



# ***Interlocal Agreement with Bell County***

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# ***Regional Habitat Conservation Plan***

- **Recent US Fish & Wildlife report identified potential habitat for endangered karst invertebrates in Bell and Coryell Counties**
- **Bell County Judge now leading efforts to develop regional karst coalition**
  - **Proactive step to support development and conservation within the area**
  - **Support potential future incidental take permit under Endangered Species Act**
  - **Seeking grant from US Fish & Wildlife Service to fund planning efforts**
- **BRA has been asked to support this effort along with many of its water customers**



# ***Other Participating Entities***

- **Bell County**
- **Coryell County**
- **Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District**
- **Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District**
- **City of Gatesville**
- **City of Copperas Cove**
- **City of Killeen**
- **City of Harker Heights**
- **City of Belton**
- **City of Temple**
- **Village of Salado**



**“BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Brazos River Authority hereby authorizes the General Manager/CEO to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Bell County and other local entities to create the Karst Coalition to collectively develop and fund a Regional Habitat Conservation Plan in Bell and Coryell Counties, with the total Brazos River Authority contribution in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.”



# Brazos River Authority