

## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE** TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016

## CITY OF ENCINAL AWARDED \$75,000 GRANT FOR LOCAL PARK

**AUSTIN**—Representative Ryan Guillen (D - District 31) is pleased to announce the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approved a \$75,000 local park grant for the City of Encinal.

"It's especially great to see Encinal receive this well-deserved \$75,000 grant from the [Texas Parks and Wildlife] department to develop the Rosalie Welhausen Encinal City Park. Parks are a great way to bring the community together while enjoying the beauty of our great state," Representative Guillen explained.

The City of Encinal was awarded a Small Community Grant for \$75,000 to develop Rosalie Welhausen Encinal City Park by adding a splash pad, playground, walking trail with exercise stations, and picnic table with grills.

As chairman of the House Committee on Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, which has legislative oversight of the Parks and Wildlife Department, Guillen works in close coordination with the department. Money for the Local Park Grants Program comes from a portion of the sporting goods sales tax through the Texas Recreation & Parks Account and the Texas Large County & Municipality Recreation & Parks Account.

The Small Community Recreation grants are given to municipalities with a population less than 20,000 and were awarded to 17 communities.

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