



AGENDA

TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

October 2, 2018

**FLOWER MOUND TOWN HALL
2121 CROSS TIMBERS ROAD
FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS**

6:30 P.M.

AN AGENDA INFORMATION PACKET IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
[HTTPS://TX-FLOWER MOUND.CIVICPLUS.COM/AGENDACENTER](https://tx-flowermound.civicplus.com/agendacenter)

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER – 6:30 PM

B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

C. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. CITIZENS/VISITORS COMMENTS

1. Please fill out an "Appearance Before Environmental Conservation Commission" form in order to address the Environmental Conservation Commission, and turn the form in prior to Citizens and Visitors Comments, or by 6:40 p.m. to the Town staff. Speakers are normally limited to three minutes. Time limits can be adjusted by the Chair as to accommodate more or fewer speakers.

E. STAFF REPORT

1. Update and status report related to environmental issues and events, regulatory activities, and projects.

F. CONSENT AGENDA - CONSENT ITEMS

This agenda consists of non-controversial or "housekeeping" items and may be approved with a single motion. A member of the Environmental Conservation Commission may request an item(s) be withdrawn from the consent agenda and moved to regular agenda for discussion by making such request prior to a motion and vote on the Consent Agenda.

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1. Consider approval of minutes from the regular meeting of the Environmental Conservation Commission held on August 7, 2018.

G. REGULAR ITEMS

2. Consider approval of the revised Open Space Brochure.
3. Review the trees nominated for the Town's Tree Recognition Program and select the tree(s) for recognition for 2018.

H. COORDINATION OF FUTURE AGENDAS/MEETINGS

I. ADJOURNMENT- REGULAR SESSION



Matthew Woods
Director of Environmental Services

I do hereby certify that the Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board in Town Hall of the Town of Flower Mound, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: September 28, 2018, by 5:00 p.m., at least 72 hours prior to the schedule time of said meeting.



Emily Chapman
Administrative Assistant



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

CONSENT ITEM

DATE: October 2, 2018

FROM: Emily Chapman, Administrative Assistant

ITEM: Consider approval of minutes from the regular meeting of the Environmental Conservation Commission held on August 7, 2018.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This agenda item is to consider approval of the minutes from the August 7, 2018, regular meeting of the Environmental Conservation Commission.

CITIZEN FEEDBACK: N/A

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. A copy of the draft minutes from the August 7, 2018, regular meeting of the Environmental Conservation Commission.

RECOMMENDATION: Move to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2018, regular meeting of the Environmental Conservation Commission.

FLOWER MOUND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2018

THE FLOWER MOUND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF AUGUST 2018, IN THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 2121 CROSS TIMBERS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, COUNTY OF DENTON, TEXAS, AT 6:30 PM.

The Environmental Conservation Commission met in regular session, with the following members present constituting a quorum:

Russell McNamer	Chair
James Naylor	Commission Member, Place 1
Michael Lamminen	Commission Member, Place 2
Marilyn Lawson	Commission Member, Place 4
Alton Bowman	Commission Member, Place 5
James Gerber	Commission Member, Place 7
Elaine Takacs	Commission Member, Place 8
James Seastrom	Commission Member, Place 10
Shery Layne	Commission Member, Place 9

Places 8, 9, and 10 of the Commission do not vote on items unless they sit in place of one of the regular members, Places 1-7.)

Constituting a quorum with the following members absent:

Thomas Bailey	Vice Chair
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And the following members of Town staff present:

Matthew Woods	Director of Environmental Services
Emily Chapman	Administrative Assistant
James Hoefert	Environmental Review Analyst
Misty Adams	Environmental Programs Coordinator
Matt Green	Environmental Review Analyst

A. CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR SESSION: 6:30 PM

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

D. STAFF REPORT

- 1. Update and status report related to environmental issues and events, regulatory activities, and projects.**

E. PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Receive a presentation from Recycle2Support.**

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Tammy Wallace, (7200 Sonoma Valley Drive, Frisco TX 75035) gave a presentation and answered questions.

F. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

1. Receive an update from the Recycling subcommittee.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of minutes from the regular meeting of the Environmental Conservation Commission held on August 7, 2018.

