

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Annual Update to List of Pre-Approved Supplemental Environmental Projects for Commission Consideration at April 27, 2007 Work Session

As part of the Enforcement Process Review, a standing list of acceptable Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) was compiled to streamline aspects of the SEP program. This list was approved by the Commissioners at the Work Session on December 2, 2005, with the understanding that the list would be updated annually.

Please find below the proposed revisions for this annual update to the list of Pre-Approved SEPs. These proposed revisions have been prepared by the Office of Legal Services with the assistance of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality SEP Review Panel. In keeping with the most recent SEP guidance, the SEP Review Panel is comprised of staff from the Litigation, Enforcement, Field Operations, and Small Business and Environmental Assistance Divisions. The Panel has reviewed the projects and made the recommendations for additions to the list based on the environmental benefit, performance, and reporting criteria for each of the projects. Additionally, the Panel is including projects recommended for removal from the list. For reference, the list that was approved by the Commission in 2005 is attached with additions suggested by this memo shown in redline text and the deletions in strikeout text.

The Executive Director also proposes to amend the list by including a footnote that would allow, without further Commission approval, the addition of projects similar to those already on the list as well as the deletion of projects for which a recipient of SEP funds has withdrawn from the program. These interim revisions would be subject to annual review when the list is considered by the Commission. Proposed wording for the footnote is: "The TCEQ Executive Director may revise this list from time to time to add similar projects, make minor modifications, or delete projects for which the recipient of SEP funds has withdrawn from the program."

Projects Proposed for Addition to List of Pre-Approved SEPs

Cleanup Projects

- Angelina Beautiful Clean: Illegal dump site cleanups throughout the county.
Minimum Contribution: \$500.
County: Angelina.
- City of Houston: Coordination of collection events for e-waste and then proper disposal or recycling of the e-waste.
Minimum Contribution: \$500.
County: Harris.
- Keep Texas Beautiful: Illegal dump site clean up projects throughout the state in counties where contributions are received.
Minimum Contribution: \$500.
Counties: Statewide.

Air Projects

- Clean Air Force: Retrofit and replace school buses with lower emission technology in Central Texas. When a bus is replaced, the higher emission bus will be permanently retired.
Minimum Contribution: \$5,000.
Counties: Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson.
- City of Fort Worth: Mower exchange air pollution reduction project coordinates exchange of gasoline-powered mowers for electric mowers. The gasoline-powered mowers that are replaced will be permanently retired. This project will benefit eight counties in the Fort Worth non-attainment area surrounding Tarrant County.
Minimum Contribution: \$5,000.
Counties: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, and Tarrant.
- Harris County (Public Health and Environmental Services): Fourier Transform InfraRed (FTIR) Camera Monitoring. This air monitoring project has been in place for over one year. HCPHES works closely with the TCEQ's Monitoring Operations Division and the project is EMRS compatible.
Minimum Contribution: \$500.
County: Harris.
- Harris County (Public Health and Environmental Services): Air Monitoring of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) in the county.
Minimum Contribution: Any amount.
County: Harris.
- City of Houston: Purchase of alternative-fueled equipment such as propane or electric powered lawn mowers, propane powered light and heavy-duty equipment, and alternative fueled vehicles to be used by the city instead of gasoline-powered equipment and vehicles. Additionally, SEP funds would be used to convert

current gasoline-powered equipment used by the city to alternative-powered equipment.

Minimum Contribution: \$500.

County: Harris.

- Texas A&M University at Kingsville: Install, maintain, and operate three air quality stations in San Patricio County to provide continuous ozone monitoring in the Corpus Christi air shed. Data obtained from the monitoring stations will be made available to the public via the TCEQ website as soon as possible upon availability. EMRS compatible.

Minimum Contribution: \$10,000.

Counties: Aransas, Nueces, and San Patricio.

- Texas Association of Resource Conservation & Development Areas, Inc.: Retrofit and replace school buses with lower emission technology.

Minimum Contribution: \$5,000.

Counties: To be determined.

Wastewater, Drinking Water, and Water Quality Projects

- City of Andrews: First time water and wastewater service provided for low income residents.

Minimum Contribution: \$2,500.

County: Andrews.

- Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District: Wastewater treatment assistance provided for low income residents. Project would repair or replace failing septic systems impacting High Island in the county.

Minimum Contribution: \$1000.

