

# WATERSHED WEEK IN REVIEW



## Mystery Location Game

### Round Nine Answer

In 1979, over 1 million gallons of crude oil spilled from the Exxon Pipeline (now Longhorn Pipeline) at this location. The oil flowed overland and into an unnamed tributary of the Llano.

Fortunately, an earthen dam, constructed to impound a spring, kept the oil from reaching the Llano.

This week's  
coordinates:

30.224244 -100.004685

## Funding Available for Landowners

### *Come learn more October 18 in Castell*

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recently announced the obligation of \$497,000 towards nine projects on 10,810 acres in the Hill Country. Of this amount, **\$404,000 is going to four projects in the Llano watershed totaling 8,100 acres.**

LRWA has recently partnered with other Central Texas conservation organizations to bring over \$5 million in NRCS funding to landowners to implement land stewardship projects that benefit water quality and quantity in the Hill County.

If you wish to participate in the next round, be sure to attend the upcoming workshop on October 18. (see page 2)

# Caring for Your Land- Incentives for Stewardship and Conservation

Hosted by Hill Country Conservancy along with a collaboration of partners



## Workshop Overview:

Private landowners ensure the health and productivity of the Hill Country's land, water, and wildlife, often without recognition or reward.

The Hill Country Headwaters Conservation Initiative (HCHCI) is an innovative program made up of numerous partners, which provides financial and educational resources to private landowners seeking to leave their land better than they found it. This workshop will detail tools and financial incentives to help you care for your land, now and forever.

## Program Topics:

Vision and Partners  
Financial Assistance Programs  
Land Stewardship - Best Practices and Case Studies  
Conservation Easements 101  
Application Process and Timelines  
Landowner Testimonials

**Admission:** FREE but limited, please register below.

## Event Date:

October 18th, 2019  
Castell General Store  
19522 Ranch Road 152  
Castell, TX  
1:15-5:15 PM

**[Register](#)**

## Member's Landowner Tour

### October 20, 2019

### 9:30am-12:30pm

## Blue Mountain Peak Ranch



Members of the Alliance will have the opportunity to tour Blue Mountain Peak Ranch in Mason County Sunday, October 20th. Owner Richard Taylor and partner Suzie Paris, the 2016 Sand County Foundation Leopold Conservation

Award Recipients, have graciously waved the ranch tour fee for members of the Alliance to learn about their efforts to increase recharge and species diversity. Join Today and be inspired.

Oh, and there will be free BBQ!

Please RSVP to [southllanoriver@gmail.com](mailto:southllanoriver@gmail.com)



Blue Mountain Peak Ranch photo by D. Bull

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in TPWD  
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**October 25 - Castell**

## **Become a Water Quality Monitor**

Texas Stream Team and Llano River Watershed Alliance are hosting a Water Quality Monitor Training at the Castell General Store, **Friday, Oct 25th, from 9am-1pm.**

*Lunch will be provided.*

***Attendance is limited. RSVP at***

***[southllanoriver@gmail.com](mailto:southllanoriver@gmail.com)***



## Proposed Crude Oil Pipeline will be rerouted

Enterprise Product Partners has decided to forego proposing a crude oil pipeline across the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone, the drinking water source for over 2 million Central Texans. This decision to select an alternative route likely means that pipeline also will not cross the recharge zone for the South Llano River.

While we will likely never know the ultimate reason for the decision to reroute the pipeline was reached, we are told that one of the compelling arguments that encouraged Enterprise to reconsider was that the proposed route would have crossed properties with easements held by the City of San Antonio as part of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program. The City purchased these easements with sales taxes to protect San Antonio Water System public supply wells.

The LRWA was relieved to learn of this decision and share the sentiment expressed by Merry Langlinais, president of Bandera Canyonlands Alliance.

*“We are realistic enough the know that we cannot stop the transport of oil from the Permian Basin to South Texas, to the Houston area, or the coast. We know that. What we were attempting to do is what we might be able to affect, and that is to keep it away from this very sensitive area.”*



*Headwaters of South Llano at Paint Rock Creek*




[texasriparian.org](http://texasriparian.org)


## Texas Riparian & Stream Ecosystem Workshop

### Llano River Watershed

**October 23, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Texas Tech Llano River Field Station**

**254 Red Raider Ln., Junction, Texas 76849**

**Online RSVP and Agenda: <http://texasriparian.org/upcoming-training-locations/>**

For more information and to register please contact Clare Entwistle at 210-277-0292 ext. 205 or [clare.entwistle@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:clare.entwistle@ag.tamu.edu).

**Continuing Education Units available:** Texas Department of Agriculture Pesticide Applicators License – 3 CEUs; Texas Water Resources Institute – 1 CEU; Certified Crop Advisor - 7 CEUs; Texas Nutrient Management Planning Specialists – 6 hours; Texas Floodplain Management Association – 7 CECs; Texas Forestry Association – 6 hours; Society of American Foresters – 6 hours; Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying - 7 hours; Texas Board of Architectural Examiners “Acceptable for HSW credit”; and may also be used for CEUs for Professional Engineers.

The free workshop will include both indoor classroom and outdoor presentations by multiple natural resource agency experts and an outdoor field portion on a creek to discover how it functions and the role of riparian vegetation in properly functioning systems. RSVPs by October 14, 2019 at the link above or by contacting Entwistle. A catered lunch is available for \$10. The workshop is being co-hosted by the Texas Tech Llano River Field Station, the AgriLife Extension Office in Kimble County and the Texas Water Resources Institute.

## Oktoberfish Returns to the Llano



### **Oktoberfish Information**

LRWA is delighted to welcome our friends Fredericksburg Fly Fishers back to Junction for Oktoberfish. Last year's floods caused cancellation of the event.

Here is your opportunity to learn more about one of the major contributors to the economy of the Texas Hill Country.