

## Update on the Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA)

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### CCAA

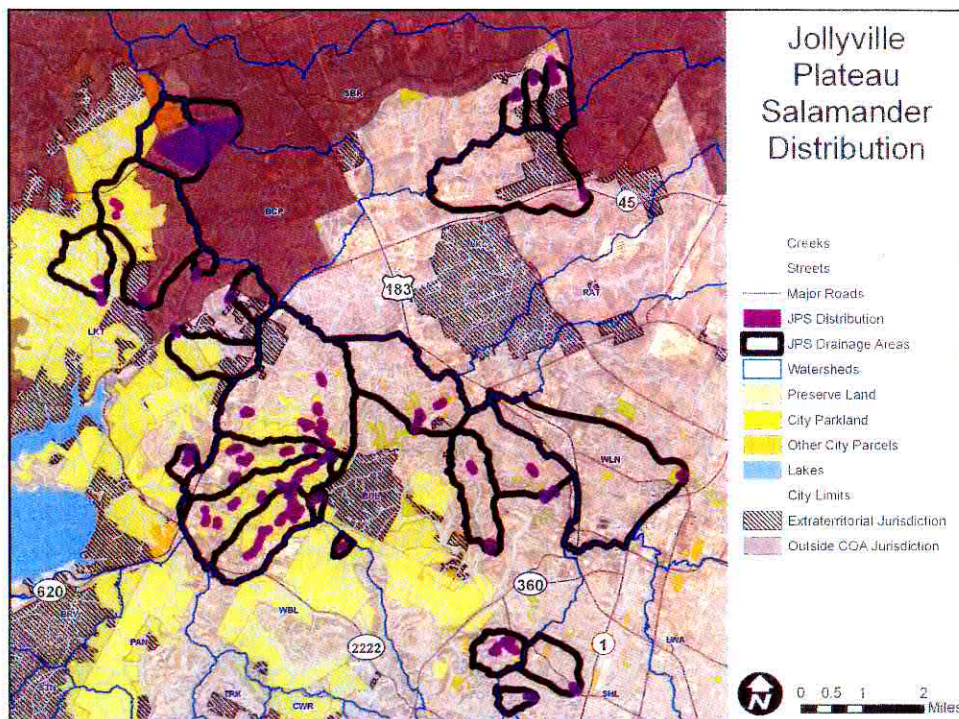
- Voluntary, pre-listing agreement for candidate endangered species
- Commitment to implement conservation actions that, if implemented by other parties, **would avoid need to list**
- Prevents delays to covered projects in the event of endangered species listing by:
  - Providing **assurances** no additional obligations will be required at listing
- CCAA isn't required for any City projects to proceed



## CCAA

Agreement will cover:

- WTP4 transmission mains
- Other City capital projects
- City infrastructure O&M
- JPS monitoring and research





## Recent Activity

- June 16<sup>th</sup> public hearing
- Work session with Fish & Wildlife, June 21-24
- Briefings to City Manager and Dept. Directors
- Follow-up meetings with department staff



## CoA/FWS Work Session

Covered:

- Agreement scope
- NEPA review
- Covered activities
- Conservation measures
- Permit duration
- Monitoring and reporting
- Schedule



Workshop information posted at:  
[www.cityofaustin.org/watershed/ccaa\\_workshop\\_materials.htm](http://www.cityofaustin.org/watershed/ccaa_workshop_materials.htm)



## Work Session: Key Outcomes

- WTP4 measures for JPS protection to be detailed in agreement
- Agreement life = 20 years
- City CIP's to receive enhanced environmental review for JPS impact
- Water quality goals and BMP's to be described in agreement ("Attachment A")
- Annual coordination with local FWS staff

*Note: Above items are preliminary and are subject to change.*



## CCAA NEPA Review

### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Categorical exclusion/EA/EIS
- Review of CCAA action
- Action vs. No-Action alternatives
- FWS document



## Proposed Schedule

July-November 2010

- Work on detail of covered activities and conservation measures
- Additional discussions with FWS
- Develop draft agreement & NEPA EA
- Env. Board briefing and public outreach
- Council resolution authorizing application
- Formal application to USFWS



## Proposed Schedule

- Nov. '10 – Jan. '11: Review by USFWS
- Jan. – Mar. 2011: Publish in Federal Register and public comment period (60 days)
- Mar. – July 2011: FWS final review and approval
- **July 2011:** Council approval of final agreement

*Note: Covered City projects to continue on schedule independent of CCAA schedule*





# Jollyville Plateau Salamander Distribution

- Creeks
- Streets
- Major Roads
- JPS Distribution
- JPS Drainage Areas
- Watersheds
- Preserve Land
- City Parkland
- Other City Parcels
- Lakes
- City Limits
- Extraterritorial Jurisdiction
- Outside COA Jurisdiction