County: Galveston.

Habitat Restoration, Preservation, and Acquisition

- Audubon Texas: Dogwood Canyon Park Wildlife Area Acquisition and Preservation - 116 acres of land would be acquired for the purpose of protecting critical habitat for the endangered Golden-Cheeked Warbler and Black-Capped Vireo.

Minimum Contribution: \$1,000.

County: Dallas.

- Friends of the Trinity River: Habitat restoration, conservation, and land acquisition project along the Trinity River.

Minimum contribution: \$500.

County: Liberty.

- Guadalupe Blanco River Trust: Habitat and wetland restoration project near Whitmire Lake and the Calhoun Canal System in Calhoun County. The project will accept contributions for a 6-county area within the watershed surrounding Calhoun County.

Minimum Contribution: Any amount.

Counties: Aransas, Calhoun, Jackson, Matagorda, Refugio, and Victoria.

- Texas A&M University at Kingsville: TAMU requests to update their existing project on the list of Pre-Approved SEPs by removing the native seed collection activities and adding native seed planting. This project provides an environmental benefit by assisting in the replacement of harmful exotic plant species with available native vegetation and helps control erosion.
Minimum Contribution: \$1,000.
Counties: Atascosa, Bee, Bexar, Brooks, Cameron, Duval, Dimmit, Frio, Goliad, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Star, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Webb, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala.
- The Trust for Public Land: Galveston Bay Natural Area Acquisition and Conservation Program – Acquisitions to preserve open space in the Galveston Bay watershed, contribute to improved water quality, conserve wetlands and other habitat, and increase public access to the bay, its tributaries, and their habitats.
Minimum Contribution: \$10,000.
Counties: Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, and Harris.

Projects Proposed for Removal from List of Pre-Approved SEPs

Cleanup Projects

- City of Houston: Illegal Tire Dumping Site Clean-up - City declined to continue this project with the SEP program.
County: Harris, Montgomery, and Fort Bend.

Air Projects

- Education Foundation of Harris County: School bus replacements. Recipient declined to continue with the SEP program.
County: Bexar, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller.
- Texas Southern University: Houston Ship Channel Air Monitoring GIS Database Project - This project is complete and no longer requires SEP funding.
County: Harris.

Wastewater, Drinking Water, and Water Quality Projects

- Fort Bend County: On-site wastewater treatment assistance. Recipient declined to continue with the SEP program.
County: Fort Bend.

Habitat Restoration, Preservation, and Acquisition

- Audubon Texas (formerly The Audubon Society): Exotic feline sanctuary restoration. Audubon Texas declined to continue this project with the SEP program.
Counties: Cook, Montague, and Wise.

- Audubon Texas (formerly The Audubon Society): Lake Kirby restoration project. Audubon Texas declined to continue this project with the SEP program. Counties: Jones, Knox, Shackelford, Scurry, and Taylor.
- Audubon Texas (formerly The Audubon Society): Playa habitat restoration project. Audubon Texas declined to continue this project with the SEP program. Counties: Armstrong, Carson, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hartley, Moore, Randall, and Swisher.
- Audubon Texas (formerly The Audubon Society): Wetland creation from wastewater treatment ponds: Audubon Texas declined to continue this project with the SEP program. Counties: Jones, Knox, Shackelford, Scurry, and Taylor.
- Native Prairies Association of Texas: Local Ecotype Seed Increase for Tallgrass Coastal Prairie Restoration. This project is complete and no longer requires SEP funding. County: Harris.

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PRE-APPROVED SEPs

RECIPIENT OF SEP FUNDS	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBLE COUNTIES**
CLEAN-UP PROJECTS			
Angelina Beautiful Clean	Illegal Dump Site Cleanups	Clean up of illegal dump sites throughout the county.	Angelina
The Audubon Society	Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary- Trash Cleanup	Household trash and appliances have been dumped in sanctuary wetlands. Trash will be removed mechanically and disposed of at a licensed landfill.	Galveston
Coastal Conservation Association	Coastal Conservation Association Big Bay Debris Cleanup	Remove abandoned vessels, pilings, markers, dredge pipe, and other hazards from the waters and beaches.	Aransas, Kenedy, Kleberg, Nueces, and San Patricio
Gregg County	Illegal Dump Site Cleanup	Clean up illegal dump sites and tire sites located throughout the county.	Gregg
Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority	River, Lakes, Bays 'N Bayous Trash Bash	Clean up trash and pollutants from Galveston Bay and waterways in the San Jacinto watershed.	Galveston and Harris

