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GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS USED

EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FSA	Farm Service Agency
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
RMA	Risk Management Agency
SWCD	Soil and Water Conservation District
TCE	Texas Cooperative Extension
TCTWS	Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society
TFS	Texas Forest Service
THC	Texas Historical Commission
TLTC	Texas Land Trust Council
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
TPWD	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
TSSWCB	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
TWDB	Texas Water Development Board
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USFS	United States Forest Service

Contact information for each of these organizations
is included at the end of this report.

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INTRODUCTION

The rich wildlife and resources of Texas make this state stand apart and is something to be proud of. Landowners, biologists, and conservation organizations like Texan by Nature, recognize the intrinsic value Texas has as one of the most biologically diverse places in the United States. Protecting this diversity and wealth of natural resources is largely due to the active stewardship of private landowners in Texas. Because 95% of Texas is privately owned, landowners have a huge impact on the people, prosperity, and natural resources of the state. Habitat that is properly managed and maintained has a tremendous value for us as Texans but also to hundreds of species of birds, reptiles, mammals and plant life. Landowners who own and manage their land can take great pride in maintaining the beauty of Texas.

Texan by Nature developed this manual to offer guidance for landowners interested in voluntary conservation practices. There is a wealth of information available for understanding conservation practices and this guide does not fully encompass every avenue a landowner can take but provides the foundation for landowners to consider when initiating conservation practices on their land.

You Make the Decisions:

You decide how, what, and when. It's your land and your plan! This guide is designed to provide landowners with Best Management Practices (BMPs) to employ on their land. With parks and protected areas insufficient to sustain global biodiversity, the role of private land in biodiversity conservation is becoming increasingly significant.

Deciding to Practice Conservation

As a landowner you can benefit from conservation in several ways. Conservation plans can be developed to improve habitat for game species, fisheries, upland game birds, and other wildlife. Healthy and productive lands also have the intangible benefits of open space and scenic views. Ultimately, everyone who eats food or drinks water benefits from your conservation efforts. The success of conservation planning depends on you, the landowner, being involved in every phase of the process. The decisions made are your decisions!

Why Practice Conservation?

Besides the aesthetic appeal of enhancing the natural beauty of your land, conservation practices can be implemented for many reasons depending on what you want to achieve.

- **WATER SUPPLY:** Proper stewardship of your land has direct benefits to the provision of surface and ground water resources. Restoring and maintaining native vegetation not only ensures reduced runoff and increased water filtration but also provides wildlife habitat within the watershed.
- **EROSION PREVENTION:** Prevent soil nutrient loss and habitat disturbance with proper erosion repair and prevention practices. Erosion leads to sedimentation and contamination of streams and rivers.
- **WILDLIFE HABITAT:** Texas has over 1,100 species of vertebrate wildlife, over half of which are birds. With this great diversity comes increased risk of sustaining our natural heritage. For example, there are over 200 species of threatened or endangered animals and plants in the state, and species such as the monarch butterfly and other pollinators are in decline. Intact habitat across the landscape supports migration corridors for these, and other important species. Please see helpful information about what it means to have endangered species on your land and how you might be affected.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL:** Proper restoration and increased vegetation on your land will also ensure scenic open spaces, reduced land fragmentation and an improved carbon and water cycle.

Landowners and the ESA

For information about what it means to have endangered and threatened species on your land please look through the following information.

Land owner manual:

<https://agrilife.org/texasaglaw/files/2018/01/Texas-Landowners-Guide-to-the-Endangered-Species-Act.pdf>

Texas Parks and Wildlife Information:

https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/nongame/listed-species/landowner-tools.phtml

Conservation Easements

A Conservation Easement is a voluntary agreement between a private landowner and a government agency, land trust, or other conservation organization, to limit certain activities on private land in perpetuity. For example, there may be restrictions on subdividing or developing your property, while ensuring your right to continue ranching, farming, hunting, and otherwise maintaining the rural lifestyle. A landowner can continue to live on the land, sell it or pass it on to future generations, but the conservation easement will remain intact. Other easement agreements may focus on timber management, energy development, or other natural resources.



An easement holder, such as a land trust, ensures that the easement is maintained by periodically checking that the easement provisions are upheld.

There are significant tax and other economic benefits of conservation easements, along with the satisfaction of knowing that your land is protected into the future. More than 100,000 conservation easements covering 22 million acres are in effect across the U.S. Each property is unique, and each easement will be tailored to meet the needs of the landowner while obtaining conservation objectives. Some landowners have specific objectives such as protecting water quality or native grasslands for monarch habitat; or it can be designed more broadly, to protect sensitive core conservation areas and create corridors between existing parks or conserved land. Easements are also tailored to meet the needs of the landowner such as a residence or other infrastructure associated with sustainable agricultural operations.

Where to Begin:

When you decide to use your land for conservation, there are many different paths to consider. You will first need an inventory of the different soils, plants, and habitats on the property, and determine what results you are looking for. Information regarding these services can be found in the resources section of this guide. Most properties will need some form of land restoration techniques in order to achieve the highest conservation value. The difference between the existing and potential vegetation will help you decide on your land and wildlife conservation goals. Landowners have a wide range of reasons why they might own and conserve their land. Whatever the reason, this guide is meant as a type of clearing house to help you understand the types of practices and assistance available to restore and maintain a healthy functioning habitat.

Some basic things to consider when planning management.

- Begin with a map and an inventory of soils, plants, habitats and water features
- Minimize disturbance to existing habitats by well-planned roads and other infrastructure. Create or maintain corridors of habitat where possible.
- Identify sensitive areas (i.e. springs, native prairie, etc.) and avoid development that would degrade the areas. Plan to protect these areas.
- Identify and monitor areas affected by water runoff to prevent erosion and contamination of topsoil.
- Identify and prevent the spread of invasive and exotic species of plants and animals
- Use native seed mixes to restore grasslands, savannahs and forested areas (See resources for seed providers)



What are BMPs?

