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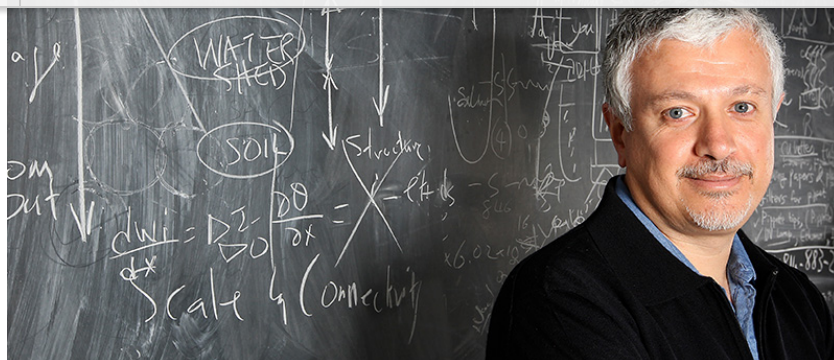
The new [TWRI Annual Report](#) is here!

From watershed protection to education, we've helped protect and conserve water resources throughout Texas. Read our 2017 Annual Report for a look at our program highlights, project collaborations and how we are expanding our impact. [Read more.](#)



**Map of the Month: Freshwater mussels: Key indicators of ecosystem health**

Read about the important role that freshwater mussels play in the health of freshwater ecosystems by providing food and habitat for other aquatic species, stabilizing stream bottoms and filtering the water in our lakes and rivers. [Read more.](#)



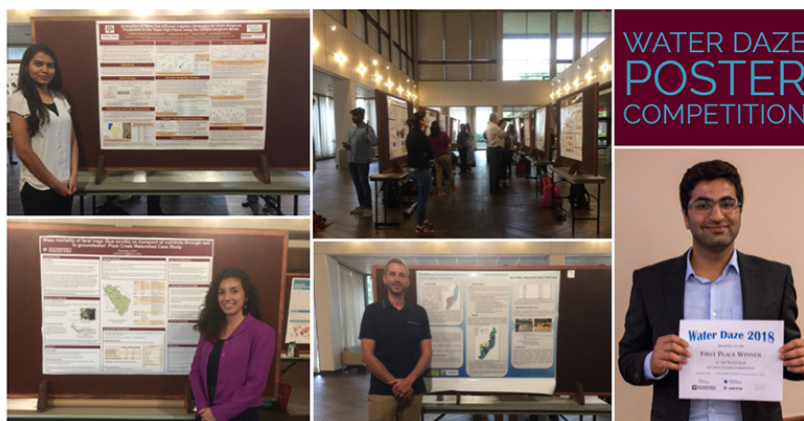
### Meet a scientist: Rabi Mohtar

Learn about Dr. Rabi Mohtar's work on the Water-Energy-Food Nexus and how he returned to his roots in Lebanon to make an impact. [Read more.](#)



### What can the gopher tortoise teach us about endangered species conservation?

Mike Brennan, director of the Wildlife Conservation and Mitigation Program at Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute, gives insights on the Endangered Species Act and candidate species policy and conservation in a new article titled "Lesson from a Tortoise." [Read more.](#)



### Students compete in Water Daze poster competition

Eighteen student posters with topics across a wide range of water-related issues were featured in the Water Daze poster competition April 3 on the Texas A&M University campus. [Read more.](#)





### White-nose syndrome fungus detected in Central Texas

Biologists at Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute, Bat Conservation International and Texas A&M University's Wildlife and Fisheries Science are currently testing for the presence of a fungus that causes white-nose syndrome in bats. [Read more.](#)



### Texas 4-H Water Ambassador program open for high schoolers interested in water

Starting in 2017, Texas 4-H introduced a new program, the Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program, for high school students interested in water research. The Ambassador Program, also known as 4-H<sub>2</sub>O, allows students to dive deeper into the water industry and go beyond what they learn in the classroom. [Read more.](#)



### Urban Riparian and Stream Restoration program workshop set for May 15 in Houston

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### Knowing plants essential to private land stewardship

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### Researchers use Hurricane Harvey data to predict future storm impacts

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### Sorting out Bobwhite Quail population genetics

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Renowned water microbiologist speaks at Texas A&M's Water Daze event

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Water quality training May 15 in Cameron will focus on Big Elm Creek

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## REVERSING THE QUAIL DECLINE IN TEXAS

Discover more about Reversing the Quail Decline in Texas in the newsletter, available now!

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The Spring 2018 Wild Pig Newsletter is here!

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NIFA announces new funding opportunity for sustainable agricultural systems

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Texas A&M AgriLife Research joins others to advance irrigation innovation

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## Events



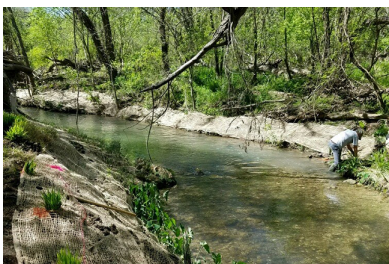
[Dallas Quail Appreciation Day,](#)  
May 18



[Longleaf Academy: Longleaf 101,](#)  
Lufkin, May 8



[Fundamentals of Developing a  
Water Quality Monitoring Plan,](#)



[Southwest Stream and Wetland  
Restoration Conference,](#)





[Rainwater Harvesting-Large System,](#)  
Junction, June 9



[Texas Aquifer Conference,](#)  
Austin, June 6-7



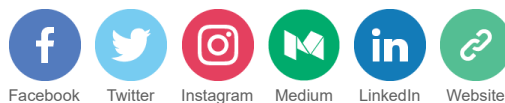
[2018 Universities Council on Water Resources/National Institutes of Water Resources](#)  
Pittsburg, PA, June 25 – 29




[The Science, Management and Governance of Transboundary Groundwater,](#)  
Fort Worth, July 9-11

## Resources

- [Texas Water Journal](#)
- [Wild Wonderings blog](#)
- [Water Resources Specialist Directory](#)
- [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Water Education Network](#)



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