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City of Houston	Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility	Coordinate and manage a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility that will be open to the public two days per week and accept hazardous waste common to households including, but not limited to, paint and thinners, pesticides, oil and gas, corrosive cleaners, and fertilizers.	Fort Bend, Harris, and Montgomery
	E-Waste Collection and Recycling or Disposal	Coordinate e-waste collection events and properly dispose or recycle the e-waste collected.	Harris
	Illegal Tire Dumping Site Clean-up	Clean up tires at sites where a responsible party can not be identified.	Harris, Montgomery and Fort Bend
Keep Odessa Beautiful, Inc.	Earth Day/Texas Recycles Day Household Hazardous Waste Collection	Properly disposing of household hazardous waste and tires collected at these events.	Ector
Keep Texas Beautiful	Illegal Dump Site Cleanups	Clean up illegal dump sites throughout the state in counties where contributions are received	All counties in the State of Texas

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Lower Colorado River Authority	Household Hazardous Waste and Reusable Materials Collection	Properly disposing of household hazardous waste and tires collected at these events.	Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Colorado, Fayette, Lampasas, Llano Matagorda, San Saba, Travis, and Wharton
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District	Illegal Dump Site Cleanups	Clean up approximately 80 illegal dump sites in Northeast Texas where a responsible party cannot be identified or is financially unable to clean the site.	Camp, Cass, Harrison, Marion, Morris and Upshur
Texas Association of RC&D Areas	Plugging Abandoned Water Wells	Work with TCEQ certified contractors to plug abandoned water wells where there is no responsible party that can be identified to plug the well.	All counties in the State of Texas
	Abandoned Tire Cleanup	Coordinate with local city and county government officials to clean-up sites where tires have been disposed of illegally.	All counties in the State of Texas
	Clean Up of Unauthorized Trash Dumps	Coordinate with city and/or county government officials the clean up of sites where trash has been disposed of illegally.	All counties in the State of Texas
	Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup	Provide a day for local residents to bring in household hazardous waste such as paint, thinners, pesticides, oil and gas, corrosive cleaners, and fertilizers for proper disposal.	All counties in the State of Texas

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	Pulling Underground Storage Tanks	Pull tanks at sites where there is no responsible party who is able to pull the tanks.	All counties in the State of Texas
	Anti-freeze Recycling Facilities	Coordinate with local private and public entities to purchase and install anti-freeze collection facilities.	All counties in the State of Texas
AIR PROJECTS			
Education Foundation of Harris County	The Education Foundation of Harris County Adopt-A-School-Bus Program	Purchase new "clean fuel technology" buses or for retrofitting and refurbishing existing diesel buses. When new "clean fuel technology" buses are purchased old "high emission" buses will be permanently retired.	Bexar, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller
Clean Air Force	School Bus Project	Retrofit and replace school buses with lower emission technology in Central Texas. When a bus is replaced, the higher emission bus will be permanently retired.	Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson
City of Fort Worth	Mower Exchange Air Pollution Reduction Project	Coordinates exchange of gasoline-powered mowers for electric mowers. Gasoline-powered mowers that are replaced will be permanently retired.	Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, and Tarrant
Gregg County	Purchase of Alternative Fueled Equipment	Purchase equipment and convert gas-powered equipment.	Gregg

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Harris County	Meteorological Monitoring Equipment	Harris County Pollution Control Division is currently installing ozone monitors in a few public buildings, such as libraries, in Harris County, to improve the current ozone monitoring system for the area. With SEP monies, meteorological monitoring equipment will be added to the ozone monitoring stations at some of the same public locations. Project will be made compatible with EMRS initiative.	Harris
	Fourier Transform InfraRed (FTIR) Camera Monitoring	Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services has been conducting this air monitoring project for over one year. HCPHES works closely with the TCEQ's Monitoring Operations Division and the project is EMRS compatible.	Harris
	Hazardous Air Pollutants Monitoring	Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services would conduct monitoring of hazardous air pollutants in the county.	Harris
City of Houston	Alternative-Fueled Vehicles and Equipment	Purchase of alternative-fueled equipment such as propane or electric-powered lawn mowers, propane-powered light and heavy-duty equipment, and alternative-fueled vehicles to be used by the city instead of gasoline-powered equipment and vehicles. Additionally, SEP funds would be used to convert current gasoline-powered equipment used by the city to alternative powered equipment.	Harris

