

## Appendix B

### *Scoping Meeting Materials*

# **LEGAL NOTICES**

## Legal Notices

Legal notices were published 14 days prior to the public scoping meetings in eight print publications serving the SEP-HCP Plan Area including one Spanish language publication. The table below lists the publications and the dates the notices ran. Please use the reference number to find a copy of each notice on the subsequent pages.

**Table 1 – Legal Notices Published**

| Reference # | Publication              | Date Published | Page Published  |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1           | Blanco County News       | May 18, 2011   | Page B4         |
| 2           | The Helotes Echo         | May 18, 2011   | Page 8          |
| 3           | Kerrville Daily Times    | May 22, 2011   | Page 6C         |
| 4           | The Bandera Bulletin     | May 18, 2011   | Page B6         |
| 5           | San Antonio Express News | May 22, 2011   | Page 5G         |
| 6           | La Prensa                | May 22, 2011   | Page 6B         |
| 7           | Hondo Anvil Herald       | May 19, 2011   | Legal Notices   |
| 8           | The Boerne Star          | May 20, 2011   | Pages 4C and 5C |

## Display Ads

In addition to the legal notices, display ads were placed in seven print publications serving the SEP-HCP Plan Area including one Spanish language publication. Display ads were utilized because they can be placed in more commonly read sections of the newspaper. The table below lists the publications and the dates the ads ran. Please use the reference number to find a copy of each ad on the subsequent pages.

**Table 2 – Display Ads Published**

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|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 9           | Blanco County News       | June 1, 2011   | Page A7        |
| 10          | Blanco County News       | June 8, 2011   | Page B7        |
| 11          | The Helotes Echo         | June 8, 2011   | Page 2         |
| 12          | The Boerne Star          | June 3, 2011   | Page 9A        |
| 13          | The Boerne Star          | June 10, 2011  | Page 11A       |
| 14          | San Antonio Express News | June 5, 2011   | Page 10A       |
| 15          | La Prensa de San Antonio | June 8, 2011   | Page 5         |
| 16          | Kerrville Daily Times    | June 5, 2011   | Page 12A       |
| 17          | Hondo Anvil Herald       | June 9, 2011   | Page 7A        |

PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Blanco

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared

Jennifer Paradis who being by me duly sworn, deposes and  
(name)

says that (s)he is a bona fide representative of the Blanco County News;  
(name of newspaper)

that said newspaper is regularly published in Blanco County(ies)

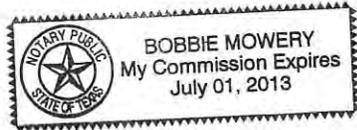
and generally circulated in Blanco County(ies),

Texas, and that the attached public notice was published in said newspaper on the following

date(s), to wit: May 18, 2011, and that the attached is a true copy of said notice.

Jennifer Paradis  
Newspaper Representative's Signature

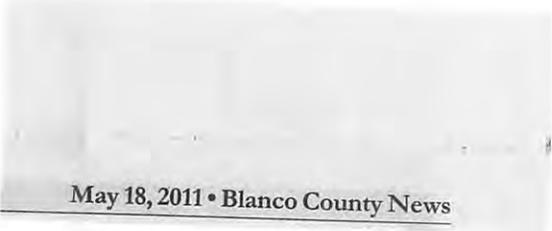
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of May, 2011, to certify which witness  
my hand and seal of office.



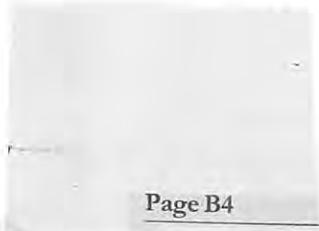
Bobbie Mowery  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

BOBBIE MOWERY  
Print or Type Name of Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 7-1-13



May 18, 2011 • Blanco County News



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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

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**Public Availability of Comments** – Written comments will become part of the public record associated with this action. You may request to withhold your personal identifying information (name, contact information, etc.) from public review, however, there is no guarantee that the Service will be able to do so. Additional information is also available in the Notice of Intent published in the Federal Register available at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/2011-10143.htm>.

The Helotes



# Echo

THE AREA'S LEADING COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1961

14743 Old Bandera Rd, Helotes, TX 78023

Phone # (210) 695-3613 fax# (210) 695-9151

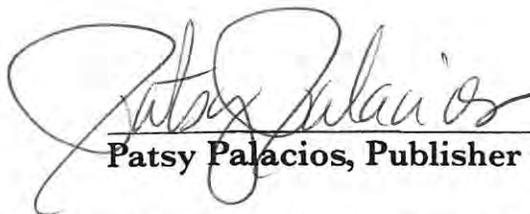
## PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

State of Texas

County of Bexar

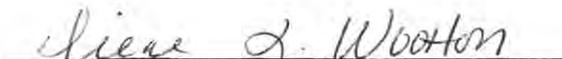
I solemnly swear the enclosed notice was published 1 time(s) in The Helotes Echo, a newspaper published in Helotes, County of Bexar, Texas and of general circulation in said county, as provided in the Texas Probate Code for the service of citation or notice by publication.

The date of said notice was published on May 18, 2011. A copy of the notice published, clipped from the newspaper, is enclosed hereto.

  
Patsy Palacios, Publisher

Subscribed and sworn before me by Diane L. Wootton this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011. To certify which witness my hand and seal of office.



  
Diane L Wootton  
Notary Public, State of Texas

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Helotes Echo  
5/18/2011

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# AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

The State of Texas:  
The County of Kerr

I, Mike Graxiola, publisher of the Kerrville Daily Times, a newspaper published in the County of Kerr, State of Texas, do swear that the foregoing and attached citation was Published in Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas, a newspaper of general circulation published regularly in said Kerr County, Texas for more than one year before this date on the following dates wit:

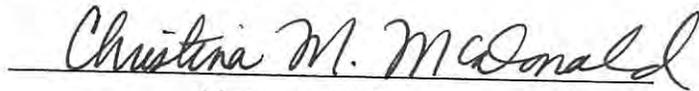
May 22, 2011  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2011

A printed copy of said writ as it was published is attached hereto as a part hereof.



Mike Graxiola  
Publisher of THE KERRVILLE DAILY TIMES  
Kerrville, Kerr County, TX

Sworn to and subscribed before me by the said Mike Graxiola, Publisher of the Kerrville Daily Times, on this the 25th day of May A.D. 2011, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.



Notary Public,  
Kerr County, Texas



PRINTER'S FEE

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**THE**  
**BANDERA BULLETIN**  
 SERVING THE CITIZENS OF BANDERA COUNTY AND THE HILL COUNTRY  
 SINCE 1945

**PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT**

**STATE OF TEXAS**

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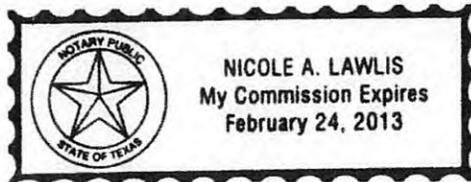
Before me, this day, personally appeared JT Maroney, the *Advertising Manager* of *THE BANDERA BULLETIN* newspaper published in Bandera County, Texas, and having a general circulation in that county, who being by me, duly sworn deposes and says:

The foregoing notice was published in above said newspaper on May 18, 2011.

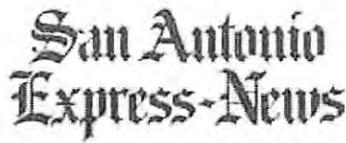
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 JT Maroney/Bandera  
 Advertising Manager

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Nicole A. Lawlis  
 Notary Public In and For  
 Bandera County, Texas







**SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS NEWS  
AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**

**STATE OF TEXAS:  
COUNTY OF BEXAR**

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, on this day personally appeared: Lynette Nelson, who after being duly sworn, says that she is the BOOKKEEPER of THE HEARST CORPORATON (SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS DIVISION), a daily newspaper published in Bexar County, Texas and that the publication, of which the annexed is a true copy, was published to wit:

Customer ID: 707428  
Customer Name: Ximenes & Associates  
Order ID: 2040421

Publication Pub Date  
EN Classified 22-MAY-11

*Lynette Nelson*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lynette Nelson  
Bookkeeper

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May A.D. 2011

Notary public in and for the State of Texas

*Olivia D. Chaverria*



**SOUTHERN  
EDWARDS PLATEAU REGIONAL  
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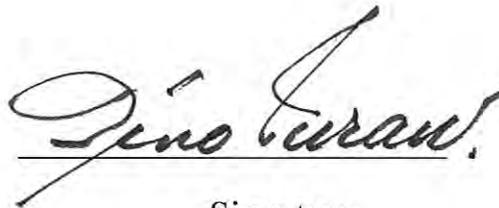
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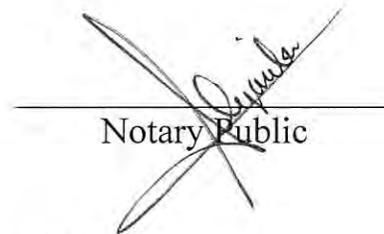
COUNTY OF BEXAR

Before me, a Notary Public in and for Bexar County,  
this day personally appeared Tino Duran, Publisher of La Prensa De San Antonio who being duly sworn by oath, stated that Ximenes & Associates, Inc. requested a publication for Bid: Reuniones Publicas para Explorar y Detectar las Necesidades para El Plan Propuesto para la Conservacion del Habitat Regional del Altiplano Southern Edwards Declaracion Preliminar de Impactos Ambientales. In the Spanish version where it was published in La Prensa Bilingual Newspaper on May 22, 2011.



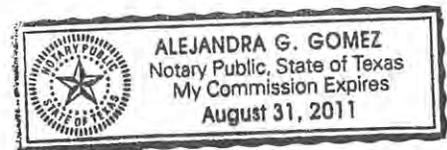
Signature

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF  
MAY 2011.



