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Travis County is moving ahead with plans to develop a 100-acre park along the Colorado River in Precinct 1.

In a 5-0 vote this morning, county commissioners approved the purchase of the 100 acres off State Road 969 for \$194,250.

County Attorney Jim McMurtry said the deal would be closed with the owners at 2 p.m. today, just several months after Commissioner David Samuelson unveiled his plans for the county park in far eastern Travis County.

The planned purchase of the park, located a few miles east of Webberville, was opposed by nearby residents who feared it would harm their rural neighborhood.

Their main concern was over Samuelson's intention to build the park entrance at the end of Post Oak Road,

Samuelson, however, said the contract to buy the land includes an agreement from the present owners to build a road into the north side of the park through land they also own and plan to develop for homes. Samuelson said park visitors would use 969 instead of Post Oak Road.

The G. Kent Rider family, who own land west of the proposed park, had said they were concerned park visitors would trespass on to their land unless the county took precautionary measures.

Samuelson said he planned to construct a high fence short of the park's west boundary, creating a narrow buffer zone where a high-power line runs through the land bought by the county.