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COMAL WORKSHOP TO PROVIDE LANDOWNERS WITH INFORMATION ON CONSERVATION PROGRAMS THAT CREATE A FAMILY LAND LEGACY

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Spring Branch, Texas – On Friday, February 21, the Comal County Conservation Alliance and partners will host a landowner workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Anhalt Dance Hall, 2390 Anhalt Road, Spring Branch, TX 78070. The one-day workshop will highlight conservation easements and how they can help provide a family land legacy, the role of land trust organizations, wildlife and open space valuation, financial tools/resources available, and a panel discussion with landowners.

Many landowners are concerned about conserving those special natural features and the agricultural heritage of their family-owned property. 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 address issues inherent to passing family land on to future generations.

Speakers will present a variety of topics including: *The Case for Conservation, Wildlife and Open Space Valuation, Financial Tools and Programs for Landowners, Conservation Easement Basics, Tax Benefits and Understanding the Role of Land Trusts. An open forum panel discussion with local landowners and conservation easement donors with the opportunity for Q&A with the attendees.*

The cost of the workshop is \$15 per person (\$20 for couples), which includes lunch, snacks and beverages. Registration begins at 9:30 am; walk-ins are welcome; however, pre-registration is advised to ensure your seat. To register online, visit www.hillcountryalliance.org/event/LandLegacy.

The Comal County Conservation Alliance and Great Springs Project are hosting the workshop with assistance from the Hill Country Alliance, Alamo RC&D Area Inc, Anhalt Hall, Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust, Blair Wildlife Consulting, Texas Wildlife Association, and the Hill Country Land Trust.

More information is available by contacting the workshop coordinator Carolyn Vogel cavogel2013@gmail.com or 512.633.4995

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