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It's Official

By [Gil Hutchinson](#) on Wednesday, February 24, 2014

It's Official! After three long years, the sale of 77.89 acres for Marcella Vivrette Smith Park finally closed on Monday, Feb. 24. Two parcels, adjacent to the Carriage Hills subdivision, will be a corner stone for future park development.

Potential picnic pavilions, expanded hiking trails, passive ball fields and even access to a potential mountain biking trail system are all possibilities being discussed for this beautiful piece of property in future phases. The new addition will join the original 320 acres purchased by the City back in 2010.

With this week's closing, our park system now has approximately 956 acres! That far exceeds the recommendations of national planning organizations for parkland and the ratios of sister cities such as Franklin!

After several years of work, the first phase of the new Smith Park is expected to open in August 2014. The City of Brentwood announced in January the completion of the restoration of the historic Ravenswood Mansion. They are now accepting reservations for event dates beginning in August of 2014.

While the City has closed on this property, our work continues. CBGS formally announced in late 2011 our goal to raise \$300,000 over the next five years towards the acquisition of the remaining 80 acres at Ravenswood Farm. This announcement marked the first time our organization shifted from being a community advocacy group to one that also is willing to make a financial stake in our community for the future.

Several new recognition opportunities were created in late 2013 for prospective donors in addition to the existing sponsorship. Approximately \$180,000 in pledges and cash in total have been raised or committed to in our first two years of fund raising. These funds help Brentwood purchase the remaining property at Ravenswood Farm, including future improvements at the new Smith Park, and support our continuing efforts to preserve green space in Brentwood.

Going to our website to make a donation is fast, easy and convenient! We hope all citizens interested in green space preservation will consider making a donation to help us reach our goal.

Thank you City Commissioners and staff, along with our donors, for helping

make this purchase a reality! Your vision has created a legacy that will be enjoyed for generations to come!

Warmest Regards,

**Gil Hutchinson
President**

About Citizens for Brentwood Green Space, Inc.

The Citizens for Brentwood Green Space, Inc. is a volunteer citizens group organized as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation. Our mission is to preserve open space in the form of parks, trails, historic sites, and flood plains while being sensitive to the rights of landowners and developers. CBGS desires to assure that ongoing development of land resources is accomplished in a way that is beneficial to landowners, to existing citizens of the city, and to future generations of Brentwood residents. For more information please visit www.brentwoodgreenspace.org, our Facebook site "Brentwood Green Space" and Twitter @BrentwoodGreenS.

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