



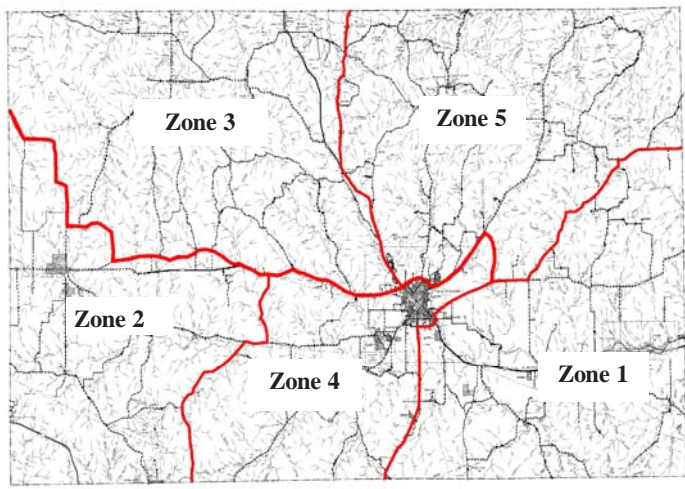
A few words about our conservation district . . .

Gillespie County SWCD is a member of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts (ATSWCD), the Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors (TAWSS), and the Hill Country Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc.

Our Board of Directors includes:
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Pat Kroll is the district manager, newsletter editor, and webmaster.

Gillespie Co. SWCD shares office space with NRCS at 1906 North Llano, Fredericksburg, TX 78624. The phone is 830-997-3349 ext 3. We support the Gillespie Chapter of the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Association (GPBA), and the Gillespie County Water Control and Improvement District (WCID), who also call this office home.



The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Fredericksburg field office provides technical assistance to land users in Gillespie County. NRCS staff ready to assist you with conservation concerns are: District Conservationist Tom Hammer and Rangeland Management Specialists Amanda Kirchner and B. J. Lange.

The NRCS field office is at 1906 North Llano Street, #106, Fredericksburg, TX 78624. Office hours are 8:00 to 4:30. Call them at (830) 997-3349 ext. 3. The NRCS Texas state web site is at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

Gillespie SWCD Equipment Rentals

The District owns rental equipment for agricultural use within the county. The weed sprayers and a seed spreader are kept at Beyer Fertilizer & Feed, 3446 Hwy. 16 North in Fredericksburg. You can make rental arrangements with Dwayne Beyer at (830) 997-9880. The sprayers each rent for \$2.50/acre with \$30.00 minimum. The grass

seed spreader with 700 lb. capacity rents for \$35/day.

The District's smaller equipment is kept at the NRCS/SWCD office at 1906 North Llano, # 106, in Fredericksburg. To rent our small equipment, call the SWCD at (830) 997-3349 x3. The drip torch and cyclone hand seeder each rent for \$5/day. The seeder for a 4-wheeler rents for \$15/day.



Call Us for Your GRASS or WILDFLOWER SEEDS

Gillespie County SWCD's main purpose is to provide support to landowners. We co-sponsor educational Field Days and Plant-ID events. We sponsor conservation awards for youths and adults, and sponsor Gillespie County students to attend the Youth Range Workshop.

As a way of earning funds for our district, we sell grass, wildflower, and wildlife seed. A few of the grass seeds offered are Kleingrass, Wilman Lovegrass, WW-B Dahl, Indiangrass, Sideoats grama, and Little Bluestem. Some of the forbs offered are Illinois (Sabine) Bundleflower, and Engelmann daisy. You can

choose from over 30 types of individual wildflower seeds. TX perennial grass and forb mixtures are also available.

We have several Texas sources for seed, and you can choose from a large selection of grass, wildflower, and wildlife seeds in bulk. We can give you a list of available seeds and prices, and can help select your seed and recommend seeding rates. We'll order the seed for you; it's shipped to us - and we'll call you when it comes in. You pay for the seed when you pick it up at our office.

Why not come by or call us to see how we can help you with your next order.

CONSERVATION AWARD WINNERS

At the Gillespie Co. SWCD office, we take conservation seriously and we're very proud of our **Outstanding Conservation Award Winners**. In this issue, we've listed the Outstanding Conservationists over the past 30 years. Earlier winners aren't catalogued yet, but we'll list them in a future newsletter.

Visit Gillespie SWCD's web page at www.gillespiecountyswcd.org

Our web page was created in summer of 2006. Since then, it has evolved to include:

- Details on how to contact us
- A calendar of future events
- Stories & color photos of past events hosted by NRCS, TX AgriLIFE Extension and the SWCD
- Excerpts (pdf files) from past newsletters, with color photos and ads from our sponsors
- Classes or workshops
- Photos of conservation award winners
- Current information on EQIP and the State Brush Program
- Details about Gillespie Chapter of the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burn Association, with burn plan forms and weather links
- Links to related sites like GLCI, Texas NRCS, and Texas Parks & Wildlife

WINTER FISH SALE DEC. 4.

One way our SWCD raises a little money is by holding fish sales each spring. Sometimes we hold additional fish sales in other seasons. We're having a small sale Friday morning, Dec. 4 at our office, at 1906 North Llano Street. Our supplier will have extra channel catfish, blue catfish and minnows at the sale. Please call our office by Thurs. noon at 830-997-3349 x 3 if you're interested in buying fish.

Recycle your feed sacks! At fish sales, the fish are put in plastic bags with water & oxygen, then they're put into feed sacks for protection while you transport them to your pond. If you want to recycle your 50 lb. feed sacks, we'll take them to give to the fish farm, with many thanks!

Resident Conservation Rancher/Farmer

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| 2009 Bruce & Joyce Thiele | 1990 Dr. & Mrs. Lorence Feller |
| 2008 Curtis Eckhardt, DVM | 1989 Wesley Crenwelge |
| 2007 Burnell Bennett | 1988 Kermit M. Kothe |
| 2002 Camey Stewart | 1987 Alvin F. & Bernice Weinheimer |
| 2000 Kenneth Lindig | 1987 Kenneth Sultemeier |
| 1999 Mary Althaus Hobbs & E. J. Hobbs | 1985 Warren Hahn |
| 1998 Dr. P Charles Romanick | 1984 Daniel J. Fritz, DVM |
| 1997 Carey Weinheimer | 1983 Tommy & Janabeth Grona |
| 1996 Stehling Ranch - Edward, Ronald & Charles Stehling | 1982 Charles & Mary Lou Klein |
| 1995 Robert Dittmar Family | 1981 Arthur Lynn Hahn & Gary Lynn Hahn |
| 1994 Charles D. Schmidt | 1980 Calvin Weinheimer |
| 1993 Marcus & Ralph Rode | 1979 Raymond Kneese |
| 1992 Mr. & Mrs. Conrad Matysiak | |

Pioneer in Agriculture Award

2009 Mrs. Wanda Wunderlich

(This is a new category, we'll award it again in 2010)

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