

## Section 6 (Texas Non-traditional) Report Review

Attachment to letter dated MAY 3 - 2008

**Project Title:** Conservation of the Navasota Ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*) and Other Rare Species Within College Station, Texas

**Final or Interim Report?** Interim

**Grant #:** E-39-RL

**Reviewer Station:** Austin ESFO

**Nontraditional Program (check one):**

- ☒ Recovery Land Acquisition
- ☐ HCP Land Acquisition
- ☐ HCP Planning Assistance
- ☐ Safe Harbors / CCAAs

**Lead station was contacted and concurs with the following comments:**

☐ Yes   ☐ No   ☒ Not applicable (reviewer is from lead station)

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**Interim Report (check one):**

- ☒ is acceptable as is
- ☐ is acceptable as is, but comments below need to be addressed in the next report
- ☐ needs revision (see comments below)

**Final Report (check one):**

- ☐ is acceptable as is
- ☐ is acceptable, but needs minor revision (see comments below)
- ☐ needs major revision (see comments below)

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**Comments:**

## INTERIM REPORT

State: Texas

Grant: E-39-RL

Grant Program: Cooperative Endangered Species (15.615)

Contract Period: November 1, 2002 through October 31, 2006

Reporting Period: November 1, 2004 through October 31, 2005

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and other Rare Species within College Station, Texas.

### Accomplishments:

There has not been significant activity from the City in terms of meeting the grant's objective because of delays receiving a counter proposal from Clarke-Wyndham, Inc. for purchase the greenway area. The City did come to an impasse with the property owner regarding price. A request for an extension to the grant Period was made and granted to October 31, 2006 to allow time for planning and future action.

### Deviations:

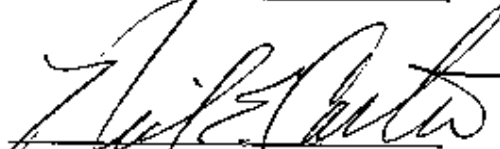
Regrettably, this grant activity has been stalled for some time due to a number of factors that include an unwilling seller, turnover of City staff, and lack of coordination between Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and City on activities conducted. The City's contact for this grant, Kristan Weaver, resigned October 20, 2005. The contact replacement is Mark Smith (msmith@cstx.gov). A meeting will be coordinated with interested parties in the very near future to get this project moving forward, and to make sure the City is in compliance with the Federal program.

### Costs Billed:

None

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Date: January 25, 2006

Approved by: 

Neil (Nick) Carter

Federal Aid Coordinator

Date: January 25, 2006



September 5, 2006

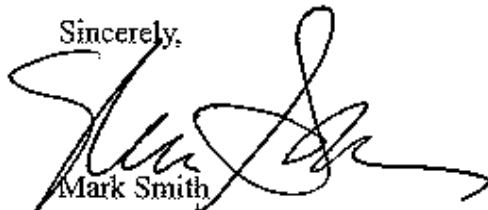
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Texas Parks & Wildlife  
4200 Smith School Road  
Austin, Texas 78744-3291

Dear Mr... Carter,

I sincerely appreciate your assistance through the grant process. I regret that the City of College Station was unable to come to terms with the property owner.

The City will not be taking any action to extend the grant a second time. If there is any additional information that I need to provide, please email me at [msmith@cstx.gov](mailto:msmith@cstx.gov).

Sincerely,



Mark Smith  
Interim Assistant City Manager

cc: Glenn Brown, City Manager