



Edwards Aquifer Protection Program Conservation Easement Acquisition

City Council

Agenda Item #22

November 18, 2021

Parks and Recreation Department

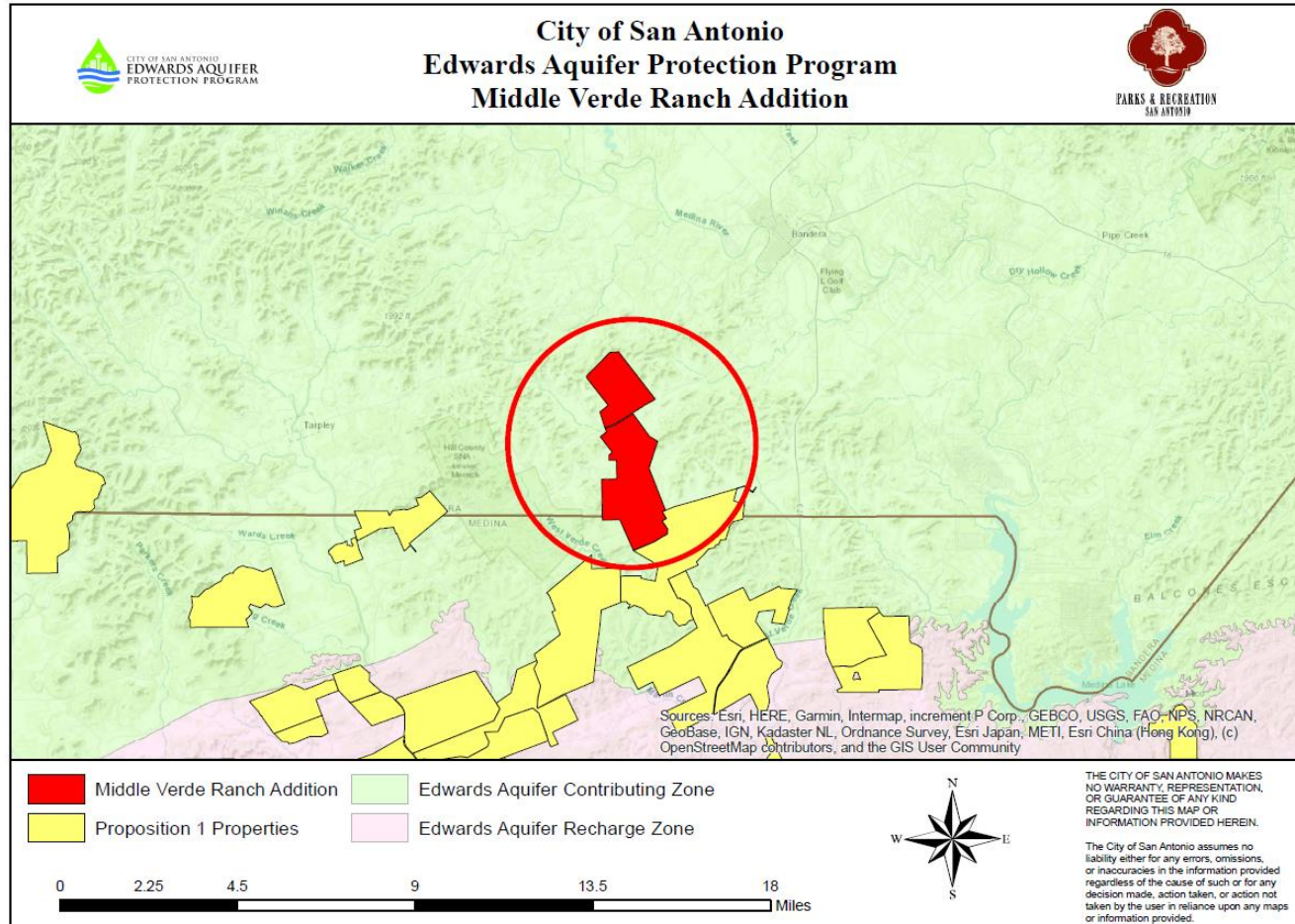
Background

- Purpose of EAPP is to protect the quality and quantity of water recharging into the Edwards Aquifer
 - Land Acquisition
 - Conservation Easements
- Overseen by Conservation Advisory Board (CAB)
- Current Funding Source – 2015 Sales Tax Issuance
 - \$100M (\$90M for Acquisition; \$10M for Water Quality Projects)
 - Fully Collected; Anticipated Full Expenditure in 2022

