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## Natural Outlook

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*Natural Outlook* is the TNRCC's quarterly publication of environmental issues in Texas. Below is the Web version of the Winter 2002 issue for your viewing.

### Winter 2002 Issue

#### [Eco-Friendly Schools Thrive on Design](#)

Two "green" schools in Texas leave a soft imprint on the environment and provide a healthy setting for students and staff. The "sustainable" design elements of these McKinney and Austin elementary schools are expected to save money in the long run.



#### [At Home on the Range](#)

*New commissioner is no stranger to the great outdoors*

Newcomer Kathleen Hartnett White brings a love of the great outdoors to her role as TNRCC commissioner. The West Texan was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to a six-year term.



#### [A Place for Waste](#)

*Disposing of municipal solid waste is a whole new business*

Economics and tougher environmental regulations have transformed the business of solid waste disposal, ushering in the era of the regional landfill. As a result, your garbage may travel far from home, possibly to another county, before being deposited in a landfill.



## [Turning Trash into Assets](#)

*Austin landfill company was the first to diversify*

What started as a landfill operation near Austin has turned into a multi-faceted business and community attraction. Texas Disposal Systems also has a recycling/resale center, composting operations, conference center, and exotic animal ranch on its property.



## [Environmental Watch](#)

*The TNRCC can initiate enforcement based on information from private individuals*

Private individuals can now play an active role in proving violations of environmental law. The TNRCC's new citizen-evidence program allows information gathered by the general public to be developed into evidence.

## [TNRCC News](#)



The agency coordinates Water Conservation Day, March 22, along the border;

TNRCC gains 'star' status.

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