

## Plum Creek Wetlands Preserve Master Development Plan



**The Plum Creek Wetlands Preserve (PCWP)** is owned and managed by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust (GBRT). With over 20 years of conservation experience in the Guadalupe River watershed, GBRT aims to bring our conservation ethic to its roots by centering a community conservation program on the land itself. PCWP shall be a local hub for the whole community to experience conservation, education, recreation, and restoration. The Preserve is located near a growing city, Lockhart, and its wetlands serve as critical habitat that is uncharacteristic of the area. As the eventual centerpiece of our programming, PCWP demands a master plan vision that can emphasize elements of the property that are crucial to the Preserve's sustainability and prioritize those elements for the future growth of GBRT and PCWP. At its core, the Master Plan vision aims to reassert the primary assets of the Preserve and determine how to best balance restoring and maintaining habitat while meeting the potential as an outdoor education center. The vision provides PCWP's primary stewards, namely the GBRT staff and numerous volunteers, with an accurate assessment of the Preserve and a set of strategic recommendations that will enable the stewards to build a community space for future generations more effectively.

This Plan is more than a master plan for the PCWP, it is the beginning of a new strategic direction for our organization. As such, working in partnership and collaboration with our current and future community partners, GBRT's implementation of this Plan will ensure sustainability of habitat and use of the property, organizational success and growth of a community.

**Mission:** Conserving water resources by managing wetlands, protecting habitat, and promoting appreciation of the natural world.

**Vision:** Promoting conservation, sustainability, and appreciation for the natural world through compatible research, education, and low-impact recreation opportunities, while supporting the mission of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust.

**Goal 1:** Protect, maintain, and enhance the wetland, riparian and additional wildlife habitat on the property.

**Goal 2:** Provide scientific and educational opportunities related to water, wildlife, and conservation

**Goal 3:** Provide appropriate outdoor recreational opportunities while protecting the conservation values of the property

**Community** - Outreach through community-based engagement activities, opportunities and meeting spaces.  
**Land Management** - Conserving and restoring habitat and water resources using best management practice techniques.





















**Research** - Providing a living laboratory for research institutions, citizen science, and special projects centered on native landscapes, habitat and water quality.

**Education** - Individual and group study opportunities, including self-guided, instructor-led and special designed visits.

**Recreation** - Passive community recreation for public and private enjoyment.

For additional information please visit [GBRTX.org](http://GBRTX.org)

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|  | HEADQUARTERS      |  | BIRD BLIND  |
|  | OUTDOOR CLASSROOM |  | HOG TRAPS   |
|  | PICKNIC AREA      |  | BUNK HOUSES   |
|  | NATURE CENTER     |  | HIGHWAY   |
|  | VIEWPOINT         |  | TRAIL HEAD  |
|  | PARKING           |  |  |
|  | CAMP              |  |  |
|  | MEMORIAL          |  |  |
|  | BARN              |   |   |

500 FT

