



# City of Wimberley

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The Texas Municipal League (“TML”) has presented the City of Wimberley with the 2012 Municipal Excellence Award for Public Works for cities of less than 25,000 population. The award recognizes the City for the unique design and development of the Blue Hole Regional Park.

“We are honored to receive this award,” said Wimberley Mayor Bob Flocke. “The Blue Hole Regional Park clearly set a new standard for municipal park planning in the State of Texas and it’s exciting for the City to be recognized for doing so.”

In 2005, the City of Wimberley embarked on a mission to save “Blue Hole” - a well known, spring-fed swimming hole - from the threat of private development and environmental degradation. After an unprecedented public and private fund raising effort, the “Blue Hole” and approximately 126 acres of land surrounding it were purchased and developed into a regional park. The Blue Hole Regional Park is now one of the largest pieces of natural, public land in Hays County that has been preserved and converted into a park that offers various recreation facilities, covered pavilions, nature trails, a playground and swimming.

“The Park protects sacred Hill Country flora and fauna, water quality, and land forms through sustainable programming and design, native landscape restoration and habitat protection,” said Mayor Flocke. “It’s a true Texas treasure.”

Mayor Flocke and other members of the Blue Hole project team accepted the prestigious TML award this week at the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference in Grapevine, Texas. TML is a voluntary association of more than 1,120 Texas cities. Its primary objective is to serve the needs and advocate the interests of Texas cities and it is the largest organization of its kind in the United States. The City of Wimberley is a TML member.