



The Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge Donation

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The Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge was created in 1992 to conserve the nesting habitat for two endangered bird species, including the golden-cheeked warbler. The Refuge had been looking to expand the existing reservation for some time to include a privately-held property located in the center of the refuge. With a donation from the Permian Highway Pipeline project (which included the purchase of that privately-held piece of land valued at \$8.8 million), approximately 1,360 acres was added to the Refuge to create a total of approximately 17,000 acres of contiguous, unbroken warbler habitat that will be managed by the Refuge system. This addition to the Refuge was a direct result of the Permian Highway Pipeline project and demonstrates that economic development, job creation and other public benefits from the development of critical pipeline infrastructure can also come with substantial environmental improvements.

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