



City of San Antonio Edwards Aquifer Protection Program



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First authorized by City of San Antonio voters in 2000; approved again in 2005, 2010 and 2015 by 60-80% of voters

2015 cycle of funding (\$90 million) almost expended; sales tax has generated \$315 million since 2000

Beginning FY23, City will issue ~\$10 million/year in debt for 10 years to fund the Program, partly insured by SAWS annual revenue



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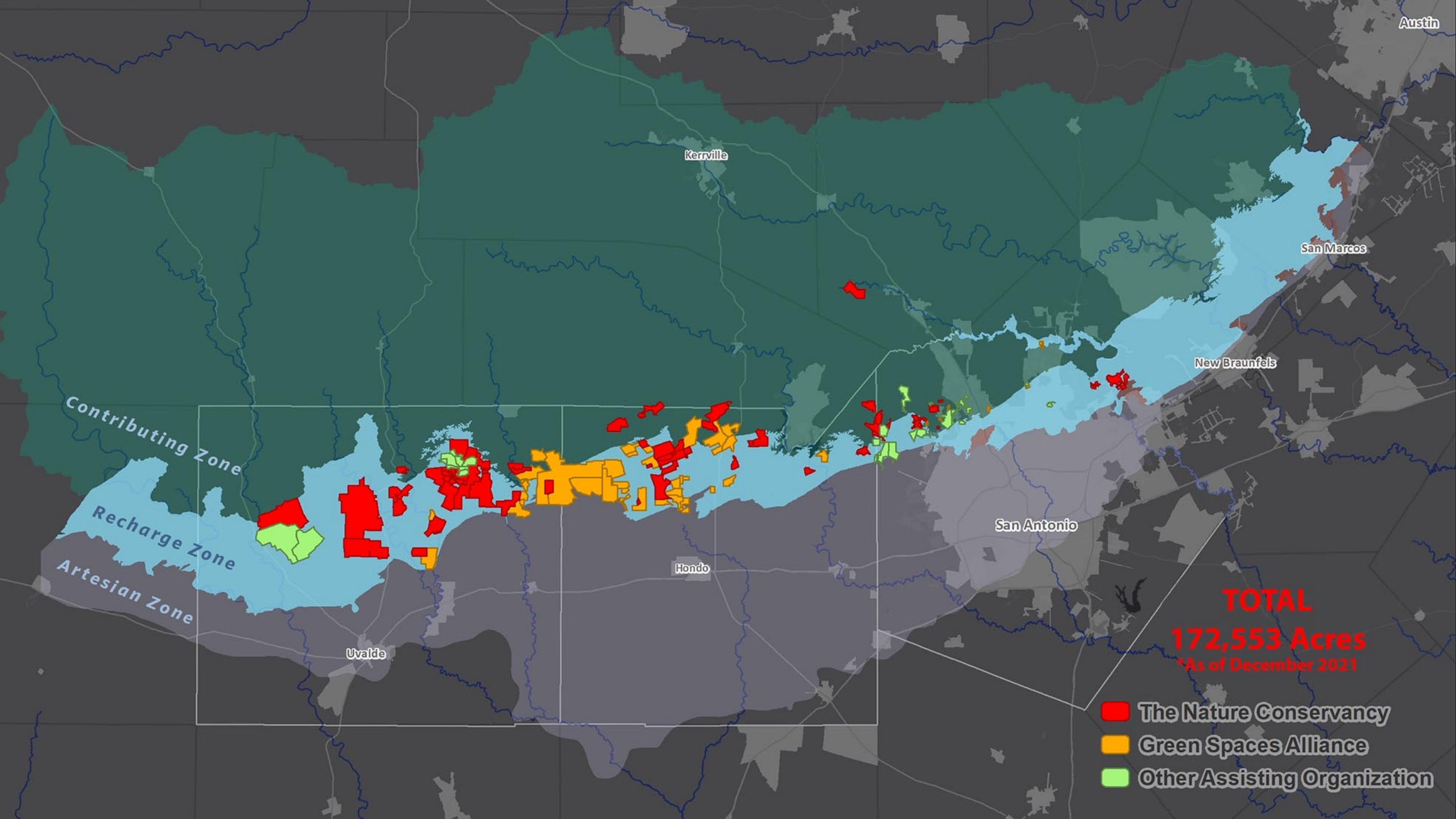
Completed eight projects last year, bringing total acreage protected by the Program to 172,553 acres