Notary Public

My Commission expires:



22 de mayo de 2011

La Prensa de San Antonio

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## El Plan Propuesto para la Conservación del Hábitat Regional del Altiplano Southern Edwards Declaración Preliminar de Impactos Ambientales

El Servicio para Pesca y Vida Silvestre de los Estados Unidos (Servicio) informa al público de su intención para preparar una Declaración Preliminar de Impactos Ambientales (EIS por su sigla en inglés) para evaluar los impactos de, y alternativas a, la expedición propuesta de un permiso de Captura Incidental (ITP por su sigla en inglés) bajo la Ley de Especies en Peligro de Extinción de 1973, cómo enmendado (Ley), al condado de Bexar, Texas y la Ciudad de San Antonio, Texas (solicitantes). El ITP autorizará la captura de cinco especies de la lista federal resultando de urbanizaciones residenciales o comerciales y otras actividades de urbanización asociados con el plan propuesto para la Conservación del Hábitat Regional (RCHP por su sigla en inglés) del Altiplano Southern Edwards (SEP por su sigla en inglés), que incluye a Bexar y los otros condados a su alrededor. El plazo para comentarios públicos ya está en vigor y una serie de cinco reuniones públicas para explorar y detectar las necesidades será conducidas en el área del plan propuesto.

### Reuniones Públicas para Explorar y Detectar las Necesidades

5:30pm Exhibición Abierta al Público

6:00pm Presentación

7:00pm Preguntas y Respuestas

#### 6 de junio de 2011

Salón Grande del Silver Sage Corral  
803 Buck Creek Drive  
Bandera, TX 78003

#### 7 de junio de 2011

Centro para Convenciones de Boerne  
820 Adler Road  
Boerne, TX 78006

#### 9 de junio de 2011

Viejo Corte del Condado de Blanco  
300 Main Street  
Blanco, TX 78606

#### 13 de junio de 2011

Centro de Conferencias del YO Ranch  
2033 Sidney Baker  
Kerrville, TX 78028

#### 14 de junio de 2011

Centro de Actividades Agrícolas de Helotes  
12132 Leslie Road  
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### Propósito y Formato de las Reuniones para Explorar y Detectar las Necesidades

El propósito de las reuniones para explorar y detectar las necesidades es de proveer al público un entendimiento general del RHCP propuesto y las actividades incluidas en el RCHP preliminar, propuestas alternativas bajo consideración en el EIS preliminar, y el rol del Servicio y los pasos a tomar para crear el EIS preliminar para el RCHP preliminar.

El formato de la reunión consistirá en una exhibición abierta al público, una presentación formal, y un panel de representantes de agencias y solicitantes. Comentarios del público y preguntas serán propuestos al panel por un moderador. Un reportero judicial estará presente en cada reunión. El propósito principal de estas reuniones y el periodo de comentario público es de solicitar sugerencias e información respecto al rango de cuestiones y alternativas que serán considerados por el Servicio cuando están redactando la EIS. Si le interesa asistir a estas reuniones y tiene necesidades especiales de comunicación o de acomodo, comuníquese con Christina Williams al (512) 490-0057 para el viernes, 27 de mayo de 2011.

### El Plazo para Comentar

Comentarios orales y escritos serán aceptados en las reuniones. Además, los comentarios matasellados el 26 de julio de 2011 o antes serán parte del registro público y considerado en el EIS preliminar.

Para pedir información adicional del SEP RHCP o EIS o para entregar comentarios por escrito o preguntas, use uno de los métodos a continuación, y indique que su petición para información o su comentario es para el SEP RHCP/EIS:

Correo electrónico: fw2\_aues\_consult@fws.gov

Correo: Field Supervisor

Austin Ecological Services Field Office  
10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200  
Austin, TX 78758-4460

Teléfono: (512) 490-0057

Fax: (512) 490-0974

### Disponibilidad al Público de los Comentarios

Comentarios por escrito serán parte del registro público asociado con esta acción. Usted puede pedir que no se revele la información para la revisión pública que identifica a usted como la persona que lo sometió (nombre, como comunicarse con usted, etc.), pero no hay garantía de que el Servicio lo pueda lograr.

Información adicional también está disponible en la Notificación de Intención en el Registro Federal que se encuentra en el <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/2011-10143.htm>

**Hondo Anvil Herald**  
PO. Box 400, Hondo, Texas 78861

**PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT**

The State of Texas)  
County of Medina)

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day did personally appear Diane Cosgrove, a person known to me, who on her oath stated:

That she is the Manager of the Hondo Anvil Herald, a newspaper published in Medina County, Texas, and which newspaper is of general circulation and has been published for more than twelve (12) months prior to the insertion of the attached notice, and

That she knows the facts stated in this affidavit.

That the attached printed matter is a true and correct copy of the publication of the notice of which it purposes to be a true copy, as the same appeared in such newspaper in the respective issues of:

\_\_\_\_\_ May 19, 11 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

and that the charge of such newspaper being \$ 108.40

Diane Cosgrove  
Diane Cosgrove, Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before

me on this the 30 day of

May 20 11

Cathy A. Walton

Notary Public  
Medina County, Texas

**Public Scoping Meetings for the Proposed Southern Edwards Plateau Regional Habitat Conservation Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) advise the public of their intention to prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the impacts of, and alternatives to, the proposed issuance of an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), to Bexar County, Texas, and the City of San Antonio, Texas (applicants). The ITP would authorize incidental take of five federally listed species resulting from residential, commercial, and other development activities associated with the proposed Southern Edwards Plateau (SEP) Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (RHCP), which includes Bexar and surrounding counties. The public comment period is now open and a series of five public scoping meetings will be held throughout the proposed plan area.

**Public Scoping Meetings**

5:30pm Open House

6:00pm Presentation

7:00pm Question/Answer

**June 6, 2011**

Silver Sage Corral Great Room

803 Buck Creek Drive

Bandera, TX 78003

**June 7, 2011**

Boerne Convention Center

820 Adler Road

Boerne, TX 78006

**June 13, 2011**

YO Ranch Conference Center

2033 Sidney Baker

Kerrville, TX 78028

**June 14, 2011**

Helotes Ag Activity Center

12132 Leslie Road

Helotes, TX 78023

**June 9, 2011**

Old Blanco County Courthouse

300 Main Street

Blanco, TX 78606

**Purpose and Format of Public Scoping Meetings**

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**Comment Period**

Oral and written comments will be accepted at the meetings. In addition, all comments postmarked on or before July 26, 2011 will become part of the public record and considered in the Draft EIS. To request further information on the SEP RHCP or EIS or submit written comments or questions, use one of the following methods, and note that your information request or comment is in reference to the SEP RHCP/EIS:

E-mail: fw2\_aues\_consult@fws.gov  
U.S. Mail: Field Supervisor  
Austin Ecological Services Field Office

10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200

Austin, TX 78758-4460

Telephone: (512) 490-0057

Fax: (512) 490-0974

**Public Availability of Comments**

Written comments will become part of the public record associated with this action. You may request to withhold your personal identifying information (name, contact information, etc.) from public review, however, there is no guarantee that the Service will be able to do so. Additional information is also available in the Notice of Intent published in the Federal Register available at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/2011-10143.htm>.

Pub.: May 19, 2011



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Boerne, Texas will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, June 6, 2011 at 6:00 PM**, in the City Council Chambers, located at the Boerne Police/Municipal Court Complex, 124 Old San Antonio, Boerne, Texas, to discuss the following:

Public hearing:

- To consider the proposed use of a kennel in an R-A, Rural Residential Agricultural District located on 11.9 acres, at 16 Staudt Street. (Kendall County Women's Shelter).
- To consider the proposed rezoning of 110 Old San Antonio from R-E, Single Family Residential Estate District to B-2, Highway Commercial District.
- To consider the application of the Entrance Corridor Overlay District to 110 Old San Antonio.
- To consider the proposed use of a contractor in a B-2, Highway Commercial District located on +/- 5 acres, at 110 Old San Antonio.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

**NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Police / Municipal Court Complex is wheelchair accessible. Access to the building and special parking are available at the front entrance of the building. Requests for special services must be received forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting time by calling the Planning Department at 830-249-9511.

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Moving Sale, 30904 Wood Bine Way (Deer Meadow Estates), Saturday, May 21, 7am-11am. Décor, household, misc.

Huge Multi-family Garage Sale, 138 Cibolo Branch, Saturday, 8am.

39 Sisterdale Rd, Saturday, 8am-2pm. Little Miss BergesFest dresses, household items, horse tack and more!

Multi-family Yard Sale, 910 River Rd, Friday & Saturday, 8am-2pm. Household, electric, tools, clothes, books, purses, décor items and much more!

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AKC Yellow Lab Puppies. nab1957@gmail.com, 830-928-3287.

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**WANTED:** Rototiller for 50 H Tractor. 830-796-8193.

CAUSE NO. 11-001-PR

THE ESTATE OF NADINE L. WATTS DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KENDALL COUNTY TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of NADINE L. WATTS, Deceased, were issued on May 17, 2011, in Docket No. 11-001-PR, pending in the County Court of Kendall County, Texas, to EUGENE PARRISH.

The mailing address of the Independent Executor in Kendall County, Texas is:

EUGENE PARRISH  
c/o ANDREW J. HIX  
P.O. Box 1106  
Boerne, Texas 78006

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

ANDREW J. HIX  
Texas Bar No. 09729100  
P.O. Box 1106  
Boerne, Texas 78006  
Tel: 830/249-9595  
Fax: 830/249-2999

ATTORNEY FOR EUGENE PARRISH  
Independent Executor for the Estate of NADINE L. WATTS, Deceased

CAUSE NO. 11-038-PR

THE ESTATE OF MARY C. STREB DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW KENDALL COUNTY TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARY C. STREB, Deceased, were issued on May 17, 2011, in Docket No. 11-038-PR, pending in the County Court of Kendall County, Texas, to JOSEPH M. STREB.

