

HELP US OBTAIN A GRANT TO **ENLARGE THE FWP TRAIL SYSTEM**

The Friends of Friedrich Wilderness Park are applying for Texas Parks & Wildlife grant [funds](#) for *trail expansion on the Woodland Hills property which is adjacent to FWP. Letters from members showing support will strengthen our application. Donations towards the expansion are appreciated too.*

The purpose of the grant is to contract a professional trail design and construction firm to lay out and build approximately 5 miles of new trails on the Woodland Hills addition (both North and West parcels) to Friedrich. Staff has spent much time on the land and has a proposed track for the new trails. These new 5 miles of trails would connect with the existing trail system at three points - two on Vista Loop and one on Main Loop. This would effectively double the total length of trails at Friedrich. The project would also allow us to re-route and abandon/restore one of the worst problem spots on the Main Loop - the segment on the north leg with the very high ledge steps (this is also Golden-Cheek Warbler habitat).

Your letters of support provide evidence that the project is worthwhile and that the public wants the improvements. Letters should be sent by January 20, 2012 and addressed to **Denise Schneider, President, Friends of Friedrich Wilderness Park, 21395 Milsa, San Antonio, Texas 78256. Letters may be mailed by post or sent by email to friendoffwp@gmail.com**

They might mention:

- What FWP means to you and the community at large
- How you use the Park
- What you enjoy about the Park and in what way the new trails will increase your enjoyment

The grant requires expenditure by the applicant up front with reimbursement in increments of \$5,000 or more per request. A current estimate for this project is \$100,000, thus requiring a potential \$20,000 match by FOFWP. The City is allowed to participate in funding of the project, even though not the primary applicant. The potential commitment from the Friends is for an expenditure of up to \$20,000. However since the Friends have a memorandum of understanding with the city, the city **may be** allowed to pay some or all of the expenses of this project even though FoFWP is the official applicant.

The grant application deadline is Feb. 1, 2012. Please help by sending a letter or –mail of support [and hopefully a donation specifically for the trail grant proposal]
Your support is greatly appreciated.