Primary method is conservation easements

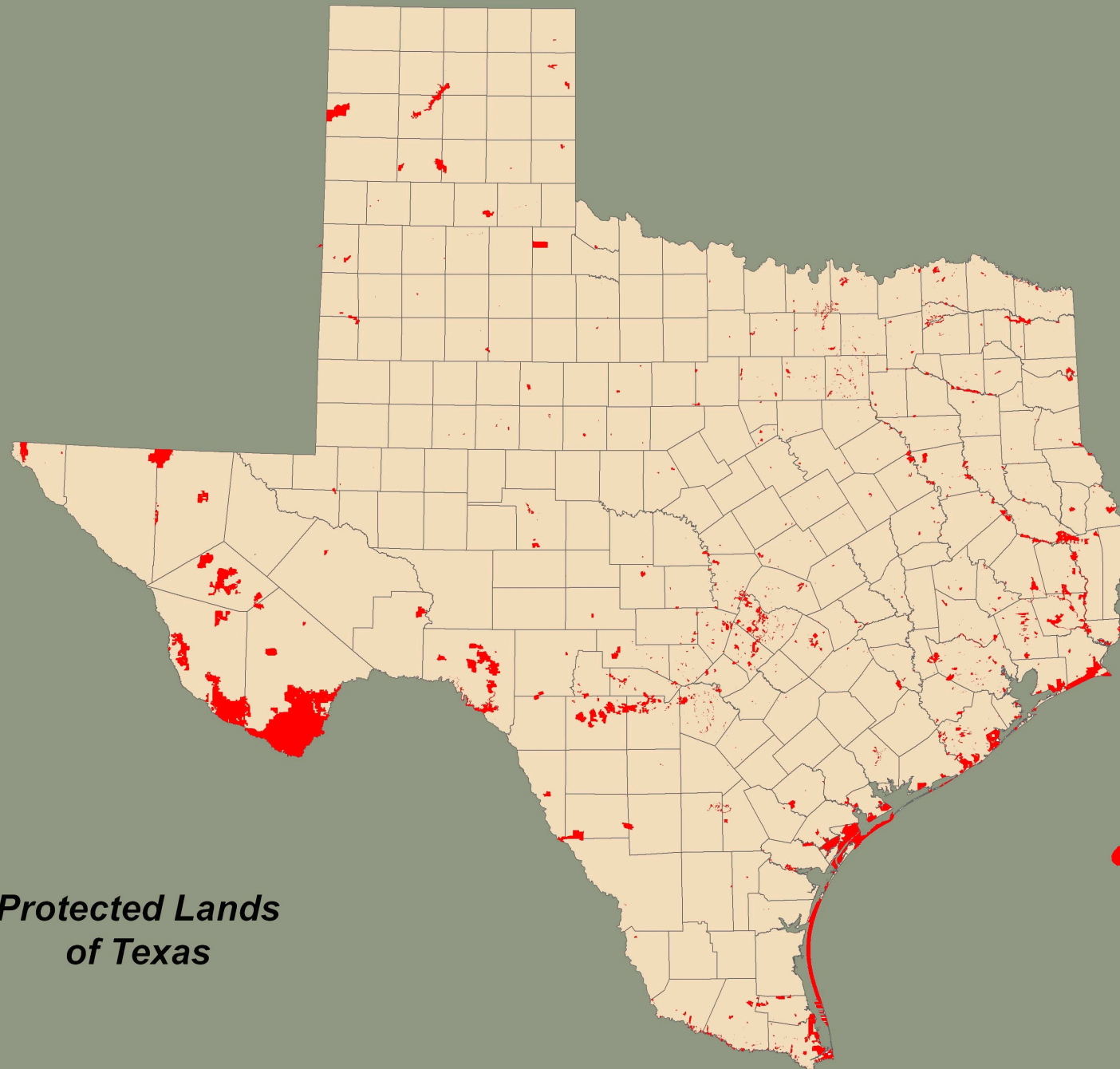
Easements limit subdivision and development on ranches in Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Bandera, and Kendall counties

About 21% of the recharge zone covered by protection efforts





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Program objectives are clearly articulated and enjoy broad public support

Revenue authorized at outset of each funding phase, along with scientifically evaluated criteria

Acquisition projects follow established workflow, including approvals by citizen advisory board

Uses land trust expertise in negotiation





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