

Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects 24 CFR Part 58

Project Information

Project Name: City of Three Rivers HOME HRA/PWD/Disaster/Reservation

Responsible Entity: City of Three Rivers

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity): same

State/Local Identifier: <u>HRA/PWD/Disaster 2024-0018</u>

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Certifying Officer Name and Title: <u>Thomas Salazar, City Administrator</u>

Consultant (if applicable):

Direct Comments to: Lacie Koska, Grant Consultant (512)452-0432

Project Location: Within the city limits of Three Rivers, TX

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

The City of Three Rivers is participating in the HOME HRA/PWD/Disaster Reservation System Contract in order to assist homeowners with rehabilitation or reconstruction of their homes. The projects are needed due to the number of families in the City that are living in substandard conditions. If funding is available, the project aspires to assist between one and fifty (1-50) low-income and very low-income homeowners at or below 80% AMFI. Reconstruction of these homes will meet Housing Quality Standards and the Texas Minimum Construction Standards. Reconstruction will consist of an approximately 1,100-plus square foot dwelling with 2 or 3 bedrooms and 1 or 2 bathrooms. Building materials will consist of concrete foundation and either face brick or Hardiplank panel Masonite material. The windows will be aluminum, insulated, with half-screens. The roof will be twenty-year fiberglass composition shingle with proper installation of felt and flashing. Bathrooms will contain plumbing fixtures that include toilet and fiberglass tub and shower. There will be central heating and air conditioning installed. All electrical wiring, panels, and services will conform to the National Electric Code plus local codes and ordinances. The structure shall meet the International Energy Code as demonstrated by RESCheck Compliance Certificate and/or Energy Efficiency Compliance Certification. The existing homes will be located within the city limits, and the reconstructed homes will be on the same lot.

Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

The projects are needed due to the number of families in the City that are living in substandard conditions. If funding is available, the project aspires to assist between one and fifty (1-50) low-income and very low-income homeowners at or below 80% AMFI. Reconstruction of these homes will meet Housing Quality Standards and the Texas Minimum Construction Standards.

Existing Conditions and Trends [24 CFR 58.40(a)]:

There are families in the city that are living in substandard conditions. Homes are in disrepair, creating hazardous living conditions. These substandard homes, unless rehabilitated or rebuilt, will continue to threaten the safety and wellness of the inhabitants.

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Funding Amount
2024-0018	HOME HRA RSP	TBD

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: <u>\$ TBD</u>

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: <u>\$ TBD</u>

Compliance with 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6 Laws and Authorities

Record below the compliance or conformance determinations for each statute, executive order or regulation. Provide credible, traceable, and supportive source documentation for each authority. Where applicable, complete the necessary reviews or consultations and obtain or note applicable permits of approvals. Clearly note citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references. Attach additional documentation as appropriate.

Compliance Factors : Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determinations					
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 and 58.6							
Airport Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	Yes No	There are no project sites in the City of Three Rivers that will be within 2,500 feet of a civilian airport or 15,000 feet of a military airfield. The closest civilian airport is Live Oak County Airport which is approximately 6.88 miles from the City of Three Rivers. There will be no adverse effect from airport hazards.					
		Attachment 1 includes: AirNav.com- Airport Search Results & Google Map for distance.					
Coastal Barrier Resources Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	Yes No	The City of Three Rivers is approximately 74.8 miles from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System. There will be no adverse effect on the Barrier Resources System. Attachment 2 includes: USFWS Coastal Barrier Resources Systems Map.					
Flood Insurance Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]	Yes No	The City of Three Rivers participates in the FEMA National Flood Program. Attachment 3 includes: FEMA Cities that Participate in the FEMA National Flood Program.					
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDER	S, AND REGULATION	S LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 & 58.5					
Clean Air Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d);	Yes No	The City of Three Rivers, in Live Oak County, is not located in a Nonattainment or Near Nonattainment Area. There will be no adverse effects on air quality.					

40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93		Attachment 4 includes: TCEQ EPA Texas' Nonattainment Areas map.
Coastal Zone Management Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)	Yes No	The City of Three Rivers is approximately 33.59 miles from San Patricio County, which is the closest county within the Texas Coastal Management Program. There will be no adverse effects on coastal zone management. Attachment 5 includes: General Land Office Texas Coastal Management Program map and EPA NEPAssist mapper for distance.
Contamination and Toxic Substances 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)	Yes No	This will be determined at each Site-Specific Review when actual addresses are known. Attachment 6: none for this report.
Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402	Yes No	There are no critical habitats within the City of Three Rivers according to the USFWS IPaC Trust Resource Report. There will be no adverse effect on any endangered species. Attachment 7 includes: USFWS IPaC Trust Resource Report.
Explosive and Flammable Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	Yes No	This will be determined at each Site-Specific Review when actual addresses are known. Attachment 8: none for this report.
Farmlands Protection Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658	Yes No	There will be no adverse effect on farmlands because the home reconstruction activities will take place on land that Is already in urban development. The home will be demolished and rebuilt on-site in virtually the same footprint and is not subject to the FPPA. Attachment 9: FPPA form.
Floodplain Management Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55	Yes No	This will be determined at each Site-Specific Review when actual addresses are known. Attachment 10: none for this report.
Historic Preservation National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800	Yes No	This will be determined at each Site-Specific Review when actual addresses are known. Attachment 11: none for this report.
Noise Abatement and Control Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B	Yes No	This will be determined at each Site-Specific Review when actual addresses are known. Attachment 12: none for this report.
Sole Source Aquifers Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149	Yes No	The City of Three Rivers is approximately 75.13 miles from the Edwards Aquifer. There will be no adverse effect on sole source aquifers.

		Attachment 13 includes: TCEQ Edwards Aquifer Viewer v3.7.
Wetlands Protection Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5	Yes No	There are some Freshwater Emergent Wetlands, Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetlands, Freshwater ponds, Riverine and a Lake within city boundaries; however, the home reconstructions will occur on established residential lots in virtually the same footprint. There will be no adverse effect on wetlands. Attachment 14 includes: USFWS National Wetlands Inventory map.
Wild and Scenic Rivers Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	Yes No	The City of Three Rivers is approximately 234.85 miles from the portion of the Rio Grande River that is classified as Wild and Scenic. Additionally, there are no Study Rivers in Texas and there are no NRI rivers in Medina County. There will be no adverse effect on wild and scenic rivers, study rivers and NRI rivers. Attachment 15 includes: Rivers.com Texas Rivers, EPA NEPAssist map for distance, Rivers.com Study rivers list and National Park Service National River Inventory List.
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		
Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898	Yes No	The HOME HRA program is designed to assist the low-income and very low-income population, by rehabilitating or rebuilding substandard homes. There is no adverse effect on minority or low-income populations; but only a beneficial effect as this program assists homeowners in changing their substandard living conditions. Attachment 16: none for this report.

