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Bexar County Votes to Fund Arboretum San Antonio, Elevating Community Life and Environmental Stewardship

Bexar County has taken a definitive step towards the enrichment of its green spaces and the enhancement of community life with Commissioners Court's vote to fund the Arboretum San Antonio project. The \$7.3 million approval marks another major milestone in the county's investment in environmental sustainability and public recreational opportunities.

Situated at 4226 SE Military Dr, in Precinct 4, the arboretum will encompass 176.444 acres, including an 18-acre tract dedicated to a future county park. Bexar County's investment will facilitate the acquisition of 17.92 acres of land and support Arboretum San Antonio's (ASA) efforts to master plan, design, and construct the project.

This pioneering effort will transform the old Republic Golf Course into a verdant haven for nature lovers and mark a new chapter in the area's burgeoning development. The master planning process, guided by ASA and the county, will cover various critical elements such as visitor experience, virtual engagement, phased buildout of infrastructure, and comprehensive cost projections. Additionally, the plan will ensure consideration for environmental impacts and the enhancement of native species, in line with the county's vision for sustainable development.

As part of southeast Bexar County's expanding horizon, the arboretum is expected to not only protect and showcase native ecosystems, but also act as a catalyst for further economic and community development. This project dovetails with the recent growth trends in the area, promising to become a cornerstone in the narrative of community revitalization and environmental responsibility. The county's role in the project underscores a deep-rooted commitment to the betterment of public spaces, education, and the preservation of our natural environment.



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