Commission Deliberation

Commission Member Takacs made a motion to approve the August 7, 2018, minutes as presented. Commission Member Lamminen seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

AYES: Gerber, Bowman, Lawson, Takacs, Lamminen, Naylor
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0

H. REGULAR ITEMS

2. Consider an application for a tree removal permit for five (5) specimen trees on property proposed for development as Townlake East. The property is generally located south of Cross Timbers Road and east of Flower Mound Road.

Staff Presenter

James Hoefert, Environmental Review Analyst, gave a presentation with the following items included:

- Site Location
- Project Information Overview
- Concept Plan
- Site Plat
- Pictures of trees proposed for removal

Matt Hancock, Studio 13 Design Group (386 W. Main Street, Lewisville, 75067) answered questions regarding the item.

Mike Boswell, Toll Dallas TX, LLC (2555 S.W. Grapevine Parkway, Suite 100, Grapevine, TX 76051) answered questions regarding the item.

Commission Deliberation

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Commission Member Naylor made a motion to approve application for a tree removal permit for five (5) specimen trees on property proposed for development as Townlake East. The property is generally located south of Cross Timbers Road and east of Flower Mound Road. Commission Member Lamminen seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

AYES: Gerber, Bowman, Lawson, Takacs, Lamminen, Naylor
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0

3. Consider recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Town Council of a Concept Plan for the proposed Townlake East cluster development. The property is generally located south of Cross Timbers Road and east of Flower Mound Road.

Staff Presenter

James Hoefert, Environmental Review Analyst, gave a presentation with the following items included:

- Cluster Development Option
- Project Information Overview
- ESA Survey
- Concept Plan
- Pictures of trees proposed for removal

Mike Boswell, Toll Dallas TX, LLC (2555 S.W. Grapevine Parkway, Suite 100, Grapevine, TX 76051) answered questions regarding the item.

Matt Hancock, Studio 13 Design Group (386 W. Main Street, Lewisville, 75067) gave a presentation with the following items included:

- Site Overview
- Open Space Management Exhibit
- Entry Open Space
- Street Buffer Open Space
- Woodland Upland Habitat
- Private Open Space Eco-Fringe
- Bar Ditch Open Space
- Private Meadow Open Space
- Native Prairie Habitat
- Open Space Management Exhibit

Commission Deliberation

Commission Member Naylor made a motion to approve the recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Town Council of a Concept Plan for the proposed

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Townlake East cluster development. The property is generally located south of Cross Timbers Road and east of Flower Mound Road. Commission Member Lamminen seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

AYES: Gerber, Bowman, Lawson, Tackcs, Lamminen, Naylor
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0

- I. ADJOURNMENT – REGULAR 7:53 PM**
- J. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER- 7:53 PM**
- K. WORK SESSION ITEMS**
 - 4.** Review the sustainability initiatives and objectives for 2018.
- L. COORDINATION OF FUTURE AGENDAS/MEETINGS**
- M. ADJOURNMENT- WORK SESSION – 8:23 PM**

TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS

RUSS MCNAMER, CHAIR

ATTEST:

EMILY CHAPMAN, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

REGULAR ITEM

DATE: October 2, 2018

FROM: Matthew Woods, Director of Environmental Services

ITEM: Consider approval of the revised Open Space Brochure.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC) established an Open Space subcommittee to review the Open Space Plan and the associated educational initiatives. Staff and the subcommittee began reviewing the plan in March and the subcommittee recently completed proposed revisions to the Open Space Brochure.

The objective of the Open Space Brochure is to promote the Town's Open Space Plan and provide landowners and other interested parties with land preservation options and resources. The proposed revisions to the brochure include updates to the open space preservation objectives and methods, a revised conservation and cluster development map, information related to development options for landowners, and updates to the contacts, resources and the ECC's role related open space preservation. The subcommittee also recommended making the brochure available online through the Town's webpage.

CITIZEN FEEDBACK: N/A

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Revised Open Space Brochure

RECOMMENDATION: The ECC may approve the revisions to the Open Space Brochure.