The mailing address of the Executor in Kendall County, Texas is:

JOSEPH M. STREB  
c/o ANDREW J. HIX  
P.O. Box 1106  
Boerne, Texas 78006

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ANDREW J. HIX  
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P.O. Box 1106  
Boerne, Texas 78006  
Tel: 830/249-9595  
Fax: 830/249-2999

ATTORNEY FOR JOSEPH M. STREB  
Executor for the Estate of MARY C. STREB, Deceased

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209 & 221 Frey St, Saturday, May 21. Lots of items from knic-knacs, clothes, infant furniture to a double sink/counter.

501 Oak Park, Saturday, 8am-12pm. Furniture, TV's antique snow cone machine, baby & junior clothes, home décor.

Yard Sale, 11 Sisterdale Rd, Iglesia Vida Nueva Church, Saturday, 8am-3pm.

Garage Sale, 224 Latigo Ln, May 21, 8am-12pm. Furniture, bed, sofas, computer desks, TV, exercise bike, men/women's clothing, misc. household and decorative items.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

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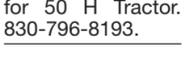
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
KENDALL COUNTY, TEXAS  
INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Kendall County invites the submission of sealed Bids for:

**Joshua Springs Park & Preserve**

Kendall County, Texas is accepting sealed bids for improvements at Joshua Springs Park and Preserve. All bids shall be in an sealed envelope which must clearly be marked on the outside with the words "Sealed Bid-Joshua Springs Park and Preserve" and delivered to the Kendall County Auditor's office. Sealed bids will be accepted by the Auditor's office until 3:00 p.m. Thursday June 16, 2011. Bids will be opened at that time in the

Kendall County Auditor's Office  
201 E. San Antonio Ave., Suite 113  
Boerne, Texas 78006  
830-249-9343

Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The project generally includes construction of: pavilions, restrooms, picnic areas, walking trails, fishing piers, playground, interpretive areas, bird watching areas, parking, drainage and utility improvements.

Plans, Specifications, and Bidding Documents may be viewed and obtained by visiting the CivCastUSA Website ([www.CivCastUSA.com](http://www.CivCastUSA.com)).

Questions by potential bidders may be directed to Mr. Philip Wanke, RLA (BWM Group, Inc.) at [pwanke@bwmgrp.com](mailto:pwanke@bwmgrp.com) or (512) 238-8912. Questions by potential bidders will be accepted until midnight June 10, 2011.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday June 2, 2011 at 10:00 am at Joshua Springs Park & Preserve, 716 FM 289, Comfort, TX 78013.

A Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or acceptable Bidder's Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each bid. Performance, Payment and Maintenance Bonds will be required as stated in the bidding documents.

**REQUIRED WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE:** "The law requires that each person working on this site or providing services related to this construction project must be covered by workers' compensation insurance. This includes persons providing hauling, or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor or transportation or other service related to the project, regardless of the identity of their employer or status as an employee."

Kendall County reserves the right to accept the lowest and best Bid as deemed by the Commissioners Court, or reject any and/or all Bids.

A portion of this project is part of a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Funded Grant Project.

**SECTION 00 100**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS**

**1.01 The Owner (hereinafter referred to as Owner):**

City of Boerne, Texas  
402 East Blanco  
Boerne, TX 78006

**1.02 And the Engineer (hereinafter referred to as Engineer):**

Moy Tarin Ramirez Engineers, LLC  
12770 Cimarron Path, Suite 100  
San Antonio, Texas 78249  
Voice 210-698-5051, Fax 210-698-5085  
E-mail: [cdumas@mtrengineers.com](mailto:cdumas@mtrengineers.com)

**1.03 TO: POTENTIAL BIDDERS**

A. Your firm is invited to submit a Competitive Sealed Proposal to the Owner for construction of site work and utilities associated with the Bentwood Drive Reconstruction Project, Boerne, TX 78006.

**Hand-delivered sealed proposals must be submitted to the Court Clerk located in the Police/Municipal Court Complex at 124 Old San Antonio Rd.** before 2:00 PM local standard time on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 and will be opened shortly thereafter.

**Sealed proposals sent thru the US Postal Service or another mail delivery provider must be mailed to City of Boerne, Assistant to the Public Works Director, 402 E. Blanco, Boerne, Texas 78006.** Proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and marked on the outside "Sealed Proposal for the Bentwood Drive Reconstruction Project to Be Opened May 31, 2011 at 2:00 PM". Any proposals received after 2:00 PM will not be accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Sealed proposals will be opened Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 2:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at the Police/Municipal Court Complex, located at 124 Old San Antonio Rd. in Boerne, Texas.

B. The Competitive Sealed Proposal method of procurement requires multiple submittals of Proposal sections as set forth in the Selection Criteria of the Instructions to Offerors. After receiving all parts of the Proposal, the said parties will evaluate and rank each Proposal submitted in relation to the published evaluation criteria and select that Proposal that offers the best criteria/value to the City of Boerne. The Owner reserves the right to waive any information and/or reject any and all proposals. It is the intent of (Owner) that Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) shall be afforded every opportunity to participate in this construction project as prime contractors, subcontractors and/or suppliers.

C. Scope of Work: The Bentwood Drive Reconstruction contract includes the following construction items and all other work incidental to those items of construction as indicated on the contract documents:

1. The demolition of existing Bentwood Drive, Boerne Independent School District (B.I.S.D.) driveways, and associated facilities.
2. The complete reconstruction of Bentwood Drive including asphalt pavement, curbs, sidewalks, driveways, signage, traffic markings, etc.
3. The complete installation of the underground and open concrete channel storm drainage system including rock rubble riprap outfalls.
4. The complete reconstruction of the B.I.S.D. driveway.
5. Grading of the site as indicated on the construction drawings.
6. Installation and maintenance of temporary storm water pollution prevention devices and construction fencing including construction exit, silt fence, etc.
7. It is the intent of the Owner that the project be complete by August 22, 2011.

D. Bid document availability: Bid documents are available from the following sources described below.

1. Bid Documents may be purchased with a \$60.00 non-refundable deposit from Moy Tarin Ramirez Engineers, 12770 Cimarron Path Ste. 100, San Antonio, TX 78249, (210) 698-5051.
2. Builders Exchange of Texas, 4047 Naco-Perrin, San Antonio, TX 78217, (210) 564-6900.
3. Association of General Contractors of San Antonio, 10806 Gulfdale, San Antonio, TX 78216, (210) 349-4921.
4. McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, 1223 Arion Pkwy. #108, San Antonio, TX 78216, (210) 495-0084.

E. Bidders will be required to provide Bid Security in the form of a Certified Cashiers Check or Bid Bond of a sum no less than 5 percent of the Bid Amount. The Bid Bond and surety's power of attorney must both reflect the proposal opening date.

F. Submit your offer on the Bid Form provided. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate.

G. Your offer will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

H. Offerors shall pay particular attention to the required employment conditions that must be observed and the minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract. The Labor Rates for Prevailing Wage Rates will apply on this project.

I. Pre-Proposal Meeting: A voluntary meeting for this project will be held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 in the City Council Chambers at the Police/Municipal Court Complex, located at 124 Old San Antonio Rd. in Boerne, Texas. On site tour will be available after the meeting if requested.

May 13, 2011

Ronald C. Bowman  
City Manager

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Henry Frederick Stearns, Deceased, were issued on April 26, 2011, in Cause No. 11-043-PR, pending in the County Court at Law of Kendall County, Texas, to: Katherine Wilson Singleton.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

All claims should be addressed to Ms. Singleton as Independent Executrix and mailed to:

Frank Y. Hill, Jr.  
Attorney for the Estate of Henry F. Stearns  
P.O. Box 387  
Boerne, Texas 78006

DATED the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

Frank Y. Hill, Jr.  
P.O. Box 387  
Boerne, Texas 78006  
Telephone: (830) 816-2569  
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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will conduct a series of public scoping meetings related to the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Southern Edwards Plateau Regional Habitat Conservation Plan. The EIS is required as part of the process to evaluate impacts of, and alternatives to, the proposed issuance of an incidental take permit to the applicants, Bexar County and the City of San Antonio. The proposed permit area includes Bexar, Medina, Bandera, Kerr, Kendall, and Comal Counties.

| DATE                      | CITY      | LOCATION   |
|---------------------------|-----------|--|
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**COUNTY OF KENDALL**

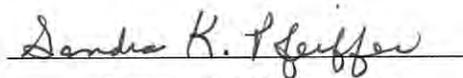
Before me this day personally appeared Candace Velvin, the Managing Editor of "The Boerne Star" newspaper published in Kendall County, Texas, and having a general circulation in that county, who being by me duly sworn deposes and says:

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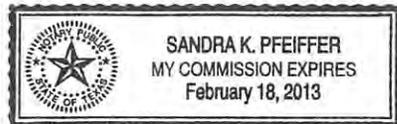


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Notary Public In and For  
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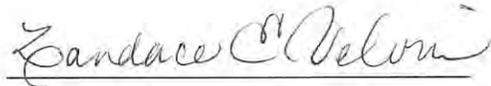
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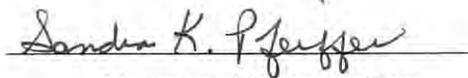
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**SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS NEWS  
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Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the State day personally appeared: Lynette Nelson, who after being duly sworn, say BOOKKEEPER of THE HEARST CORPORATON (SAN ANTONIO EXPR DIVISION), a daily newspaper published in Bexar County, Texas and that of which the annexed is a true copy, was published to wit:

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*Lynette Nelson*

Lynette Nelson  
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Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June A.