Environmental Assessment Factors [24 CFR 58.40; Ref. 40 CFR 1508.8 &1508.27] Recorded below is the qualitative and quantitative significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features and resources of the project area. Each factor has been evaluated and documented, as appropriate and in proportion to its relevance to the proposed action. Verifiable source documentation has been provided and described in support of each determination, as appropriate. Credible, traceable and supportive source documentation for each authority has been provided. Where applicable, the necessary reviews or consultations have been completed and applicable permits of approvals have been obtained or noted. Citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references are clear. Additional documentation is attached, as appropriate. **All conditions, attenuation or mitigation measures have been clearly identified.**

Impact Codes: Use an impact code from the following list to make the determination of impact for each factor. (1) Minor beneficial impact

- (1) Minor beneficial impact (2) No impact anticipated
- (3) Minor Adverse Impact May require mitigation

(4) Significant or potentially significant impact requiring avoidance or modification which may require an Environmental Impact Statement

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
LAND DEVELOPMENT		
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design		Construction activities of rehabilitating or reconstructing homes will occur on the existing residential lots, and in virtually the same footprints. There will be change to land use or zoning. There will be a beneficial effect on the street appeal.
Soil Suitability/ Slope/ Erosion/ Drainage/ Storm Water Runoff		Construction activities of rehabilitating or reconstructing homes will occur on the existing residential lots, and in virtually the same footprints. Soil conditions, slope, erosion, etc. will be considered by the engineer in plans for reconstructing the home on the existing lot.
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Noise		This will be determined at each Site-Specific Review when actual addresses are known.
Energy Consumption	2	The structure shall meet the International Energy Code as demonstrated by RESCheck Compliance Certificate and/or Energy Efficiency Compliance Certification.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
SOCIOECONOMIC		
Employment and Income Patterns	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots, and will have no adverse effect on local businesses or employment.
Demographic Character Changes, Displacement	2	There will be temporary displacement of the homeowners during the construction or rehabilitation of their home. There will be no demographic changes as the home will be re-occupied by the original tenants once construction is complete.

Environmental	Impact			
Assessment Factor	Code	Impact Evaluation		
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES				
Educational and Cultural Facilities	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots, and will have no adverse effect on educational or cultural facilities, access to these resources, or participation by the public.		
Commercial Facilities	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots, and will have no adverse effect on local commercial facilities, access or participation.		
Health Care and Social Services	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots, and will have no adverse effect on health care or social services, access or participation.		
Solid Waste Disposal / Recycling	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots, and will have no adverse effect on the solid waste disposal or recycling for the area.		
Waste Water / Sanitary Sewers	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots, and will have no adverse effect on the waste water or sanitary sewer system. The homes will remain tied into the sewer infrastructure.		
Water Supply	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots, and will have no adverse effect on the water supply. The homes will remain tied into the water supply infrastructure.		
Public Safety - Police,	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing		

Fire and Emergency Medical		residential lots, and will have no adverse effect on public safety, or access to or by public safety resources.
Parks, Open Space and Recreation	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots, and will have no adverse effect on any parks, open spaces or recreational areas in the city. There will be change or impediment to access or participation.
Transportation and Accessibility	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots, and will have no adverse effect on transportation resources or accessibility.

Environmental	Impact	
Assessment Factor	Code	Impact Evaluation
NATURAL FEATURES		
Unique Natural		The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing
Features,		residential lots, and will have no adverse effect on any natural
Water Resources		features or water resources that exist in the city boundaries.
Vegetation, Wildlife		The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots, and will have no adverse effect on vegetation or wildlife. There are no critical habitats in the City of Three Rivers, per the USFWS IPaC Trust Resource Report.
Other Factors		

Additional Studies Performed: None

Field Inspection (Date and completed by): TBD for each specific location

List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]: <u>AirNav.com, EPA NEPAssist, GLO, TCEQ, USFWS, Google Maps, National Flood Insurance List, Rivers.com, National Park Service and USDA.</u>

List of Permits Obtained: None

Public Outreach [24 CFR 50.23 & 58.43]: Public Notice 7/10/25 in The Progress

Cumulative Impact Analysis [24 CFR 58.32]: These project activities are grouped as Functional Aggregation. The Environmental Assessment documentation and determinations include all project locations. The Site-Specific Reviews will determine the remaining compliances.

Alternatives [24 CFR 58.40(e); 40 CFR 1508.9]:

Alternate Activities: Under the HRA program, the qualifying homes are analyzed for rehabilitation before reconstruction is considered. Rehabilitation to bring the homes to an acceptable standard is the minimum of project activities. When the cost of rehabilitation is too great, reconstruction is the alternative that is chosen. Reconstructed homes will meet Housing Quality Standards and the Texas Minimum Construction Standards. There are no effective alternatives to consider.

Other Locations: The HOME HRA program is for the rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing homes, on their existing lots. Other locations for home replacement are not allowed under the program rules. Choosing other locations is not an alternative.

No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]: There are many families living in substandard conditions in the City of Three Rivers. Those who qualify for the HRA program will have their substandard home rehabilitated to bring it up to safety standards, or their home will be rebuilt. Taking no action and not proceeding with the rehabilitation or reconstruction of substandard homes will result in the families in these homes continuing to live in conditions that threaten their safety and health.

Summary of Findings and Conclusions: After a thorough research of all statutes, laws, authorities and executive orders cited at 24 CFR 58, the proposed project, which will involve multiple home sites in the City of Three Rivers, is in compliance with the programs and categories identified with a determination on this report. The Site-Specific Reviews will allow a determination on those statutes, laws, authorities and executive orders that require a specific address on which to analyze compliance.

Mitigation Measures and Conditions [40 CFR 1505.2(c)]

Summarize below all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid, or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements, and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure
None	

Determination:

Finding of No Significant Impact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1); 40 CFR 1508.27] The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

Finding of Significant Impact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(2); 40 CFR 1508.27] The project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

aai Kasey Preparer Signature:

Date: 6/20/25

Name/Title/Organization: Lacie Koska, Grant Consultant, Langford Community Management Services, Inc.

Certifying Officer Signature:

_Date: _ 4/24/25

Name/Title: Thomas Salazar, City Administrator

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the activity/project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).

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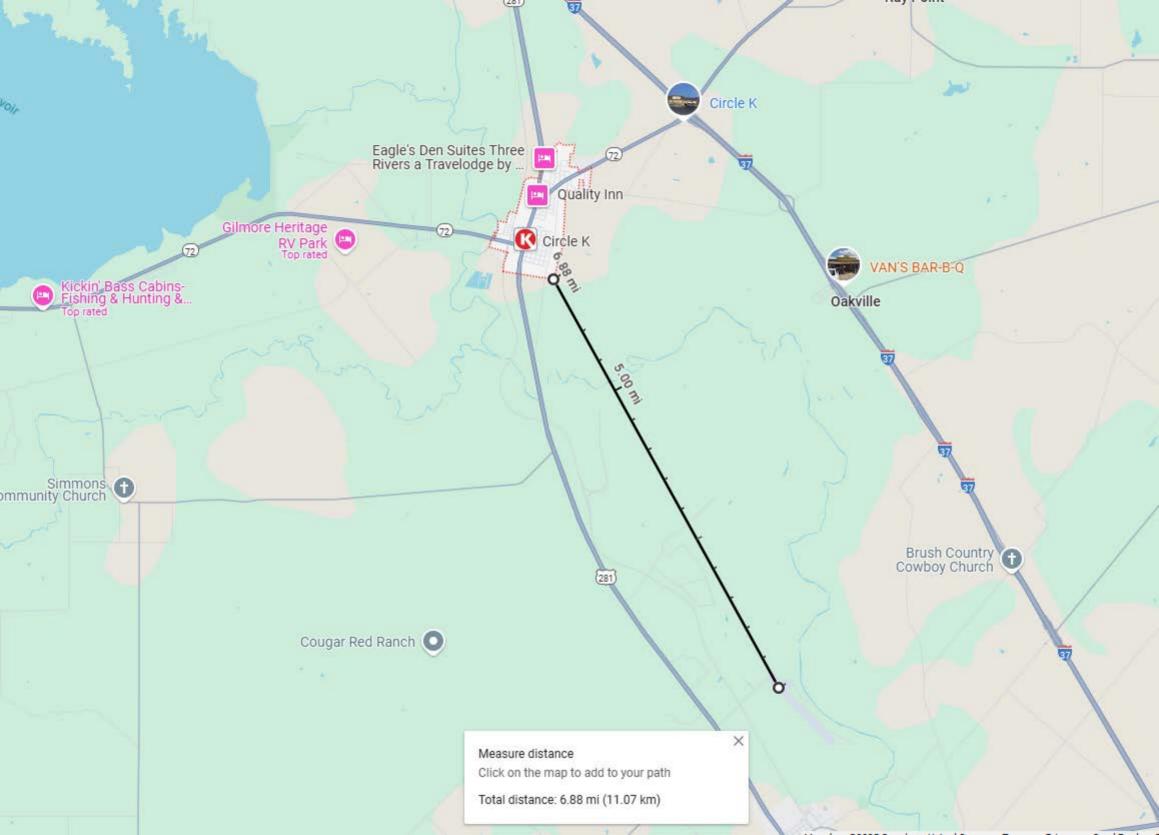
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Airport Search Results

