

# Lake Livingston Reservoir Fisheries and Riparian Habitat Enhancement

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PINEY WOOD LAKES CHAPTER

Spring 2014

## ADVISORS

- Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Trinity River Authority
- Piney Wood Lakes Chapter Texas Master Naturalist
- Livingston-Polk County Chamber of Commerce



## BRINGING LAKE LIVINGSTON BACK TO LIFE!

## PARTNERS

- Livingston ISD
- Goodrich ISD
- Shepherd ISD
- Onalaska ISD
- Texas Black Bass Unlimited
- Texas Association of Bass Clubs
- Texas State Bass Tournament
- Polk County Hookers
- Onalaska Bass Club
- Coldspring / San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce
- San Jacinto Master Gardeners
- San Jacinto Tourism Council
- Coldspring Garden Club
- Trinity Waters
- Polk County AgriLife – 4-H Club
- Texas Master Naturalist Program

It has been a busy Winter and Spring. We continue to grow the area's Independent School Districts' participation in the habitat restoration project and now have 9 ISD's either signed up or verbally committed to sign up as a partner. Our main effort has been funding, and we received the first \$1,000 of our \$20,000 grant from Friends of Reservoirs (Jeff Boxrucker). We also recently received a \$1,000 St. Luke's Outreach Grant from St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Livingston, Texas. Thanks to our advisor, Mark Waters, Trinity River Authority, they have purchased two tanks for Livingston ISD and have said additional tanks will be also provided. Texas Parks and Wild Life has 5 tanks ready to be delivered, Thank you Mark Webb. Butch Sharp of the Lake Houston Habitat Restoration Project came to our rescue and was able to get us pond liners at a very good price, from GSE Environmental. That put wind in our Sails! Keith Stapleton and the employees of Sam Houston Electric Cooperative made a generous donation and have enabled us to keep moving forward. Funding is still the major focus of our efforts.

I have a Master Naturalist Team assembled. Besides myself, I now have a Project Manager, Jim Meyers. Jim and I share about the same responsibilities, except he has the logistics role of management. Susan Moran, a Master Naturalist and a Master Gardener has the Plant Propagation and Health role, and Don Keith is the Teacher Coordinator.



Chuck Newbury of partner "Texas Black Bass Unlimited" giving us a hand



Plants Added to Livingston tanks



Plants arriving from TPWD Inland Fisheries, College Station Texas

We are getting good press. The Polk County Enterprise and Dock Line Magazine have run articles about this project. We have visited with numerous organizations and attended public events, all discussing the restoration project. The Mayor of Onalaska, Roy Newport and Sydney Murphy, Livingston - Polk County Chamber of Commerce, Craig Manning, Red Barn Builders Supply and Gary Weaver, GSE Environmental have been a tremendous help to us, [Thank You for your Support!](#)

During the coming months, we plan to continue our funding drive and look for additional corporate sponsors. I also would like to have all 9 ISD's signed up before the start of the Fall school year. If you live in the counties surrounding Lake Livingston, ask your mayor or city manager, councilmen, school district superintendent, if they are supporting the **Lake Livingston Reservoir Fisheries and Riparian Habitat Enhancement Project**. If they are unaware of the effort, shame on me. Please drop me an e-mail, and I will contact them, meet with them and send them information about our Master Naturalist project and the partners.

## THANK YOU!

If you would like to contribute and/or have a company or organization that would like to sponsor us, please call me or e-mail me.

Thanks again, Tom McDonough

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