



Edwards Aquifer Protection Program Conservation Easement Acquisition

City Council A Session

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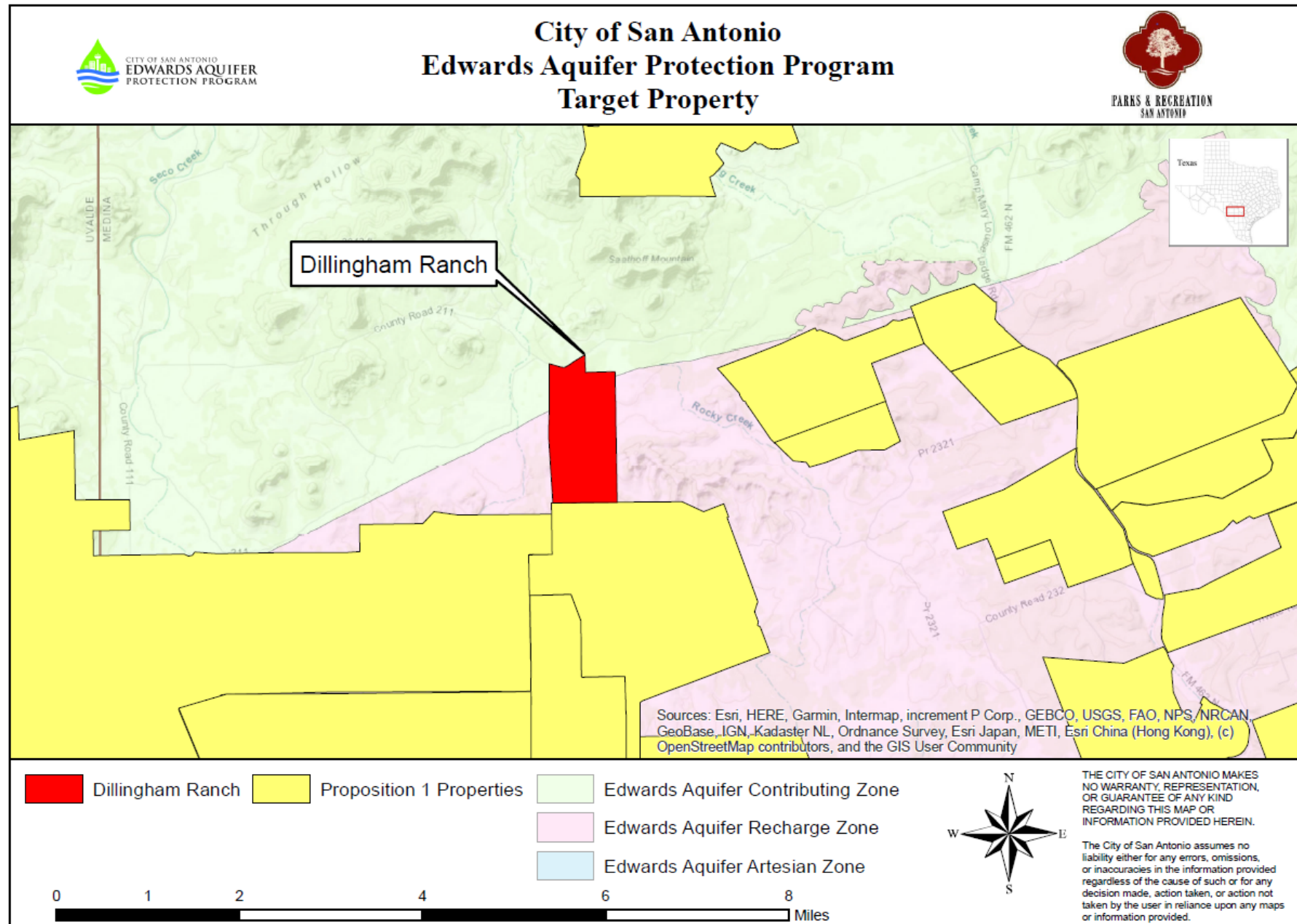
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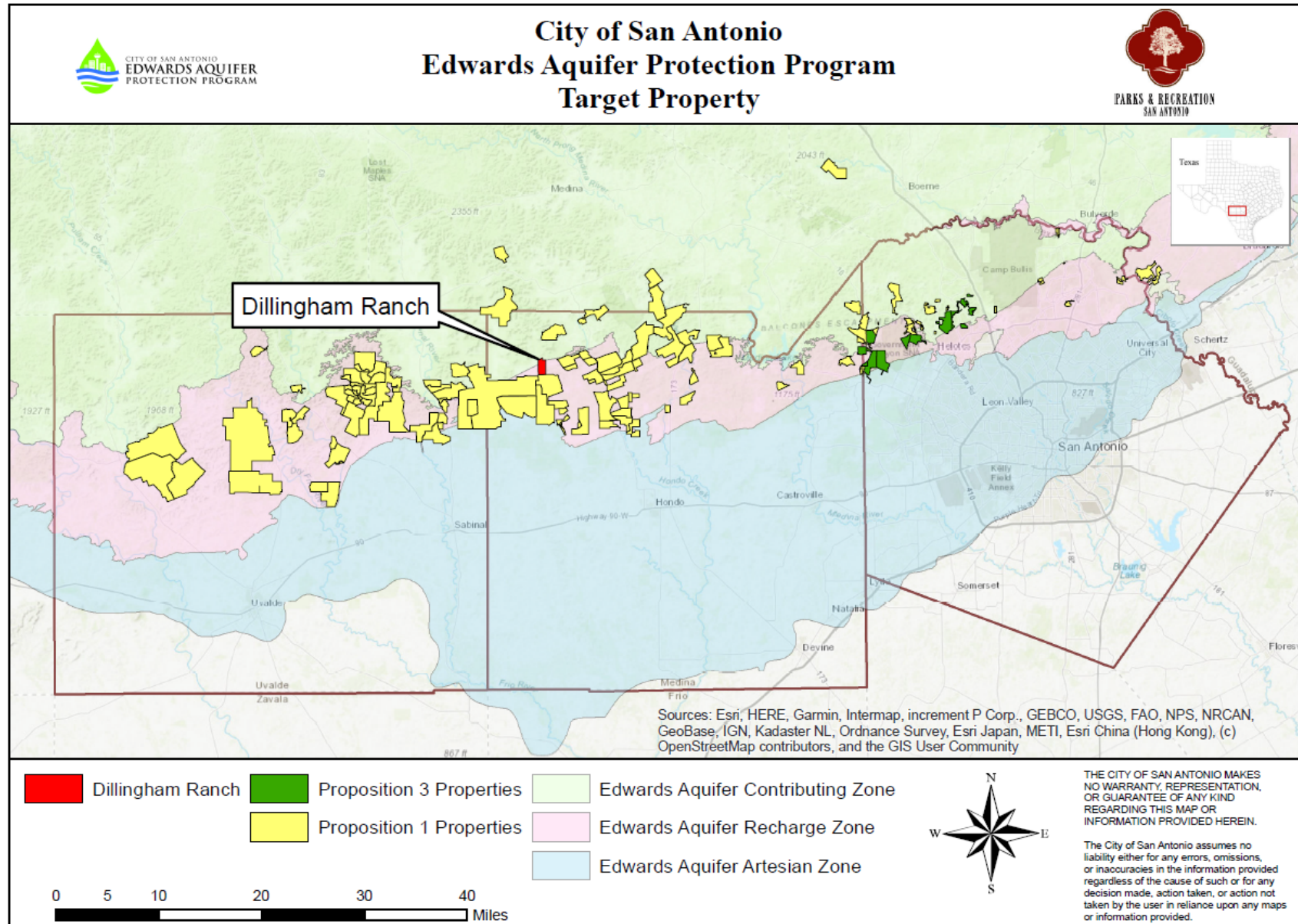
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Property	County	Acres	Cost
Dillingham Ranch	Medina	687.066	\$1,262,911.45