OPEN SPACE: OUR COMMON GROUND

TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS



A thing is right only when it tends to preserve integrity, stability, and beauty of the community; and the community includes the soil, water, fauna, and flora, as well as the people.—Paraphrased from Aldo Leopold, A Sand Country Almanac, 1949.

WHAT IS OPEN SPACE?

Open Space is land that can be preserved in its natural state. As urban life encroaches on our rural landscape, undeveloped land becomes more precious. Without preservation of open space, our communities lose beautiful scenic vistas, valuable water resources, and ever-diminishing wildlife habitat.

Accepting responsibility as stewards of these resources and taking steps to preserve open space not only helps save our fragile environment, but also protects our community's unique visual character.



WHY SAVE OPEN SPACE?

Every member of the community benefits from open and natural space. Flower Mound's natural resources include stands of native trees, native Blackland Prairie blooming with wildflowers, streams and their associated riparian vegetation and wildlife, and rich natural habitat populated by bobcats, hawks, owls, opossums, and more. The natural prairie's root system extends 6-10 feet into the ground and holds rainfall like a sponge instead of letting it run off. Trees and plants in open spaces remove CO₂ from the air and slow the accumulation of greenhouse gasses, resulting in cleaner air.

Preserving open space also produces economic benefits. Water bills are reduced when water is first filtered through natural vegetation and soil, which reduces the requirement for expensive chemical processing. Scenic vistas, beautiful views, easy access to parks and trails and fishing and duck ponds all make Flower Mound a desirable community and increase the value and marketability of commercial and residential properties. Economic incentives are available from the Town for preserving open space.



Preserving open natural spaces counteracts the advance of urban sprawl, enhances the country character of Flower Mound, increases property values, and makes our community more attractive to residents, visitors, and economic development partners.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Are you a **resident** keeping open space in mind by thinking about landscaping for your home or subdivision? Consider using a portion of your property could be restored to its original condition with wildflowers, prairie grasses, and native trees. Native plants don't require as much watering in the summertime and wildflowers don't need mowing. Are you involved in an HOA? Com-

mon areas can often be transformed into educational adventures for neighborhood kids by adding environmental learning areas with an outdoor classroom, duck pond, or nature trail.

Are you a **developer** planning a potential subdivision? Consider making it a conservation subdivision, with a portion of the property set aside as a conservation easement and the re-



maintaining development property divided into smaller lots than would ordinarily be allowed. You'll have the same number of lots to build on, all of a size that reduces the amount of landscaping and maintenance and with the added appeal of access to preserved open space.

WHAT IS FLOWER MOUND DOING TO PRESERVE OPEN SPACE?

The Town adopted an Open Space Plan in 2001 that guides the preservation and protection of Flower Mound's Natural resources and scenic landscapes. The Environmental Conservation Commission oversees the Open Space Plan, reviews and evaluates conservation development projects, informs and engages Flower Mound Residents regarding open space concepts and resources, and facilitates relationships between landowners and land trusts.



WHO DO I CONTACT?

Protecting the natural environment, reducing landscaping requirement, and improving the bottom line, are just a few reasons to integrate open space into our community. For more information, and many more ideas, please contact the Town of Flower Mound's Environmental Resources Division at 972-874-6340 or www.flowermound.com/openspace.

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Environmental Conservation Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS

The Environmental Conservation Commission, like other Town of Flower Mound boards and commissions, is comprised of citizen volunteers who have a vested interest in contributing their time and skills to making the Town a better place in which to live.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Commission members may be contacted through the Town's Environmental Resources Division:

Environmental Resources Division
Town of Flower Mound
2121 Cross Timbers Rd.
Flower Mound, TX 75028
972.874.6340
environmentalservices@flower-mound.com

