



COMAL COUNTY

Regional Habitat Conservation Plan



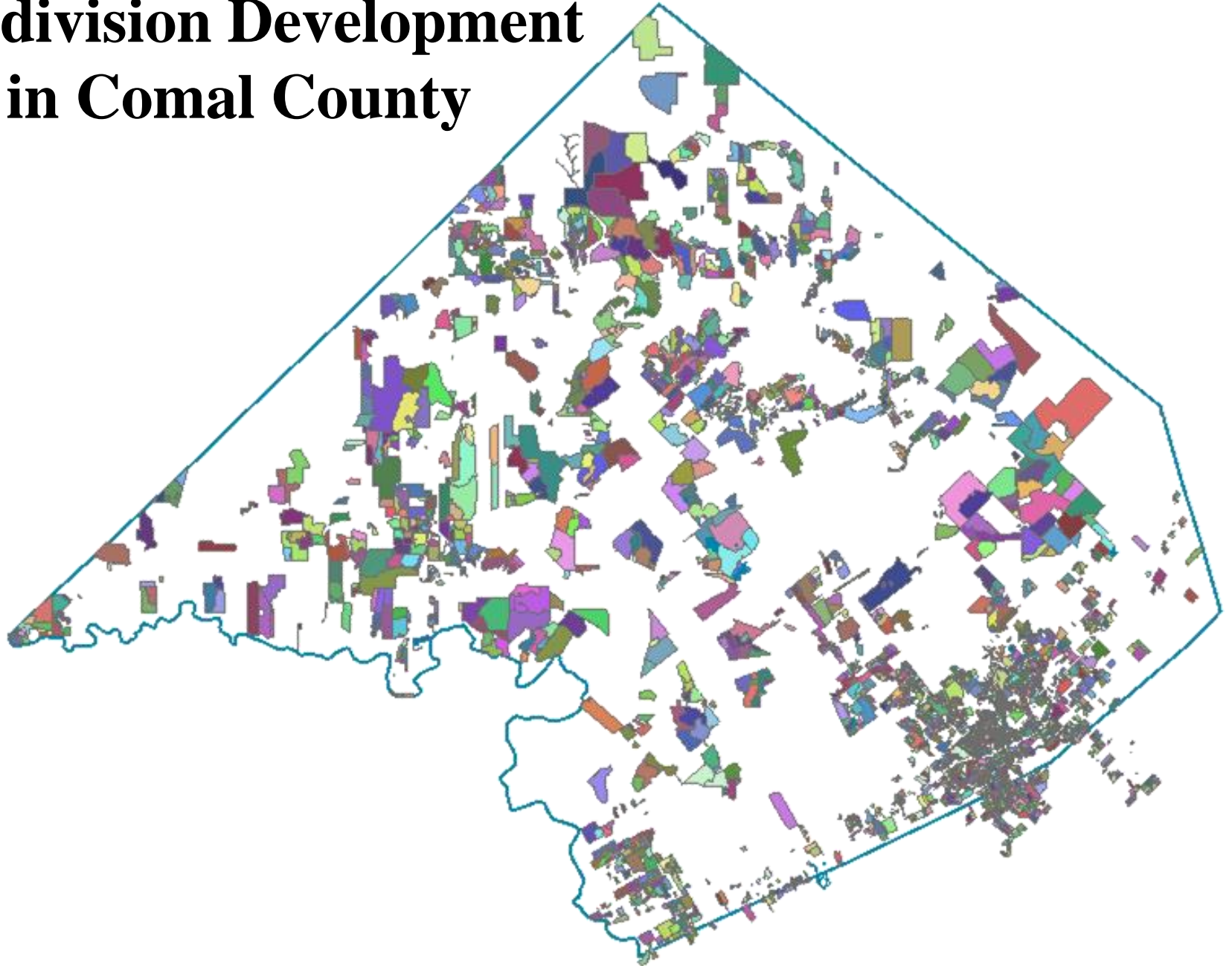
Purposes of the RHCP

The Plan is 100% voluntary



- **Preserve the open space heritage of Comal County while conserving endangered species**
- **Provide the County and affected landowners within the County a more efficient process for complying with the ESA compared to individual permitting through the Service**

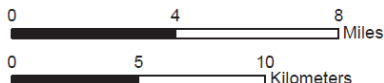
Subdivision Development in Comal County



The warbler was listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act in December 1990.

