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**A land stewardship education dispatch**

We're building a community of practice around land stewardship from the wings that fly above to the water trickling through the soil. Check out this peek into the 22 mini-lessons you can dive into today. [Read more.](#)

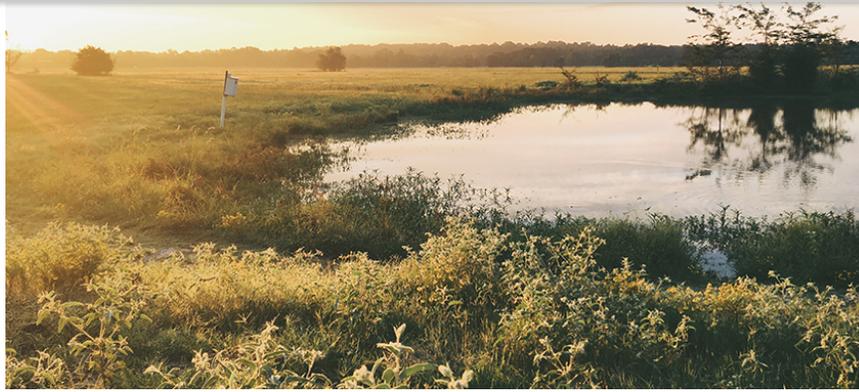


**Signs of a failing septic system:**



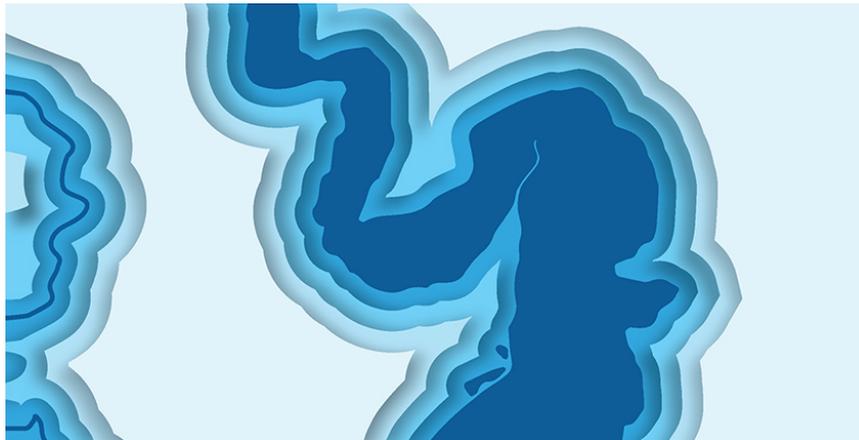
**Texas water quality and septic systems**

There are over 2.2 million septic systems in Texas, but these can cause water quality problems if they aren't working right. Learn ways to find potential funding aid for repairing or replacing failing systems. [Read more.](#)



### Landowner Loop: Tending the soil first

Instead of a Private Land Stewardship Lesson or publication to aid in conservation efforts, NRI is learning from landowners in their continuing series called "Landowner Loop." [Read more.](#)



### EPA accepts Carancahua Bay Watershed Protection Plan

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has accepted the Carancahua Bay Watershed Protection Plan published by TWRI. [Read more.](#)



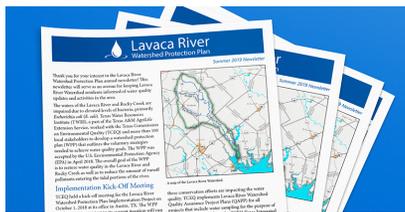
### Forging Ahead

COVID may have changed our summer plans, but we're forging ahead with new ways to deliver quail education. This month, you can practice your plant identification skills with a new PLS Lesson, enjoy some online learning activities hosted by the Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, and join us in congratulating Dr. Dale Rollins on achieving professor emeritus status! [Read more.](#)



### Healthy Lawns, Healthy Waters online workshops set for August

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters Program will host four residential rainwater harvesting and turf management trainings focused on watersheds throughout Texas in August. [Read more.](#)



### TWRI publishes technical reports, newsletters & educational materials

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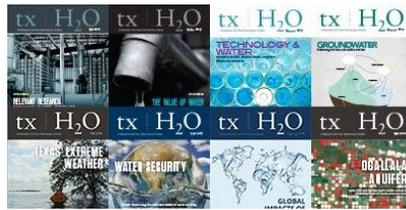
### NRI's Dale Rollins awarded professor emeritus

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### ICYMI: How can you help with water quality?

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### txH2O highlight: How does water quality monitoring work?

[Read more.](#)

## Events

***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.***



[Hillebrandt Bayou and Neches River Tidal TMDL and I-Plan Meeting](#)  
[August 14,](#)  
August 14, Online



[Rainwater harvesting and turf management training,](#)  
August 20, Online

WHERE WE ARE  
AND THE WAY  
FORWARD  
OCTOBER 14 - 15, 2020  
VIA ZOOM

US MEXICO  
TRANSBOUNDARY  
GROUNDWATER  
CONFERENCE

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



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

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

- [Study says carbon dioxide levels rising in Gulf Of Mexico,](#) Texas A&M Today
- [Boron nitride destroys PFAS 'forever' chemicals PFOA, GenX,](#) Rice University
- [Divining monsoon rainfall months in advance with satellites and simulations,](#) University of Texas at Austin
- [Diatom research could prove an innovative key to improving efficiency of desalination,](#) Texas State University
- [Texas primed to be pearl in new oyster farming industry,](#) Texas A&M Today

### 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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