

SAVING WATERWAYS, RIPARIAN LANDS & WETLANDS.

... Taking steps now to establish greenbelts, preserving these environmental assets for future generations.

The Watershed of Lewisville Lake is an area undergoing rapid development, with population growth expected to continue. The area is being transformed from a rural setting to one with a more urban character. It is in the best interest of communities located in the watershed of Lewisville Lake to act now to protect the watershed: designate greenbelts and preserve and protect existing waterways, flood plains, streams, riparian lands and wetlands. Leaving these watershed assets in a natural state allows them to perform the vital function of filtering out pollutants and preventing contaminants from entering the streams and waterways. It is in everyone's interest to safeguard the quality of water entering water supply lakes.



Riparian Lands



Wetlands

A coordinated watershed protection program will help communities to protect, preserve and enhance the existing water resources and environmental assets. The waterways extend into and through each community, creating shared environmental resources to sustain a high quality of life for each community.

A community can use its existing ordinance powers and development standards, or can develop new ordinances and standards to safeguard these valuable environmental resources. Also, voluntary conservation easements can be used to protect and preserve or acquire property rights to valuable greenbelt land that will be preserved for future generations.

Successful preservation and protection of these water assets and environmental features within each community's planning area can yield extraordinary benefits: open space, park lands, trail systems and aesthetic qualities for citizens, for neighborhoods, and for entire communities. Working jointly with neighboring communities, to implement plans and strategies to preserve and protect these potentially vanishing assets will multiply the results for the benefit of the entire watershed. By protecting the watershed, we benefit our community; we improve the quality of life in neighborhoods; the environment is better - - and, the quality of our water resources will be safeguarded for mutual benefit and for future generations.