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#### Protecting water quality with better lawncare

The Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters program is helping residents use better lawncare to improve water quality and save time and money. [Read more.](#)



#### Introducing the NRI Sourcebook – Volume 1

Each season, NRI will be publishing a digital collection of the recently published peer-reviewed scientific publications, research reports and science-based resources developed to support the improvement of conservation, natural resource management and private land stewardship. We are committed to solving natural resource issues and engaging land managers, citizens and policymakers throughout the process. [Read more.](#)

**Meet a scientist: Juan Enciso**

Juan Enciso, Ph.D. was inspired by the beauty of agriculture and the natural world to study irrigation. Now he sees irrigators as key stewards of a more water-efficient future. [Read more.](#)

**Things are heating up in this month's quail decline initiative newsletter**

Summer is here, and there's plenty for quail enthusiasts to do! Texas Wildlife Association's annual convention normally takes place in San Antonio this month but has moved to an online format this year. There's also a new map resource we want to share, a lesson on wildlife tax valuation, and an upcoming virtual camp experience that young Students of Quail won't want to miss. [Read more.](#)

**Water expert receives highest honor in agronomy**

Ali Fares, Ph.D, professor of water security at Prairie View A&M has been selected as an American Society of Agronomy (ASA) Fellow and included into the ASA's 2020 Awards Hall of Fame. [Read more.](#)



**NRI researchers present in Texas Wildlife Association's seminar series**

Each year, the Texas Wildlife Association welcomes the opportunity to showcase a variety of natural resource and conservation presentations by agency, landowner, non-profit and university partners. This year's line-up includes topics such as wildlife, natural resource management, production agriculture, landowner liability and lease law, wild game cooking and conservation education. [Read more.](#)



**Texas A&M University ranked 10th in the world for water resources**

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**Lesson: Learn about Texas mussels**

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**Lesson: Virtual plant ID from the M.J. Hanna Ranch**

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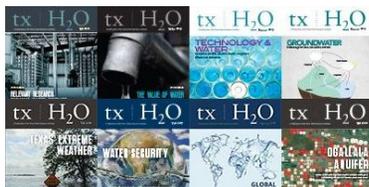
**Private water well screening set for July 28 in Levelland**

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**ICYMI: Texas flood planning is changing**

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**txH<sub>2</sub>O highlight: On the fast track**

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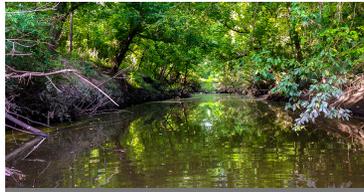


**Texas Water Journal publishes new article**

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**Previously listed events may be  canceled  or  postponed  to comply with Texas A&M University and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) directives designed to protect public health.**



[Middle Neches water quality meeting,](#)  
July 17, Online



[Rainwater harvesting and turf management training,](#)  
July 28, Online



[The Digital Now for Natural Resource Professionals: Online in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,](#)  
August 25-26, Austin



[Texas Groundwater Summit](#)  
September 1-3, Online



[US-Mexico Transboundary Groundwater Conference,](#)  
October 14-15, Online



[Texas Watershed Planning Short Course,](#)  
November 2-5,  
Mayan Dude Ranch

### University land, water & wildlife news we are reading

- [Study Reveals Ancient Ocean Oxygen Levels Associated With Changing Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide](#), Texas A&M Today
- [Geoscientists Create Deeper Look at Processes Below Earth's Surface with 3D Images](#), University of Texas at Dallas
- [Texas A&M Study: Texas Will Face Driest Conditions Of The Last 1,000 Years](#), Texas A&M Today
- [Texas A&M AgriLife helping set 'gold standard' greenhouse gas emissions measurements for Department of Energy](#), AgriLife Today
- [Tarleton's TIAER Awarded \\$1.5 Million Grant](#), Tarleton State University
- [Future Texas hurricanes: Fast like Ike or slow like Harvey?](#), Rice University

### Resources

- [Texas Water Journal](#)
- [Texas+Water](#)
- [Wild Wonderings blog](#)
- [txH<sub>2</sub>O](#)
- [Natural Resources Training Program Updates](#)
- [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service](#)



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