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Bayou Land Conservancy Successfully Conserves Critical Lake Creek Property in Montgomery County

February 8, 2024, Spring, TX – Bayou Land Conservancy (BLC) is delighted to announce the successful completion of a pivotal conservation agreement with Tranquility Ranch located northeast of Magnolia in Montgomery County. Located along Lake Creek, and adjacent to the 7,000-acre Cook's Branch preserve owned by the Cynthia & George Mitchell Foundation, the 966 acres permanently preserved at Tranquility Ranch help meet BLC's long-term conservation goals and contribute to the health of the region, especially as a drinking water source.

Featuring a mix of hardwood and pine forest, Tranquility Ranch consists of over 400 acres of existing wetland habitat, 20 acres of streams & ponds, and 13,000 linear feet of stream frontage on Lake Creek. In addition to high quality existing habitat, over 90 acres of wetlands and 300 acres of flooded forests will be improved and restored on the land. The preserve is part of a larger property that hosts a special event venue, The Wyldes at Tranquility Ranch, currently open for retreats, weddings, and other events. The preserve will function as a wetland and stream mitigation bank, West Montgomery Mitigation Bank, and has credits available to developers seeking to offset impacts in this growing area.

Jill Boullion, Executive Director of Bayou Land Conservancy, expressed, "This conservation agreement is a keystone preservation in the Lake Creek, and greater West Fork San Jacinto River watershed. It makes a significant stride towards BLC's conservation goals to preserve land in the Lake Houston watershed that will provide positive impacts in the region for generations to come. We're grateful to landowner Nathan Ingram and his care and protection of this special place."

Preservation of Tranquility Ranch will provide many community benefits from flood control, water quality improvements for drinking water and recreation, and wildlife habitat. The preserve is an important nesting, wintering, and migratory stop-over site for many bird species, including owls, raptors, and songbirds.

Link to photo here.

About Bayou Land Conservancy: Bayou Land Conservancy preserves land along streams for flood control, clean water, and wildlife. BLC is a nationally accredited, community-sponsored land preservation organization working to permanently protect land, with a focus on the streams that feed Lake Houston, an important source of drinking water for million of people in the Houston region. More information is available at our website: www.bayouland.org or find us on Facebook and Instagram @bayoulandconservancy

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