7 airports found near Three Rivers, TX

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→ 8T6	GEORGE WEST, TX	LIVE OAK COUNTY AIRPORT	1.1 mm E	6.88mi.
→ TE58	BEEVILLE, TX	TRML D RANCH AIRPORT	7.4 nm NE	
→ 91TX	CALLIHAM, TX	PAISANO RANCH AIRPORT	12.2 nm WNW	
→ 59TS	GEORGE WEST, TX	ROSSLER RANCH AIRPORT	12.9 nm S	
→ TA56	ORANGE GROVE, TX	FLOYD RANCH AIRPORT	18.0 nm S	
→ 79TE	LAGARTO, TX	ARROWHEAD AIRPORT	18.1 nm SE	
→ BEA	BEEVILLE, TX	BEEVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	18.2 nm E	

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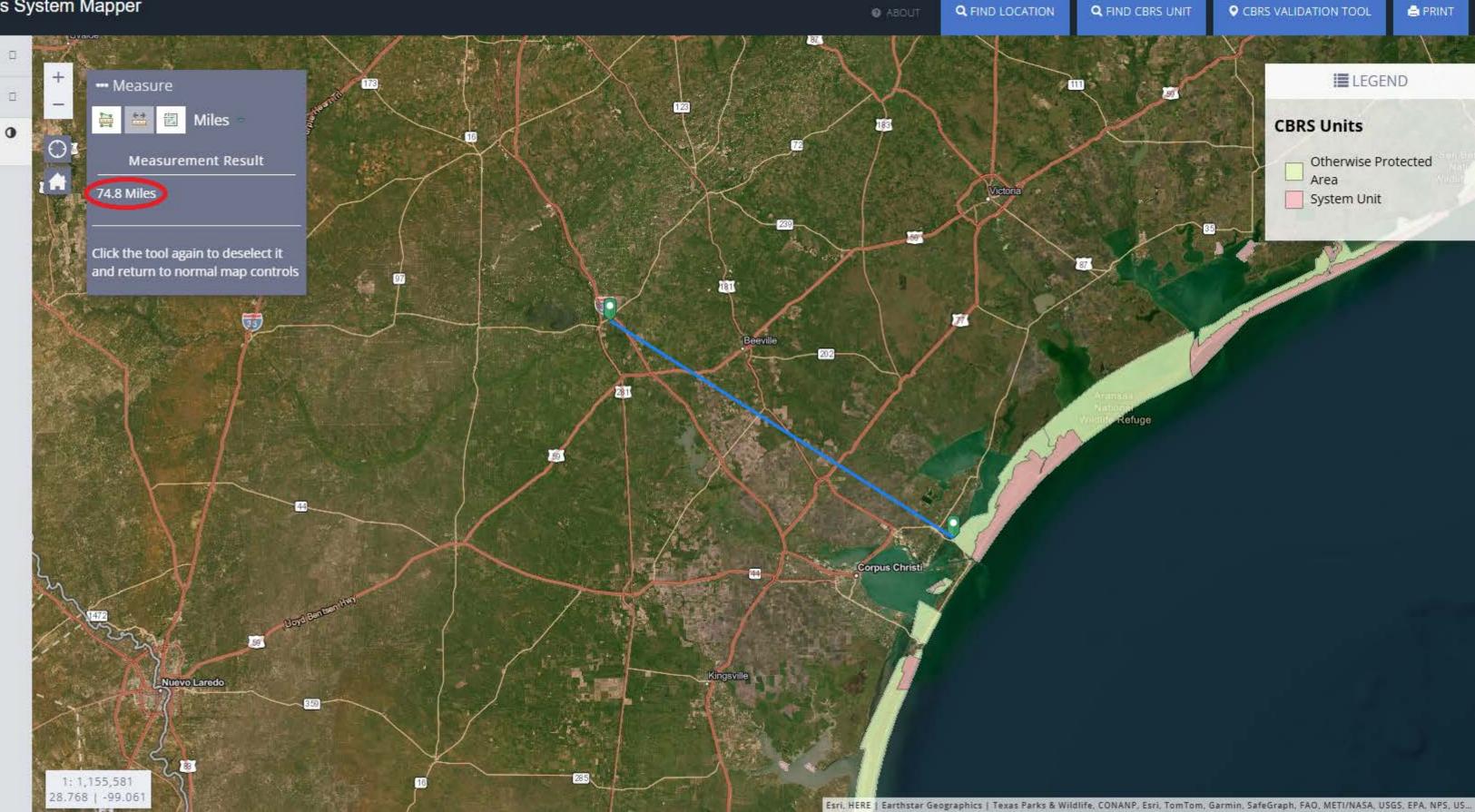


Coastal Barrier Resources System Mapper U.S Fish & Wildlife Service

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CBRS Units

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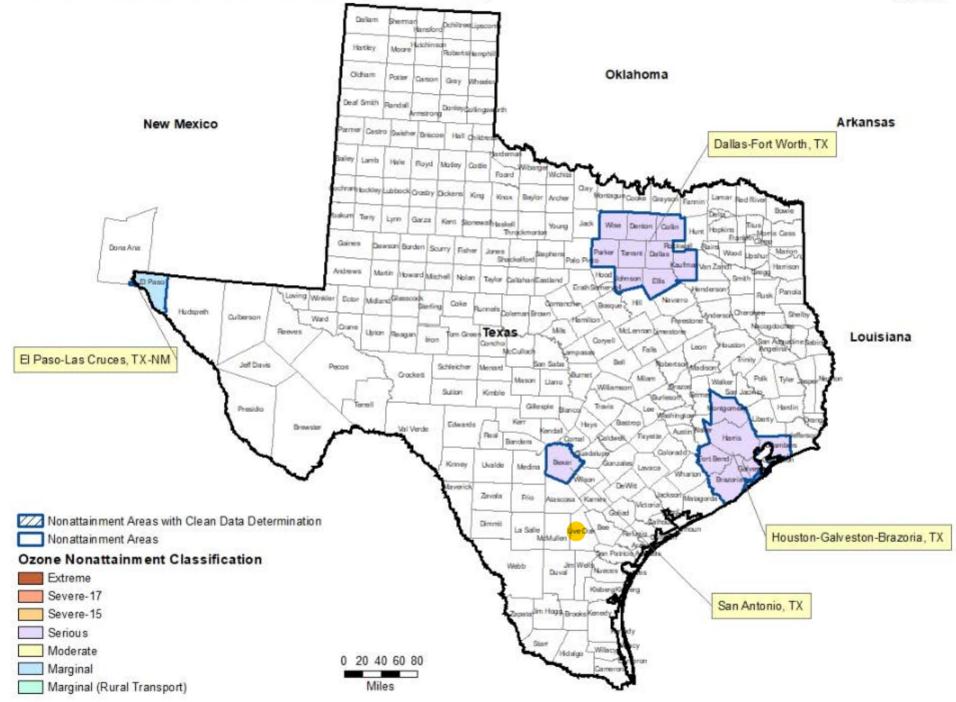
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Communities Participating in the National Flood Program

