

Recharge

Your Groundwater Resource



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AQUIFER CONSERVANCY PROGRAM, NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER!

WHAT IS THE POST OAK SAVANNAH AQUIFER CONSERVANCY PROGRAM?

The Aquifer Conservancy Program (ACP) is a way for landowners in the District to work with POSGCD to conserve the groundwater for future generations!

As Texas continues to grow, demands on groundwater resources increase.

In response to these concerns, together with local landowners, we have developed this proactive solution.

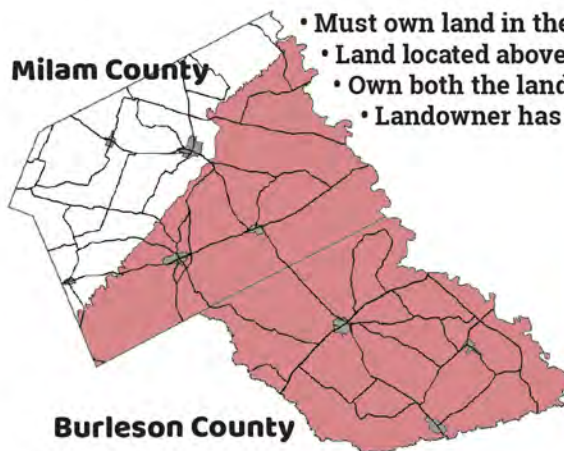
The purpose of ACP is:

- Conserve groundwater for future generations
- Empower landowners through stewardship
- Establish a legacy of conservation
- Complement current sustainable practices
- Add a long-term conservation practice



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Milam County



Burleson County

- Must own land in the District
- Land located above Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer
- Own both the land and the water rights
- Landowner has not leased water rights

All of Burleson County is eligible because it is over the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer; however, **only the land in the red shaded area is eligible** if your land is in Milam County.

Free admission to the Groundwater Summit

You don't want to miss the 2021 Summit. Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of workshops, knowledgeable and informative speakers, great company and food. Lunch and a morning snack will be provided.

Free Water Testing for local well owners, a \$65 Value

**Mark Your Calendars for the 7th Annual
Groundwater Summit**

**Thursday August 12, 2021
9am-3pm Caldwell Civic Center**



This years Summit is at the Caldwell
Civic Center - 103 W Hwy21

Who Owns the Water Under Your Land?

According to Texas State Law, the landowner does!

You do, unless you have leased your water rights to a third party, or when you bought your land, the water rights were not conveyed with the purchase of your land. Very much like Mineral (oil and gas) rights, either you own them, you have leased them to an oil company, you sold your rights, or they were not part of the purchase.

The Texas Legislature determined the best way to conserve groundwater in Texas was to create and utilize Groundwater Conservation Districts throughout the state. In 1949, the use of GCDs was recognized, and the first GCD was created in 1951.

In 1985, 1997 and 2001, the Texas Legislature passed additional laws to encourage the establishment of more GCDs. The Texas Legislature addressed ownership of groundwater in Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. It clearly states that landowners have ownership rights over the water which allows them to sell or lease the rights, pump the water, or leave it in place.

As a Texas Landowner in our District, you have several options as it pertains to the water under your land.

- You can pump the water for your own domestic or household uses in an Exempt Well up to 17.5 Gallons per minute.
- You can pump the water for Agriculture, Oil and Gas, Livestock, Industrial, etc in a Non-Exempt well. You are restricted to pumping 2-Acre Feet of water per acre/per year of land you own.
(1 Acre Foot = 325,000 gallons)
- You can lease/sell your water rights to a third party.
- You can place the water under your land into a conservancy.

The Aquifer Conservancy Program

- Now over 600 parcels of property, including over 45,000 acres covering both Milam and Burleson Counties are enrolled.
- More than 75% of the acreage enrolled is committed for 20 years.

You have total flexibility.

You choose the terms of your commitment:
Five years- \$5/acre/year
Ten years- \$ 8/acre/year
Twenty years- \$10/acre/year

Sign Up Bonus

Sign up by Aug 30, 2021 and you will receive a \$10 per acre Bonus for putting your water into the Aquifer Conservancy Program

Another benefit of this conservancy program is you may cancel the contract for the following personal situations:

- At the Expiration of the Term
- Death of the Owner or Landowner
- Transfer of land to Heirs
- Sale of the Property

(The new owners will be given the option to continue in the program if they so choose.)

Each year there will be a 90-day sign-up period. You can sign up at the POSGCD website, www.posgcd.org. The first sign-up will be June 1, - August 31, 2021.