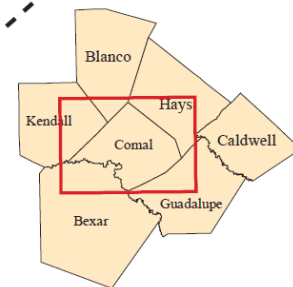
Comal County Potential Golden-cheeked Warbler Habitat

- GCW Occurrence
- ≥ 80% Woodland within 400-m Radius (13,594 Acres)
- 60 - 80% Woodland with 400-m Radius (19,163 Acres)
- 50 - <60% Woodland (32,824 Acres)
- Urban Area

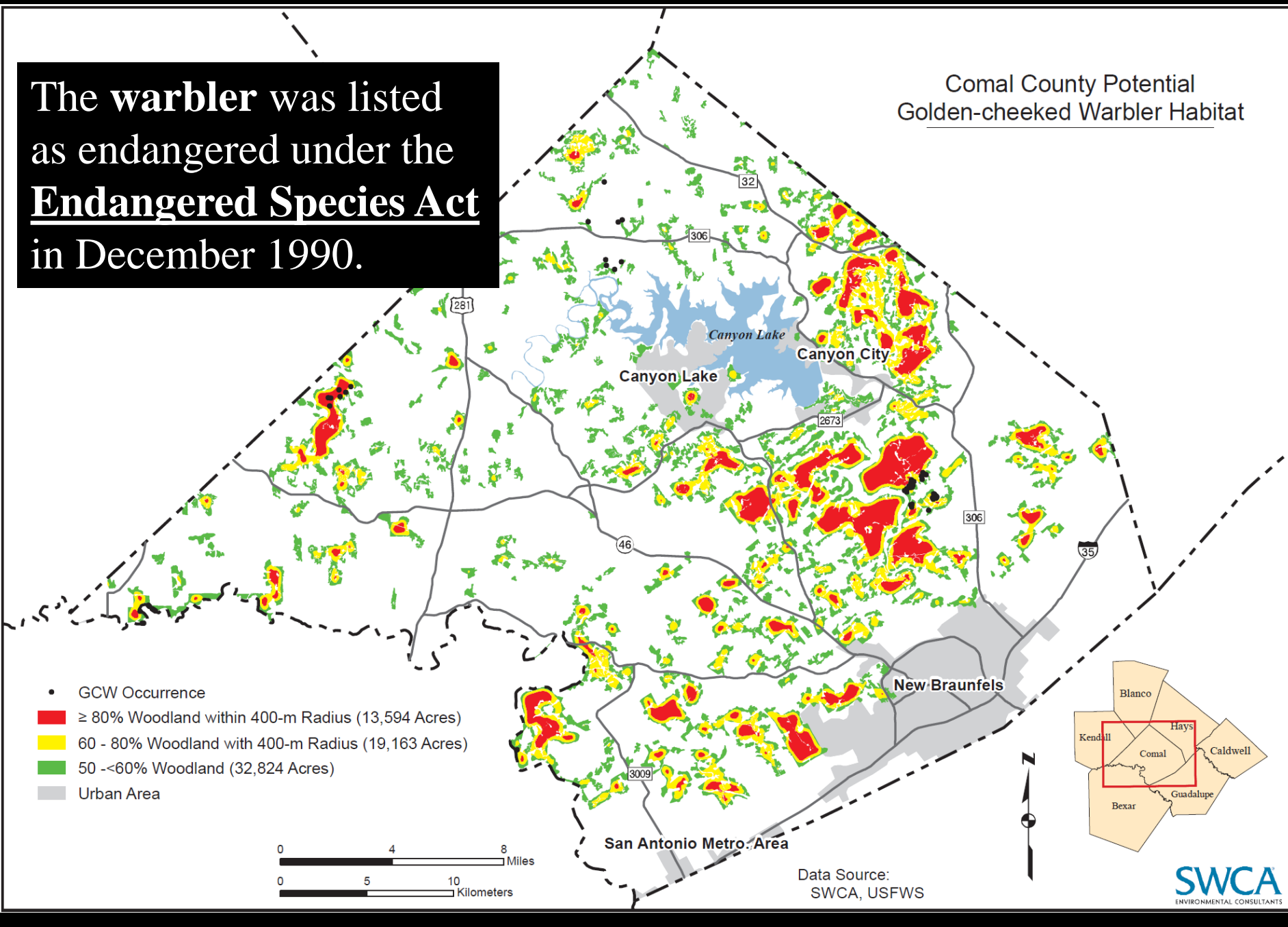


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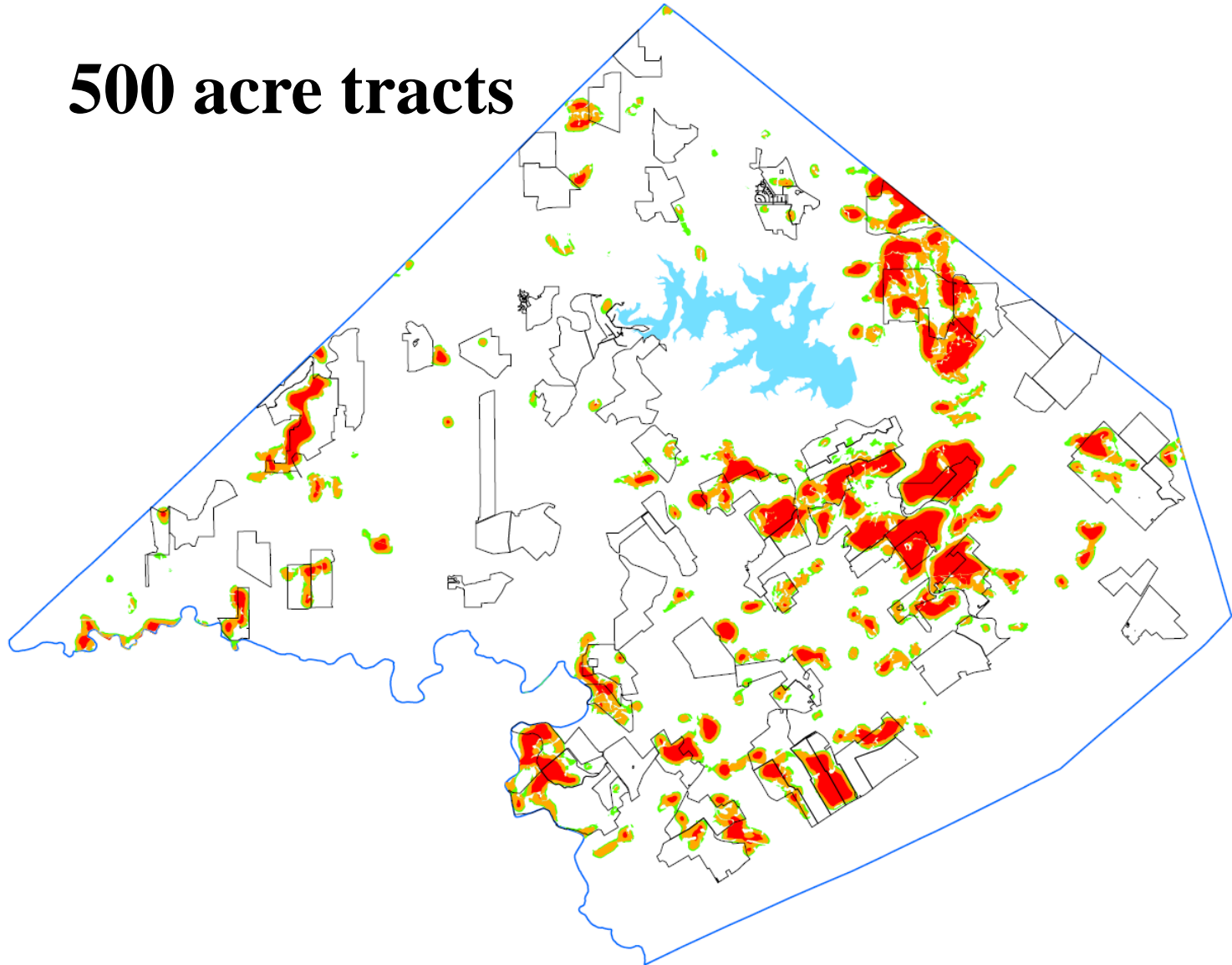
Data Source:
SWCA, USFWS



SWCA
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS



500 acre tracts



Protection Under the Endangered Species Act

In the United States, it is illegal to “take” (kill, capture, wound, harass, or harm) a species that is on the Endangered Species Act’s list of threatened or endangered species. Harm to the species includes destroying habitat if doing so kills or injures members of the species.



