

Date: August 6, 2018
To: Elected and Appointed Municipal Officials
Non-profit Organizations
Re: Technical Assistance Grants for Parks and Trails

Ladies and Gentlemen:

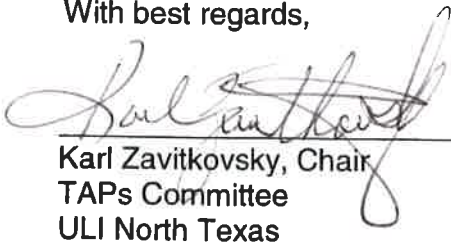
The Urban Land Institute is known nationally for its **Technical Assistance Panel** or "**TAP**" program. A TAP is a two-day intensive workshop in which ULI members volunteer their time and knowledge to develop creative but pragmatic solutions to local planning, urban design and financing challenges.

ULI North Texas is offering a limited number of grants for TAPs related to parks and trails to municipalities or non-profits in the DFW region, with virtually no out of pocket cost. Typically, the host city or other sponsoring organization ("**Sponsor**") is asked to pay \$20,000 to obtain the expertise of ULI members in a TAP. But under this TAP grant program, ULI NT only requires that the Sponsor provide a staff contact, background materials, meeting facilities for the TAP, and similar on-site assistance.

ULI is partnering with **The Trust for Public Land (TPL)** and **National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)** on the "10 Minute Walk to a Park" campaign, with a goal of ensuring that all urban area residents have access to a high-quality park, trail or green space within a 10-minute walk. The proposed TAP for parks and trails should be supportive of this goal. *In addition, ULI is looking for opportunities that connect parts of existing recreation networks that have a "missing link" and projects that have the potential for a catalytic effect on the surrounding community.*

ULI North Texas and the Trust for Public Land are employing the power of their members, networks and partnerships to promote parks, trails and healthy communities. We urge you to review the accompanying materials and apply for a TAP Grant prior to our application deadline of September 28, 2018.

With best regards,



Karl Zavitkovsky, Chair
TAPs Committee
ULI North Texas



Hon Gafford, Chairman
North Texas Advisory Board
Trust for Public Land