



EMPOWERING CENTRAL TEXANS TO BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES THROUGH PLANTING AND CARING FOR TREES.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is being offered? Participating landowners will have a free consultation with TreeFolks staff to determine the specific needs of their property. Then they will receive a tailored planting plan, free trees, and a service to plant the trees. Properties along the Blanco River in Hays County are eligible.

Why is this program being offered? The goal is to reforest the banks of the Blanco River in Hays County to the highest extent possible. A healthy riverside, or riparian forest, will filter pollutants, slow flooding, shade the river and provide habitat for the wildlife of Central Texas.

Who is paying for it? Hays County contracted with TreeFolks with the goal of continuing the program over three to four years to serve all affected landowners who choose to participate. Fundraising efforts will be needed to pay for the large numbers of trees associated with this program.

Who is leading the program? TreeFolks is an Austin-based nonprofit organization with over 25 years of tree planting history in Central Texas. TreeFolks' programs seek to improve quality of life for Central Texans by cleaning air and water, shading us from the hot Texas sun, and providing wildlife habitat for a diverse and healthy ecosystem. TreeFolks' success with the Bastrop Reforestation Program served as a model for the Blanco River Reforestation Project. TreeFolks provided free reforestation services to private landowners affected by the devastating 2011 Bastrop County Complex Fire. Since 2012 TreeFolks' crews have planted over 2 million pine seedlings on private land in Bastrop County, Texas.

When will I get trees? TreeFolks received hundreds of applications during the first week they were made available, and we are serving those applications in the order in which they were received. Approximately 75 landowners will be served during the 2017- 2018 planting season. Those not served in the upcoming planting season will be served in subsequent seasons.

What kind of trees will I receive? We are working with seed collectors and nurseries to grow out a diverse array of native trees and shrubs including bald cypress, buttonbush, American elm, and sycamore.

What can I do in the meantime? Stabilize your soil by spreading mulch or seeding native grasses. The success of your future forest may depend on it. For further information, visit the Hill Country Alliance post-flood resources page: [Letting the River Heal](#).