Best Management Practices (BMPs) are developed from the latest research to aid landowners in managing and protecting land and water resources. BMPs can greatly reduce and prevent non-point source pollution, erosion, land degradation, and reverse these negative trends while restoring natural processes and ecosystem health. We will go into detail in each section on some BMPs for land owners.

What habitats are on your land?

Before the planning can begin you will need to identify what habitats are present on your land. This is an important first step in understanding what approach to take and what your goals are. Habitat is composed of the soils, plants and water resources that provide food, water, and cover for wildlife. Knowing the habitats will tell you everything about the current and potential wildlife species that occur on your land. The most important areas for wildlife are typically the most intact healthy habitats. Below, basic habitat types are summarized and outlined in regard to what they mean for habitat management.

Forests:

Forests not only provide habitat for wildlife but they play an important role in erosion prevention, watershed health, scenic open space, and air quality. Many forests today are dominated by younger regrowth or uniform plantations. Mature, diverse forests are relatively rare, and often fragmented by roads, fences, easements or other rights-of-way. Intact, dense natural forests provide important habitat for many species like wild turkey, or even uncommon species like the golden cheek warbler. If forested habitats are highly fragmented, establishing wooded corridors to connect existing forest patches is an important consideration for restoring this habitat.

Prairies:

Native prairies are among the most imperiled ecosystems on earth with only five percent remaining globally. In Texas many grasslands and prairies are dominated by invasive grasses, like King Ranch Bluestem and woody plants, leading to a lack natural diversity. These habitats are important because many declining species of grassland birds, including game bird species like quail depend on them. At the same time, the deep root systems of native grasses, prevents erosion, keeps watersheds clean, aids in moisture retention and infiltration, and stores atmospheric carbon. Best practices for restoring grasslands include proper grazing, strategic

brush management, prescribed burning, native seed plantings, and invasive species removal. Helpful information for Invasive and non-native species can be found here.

Savannahs and Shrublands

Savannahs are typically grasslands with scattered woody vegetation. Mesquite and oak savannahs are found predominantly in the South and Central Texas regions. Often, past mismanagement has changed the savannah condition, resulting in an understory with invading plants such as junipers, sumacs, elms, and hackberries. Although these plants have wildlife value as food and shelter for many game and nongame species, they become detrimental when over-abundant and begin to out-compete native grasses and forbs that are essential components in savannah habitats. Shrublands can be considered transitional landscapes, supporting brush species of lower stature usually after some form of mechanical brush control, prescribed burning, or intensive grazing. Periodic management is required to keep these habitats from maturing beyond the point of usefulness to the species that require them. Active management of both savannahs and shrublands is required to mimic the natural processes of fire and grazing.

Streams & Wetlands:

Maintenance and restoration of wetlands can help maintain the environmental benefits of aquatic habitats and their surrounding ecosystems, and at the same time conserve water for humans as well as for the environment. Restoring wetlands rehabilitates the natural water cycle and provides habitat for numerous aquatic plants and wildlife, especially waterfowl and wading birds. Texas contains millions of varying wetland types that perform a wide variety of functions that we depend on for human and environmental health. Wetlands are the transitional zones between surface land and deep water. Functioning wetlands depend on the presence of water for part or all the year. Because wetlands don't require water year-round they may be hard to identify but their function is still very important. Wetlands act as a basin for flood waters, sediment stabilization, nutrient cycling, and provide habitat and food for thousands of species.

Streams are another habitat that might not have water year around but are still very significant for many of the same reasons wetlands are.

Resources for wetland restoration can be found at the end of this manual.

More information on common Texas habitat types can be found here:

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/>

Planning



Planning is the most important step when implementing conservation practices on your land. The best way to minimize any negative impacts is to have clear goals for managing their land. A plan is generally a multi-year guide, and can be modified as your goals and objectives change. Start by identifying any resource problems, current and potential land and habitat conditions, wildlife or recreation uses, and any agricultural interests you have that will affect the land. Understand and choose methods for modifying the vegetation as this will be critical in the success of future restoration (brush management, seedbed preparation, planting, plant establishment, maintenance, etc.).

The Planning Process

1. Identify Problems and Opportunities

- You have an idea of the habitats and their functions, now it's time to identify areas that need enhancement or restoration.

2. Determine Objectives

- A landowner's environmental and economic objectives are a critical part of any conservation plan.

3. Inventory Resources

- Make an inventory of the natural resources (soils, plants, water features, wildlife populations and their condition). Obtain knowledge of current and historical land use, as this is an important component in understanding how and why the land conditions exist today.

4. Formulate Alternatives

- Consider several options that will help achieve your objectives, solve natural resource problems, and create flexibility to improve and protect resource conditions.

5. Implement Management Practices

- The landowner selects the alternative(s) that best suits the needs of the resources, while being cost-effective and timely.

6. Monitor Success

- a. Keep records of when, what, and how management practices are employed, as well as the cost. Before and after photo points are a good way to document vegetation changes over time.

Implementing your Plan

Once planning decisions have been made, implementing the planned conservation practices can include engineering designs, operation and maintenance agreements, and standards and specifications.



Oil & Gas

Voluntary conservation information for oil and gas sites can be found here:

https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_br_w7000_2706_voluntary_conservation_practices.pdf

Programs for Conservation and Restoration

The following programs are available through state, federal agencies, and non-governmental organizations. The information provided includes the programs purpose, eligibility, assistance, duration, cost share amounts, and contact information.

STATE PROGRAMS

The Following information was collected from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Natural Resource Conservation Service Programs and Services manual.

