



LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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LPGCD & LEE COUNTY AGRILIFE HOST WORKSHOP

Planting Natives to Restore Our Land and Water

[GIDDINGS, TX | October 1, 2025] – The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (LPGCD) and the Lee County AgriLife Extension Office are partnering to host a **free** educational workshop, *The Right Roots: Planting Natives to Restore Our Land and Water*, on Monday, October 20, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at 310 South Grimes Street in Giddings, Texas. This workshop will highlight the dangers invasive species pose to our land and water resources, and provide practical tools for restoring balance through the use of native plants and trees. Space is limited, and registration closes on October 17. To reserve a spot, call 512-360-5088.

The program will feature Dr. Tom Arsuffi, an ecologist and educator with extensive expertise in aquatic systems, invasive species, and watershed restoration. Dr. Arsuffi has taught university courses in ecology and water science, published in leading journals, and served in leadership roles with state and national science organizations. He also serves on the LPGCD Board of Directors, bringing both scientific expertise and local leadership to his presentation on how native plants can restore land and water health.

Attendees will gain insights into:

- Why invasive species harm local and regional ecosystems, water supplies, and their economic impacts
- Ecosystem Services of Texas Forests and long-term benefits of planting native trees and plants
- Which native tree species thrive in Central Texas and how to select the right ones
- Step-by-step guidance for planting and caring for native trees

The Lee County AgriLife Extension Office, part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, provides practical, research-based education to improve the lives, lands, and economy of Texans. Extension programs in Lee County support agriculture, natural resources, youth development, and healthy living for residents across the community.

ABOUT THE LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District is dedicated to the protection and conservation of groundwater resources in Bastrop and Lee Counties. Through educational programs, community outreach, and strategic resource management, the District strives to ensure sustainable water supplies for current and future generations.

For more information on this topic, please contact Claire Marks at (512) 360-5088 or cmarks@lostpineswater.org.

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