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El Servicio de Pesca y Vida Silvestre de los Estados Unidos convocará una serie de reuniones para explorar y detectar las necesidades relacionadas al desarrollo de la Declaración de Impactos Ambientales (EIS por sus siglas en inglés) para el plan para la Conservación del Hábitat Regional del Altiplano Southern Edwards. La EIS es requisito como parte del proceso para evaluar los impactos de, y las alternativas a, la expedición propuesta de un permiso de Captura Incidental (ITP por sus siglas en inglés) para los solicitantes, el Condado de Bexar y el Municipio de San Antonio. El área propuesta para el permiso incluye los condados de Bexar, Medina, Bandera, Kerr, Kendall y Comal.

| FECHA                       | CIUDAD    | LOCAL  |
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| Lunes<br>13 de junio, 2011  | Kerrville | Centro para Conferencias del<br>YO Ranch<br>2033 Sidney Baker, Kerrville |
| Martes<br>14 de junio, 2011 | Helotes   | Centro de Actividades Agrícolas<br>12132 Leslie Road, Helotes            |

Todas las reuniones incluirán una exhibición abierta al público a las 5:30 p.m. con una presentación formal a las 6:00 p.m., y después continúa la exhibición abierta al público hasta las 7:00 p.m., cuando se convocará una sesión de preguntas y respuestas hasta las 8:00 p.m. El público está invitado a proveer comentarios y opiniones. Información similar será disponible en todas las reuniones. *Si Ud. tiene necesidades especiales de comunicación, favor de comunicarse con Christina Williams (512) 490-0057, Ext. 235 no más tarde que el 10 de junio de 2011.*

Todos los comentarios recibidos el 26 de julio de 2011 o antes, serán parte del registro público y considerados en la EIS Preliminar. Se puede entregar los comentarios por correo al Field Supervisor, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758-4460, o por correo electrónico al [fw2\\_aues\\_consult@fws.gov](mailto:fw2_aues_consult@fws.gov), o por fax al (512) 490-0974. Para más información, visite <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/2011-10143.htm>.

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The County of Kerr

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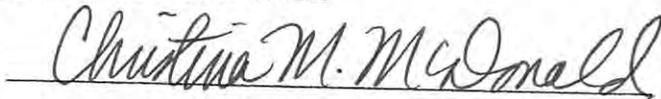
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A printed copy of said writ as it was published is attached hereto as a part hereof.



Mike Graxiola  
Publisher of THE KERRVILLE DAILY TIMES  
Kerrville, Kerr County, TX

Sworn to and subscribed before me by the said Mike Graxiola, Publisher of the Kerrville Daily Times, on this the 10th day of June A.D. 2011, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.



Notary Public,  
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# 12A Local | Weekend, June 4-5, 2011



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*Obituaries continued...*

**Phyllis E. "Grandma" Laurel**

Phyllis E. "Grandma" Laurel, age 69 of LaCoste, passed away Wednesday, June 01, 2011 in San Antonio. She is preceded in death by her parents, Wilton W. and Laura Emma Mann Pitts. She is survived by her son, Kelly Kinsel of Bandera; daughters, L. Gayle Nelson of Corpus Christi, Leona English and husband, Daryl of Castroville and Stacey Clark of LaCoste; sister, Shirley Pitts of Castroville; grand-

children, Robert and Jessica Nelson, Madelynn, Landry and Kristynn Kinsel, Aubrey Davis and Amanda Farias, Joshua and Matthew Clark, Walker English; six great-grandchildren. The Rosary was recited June 3 in the Hurley Funeral Home Chapel. Mass was celebrated June 04 at the Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in LaCoste. Interment was in the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.

HURLEY FUNERAL HOME, DEVINE  
HONDO ANVIL HERALD, JUNE 9, 2011

**Pete Riddle Jr.**

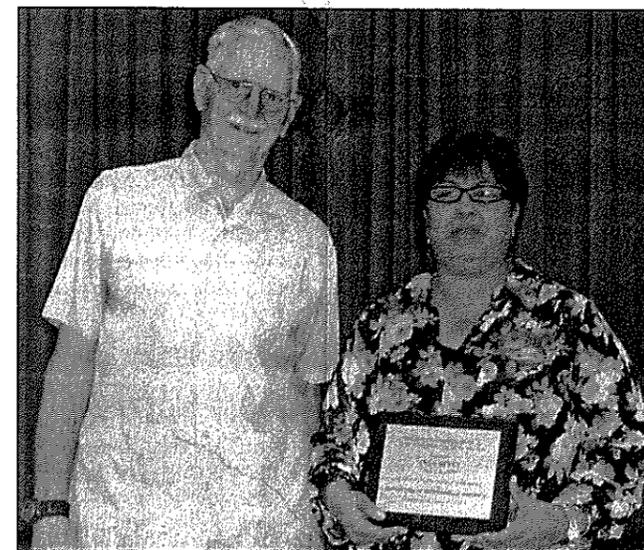
Pete Riddle Jr., age 73 of Devine, passed away June 2, 2011, in San Antonio. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester Pete and Josephine Cogdal Riddle; brother, James L. Riddle; and sister, Helen Lamon. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Annie Riddle; sons, Lester Gene, Donald Wayne and Timothy DeWayne Riddle; daughters, Barbara Gale,

Carolyn Sue Stricker, Tammy Kay Klump, Sandra Renee Riddle and Gala Denice Jay; brothers, Roy Lee Riddle and Terry W. Riddle; sisters, Laverne Lancaster and Dorothy Eaton; 19 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were June 7 in the Hurley Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was in the Moore Memorial Cemetery.

HURLEY FUNERAL HOME, HONDO  
HONDO ANVIL HERALD, JUNE 9, 2011



Retiring HHS Band Director Bob Howard is this year's recipient of the Wayne F. Stein Leadership Award, pictured here with his wife, Trish, who is the HISD Elementary Academic Coordinator, and school board member Wayne Stein, for whom the award is named.



Sterling Martin presented the Jimmie Ruth Martin Annual Volunteer of the Year Award, named in his late wife's honor, to Anna Reyes, known for her many hours of service to HISD.



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*Cypress Day  
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**JUNE 18**

**SABINAL CITY PARK**

**10am - Parade on Center St.**

**11am - Little Mr. & Mrs. Sabinal Pageant**  
(Ages 3-5 • Register just prior to event)

**12 noon - SVFD BBQ Plate Sale**

**1:30pm - Live Auction**

**Other events:**

*A & J Snake Handlers • Volleyball, Tennis,  
Horseshoe Tournaments • Chill Cook-Off*

**Call 830-426-1066 for more info**



**Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan  
Environmental Impact Statement - Public Scoping Meetings  
June 6, 7, 9, 13 and 14, 2011  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Purpose of Tonight's Meeting:**

- To introduce and discuss the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Explain the proposed Federal action to issue an Incidental Take Permit
- Receive input from the public on issues, alternatives, and any other items related to proposed issuance of the permit.

**AGENDA**

**5:30 p.m. - Registration/Sign-In/Open House**

**6:00 - Presentation: What is an EIS and a HCP?**

**6:30 - Open House/Post Questions to Comments Wall  
for Question and Answer Session**

**7:00 - Question and Answer Session**

**8:00 - Adjourn**

To submit comments tonight:

- Visit the court reporter and give a verbal comment.
- Submit a written comment card in the comments box or post it to the comments wall so others can read it.

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See back of this agenda for more information.

The presentation and exhibits from tonight's meeting are available for download at:  
[www.sephcp.com](http://www.sephcp.com).

For more information, visit the following websites:

1-U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Endangered Species Program – An Overview of  
Habitat Conservation Plans

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/hcp-overview.html>

2-Texas Parks and Wildlife Department – Endangered and Threatened Species –  
Background Information on the Covered Species being considered in the HCP

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/species/endang/index.phtml>

3-Bexar County sponsored website on the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat  
Conservation Plan

<http://www.sephcp.com>

4-Management Guidelines for the Golden-cheeked Warbler in Rural Landscapes

[http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd\\_bk\\_w7000\\_0013\\_golden\\_cheeked\\_warbler\\_mgmt.pdf](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0013_golden_cheeked_warbler_mgmt.pdf)

5-Management Guidelines for Black-capped Vireo

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Endangered Black-capped Vireo

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**My County Commissioners passed a resolution to “opt out” of the SEP-HCP, so why does the Plan Area include my county?**

The SEP-HCP will not create any new regulations or restrictions, nor will it provide Bexar County or the City of San Antonio with any new land use or zoning authority over private landowners or other governmental entities in Bexar County or any other county.

The SEP-HCP is simply a voluntary tool to help people achieve compliance with the ESA and to leverage resources for achieving conservation at a regionally significant scale.

Bexar County and the City of San Antonio believe that the SEP-HCP’s Plan Area is needed to achieve the biological goals of the Plan. Taking a regional approach to conservation opens up more opportunities for the Plan to contribute in a meaningful and lasting way to the recovery of the region’s endangered species.

**Participation in the SEP-HCP will be entirely voluntary for people seeking to comply with the ESA and for people wishing to become a SEP-HCP conservation partner.**

Anyone, including private landowners or other local governments, wishing to use the SEP-HCP for ESA compliance must specifically request to enroll in the Plan. Neither Bexar County nor the City of San Antonio will require or otherwise compel any landowner, developer, local governmental entity, or any other person to participate in the SEP-HCP.

Those wishing to not participate in the SEP-HCP may conduct their activities in a way that does not harm endangered species or may seek other options for ESA compliance, such as consulting individually with the Service.



Photo from Deldre Hisler, TPWD

Government Canyon State Natural Area, Bexar County

**What is the status of the SEP-HCP?**

Development of the SEP-HCP began in mid-2009, and the plan sponsors (Bexar County and the City of San Antonio) have been working extensively with stakeholder and scientific advisory groups to gain input on what to include in the Plan.

A first draft of the SEP-HCP will be available for review in April 2011 and the final version should be completed by September 2012, subject to approval by the Plan sponsors and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**How can I learn more about the SEP-HCP?**

- Explore the SEP-HCP website at [www.sephcp.com](http://www.sephcp.com)
- Sign up for email notices of meetings and other events on the SEP-HCP website.
- Attend meetings of the SEP-HCP advisory committees. Meeting notices, agendas, materials, and minutes are posted on the SEP-HCP website.
- Participate in open public meetings—check the website for upcoming opportunities.
- Contact us with questions or comments at [info@sephcp.com](mailto:info@sephcp.com)

**SOUTHERN EDWARDS  
PLATEAU HABITAT  
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**INFORMATION &  
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## What is the SEP-HCP?

The Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan (or "SEP-HCP") is an effort by Bexar County and the City of San Antonio to create a program for local administration of certain aspects of the federal Endangered Species Act (the "ESA"). The SEP-HCP will provide an alternative to dealing directly with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for obtaining compliance with endangered species regulations.

The SEP-HCP is intended to simplify compliance with the ESA. Compliance with this existing federal regulation is needed when people conduct activities, such as land development, that would harm endangered species or their habitats. The ESA requires people to perform conservation actions to help offset the harm that may be caused by their actions.

By electing to participate in the SEP-HCP, people will work with the Plan's administrator to determine the level of harm their actions may have on endangered species. Participants in the SEP-HCP would pay a fee to the Plan in proportion to the level of harm their activities may cause. The SEP-HCP will pool these participation fees and use them to protect and manage habitats for the endangered species.

Therefore, by promoting better compliance with the ESA, the SEP-HCP will increase the level of conservation for endangered species and help balance the harmful aspects of habitat loss.

**Participation in the SEP-HCP will be entirely voluntary for people seeking to comply with the ESA and for people wishing to become a SEP-HCP conservation partner. In no case will anyone be required to use the SEP-HCP.**

## What is the reason for the SEP-HCP?

South-central Texas is home to several federally threatened or endangered species, including several birds and cave-dwelling spiders and beetles. The ESA prohibits harm to these species, including actions that could impact endangered species habitat.

The presence of endangered species can conflict with the desirable economic growth of communities that share the same area.

In the Greater San Antonio area, such conflicts have received considerable attention in recent years and have been cited as a significant threat to the military's training mission at Camp Bullis. The presence of these military facilities is a key factor contributing to the economic vitality of the region.

Consulting individually with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to achieve compliance with the ESA is often a cumbersome and lengthy process, sometimes taking years to complete. Too often, the burden of compliance leads to a decision to disregard the ESA in favor of risking enforcement action by the Service. Not complying with the ESA means that the corresponding conservation actions for the affected species do not occur.

The SEP-HCP will simplify, streamline, and shorten the process of achieving ESA compliance, thereby reducing regulatory uncertainty for voluntary SEP-HCP participants and increasing the level of conservation for the region's natural resources.



Photo by Jennifer Blair, Loomis Partners  
Endangered Golden-cheeked Warbler

## Can I participate in the SEP-HCP?

Endangered species conservation and economic development are both issues with regional implications. Therefore, the SEP-HCP has a regional scope that includes a 7-county Plan Area.

Subject to certain limitations, people within the Plan Area may choose to use the SEP-HCP to comply with the ESA when their actions would harm one or more of the Plan's covered species. However, **in no case will anyone be required to use the SEP-HCP.**

Each individual has the responsibility to decide whether or not to seek compliance with the ESA. The SEP-HCP is only one option for achieving compliance and people may choose which option best suits their needs and circumstances. Other options include implementing activities in such a way as to avoid harming an endangered species or by seeking individual authorization from the Service.

The SEP-HCP will also seek partnerships with landowners in the Plan Area to protect endangered species habitat. Again, the SEP-HCP will seek conservation opportunities **only from willing landowners**. The SEP-HCP will not require any landowner to provide lands for conservation.

## 7-County Plan Area

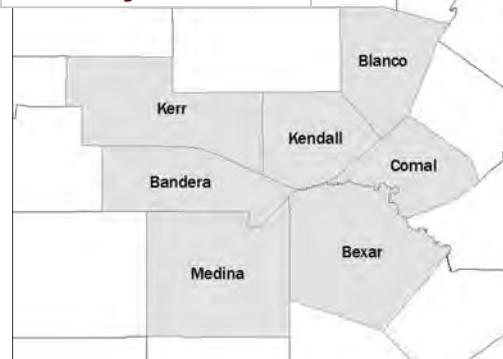


Photo by Jean Krejca, Zara Environmental

Endangered Karst Beetle

## Which species does the SEP-HCP cover?

**Golden-cheeked Warbler** – This endangered migratory songbird uses relatively mature and closed-canopy juniper-oak woodlands in central Texas as breeding habitat during the spring and early summer months. The species was listed as federally endangered on May 4, 1990.

**Black-capped Vireo** – Another endangered migratory bird that utilizes a range of deciduous shrub habitats across central Texas during its breeding season in the spring and summer months. The vireo was listed as federally endangered on November 5, 1987.

**9 Karst Invertebrates** – A group of nine cave-adapted invertebrates including five spiders, three beetles, and one harvestman. These species live entirely underground in the limestone caves and passages of the karst geologic formations that underlie the northern part of Bexar County. These species were federally listed as endangered on December 26, 2000.



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Endangered Karst Spider

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## What are Common Misconceptions about Habitat Conservation Plans?

*Why do I need a permit from USFWS to build a house or roadway?*

**Response:** You do not need a permit from the USFWS to construct a house or roadway. However, if threatened or endangered species will be adversely affected from the construction, you will need authorization from the USFWS for incidental take or harm to threatened or endangered species. Incidental take authorization is for take or harm resulting from, not the purpose of, the proposed action.



*What will happen if I construct my project without getting an incidental take permit?*

**Response:** If your project will cause harm or take of a Federally-listed species, you will need authorization from USFWS. If you choose not to obtain that authorization, you may be in direct violation of the ESA, which is a Federal offense, and can be prosecuted through criminal or civil proceedings.

*Habitat Conservation Plan's are a "government land grab".*

**Response:** A Habitat Conservation Plan, such as the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan, is strictly a voluntary program. If an incidental take permit is required for activities that will result in harm to threatened or endangered wildlife, developers and other private and public entities within the plan area may forgo the preparation of individual plans for each action and voluntarily participate in the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan.

The regional approach is intended to save both time and money by pre-arranging permit conditions and mitigation measures. Landowners may also voluntarily sell conservation easements or lands to the plan administrators for mitigation for development projects. It's all voluntary. The USFWS merely approves such requests to ensure consistency with Federal law.

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## Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan

and

## National Environmental Policy Act

## What's it all about?



# SOUTHERN EDWARDS PLATEAU HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN, NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) prepared this brochure to request your assistance in participating in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan. NEPA incorporates public views into the Federal decision-making process. This brochure describes the NEPA process, focusing on your role in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan.



## What is a Habitat Conservation Plan and what are its Benefits?

Bexar County is preparing the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan. The plan will allow the counties, cities, and private citizens, that choose to participate, to obtain a permit from the USFWS by establishing a locally managed, simplified process for complying with the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The ESA protects threatened or endangered species and their habitats by prohibiting "take" of listed animals. As defined by the ESA, take means "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct." It permits the incidental take of endangered species for certain activities through prescribed measures to mitigate or minimize harm.

## What is NEPA?

NEPA is a Federal law that serves as the Nation's basic charter for making major Federal decisions and how those decisions affect the human environment. It requires that all Federal agencies consider the potential environmental impacts of their proposed actions. NEPA promotes better agency decision-making by ensuring that high quality environmental information is available to agency officials and the public before the agency decides whether and how to undertake a major Federal action. Through the NEPA process, you have an opportunity to learn about USFWS's proposed actions and to provide timely information and comments to USFWS. To implement NEPA, all Federal agencies follow procedures issued by the President's Council on Environmental Quality in the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). The USFWS also follows the Department of the Interior's Manual (516 DM 1-6) and the Draft Fish and Wildlife Service Manual Part 550.

## When Does USFWS Prepare an EIS?

An EIS is prepared for all major Federal actions having a significant effect on the environment. The USFWS's action for the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan would be the issuance of a permit, under Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act. Early in the planning process the USFWS decides whether its actions are "major" and if the impacts could be "significant". Impacts are measured in terms of intensity and duration, and one important consideration in assessing impacts is public controversy. It is USFWS's experience that often through misinformation and misconception Habitat Conservation Plans can be controversial.



## How Does USFWS Prepare an EIS?

EIS preparation consists of several steps, each with opportunities for you to be involved.

**Step 1 - Notice of Intent:** First, the USFWS publishes a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS in the *Federal Register* and makes local announcements. This notice states the need for action and provides preliminary information on the EIS scope, including the alternative actions to be evaluated, the kinds of potential environmental impacts to be analyzed and related issues. The Notice of Intent also serves as the beginning of the next step, the "scoping process."

The Notice of Intent explains how you can participate in the scoping process and provides information about public scoping meetings.

**Step 2- Scoping Process:** The USFWS requests your comments on the scope of the EIS. What alternatives should be evaluated? What potential environmental impacts should be analyzed? USFWS's scoping process will last at least 30 days, with five local public scoping meetings.

**Step 3 - Draft EIS:** USFWS considers scoping comments in preparing a Draft EIS. An EIS (Draft or Final) analyzes and compares the potential environmental impacts of the various alternatives, one of which is always a "no action" alternative. The EIS also discusses ways to avoid or reduce adverse impacts. A Draft EIS will identify USFWS's preferred alternative(s) if known at the time.

USFWS Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan EIS schedule and related NEPA information is available at [www.sephcp.com](http://www.sephcp.com).

## Step 4 - Public Comment on the Draft EIS:

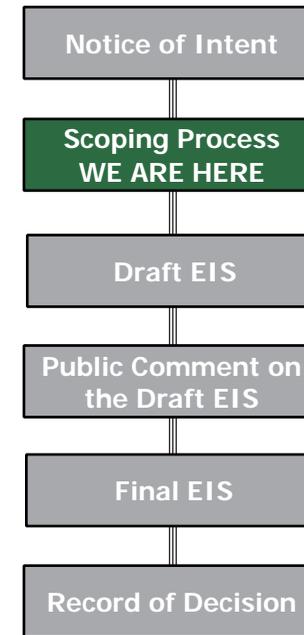
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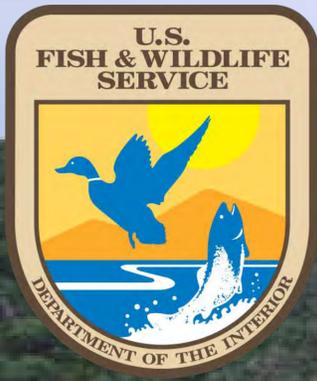
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**Step 5 - Final EIS:** USFWS considers all timely public comments on the Draft EIS while preparing the Final EIS, which must respond to such comments. The Final EIS identifies USFWS's preferred alternative. After USFWS issues the Final EIS, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes a Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register*.

