

Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

Attachment A

Supplemental Environmental Project

1. Project Description

Project Title: Reforestation and Enhancement of Tony Houseman State Park & Wildlife Management Area at Blue Elbow Swamp

Description: Restoration and enhancement of the forested wetlands located at Tony Houseman State Park & Wildlife Management Area at Blue Elbow Swamp between the Sabine River and Orange, Texas. The wetland has historically been impacted by heavy logging. Ducks Unlimited, Inc. will begin reforestation by planting 2.0 acres of Bald Cypress and Water Tupelo trees at a density of about 300 trees per acre. Planted trees will be approximately three feet in height, spaced 12 feet apart, and will be protected from herbivores using tree guards. Undesirable exotic plants such as the Chinese Tallow tree will be removed. SEP monies will be used to pay for the cost of trees and for the equipment needed to plant trees and remove exotics, and for the labor associated with planting the trees and removing exotics.

Benefits: The restored forested wetland will serve as a filter for nutrients and heavy metals from runoff. Habitat for animals associated with forested wetlands, which are animals that depend upon tree cavities for nesting, such as squirrels and birds, will be restored. The trees planted in the restored wetland will sequester approximately 400 tons of CO₂ emissions over a forty year period.

Budget: \$15,000 per two acres until whole park is reforested

Eligible Counties: Orange County

Minimum Contribution: \$1000.00

2. Records and Reporting

Ducks Unlimited, Inc. shall maintain records of the SEP program and shall submit reports regarding the SEP program quarterly after receiving SEP monies. The reports shall contain the following information:

- i. The total amount of contributions received under the SEP program during the quarter, itemized by respondent's name and contribution amount;
- ii. A detailed list of actual expenditures paid by SEP monies with receipts or other verifying documentation attached;
- iii. The environmental benefit, in quantifiable terms;
- iv. The balance of the SEP Account, including interest earned to date;
- v. Any additional information Ducks Unlimited, Inc. believes will demonstrate compliance with this Agreement.

The quarterly reports are due within 30 days after the end of each quarter.

Ducks Unlimited, Inc. agrees to provide additional information concerning the SEP project as required by the SEP coordinator. All SEP reports and information shall be submitted to the following address:

Litigation Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087