TEXAS FOREST SERVICE (TFS)

Texas Forest Service Grants (Southern Pine Beetle Prevention)

- **PURPOSE:** To reduce susceptibility of dense pine stands to southern pine beetle infestation
- **ELIGIBILITY:** A minimum of 10 acres of loblolly, shortleaf or slash pine in need of first thinning within 25 counties of East Texas
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical and financial
- **DURATION:** Refer to agency
- **COST-SHARE:** Pre-commercial thinning: 50% of costs, up to \$75/acre; first thinning of pulpwood stands: \$50/acre; consulting forester fee: 50%, up to \$10/acre. Maximum = \$8,500/landowner/year; \$17,000/partnership or trust/year
- **CONTACT:** TFS office nearest you or go to: <http://txforestservation.tamu.edu>

Texas Heritage Forest Program

- **PURPOSE:** Enables a forest landowner to become a partner in ensuring the sustainability of Texas forests by establishing a prominent, living legacy of forestlands that will endow forestry research and education
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Private forestland owners with an interest in sustaining their forest resources through planned giving programs such as Gifts, Gifts of Undivided Interest, Share of Partnership Trusts and Timber Trusts



- ASSISTANCE: Technical
- DURATION: Varies
- COST-SHARE: None
- CONTACT: TFS regional offices (979) 458-6630, or go to: <http://txforestservation.tamu.edu>

Texas Forest Legacy Program

- PURPOSE: To protect environmentally and economically important forestland from conversion to non-forest uses through the purchase of conservation easements
- ELIGIBILITY: Private landowners with forestland in any of the 59 East Texas counties that make up the Texas Forest Legacy Area
- ASSISTANCE: Technical and financial
- DURATION: Perpetuity
- COST-SHARE: 75% TFS to 25% landowner match
- CONTACT: TFS regional offices (979) 458-6630, or go to: <http://txforestservation.tamu.edu>

Forest Stewardship Program

- PURPOSE: Provides technical assistance for multiple resource management to forest landowners in all parts of the state. Guidance and direction is provided by the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee. The program recognizes exemplary landowners through the Certified Forest Steward Program. The program also addresses endangered species, water quality, cultural resources, wood technology and seedling supply.
- ELIGIBILITY: Private forest landowners
- ASSISTANCE: Technical
- DURATION: Ongoing
- COST-SHARE: None
- CONTACT: TFS district offices or go to: <http://texasforestservation.tamu.edu>

Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP)

- PURPOSE: Provides landowners with informational, educational, technical and financial assistance to provide sustainable multiple resource values and benefits on their property

- **ELIGIBILITY:** Two regions share cost-share funding: (1) East Texas and (2) Central Texas, the High Plains and the Rio Grande Valley. Non-industrial ownerships between 20-100 acres qualify. Landowners must have a management plan. Special funding for traditionally underserved landowners.
- **ASSISTANCE:** Informational, educational, technical and financial
- **DURATION:** Expected to expire in 2007
- **COST-SHARE:** 35% cost share reimbursement (70% traditionally underserved). \$3500 maximum per year. Funding is available for: Management Plan Development, Afforestation and Reforestation, Forest Stand Improvement, Agroforestry Implementation, Water Quality Improvement and Watershed Protection, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Improvement, Forest Health Practices, Invasive Species Control, Wildfire and Catastrophic Risk Reduction, Wildfire and Catastrophic Event Rehabilitation. Practices must be maintained for 10 years.
- **CONTACT:** TFS district offices or go to:
<https://timbertax.org/getstarted/costshare/programs/flep/>

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Free Services for Landowners and Land Trusts

- **PURPOSE:** We believe that the more landowners and Land Trusts know about the history of their land, the better they will protect it. For this reason, THC professional archeologists, assisted by trained volunteer stewards, are available to consult with landowners by phone, mail, email and or site visit. We provide this as a confidential service and without obligation of any kind.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Any Texas Landowner, any land trust operating within Texas
- **ASSISTANCE:** Professional consultation
- **DURATION:** Project-specific
- **COST-SHARE:** Free service
- **CONTACT:** (512) 463-6096 or www.thc.state.tx.us

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT (TPWD)

East Texas Wetlands Project

- **PURPOSE:** Restore, enhance and/or create wetlands on private lands within the Texas portion of the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture

- **ELIGIBILITY:** Projects shall involve a minimum of 25 acres of surface water; project focuses on the key floodplains of East Texas
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical and financial; program is run by a partnership of TPWD, DU, NRCS and USFWS
- **DURATION:** 30-year agreements and/or Perpetual Conservation Easements
- **COST-SHARE:** A maximum of 50% of the total construction cost, not to exceed \$350/acre and \$50,000 in ETWP funding
- **CONTACT:** TPWD, DU (primary contact), NRCS and USFWS or go to: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wetlands/central-coast/erosion.phtml>

Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)

- **PURPOSE:** Provide support to private landowners for management that conserves rare species and their habitats on private lands
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Private landowners and non-governmental organizations
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical and financial
- **DURATION:** 1 to 3 years
- **PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR TEXAS LANDOWNERS** 4 Up to 75%; minimum 25% non-federal match **COST-SHARE:**
- **CONTACT:** TPWD or go to: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/lip

Texas Prairie Wetlands Project (PWP)

- **PURPOSE:** Restore, enhance, manage and/or create natural or man-made wetlands and/or harvested croplands that will benefit waterfowl and other migratory birds
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Landowners located in the 28 counties that are located within the gulf coast prairies; 5 acres of surface water is the minimum size
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical and financial; program is run by a partnership of TPWD, DU, NRCS and USFWS
- **DURATION:** 10 and 15+ year agreements
- **COST-SHARE:** Up to 75% or 100% where supplemental water is provided
- **CONTACT:** TPWD, DU, NRCS, USFWS or go to: <http://www.ducks.org/texas/texas-conservation-projects/texas-prairie-wetlands-project>

TPWD Technical Guidance Program

- **PURPOSE:** Biologists in each region of the state are available to assist landowners in planning and implementing practices that enhance wildlife habitats and populations. The primary goal of the Technical Guidance Program is to work with individual landowners, upon their request, to develop sound wildlife management programs consistent with the landowner's goals and objectives. The assistance is advisory and provided without charge.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Statewide
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical
- **DURATION:** NA
- **COST-SHARE:** NA
- **CONTACT:** TPWD Private Lands Program or go to: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/private/

TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD (TSSWCB)

Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP)

- **PURPOSE:** Assist agricultural and silvicultural producers in meeting the state's water quality goals and standards through this voluntary, incentive based program
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Agricultural landowners willing to adopt BMPs
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical guidance to create the plan; possible financial assistance with implementation
- **DURATION:** NA
- **COST-SHARE:** Technical guidance is a free service; possible financial assistance
- **CONTACT:** Local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), USDA, NRCS or go to: <https://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/programs>

Brush Control Program

- **PURPOSE:** Assist landowners to develop resource management system plans addressing brush control, soil erosion, water quality, wildlife habitat and other natural resource issues
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Critical areas designated by the TSSWCB
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical and financial
- **DURATION:** 2 years (renewable)
- **COST-SHARE:** Up to 80% of the total cost of a practice
- **CONTACT:** TSSWCB or go to: <https://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/programs>

Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)

- **PURPOSE:** Recommended for dairy producers in the watershed to voluntarily develop and implement a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Currently confined to North Bosque River watershed
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical and financial
- **DURATION:** Refer to agency
- **COST-SHARE:** Producers with TSSWCB certification of their CNMP may be eligible for cost-share through their local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD); financial assistance may also be available from some Texas universities and institutes
- **CONTACT:** Local SWCD or go to: <https://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/programs>

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PROGRAMS

EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund

(Note: funding must be obtained through the state)

- **PURPOSE:** Help fund projects for wastewater treatment, non-point source pollution control, and watershed and estuary management
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Assists a range of borrowers including municipalities, communities of all sizes. Farmers, homeowners, small businesses and non-profits only for non-point source projects
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical and financial
- **DURATION:** Loans up to 20 years
- **CONTACT:** Texas Water Development Board at (512) 463-7847 or go to: <https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf>

FARM SERVICE AGENCY PROGRAMS

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

- **PURPOSE:** Management to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and habitat
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Land must have been in agricultural commodity for 4 years between 1996 and 2001; evidence of erosion and/or water quality problem (Note: special amount of

acreage may be available for enrollment of bottomland hardwood lands and longleaf pine)

- ASSISTANCE: Technical and financial
- DURATION: Minimum 10 years
- COST-SHARE: Average \$30-\$40/acre annual rent (not to exceed \$50,000 annually) plus 50% cost-share for most practices
- CONTACT: FSA/USDA Service Centers, or go to:
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/private/farmland/crp

Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP)

- PURPOSE: Improve air and water quality through buffers, wind breaks, filter strips and field borders
- ELIGIBILITY: Can be farm or ranch land; varies according to practice
- ASSISTANCE: Technical and financial
- DURATION: 10-15 years
- COST-SHARE: Sign-up incentive payment of \$100/acre, 50% cost share on qualifying practices with an additional 40% paid upon completion, yearly \$30-\$40/acre rental payment over life of contract
- CONTACT: FSA/USDA Service Centers or go to:
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/private/farmland/ccrp

Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP)

Note: This program may be closed.

- PURPOSE: Prevent conversion of productive agricultural and grass land to other purposes
- ELIGIBILITY: Land with working haying or grazing operations
- ASSISTANCE: Technical and financial; purchase of development rights
- DURATION: 10-30-year rental agreements; 30 year and permanent easements
- COST-SHARE: Assessed according to appraised value of land
- CONTACT: NRCS or FSA Service Centers or go to:
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/private/farmland/grp

Debt for Nature

(Debt Cancellation Conservation Contract Program)

- **PURPOSE:** Program offers possible cancellation of portion of FSA indebtedness in exchange for conservation contract on land suitable for conservation, recreation and/or wildlife
- **ELIGIBILITY:** FSA indebtedness; certain types of land more suitable including those with measurable conservation values
- **ASSISTANCE:** Financial
- **DURATION:** 50, 30 or 10 year contracts
- **COST-SHARE:** Up to 33 percent of loan principle (more under certain conditions)
- **CONTACT:** FSA/USDA/USFWS Service or go to: www.fsa.usda.gov

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA)

Marine Fisheries Initiative (MARFIN)

- **PURPOSE:** Support research and development projects in SE and NE Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Institutions of higher education, other nonprofits, commercial organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments
- **ASSISTANCE:** Financial
- **DURATION:** Up to 3 years
- **COST-SHARE:** Not required
- **CONTACT:** (727) 824-5324 or go to:
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/operations_management_information_services/state_federal liaison_branch/index.html

Saltonstall-Kennedy Program Grants and Cooperative Agreements

- **PURPOSE:** The Saltonstall-Kennedy Act established a fund to provide grants or cooperative agreements for fisheries research and development projects addressed to any aspect of United States fisheries, including, but not limited to, harvesting, processing, aquaculture, marketing and associated infrastructures.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Eligible applicants must be: (1) a citizen or national of the United States, (2) a citizen of the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI), (3) a citizen of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau or the Federated States of Micronesia; or (4) represent an entity that is an institution of higher education, other nonprofit, commercial organization, state, local or Indian tribal government, if such entity is a citizen of the United States or NMI, within the meaning of section 2 of the Shipping act, 1916, as amended.

