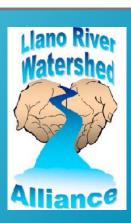
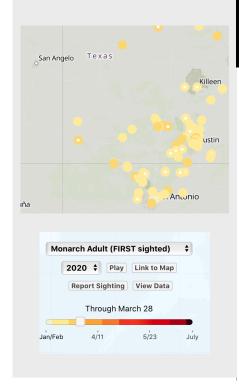
# WATERSHED WEEK IN REVIEW



### **Enjoy the Visitors**

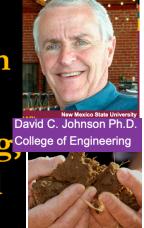
The Monarch butterflies are making their return through Texas right now.

You can track their migration along with hummingbirds and other species at JourneyNorth.org



## **More Stay at Home Stewardship Tools**

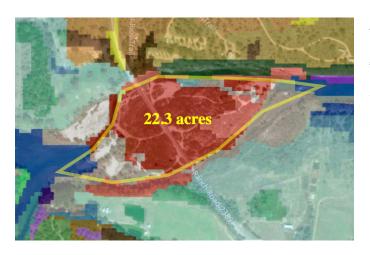
Regenerating the Diversity of Life in Soils- Hope for Farming, Ranching College of Engineering **Environment** and Climate!



Here's a one-hour on-line webinar. You will need to register using your email, then simply have a listen.

David's presentation will focus on his research, in soil microbial community structure and function, has opened a window for viewing the interdependence between plants and soil microbes. Optimization of these plant-microbe associations promotes: restoration of soil fertility, improved growth of crops, and increased efficiencies in plant water use, soil microbial carbon-use and soil carbon storage capabilities. These benefits provide a path to significantly reduce greenhouse gases while promoting market development of a new and profitable agricultural commodity (soil carbon) for growers within a regenerative agricultural system.

## **Map Your Property**



The Texas A&M Forest Service's Map My Property Tool is an excellent resource for landowners who want to better visualize their property and make smart land management decisions. Our tutorial videos provide information on the functions within the tool and how they can be used to create an accurate, informative map of the land and its resources.

We have featured this on-line tool previously in the newsletter, but Texas A&M Forest Service now has a on-line tutorial to step you through the many features of the software.

# Your Remarkable Riparian

## **Digital Riparian Lessons**

#### Riparian Mini-Modules You Tibe



- Lesson 1: Debunking the Myths or Skip Intro Version
- Lesson 2: Defining Riparian or Skip Intro Version
- Lesson 3: Function Produces Values or Skip Intro Version
- Lesson 4: How A River Works or Skip Intro Version
- Lesson 5: The Impacts of Channel Degradation or Skip Intro Version
- Lesson 6: The Importance of Riparian Vegetation or Skip Intro Version
- Lesson 7: What Hinders Function and Recovery or Skip Intro Version
- Lesson 8: Riparian Degradation and Recovery or Skip Intro Version

Our great friends at Your Remarkable Riparian have a wealth of on-line information.

Here is just a sampling of available topics. For the full list, click here.

And remember, if you don't already have a copy of Your Remarkable Riparian, you can order it here.

### Back to 'Normal'



According to TxDot's Drive Texas and South Llano River State Park's Facebook page, all roads across the Llano, with the exception of Flatrock Bridge, have reopened following the high-water event.

We now return to just our regular not-normal conditions.





While Texas state parks are currently still open, if you do go chose to go to a State Park, please remember...

Texas Parks and Wildlife March 20 at 7:35 PM ⋅ 🚱

Starting at 8 a.m. March 21, to further enhance the safety of visitors and staff, Texas State Parks will no longer accept check or cash payments until further notice. Most parks still accept card payments at the park, but visitors are strongly encouraged to pre-purchase and print camping and day-use permits through the Texas State Parks Reservation System before traveling to a park.. This restriction does not include park concessionaires operated by third-parties within parks. For more information, visit TexasStateParks.org

## **Land Fragmentation Trends**



Texas Land Trends team recently published the latest Status and Trends report that characterizes our state's privately-owned farms, ranches and forests, collectively known as working lands. While Texas is widely known for its vast rural landscapes and prolific agricultural operations, much of the state's population (-85%) actually reside in urban or suburban areas, and only a minor portion (<1%) own a piece of rural real estate, totaling about 248,000 ownerships. This small number of ownerships actually account for 82% of the state's land mass, thus, the stewardship of privately-owned working lands greatly benefits all of us; through improved environmental quality, supply of numerous natural resources for consumers, and basic infrastructure to supporting our state's rural economies.

Editor's Note: If you have trouble distinguishing Index Categories on the maps in the report, detailed <u>county wide data are</u> available here.