MEETING SCHEDULE

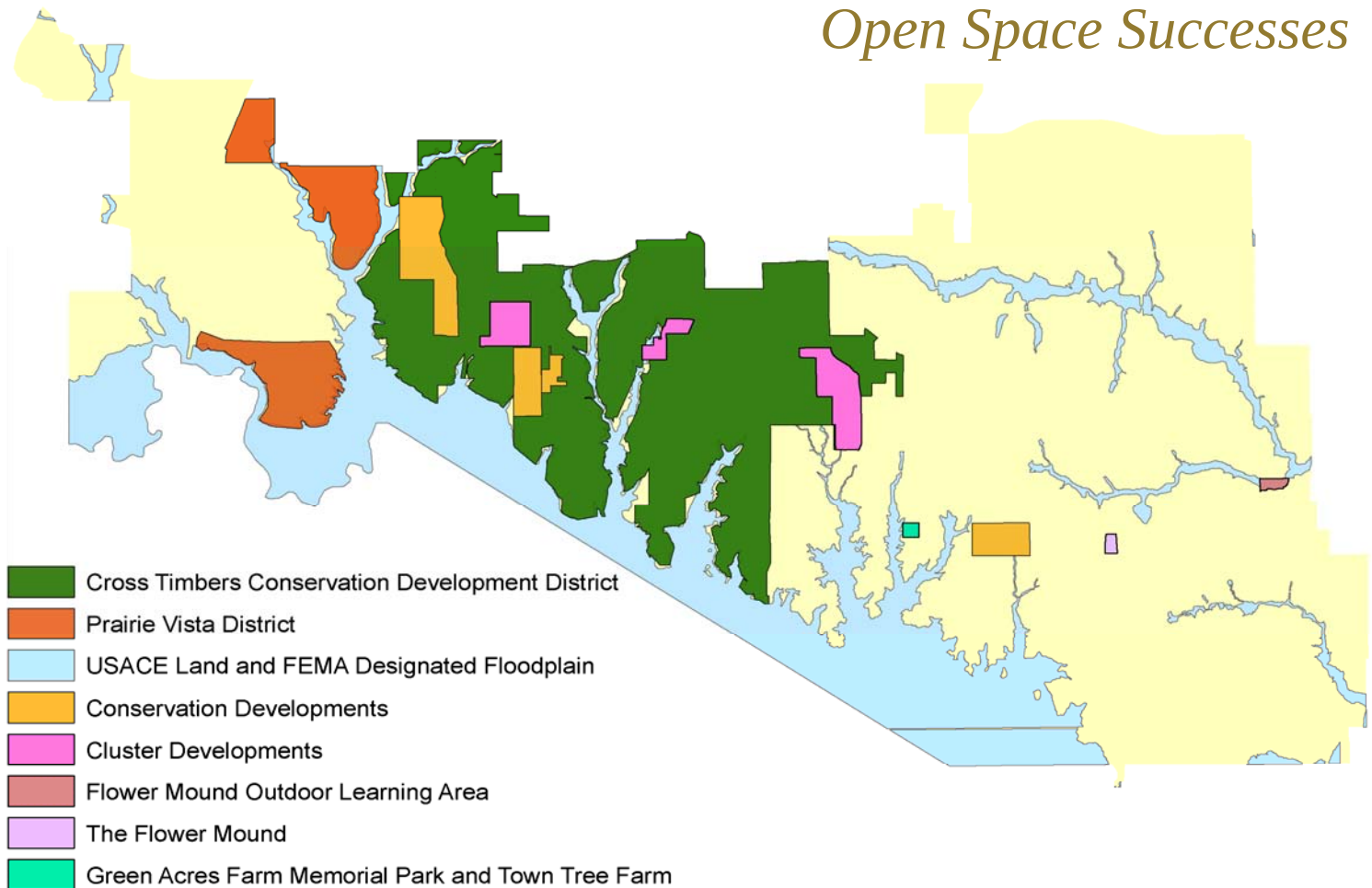
The Environmental Conservation Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers the first Tuesday of every month, or as needed. All meetings are open to the public and are televised live via Flower Mound TV. Citizens are encouraged to appear before the Environmental Conservation Commission.

