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Documentary on collaboration between defense, conservation & agricultural communities will premiere at the D.C. Environmental Film Festival

As a part of the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership, NRI connects private landowners with voluntary state and federal assistance programs that provide tax benefits, educational opportunities, technical aid, funding for conservation easements and more. NRI's policy team will premier a new documentary exploring the benefits of the partnership on Friday, March 13th at the D.C. Environmental Film Festival. Read more.



Partnership coordinates septic system repair, replacement

The Texas Water Resources Institute has been working with the Attoyac Bayou Watershed Partnership for the past decade to improve water quality, which includes repairing and replacing septic systems. Read more.

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Some landowners diversify as Texas working land declines

The Big Bend Sentinel recently published an editorial diving into the creative ways some landowners and their heirs are looking to keep the land profitable and prevent fragmentation using the data and interpretation offered in the latest Texas Land Trends Status and Trends of Texas Working Lands. Read more.



Meet a scientist: Emily Monroe

As a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist for the Texas Water Resources Institute, Emily Monroe connects the public with what they need, from educational events to septic systems, to accomplish their goals. Read more.



Spotlight on quail predators: bobcats

Their stealth, acute hearing and well-developed sense of smell combined with razor-sharp teeth and claws make bobcats excellent predators, and this fact leads to the inevitable question for quail enthusiasts — how frequently do they predate quail? Read more.



TWRI program spotlight: Attoyac Bayou watershed

In East Texas, the Attoyac Bayou is one of many rural watersheds listed as impaired on the Texas Water Quality Inventory and 303(d) List. The Attoyac Bayou Watershed Partnership was developed with interested local stakeholders to better understand the sources of high *E. coli* levels in the watershed. Read more.



Natural Resources Training Courses Update newsletter published Read more.



Sodium nitrite: potential toxicant in the fight against invasive wild pigs Read more.



USGS adds mapping tool showing daily 'natural water storage'
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Mills Scholars Program



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Texas Water Journal publishes first paper in Volume 11 Read more.

















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University land, water & wildlife news we are reading

- Texas A&M University System cooking up its own brand of oysters, Texas A&M Today
- Perception vs. reality in groundwater contamination, UT Arlington
- Researchers aim to tackle global food insecurity through salt and soil, UNT

Resources

- <u>Texas Water Journal</u>
- <u>Texas+Water</u>
- Wild Wonderings blog
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