



We preserve land along streams for flood control, clean water, and wildlife

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[Montgomery, TX, December 5] – Bayou Land Conservancy (BLC) announces the permanent protection of Cindy's Redbud Nature Preserve, a 176-acre conservation area south of Montgomery, TX, preserving one of the last remaining Texas tallgrass prairies. This vital land not only protects native species but also provides essential benefits to local communities by supporting clean water, reducing flooding, and creating wildlife corridors in a rapidly developing area.

With only 1% of Texas' tallgrass prairie remaining, lands like Cindy's Redbud Nature Preserve are more important than ever. As housing and commercial developments expand, the need to conserve natural spaces becomes critical to maintaining our region's water quality. This prairie serves as a buffer, filtering runoff and feeding the waterways that supply drinking water for millions across the Greater Houston area.

"This is about more than just saving land," said Jill Boullion, Executive Director of Bayou Land Conservancy. "It's about ensuring clean water, wildlife habitat, and a sustainable future for our community in the face of growing development pressures."

Landowners Cindy Martin and Ray Audas, whose family roots on this property date back to Texas' earliest settlers, partnered with BLC to protect the land forever through a conservation agreement.

"We need like-minded people who care about preserving this beautiful space," said Cindy Martin. "This land provides a home for birds, insects, and wildlife—it's vital to our community's future."

BLC is raising stewardship funds to ensure long-term care, with a generous matching challenge to double your impact!

Conservation ♦ Preservation ♦ Education 8801 Gosling Road | Spring, Texas 77381 |281-576-1634 www.BayouLandConservancy.org The \$1.5 million easement donation made by Cindy and Ray underscores the critical role of private landowners in conservation. Community support will ensure that Cindy's Redbud Nature Preserve continues to thrive, safeguarding clean water and native wildlife for generations.

For more information about Cindy's Redbud Nature Preserve and how you can support its preservation, please visit www.bayoulandconservancy.org/redbudnaturepreserve.

About Bayou Land Conservancy: Bayou Land Conservancy preserves land along streams for flood control, clean water, and wildlife. BLC is a nationally accredited, community-supported land preservation organization dedicated to permanently protecting land, with a focus on the streams that feed Lake Houston, an important source of drinking water for millions of people in the Houston region. More information is available at <u>www.bayouland.org</u>, or follow us on Facebook and Instagram: @bayoulandconservancy.

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