CID	Community Name	County	Init FHBM Identified	Init FIRM Identified	Curr Eff Map Date	Tribal	Reg-Emer Date	CRS Entry Date	Curr Eff Date	Curr Class	% Disc
480468B	TALTY, CITY OF	KAUFMAN COUNTY	11/13/81	09/04/91	01/12/23	No	01/06/10		1		T
	The enrollment package references the					No					
480582B	Kauffman county map 480411. PDS TARRANT COUNTY*	TARRANT COUNTY	02/07/75	08/04/87	03/21/19	No	08/04/87				
480995#	TATUM, CITY OF	PANOLA COUNTY/RUSK	07/11/75	04/17/85	09/29/10(M)	No	04/17/85				
		COUNTY				1 feet of					
481014#	TAYLOR COUNTY*	TAYLOR COUNTY	11/29/77	06/01/87	01/06/12	No	06/01/87				
485513G	TAYLOR LAKE VILLAGE, CITY OF	HARRIS COUNTY	11/17/70	12/31/74	01/06/17	No	11/13/70	05/01/14	04/01/24	7	15%
481698#	TAYLOR LANDING, CITY OF	JEFFERSON COUNTY		08/06/02	08/06/02	No	11/14/08				
	Taylor Landing adopted Jefferson County FIRM Index 480385 dated 08/06/2002, panel 4803850270C and 4803850385C dated 08/06/2002, and 4803850425C dated 04/02/1992.					No					
480670B	TAYLOR, CITY OF	WILLIAMSON COUNTY	03/29/74	03/01/82	12/20/19	No	03/01/82				
480236	TEAGUE, CITY OF	FREESTONE COUNTY	02/06/76		(NSFHA)	No	10/28/77				
480034#	TEMPLE, CITY OF	BELL COUNTY	11/08/77	01/19/83	09/26/08	No	01/19/83				
481006	TENAHA, CITY OF	SHELBY COUNTY	07/30/76	07/03/85	07/03/85(M)	No	07/03/85				
480619#	TERRELL COUNTY*	TERRELL COUNTY	08/16/74	09/01/87	09/01/87(L)	No	09/01/87				
480048E	TERRELL HILLS, CITY OF	BEXAR COUNTY	05/17/74	01/16/81	06/19/20	No	01/16/81				
480416B	TERRELL, CITY OF	KAUFMAN COUNTY	12/20/74	09/30/80	01/12/23	No	09/30/80				
481019#	TERRY COUNTY*	TERRY COUNTY	06/14/77		06/14/77	No	05/03/01(E)				
480060B	TEXARKANA, CITY OF	BOWIE COUNTY	06/07/74	03/01/79	12/21/17	No	03/01/79				
485514A	TEXAS CITY, CITY OF	GALVESTON COUNTY		06/05/70	08/15/19	No	11/20/70				
481129	TEXLINE, CITY OF	DALLAM COUNTY				No	01/16/01(E)				
481581#	THE COLONY, CITY OF	DENTON COUNTY	08/16/84	09/29/86	04/18/11	No	09/29/86				
	INCLUDES THE TOWN OF EASTVALE					No					
480063D	THE HILLS, VILLAGE OF	TRAVIS COUNTY	03/07/78	04/01/82	01/22/20	No	11/15/06				
481642C	THOMPSONS, TOWN OF	FORT BEND COUNTY	07/09/76	08/05/86	01/29/21	No	09/30/92				
481632B	THRALL, CITY OF	WILLIAMSON COUNTY		09/27/91	12/20/19(M)	No	09/27/91				
485515	THREE RIVERS, CITY OF	LIVE OAK COUNTY	07/01/70	06/18/71	07/05/84	No	06/18/71				
481021#	THROCKMORTON COUNTY *	THROCKMORTON COUNTY	05/27/80		05/27/80	No	07/22/14(E)				
480693#	THROCKMORTON, CITY OF	THROCKMORTON COUNTY	05/03/74	04/15/77	04/15/77	No	04/15/77				
481585A	TIKI ISLAND, VILLAGE OF	GALVESTON COUNTY	04/09/71	04/08/71	08/15/19	No	04/15/83	10/01/01	10/01/17	7	15%
485518#	TIMBERCREEK CANYON, VILLAGE OF	RANDALL COUNTY	01/26/84	06/04/10	06/04/10	No	01/26/84				
481007	TIMPSON, CITY OF	SHELBY COUNTY	11/05/76		(NSFHA)	No	01/26/83				
481624#	TIOGA, CITY OF	GRAYSON COUNTY		05/18/92	09/29/10(M)	No	01/16/01				
480531#	TIRA, CITY OF	HOPKINS COUNTY		03/17/11	03/17/11(M)	No	03/17/11				
481023#	TITUS COUNTY*	TITUS COUNTY	06/03/77	09/29/10	09/29/10(M)	No	05/31/11				

