



# Fort Worth Open Space Conservation Program

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## Our Mission

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Conserve high-quality natural areas as the city grows to provide environmental benefits and recreational opportunities that support economic development and enhance the livability and desirability of Fort Worth.

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## 2022 Bond Election

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### Proposition E

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\$15 million for the city's Natural Area and Open Space program, which focuses on acquiring and improving land citywide to enhance air and water quality, and facilitate other environmental benefits and preserve natural areas.

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# Open Space Prioritization Goals

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- **Ecosystem Preservation:** Conserving important environments such as woodlands, prairies, and wetlands, and protecting habitat for plants and wildlife.
  - **Stream, River, and Lake Health:** Using natural areas to filter stormwater, reduce runoff and erosion, and protect water quality in the city's streams, lakes, and the Trinity River.
  - **Community Health:** Improving health by providing opportunities for exercise, cooling hot urban areas, and improving air quality.
  - **Recreation:** Improving access to natural areas, protecting iconic landscapes, and creating new opportunities for passive recreation.
  - **Flood Control:** Protecting against flooding and property damage by conserving natural areas that absorb and temporarily store stormwater runoff.
  - **Equitable Access to Open Space:** Conserving natural areas that benefit low-income, underserved, and marginalized neighborhoods and communities.
  - **Economic Development:** Natural areas can improve nearby property values and create opportunities for businesses, jobs, development, and other economic activity.
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## Our Acquisitions So Far

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### Broadcast Hill

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Broadcast Hill was identified by the public as one of Fort Worth's iconic places. It is located adjacent to the Tandy Hills Natural Area and encompasses 50 acres of native prairie. The Friends of Tandy Hills raised more than \$60,000 to help secure our first acquisition.



**Patino Road** - This 24-acre site was a critical acquisition, as it conserves the rapidly disappearing Post Oak Savanna habitat of the Eastern Cross Timbers.

**Rock Creek Park** - This was a joint acquisition with the Park & Recreation Department. Of the site's 270 acres, at least 40 acres of this prairie ecosystem will be conserved as open space.



**Fort Worth Nature Center** - 30 acres were acquired to help protect the adjacent bison pasture, as well as the entrance to the Nature Center.

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