**Step 6 - Record of Decision:** USFWS must wait at least 30 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Notice of Availability of the Final EIS before issuing a Record of Decision. A Record of Decision announces and explains USFWS's decision and describes any commitments for mitigating potential environmental impacts.

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## Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Meetings

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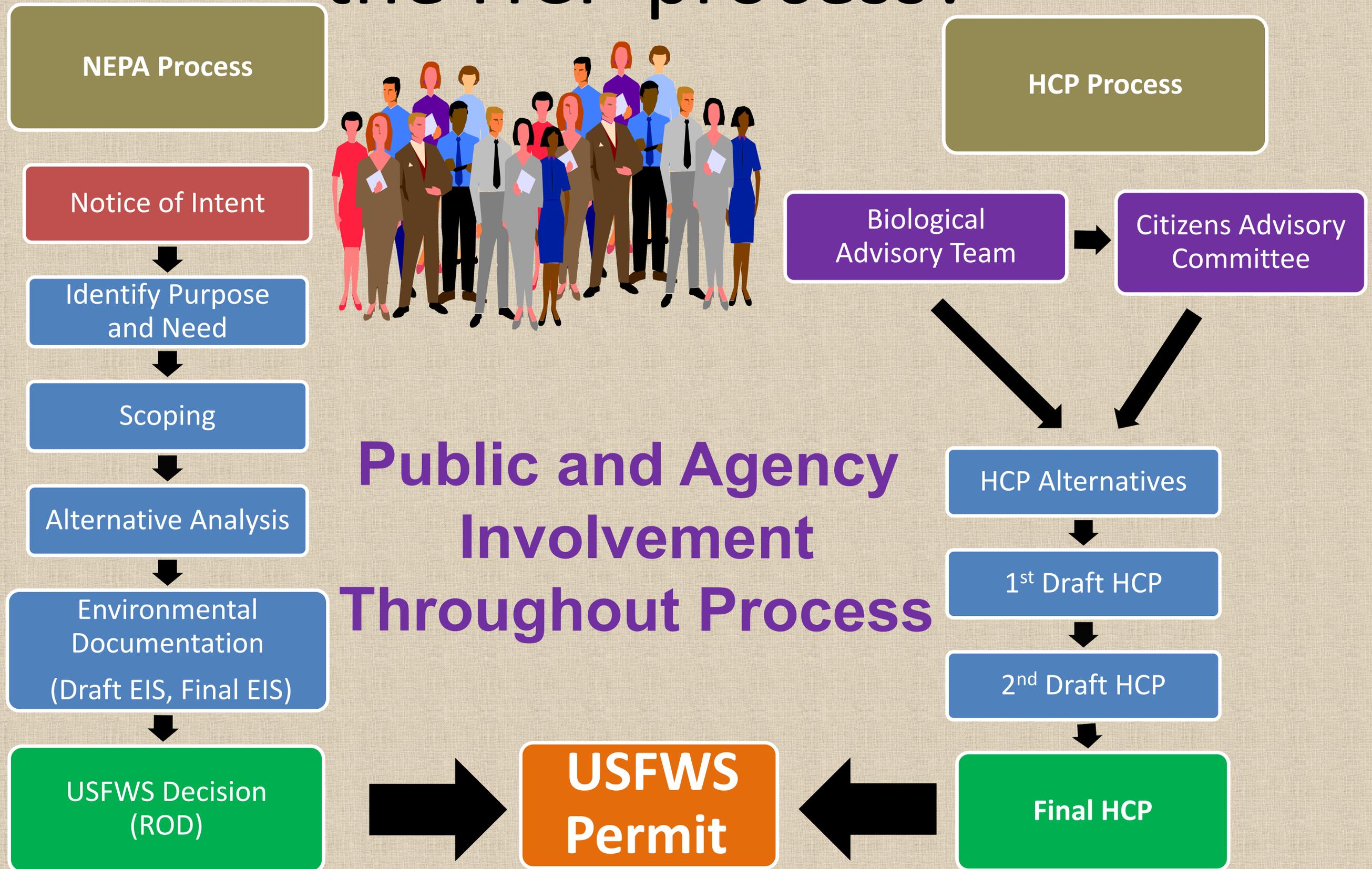
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# USFWS Permitting Process with a Regional Habitat Conservation Plan?

- Simplified, locally managed and voluntary option to comply with the Endangered Species Act
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**Step 1:**  
Assess Habitat Impacts



**Step 2:**  
Discuss Impacts with Bexar County



**Step 3:**  
Pay agreed upon Fee



**Step 4:**  
Begin Construction

**Saves Time and Money**



**1 month**

# What items make up an alternative for the Habitat Conservation Plan?

Covered Species



Plan Area

Incidental Take Levels Requested

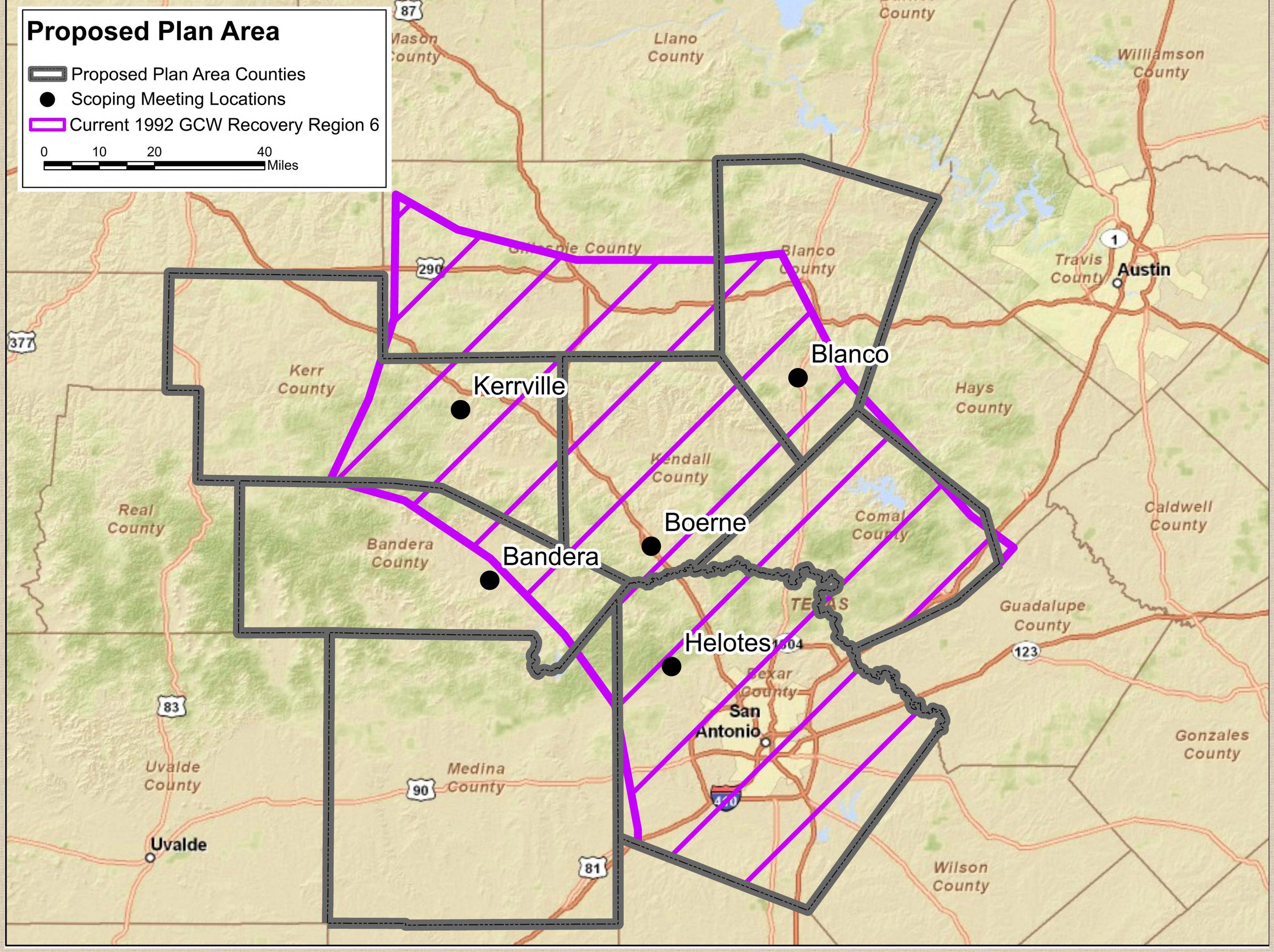
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-  Proposed Plan Area Counties
-  Scoping Meeting Locations
-  Current 1992 GCW Recovery Region 6



