

# Conservation Resources for Landowners

## *Technical and Financial Help for Central Texas Landowners Seeking to Manage Wildlife Habitat*

Inside are over 30 websites and 40 phone numbers to help you find cost-sharing programs and information offered by federal agencies, state and regional agencies, private foundations, and non-profit organizations.



### Non-Profit Land Trusts

*partner with landowners to protect open space against unwanted development by receiving or purchasing development rights in perpetuity (often providing tax benefits to the owner); provide technical help; assist landowners in securing conservation agreements with universities to study plants or animals on their lands; and connect landowners with private and government programs and tools for protection of natural and traditional-use lands*

Texas Land Trust Council—  
Statewide organization of land trusts  
Carolyn Vogel  
[www.texaslandtrusts.org](http://www.texaslandtrusts.org)  
(512) 236-0655

Some land trusts active in Central Texas  
(listed alphabetically):

American Farmland Trust  
[www.farmland.org](http://www.farmland.org) 202-331-7300

Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust  
[www.gbra.org](http://www.gbra.org) (800) 413-4130

Hill Country Conservancy  
[www.hillcountryconservancy.org](http://www.hillcountryconservancy.org) (512) 328-2481

Hill Country Land Trust  
[www.hctc.org](http://www.hctc.org) (830) 997-0027

Native Prairies Association of Texas  
[www.texasprairie.org](http://www.texasprairie.org) (817) 735-4651

Natural Area Preservation Association  
[www.napa-texas.org](http://www.napa-texas.org) (512) 804-1981

Pines and Prairies Land Trust  
[www.pinesandprairieslandtrust.org](http://www.pinesandprairieslandtrust.org)  
(512) 308-1911

The Nature Conservancy of Texas  
[www.tnc.org/texas](http://www.tnc.org/texas) (210) 224-8774

Trust for Public Land  
[www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org) (512) 478-4644

## Private and Non-profit Organizations

### Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society

[www.tctws.org](http://www.tctws.org)

*technical help for sustaining diversity of wildlife and habitats*

Terry Blankenship (Sinton) (361) 364-2643

### The Texas Wildlife Association

[www.texas-wildlife.org](http://www.texas-wildlife.org)

*technical help in developing wildlife habitat for hunting and fishing*

Kirby Brown (San Antonio) (210) 826-2904

### National Audubon Society

[www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org)

*wildlife identification, public speakers, volunteers, ecotourism*

Office (Travis Co.)

(512) 300-2473

Priscilla Jarvis (Bastrop Co.)

(512) 281-2762

Terry Austin (State office)

(512) 306-0225

### Ducks Unlimited

[www.ducks.org](http://www.ducks.org)

*Matching Aid to Restore States Habitat (MARSH)—up to 50% cost-share on long-term projects benefiting waterfowl*

Ed Ritter (Manager Conservation Programs, Texas)

(832) 595-0663

### LBJ Wildflower Research Center

[www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org)

*native seed sources, technical help in choosing appropriate landscaping plants*

Austin office (512) 292-4100

### Environmental Defense

[www.environmentaldefense.org](http://www.environmentaldefense.org)

*Safe Harbor term agreements with owners of endangered species habitat*

Austin (512) 478-5161

## Private and Non-Profit Organizations

### Wetland Habitat Alliance of Texas

[www.whatduck.org](http://www.whatduck.org)

*up to 100% cost-share for restoring and protecting natural wetlands for 10 year periods*

(936) 569-9428

Eric Frasier (Executive Director)

### Texas Master Naturalist Program

<http://masternaturalist.tamu.edu>

*volunteers providing education, outreach and service for management of natural resources and areas*

Elaine Cearely (Bastrop-Caldwell Cos. Pres.)

