MISSION:

The mission of the Katy Prairie Conservancy (KPC) is to protect a sustainable portion of the Katy Prairie for the benefit of its wildlife and all Texans forever.

LONG-TERM GOALS:

- to protect between 30,000 50,000 acresof the Katy Prairie;
- to provide access and programming to allow the public to enjoy the Katy Prairie;
- to manage protected land to preserve and enhance its natural resources;
- to restore and improve habitat for wildlife
- to offer programs that educate the public on the importance of conserving the prairie;
- to conduct and facilitate research that helps
 KPC achieve its mission; and,
- to involve a broad spectrum of organizations and individuals to meet KPC's objectives.

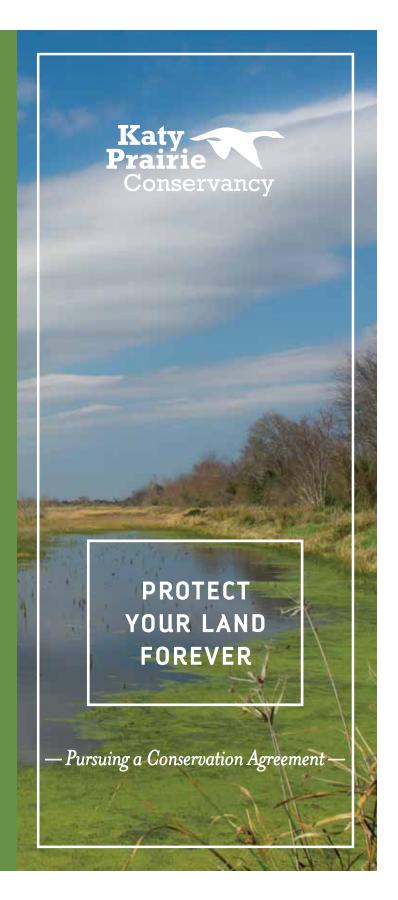


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WHO IS THE KATY PRAIRIE CONSERVANCY?

Since 1992, the Katy Prairie Conservancy (KPC) has been protecting wetlands, prairie, and agricultural lands in Texas for people and for wildlife.

Every year, more and more of the coastal prairie is transformed into residential and commercial development, and the opportunity to preserve the coastal prairie as a natural resource is forever lost. As a land trust, KPC is focused on its primary mission to preserve at least 30,000 contiguous acres on the prairie. KPC is making significant progress toward this goal, with over 20,000 acres now protected through outright

agreements, purchased development rights, and cooperative agreements with local governments.

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WHAT IS A CONSERVATION AGREEMENT?

Not all landowners want to sell their land, but many want to ensure that they preserve their land forever — whether for their families, future generations, or future buyers. A conservation agreement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and a qualified land trust to protect the conservation values of a property, which may include the natural habitats of fish, wildlife, and plants, or the preservation of open space — including farms, ranches, pasture land, or forest. After an agreement is entered, the land trust will visit at least once a year to ensure that the terms of the agreement are being met.

When you place a conservation agreement on your land, you continue to enjoy the ranch or farm for decades to come, knowing it will be protected even when passed down within the family. For some, the peace of mind and the preservation aspect of the conservation agreement is important. Should future family members want to sell at some later time, the land can be sold with the agreement in place and future owners will be bound by the terms of the agreement. For others, the federal income and estate tax benefits of a conservation agreement are important. Your legal and tax professionals can provide you with more specific information on the financial benefits of a conservation agreement; KPC is unable to offer legal or tax advice.



HOW DO WE REACH AN AGREEMENT?

When thinking about entering into a conservation agreement, it is important to know your and your family's goals. It is also important to find a match with the right land trust to make sure that you share common goals, as this will be a long-term relationship. Each conservation agreement is uniquely tailored for each property and designed to meet the needs of the individual landowner and the conservation agreement holder.

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WHAT IS NEXT?

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURSUING A

CONSERVATION AGREEMENT WITH KPC OR

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT

KPC'S PROGRAMS TO PRESERVE LAND,

WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET

WITH YOU AND YOUR ADVISORS.

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