Increase of 687.066 Protected Acres in Medina County

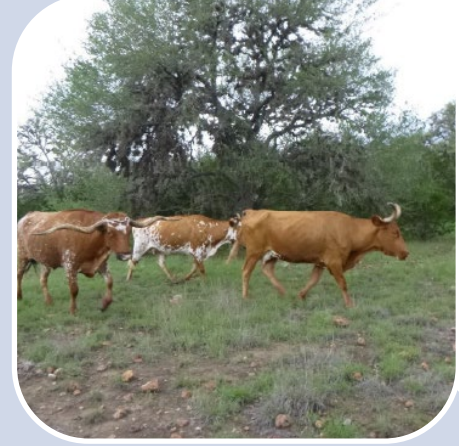


Total Land Protected = 174,257 acres



Acquisition Benefits

- Property located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones
- Important recharge features on property
- High-to-very high water quantity and high water quality benefits
- Results in increase of 687.066 acres



Program Status

- 173,592 acres protected with approval of proposed acquisition
- 109 conservation easements acquired under Propositions 1 and 3
- \$100M approved in 2015 under Proposition 1 and fully collected in March 2021
 - \$90M approved for acquisition; \$10M remaining balance with approval of these acquisitions
 - ✓ 26,599 acres currently protected under 2015 Prop 1 program
 - \$10M approved for water quality projects; 11 projects funded
- 16 acquisition projects in FY 2022; 12 approved by Council and 5 closed to date
 - Remaining balance to carry program through Q1 FY 2023
 - ✓ 10 year \$100M acquisition program commences in FY 2023

Recommendation

- **Staff recommends approval**

