



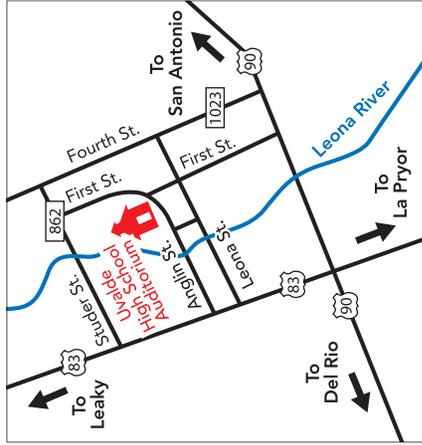
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November 14, 2006

Third Annual Conference on Land
Stewardship and Water Resources

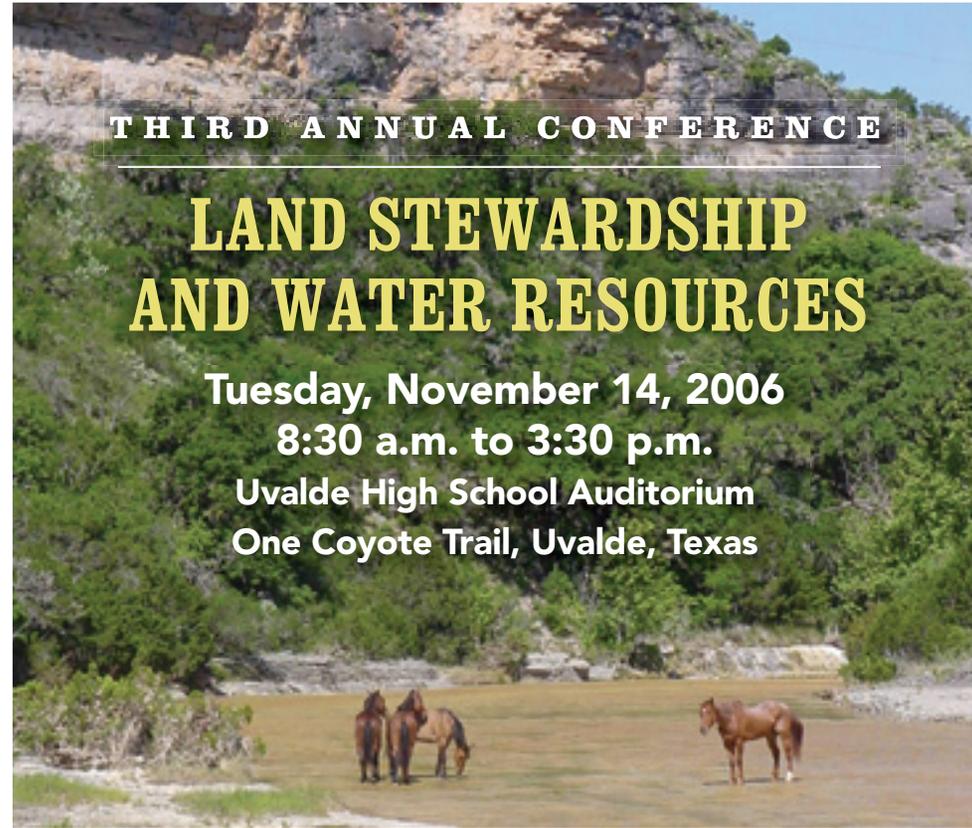


Hear from experts and leading thinkers on these topics:

- Income from land stewardship
- Reducing the cost of drought
- Incentive programs to keep rivers clean
- Responsible well ownership saves money
- Conservation easements for water quality protection



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THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

LAND STEWARDSHIP AND WATER RESOURCES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Uvalde High School Auditorium
One Coyote Trail, Uvalde, Texas

THE ECONOMIC INCENTIVE Value of Healthy Watersheds

Free admission • Valuable information • Make plans today

THE ECONOMIC INCENTIVE: Value of Healthy Watersheds

8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION AND GOOD COFFEE

9:00 a.m. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Moderator – Mike Murray, Outreach Specialist, Texas Department of Agriculture

9:10 – 9:20 a.m. REALIZING THE VALUE OF LAND STEWARDSHIP
David K. Langford, Vice-President Emeritus, Texas Wildlife Association
An introduction to the economic value of managing private land for production of abundant clean water.

9:20 – 9:40 a.m. ADDING VALUE AND BUILDING EQUITY IN YOUR LAND THROUGH STEWARDSHIP.
Richard Sechrist, President, Holistic Resource Management of Texas
Impact your "bottom line" in a positive way by reducing water demand, increasing water retention and improving water quality.

9:40 – 10:00 a.m. ECONOMIC COST OF DROUGHT
Michael B. Mecke, Extension Water Program Specialist – West Texas, Texas Water Resources Institute, Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas A&M University
Can watershed health provide a buffer against the economic impact of drought? What is the value of drought proof land?

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. MAKING CENTS OUT OF ALPHABET SOUP: COST SHARE PROGRAMS FOR LAND MANAGERS
Chuck Kowaleski, Farm Bill Coordinator, TPWD/NRCS Liaison
NRCS – WHIP, EQIP, WRP, GRP
FSA – CCRP, CRP
TPWD – LIP
FWS – PFW

11:00 – 11:20 a.m. SPOTLIGHT ON AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM WORKING TO KEEP RIVERS CLEAN
Steve Nelle, Range Specialist, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) for riparian buffers – good for landowners, good for watersheds.

11:20 – 12:00 a.m. RESPONSIBLE WATER WELL OWNERSHIP
John R. Hoyt, Program Manager – Resource Protection, Edwards Aquifer Authority
Water well pollution can be costly to mitigate and cheap to prevent.

12:00–1:20 p.m. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:20 – 2:40 p.m. CONSERVATION EASEMENTS FOR WATER QUALITY PROTECTION
A full-spectrum panel discussion on retirement or transfer of development rights – questions from the audience encouraged.

• **PANEL LEADER – Blair Fitzsimons**, American Farmland Trust and San Pedro Ranch

Introduction to Conservation Easements

• **Susan Spegar**, Special Project Manager, City of San Antonio
Who is Buying Them and Why?

• **John S.C. Herron**, Director of Conservation Programs, The Nature Conservancy of Texas
The Transaction Process

• **A. Ryland Howard**, Senior Vice-President, Frost National Bank
Landowner Considerations

2:40 – 3:00 p.m. BREAK

3:00 – 3:20 p.m. NEW FRONTIERS – COOPERATIVE CONSERVATION AND FUTURE VALUES OF LAND STEWARDSHIP
Matt Wagner, Wildlife Diversity Program Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
What's on the horizon? Habitat loss mitigation, constructed wetlands for water quality enhancement, and credits for carbon sequestering.

3:20 – 3:30 p.m. THE TAKE HOME MESSAGE
Mike McMurry, Outreach Specialist, Texas Department of Agriculture

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