

TRAVIS COUNTY'S BCCP Activities FY17 Quarter 1 Update: 1 October 2016 – 31 December 2016

BCCP Administration	
Public Participation	Five BCCP applications were received and processed from October 1, 2016 – 31 December 2016; Two Participation Certificates were issued for a total of \$72,050.00 in mitigation payments. Fees were split 50:50 between Travis County and City of Austin.
Land Acquisition	The 4.98 acre Paladino Tract was acquired October 6 th . The 5.54 acre Lu Property was acquired November 9 th . These parcels are in the Lime Creek Neighborhood.
Reports and Events	Work continued on the BCCP FY16 Annual Report.
Personnel	The Travis County Natural Resources Program is hiring two vacant positions. The Environmental Specialist Sr. provides administrative support for grants and contracts. A temporary Natural Resources Technician assists with biological monitoring and BCP land management activities at the Field Office.
Rare and Endangered Resources Management	
Golden-cheeked warbler and Black-capped vireo	In December, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service proposed to remove the black-capped vireo from the Federal Endangered Species List and opened a public comment period.
Karst invertebrates	Fall season faunal surveys were performed at 10 caves and cave cricket exit counts were conducted at 7 caves.
Plant and Animal Control	
Feral hogs	Four hogs were harvested from the Sam Hamilton East tract.
White-tailed deer	Deer camera surveys were conducted on the Jollyville Unit and spotlight surveys were conducted on the Kotrla Unit and at Hamilton Pool.
Red-imported fire ants and Tawny crazy ants	Red-imported fire ant surveys and boiling water treatments were performed at 5 caves. Tawny crazy ant surveys were conducted at No Rent and Whirlpool caves.
Invasive Plants	Invasive plants (Chinaberry, Ligustrum sp., Nandina, Photinia, Chinese tallow, and Tree of Heaven) were removed from 10 tracts.
Land Stewardship	
Fence Construction	New boundary fence was constructed on the Kotrla Unit (9,367 feet), the Trails End tract (1,573 feet) and the Woody Hollow Conservation Easement (55 feet).
Wildfire Preparedness	Wildfire fuel mitigation projects were conducted along the Wildland-Urban Interface on the Lucas, Chandler, Trails End, Steiner Ranch, Tomen 35, and Cuevas tracts.
Trash Clean-up	Staff and volunteers conducted cleanup workdays on the Trails End and Lucas tracts and removed more than 1,000 pounds of dumped trash and recyclables from the Preserve.

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Infrastructure	Staff coordinated with Austin Energy and PEC crews so that these companies had access to conduct routine repairs and vegetation maintenance along powerlines running through the BCP.
Conservation Easements	Annual Conservation Easement Reviews occurred on the Concordia, Gray Mountain, Cold Water, and Mirtsching Conservation Easements. A site inspection of the drip irrigation lines on the Greenshores Conservation Easement was conducted.
Law Enforcement	
Trespass and Criminal Mischief	A major theft occurred in October when an all-terrain utility vehicle and various tools were taken from the maintenance building on the Nootsie tract. There were also 2 incidents of illegal back-of-lot clearing, 1 incident of dumping, 6 cases where locks were stolen from gates, and several incidents of trespass by hikers and a mountain biker. Trespassers are either directly encountered or images are captured on camera.
Outreach/Volunteers	
<i>See BCP Partners Education Summary FY17 First Quarter: October 1 – December 31, 2016</i>	