

**TRAVIS COUNTY'S BCCP Activities Update: 1 April 2016 – 31 July 2016**

<b>BCCP Administration</b>	
Public Participation	Fifteen BCCP applications were received and processed from April 1, 2016 – July 31 2016; Six Participation Certificates were issued for a total of \$233,275.00 in mitigation payments. Fees were split 50:50 between Travis County and City of Austin.
Land Acquisition	No new parcels were acquired in this time period.
Reports and Events	The BCCP 20th Anniversary Event was held May 6th at Reicher Ranch. Approximately 150 guests attended. A video of the ceremony is available on the Travis County BCCP website.
Personnel	Two Natural Resource Positions have been filled. Johanna Arendt is the Community Liaison and Debra Scott is the Environmental Project Manager.
<b>Rare and Endangered Resources Management</b>	
Golden-cheeked warbler and Black-capped vireo	Warbler surveys are completed and the staff is now entering data.
	Twelve vireo territories were documented on Travis County BCP tracts and at least 30 young vireos have successfully fledged. Several additional "floater" males were also observed. Surveys will continue through the summer.
Jollyville Plateau salamander	A new JPS Survey protocol for systematically searching new springs and creek sites has been developed. The new protocol was utilized throughout the Kelly hollow tributary of Cypress Creek where 3 new localities including 1 new spring were discovered. Summer capture/recapture surveys were performed at 10 sites documenting 365 individuals, most of which were photographed for later identification.
Karst invertebrates	Spring season faunal surveys were performed at 10 caves and cave cricket exit counts were conducted at seven caves.
<b>Plant and Animal Control</b>	
Feral hogs	Twenty-two hogs were removed from the BCP including six from the Kotrla Unit, six from the Woody Hollow tract, nine from the Canyon Vista tract, and one from the Sam Hamilton East tract.
Brown-headed Cowbirds	Six cowbird traps on or adjacent to Travis County BCP were operated this spring and 427 cowbirds were captured and dispatched.
Red-imported fire ants and Tawny crazy ants	Red-imported fire ant surveys and boiling water treatments were performed at five caves; Conducted surveys of crazy ant infestations at No Rent and Whirlpool caves.
Invasive Plants	Invasive plants (Chinaberry, Ligustrum sp., Nandina, Photinia, Chinese tallow, Japanese loquat, Pyrocantha, Ficus and Tree of Heaven) were removed from sixteen tracts.
<b>Land Stewardship</b>	
Fencing	Boundary fencing on the western section of the Trails End tract was completed. Planning is under way for fencing the eastern section of the Trails End tract, the Kotrla Unit, and the Molberg tract this fall.

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Wildfire Preparedness	Currently planning for several fuel mitigation projects to begin after September 1 <sup>st</sup> . Projects will occur on the BCP along the Wildlife-Urban interface in the Steiner, Lucas, Trails End, Chandler, and Greenshores tracts.
<b>Law Enforcement</b>	
Trespass and Criminal Mischief	Numerous incidents of trespass and criminal mischief were detected this period including three incidents of fence/lock cutting and one case of a vehicle being driven into a creek. Four criminal trespass warnings were issued by law enforcement.
<b>Outreach/Volunteers</b>	
<i>See BCP Partners Education Summary April – July 2016</i>	