

NOTICE OF ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT

NOTICE

Bastrop County contains habitat that supports the largest known remaining population of the endangered Houston toad. The Houston toad was listed as an endangered species in 1970. Development activities may eliminate the toad and its habitat and pose one of the most serious threats to its continued existence. Private landowners remain responsible for compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The ESA requires that an endangered species permit (incidental take permit) be obtained prior to engaging in any activity that could kill or injure an endangered species (including significant habitat modification or degradation, disrupting normal behavior patterns, pursuing, hunting, shooting, wounding, trapping, capturing, or collecting, or attempting to engage in any such conduct). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has provided Bastrop County Officials, Aqua Water Supply Corporation, and Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc. with a map that outlines an area of concern for the Houston Toad in Bastrop County, as well as information on the toad and endangered species permitting process. Any person or entity proposing an activity that may impact the toad or its habitat within this area should contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service prior to initiating that activity. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will work with individuals to avoid impacts or, if impacts cannot be avoided, to obtain an endangered species permit.

All landowners requesting utility service that are located within the area of concern as described above, **must** sign below indicating their understanding of the above paragraph.

For additional information on the Endangered Species Act, Houston toads, or incidental take permits you should contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (512) 490-0057.

APPROVAL

I have read and understand the above written documentation concerning the Endangered Species Act.

Today's Date

Member / Account Holder (Print Name)

Signature

Aqua Water Supply Corporation (Print Name)

Signature