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# Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance

## Elephant Ear Revisited

Last Tuesday, five crews from Texas Parks and Wildlife, Llano River Field Station, and the Llano River Watershed Alliance continued their efforts to control elephant ears on the Llano.

Through on-going efforts, most of the elephant ear on the South Llano has been controlled; the focus is now turning to the North Llano and the mainstem below Junction.

This latter section is home to beautiful Neathery Falls.



Photo: Megan Bean



## Conservation Easement Workshop in Kerrville this Friday



## Test your Water Well this Wednesday

Kimble County Groundwater Conservation District and Real-Edwards Water Conservation and Reclamation

District are sponsoring a water well screening day, Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Kimble County Courthouse. Samples must be turned in on the morning of May 11<sup>th</sup> by 10am and will be run that day.

The well screening day is designed to inform private water well owners and users of the condition of their well water.

The cost of the test is \$5 per sample and tests for fecal coliform, salinity, and nitrate. Call (325) 446-4826 for more info.

### **What is a conservation easement?**

### **What are the income and estate tax benefits of donating a conservation easement?**

These questions and many more will be answered this Friday at the Hill Country Alliance Conservation Easement Workshop at the Upper Guadalupe River Authority Lecture Hall in Kerrville.

The workshop is from 10 to 3 with lunch provided. [More details...](#)

## Are you an Agricultural Producer in Edwards or Real County?

The Plateau Water Planning Group (Region J) is currently seeking nominations to fill one vacancy on the Regional Water Planning Group. This vacancy represents the “Agricultural” interest.

Edwards and Real County are located in the [Region J Planning Area](#).



Members of the Llano River Watershed Alliance participated in the quarterly clean up of highway from the Llano River Field Station to the Junction City Limits last Thursday. Refreshments followed at [Paddler's Porch](#).

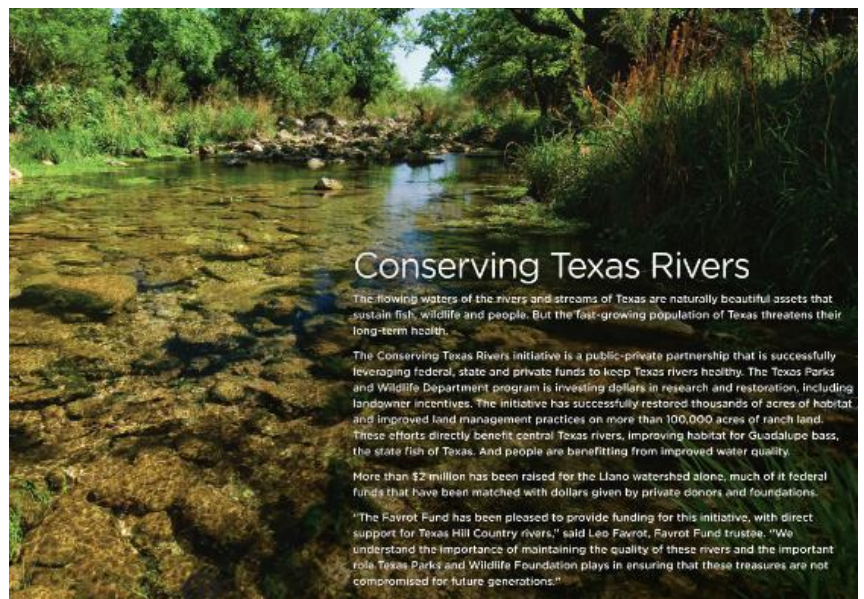


## Llano River efforts featured in Foundation Report

*“More than \$2 million has been raised for the Llano watershed alone, much of it federal funds that have been matched with dollars given by private donors and foundations.”*

The Llano River was recently featured in [Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation's](#) Annual Report. The Foundation funds programs supported by high quality stewardship and sound science that directly conserve Texas' natural resources and raise awareness of conservation issues.

[Download report](#)



### Conserving Texas Rivers

The flowing waters of the rivers and streams of Texas are naturally beautiful assets that sustain fish, wildlife and people. But the fast-growing population of Texas threatens their long-term health.

The Conserving Texas Rivers initiative is a public-private partnership that is successfully leveraging federal, state and private funds to keep Texas rivers healthy. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department program is investing dollars in research and restoration, including landowner incentives. The initiative has successfully restored thousands of acres of habitat, and improved land management practices on more than 100,000 acres of ranch land. These efforts directly benefit central Texas rivers, improving habitat for Guadalupe bass, the state fish of Texas. And people are benefitting from improved water quality.

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“The Favrot Fund has been pleased to provide funding for this initiative, with direct support for Texas Hill Country rivers,” said Leo Favrot, Favrot Fund trustee. “We understand the importance of maintaining the quality of these rivers and the important role Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation plays in ensuring that these treasures are not compromised for future generations.”



## Stream Bank Restoration Workshop

Make plans now to attend the Stream Bank Restoration Workshop at the Llano River Field Station on *June 3<sup>rd</sup>*.

*Noted fluvial geomorphologist and restoration specialist, Bruce Cole, will provide hands-on training and remedies for landowners who are losing land to stream bank erosion.*

This unique event is **FREE** and sponsored by the Llano River Field Station.

Stay tuned for more details!

## Texas Water Symposium

**Economic and Conservation Perspectives on Protected Species**  
May 18<sup>th</sup> - Junction

The second **Texas Water Symposium** of 2016 has been set for May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Llano River Field Station at TTU-Junction. The program will feature a conversation between leading biology experts about endangered species on the Hill County's river.

Join Dr. Robert Gulley from the Texas Comptroller's Office, Adam Zerrenner from U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Dr. Tom Arsuffi from the Llano River Field Station as they explore the various aspects of how and why we protect our endangered species.

[details](#)



*Texas Fatmucket – photo from [Blanco Water Atlas](#)*