



THE SALT LICK BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION AND U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE SECTION 9/NO-EFFECT CONSULTATION HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS



INNOVATIVE COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS.

Key Services

- Biological Evaluation
- USFWS Section 9 Consultation
- Integrated Pest Management Plan
- Water Quality Plan

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The Salt Lick is located within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Dripping Springs in Hays County, Texas, an area that is experiencing rapid growth. The goal of the 550-acre proposed master-planned, mixed-use community is to establish a positive precedent for the area in terms of the low density and provision for extensive areas of undisturbed open space, while retaining the traditional character of the Texas Hill Country. The proposed development would provide for residential, commercial, and agricultural uses, together with open space and environmental preservation area.

Sensitive environmental issues included two endangered species—Barton Springs salamander and golden-cheeked warbler—and Onion Creek, which borders the property to the north and east.

aci consulting conducted a biological assessment for the project, which consisted of a delineation of jurisdictional waters, endangered songbird habitat assessment, endangered species impact assessment, coordination of The Salt Lick Conceptual Master Water Quality Plan, and formulation of avoidance strategies for the project.

aci consulting presented the biological evaluation to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as part of the Section 9/No-effect Consultation. The USFWS concurred that the proposed project would not result in the take of the Barton Springs salamander and the Golden-cheeked warbler.

The proposed Salt Lick project complies with applicable State and local water quality laws, regulations, and guidelines.