

Jack - and Ron - - in your neck of the woods.
Roni

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From: Ric F
To: [L. M. Schwartz - VLRC](#) ; [Lewis Anderson](#) ; [Roni Sylvester](#)
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2008 11:22 AM
Subject: Fwd: Re: [LT] State Conservation Incentives

Like I've said in the past, the goals of these groups is to take land off the tax base and out of private control.....once the land is in a HCP, they can then sue the non-HCP neighbors for any "contamination" or other construed "habitat impact" that is coming off their lands and, through the courts, impose habitat restrictions on non-easement, non HCP lands.....and given this guy's admission that "**we are a program of a local government**", they are using tax dollars to accomplish the removal of lands from the tax base and thus, reducing the public monies to schools and infrastructure (police, roads, etc.). To make up for this loss, the adjacent properties without restrictions have their taxes increase and thus we have a disproportionate burden on the tax paying public, i.e. the neighboring properties.....not bad for a scam artist hiding in OPM (other people's money, i.e. tax payer funding).....

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Kevin Connally <Kevin.Connally@CO.TRAVIS.TX.US> wrote:
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Brad,

You might best contact the Texas Land Trust Council (www.tltc.org) for an idea of what is happening state-wide. Washington and Texas actually have a great deal in common as private property rights states that look primarily to the private sector to address land protection needs.

Also be aware that there are a number of other land-trust-like activities taking place, such as **the land protection we undertake as part of a USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan** (we have set aside almost 28,000 acres just west of Austin in the last 12 years...) that may not show up if you are only looking at land trusts.

We negotiate conservation easements, purchase land in full fee, arrange management agreements, and in almost every way operate like a land trust, with the exception that **we are a program of a local government** (see our website: <http://www.co.travis.tx.us/tnr/bccp/default.asp>)

Please feel free to call or drop me an e-mail if there are any questions, or if there is anything I can do for you.

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>>> Brad Paymar 3/6/2008 10:31 AM >>>
Hello,

We are wondering if there are any fairly current descriptions of the various state-level conservation incentives that are currently being used across the country, ideally with some assessment of their successes and failures/challenges. Even just a list of the various programs being used would be useful to us. If anyone is familiar with such a document, or with assessments of individual state programs, please pass them to us!

Thank you!

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