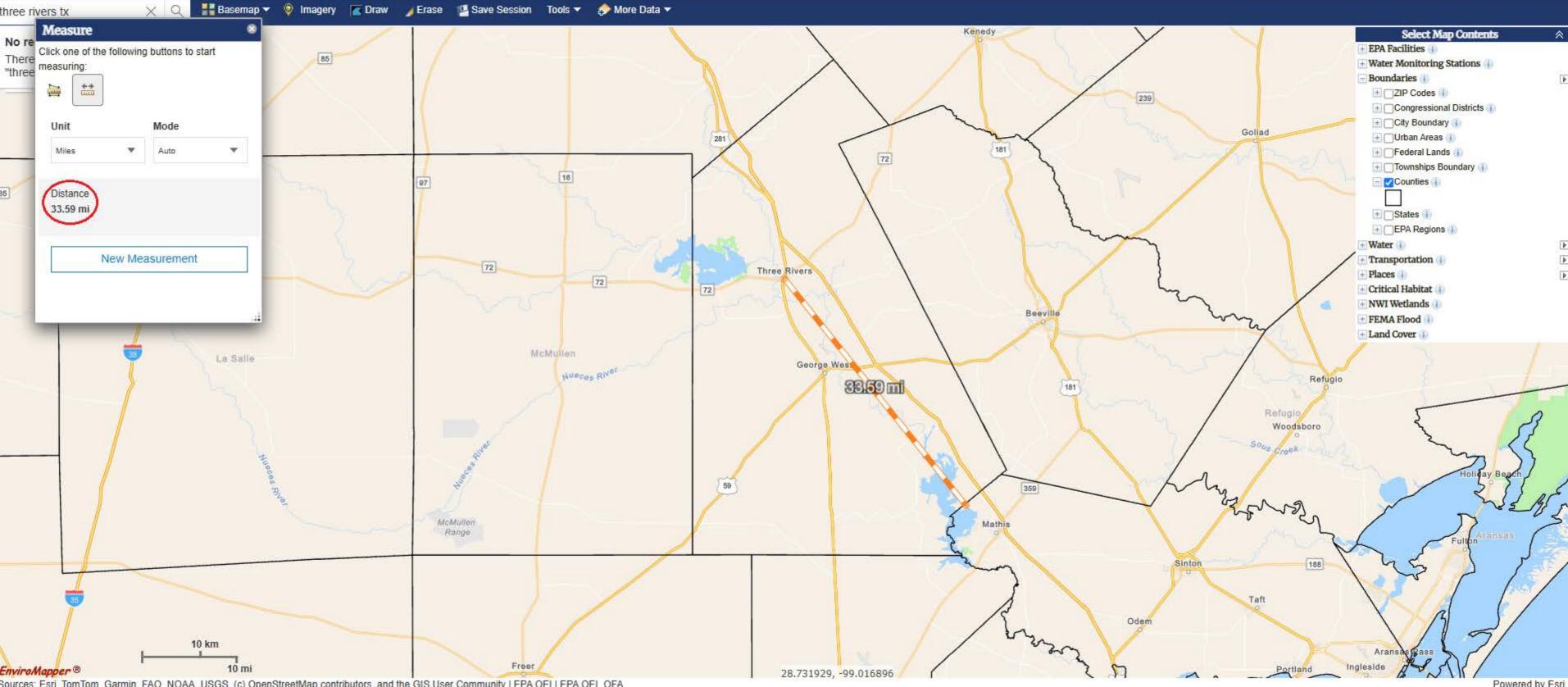
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Texas 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Areas (2015 Standard)

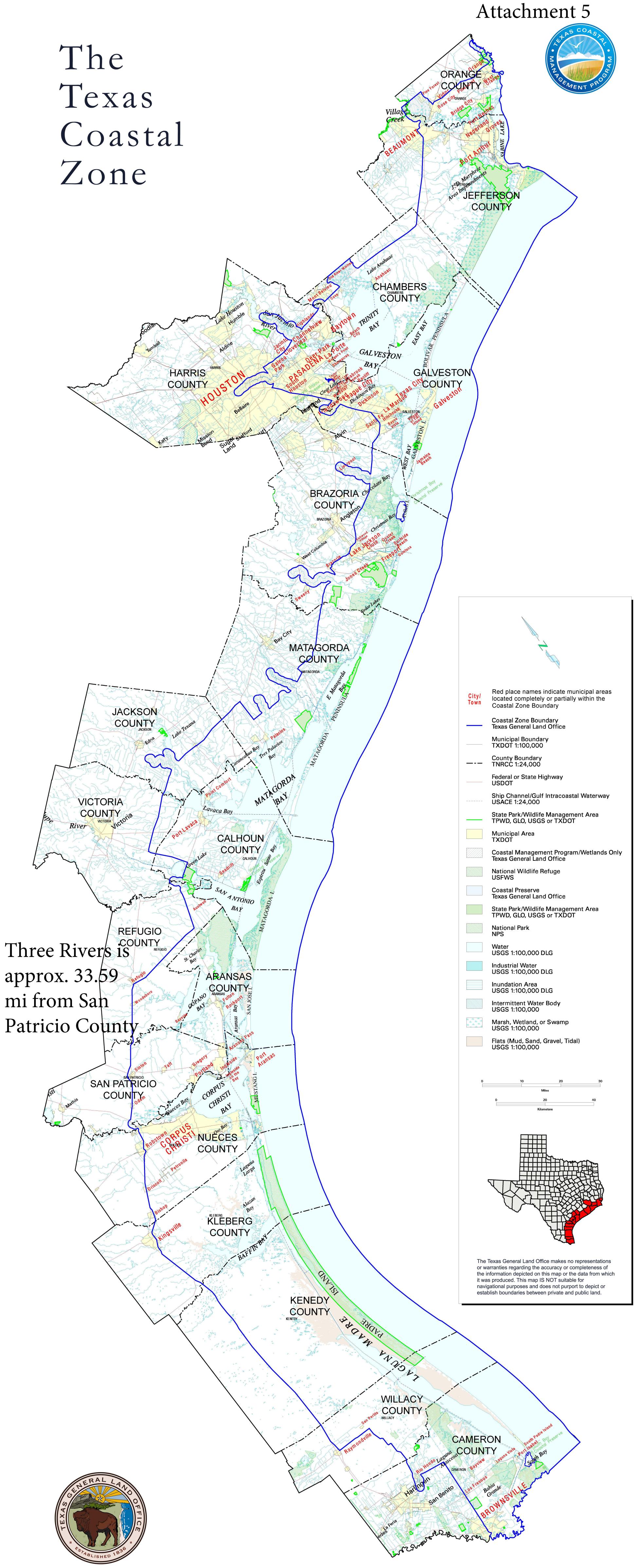


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	Municipal Area TXDOT
	Coastal Management Program/Wetlands Only Texas General Land Office
	National Wildlife Refuge USFWS
	Coastal Preserve Texas General Land Office
	State Park/Wildlife Management Area TPWD, GLO, USGS or TXDOT
	National Park NPS
	Water USGS 1:100,000 DLG
	Industrial Water USGS 1:100,000 DLG
	Inundation Area USGS 1:100,000 DLG
	Intermittent Water Body USGS 1:100,000
1. 1	Marsh, Wetland, or Swamp USGS 1:100,000
	Flats (Mud, Sand, Gravel, Tidal) USGS 1:100,000
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In Reply Refer To: Project Code: 2025-0101219 Project Name: City of Three Rivers 05/23/2025 18:26:12 UTC

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) field offices in Clear Lake, Corpus Christi, Fort Worth, and Alamo, Texas, have combined administratively to form the Texas Coastal Ecological Services Field Office. All project related correspondence should be sent to the field office address listed below responsible for the county in which your project occurs:

Project Leader; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 17629 El Camino Real Ste. 211; Houston, Texas 77058

Angelina, Austin, Brazoria, Brazos, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Freestone, Galveston, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Orange, Polk, Robertson, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Waller, and Wharton.

Assistant Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4444 Corona Drive, Ste 215; Corpus Christi, Texas 78411

Aransas, Atascosa, Bee, Brooks, Calhoun, De Witt, Dimmit, Duval, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, and Wilson.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge; Attn: Texas Ecological Services Sub-Office; 3325 Green Jay Road, Alamo, Texas 78516 *Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Webb, Willacy, and Zapata.*

For questions or coordination for projects occurring in counties not listed above, please contact arles@fws.gov.

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your

proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the Service under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at: http://www.fws.gov/media/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.

