

# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: March 23, 2022

**In Control:** Conservation Advisory Board Meeting

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks & Recreation Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Homer Garcia III

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

#### **SUBJECT:**

Briefing and possible action on impervious cover limitations for Edwards Aquifer Protection Program conservation easements: City Staff

#### **SUMMARY:**

A briefing by City Staff and possible action by the Conservation Advisory Board on impervious cover limits for Edwards Aquifer Protection Program conservation easements.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

City staff will provide a briefing on the current maximum increased impervious cover (MIIC) limit on conservation easements purchased for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program and the challenges that are encountered when smaller properties (+/- 100 acres) are considered for conservation easements. The current MIIC for all conservation easements is ½ of 1% of the total square footage of the protected property which can be utilized for future impervious development in approved locations. Based on discussion of this item, the Conservation Advisory Board may

take action on the MIIC limit for properties and/or may provide further direction to City staff and the Land Acquisition Team members on MIIC negotiation for conservation easement projects.

#### **ISSUE:**

This is a briefing to the Conservation Advisory Board on the current maximum increased impervious cover limit for properties protected by conservation easements through the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program and the restrictive nature of the standard impervious cover limit on small properties under consideration. The Conservation Advisory Board may elect to modify the current maximum increased impervious cover limit or provide direction to staff on recommended impervious cover limits for conservation easement projects.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

None.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

None.