

Austin Symphony Orchestra Society

Symphony Square Amphitheater Recycled Rubber Mulch Installation

Project Description:

Austin Symphony Orchestra Society shall install 10,000 pounds of recycled rubber mulch to the seating areas of the Amphitheater at Symphony Square, on the bank of Waller Creek in Travis County. The outdoor seating for the Amphitheater was originally grass and then changed to organic mulch. However, organic mulch deteriorates, becomes very dirty to sit on, and is expensive to maintain. It also washes away or is blown away into Waller Creek during storm events.

Rubber mulch is an effective and safe alternative to wood mulch, reducing waste by reusing materials that may otherwise end up in landfills. The rubber mulch is made of 100% recycled tires; is odorless, clean and durable which reduces maintenance time and expense; does not attract termites and most insects; helps prevent weed growth; and will not wash away or blow away in storm events.

Using Goodwill staffing for the contract labor, Austin Symphony Orchestra Society shall prepare the site by removing the existing deteriorated surface. Weed blocking material shall then be laid down. The rubber mulch shall be delivered via truck transport and installed in the seating area on the bank of Waller Creek. Austin Symphony Orchestra Society shall also install a sign which includes the following language "Performed with penalty monies from a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality enforcement action" at the entrance to the seating section of the Symphony Square Amphitheater.

Environmental Benefit:

This project will enhance water quality by reducing the amount of pollution washing into Waller Creek which flows into the Colorado River. This project also helps eliminate used tire waste in landfills and supports the market for recycling tires.

Eligible Areas and Counties:

This project may receive a contribution from the following:

Colorado River Basin and Edwards Major Aquifer including Andrews, Austin, Bastrop, Blanco, Borden, Brown, Burnet, Caldwell, Callahan, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Colorado, Comanche, Concho, Crockett, Dawson, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Fayette, Gaines, Garza, Gillespie, Glasscock, Hays, Hockley, Howard, Irion, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Lampasas, Lee, Llano, Lynn, Martin, Mason, Matagorda, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mills, Mitchell, Nolen, Reagan, Real, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Sutton, Taylor, Terry, Tom Green, Travis, Upton, Wharton and Yoakum Counties.

Minimum Contribution Amount:

\$500