Non-Federal entities may consult under Sections 9 and 10 of the Act. Section 9 and Federal regulations prohibit the take of endangered and threatened species, respectively, without special exemption. "Take" is defined as to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. "Harm" is further defined (50 CFR § 17.3) to include significant habitat modification or degradation that results in death or injury to listed species by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering. "Harass" is defined (50 CFR § 17.3) as intentional or negligent actions that create the likelihood of

injury to listed species to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavior patterns which include, but are not limited to, breeding, feeding or sheltering. Should the proposed project have the potential to take listed species, the Service recommends that the applicant develop a Habitat Conservation Plan and obtain a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit. The Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook is available at: <u>https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/habitat-conservation-planning-handbook</u>.

Migratory Birds:

In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Act, there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts visit: <u>https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-birds</u>.

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures see https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/threats-birds.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
- Bald & Golden Eagles
- Migratory Birds
- Wetlands

OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

Texas Coastal & Central Plains Esfo

17629 El Camino Real, Suite 211 Houston, TX 77058-3051 (281) 286-8282

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code:2025-0101219Project Name:City of Three RiversProject Type:Clearing LandProject Description:ReconstructionProject Location:City of Location

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <u>https://www.google.com/maps/@28.468691300000003,-98.17827699070963,14z</u>



Counties: Live Oak County, Texas

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

There is a total of 6 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Note that 2 of these species should be considered only under certain conditions.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

1. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

MAMMALS

NAME	STATUS
Tricolored Bat <i>Perimyotis subflavus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10515</u>	Proposed Endangered
BIRDS NAME	STATUS
Piping Plover Charadrius melodus Population: [Atlantic Coast and Northern Great Plains populations] - Wherever found, except those areas where listed as endangered. There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions: • Wind related projects within migratory route. Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6039</u>	Threatened
 Rufa Red Knot <i>Calidris canutus rufa</i> There is proposed critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions: Wind Related Projects Within Migratory Route Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864</u> 	Threatened
Whooping Crane <i>Grus americana</i> Population: Wherever found, except where listed as an experimental population There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/758</u>	Endangered
INSECTS NAME	STATUS

Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Proposed
There is proposed critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical	Threatened
habitat.	
Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743</u>	

FLOWERING PLANTS

NAME STA	TATUS
Black Lace Cactus Echinocereus reichenbachii var. albertiiEnNo critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5560	ndangered

CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

BALD & GOLDEN EAGLES

Bald and Golden Eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act 2 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) 1 . Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to Bald or Golden Eagles, or their habitats, should follow appropriate regulations and consider implementing appropriate avoidance and minimization measures, as described in the various links on this page.

- 1. The <u>Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act</u> of 1940.
- 2. The Migratory Birds Treaty Act of 1918.
- 3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

BALD & GOLDEN EAGLES INFORMATION WAS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN THIS SPECIES LIST WAS GENERATED. PLEASE CONTACT THE FIELD OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) ¹ prohibits the take (including killing, capturing, selling, trading, and transport) of protected migratory bird species without prior authorization by the Department of Interior U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). The incidental take of migratory birds is the injury or death of birds that results from, but is not the purpose, of an activity. The Service interprets the MBTA to prohibit incidental take.

- 1. The <u>Migratory Birds Treaty Act</u> of 1918.
- 2. The <u>Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act</u> of 1940.
- 3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

MIGRATORY BIRD INFORMATION WAS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN THIS SPECIES LIST WAS GENERATED. PLEASE CONTACT THE FIELD OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

WETLANDS

Impacts to <u>NWI wetlands</u> and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local <u>U.S. Army Corps of</u> <u>Engineers District</u>.

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

RIVERINE

- R4SBC
- R2UBH
- R4SBA

FRESHWATER FORESTED/SHRUB WETLAND

- PSS1Ah
- PSS1A
- PFO1A

FRESHWATER POND

- PUBHx
- PUSAx
- PUBHh
- PUSCh

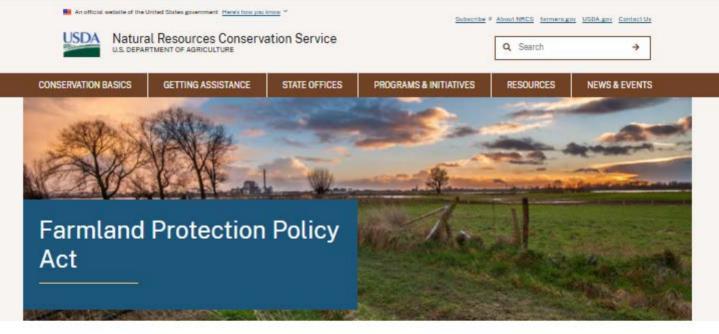
FRESHWATER EMERGENT WETLAND

- PEM1C
- PEM1Cx
- PEM1Ax
- PEM1Ch

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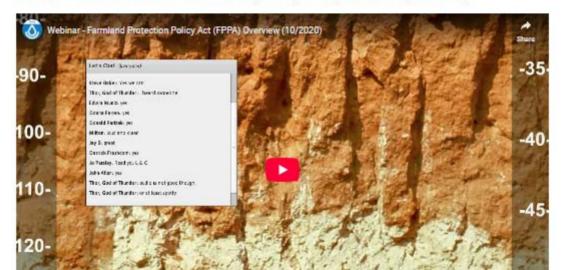
The Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) is intended to minimize the impact Federal programs have on the unnecessary and irreversible conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses.

Purpose

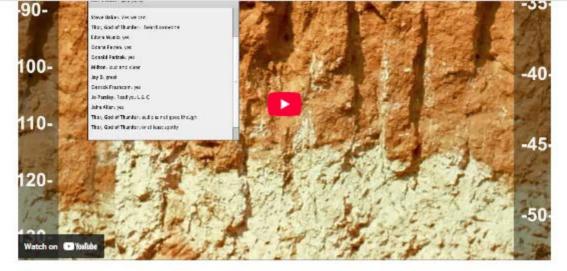
The FPPA is intended to minimize the impact Federal programs have on the unnecessary and irreversible conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses. It assures that to the extent possible federal programs are administered to be compatible with state, local units of government, and private programs and policies to protect farmland. Federal agencies are required to develop and review their policies and procedures to implement the FPPA every two years.

The FPPA does not authorize the Federal Government to regulate the use of private or nonfederal land or, in any way, affect the property rights of owners.

For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements does not have to be currently used for cropland. It can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land.



Webinar - Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) Overview (10/2020)



Projects and Activities

Projects are subject to FPPA requirements if they may irreversibly convert farmland (directly or indirectly) to nonagricultural use and are completed by a Federal agency or with assistance from a Federal agency.

Assistance from a Federal agency includes:

- · Acquiring or disposing of land.
- · Providing financing or loans.
- · Managing property.
- Providing technical assistance

Activities that may be subject to FPPA include:

- · State highway construction projects, (through the Federal Highway Administration)
- Airport expansions
- · Electric cooperative construction projects
- · Railroad construction projects
- Telephone company construction projects
- · Reservoir and hydroelectric projects
- · Federal agency projects that convert farmland
- · Other projects completed with Federal assistance.

Activities not subject to FPPA include:

- · Federal permitting and licensing
- · Projects planned and completed without the assistance of a Federal agency
- Projects on land already in urban development or used for water storage
- Construction within an existing right-of-way purchased on or before August 4, 1984
- Construction for national defense purposes
- · Construction of on-farm structures needed for farm operations
- · Surface mining, where restoration to agricultural use is planned
- · Construction of new minor secondary structures such as a garage or storage shed.

