On our ranch, a conservation easement provides habitat for wildlife, scenic beauty for us and a buffer zone for water quality. It gives us great pleasure to know the greenbelt will be there for future generations.

— Jan & Ken Dickson, Denton County Ranchers

Your Land Matters

Protection of natural features in the riparian zone along creeks and streams helps safeguard the quality of the water we drink, the air we breathe, and the food we eat. Greenbelts, floodplains and wetlands all filter pollutants before reaching the sources of our drinking water. Protected land and watershed assets enhance the quality of life in our neighborhoods, right where we live.

About Conservation Easements

A conservation easement offers one of the best ways to permanently preserve natural features of land — whether floodplain, a meadow, trees, a creek or wetlands. When a landowner desires to protect cherished land, a conservation easement can help achieve the owner’s goal. A conservation easement is a legal agreement made with the landowner to maintain natural conditions and to limit future development of the property.

- The owner may define the natural features to be preserved.
- The land can remain in private ownership.
- The owner may sell the land, but the easement will continue in perpetuity.
- The owner may save on income taxes, property taxes and estate taxes, too.

Conservation easements also work for cities and developers — conserving land in urban neighborhoods.

Supporting Entities

The UTCT receives support from the Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD) and its member cities and utilities. The work of the UTCT is focused on the upstream watersheds of our lakes and water supply sources.

For More Information

To learn more about the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust, to get information about conservation easements, or to get involved in land conservation and water quality protection, please contact us.

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About the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust

As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust (UTCT) encourages conservation, stewardship and enjoyment of riparian lands along and near waterways. To protect scarce water resources for future generations, the UTCT works with individual landowners, communities and developers to preserve these special natural areas. Chartered for land conservancy, the UTCT receives and oversees conservation easements and other land assets.

Our Mission

The UTCT leads a voluntary, non-regulatory approach to land conservancy and water quality protection. Assisting individual landowners, and working with developers and communities, the UTCT is committed to saving irreplaceable watershed assets for future generations of North Texans.

Preserving Our Land and Protecting Our Watershed Resources through Conservation Easements

The North Texas region is knitted together by waterways that extend into and through farms and ranches, and through towns and cities. Stewardship of land and water resources will conserve the watershed for our children and grandchildren. Depending on the circumstance or landowner’s preference, the protected land can remain in private ownership, continuing to sustain agriculture, ranching and other rural purposes. Also, the protected land can be used to fulfill a public purpose such as recreation, education or greenbelt buffer.

Meet Our Trustees

The Board of Trustees holds decades of engineering, ranching, scientific, environmental, educational and civic experience.

Janet Aune - Rancher, soil and water conservation leader, Board Member of Upper Trinity Regional Water District.

Ken Dickson - Rancher, educator, pioneer in watershed protection.

Lyle Dresher - Former City Manager with extensive experience in land planning, U.S. Navy Veteran.

Doug Franklin - Ladonia civic leader, school board, historian, environmental professional.

Shirley Haisler - Landowner, leader in farming and ranching community, Farm Service Agency.

Bob Harpool - Landowner with special interest in conservation and protection of water resources.

Trent Lewis - Prosper civic leader, fisheries biologist and natural resources manager.

Leslie Maynard - Community and church leader with a passion for sailing and protecting lakes.

Thomas Muir - Mayor of Sanger, third-generation steward of land and water in Denton County.