

Balancing Economy with Natural Resources: Promoting vibrant communities, protecting endangered species

More than 90 species in Texas are listed as endangered with many more listed as candidates, meaning there is a need for listing of the species. Creating even more pressure on our natural resources is the state's population, which is expected to double by 2060. Protecting our natural resources is vital to our state's economic growth and the creation of vibrant communities.

Created by the 81st Texas Legislature, the Interagency Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species helps communities protect and recover endangered species while continuing economic growth. The Comptroller's office leads the task force, which includes members from several other state agencies. The task force has developed a presentation for community leaders to raise awareness of endangered species and share cost-effective resources to assist in managing endangered species issues.

In our free 45-minute workshop you will learn:

- Why your community should know about endangered species regulations and programs;
- What your community should know about state and federal regulations that address endangered species issues;
- Strategies for growing your community while protecting endangered species;
- Tax provisions related to endangered species protection;
- What resources are available to assist your community with endangered species; and
- Examples of projects in communities that have addressed endangered species issues.

Who Should Attend: City and county leaders who may encounter endangered species issues. This includes not just high growth areas, but any community that has endangered species or potential endangered species.

Tools You Can Use: In addition to the presentation, we will provide participants with a notebook of endangered species program resources and information.

Contact Us: To schedule a presentation in your community or receive additional information, please contact Cary Dupuy, the Comptroller's Natural Resources Policy Advisor, at (512) 936-3384 or cary.dupuy@cpa.state.tx.us. For details about the task force please visit www.txendangeredspecies.org.