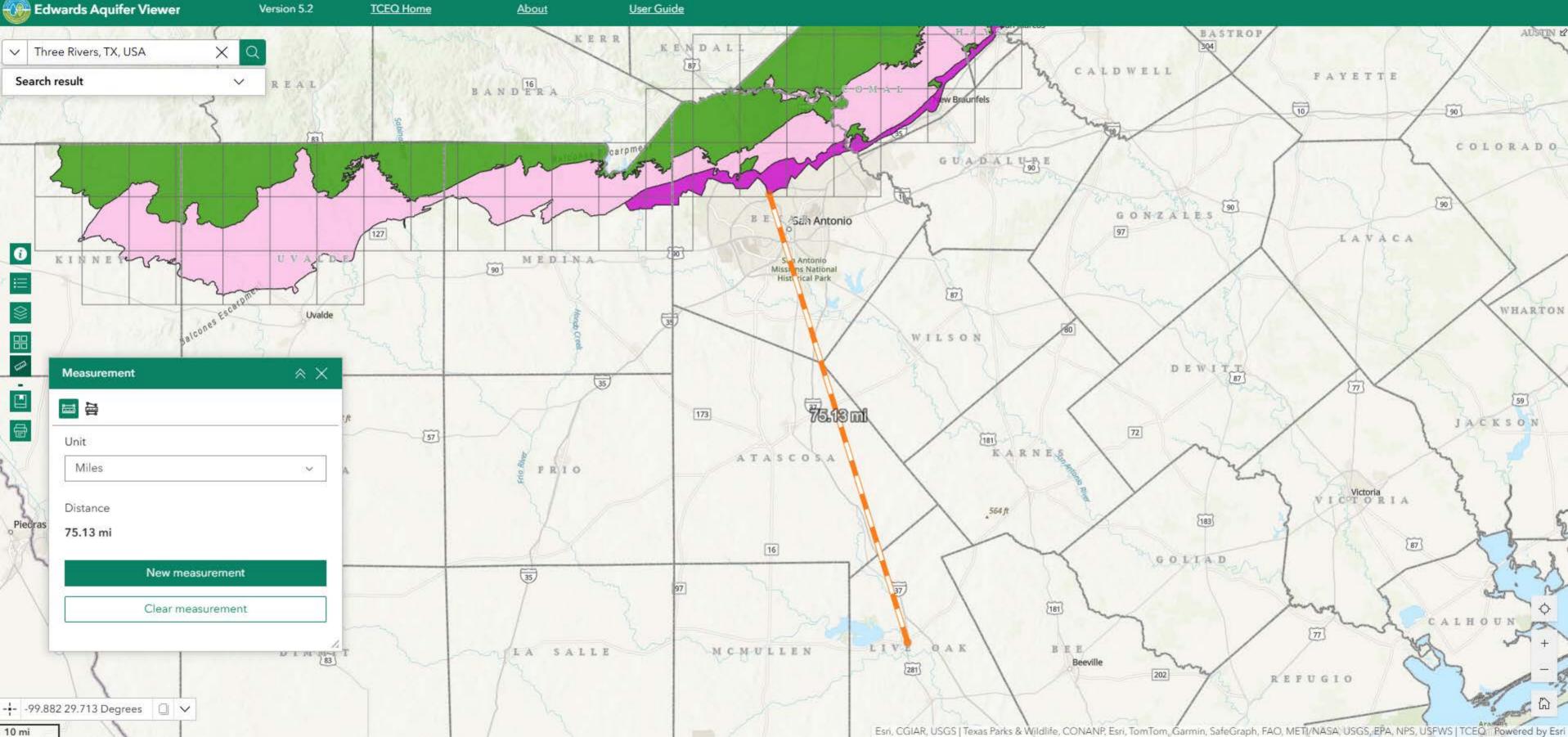
Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form

If you represent a Federal agency in a project that has the potential to convert important farmland to non-farm use, please contact your local office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or USDA Service Center. NRCS uses a land evaluation and site assessment (LESA) system to establish a farmland conversion impact rating score on proposed sites of Federally funded and assisted projects. This score is used as an indicator for the project sponsor to consider alternative sites if the potential adverse impacts on the farmland exceed the recommended allowable level.

The assessment is completed on form.

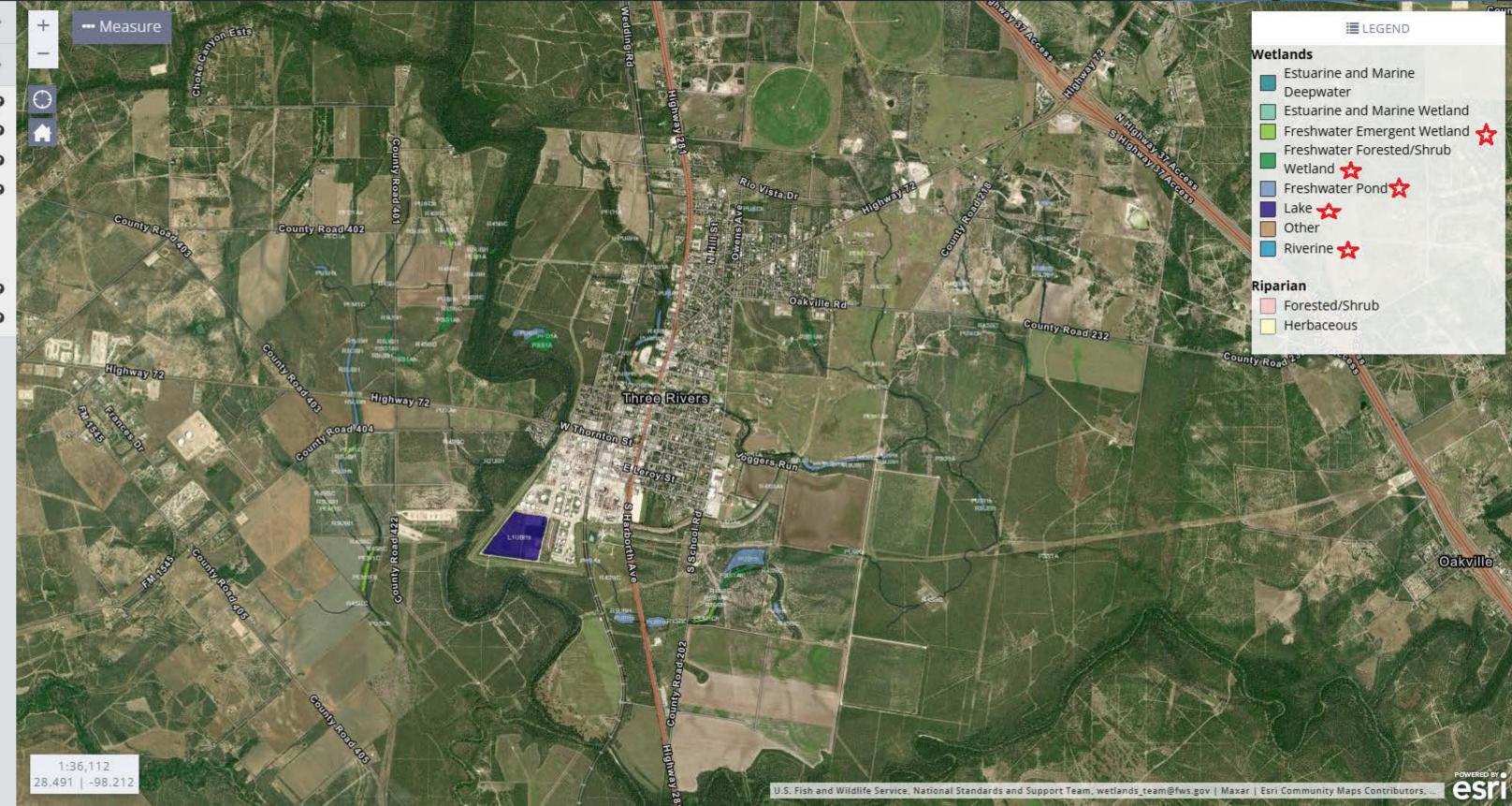
AD-1006 (233.07 KB)

The sponsoring agency completes the site assessment portion of the AD-1006, which assesses non-soil related criteria such as the potential for impact on the local agricultural economy if the land is converted to non-farm use and compatibility with existing agricultural use.



