

TRAVIS COUNTY'S BCCP Activities FY2022 Quarter Update: 1 April 2022 – 30 June 2022

BCCP Administration	
Public Participation	Twenty BCCP applications were received and processed in the third quarter. Three Participation Certificates were issued for a total of \$37,200.00 in mitigation payments. Fees were split 50:50 between Travis County and City of Austin.
Personnel	Mickey Leland intern, Corbyn McEachern, began his summer position in June.
Tour	Travis County and City of Austin staff hosted U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) employees for a tour of the BCP on April 28 th . FWS staff from the Austin Ecological Services Office and the Region 2 Office in Albuquerque attended the event.
Rare and Endangered Resources Management	
Golden-cheeked warblers and Black-capped vireos	Travis County staff (staff) completed golden-cheeked warbler surveys in mid-June and started data entry and analysis. Black-capped vireo surveys began in April and will continue through the summer.
Karst invertebrates	Spring season faunal surveys were performed at seven BCCP-listed caves. Spring season cave cricket exit counts were performed at five caves.
Salamanders	Travis County and City of Austin staff conducted occupancy surveys for Jollyville Plateau salamanders on Cypress Creek and a tributary. Surveys were planned for Long Hollow Creek but could not be done since the creek was dry.
Plant and Animal Control	
Feral hogs	Staff removed five feral hogs from Hamilton Pool Preserve.
Brown-headed cowbirds	Staff operated five cowbird traps on or near the BCP from April through mid-June. They captured and removed 156 cowbirds.
Tawny crazy ants and Red imported fire ants	Dr. Ed LeBrun, with the University of Texas, continued to research tawny crazy ants at the Anderson Mill/Collins tract site and other locations in Travis County. Staff conducted canopy arthropod sampling as part of a tawny crazy ant impact study on the golden-cheeked warbler's food supply. Staff conducted fire ant control at six BCCP-listed caves.

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<p>Invasive Plants</p>	<p>Staff, volunteers, and the Texas Conservation Corps hand-pulled or treated more than 1,700 invasive plants from eight BCP tracts.</p> <p>Several community volunteer groups had workdays to hand-pull vinca from the Bunten tract.</p> <p>Approximately 4.2 acres of Johnson grass were treated with herbicide on the Snowden, Blackmore, New Life, Crossings, Volente, and Nootsie tracts.</p>
<p>Land Stewardship</p>	
<p>Water Quality</p>	<p>Staff monitored water quality at four sites on or near the BCP using Environmental Integrity Index methodology.</p>
<p>Vegetation Management</p>	<p>Staff met with a Texas Forest Service Ecologist to assess possible oak wilt centers and discuss treatment options for sites on the Wheless tract, the Jollyville Unit, and near the Wild Basin Preserve.</p>
<p>Conservation Easements</p>	<p>Staff conducted annual conservation easement monitoring at one privately-owned property managed by Travis County through a conservation easement agreement.</p>
<p>Buildings</p>	<p>Staff worked with the Travis County Facilities Management Department to complete plans for remodeling and furnishing new Natural Resources Program offices on the second floor of the BCP Building at Wilson Parke Avenue. Staff participated in a series of meetings with Jackson McElhane Architects to provide input on the design of the future visitor center.</p>
<p>Utility Infrastructure Corridors</p>	<p>The Pedernales Electric Cooperative (PEC) installed a new gate in the Trails End tract boundary fence to provide access to their new utility line.</p>
<p>Patrol and Law Enforcement</p>	
<p>Trespass, Property Damage, and Emergency Response</p>	<p>Two new cases of tree cutting were documented on the Stratton and Saldivar tracts. These cases are ongoing; Settlements were reached on two previous tree cutting cases.</p> <p>There were several incidents of yard waste dumping and trespassing this quarter. There were two cases where locks were cut from gates to gain access.</p> <p>A guest on a Grandview Hills tract guided hike had a medical issue that required Travis County Star Flight transport to a hospital. Park Police assisted in coordinating the emergency response.</p>
<p>Outreach/Volunteers</p>	
<p>See <i>BCP Partner Education Summary Third Quarter: April 1 – June 30, 2022</i></p>	