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## **LCRA CREEKSIDE CONSERVATION PROGRAM HELPS LANDOWNERS HEAL THE LAND**

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Landowners in the lower Colorado River basin may be eligible to receive grant funding for conservation practices that reduce soil erosion and increase native plant and animal diversity.

By tapping a three year, \$387,000 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 319(h) grant, passed through the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Lower Colorado River Authority will pay up to 50 percent of the cost of certain conservation and land management projects for eligible landowners in Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Colorado, Fayette, Lampasas, Llano, Matagorda, San Saba, Travis and Wharton counties.

The new grant augments the LCRA Creekside Conservation Program, a 22-year-old effort to help private landowners in the lower Colorado River basin implement pre-approved land management projects such as brush management, rangeland reseeding, cross fencing and alternative water source development. Traditionally, there has been a \$10,000 reimbursement cap per landowner, but the grant raises the cap to \$15,000 per landowner.

To determine eligibility and to apply for participation, landowners should contact their [local Natural Resource Conservation Service](#) (NRCS) office.

For more information, visit the [Creekside Conservation Program](#) page on LCRA's website or call 1-800-776-5272, Ext. 7155.

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