OPEN SPACE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

- Promote the Town's Open Space Plan and its components and facilitate relations between landowners and land trusts. Develop and implement appropriate land protection techniques and tools for preserving open, productive agricultural, natural, and scenic lands, while creating compatible recreational resources where appropriate.
- Review and evaluate conservation development projects in relation to conservation objectives expressed in the Open Space Plan, and advise Town Council on appropriateness of conservation development incentives.
- Inform and engage citizens and landowners of the Town about the importance of open space, the future character and economic health of open space, and the techniques and options available to protect and preserve open space through the open space public education program.
- Establish an Open Space Technical Resource Team to provide technical information and advice to landowners regarding conservation. The Team will include professionals with relevant skills and experience with land trusts and other land-conservation measures, to include attorneys and tax experts.
- Assist in the management and preservation of the Town's tree farm, environmental learning area, and other Town-owned open space.
- Oversee and advise the Town Council and Staff in policy matters relative to tree preservation. Promote tree care, planting, and the proper management of urban forests.

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Open Space Successes



**The Cross Timbers Conservation Development District and the Prairie Vista District preserve the integrity of the largely intact Cross Timbers ecological area in central Flower Mound, which provides the Town with its unique country atmosphere and natural environment, while allowing environmentally sensitive development to occur. Development within the District is predominantly single family residential development in combination with conservation easements and/or other conservation techniques. Commercial recreation uses, such as equestrian facilities, golf courses, and other uses compatible with the conservation goals of the district are also suitable.*

- **Conservation Developments - Approx. 250 acres permanently preserved within 514 acres of residential development.**
- **Cluster Developments - Approx. 158 acres permanently preserved within 316 acres of residential development.**
- **Green Acres Farm Memorial Park - Town tree farm on 13 undeveloped acres.**
- **Flower Mound Outdoor Learning Area - Approx. 14 acres of riparian and prairie habitat located behind Forest Vista Elementary School.**
- **The Flower Mound - 13 acres of preserved native tall grass prairie.**
- **Town of Flower Mound trail system - 60+ miles of multi-purpose trails.**

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Conservation

LANDOWNER OPTIONS

The Town's Master Plan and Land Development Regulations establish a variety of land conservation options which provide landowners flexible methods to preserve natural features.

Retain all or part of the property for personal use and place a conservation easement on all or part of the property in order to achieve some economic benefit.

Develop all or part of the property or sell all or part of the property for development on two acre lots as permitted under the existing Agricultural zoning, or develop all or part of the property or sell all or part of the property for development on one acre lots as permitted under the existing Single Family Estate zoning.

Develop all or part of the property on lot sizes larger than two acres as permitted under the existing Agricultural or Single Family Estate zoning; or develop all or part of the property on lot sizes larger than one acre as permitted under the existing Single Family Estate zoning.

Develop all or part of the property in Rural Development (lot sizes five acres or larger) that reflect the country atmosphere and natural environment of Flower Mound as permitted under existing Agricultural zoning. This could include specialized types of development such as equestrian-oriented developments.

Develop all or part of the property as appropriate non-residential development that might include active commercial equestrian activities, country commercial activities similar to the existing Circle R Ranch, or other commercial uses that reflect and reinforce the country atmosphere and natural environment characteristic of the area and are compatible with and acceptable to neighboring landowners.

Develop all or part of the property, or sell all or part of the property for development as a conservation development in order to achieve an economic benefit. Conservation developments are permitted to have smaller lot sizes in exchange for placing a certain percentage of the gross land area into a conservation easement. Conservation developments are eligible for Town incentive benefits.

Develop all or part of the property, or sell all or part of the property for development as a cluster development in order to achieve an economic benefit. Cluster developments are only permitted in the Cross Timbers Conservation Development District and are allowed to have smaller lot sizes with the conservation objective to preserve 50% of the gross land area as undeveloped open space managed by a land trust, a homeowners association, or the Town. Cluster developments are eligible for Town incentive benefits.

Coordinate development planning with adjoining land owners as combined conservation or cluster developments in order to achieve an economic benefit.

CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENTS

Conservation developments are voluntary, incentive-based development options where the dwelling units are clustered on smaller lots than otherwise would be allowed in order to preserve open or natural lands as an integral component of the development. The open or natural land to be preserved is placed in a conservation easement held by a land trust or the Town.

