

Attachment A

Houston Toad Conservation Programs And Options for Mitigation and Recovery

Cost Share and Technical Assistance Programs

Program	Funding Source	Comments	Contact
Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)	USDA (2008 Farm Bill)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administered through a partnership between EDF and NRCS. • Limited to Greater Alum Creek Watershed • Approximately \$220,000 in cost-share funds available each year through 2013. • CCPI cost-share is approximately 70% • Conservation practices funded include reforestation, forest stand improvement, fencing, wetland enhancement, range reseeding and other activities. 	<p>David Wolfe Environmental Defense Fund dwolfe@edf.org 512.478.5161 ext 3415</p> <p>Jason Morris Natural Resources Conservation Service Jason.Morris@tx.usda.gov 512.321.4177 ext. 3</p>
Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)	TPWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administered by TPWD (LIP Coordinator and TPWD Field Staff) • Grants are available range-wide • Funding availability? • LIP cost-share is up to 75% • Funding priorities are linked to State Wildlife Action Plan 	<p>Arlene Kalmbach Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Arlene.Kalmbach@tpwd.state.tx.us 512.924.6987</p>
Lost Pines Habitat Conservation Plan (LPHCP)	Bastrop County (from mitigation funds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administered by Bastrop County (LPHCP Administrator) • Grants limited to LPHCP area in Bastrop County 	<p>Roxanne Hernandez Bastrop County Roxanne.hernandez@co.bastrop.tx.us 512.332.7284</p>

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Partners for Fish and Wildlife	USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administered by USFWS (Partners for Fish and Wildlife Staff) Financial assistance is available range-wide 	<p>Tim Schumann USFWS, Austin Tim_schumann@fws.gov 512.490.0057</p> <p>Ron Jones USFWS Clear Lake Ron_jones@fws.gov 281.286.8282 ext. 241</p>

Mitigation Programs

Program	Agency	Comments	Contact
Lost Pines Habitat Conservation Plan (LPHCP)	Bastrop County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receives payments for mitigation 	<p>Roxanne Hernandez Bastrop County Roxanne.hernandez@co.bastrop.tx.us 512.332.7284</p>
Griffith League Ranch Mitigation Bank	Boy Scouts of America, Capitol Area Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has mitigation credits for sale Will place permanent easement on acreage as credits are sold 	<p>J.T. Dabbs Boy Scouts of America Capitol Area Council jtdabbs@bsacac.org 512.617.8613</p>

Tax Benefits

Program	Agency	Comments	Contact
Wildlife Property Tax Valuation	County Tax Assessors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landowners with a current ag valuation may convert all or portions of their property to wildlife management and maintain the same 	TPWD and County Tax Assessors

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		<p>tax status. Management activities designed to benefit an endangered species such as the Houston toad may count as qualifying activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
Lost Pines Habitat Conservation Plan (LPHCP)	Bastrop County (Permit Holder)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating landowners can qualify for wildlife property tax valuation without prior ag valuation as a result of HB604 	Roxanne Hernandez Bastrop County Roxanne.hernandez@co.bastrop.tx.us 512.332.7284
HB604	Holders of federal permits for the conservation of endangered species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating landowners may qualify for wildlife property tax valuation without prior ag valuation (need to research the type of permits that are applicable, e.g., safe harbor permits) 	TBD
2008 Farm Bill	IRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxpayers engaged in the business of farming may receive a tax deduction on federal income taxes for expenditures paid or incurred for implementing actions benefiting the recovery of federally threatened or endangered species starting in Tax Year 2009 	See http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p225.pdf Chapter 5

Head-starting Program

Houston Zoo and Texas State University have been collaborating on a head-starting program for Houston toads since 2008.