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The Houston-Galveston Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization (AERCO)	Clean Cities Clean Vehicles	Assist in the purchase new "clean fuel technology" buses or retrofitting and refurbishing existing diesel buses for the school district and for local transit agencies. When new "clean fuel technology" buses are purchased old "high emission" buses will be permanently retired.	Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller
Jefferson County	Southeast Texas Regional Air Monitoring Network	The County will maintain and repair the existing Southeast Texas Regional Air Monitoring Network. The network includes seven monitoring stations located at Sabine Pass, Mauriceville, the Southeast Texas Regional Airport, West Orange, Beaumont, Port Neches, and Cove School. Project will be made compatible with EMRS initiative.	Jefferson
	Retrofit/Replace Heavy Equipment and Vehicles with Alternative Fueled Equipment and Vehicles	Purchase equipment and convert gas-powered equipment.	Jefferson
	West Port Arthur Ambient Air Monitoring Station	The County will install, operate and maintain a stationary ambient air monitoring station in the vicinity of the Memorial High School Ninth Grade Campus. The station will employ canister sampling, and a hydrocarbon analyzer and/or gas chromatography. Project will be made compatible with EMRS initiative.	Jefferson
South East Regional Planning Commission	West Port Arthur Home Energy Efficiency Program	Project involves insulating homes and appliances of low-income homeowners for improved energy efficiency which will reduce fuel and electricity usage, thus reducing air emissions.	Jefferson

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Texas A&M University at Kingsville	Ozone Monitoring	Install, maintain, and operate three air quality stations in San Patricio County to provide continuous ozone monitoring in the Corpus Christi air shed. Data obtained from the monitoring stations will be made available to the public via the TCEQ website as soon as possible upon availability. EMRS compatible	Aransas, Nueces, and San Patricio
Texas Association of RC&D Areas	School Bus Project	Retrofit and replace school buses with lower emission technology in Central Texas. When a bus is replaced the higher emission bus will be permanently retired.	To be determined.
Texas Southern University	Houston Ship Channel Air Monitoring Geographic Information Systems Database Project	The Scope of this project is to develop and populate a geographic information Systems (GIS) database application and data viewer that will assist the TCEQ in evaluating the location of toxic air pollutant monitors in relation to nearby emission sources and receptors. The database will cover the entire state of Texas and will present the relevant data in terms of both the present situation and with respect to anticipated future population and industrial growth. Project will be made compatible with EMRS initiative.	Harris

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University of Texas	Corpus Christi Air Monitoring and Surveillance Camera Project	Install, maintain and operate a network of at least seven air-monitoring stations, and at least two surveillance cameras along the Corpus Christi ship channel. Data obtained from the monitors will be made available to the public via the TCEQ website as soon as possible upon availability. The public will also be able to view the images captured by the surveillance cameras via the Internet. Project will be made compatible with EMRS initiative.	Nueces
WASTEWATER, DRINKING WATER, AND WATER QUALITY PROJECTS			
City of Andrews	Water and Wastewater Assistance	First time water and wastewater service provided for low-income residents.	Andrews
Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District	Wastewater Treatment Assistance	Wastewater treatment assistance provided for low income residents. Project would repair or replace failing septic systems impacting High Island in the county.	Galveston
Fort Bend County	On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Assistance	Provide assistance to low income homeowners to repair or replace failing on-site wastewater treatment systems or install appropriate wastewater systems.	Fort Bend
Gregg County	Provide Assistance for Failing Septic Systems	Provide assistance to low income homeowners to repair or replace failing on-site wastewater treatment systems or install appropriate wastewater systems.	Gregg

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Northeast Texas Municipal Water District	Wastewater Treatment Assistance	Provide assistance to low-income homeowners to repair or replace failing on-site septic systems.	Camp, Cass, Franklin, Harrison, Marion, Morris, Titus and Upshur
Orange County	Wastewater Treatment Assistance Project	Cleanup potential health hazards associated with failing septic tanks and disposal fields for low-income homeowners. Assistance will be targeted for low-income families that cannot afford the construction of new approved facilities to replace failing and overloaded facilities that pose health risks to the families and neighborhoods.	Orange
The Rensselaerville Institute	Self-Help Rio Grande	Provide low income homeowners who have no water or wastewater service or who have failing on-site wastewater treatment systems with technical and financial assistance to install, repair or replace those water and wastewater sewage systems.	Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Webb, Willacy, and Zapata