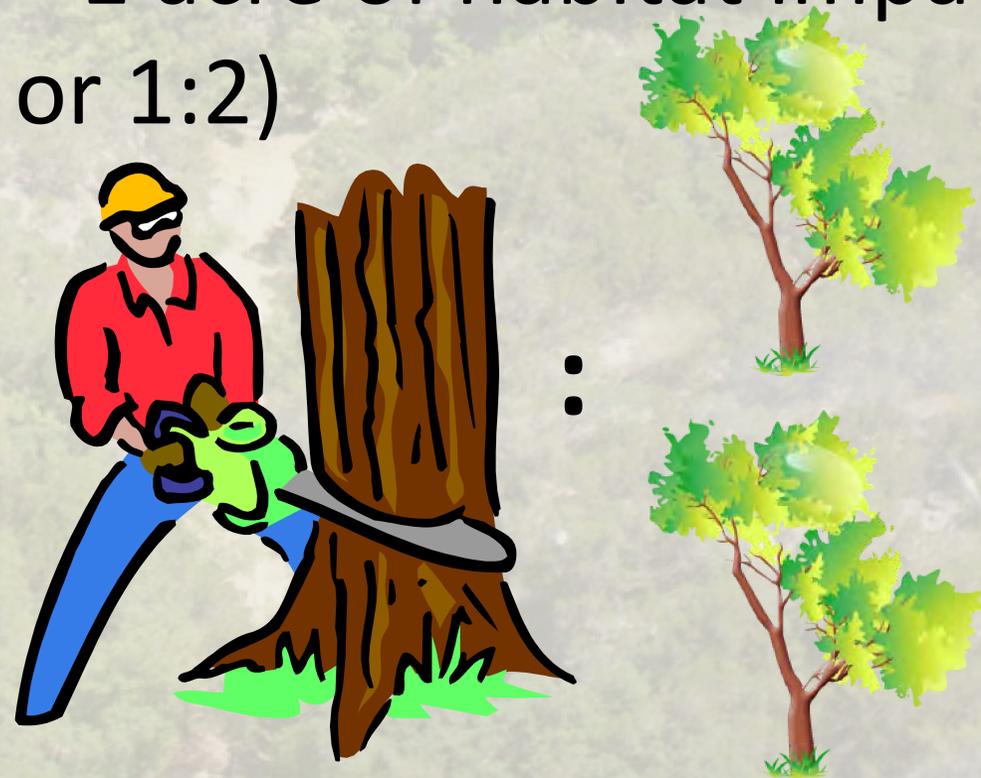
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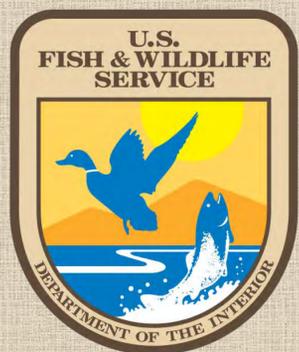
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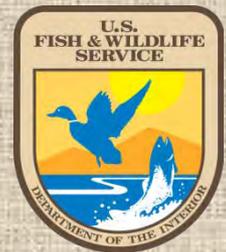
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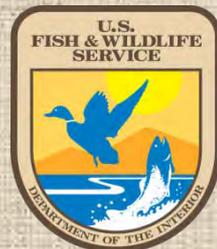
# National Environmental Policy Act Requires an Environmental Impact Statement

“...major federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment...”

What is the Federal Action?

- Incidental Take Permit (ITP) from USFWS

An ITP requires a Habitat Conservation Plan



# USFWS Section 10a Permit Issuance Criteria

1. The taking will be incidental
2. Impacts are minimized and mitigated
3. Adequate funding is in place
4. Taking will not reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery
5. USFWS may include other measures, as necessary (such as monitoring).
6. Applicant must ensure that the plan will be implemented



# What roles do the USFWS and the permit applicant play in the NEPA process?

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Lead Agency/Decision Maker/Issues Permit)
- Bexar County (Permit Applicant)



# What is the Endangered Species Act?

- Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended)
  - Protects Species Listed as “Threatened” or “Endangered”
  - Prohibits “take” of listed species without a permit.
  - Violations are punishable with fines and imprisonment



Similar to the driving within the speed limit, if you choose to drive faster there are consequences.



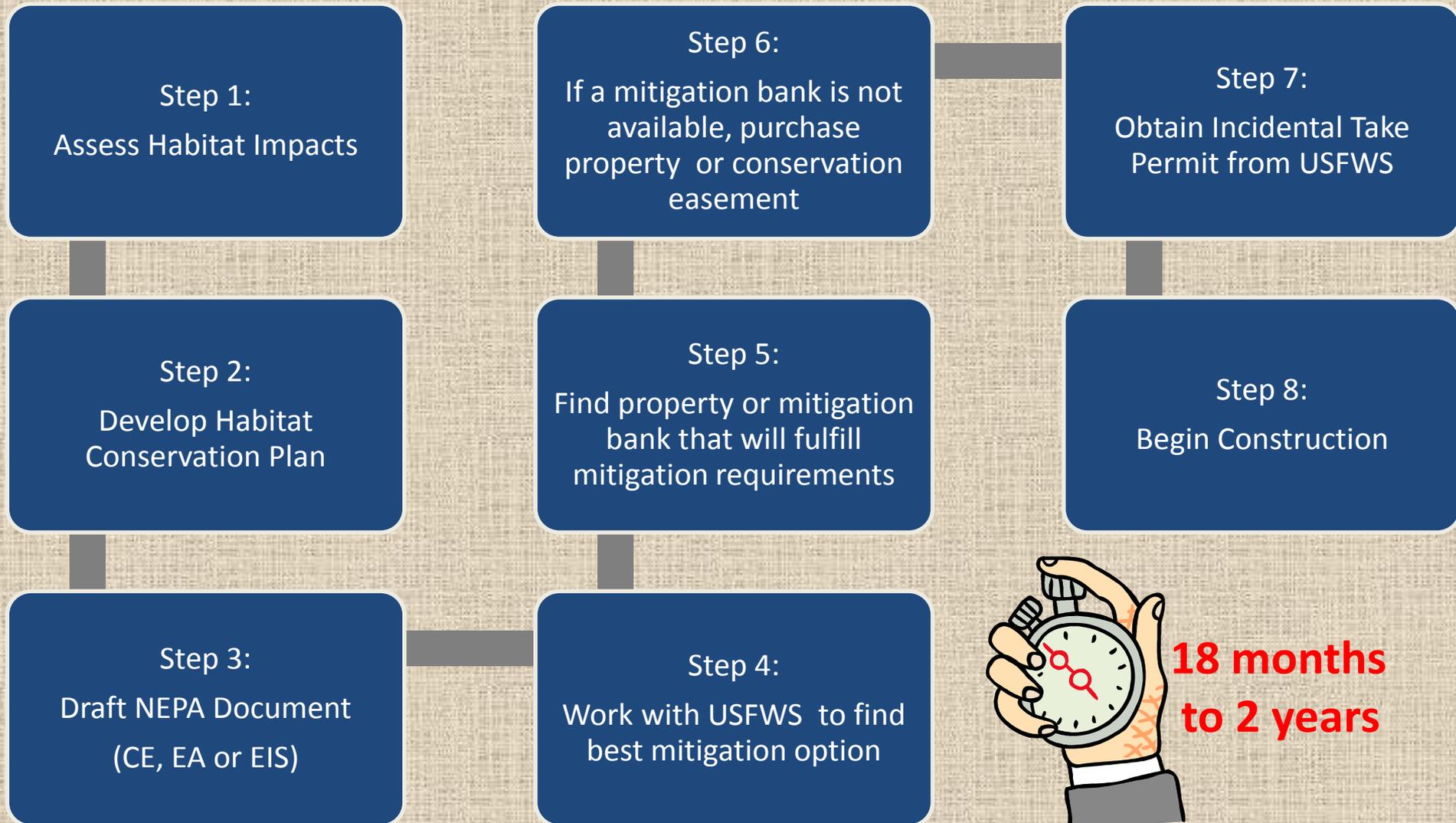
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- The ESA allows “incidental take” of an endangered species with a permit from the USFWS
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- The permit application must be accompanied by a **Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)**



# USFWS Permitting Process

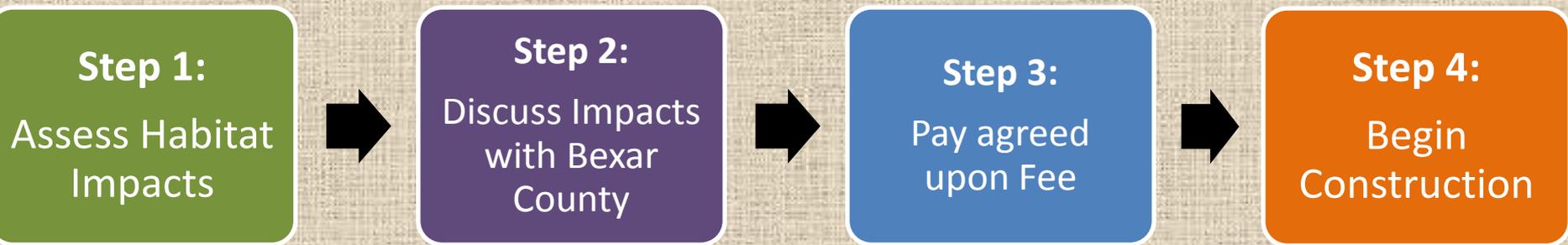
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# HCP Covered Activity Examples

- Public or private land development;
- Homes, residential subdivisions, certain farm and ranch improvements;
- Local government offices and park infrastructure;
- Roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure;
- Utility infrastructure (pipelines, oil electric transmission lines, water lines, sewerage, etc.);
- Schools, hospitals, prisons, and community service projects;
- Any RHCP activities that could temporarily result in incidental take; and,
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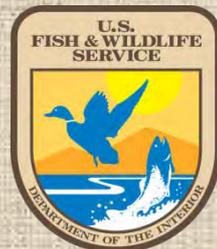
# Elements of an HCP