Requirements:

Minimum Lot Area per Dwelling

Ag. Zoning:

1 acre

Minimum Open Space

50% of gross land area

SFE Zoning:

15,000 sqft

50% of gross land area

15,000 sqft with an average of 20,000 sqft

45% of gross land area

20,000 sqft

40% of gross land area

CLUSTER DEVELOPMENTS

Cluster developments are permitted in the Cross Timbers Conservation Development District. Cluster developments are voluntary, incentive-based development options where the dwelling units are clustered on smaller lots than otherwise would be allowed in order to preserve open or natural lands as an integral component of the development. The open or natural land to be preserved may be managed by a homeowner association, the Town, or may be placed in a conservation easement held by a land trust.

Requirements:

Maximum density is one dwelling unit per 1.6 acres.

Minimum lot size is 1/2 acre or 21,780 sq. ft. Development must contain a mixture of lot sizes.

Conservation objective is to preserve 50% of the gross land area.

INCENTIVES FOR OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION

Open space conservation actions may be eligible for federal, state, or local tax benefits.

Town of Flower Mound incentive package, which may include, but is limited to the following:

- Expedited development review.
- Adoption of relaxed rural development standards for roads, sidewalks, street lighting, and drainage.
- Relief from agricultural rollback taxes.
- Reduction in park land dedication requirements.
- Waiver of permit fees.
- Permission to conduct income-generating agricultural activities on land protected by conservation easements.

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

A conservation easement is a voluntary and permanent deed restriction that limits future development or subdivision of a property for the purposes of protecting the identified features of the land in perpetuity. The terms of the easement are set forth in a legal agreement between the land owner and a qualified non-profit organization or government entity. The easement does not transfer the title of ownership, but may remove certain rights for the use of the land, such as development or subdivision, as specified in the easement document.

REFERENCES

- Chapter 98, Zoning, Section 32, Definitions, Town of Flower Mound Land Development Regulations
- Chapter 98, Zoning, Section 277, Conservation Development Option and Standards, Town of Flower Mound Land Development Regulations
- Chapter 2.0, Area Plans, Cross Timbers Conservation Development District Area Plan, Town of Flower Mound Master Plan
- Chapter 6.0, Open Space Plan, Town of Flower Mound Master Plan

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Contacts and Resources

FLOWER MOUND RESOURCES

- The Environmental Conservation Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers on the first Tuesday of every month, or as needed.
- Environmental Resources Division, 972.874.6340, <http://www.flower-mound.com/openspace>.
- Open Space Plan (within the Town's Master Plan 2013), <https://tx-flowermound2.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/755/Open-Space-Plan>
- Planning Services Division, 972.874.6350, <https://www.flower-mound.com/138/Planning>

LAND TRUSTS

- Connemara Conservancy* - <http://www.connemaraconservancy.org/>
- American Farmland Trust - <http://www.farmland.org/>
- Texas Land Trust Council (TLTC) - <http://www.texaslandtrustcouncil.org/>
- Land Trust Alliance (LTA) - <http://www.lta.org/>
- Upper Trinity - <http://www.utct.org/>
- Mitigation Futures* - <http://mitigationfutures.org/>

**Land trusts currently operating in the Flower Mound area.*

INCENTIVES PROGRAMS

- Lone Star Land Steward, Texas Parks and Wildlife, https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/private/lone_star_land_steward/
- Landowner Incentives Program (LIP), Texas Parks and Wildlife, <https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/private/lip/>
- Stewardship Incentives Program (SIP), Natural Resources Conservation Service, <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp/>
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Natural Resources Conservation Service, <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/>
- Conservation Reserve Program/Wetlands Reserve Program (CRP/WRP), Natural Resources Conservation Service, <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/wetlands/>
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife, US Department of Fish and Wildlife, <https://www.fws.gov/partners/>
- Private Lands and Habitat Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife, <https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/private/description/>

CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS

- Texas Parks and Wildlife - <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>
- Texas Audubon Society - <http://www.audubon.org/>
- US Natural Resources Conservation Service - <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>
- Texas Forest Service - <http://txforestservation.tamu.edu/>
- US Fish and Wildlife Service - <http://www.fws.gov/>
- Corps of Engineers - <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/>
- USEPA - <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/>