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Tarleton State University - Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research	Continuous Water Quality Monitoring for Assessment in Water Bodies	Will install water monitors within a twenty-eight county area surrounding Tarleton State University and assess water quality, including temperature, dissolved oxygen concentration, pH specific conductance, and turbidity by taking biweekly samples. Data will be reported to the TCEQ in real time. Data validation procedures will conform with TCEQ validation procedures. Project will be made compatible with EMRS initiative.	Bell, Bosque, Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Coryell, Dallas, Eastland, Ellis, Erath, Hamilton, Hill, Hood, Jack, Johnson, Lampasas, McLennan, Mills, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, San Saba, Shackelford, Somervell, Stephens, Tarrant, Wise, and Young
Texas Association of RC&D Areas	Wastewater Treatment Assistance	Provide low income homeowners with assistance to enable repair or replacement of their failing on-site wastewater systems.	All counties in the State of Texas
Texas State University – River Systems Institute	Continuous Water Quality Monitoring Network	Will install water monitors within a 100 mile radius of Texas State University campus and assess water quality, including temperature, dissolved oxygen concentration, pH and specific conductance by taking biweekly samples. Data will be reported to the TCEQ in real time. Data validation procedures will conform with TCEQ validation procedures. Project will be made compatible with EMRS initiative.	Bandera, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Burnet, Hays, Lee, Travis, and Williamson

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HEALTH-BASED PROJECTS			
Texas Department of Health - Environmental Health Institute	Environmental Health Institute	Examine ways to identify, treat, manage, prevent, and reduce health problems associated with environmental contamination. Individuals in areas immediately surrounding federal or state superfund sites will be provided with health screenings and health care related to exposure to contaminated sites.	Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant
University of Texas Environmental Law Clinic	Water and Wastewater Treatment Assistance	Provide low income homeowners who have no water or wastewater service or who have failing on-site wastewater treatment systems with technical and financial assistance to install, repair or replace those water and wastewater sewage systems.	Bastrop, Burnet, Blanco, Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Llano, Travis, and Williamson
University of Texas School of Public Health	Houston Exposure to Air Toxics	The University will evaluate exposure to air toxics along the Houston ship channel. A study will provide valuable data regarding source contribution ratios, amount of exposure, averaging time comparison, and duration of exposure. SEP monies will be used to purchase gas chromatography with photoionization detector and thermal desorber for the gas chromatography. This equipment will be used to analyze field samples.	Harris

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HABITAT RESTORATION PRESERVATION, AND ACQUISITION PROJECTS			
Armand Bayou Nature Center	Armand Bayou Nature Center Coastal Tallgrass Prairie Management Prescribed Burn Program and Prairie Restoration Project	ABNC will preserve the tall grass prairie ecosystem at the Armand Bayou Nature Center by performing prescribed burning, an accepted method of keeping invasive species from crowding out the native prairie grasses. ABNC will also plant native plants and trees.	Harris
The Audubon Society (currently Audubon Texas)	Dogwood Canyon Park Wildlife Area Acquisition and Preservation	110 acres of land would be acquired for the purpose of protecting critical habitat for the endangered Golden-Cheeked Warbler and Black-capped Vireo.	Dallas
	Mitchell Lake Project	Restore 600-acre upland habitat at the Mitchell Lake Audubon Center and Sanctuary by removing non-native, exotic plant species and re-establishing native grasses, forbs, and woody vegetation.	Bexar
	Habitat Enhancement and Service Learning: The Hornsby Bend Pond 3 Project	Habitat enhancement areas are being created around one of the ponds, which are now managed solely as a bird habitat.	Travis
	Black-capped Vireo Habitat Creation, USFWS Refuge	Remove invasive second-growth juniper, allowing the spread of low oaks over 1,600 acres.	Travis
	Black-capped Vireo Habitat Planting, USFWS Refuge	Shin oaks will be planted as seedlings to create future Black-capped Vireo habitats on 2,000 acres.	Travis
	Tall Grass Prairie Restoration, USFWS Refuge	Approximately 500 acres of pasture lands on the Refuge are being restored.	Travis
	Control of Exotic/Invasive Vegetation, USFWS Refuge	Remove Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus altissima) and Prickly Pear, highly invasive non-native trees.	Travis

