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## Trust Preserves 646 Wetland Acres in Guadalupe Delta

### Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust Extends Corridor of Land

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#### New Preserve Protects Miles of Riparian Streams

CALHOUN COUNTY - The Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust (Trust) has completed a new acquisition of more than 640 acres of wetlands that will be managed for key breeding areas, stop-over and wintering habitats for migratory birds in the Guadalupe River Delta. This section of property will be called the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust Hog and Schwing Bayous Preserve (Preserve).

The Preserve permanently protects 4.35 miles of riparian streams and is located in a key region where 147,377 acres of land are conserved. The addition of the Preserve will help create a corridor of conserved lands, benefit existing projects and promote future environmental partnerships. The surrounding preserved lands are held by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), private landowners, and a conservation easement held by the Trust.

The land acquisition was made possible through the efforts of many partners, including Union Carbide Corporation (a fully-owned subsidiary of The Dow Chemical Company), the assistance of a USFWS grant through the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act, and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA).

"This is a wonderful success for the region and the Trust," said Janaé Reneaud, interim executive director of the Trust. "We now have a lot of work to do, including developing partners to restore the land for benefit of the waterfowl and other wildlife that depend on the wetland," she added.

Trust Chair Robert Thornton explained, "I watched this project from its start with Todd Votteler and as it was handed over to Reneaud - it has now come to fruition.

"This is just another one of the many projects of the Trust with which GBRA is proud to be associated," said Bill West, Jr., GBRA general manager. "The partners felt this was a significant land acquisition in a sensitive area of wetlands that needed to be protected."

The Trust is a charitable, non-profit 501(c)3 organization that was developed to conserve the land and water of the Guadalupe River watershed for its natural, recreational, scenic, historic and productive value. The mission of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust is to promote and encourage the conservation, stewardship and enjoyment of the land and water resources of the Guadalupe River watershed, while maintaining its unique and irreplaceable natural heritage. Additional information about the Trust is available at [www.gbrtrust.org](http://www.gbrtrust.org).

The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) is a conservation and reclamation district of the State of Texas, created in 1933. GBRA provides stewardship for the water resources in its 10-county statutory district, which begins near the headwaters of the Guadalupe and Blanco Rivers, ends at San Antonio Bay, and includes Kendall, Comal, Hays, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales, DeWitt, Victoria, Calhoun and Refugio counties. More information about GBRA can be found at [www.gbra.org](http://www.gbra.org).

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