- Smart Growth Online - <https://smartgrowth.org/>
- Smart Communities Network - <https://www.sustainable.org/environment/energy/838-smart-communities-network-us-department-of-energy-doe-office-of-energy-efficiency-and-renewable-energy>
- Green Communities - <https://www.epa.gov/greenpower/green-power-communities>
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/>
- Texas Master Naturalist Program - <http://masternaturalist.tamu.edu/>
- Conservation Fund - <http://www.conservationfund.org>
- Sustainable Communities Network - <http://www.sustainable.org/>
- Trust for Public Land - <http://www.tpl.org/>
- Natural Resources Defense Council - <https://www.nrdc.org/>, <https://www.nrdc.org/issues/communities>
- Environmental Law Institute (ELI) - <http://www.eli.org/>
- The Nature Conservancy of Texas (TNCT)- <http://nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/texas/>
- National Wildlife Federation, Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program - <https://www.nwf.org/en/Garden-for-Wildlife/Create>
- Equestrian Land Conservation Resource - <http://www.elcr.org/>
- Ducks Unlimited, Texas Chapter - <http://www.ducks.org/Texas>
- LBJ Wildflower Research Center - <http://www.wildflower.org/>
- Native Plant Society of Texas - <http://www.npsot.org/>

ARTICLES, PRESENTATIONS, AND INFORMATION RESOURCES

- *Town of Flower Mound's Open Space Vision Presentation*, by the Environmental Conservation Commission (Power Point), **DOCUMENT ATTACHED FOR REVIEW/LINK TO BE ADDED**
- *Conservation Easements: A Guide for Texas Landowners*, a publication of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, <https://kinglandwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/tpwd-conservation-easements-guide.pdf>
- *Open Space: Protecting Open Space: Tools and Techniques for Texans*, a publication of the National Park Service. <http://www.gbrtrust.org/documents/publications/ProtectingOpenSpace.pdf>
- *The Conservation Design Portfolio*, a brief primer and case studies of conservation design in Minnesota developed by the Minnesota Land Trust and the University of Minnesota, <http://www.cura.umn.edu/publications/catalog/12001-2>
- *Urbanization and the Wildlife Response*, by John M. Davis, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, **DOCUMENT FOUND/LINK TO BE ADDED**
- *Tree Farm Information and Presentation*, http://www.flower-mound.com/env_res/ufor.php
- Wetlands Registry Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife, <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/wetlands/programs/registry/index.htm>
- Urban Wildlife Program of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_br_w7000_0749.pdf

HARD COPY INFORMATION RESOURCES

Find these books at your local library:

- Arendt, Randall. *Conservation Design for Subdivisions: A Practical Guide to Creating Open Space Networks*. Washington, D.C.: Island Press, 1996.
- Gustanski, Julie, et al. *Protecting the Land: Conservation Easements Past, Present, and Future*. Washington, D.C.: Island Press, 2000.
- Small, Stephen. *Preserving Family Lands: Essential Tax Strategies for the Landowner*. Boston: Landowner Planning Center, 1993.
- Small, Stephen. *Preserving Family Lands, Book II: More Planning Strategies for the Future*. Boston: Landowner Planning Center, 1997.
- Small, Stephen. *Preserving Family Lands, Book III*. Boston: Landowner Planning Center, 2003.
- Small, Stephen. *The Federal Tax Law of Conservation Easements*. Land Trust Alliance, 1990.



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

REGULAR ITEM

DATE: October 2, 2018

FROM: James Hoefert, Environmental Review Analyst

ITEM: Review the trees nominated for the Town's Tree Recognition Program and select the tree(s) for recognition for 2018.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC) established the selection criteria, review committee, and nomination review process for the Tree Recognition Program in 2013, and that process has continued for the 2014 through 2018 program years.

The committee and staff will provide the ECC with the recommended tree selections, photographs, and descriptions for the nominated trees. Upon receiving the recommendations, the ECC will have the opportunity to discuss the nominated trees and select the winning tree or trees. Property owners and/or nominees of winning trees will be notified and presented with their certificates and signs at the 2018 Arbor Day event on November 3, 2018.

CITIZEN FEEDBACK: N/A

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: The ECC may review and select the nominated trees for the 2018 Tree Recognition Program.