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	Rare Plant Habitat Protection, USFWS Refuge	Reintroduce rare species onto the refuge, monitor the plants and propagate the plants in the greenhouse. Formal protection of such species is desired. These include Texabama Croton, Sycamore-leaf Snowbells, Purple Coneflower, Torrey Crag-lily, and Showy Menodora.	Travis
	Anti-erosion, revegetation and pest control, Sundown Sanctuary Island	Dredge spoil will be used to restore the size of the islands and revegetation will be conducted, using native plants, and the plants will be treated to control pest populations.	Calhoun
	Restoration and revegetation of Green Island and Three-Islands	Improve nesting conditions for colonial waterbirds on these four islands by planting appropriate native plants, thus further reducing damage due to erosion.	Cameron and Willacy
	Creation of Seedling Station, Nursery and Native Plant Production, Sabal Palm Sanctuary	Purchase and produce native plants, especially Sabal Palms.	Cameron
	Exotic Species Control, Sabal Palm Sanctuary	Manually remove non-native plants in the sanctuary.	Cameron
	Carolyn Raizes Bird Sanctuary, Habitat Protection	Perimeter fencing will protect fragile grassland habitat in 65-acre sanctuary.	Brazoria
	Horseshoe Marsh Bird Sanctuary, Habitat Enhancement	Removal of non-native tallow trees from 300 acres of coastal freshwater wetlands using environmentally safe herbicides.	Galveston

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	Boy Scout Woods Bird Sanctuary, Exotic Plant Removal	Remove exotic Chinese tallow trees, which are growing on 40 acres of sanctuary coastal prairie. Herbicides will be utilized to remove the invasive trees.	Galveston
	Smith Oaks Bird Sanctuary, Exotic Plant Removal	Remove exotic Chinese tallow trees, which are growing on 120 acres of coastal prairie and oak mottes in the sanctuary.	Galveston
	Audubon Society Sabine Woods Sanctuary Habitat Improvement	Removal of newly sprouted tallow seedlings; removal of non-native "McCartney Rose"; removal of non-native privet; removal of excess mustang grape vines; mowing to maintain some areas in early stages of succession; acquisition of additional live oak trees and planting in the eastern part of the property; fence and property line clearing to act as fire break to protect habitat.	Jefferson
	Port Arthur Bird Sanctuary, Habitat Enhancement	Mowing and herbiciding non-native tallow trees, which crowd out native plants.	Jefferson
	Habitat Improvement, Tyrrell Park and Cattail Marsh	Remove non-native tallow trees from around the periphery of the Cattail Marsh Artificial Wetlands in Tyrrell Park.	Jefferson
	Damuth Wildlife Sanctuary	Protection—fencing and signage.	Liberty
	Winter's Bayou Wildlife Sanctuary	Protection—fencing and signage.	San Jacinto
	Tyler Audubon Society Habitat Improvement - Langley Island On Lake Tyler	Transportation via boat to the island, purchase of hand tools for clearing undergrowth and unwanted trees, and needed signs to mark trails and post rules for island usage.	Smith

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	Habitat Protection for Lesser Prairie Chicken	Acquire and restore land that provides a habitat for populations of Lesser Prairie Chickens.	Armstrong, Carson, Deaf, Donley, Gray, Hartley, Smith, Moore, Potter, Randall, and Swisher
	Acquisition and Restoration, Playa Wetlands Habitat	Purchase and restore up to 150 acres of playa wetlands.	Randall, Potter, Swisher, Carson, Deaf Smith, Moore, Hartley, Armstrong, Gray and Donley
	Lake Kirbey Restoration Project	Place a natural native plant barrier near the lake to reduce erosion and noise from four wheeled vehicles along the lake.	Taylor, Jones, Shackelford, Knox, and Scurry
	Wastewater Treatment Plant Restoration	Refill the recently closed wastewater treatment plant ponds with water to provide a habitat for birds and replace native wetland plants.	Taylor, Jones, Shackelford, Knox, and Scurry

