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### **NRI releases first Conservation Easements in Texas publication**

This special series report describes the state's current participation and growing need for land conservation easements. In this report, we assess the value of all conservation easement acres in Texas within three broad categories of ecosystem services to describe the significant impact these lands have on the state's economy. [Read more.](#)



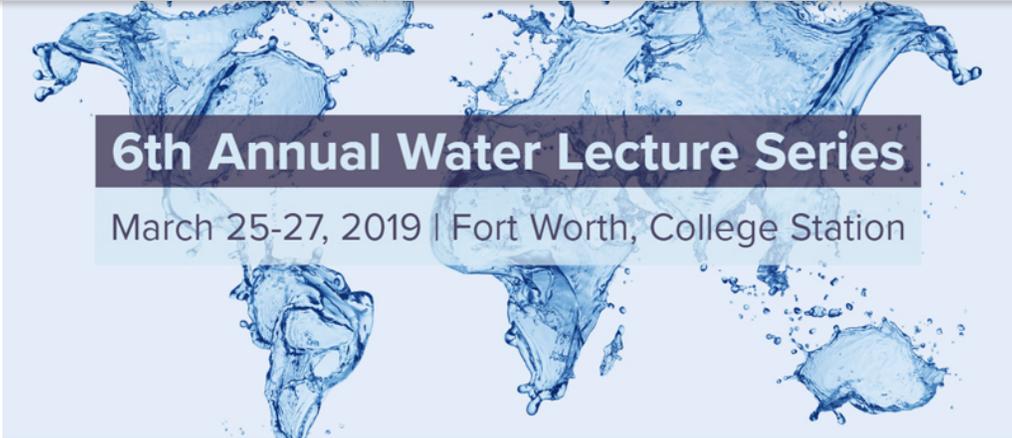
### Playas: Refilling the Ogallala Aquifer?

Playas are capable of providing up to 95 percent of an aquifer's recharge. The goal of the Texas Playa Conservation Initiative is to restore playas and increase awareness among the public of the important role playas play in their daily lives. Do you have a playa on your land? [Read more.](#)



### Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Superior Service Awards

Congratulations to Dr. Jim Cathey, NRI's 2019 recipient of the AgriLife Extension Superior Service Award! [Read more.](#)

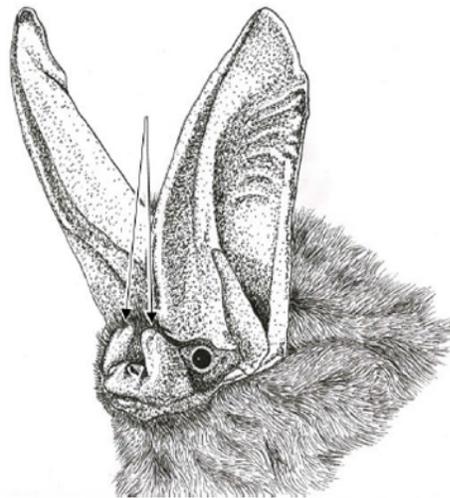


## 6th Annual Water Lecture Series

March 25-27, 2019 | Fort Worth, College Station

### International scientists to speak on cross-border water issues, March 25-27 in Fort Worth, College Station

The Texas Water Resources Institute, Texas A&M University School of Law and Texas A&M University Water Management and Hydrological Science program are hosting the 6th annual Water Seminar Series, March 25-27. [Read more.](#)



### Researcher's illustrations appear in Guide for U.S. Bat ID Project

Research Associate Krysta Demere was asked to illustrate the anatomical drawings for the U.S. Bat ID Project for the Center for Disease Control in late 2017, and now after a year-long process, the official Field Identification Key and Guide for Bats of the United States of America is published! [Read more.](#)



**Deadline for USGS 104G Water Resources National Competitive Grant pre-proposals Feb. 15**

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**Wild pig control read around the world**

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**Feb. 19 program to focus on managing drought in the middle Rio Grande Basin**

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**Institute to hold water quality meeting in Rogers**

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**Water well owner training set for Feb. 22 in Marlin**

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**AgriLife Research joins partnership to promote food, water security and international development**

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SARA STUDENT INTERN JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**SARA Student Internship announced**

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**NRI publishes Development of Multispecies, Long-Term Monitoring Programs for Resource Management**

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**Riparian, stream ecosystem workshop set for March 6 in Bandera**

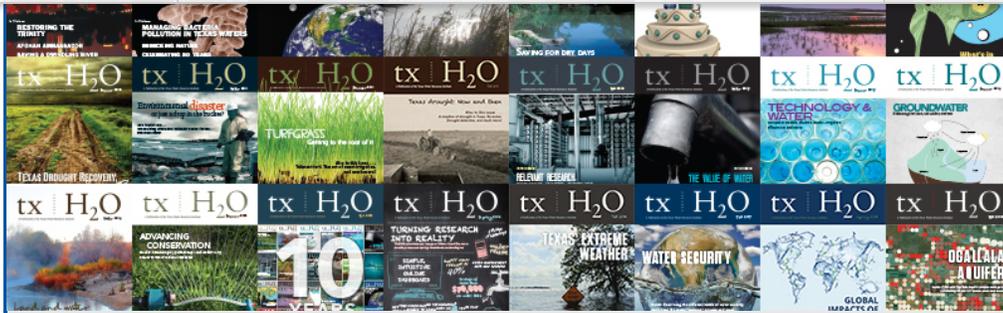
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**Texas Water Journal publishes first article and commentary in Volume 10, Number 1**

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## A look back: txH<sub>2</sub>O Highlights

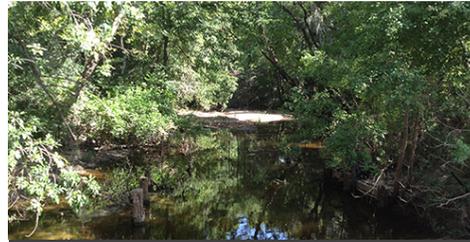
### txH<sub>2</sub>O Highlight: Breaking Barriers

This month's txH<sub>2</sub>O highlight focuses on the successful restoration of a Texas wetland project. The saltwater marsh known as Magic Ridge Marsh had blocked tidal flow. Over the years, blocked channels and stagnant, salty waters caused the marsh to degrade. [Read more.](#)

## Events



[Texas Watershed Steward](#),  
Feb. 5, New Braunfels



[Water Quality Meeting](#),  
Feb. 6, Victoria

## Healthy Lawns Healthy Waters

[Healthy Lawns and  
Healthy Waters training](#),  
Feb. 7, Wimberley



[Texas Watershed Planning  
Short Course](#),  
Feb. 18-21, Waco



[Short Course](#),  
Feb. 25-28, College Station

March 21, Houston



[2019 Urban Riparian Symposium](#),  
Feb. 27-March 1, Grapevine

### Resources

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- [Wild Wonderings blog](#)
- [Water Resources Specialist Directory](#)
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