

*City of San Antonio, Texas*

# Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan



City Council

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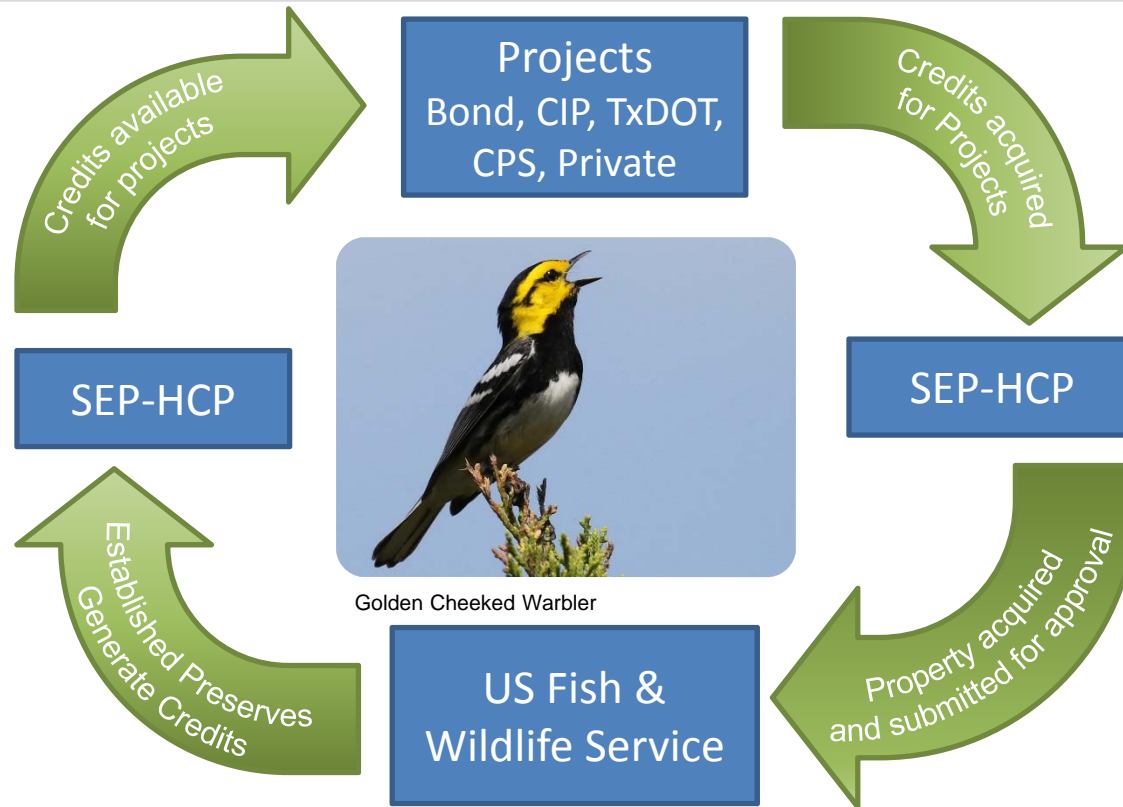
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# Background

- San Antonio is home to Fort Sam Houston and its training facility at Camp Bullis.
- Encroaching Development began to impact Mission of Camp Bullis
- City passed 6 ordinances to protect Mission of Camp Bullis
- City and County began process of creating a Habitat Conservation Plan as an initiative to support the military's mission
- City and County jointly applied for permit
- Plan approved and permit issued by US Fish and Wildlife in 2016

# Plan Process



# Proposed ILA

- Accepts Permit from US Fish and Wildlife
- Contains Governing Structure
- Annual Budget
- Amendment Procedures
- Termination Procedures

# Governing Structure

- Coordinating Committee
  - 3 members from City
  - 3 members from County
  - Chair shall be held by the City appointee
  - Secretary will be hired by the City

# Governing Structure

- Coordinating Committee will appoint a Technical Advisory Committee:
  - COSA Parks/Prop Lands, Development Services, Planning, Office of Military Affairs, and Transportation and Capital Improvements, Office of Sustainability.
  - Conservation Advisory Board
  - Edwards Aquifer Authority
  - CPS Energy
  - SAWS
  - Military
  - USFWS
  - TPWD
  - Bexar County Parks, Environmental Services, and Development Services.

# Process for Acquisition

- Property within the City and ETJ and surrounding 6 counties will require approval from City Council
- Property located within Bexar County and outside ETJ will require approval from Commissioner's Court
- Goal will be to acquire 30% of the preservation within Bexar County or 5 miles from its boundary

# Process for Enrollment

- Science based process that will be implemented administratively
- Secretary will verify that project meets criteria
  - Will verify that sufficient credits are available
  - Will provide recommendation to Coordinating Committee
  - Committee will vote to enroll project



# Recharge and Contributing Zone

- Projects located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zone will be allowed to participate
- Majority of karst caves are over the Recharge Zone and Contributing Zone
- SEP-HCP will encourage compliance with the ESA

# Proposition Properties

- City will have the ability to use Proposition property that has not already been used for habitat conservation but the ILA does not commit City to use this land
- City Council approval is required for the use of any Proposition land by the Plan
  - Prior to taking to Council, the CAB will review and make a recommendation
- At least half of the proceeds from the sale of credits would go back to the property

# Fees

- **Application Fee:**
  - **Application Fee: \$2,500**
  - **Plan Administration Fee: 10% of total mitigation fees**
- **Golden-cheeked Warbler (“GCW”) and Black-capped Vireo (“BCV”) Preservation Credits**
  - **\$8,000 per acre of directly impacted GCW or BCV habitat**
  - **\$2,000 per acre of indirectly impacted GCW or BCV habitat.**

# Fees

- **Karst Participation Fees**
  - **\$1,000 per acre for all karst habitats (Zone 1 through Zone 4) within the Property to be enrolled.**
  - **Occupied Cave Zone A = \$400,000 per individual zone**
  - **Occupied Cave Zone B = \$40,000 per individual zone**
- **GCW or BCV Preserves In Lieu of Preservation Credit Purchases**
  - **\$2,500.00 per acre or greater**
- **Karst Preserves in lieu of Participation Fees**
  - **\$2,500.00 per acre or greater**

# Budget

- Fund will be self sustaining but City and County will need to seed fund
- \$175,000 from the City and County will initially used to fund the Plan
- The City's and County's contribution will be reimbursed by the Plan

# Appointments

- Staff recommends that Council appoint to the Coordinating Committee:
  - Melissa Ramirez, Assistant Director of Development Services Department
  - Rudy Nino, Assistant Director of Planning Department
  - Xavier Urrutia, Director of Parks Department

# Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of San Antonio and Bexar County and appointing the following City staff to the Coordinating Committee: Melissa Ramirez, Rudy Nino and Xavier Urrutia

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