National Wetlands Inventory surface waters and wetlands

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The immensity and wide range of landforms of Texas contribute to the variety of experiences found when visiting the state's rivers. East Texas rivers, characterized by jungle-like climate, pine-covered banks, and slow-moving currents, often provide a serene recreational experience. In comparison, central Texas rivers and streams have steeper gradients, are cut through hilly terrain, and often have stretches of white water. These waterways offer a more exciting type of recreational experience for the adventurous. Finally, the rivers in west Texas traverse extremely arid country with high bluffs and great canyons often providing true "wilderness" experiences. With more than 3,700 named streams, 15 major rivers, and some 3,300 miles of tidal shoreline along the Gulf Coast, Texas offers unlimited possibilities for paddling adventures and angling opportunities of all types.

Texas has approximately 184,797 miles of river, of which 191.2 miles are designated as wild and scenic-1/10th of 1% of the state's river miles.



Rivers In Texas



Rio Grande Texas



There are two study provisions in the Act — Section 5(a), through which Congress directs the study of select rivers, and Section 5(d)(1), which directs federal agencies to identify potential additions to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (National System) through federal agency plans. A brief explanation is provided in the following respective sections below.

Current Active Studies

Currently, there are two rivers or river systems under "authorized" study under Section 5(a) of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. This does not include those that might be under assessment as part of normal agency land-planning processes.

- Kissimmee River, Florida (Public Law 117-328, December 29, 2022) Study not yet initiated by the National Park Service.
- Little Manatee River, Florida (Public Law 117-328, December 29, 2022) Study not yet initiated by the National Park Service.

Section 2(a)(ii) Studies

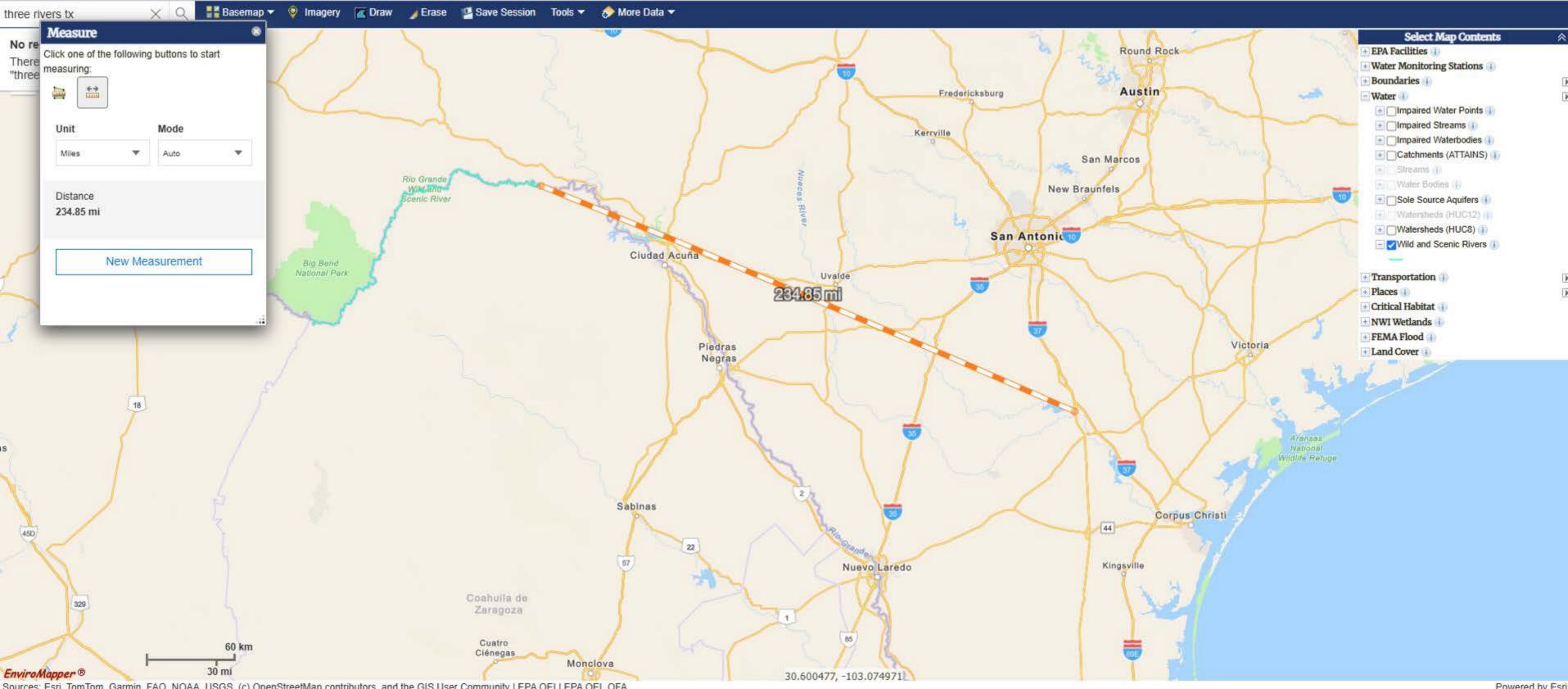
Under Section 2(a)(ii) of the Act, a governor (or governors for a river in multiple states) of a state can request that a river be designated, provided certain conditions are met (refer to the **Council White Paper on Section 2(a)(ii)** for specifics). The National Park Service then conducts a study to determine of certain conditions are met. Here are some of the studies conducted under Section 2(a)(ii). Again, if you don't see a study listed, we do not have a copy.

Section 2(a)(ii) Studies

- Allagash River Study Report, Maine
- American River Eligibility Report, California
- American River Environmental Impact Statement, California
- Big & Little Darby Creeks Study Report & Environmental Assessment, Ohio
- Eel River Eligibility Report, California
- Eel River Environmental Impact Statement, California
- Klamath River Eligibility Report, California
- Klamath River Environmental Impact Statement, California
- Klamath River Study Report, Oregon
- Lumber River Study Report, North Carolina
- New River (South Fork) Study Report & Environmental Impact Statement, North Carolina
- Smith River Eligibility Report, California
- Smith River Environmental Impact Statement, California
- Trinity River Eligibility Report, California
- Trinity River Environmental Impact Statement, California
- Wallowa River Study Report, Oregon
- Westfield River Study Report & Environmental Assessment (Initial Study 1993), Massachusetts
- Westfield River Draft Study Report (Expansion 2002), Massachusetts

None in Texas

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