- Assessment of potential impacts to listed species
- Identify measures to monitor, minimize, and mitigate impacts and funding for implementation
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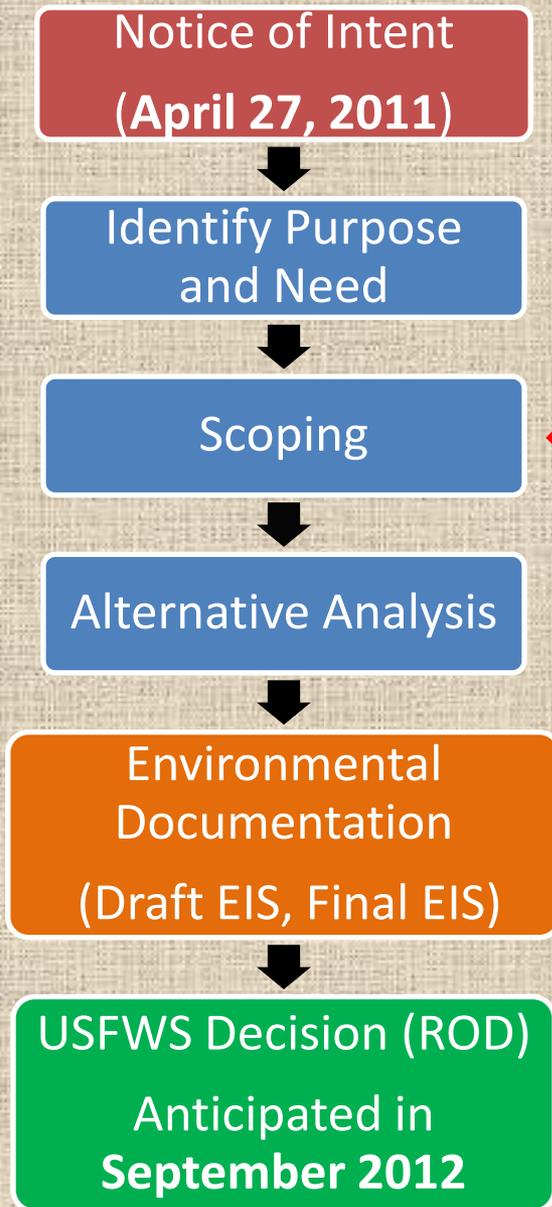


# What is the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969?

“...it is the continuing policy of the Federal Government...to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony (for) future generations of Americans.”



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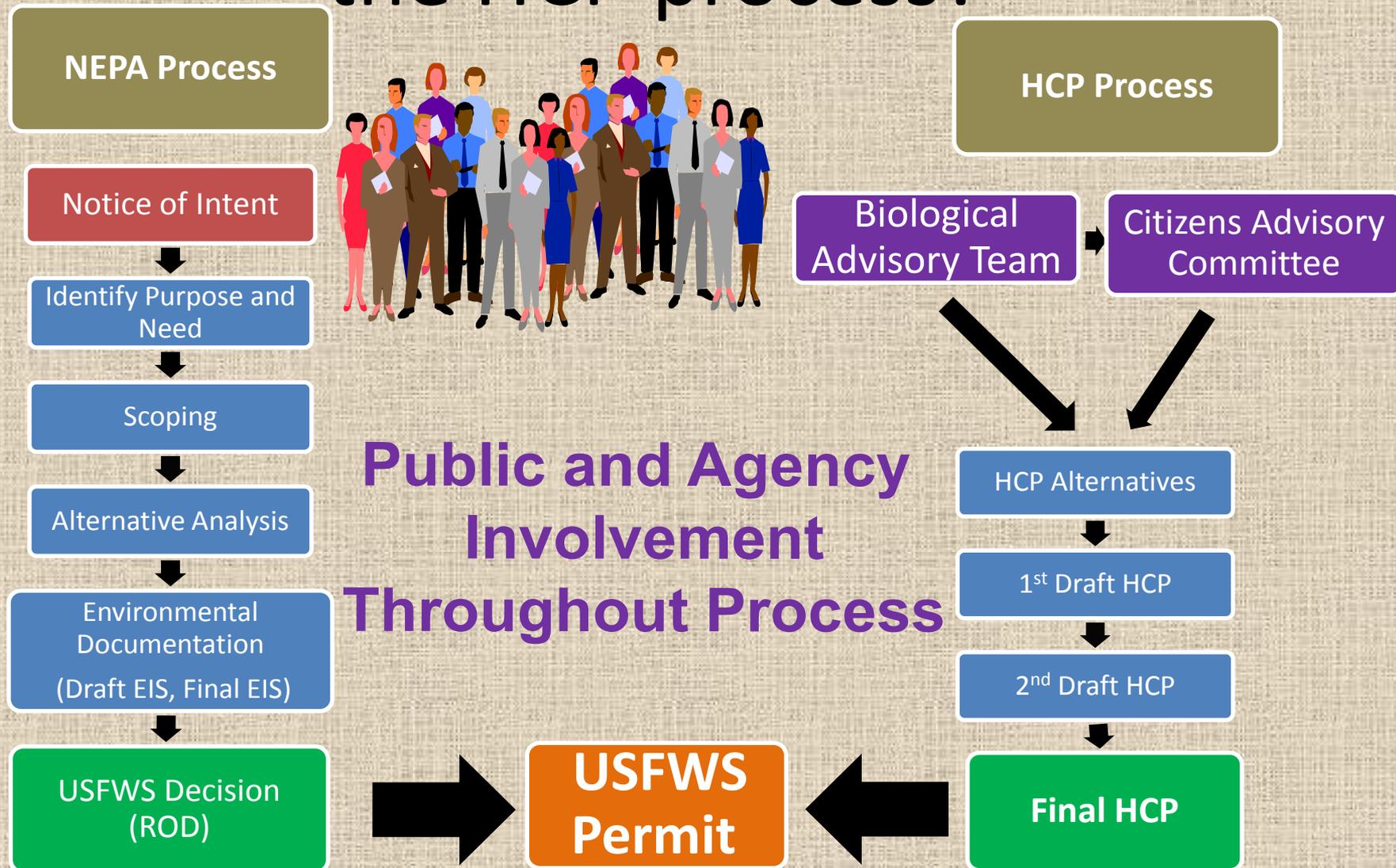
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What is scoping?

-Identifying issues and different options through public and agency involvement



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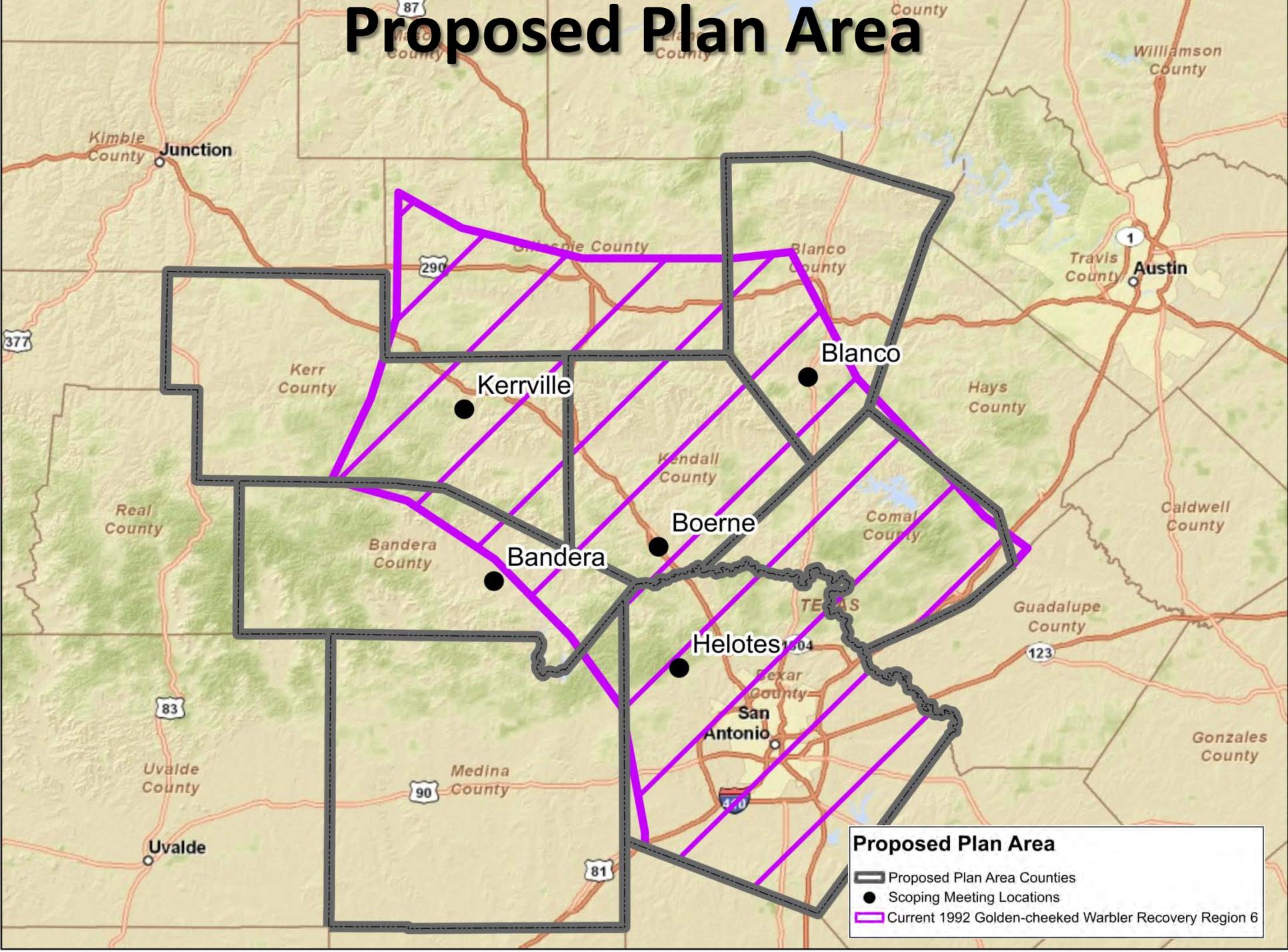
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Golden-cheeked Warbler  
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Karst Species



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# Funding

## What are the options?

Participation Fees

Local Funding (Non-Federal)



# What's Next in the NEPA process?

- Identification of alternatives
- Preparation of the Draft EIS
- Public and Agency comments on Draft EIS
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