

WHAT IS THE AQUIFER CONSERVANCY PROGRAM (ACP)?

The Aquifer Conservancy Program (ACP) was created to address the need for long-term preservation of groundwater in Burleson and Milam Counties, Texas. By incentivizing participation and offering compensation, it aims to engage landowners in proactive conservation efforts while maintaining property rights. Ultimately, the ACP promotes environmental stewardship and ensures water security for future generations.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

The easiest way to enroll is to visit www.posgcd.org/acp/ and complete the online application. Once submitted, the team will send the contract via email or mail, according to the landowner's preference. If assistance is needed or computer access is unavailable, landowners can contact the team directly. Participating landowners will also receive signage for their property, showcasing their involvement in the Aquifer Conservancy Program!

Email: admin@posgcd.org
Website: www.posgcd.org/acp/
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will I lose my property or water rights if I join the program?

No, all property and water rights stay intact. The District cannot take ownership of your land and it's not a lease, so rights remain yours.



Do I have to commit all of my land?

You can choose how much land to commit. If you want to keep some water rights or acreage out of the program you can do that and still participate in the program.

Can I still have my own well?

You can still drill and maintain a personal well for household and livestock uses as long as the pump isn't able to produce more than 18 gallons per minute and is registered with the District.

How does this program help the aquifers?

This program is about long-term commitment to sustainability and conservation. By joining in, you're helping ensure there's enough water for future generations by committing to retaining your water rights.

What if my land is leased for oil?

The oil company can still drill a water supply well, which is also considered an exempt well.



Board meetings occur monthly on the second Tuesday, starting at 5:30 PM, at the District office in Milano. Agendas and minutes are available on the website - scan the QR code to view the event calendar!



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VOLUNTARY STEWARDSHIP

This program is completely voluntary. By choosing to participate, you will be placing your water into a conservancy, promising to keep your own water rights instead of lease or sell them.



AM I GIVING UP MY WATER RIGHTS?

Absolutely not. As a landowner, you retain full ownership of your water rights. Our District is a governmental agency governed by state legislation with no authority to buy or sell water rights. Our role is to facilitate long-term, sustainable water management within our jurisdiction.

By enrolling, you agree to protect your water by not leasing or permitting your water rights. Specifically, you cannot lease or use the water for:

- Public Water Supply
- Industrial Use
- Commercial Purposes
- Oil & Gas Fracking
- Agricultural Irrigation

This commitment helps ensure the sustainable management of our local groundwater resources.

CONSERVATION PAYS

When you enroll in the program, you'll receive a one-time sign-up bonus of \$50 per acre, which will be paid approximately two months after your enrollment. Following this initial bonus, you will receive annual payments each year during the same month you enrolled, for the duration of your contract.



HOW DOES PAYMENT WORK?

What sets this program apart is that landowners are paid for their ongoing efforts in conservation stewardship based on the length of time committed.

CONTRACT TERM	ANNUAL PAYMENT (PER ACRE)
5 years	\$10
10 years	\$16
20 years	\$20
30 years	\$30
50 years	\$50

HOW IT WORKS

Enrolling in the Aquifer Conservancy Program is a straightforward process designed to be accessible to all eligible landowners.

Here's how you can get started:

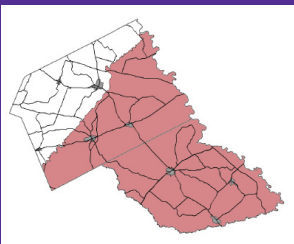
- 1. Submit Application:** Complete an application form, available both online form and as a printable PDF. You can submit the form online, or hand deliver or mail the hardcopy. Along with your application, you will need to provide the property ID and proof of ownership. Typically, the first page of your tax receipt works.
- 2. Eligibility Review:** The District will review your application to verify the eligibility of your property, making sure it's located within the aquifer and that the water rights are not currently leased. Once your eligibility is confirmed, the district will prepare a contract.
- 3. Sign and Notarize Contract:** The contract must be signed and notarized by both the landowners and a representative of the District to be legally binding. After the contract is duly signed and notarized, it becomes effective. Then you are ready to receive your sign-up bonus! A check should arrive within the next few weeks.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All property located over Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifers (see the map below) is eligible - including all of Burleson County.

- Must own land in a District County
- Land located above Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer
- Must own both the land and the water rights
- No leased water rights



HOW IS IT FUNDED?

The Aquifer Conservancy Program is funded entirely by fees from permit holders, **not from taxes**. This includes fees from Production Permits used for things like industrial or municipal use and Transport Permits for transporting groundwater outside the district.

Our District does not have the authority to collect taxes.

CAN I CANCEL THE AGREEMENT?

Agreements can be canceled under the following conditions:

- Expiration of the term
- Death of the landowner
- Transfer of land to heirs
- Sale of the property

New owners will be given the option to re-enroll in the program if they so choose.