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	South Plains Riparian Restoration	Restore and enhance approximately one-half mile of riparian habitat on the North Fork of the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River in Lubbock County. Control invading exotics and plant native willows and cottonwoods to create a streambed canopy and a variety of fruiting deciduous shrubs and trees to form a mid-story level.	Lubbock
	LBJ National Grasslands Erosion Control and Habitat Restoration	Control erosion occurring on the LBJ National Grasslands as well as restore native grassland habitat.	
	Habitat Improvement, Chimney Swift Towers	Build and install nesting towers for Chimney Swifts.	Cooke, Montague, and Wise
	Habitat Improvement, International Exotic Feline Sanctuary at Boyd, Texas	Improve the habitat for wildlife along a nature trail in wooded, riparian habitat in the International Exotic Feline Sanctuary. Remove poison ivy and bull-nettles from the trail edge, plant native plants to increase biodiversity, remove trash and debris in the area, obtain nesting boxes for various species, and install a water line from the nearest connection to set up two misters to provide water for birds and other wildlife.	Wise, Montague, and Cooke
	Rio Basque Wetlands Park	Wetland restoration of 372 acres. Planting native plants, habitat redefinition and wetlands restoration.	El Paso
Keystone marsh/wetland	Purchase and restoration of marsh/wetland site.	El Paso	

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	Colorado River Sanctuary Habitat Protection and Improvement	Improve and extend the existing trails in the sanctuary; install gates and signs on motorized vehicle entry points to discourage unauthorized uses; assist in stabilizing eroded areas with water bars, rock, and native flora; and assist in the cleanup and disposal of dumps and litter.	Bastrop
	North Bay Sanctuary Habitat Improvement	Maintain the existing roads in the sanctuary, Control Prickly Pear Cacti in a 20-acre section of the sanctuary, and assist in removal of invasive reeds and other plants from the eastern section of the pond.	San Patricio
Coastal Bend Bay Estuaries Program	Colonial Waterbird Rookery Island Enhancement Project	Restoration of shorelines of two islands to prevent erosion, stabilize the islands and preserve and create critical bird habitat.	Nueces
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	Reforestation and Enhancement of Tony Houseman State Park & Wildlife Management Area at Blue Elbow Swamp	Restoration and enhancement of forested wetlands at Tony Houseman State Park & Wildlife Management Area at Blue Elbow Swamp between the Sabine River and Orange, Texas.	Orange
Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge	Flooding of Bahia Grande	Work with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to re-flood the Bahia Grande in Eastern Cameron County to restore tidal wetland habitats that went dry with the construction of the Brownsville ship channel.	Cameron
Friends of the Trinity River	Trinity River Project	Habitat restoration, conservation, and land acquisition along the Trinity River	Liberty
Galveston Bay Foundation	The Galveston Bay Restoration "Marsh Mania"	Restore shoreline elevations, growing plants for shoreline restoration, and planting new habitat.	Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston and Harris

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Guadalupe Blanco River Trust	Habitat and Wetland Restoration Project	Project near the Whitmire Lake and the Calhoun County Canal System to restore wetlands and other habitat	Aransas, Calhoun, Jackson, Matagorda, Refugio, and Victoria
Harris County and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice	Wetland Enhancement Project	Harris County will utilize inmates provided by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice' Job Training program to remove exotic plant life from wetlands, plant native species, and clean-up illegally dumped solid waste.	Harris
Hill Country Conservancy	Wentzel Tract Project	Diversion up to 275 acre-feet of water into an 18-acre abandoned quarry. The quarry will then capture and hold the water so that the water can be absorbed into the Edwards Aquifer that runs beneath the quarry.	Hays
	Bunny Run Preserve Restoration Project	Plant native plants and seeds on a 37-acre tract of land on the south side of the Colorado River just west of the Loop 360 Bridge near the City of Austin.	Travis
Jefferson County	Pleasure Island Shoreline Stabilization	Stabilize the shoreline by placing vinyl sheets of piling and erosion control blankets along a stretch of waterway along Pleasure Island.	Jefferson
Jefferson County Waterway and Navigation District	Texas Point NWR Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Project	Use dredge spoil to restore eight miles of shoreline within the Texas Point National Wildlife Refuge in Jefferson County.	Jefferson