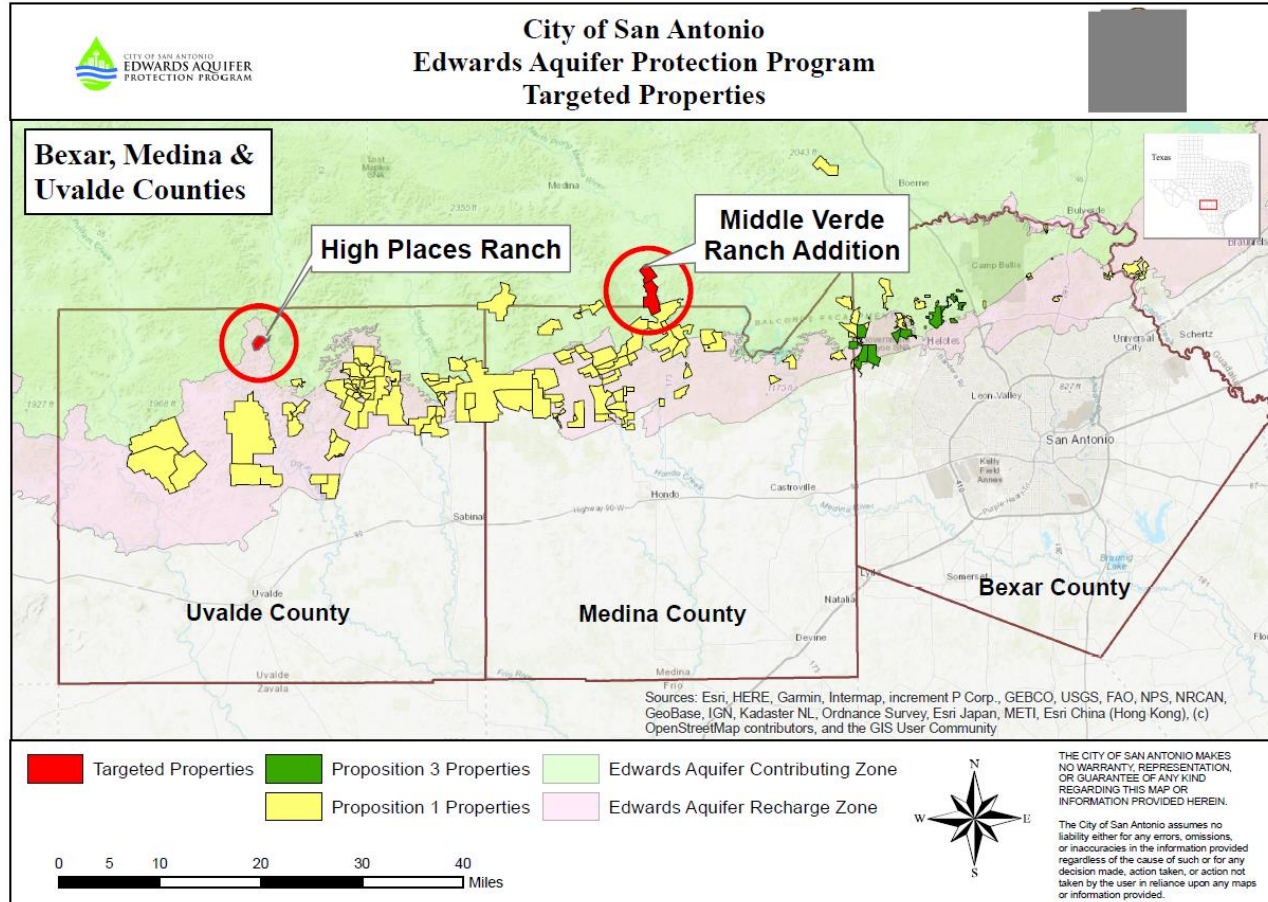
Conservation Easement Acquisition

Property	County	Acres	Cost
Middle Verde Ranch Addition	Bandera & Medina	3,457	\$7,940,643.65

Increase of 3,457 Protected Acres in Bandera and Medina Counties



Total Land Protected = 171,991 acres



Acquisition Benefits

- Property located over the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone
- Important recharge features on property
- High-to-very high water quantity and very high water quality benefits
- Results in increase of 3,457 acres



Recommendation

- **Staff recommends approval**