FAMILY FRIENDLY PARK & CAPES DAM BEFORE TUESDAY JANUARY 7, 2020!!

**LET THE
SAN MARCOS CITY COUNCIL
HEAR YOUR SUPPORT FOR A
FAMILY PARK & CAPES DAM!**

councilmembers@sanmarcostx.gov

OVERALL GOALS:

-Adding a fun, family friendly park along
The San Marcos River for swimming,
fishing, and other activities.
(WITHOUT CAPES DAM THERE WILL BE
NO SWIMMING AREAS IN THIS PARK)

-Achieving a balanced approach for historic structure
rehabilitation and preserving the ecological integrity
of the San Marcos River through conservation and
restoration initiatives.

-For any questions, concerns, or to help
contact Info@CapesPark.com

**[City council is meeting on JANUARY
7th, 2020 to MOVE FORWARD or
POTENTIALLY DENY on YOUR FAMILY
FRIENDLY PARK & CAPES DAM!
Help by speaking up for this great
opportunity!]**

Legend

- Concrete Trail, Existing & Proposed
- Proposed Soft Trail
- Cape's Dam and Mill Race Gate
- Limited Access Points
- Existing Wild Rice Locations
- Federally Designated Critical Habitat for Fountain Darter



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Historic preservation,
ecological restoration,
educational interpretation,
& leisure activities

Doubles the acreage of
existing river parks & open
space in an underserved area
of the Community

Hike & bike trail extensions
to the east side of I-35

Conservation of private
lands that could otherwise
be developed in the future

Neighborhood fishing program
with Texas Parks and Wildlife
and fishing pier.

Connectivity to future
30 mile Emerald Crown Trail

**Please EMAIL The
San Marcos City Council**
to show support for a
FAMILY FRIENDLY PARK
and Capes Dam,
councilmembers@sanmarcostx.gov
with the subject line "Support Capes Dam/ Park"

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