

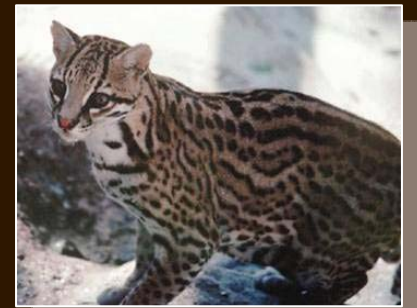
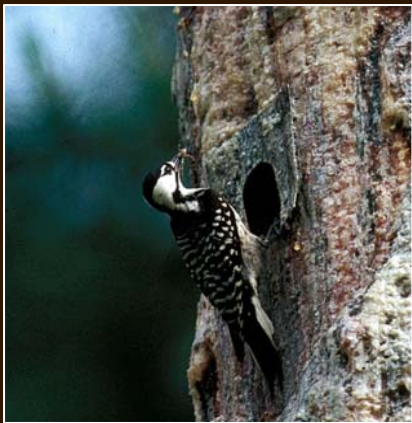


# Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)

# What ...is LIP?

A competitive, incentive based grant program supported by federal funds allocated to the state of Texas by the US Fish & Wildlife Service, for conservation of rare species on private lands.





Texas LIP is a cost share program providing technical assistance and funding to landowners at a maximum of 75% cost share.

# Who ...does LIP work with?

The LIP program works with any private landowner wishing to enhance habitat on their property for the benefit of rare or federally listed species.

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## Typical LIP projects:

- prescribed burns & associated prep work
- Wetland creation
- Invasive species management
- Brush management
- erosion control
- riparian protection
- Native vegetation planting
- etc.

# **Why** *...is a program like this necessary?*

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Because the vast majority of Texas lies in the hands of private landowners such as yourselves. As such, the goal of the Texas Landowner Incentive Program is to aid landowners interested in providing or improving habitat for candidate, threatened or endangered species.



# How ...do I begin the process of applying for LIP funding?

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1. Contact your local TPWD biologist to discuss your goals for your property & the qualification requirements of the various programs that exist.
2. Target a discrete project that LIP funding can help with. Work with your biologist to put together your application packet.
3. Submit your application for review (LIP projects are reviewed by TPWD staff and then by the Private Lands Advisory Board)
4. Cultural Resources: if your project requires ground disturbing activities, a cultural resource clearance may be required to ensure that historically significant cultural resources are not negatively impacted by LIP projects.
5. Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act: requires each project be reviewed for potential adverse impacts on listed species.
6. Reimbursement: LIP is a reimbursement program, if you enter into a contract with LIP, you will work closely with your biologist who will assist you with submitting paid invoices for reimbursement as well as for match credit.

# When ...do I apply?

The LIP program accepts applications from May 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of June. Award notification packets typically go out the following December.

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**Landowner Incentive Program**  
**2008 Application Form**

Please fill in all sections of this form (A-D). Gray boxes will expand as needed. Submission & contact information are listed at the bottom of this form. Thank you for your support of the LIP program and for your conservation efforts.

Submission Date:

**Project Title:**

**A. Landowner and Project Biologist Information:**  
The person indicated here will be responsible for the project. If the application is submitted by someone other than the legal landowner, the landowner will be required to co-sign the agreement prior to the beginning of the project.

Landowner name:

Address:

City:  State:  Zip:  Phone:  Cell:

Landowner Agent:  Phone:  Cell:

Email:

**B. Project Summary:**  
Briefly describe project goal(s), previous federal funding specific to project, budget, proposed work, how results will be measured and how the effects will be sustained.

**C. Property Description:** Number of acres that will be part of the project:

County where project will occur:

Location of the property:

Description of property (vegetation, topography, soils, creeks, springs, caves, land use, etc.):

**D. Expected Benefits**  
List those rare species that will be targeted for conservation. Be sure to include known populations of the target species, whether corridors exist or are required to allow target species to remove barriers or provides corridors for movement of targeted species after project completion, methods used to determine current and future target populations, expected benefits to the target species, etc.

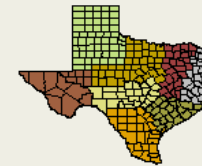
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Please quantify expected benefits in terms of:

- Acres of rare species habitat
- Number of different target species of concern inhabitants
- Population estimates of targeted species on land proposed for funding
- Long-term management benefits - annual report, wildlife management plan, permanent easement and/or maintenance agreement

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Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
Wildlife Division District Map

Look for this on the TPWD private lands webpage to find your local biologist.



LIP is looking for projects that allow for species population monitoring & long term management commitment.





**We look forward to working with you in your  
future LIP conservation endeavors!**

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