



ABOUT US

OUR PURPOSE

The LPGCD is the state's preferred method of groundwater management in the Bastrop and Lee Counties. Per Texas Water Code Section 36.0015, LPGCD is to manage groundwater by balancing all property interests and providing for the preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater.

Under Texas Water Code Section 36.1071, LPGCD must develop a groundwater management plan providing management goals to help the district meet that purpose.

We are mandated by the state, per Texas Water Code Section 35.012, to provide educational programs to the public relating to the problems and issues concerning water management..

WE' RE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook:
www.facebook.com/lostpinesgcd
- Instagram:
www.instagram.com/lostpinesgcd
- YouTube:
www.youtube.com/@LostPinesGCD



BLOG

GROUNDWATER AS AN ECOSYSTEM SERVICE

LPGCD Board Member, environmental consultant, and retired professor Tom Arsuffi writes about the value of groundwater as an ecosystem service in the Lost Pines GCD. He emphasizes the need for effective management to prevent resource depletion and advocates for sustainable practices to protect this critical resource.

Read more at: www.lostpineswater.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/48



WHAT WE DO

WATER LITERACY: EDUCATING THE CLASSROOM AND COMMUNITY

The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (LPGCD) promotes water literacy through classroom and community programs.

In the Classroom:

- Water Field Day: Students explore groundwater with hands-on activities like edible aquifers and rainwater simulations, aligned with TEKS standards.
- Groundwater 101: Students learn groundwater basics through interactive lessons and take-home conservation kits, embedding water-saving habits early.

In the Community:

LPGCD offers customized presentations on groundwater management, conservation techniques, and rainwater harvesting to community groups like Master Gardeners and Rotary Clubs.

Online Resources: Visit our website, www.lostpineswater.org, for guidebooks, posters, and interactive games on groundwater and water conservation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1st - Labor day, office CLOSED

September 18th - LPGCD Public District Meeting, LPGCD Office, 6:00 pm

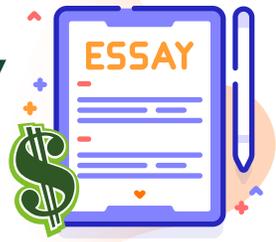
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District is governed locally by ten citizens, (five from each county) who have been appointed by their respective County Commissioners Courts to serve as directors for a term of four years.

- Elvis Hernandez, President
- Kathryn Rogers, Vice President
- Michael Simmang, Secretary/Treasurer
- Sheril Smith
- Melissa Cole
- Tom Arsuffi
- Nick Textor
- Herbert Cook
- Nancci Phillips-Burgess
- Debra Phillips



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ESSAY CONTEST: WATER IS LIFE



Attention high school seniors in Bastrop and Lee Counties! The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District invites you to participate in our fall essay contest. This year's prompt, "Water is Life: Exploring the Importance of Water Conservation, Groundwater Sustainability, and Drought Management," asks you to write an essay choosing from one of three topics:

- The importance of water conservation in your community.
- The role and sustainability of groundwater in local water supplies amidst climate change.
- Effective strategies for managing droughts in the face of climate change.

Essays should be 500-1,000 words, typed, and double-spaced. **Submissions are due by Friday, November 22nd, 2024.** First, second, and third place winners will receive \$500, \$300, and \$200 scholarships, respectively. Winners will be announced on December 11th, with a special recognition at the December 18th LPGCD Board Meeting.

For submission guidelines and more information, contact Claire Marks at cmarks@lostpineswater.org or visit www.lostpineswater.org.

WATER CONSERVATION TIP OF THE MONTH: JOIN THE WELL WATCH PROGRAM AND HELP CONSERVE OUR WATER!



Help us protect and conserve our groundwater by joining the Lost Pines GCD's Well Watch Program! By monitoring your well, you contribute valuable data that helps us manage our water resources sustainably.

Why does well monitoring matter? It gives us real-time insights into groundwater levels, helping us spot changes and make informed decisions to prevent overuse. The more wells we monitor, the better we can protect our aquifers and conserve our groundwater.

Joining the Well Watch Program is free and easy! If you live in Bastrop County or Lee County, all we need is your permission to access your well. We'll measure water levels twice a year, contributing to a stronger, more accurate monitoring network.

Your participation in the Well Watch Program makes a big difference. Want to help protect and conserve our water for future generations? Call us today to learn more and sign up! (512) 360-5088.

Think smart. Save water. Save money.

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