



Programs and Services

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

- 1. Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP):** The Groundwater Well Assistance Program is an initiative designed to support well owners who face the challenge of water level declines below their pumps due to regional groundwater production. The program conducts annual assessments to identify high-priority wells in need and offers both technical and financial assistance. Corrective actions tailored to each well's specific requirements may include lowering pumps, modifying well constructions, or drilling new wells.
Contact: Greg Perry, Craig Andrews
- 2. Aquifer Conservancy Program (ACP):** The Aquifer Conservancy Program is a voluntary, innovative, strategic approach to groundwater management. It balances the conservation and development of groundwater resources while respecting property rights. Landowners within the district can participate by agreeing not to produce or lease their groundwater rights for a set period in exchange for annual compensation. This program not only encourages sustainable groundwater practices but also rewards landowners for their commitment to conservation. Contact: Courtney Gentry
- 3. Monitoring Network:** This network comprises wells volunteered by owners, from which the district collects water level measurements. The data gathered are used for informed decision-making, aiding in the development of management strategies and rule amendments for groundwater protection. Participation in the Monitoring Network is voluntary, requiring well registration or permitting, and provides invaluable data that reflect the true state of our aquifers. Contact: Greg Perry
- 4. Rainwater Harvesting Rebate:** The Rainwater Harvesting Rebate program encourages the adoption of rainwater harvesting (RWH) systems by offering financial incentives to residents within Burleson or Milam counties. The program allows a single rebate per household annually, with a maximum of \$5,000, calculated at \$1.00 per gallon of the system's storage capacity. This rebate aims to cover expenses related to system installation, including tanks and necessary components.
Contact: Jaclyn Wise
- 5. Groundwater Conservation Grant Program:** \$1 million is allocated each year to fund the Groundwater Conservation Grant Program, which replaces aging and obsolete infrastructure such as water lines, wells, and meters and detects and repairs leaks within local utility systems. By investing in these conservation efforts, the District not only furthers conservation but also assists in stabilizing water costs for the communities by preventing the need for rate increases to fund infrastructure improvements. Since its inception in 2006, 80 grants have been awarded, amounting to \$13.3 million, to local water utilities in the District (2024).
Contact: Gary Westbrook, Mike Redman
- 7. 4H2O Water Ambassadors Scholarship and Sponsorship Program:** Offers financial support and career development opportunities to students in Burleson and Milam Counties actively participating in the Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program (4-H2O) and provides up to \$5,000, paid to the higher education institution of their choice upon graduation. This initiative covers participation fees, provides reimbursements for program-related

activities, and awards an annual scholarship aimed at fostering future water industry leaders.

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- 8. Tinker Water Wise Kits (4th Graders):** The Tinker Education Program is an education program we sponsor designed to integrate water conservation education into schools, targeting fourth-grade students, their teachers, and parents. The program emphasizes the importance of water conservation through customized lesson content aligned with Texas state education standards, hands-on activities, and take-home Water Conservation Kits.
Contact: Jaclyn Wise
- 9. Well Plugging Program:** Covers the full cost of well plugging up to a maximum of \$3,500 per well. Eligible wells must have been registered with the district by the end of the previous year and comply with the State's "abandoned well" definition. Abandoned wells can serve as direct channels for contaminants to enter aquifers, posing a significant pollution risk.
Contact: Greg Perry, Jeff Fisher
- 10. Interlocal Agreements with Counties:** Each year, \$250,000 of funds generated from operating and transportation permits support a collaborative initiative with county governments aimed at protecting groundwater resources. Each county within the district's jurisdiction receives an annual allocation of \$125,000 to give each county environmental office's capacity to conduct inspections of septic systems and identify any breaches or leaching into groundwater. Beyond septic system inspections, the funds are able to support a broader set of programs, such as the safe disposal of hazardous materials and tires, safeguarding environmentally sensitive areas from flooding, and educational training opportunities for both county personnel and the general public. These tools are designed to support communities and generate awareness concerning aquifer protection from potential contaminants.
Contact: Mike Redman
- 11. In-house Coliform Testing**
Contact: Jeff Fisher, Greg Perry
- 12. Well Inspections**
Contact: Jeff Fisher, Craig Andrews
- 13. AgriLife Extension Service Agreement:** Collaboration with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Water Resources Institute to provide free education programs for the public that include rainwater harvesting, irrigation, and water-smart gardening classes, about seven times a year.
- 14. County Groundwater Availability Studies:** Currently working with the counties to implement the requirements that were passed in SB 2440 that became effective January 1, 2024.
Contact: Greg Perry, Mike Redman
- 15. Fire Department Reimbursements:** The District offers a reimbursement program for fire departments within its jurisdiction that utilize groundwater. Eligible fire departments can be reimbursed for qualified expenses upon submission of appropriate documentation, as directed by the general manager. Reimbursements cover up to the actual cost of purchased items, with a limit of \$1000 per department per year for special foam discharging nozzles. As funding for this program may be limited, departments are encouraged to contact the District office

for further assistance or inquiries regarding the application process.

Contact: Courtney Gentry, Jaclyn Wise

16. Annual Well Sampling/Water Quality Campaign: Our legislative duties include safeguarding water quality and preventing pollution. To fulfill this, we conduct an annual Water Quality Testing Campaign. Prior to the District's Annual Groundwater Summit in Caldwell, our staff collaborates with county Extension offices to gather water well samples for comprehensive testing funded by the District at TAMU labs. The results are shared at the Summit, where the Texas Well Owner Network provides guidance on interpreting these results and treatment options. We maintain these quality records and are developing methods to associate them with specific wells for future database integration.

