

Nonprofits Act to Protect Texas Water Resources

Since 2011 Texas has experienced exceptional drought conditions that have imperiled our water resources and have cost Texas agriculture and other industries billions of dollars. Much of the state is still experiencing abnormally dry to severe drought conditions, yet demand for water keeps increasing.



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Central Texas is among the nation's fastest growing regions with the population expected to more than double by 2040. New developments and the resulting impervious cover threaten water quality and increase the chance of dangerous flash floods when it does rain. Texas leads all other states in the loss of rural farming and ranch lands, from 1990-2012, Texas lost 12 million acres to urban development.

As Central Texas grows, so will our dependency on the Edwards Aquifer and the Colorado River. Hill Country Conservancy works directly with landowners in environmentally sensitive areas to preserve and protect many of the

natural features that filter rainwater and runoff into these water sources. HCC protects land from development through conservation easements. These agreements protect our water resources, preserve habitat and safeguard the scenic views and unique character of the Texas Hill Country.

The National Wildlife Federation, through its Texas Living Waters Project, works to advance water conservation as part of their efforts to protect the springs, rivers and bays of Texas. The Living Waters Project is a partnership focused on resource management, water conservation, drought planning and more. Wise use of water keeps more flowing into our rivers and sustains the precious natural heritage that makes Texas so special.

The Texas Land Conservancy's "Land for Water" initiative safeguards water resources by strategically protecting critical landscapes. Land for Water reduces the negative effects of land fragmentation and development by protecting land through ownership or permanent conservation easements. TLC is focused on the protection of six key Texas watersheds that are under high threat of fragmentation, but also have optimal opportunities for significant conservation impact.

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