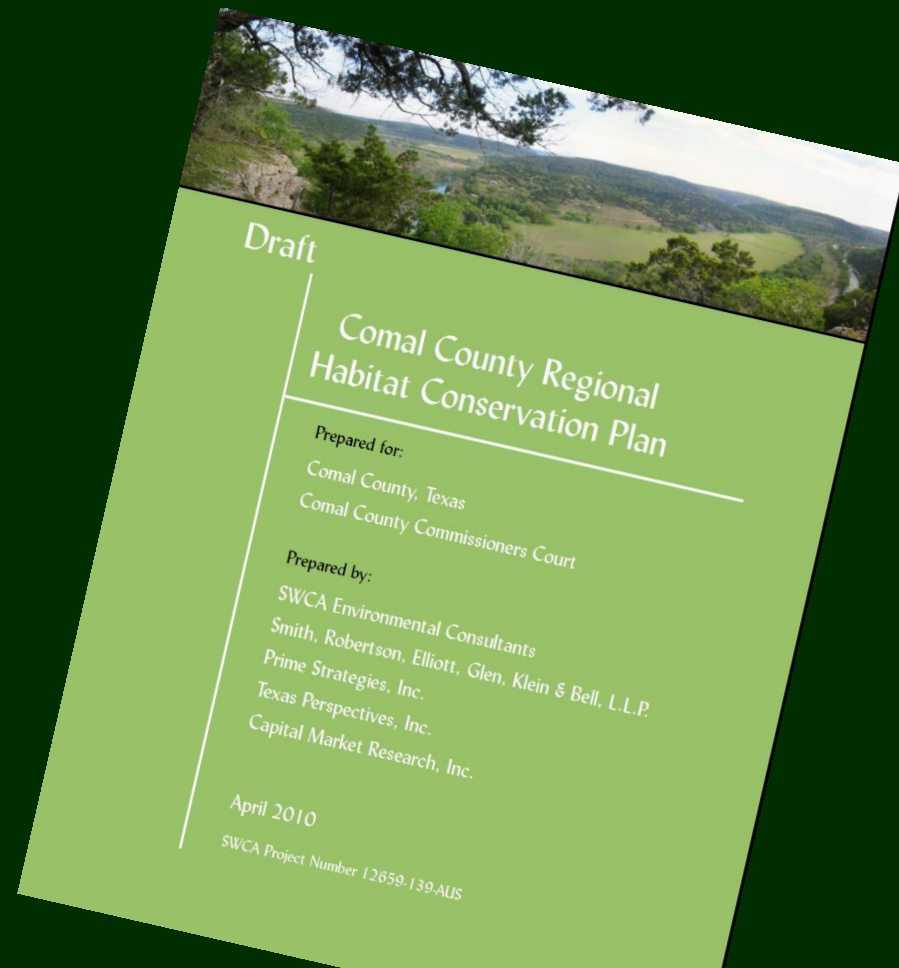
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- **Comal County has over 65,000 acres of potential endangered species habitat**
- **The Federal Endangered Species Act prohibits harming listed species**
- **The ESA provides for “take” permits or habitat conservation plans (HCP’s)**