- ASSISTANCE: Financial (grants or cooperative agreements)
- DURATION: Grants are not to exceed 24 months
- COST-SHARE: Applicants must provide a minimum cost share of 10% of total (Federal and non-federal combined) project costs, but the cost share must not exceed 50% of total costs
- CONTACT: (301) 713-2358, or go to: www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocs/skhome.html

Unallied Management Project Grants

- PURPOSE: To provide grants and cooperative agreements of biological, socioeconomic and physical science research on the stocks of fishery and protected resources of the United States and their environment that will contribute to their optimal management for the benefit of the nation; also, to award grants and cooperative agreements to develop innovative approaches and methods for marine and estuarine science.
- ELIGIBILITY: Open to state and local governments, including their universities and colleges; United States territorial agencies; federally and state recognized Indian tribal governments; private universities and colleges; private profit and nonprofit research and conservation organizations and/or individuals
- ASSISTANCE: Financial (not funded every year)
- DURATION: Generally 12 months
- COST-SHARE: No statutory formula. Funding up to 100% of the federal share. Grantee matching contributions are not required but are encouraged.
- CONTACT: National Marine Fisheries Service/NOAA (562) 980-4239 or go to: http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/operations_management_information_services/state_federal_liaison_branch/unallied_management_projects/index.html

USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

Conservation of Private Grazing Land (CPGL)

- PURPOSE: CPGL is a voluntary program that helps owners and managers of private grazing lands address natural resource concerns while enhancing the economic and social stability of grazing land enterprises and the rural communities that rely on them
- ELIGIBILITY: All owners and managers of private grazing lands
- ASSISTANCE: Technical
- DURATION: Varies; refer to agency
- COST-SHARE: NA

- CONTACT: NRCS/USDA Service Centers and Conservation District Offices or go to: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/private/farmbill/cpgl or www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cpgl

Conservation Security Program (CSP)

- PURPOSE: Reward best land management practices
- ELIGIBILITY: Landowners in targeted watersheds who excel in improving soil quality
- ASSISTANCE: Technical and financial
- DURATION: 5-10 years
- COST-SHARE: Three tiers of rental payments and cost-share
- CONTACT: NRCS/USDA Service and other Centers and Conservation District Offices or go to: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/private/farmbill/csp www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farm_bill/Conservation%20Security%20Program.html

Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)

- PURPOSE: Conservation program for farmers and ranchers for protection or improvement of soil, water and related natural resources, including wildlife
- ELIGIBILITY: Land that is in livestock or agricultural production; cropland, rangeland, pasture or forestland
- ASSISTANCE: Technical and financial
- DURATION: 1-10 year contracts
- COST-SHARE: Normally 50%, up to 90% for economically disadvantaged landowners
- CONTACT: NRCS/FSA/USDA Service Centers and Conservation District Offices or go to: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/private/farmbill/eqip www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip

Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)

- PURPOSE: Prevent conversion of productive agricultural land to other purposes
- ELIGIBILITY: Agricultural land that has at least 50% of its soil that is prime, unique or of statewide importance and that is considered to be in danger of conversion to nonagricultural uses.
- ASSISTANCE: Purchase of development rights
- DURATION: Permanent easements

- **COST-SHARE:** Assessed according to appraised value of land before and after the easement is placed on the property
- **CONTACT:** NRCS/USDA State Offices and Cooperating Entities (state and local governments, Indian tribes, land trusts and other non-government organizations) or go to: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/private/farmland/fpp
www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp

Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

- **PURPOSE:** Restore, enhance and protect wetlands on private lands. Accomplished using cost share assistance for actual restoration activities as well as potential payments for the purchase of temporary or permanent conservation easements provides excellent financial incentives to landowners willing to retire eligible wetlands. The landowner retains the right of quiet enjoyment of the easement area including undeveloped recreational use.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** No acreage limit. Eligible lands include cropped wetlands and wetlands converted to cropland prior to 1985, adjacent functionally related uplands, natural wetlands are eligible as adjacent lands and riparian areas must link protected wetlands.
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical and financial
- **DURATION:** Permanent, 10 or 30-year programs
- **COST-SHARE:** Up to 75% of fair market value and restoration costs for Restoration Cost Share Agreements and 30-year easements; up to 100% for permanent easements
- **CONTACT:** NRCS/USDA Service Centers and Conservation District Offices or go to: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/private/farmland/wrp
www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)

- **PURPOSE:** WHIP is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private lands. It provides both technical assistance and cost-share payments to help establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. WHIP funds are distributed to states based on state wildlife habitat priorities, which may include wildlife habitat areas, targeted species and their habitats, and specific practices.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** No acreage limit specified. Lands are eligible statewide based on established program priorities.
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical and financial
- **DURATION:** Generally, 5 or 10 year agreements
- **COST-SHARE:** Up to 50% of project costs

- CONTACT: NRCS/USDA Service Centers and Conservation District Offices or go to:
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/private/farmland/whip
www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip

Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)

- PURPOSE: Provide technical assistance supported by science-based technology and tools to help people conserve, maintain and improve their natural resources
- ELIGIBILITY: All owners, managers and others that have a stake and interest in natural resource management, including wildlife, on private, tribal or non-federal lands
- ASSISTANCE: Technical
- DURATION: NA
- COST-SHARE: NA
- CONTACT: NRCS/USDA Service Centers and Conservation District Offices or go to:
www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov

Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI)

- PURPOSE: To support the stewardship of Texas grazing lands and to sustain Texas' valuable natural resources
- ELIGIBILITY: Owners and managers of privately owned grazing lands
- ASSISTANCE: Technical
- DURATION: NA
- COST-SHARE: NA
- CONTACT: NRCS/USDA Service Centers and Conservation District Offices
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/people/partners/glci/>

Rural Abandoned Mine Program

- PURPOSE: Restoring the soil and water resources of rural lands adversely affected by past coal mining practices
- ELIGIBILITY: Limited to individuals who own or control the surface or water rights of abandoned coal land or lands and water affected by coal mining practices before August 3, 1977
- ASSISTANCE: Financial and technical

- DURATION: 5 to 10-year contract based on the reclamation plan to receive cost-sharing
- COST-SHARE: NA; direct payments for specified use
- CONTACT: NRCS/USDA offices, call (202) 720-1873 or go to:
<https://www.federalgrantswire.com/rural-abandoned-mine-program.html#.W4Q1oehKi00>

Emergency Watershed Program (EWP)

