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**BOERNE WORKSHOP WILL PROVIDE LANDOWNERS WITH INFORMATION ON
CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

Boerne, Texas - The Cibolo Conservancy Land Trust, in partnership with the Hill Country Alliance, is hosting a landowner workshop from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, August 25, 2017, at the Cibolo Nature Center Auditorium, 140 City Park Road, Boerne, TX 78006. This workshop will focus on conservation easements—a tool available to help landowners steward and protect their land investment in the long term.

Conservation easements are one of the most flexible and effective means to protect private property. A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement that ensures a property will forever be conserved according to the landowner's wishes. No public access is required. This agreement is negotiated between the landowner and the land trust organization which is responsible for monitoring and enforcing the terms of the conservation easement agreement.

Many landowners are concerned about conserving those special natural features on their family-owned property and maintaining the productivity of their land. Landowners face the challenge of increasing tax burdens associated with land ownership, including the potential impact of estate taxes on their heirs. This seminar is designed to provide farmers, ranchers and other landowners with effective tools and resources to help them deal with the issues inherent in passing family land on to future generations.

Workshop topics include: *My Dream for My Land* video, narrated by Bob Webster, *Conservation Easement Basics and Income and Estate Tax Benefits of Donating a Conservation Easement*, *The Land Trust Role in the Conservation Easement Process*, and *Discussion with Conservation Easement Donors*.

The workshop cost is \$20 per person which includes refreshments and a social following the workshop. Registration begins at 1:30; walk-ins are welcome and pre-registration is advised to ensure your seat. Register and find the full program agenda online at <http://www.hillcountryalliance.org/upcomingevents/>

More information is available by contacting the workshop coordinator Carolyn Vogel at carolyn@texasconservationconnection.com or 512.633.4995

The Cibolo Conservancy was formed in 1998 as a sister organization of the Cibolo Nature Center. Their mission is the preservation and conservation of the cultural and natural resources of the Cibolo Creek Watershed and surrounding areas in the Texas Hill Country. www.ciboloconservancy.org

The Hill Country Alliance is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to raise public awareness and build community support around the need to preserve the natural resources and heritage of the Central Texas Hill Country. www.hillcountryalliance.org.

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