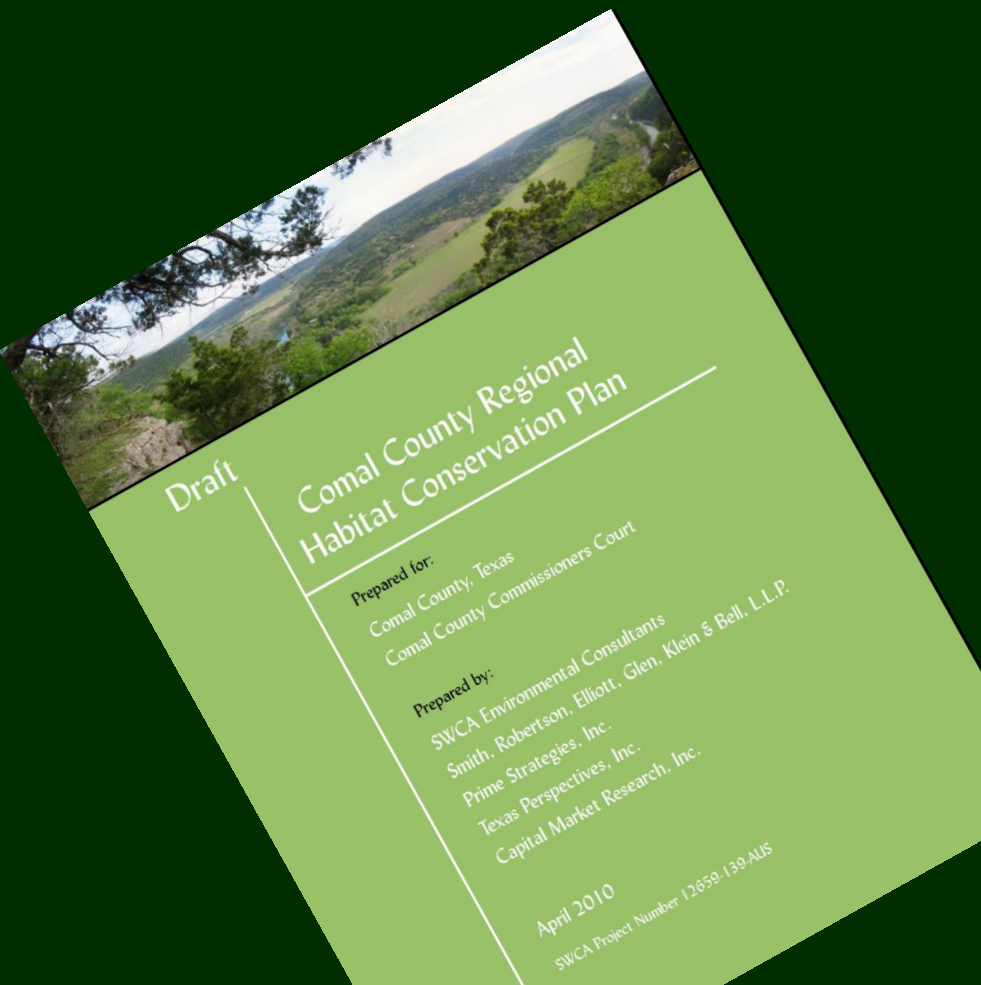
Two options for compliance:


1. Individual Consultation with the USFW Service.
2. Obtain a permit from a County with a Regional Habitat Conservation Plan.



What's in the Plan and the Permit?

1. Voluntary development of preserves.
2. Ability to permit "incidental take" within Comal County.



 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE PERMIT		3-201 (1/97)
1. PERMITTEE Comal County, Texas 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, Texas 78130 Phone: 830/221-1105 e-mail: cctdrs@co.comal.tx.us		2. AUTHORITY-STATUTES 16 USC 1539(a)(1)(B) REGULATIONS (Attached) 50 CFR §§ 13 & 17
3. NUMBER TE-223267-0		4. RENEWABLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
5. MAY COPY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		6. EFFECTIVE February 18, 2014
7. EXPIRES February 18, 2044		
8. NAME AND TITLE OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER: (if #1 is a business) Danny R. Scheel, Comal County County Judge.		9. TYPE OF PERMIT: Endangered Species – Incidental Take
10. LOCATION WHERE AUTHORIZED ACTIVITY MAY BE CONDUCTED: Comal County, Texas.		
11. CONDITIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. GENERAL CONDITIONS SET OUT IN SUBPART D OF 50 CFR 13, AND SPECIFIC CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS CITED IN BLOCK #2, ABOVE, ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS PERMIT. ALL ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED HEREIN MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED. CONTINUED VALIDITY, OR RENEWAL, OF THIS PERMIT IS SUBJECT TO COMPLETE AND TIMELY COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE FILING OF ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION AND REPORTS. B. THE VALIDITY OF THIS PERMIT IS ALSO CONDITIONED UPON STRICT OBSERVANCE OF ALL APPLICABLE FOREIGN, STATE, LOCAL OR OTHER FEDERAL LAW. THIS PERMIT DOES NOT WAIVE THE OBLIGATION TO ABIDE BY OTHER APPLICABLE FOREIGN, STATE, LOCAL OR FEDERAL LAW IN CARRYING OUT AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES. C. VALID FOR USE BY PERMITTEES NAMED ABOVE. D. ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PERMIT SERVES AS EVIDENCE THAT THE PERMITTEE UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE "GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR NATIVE ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE SPECIES PERMITS" (copy enclosed). 		
12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS Annual report due each January 1 throughout the life of the permit.		
ISSUED BY: <i>EM 10 0</i>	TITLE: <i>County Regional Director</i>	DATE: <i>04/08/10</i>