- PURPOSE: Designed to relieve imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, windstorms and other natural occurrences. Work can include: removing debris from stream channels, road culverts and bridges; reshaping and protecting eroded banks; correcting damaged drainage facilities; repairing levees and structures; reseeding damaged areas; and purchasing floodplain easements.
- ELIGIBILITY: Public and private landowners are eligible for assistance but must be represented by a project sponsor. The project sponsor must be a public agency of state, county or city government, or a special district or tribal government.
- ASSISTANCE: Technical and financial
- DURATION: Refer to agency
- COST-SHARE: Up to 75% of the construction cost of emergency measures or up to 90% in limited resource areas
- CONTACT: NRCS/USDA Service Centers and Conservation District Offices, or call (202) 690-0793, or go to: www.nrcs.usda.gov/Programs/ewp

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR PROGRAMS

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PROGRAMS

Challenge Cost-Share Program

- PURPOSE: Projects focus on restoration of natural resources, the establishment or expansion of wildlife habitats and wildlife-oriented recreational and education programs
- ELIGIBILITY: Public (NWRs, fish hatcheries, etc.) and private lands
- ASSISTANCE: Technical and financial
- DURATION: Usually one year
- COST-SHARE: Matched 50/50 (no other federal funds)
- CONTACT: USFWS or go to: <https://www.fws.gov/policy/055fw6.html>

Coastal Program

- **PURPOSE:** Protect coastal habitats through conservation easement and acquisition; restore coastal wetlands, uplands and riparian areas; remove barriers to fish passage in coastal watersheds; control and monitor exotic and invasive species that threaten estuarine health
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to government agencies, conservation organizations, water-shed councils, trusts, academia, business, private landowners and projects on public and private land
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical and financial
- **DURATION:** Refer to agency
- **COST-SHARE:** Refer to agency
- **CONTACT:** USFWS <https://www.fws.gov/coastal/>

Cooperative Conservation Initiative

- **PURPOSE:** Supports efforts to restore natural resources and establish or expand wildlife habitat; program aims to increase citizen participation in stewardship
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Landowners, land-user groups, environmental organizations, communities and governments
- **ASSISTANCE:** Financial
- **DURATION:** Refer to agency
- **COST-SHARE:** Up to 50%
- **CONTACT:** USFWS or any DOI agency

Fish Passage Program

- **PURPOSE:** Voluntary program that reconnects fish species to historic habitats; funding for restoration by removing or bypassing barriers including dam removal, culvert renovation, installing fishways and screens, and identification of impediments
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Unrestricted; subject to clarification
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical and financial; Cost-share
- **DURATION:** Refer to agency
- **COST-SHARE:** No required match; however, a 50% cost-share is highly encouraged
- **CONTACT:** Clear Lake Ecological Services Field Office, (281) 286-8282 or go to: <https://www.fws.gov/midwest/fisheries/fish-passage-program.html>

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Program

- **PURPOSE:** Promote conservation of neotropical migratory birds in United States, Latin America and Caribbean; assist in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds by providing financial resources for the projects of partnerships in countries within the ranges of neotropical migratory birds
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants may be: an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association or other private entity; an officer, employee, agent, department or instrumentality of government with an interest in neotropical migratory bird conservation
- **ASSISTANCE:** Financial; project grants
- **DURATION:** Varies; awarded funds must be spent during the approved period of performance of the grant agreement
- **COST-SHARE:** In determining whether to accept projects for funding approval, applicants must guarantee a 3:1 match amount. That is, the applicant must match each Act dollar with 3 non-federal dollars.
- **CONTACT:** USFWS Division of Bird Habitat Conservation (703) 358-1784 or neotropical@fws.gov or go to: <https://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NMBCA/2007.shtm>

North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 (NAWCA)

- **PURPOSE:** Wetland acquisition, restoration and enhancement; partner with agencies in United States, Mexico and Canada
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Wetland ecosystems, migratory bird habitats; larger and special concern areas given priority
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical and financial
- **DURATION:** Minimum 10-year agreement (5 years for demonstration projects)
- **COST-SHARE:** One-to-one match for federal and non-federal funds
- **CONTACT:** USFWS at (703) 358-1784, dbhc@fws.gov or go to: <https://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NMBCA/2007.shtm>

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (PFW)

- **PURPOSE:** To restore, enhance, manage habitat; re-establishment of natural communities
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Any wetland; special consideration for specified criteria areas
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical and financial
- **DURATION:** 10 years or more (demonstration sites may be less)
- **COST-SHARE:** Up to 100%; demo projects at 50% (not to exceed \$15,000 if less than 10 years)

- CONTACT: USFWS at (817) 277-1100 gov or go to: <https://www.fws.gov/partners/>

Private Stewardship for Imperiled Species Grants

- PURPOSE: Assistance is provided to individuals and groups to fund the voluntary restoration, management or enhancement of habitat on private lands for endangered, threatened, proposed, candidate or other at-risk species
- ELIGIBILITY: Sponsored organizations, individual/family, specialized group, public nonprofit institution/organization, private nonprofit institution/ organization, small business, profit organization or other private institution/organization
- ASSISTANCE: Financial; project grants
- DURATION: Varies; Awarded funds must be spent during the approved Period of Performance of the grant agreement, and in accordance with DOI/FWS financial and reporting procedures
- COST-SHARE: A 10% cost-share on the part of the landowner or other nonfederal partner is required CONTACT: USFWS at (817) 277-1100 or go to: <https://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/grant-programs.html>

Private Stewardship Program Grants

- PURPOSE: These grants are intended to benefit to species listed, proposed, candidate for listing under Endangered Species Act, candidate species or other at-risk species on private lands within the United States.
- ELIGIBILITY: Voluntary conservation efforts on private land; for private landowners and their non-federal partners.
- ASSISTANCE: Technical and financial
- DURATION: Refer to agency
- COST-SHARE: Cost-share of at least 10% (may be up to 90% in some cases)
- CONTACT: USFWS at (817) 277-1100 or go to: <https://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/grant-programs.html>

Safe Harbor Agreements

(Attwater's Prairie-Chicken, Endangered Songbirds, Houston Toad, Northern Aplomado Falcon, Red-cockaded Woodpecker)

- PURPOSE: Assistance to landowners in managing their lands in ways that benefit species and their habitats and providing them regulatory flexibility if the result is an increase in populations on their land

