

# Lone Star Legacy Park

## Class of 2023 Application Information



### ABOUT:

A Lone Star Legacy Park is a park that holds special prominence in the local community and the state of Texas. These parks have endured the test of time and have become iconic to those who have visited, played and rested on their grounds. A designation as a Lone Star Legacy is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on a park.

Parks have played an important role in the development of our communities throughout history. Much like Main Streets helped to provide commerce and identity, local parks helped to promote community, natural respite and social interaction as communities were founded, developed and prospered.

Lone Star Legacy Parks are not meant to be of a specific size, make up or location. The purpose of the designation is to recognize what a park means to a particular community. While New York City is home to Central Park, and Boston has the Common Gardens, communities all over our state have parks that have been a source of great pride and history. Some parks are significant for their natural resources including their forests, springs and wetlands. Other parks are noteworthy for annual traditions including parades, pageants and festivals. Lone Star Legacy Parks will honor all of the significant impacts these sites have made on the people who have walked their grounds.

### SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS:

Applications are due by **Friday, January 13, 2023**. Successful applicants will be announced at the Texas Recreation and Park Society Annual Institute. Agencies may submit one park each year for consideration. Multiple submissions from the same agency in one year will not be considered.

### CRITERIA:

Legacy Parks must be at least 50 years old, designated as a public park and meet at least one of the following:

- The property represents distinctive design and/or construction.
- The park is associated with historic events or sites.
- The park is associated with events specific to the local community/state.
- The park is home to unique natural features.



SAN PEDRO PARK, SAN ANTONIO, CIRCA 1918

### APPLICATION FEE:

A \$200 fee is due with the application. Fees are used to offset costs for application management and promotion of the Lone Star Legacy Parks program. If selected, an additional fee will be applicable if the agency would like to order a marker commemorating the designation.

If the park is not awarded the designation in the first year, the Review Committee will provide feedback to the agency regarding the application score and areas for improvement. The agency will be able to resubmit the application one time within the following three years. A \$50 resubmission fee will be applicable.

### JUDGING:

Judging will be done by a panel consisting of:

- One (1) TRAPS Citizen Branch Member
- One (1) Historic/Landmark Commission Member
- Two (2) TRAPS Professional Members
- One (1) TRAPS Academic Representative
- One (1) Planning/Landscape Architect Representative

Panel members will review applications and apply points to each criterion. Points will be tallied and applications with the highest scores will be awarded the designation. The review committee will make final decisions on the number of eligible awards to make in a year.

### MARKETING OF LONE STAR LEGACY PARKS:

All parks designated as Legacy Parks will be included in marketing materials including rack cards, website, PSA's and other collateral materials as appropriate. These materials will be used to promote the parks and their communities as a part of Heritage Tourism. Materials will be updated annually to include newly awarded sites.

**APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT: [TRAPS.ORG/AWARD-NOMINATIONS](https://traps.org/award-nominations)**

### APPLICATIONS CAN BE MAILED OR SUBMITTED ONLINE TO:

Texas Recreation and Park Society  
18593 FM 1431  
Jonestown, Texas 78645  
[TRAPS.ORG/AWARD-NOMINATIONS/](https://traps.org/award-nominations/)

### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Friday, January 13, 2023



MAIN PLAZA, NEW BRAUNFELS, CIRCA 1920