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Native Prairies Association of Texas	Local Ecotype Seed Increase for Tallgrass Coastal Prairie Restoration	Collect native upper-coastal tallgrass prairie seed and plant specimens from multiple sites in Harris County. The seeds will be planted and grown for seed increase at the NRCS East Texas Plant Materials Center. Seed collected which exceeds the amount that can be handled by the NRCS East Texas Plant Materials Center operation may be contracted out for seed increase to local growers. The seeds will be made available for restoration projects and for use by interested commercial growers who want to further increase the native seeds. SEP monies will be used to pay for the cost of seed collection, planting, irrigating, transplanting, maintaining plots, and seed production.	Harris

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	Purchase of Tallgrass Prairie Remnants	Purchase prairies in fee simple and purchase conservation easements in counties with identified tallgrass prairie remnants. The properties purchased will be kept as nature preserves and will not be sold for residential or commercial purposes.	Austin, Bell, Brazoria, Burleson, Chambers, Colorado, Collin, Cooke, Falls, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grayson, Grimes, Harris, Hunt, Jackson, Jefferson, Kaufman, Liberty, Orange, Rockwell, Tarrant, Van Zandt, Victoria, Waller, Washington, and Wharton

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Texas A&M University at Kingsville	South Texas Constructed Wetland and Water Reuse Project	Collect and reclaim wastewater from cooling towers at Texas A&M University at Kingsville by channeling the water into a constructed wetland.	Kleberg and Nueces
	South Texas Native Plant Restoration Seed Collection Planting Project	Collect Plant native grass, forb, and shrub seeds from in thirty-three counties in South Texas.	Atascosa, Bee, Bexar, Brooks, Cameron, Duval, Dimmit, Frio, Goliad, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Star, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Webb, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala

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	South Texas Native Plant Restoration Native Seed Increase and Native Plant Growing	Evaluate seeds for viability and vigor. Send viable seeds to locations in South Texas.	Atascosa, Bee, Bexar, Brooks, Cameron, Duval, Dimmit, Frio, Goliad, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Star, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Webb, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala
	Native Plant and Wildlife Park	Construct a 35-acre wildlife research park on the northwest side of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville campus.	Kleberg
Trust for Public Land	Galveston Bay Natural Area Acquisition and Conservation Program	Acquisitions to preserve open space in the Galveston Bay watershed, contribute to improved water quality, conserve wetlands and other habitat, and increase public access to the bay, its tributaries, and their habitats.	Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, and Harris

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	Starvation Cove Acquisition and Conservation Project	The project involves the purchase of a complex of marsh, coastal prairie and associated habitats on Galveston Island within the City of Galveston, near starvation Cove. TPL will utilize the SEP monies to acquire three to four acres of this complex and will transfer ownership to Galveston County. Galveston County will be the ultimate fee title holder and permanent steward of the property. TPL will ensure the property is encumbered with a conservation easement which will preserve the property in perpetuity.	Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, and Harris
UT Austin Marine Science Institute	UTMSI Wetlands Center	The UTMSI will create a wetland at their site in Port Aransas, Texas. The site will be approximately 3.5 acres and will be bound on the north by the south jetty of the Aransas Pass Ship Channel and the Pier Laboratory, on the south by the service road north of the UTMSI Visitors Center, on the east by the UTMSI property line, and on the west by the UTMSI boat basin bulkhead.	Aransas, Kleberg, Nueces, and San Patricio

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1.	A tire, household hazardous waste, electronics, or large MSW collection day, where the city/county will advertise to citizens that they may bring in these items for proper disposal at no cost to the citizens.
2.	Removal of dilapidated housing that contains asbestos or lead paint.
3.	An erosion control project around a creek, river or lake.

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4.	Illegal tire site or dumpsite clean-ups –Eligible sites will be those where a responsible party cannot be found or is unable to clean the site and where reasonable efforts have been made to prevent the dumping. A site owned by the respondent is not eligible unless the respondent: 1) is a governmental entity that acquired the site through escheat, foreclosure, eminent domain, or bequest after the dumping occurred; and 2) there is a clear benefit to the community, such as when the land is cleaned up for preservation as a park.
5.	Extend first time sewer service to low-income recipients utilizing failing septic systems.
6.	Extend first time water service to low-income recipients utilizing shallow or contaminated well water.
7.	Improve wastewater treatment plants where the city does not have adequate funding to make such improvements.
8.	Dam repairs for dams on the agency’s list of high-risk dams.
9.	Funding for swap-outs of gas for electric equipment.

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