(512) 237-3021

### Holistic Resource Management of Texas

[www.hrm-texas.org](http://www.hrm-texas.org)

*technical assistance for developing profitable, biologically diverse family-run farms and ranches*

Pat Richardson (Austin) (512) 371-1885

Peggy or Pam at 512-847-3822

### National Wildlife Federation

[www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat](http://www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat)

*backyard wildlife habitat development; cost-sharing programs for habitat enhancement*

Gulf State Natural Resource Center

(512) 476-9805

### Native Plant Society of Texas

[www.npsot.org](http://www.npsot.org)

*conservation, research, sources for, and uses of native plants*

Dr. Phil Schappert (512)360-4186

### Equestrian Land Conservation Resource

[www.elcr.org](http://www.elcr.org)

*technical help and speakers for preserving open space and equestrian access*

National office (815)858-3501

## **Federal Government**

### **USDA Farm Services Agency**

[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

*Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)—up to 50% cost-share for planting vegetative cover on highly erodible cropland; 10-year terms*

Jacob Chapman (512) 321-4289 ext. 2

### **Natural Resource Conservation Service**

[www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov)

*Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)—50-100% cost-share for restoring converted or cropped wetlands; 30 year terms*

Russle Castro (Texas State) (254)-742-9982

*Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)—cost-share for managing wildlife and endangered species)*

Michael Raney (Bastrop Co.) (512) 321-2489

Roberto Lopez (Lee Co.) (979) 542-5014

Denis Newman (Fayette Co.) (979) 968-5893

*Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)—up to 75% cost-share for implementing conservation practices on farms and ranches; 10 year terms*

Sammy Orange (409) 260-9235

### **US Fish & Wildlife Service**

[www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)

*cost-share agreements and technical support emphasizing endangered species, including*

*Partners for Wildlife Program—up to 75% cost-share for restoring wildlife habitats*

Tim Schumann(512) 490-0057

Mike McCollum (817) 885-7830

*Challenge Cost-Share Program—up to 50% cost-share for conserving fish and wildlife habitat on public and private lands*

Bill Myer (480)967-7900

## **Federal Government**

### **US Forest Service**

[www.fs.fed.us/spf](http://www.fs.fed.us/spf)

*cost-sharing programs for forest health, fire management, urban and community forestry, including the Forest Legacy Program, Forest Stewardship Program, and Forest Land Enhancement Program*

Tom Darden (Atlanta, GA) (404) 347-7200



## **State Government**

### **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department**

[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

*Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)—cost-share for managing rare species on private land; technical help in creating wildlife management plans*

Steve Bender or Meredith Longoria  
(Bastrop, Caldwell Cos.) (512) 332-7280

Greg Pleasant

(Lee, Fayette Cos.) (979) 540-2744

Brent Ortego (Statewide) (361) 576-0022

*Private Lands and Public Hunting Program (technical assistance) for conserving, enhancing and leasing (for hunting)wildlife habitat*

Linda Campbell (512) 389-4395

*Wildlife Rehabilitators for many Texas counties can be found on the TPWD website*

## **State Government**

### **Texas Agricultural Extension Service**

<http://agextension.tamu.edu>

*provides natural resource information, publications, educational programs*

Maron Finely (Bastrop, Caldwell Cos. )  
(512) 581-7186

Billy Gillum (Lee Co.) (409) 542-2753

Larry Nickel (Fayette Co.) (979) 968-5831

### **Texas Department of Agriculture**

[www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us)

*low-cost loans for alternative crops, water conservation*

Austin office (512) 463-7476

### **Texas Forest Service**

[txforestservice.tamu.edu/](http://txforestservice.tamu.edu/)

*Texas Forest Stewardship Program (FSP)—technical help to enhance water, wildlife, and recreation on private forests; liassion with USDA Forest Service programs; Safe Harbor agreements*

Daniel Lewis (La Grange) (979) 968-5555  
Headquarters (979) 458-6650

*Texas Reforestation Foundation (TRe)—cost-share for reforesting non-industrial timber lands*

Cheryl Malone (Lufkin) (936) 632-TREE

### **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**

[www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us)

*technical help with rainwater harvesting, xeriscaping, non-point source pollution, yard care; awards for excellence in pollution prevention, composting, stewardship*

Austin Main Office (512) 239-1000

### **Lower Colorado River Authority**

[www.lcra.org/community/creekside.html](http://www.lcra.org/community/creekside.html)

*Creekside Conservation Program—up to 50% cost-share for reducing stream sedimentation and non-point source pollution*

Austin office (800) 776-5272, ext. 3518

## ***The programs inside can help you find financial and technical assistance for:***

land restoration  
game habitat  
non-game habitat  
pest management  
nutrient management  
water quality and quantity  
endangered species management  
native seed and plant sources  
wildlife rehabilitation  
and more!

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