

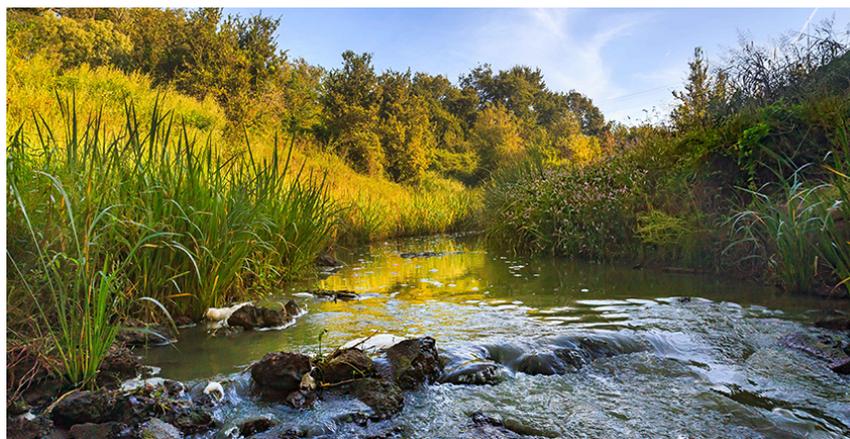
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Map of the month: Night lights of Texas

Through Natural Resources Institute's Texas Land Trends project, we have been tracking and telling the story of rural land use changes and trends across the state for the past few decades. Using remotely sensed data, we can better illustrate these changes; especially those related to urban and energy industry growth. [Read more.](#)



#CYMI: Top 10 TWRI articles from 2019

During 2019, Texas Water Resources Institute's communications team covered everything from challenges of water utilities to profiles of water resources professionals across Texas. [Read more.](#)



Reversing the Quail Decline December Newsletter

The end of the year is a time of celebration for many, but for quail it's often a time of hardship. This month we have an episode of Dr. Dale on Quail that explains why winter is such a tough time for these little birds. Plus we've got a new online lesson all about quail songs and calls. [Read more.](#)



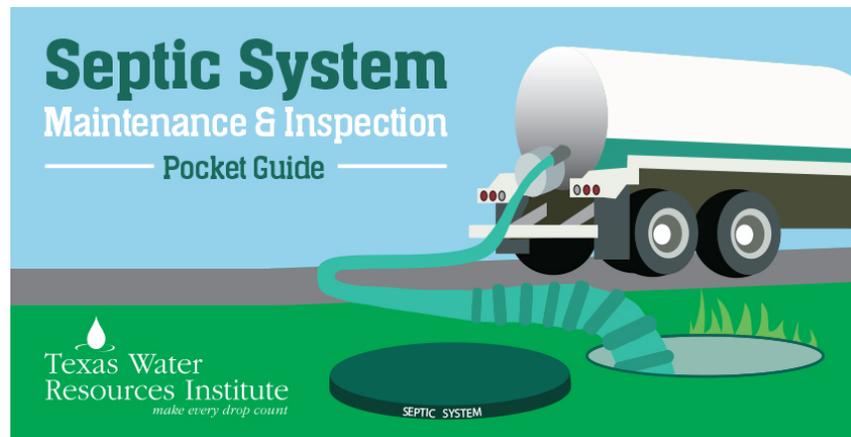
Texas A&M team travels to Israel For Pathways to Sustainable Urban Water Security grant

Three Texas A&M University researchers traveled to Israel in November 2019 as part of the X-Grant-funded project. "Pathways to Sustainable Urban Water Security: Desalination and Water Reuse in the 21st Century." [Read more.](#)



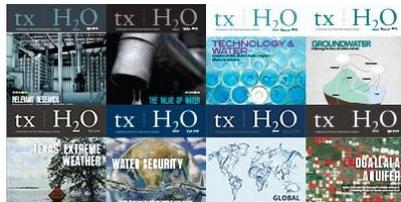
Approach to Bobwhite habitat management at RPQRR

At the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch, everything points to quail. Our primary goal is to maximize "usable space" for quail on the landscape 365 days of the year. There is an important distinction for the land manager to understand when



TWRI publishes septic system guide

Do you own a septic system? The Texas Water Resources Institute has published a new educational material titled Septic System Maintenance & Inspection Pocket Guide to help homeowners with problem solving and best management practices for their septic systems. [Read more.](#)



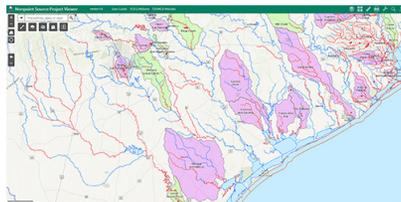
txH₂O highlight: What's your water footprint?

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Drip Irrigation Workshop set for Jan. 11 in Austin

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TCEQ adds interactive watershed, nonpoint source map viewer

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Sentinel Landscapes Partnership announces new landowner resources tool

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Events



[Texas Watershed Stewards](#)
February 12, 2020, Beaumont



[Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society Annual Meeting.](#)
February 13, Corpus Christi

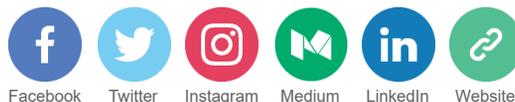
- [What's in our water and soil? UTSA professor studies the distribution of pollutants and nutrients in the ecosystem](#), UTSA Today
- [Hundreds of environmental health professionals across the country report challenges and research needs](#), Baylor University
- [Civil engineer studying threats to industry and environment posed by severe flooding](#), UT Arlington

Resources

- [Texas Water Journal](#)
- [Texas+Water](#)
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