For More Information or to Sign Up For the ACP,
Go to our website

www.posgcd.org/aquifer-conservancy-program/

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Post Oak Savannah GCD created the Aquifer Conservancy Program (ACP)

This program is completely voluntary. By choosing to participate you will be placing your water rights into a stewardship conservancy to protect that water for future generations. This is NOT a lease. You, the landowner, maintains the ownership of your water rights, but you agree not to lease or permit that water during the term of the commitment.

Of course, you can continue to use your water for your own household uses and for livestock from an exempt well. In addition to conserving your water, the District will pay you for every acre you place into the conservancy. In essence, we will reward you not to pump your water!

Up date on the Groundwater Well Assistance Program

The Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) was created to assist owners of water wells in Burleson and Milam Counties by identifying water wells expected to experience loss of service due to water levels dropping below the pump which is caused by aquifer wide pumping and take corrective actions to prevent that loss of service.

The GWAP also:

- > Is designed to restore service in wells which may have already lost service
- > Provides all necessary financial and technical assistance to owners of identified or affected wells
- > Is fully funded from fees collected from commercial producers and exporters of water
- > Is a stand-alone program continually monitored by the POSGCD Board to ensure its continued success.

Below is an update on the District's GWAP activity

	2021	to Date	June 2021
Wells Inspected	47	26	2
Wells Serviced	24	26	6
POSGCD Spent	\$76,161	\$173,992	\$25,758
Reimbursed	\$17,653	\$86,736	\$6,392

From Vista Ridge & I-130 Projects

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"I learned useful and interesting information about the aquifers, their monitoring, water rights, conservation districts and fracking."

Jennifer B. - Summit Attendee

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We will be at the Caldwell Civic Center at 103 W Hwy 21, Caldwell, Texas. Registration is from 8:30 am to 9 am. The speakers will begin at 9am and we will conclude at 3:00 pm. Lunch and a mid morning snack will be provided. Please RSVP your attendance to your County Extension Office by August 9th, or you can call our office. Milam County - 254-697-7045 - Burleson County 979-567-2308 - POSGCD office 512-455-9900

FREE Water Quality Sampling Campaign

Get your well water tested FREE.

Pick up your sampling packet at your AgriLife Extension
August 9, 10 or 11 - 8am - 4pm

Drop off Aug 9, 10 or 11 between 8am - 1:00pm
or at the Summit on Aug 12.

Results will be available at the Well Educated Program
(site and time to be decided).

Milam County Agrilife
Extension Office
Across from the Courthouse
100 East First St - Cameron TX 77836
(254) 697-7045



Burleson County Agrilife
Extension Office
Burleson County Court House - Ground Floor
100 W Buck St Ste 105 - Caldwell TX 77836
(979) 567- 2308



This is a \$65 Value

UPCOMING EVENTS



Rainwater Harvesting 101; July 30, 2021 - 3pm. This course is a requirement of the POSGCD Rainwater Harvesting Rebate program, and participants will receive a certificate that can be used to apply for up to \$3,000 in reimbursement of costs installing a system! This DIY workshop is designed to give you with the hands-on experience needed to install a rainwater collection system of your own. www.posgcd.org/rainwater/



The Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit Aug 12, 2021. The Summit is one of our most popular events for POSGCD. It will be at the Caldwell Event Center 103 W Hwy 21 in Caldwell. Great Speakers, good food, super information about the state of the groundwater in our District. Watch speakers from Past Summits, www.posgcd.org/groundwater-summit/



Edible Garden and Landscape Class - August 20, 2021 - 2pm

How to incorporate edible foods in your landscape. This was one of the most popular classes last year. Don't miss out! This class is usually only offered once a year. www.posgcd.org/rainwater/

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Program

June 1 - Aug 31

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Let's chat!

Phone: 512.455.9900

Email: admin@posgcd.org

Visit our website for more information:
www.posgcd.org

Look for our next
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Groundwater Summit Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District

Groundwater conservation districts are the state's preferred method of groundwater management through rules developed, adopted and promulgated by a district.
Texas Water Code, Sec. 36.0015



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Are we providing information you need?

The district staff want to know what information you would like to see in this newsletter. Please contact us at 512.455.9900 or admin@posgcd.org to let us know how we can better serve you.



The Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District (POSGCD) mission is to adopt and enforce Rules consistent with State law and based on best available science, which provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater, while supporting the ownership of groundwater and the owner's right to assign or produce that property.