- **ELIGIBILITY:** Texas landowners with habitat for one or more of these species on site
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical and financial
- **DURATION:** Refer to agency
- **COST-SHARE:** Refer to agency
- **CONTACT:** USFWS Endangered Species Program (703) 358-2105 or go to:
<https://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/harborqa.pdf>

U.S. FOREST SERVICE, USDA

Forest Taxation

- **PURPOSE:** To provide advice and information to landowners to increase their knowledge of tax incentives intended to encourage forestry investments and management of forest resources
- **ELIGIBILITY:** All non-industrial private forest landowners
- **ASSISTANCE:** Technical
- **DURATION:** NA
- **COST-SHARE:** NA
- **CONTACT:** USDA/USFS at (936) 344-6205 or go to:
www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/tax.shtml

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

AUDUBON TEXAS

Audubon assists Texas landowners through educational workshops and technical guidance on best management practices. Audubon also helps landowners and land managers build partnerships to leverage conservation activities effectively.

CONTACT: (512) 300-BIRD (2473) or go to:

<http://tx.audubon.org/conservation/resources>

CAESAR KLEBERG WILDLIFE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

- **Landowner Information Services**
The mission of the Institute is to provide science-based information for enhancing the conservation and management of wildlife in south Texas and related environments.

Publications, conferences and workshops cover a range of topics including technical land management, current wildlife research, and habitat and rangeland ecology.

- CONTACT: (361) 593-3922 or go to: <http://ckwri.tamuk.edu>

DUCKS UNLIMITED (DU)

Maximizing Aid to Restore State Habitat Program (MARSH)

- PURPOSE: To enhance, restore, protect and manage wetland habitat
- ELIGIBILITY: Open to municipalities, public agencies, private persons, other public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, organizations and individuals
- ASSISTANCE: Technical and financial (project grants, cooperative agreements)
- DURATION: Annual
- CONTACT: DU Texas Field Office at (832) 595-0663 or go to: www.ducks.org

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE (ED)

Landowner Conservation Assistance Program

- PURPOSE: To restore, enhance and protect habitats for endangered species by working with willing landowners on conscientious land management practices
- ELIGIBILITY: Private landowners in the Hill Country, Bastrop and Lee counties, and South Texas with respect to endangered species restoration and protection. Agreement to undertake such actions as brush management, conducting prescribed burns, planting native species, etc.
- ASSISTANCE: Technical, financial and safe harbor (regulatory assurances)
- DURATION: Ongoing
- COST-SHARE: Refer to organization
- CONTACT: Environmental Defense at (512) 478-5161 or go to: <https://www.edf.org/ecosystems/protecting-wildlife-right-incentives>

TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY (TCTWS)

- TCTWS is a professional organization of wildlife biologists. It serves as a resource for wildlife conservation by promoting state of the art scientific and educational materials, sponsoring technical information exchange, influencing wildlife policies, reviewing and editing curricula for textbooks, and other innovative approaches to foster wildlife stewardship. The organization hosts regular meetings, workshops, youth scholarships and conservation camps.
- CONTACT: www.tctws.org

TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

- Texas Cooperative Extension offers a wide range of landowner resources including informative reports and publications as well as educational programs, technical guidance and research projects. Recent projects include a study on land fragmentation in the state, Houston Toad conservation efforts and an internet mapping system called CLEAR (County Level Easily Accessible Resource). Programs and publications cover topics from ranch and range management, youth programs, wildlife health and wildlife business, waterfowl and wetlands, and general wildlife management for different regions of the state as well as other aspects of agriculture and family life. Texas Cooperative Extension also hosts In Your County talks and forum meetings.
- CONTACT: your local county office or go to: <https://agriflifeextension.tamu.edu/>

TEXAS FORESTRY ASSOCIATION (TFA)

Tree Farm Certification Program

- PURPOSE: The American Tree Farm System certification program recognizes the practice of sustainable and excellent forestry on private forestlands. This recognition raises the visibility of the private landowners in their communities and inspires and motivates other non-managing forest landowners to practice sustainable forestry.
- ELIGIBILITY: Landowners who want to become certified Tree Farmers
- ASSISTANCE: Technical
- DURATION: Minimum of 5 years
- COST-SHARE: NA
- CONTACT: (202) 463-2462 or go to: www.treefarmssystem.org
or www.texasforestry.org

TEXAS LAND TRUST COUNCIL (TLTC)

TLTC Resources

- The Texas Land Trust Council was formed in 1999 in partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to serve as a support association for all land trust organizations in Texas. The council's mission is to promote and sustain the conservation efforts of Texas' land trusts. TLTC is an independent organization that continues to provide educational, organizational and technical support to land trusts, and acts as a statewide clearinghouse for conservation information. TLTC hosts a Web site: www.texaslandtrustcouncil.org publishes a newsletter, a land trust directory, a conservation easement handbook, an

annual inventory of protected lands in Texas and a conservation “packet” that can be tailored to meet the needs of land trusts, landowners and professional advisors.

- CONTACT: cvogel@texaslandtrustcouncil.org

TEXAS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION (TWA)

- TWA is involved in many facets of education about wildlife and habitat management on private lands, including landowner field days, youth education (L.A.N.D.S, Texas Brigades), implementation of conservation initiatives, Texas Big Game Awards, Texas Youth Hunting Program, outdoor skills training for youth and adults, and advocacy at the local, state and national level.
- CONTACT: Toll-free (800) 839-9453 or go to: www.texas-wildlife.org

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY (TNC) TEXAS CHAPTER

Resources, Information and Activities

- TNC provides private landowners with information on programs for protecting wetlands (such as conservation easements, acquisition, bargain sale, donation and other voluntary agreements), best management practices and other relevant scientific information. The State chapter also provides information about TNC preserves in Texas and field trips, events and educational opportunities open to the public.
- CONTACT: (210) 224-8774 or go to: www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/texas/contact

Restoration Links:

[Landowner assistance: technical guidance](#) (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department)

