

TRAVIS COUNTY FLOODPLAIN REFORESTATION PROGRAM



East Travis County residents!

If you own Eastern Travis County land within or near the 100-year floodplain, consider turning it into a lush **riparian forest!** Riparian areas are the transitional zones between uplands and waterways— when they are properly vegetated, they serve vital large-scale ecological functions. TreeFolks' reforestation services are **absolutely free of charge** and include free trees, planting services, and one-on-one consultations.

Program summary:

In 2018, TreeFolks became the recipient of The Nature Conservancy's *Natural Climate Solutions Accelerator* grant in order to test the feasibility of generating Carbon+ Credits on private land. Restoring degraded floodplains will enhance air and water quality/quantity, provide critical wildlife habitat, mitigate the effects of floods and droughts and increase overall ecosystem resilience. Additionally, the generation of Carbon+ Credits will help offset local carbon emissions. In March 2020, TreeFolks successfully completed the program's pilot phase, and the search for the next wave of landowners continues.

How to participate:

To sign up, receive more information, or check eligibility requirements, visit: www.treefolks.org/travis-county-floodplain/. Participation in the generation of Carbon+ Credits is optional, but higher priority will be given to those who choose to donate the credits to TreeFolks in order to help fund future tree plantings for their neighbors. Additionally, landowners who choose to participate in Carbon+ Credit generation will be protecting their new forest for the next 25 years and will reap the environmental benefits for years to come!

*The TCFRP is a collaborative effort between **TreeFolks**, **Travis County**, the **City of Austin**, and **Seattle-based City Forest Credits**.*

***Carbon+ Credits** are novel carbon offsets produced through **City Forest Credits** that quantify the valuable ecosystem services provided by trees in addition to carbon sequestration.*

Program execution is not guaranteed and is subject to funding availability.



Photo: *TreeFolks* TXCC crew members planting trees in a riparian area.

TreeFolks is a 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to empower Central Texans to build stronger communities through the planting and caring of trees.

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