

1-D-1 OPEN SPACE APPRAISAL

Also known as: Ag Exempt





AG (Agricultural)

349,221 acres



WILDLIFE



AG – Agriculture 1-d-1

Qualifications:

- **Ag appraisal applies to land only**
- **Devoted currently and principally to agricultural use**
- **Pass degree of intensity for the area - # of animal units the land can support**
- **Pass time period test – 5 of 7 years**

TYPICAL AGRICULTURE USE IN BASTROP



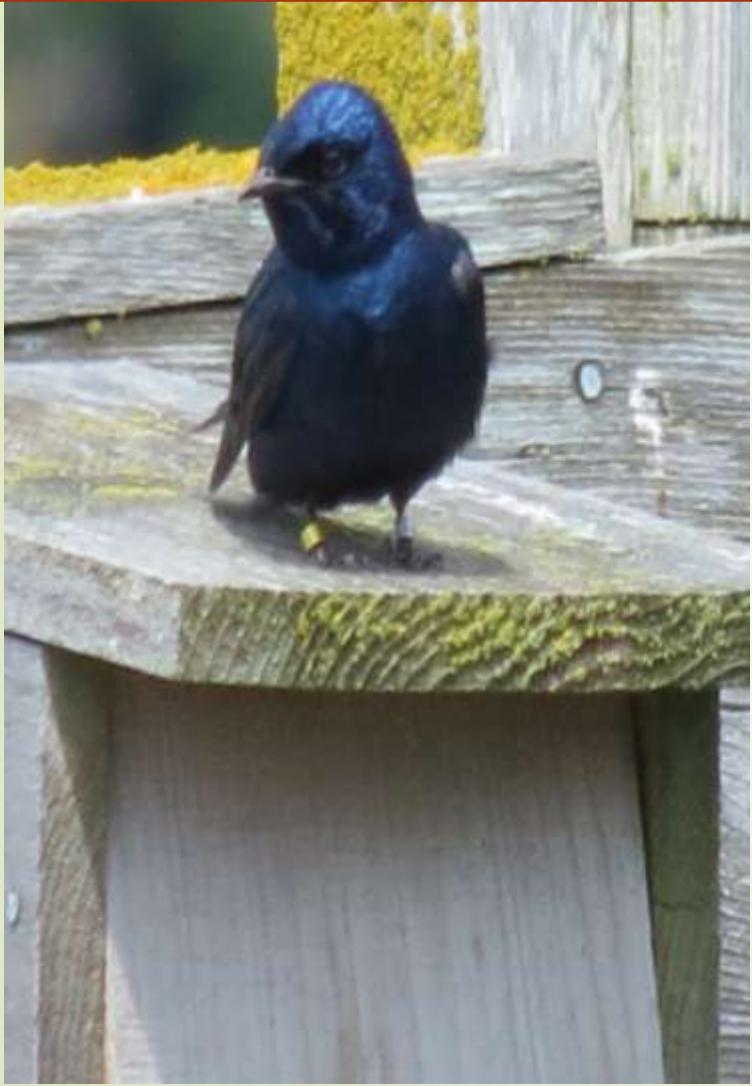
- ▶ **Cattle, goats, exotics**
336,214 acres
- ▶ **Hay Production**
1,914 acres
- ▶ **Row Crop Production**
5,578 acres
- ▶ **Hemp Production**
0 acres
- ▶ **Bee Production**
1,367 acres

WILDLIFE QUALIFICATION – 56,117 acres



- Land must be qualified for 1-d-1 Agricultural Appraisal at the time the owner changes use to wildlife management.
- The property must have been qualified and appraised as agricultural land during the year prior to the year the owner changes to the wildlife management use.
- Simple terms, No ag exemption last year, no wildlife this year.

WILDLIFE QUALIFICATION – RATIO FOR USE



- ▶ Prior year 15 acres of Ag Classification
- ▶ Owner sells 2 acre. Current year acreage equals 13 acres.
- ▶ Ratio for Use = $13/15 = 86.7\%$
- ▶ Ratio requirement for Post Oak Savannah:
- ▶ 94% for wildlife use
- ▶ 91% for wildlife use within a wildlife management property association.

WILDLIFE QUALIFICATION



- The owner must perform at least three of the seven wildlife activities on the land.
 - 1. Habitat Control
 - 2. Erosion Control
 - 3. Predator Control
 - 4. Provide Supplement Supplies of Water
 - 5. Provide Supplement Supplies of Food
 - 6. Provide Shelter
 - 7. Conduct Census Counts to Determine Population

WILDLIFE – HOW TO APPLY FOR



► 1st YEAR APPLICANTS

Submit 1-d-1 Open Space Application

Submit Wildlife Management Plan (Typically 1 to 3 year plan)

1st year Wildlife Application (with prior ag) will be granted Wildlife with completed app and plan, no inspection required.

► 2nd YEAR WILDLIFE

Submit new 1-d-1 Open Space Application

Wildlife Plan (if not a multi-year plan)

Wildlife Report (prior years activities)

Inspection to confirm implementation of plan

2nd year Wildlife grant/deny hinges on submission of required application, plan, report and inspection.

WILDLIFE PLAN & REPORT

Texas Parks and Wildlife has developed a generic Wildlife Management Plan and Annual Report for applicants to use.

► WILDLIFE REPORT

The Texas Administrative Code allows for the Appraisal District to require an annual wildlife report. Bastrop CAD requires this report.

► Our website @ www.bastropcad.org
Forms & Guidelines/Agricultural, Wildlife



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



- ▶ April 30th – Deadline to File
- ▶ July 19th – Late File Deadline, plus penalty. 10% of the tax savings.
- ▶ July 20th – Automatic deny by law.
- ▶ Property owner has 30 days to respond to all correspondence;
Request for Additional Info
Protest of Denial Letter



AG – Agriculture 1-d-1 or Wildlife

Resources:

- www.bastropcad.org – forms & guidelines / Agricultural/guidelines
- Texas Comptroller – Appraisal of Agricultural Land
- Bastrop CAD Agricultural Guidelines
- Marilyn Wilson, Director of Agriculture



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