[Private lands and habitat program](#) (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department)

[Local service centers](#) (Natural Resources Conservation Service)

[Working lands for wildlife – monarch butterfly](#) (Natural Resources Conservation Service)

[Funding opportunities](#) (Natural Resources Conservation Service)

[Integrating monarch butterfly habitat on land managed for northern bobwhite quail](#) (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension)

[Prescribed burn program](#) (Texas Department of Agriculture)

[Range monitoring with photo-points](#) (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension)

[Wildlife Habitat Federation](#)

[Pollinator conservation and farm system planning](#) (Natural Resources Conservation Service)

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/>

Forests:

<https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/econ/data/forestincentives/tx.htm>

<https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/private-land/landowner-resources>

Prairie:

[Monarch habitat project](#) (Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board)

[Grassland restoration incentive program](#) (Oaks and Prairies Joint Venture)

<https://www.fws.gov/midwest/news/nativeprairies.html>

<http://www.gulfhoustonrep.org/pci/>

<https://prairieecologist.com/2012/11/06/the-right-metaphor-for-prairie-restoration/>

Streams:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/water/manage/restoration/>

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/erosion-control-and-stream-restoration>

<https://www.wetlands.com/stream-restoration/>

<https://www.seswa.org/assets/Services/Annual-Conference/2010/11%20-%20stream%20restoration%20%20methods%20purpose%20and%20practices%20rubenstein.pdf>

Wetlands:

<https://water.usgs.gov/nwsum/WSP2425/restoration.html>

<https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/principles-wetland-restoration>

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/water/wetlands/restore/>

https://www.aswm.org/pdf_lib/wetland_restoration_whitepaper_041415.pdf

Seed Resources:

[Texas native seeds seed collection](#) (Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute)

Tools:

[Map my property](#) (mapping soil types and vegetation communities) (Texas A&M Forest Service)

Conservation Easements:

<http://www.gbrtrust.org/documents/easements/ConservationEasements.pdf>

<https://www.renstrust.org/protect/14-protect/38-questions-and-answers-on-conservation-easements>

<https://mylandplan.org/content/facts-and-myths-about-conservation-easements>

<http://www.wildlifelandtrust.org/how-you-can-help/protect-your-land/conservation-options-for.html>

Incentive Programs:

<https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/econ/data/forestincentives/tx.htm>

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/private/lip/>

https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/private/lone_star_land_steward/

CONTACT INFORMATION

American Tree Farm System

111 19th St. N.W., Suite 780 • Washington, D.C. 20036

(202) 463-2462

www.treefarmssystem.org

Audubon Texas

2904 Swiss Avenue • Dallas, TX 75204

www.tx.audubon.org

(214)-370-9735

audubontexas@audubon.org

Ducks Unlimited (DU)

Texas Field Office

1620 F.M. 2218 • Richmond, TX 77469

(832) 595-0663

www.ducks.org

Environmental Defense (ED)

Texas Regional Office

44 East Avenue, Suite 304 • Austin, TX 78701

(512) 478-5161

www.environmentaldefense.org/aboutus.cfm?tagID=359&menu=370&sub=361

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Region 6 Main Office

1445 Ross Avenue • Dallas, TX 75202

(214) 665-6444

www.epa.gov/region6

Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

700 University Boulevard, MSC 218 • Kingsville, TX 78363-8202

(361) 593-3922

<http://ckwri.tamuk.edu>

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Farm Service Agency (FSA)

P.O. Box 2900 • College Station, TX 77841-2900

(979) 680-5159

www.fsa.usda.gov/tx

National Marine Fisheries Service

State/Federal Liaison Branch

Southeast Regional Office

263 13th Avenue South • St. Petersburg, FL 33701

(727) 824-5324

www.nmfs.noaa.gov

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

National Marine Fisheries Service, Financial Services Division

1315 East-West Highway • Silver Spring, MD 20910

(301) 713-2358

www.nmfs.noaa.gov

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

101 South Main • Temple, TX 76501

(254) 742-9800 Fax: (254) 742-9819

www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov

The Nature Conservancy of Texas

PO Box 1440 • San Antonio, TX 78295-1440

(210) 224-8774

www.nature.org/texas

Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society (TCTWS)

c/o Welder Wildlife Foundation

P.O. Box 1400 • Sinton, Texas 78387

(361) 364-2643

Texas Forestry Association (TFA)

P.O. Box 1488 • Lufkin, TX 75902-1488

(936) 632-TREE Fax: (936) 632-9461 Toll-free: (866) TXTREES

www.texasforestry.org

Texas Forest Service (TFS)

301 Tarrow, Suite 364 • College Station, TX 77840-7896

(979) 458-6610

<http://texasforests.tamu.edu>

Texas Historical Commission Archeology Division

P.O. Box 12276 • Austin, Texas 78711-2276

(512) 463-6096

archeology@thc.state.tx.us

www.thc.state.tx.us

Texas Land Trust Council (TLTC)

1305 San Antonio Street • Austin, TX 78701

(512) 236-0655

www.texaslandtrusts.org or

cvogel@texaslandtrustcouncil.org

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)

4200 Smith School Road • Austin, TX 78744

(800) 792-1112

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/conservation/private_lands

Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)

311 N. 5th, P.O. Box 658 • Temple, TX 76503

(254) 773-2250

To locate your local contact:

www.tsswcb.state.tx.us/swcd/swcdmap.html

Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

1700 North Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13231 • Austin, TX 78711-3231

(512) 463-7847 Fax: (512) 475-2053

www.twdb.state.tx.us/assistance/assistance_main.asp

Texas Wildlife Association (TWA)

2800 NE Loop 410, Suite 105 • San Antonio, TX 78218

(210) 826-2904 Toll-Free (800) 839-9453

www.texas-wildlife.org

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome

United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Austin Ecological Services Field Office

10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200 • Austin, TX 78758

(512) 490-0057

United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

711 Stadium Drive, Suite 252 • Arlington, TX 76011

(817) 277-1100