



# **Edwards Aquifer Protection Program Conservation Easement Acquisition**

City Council

Agenda Item #23

November 18, 2021

Parks and Recreation Department

# Background

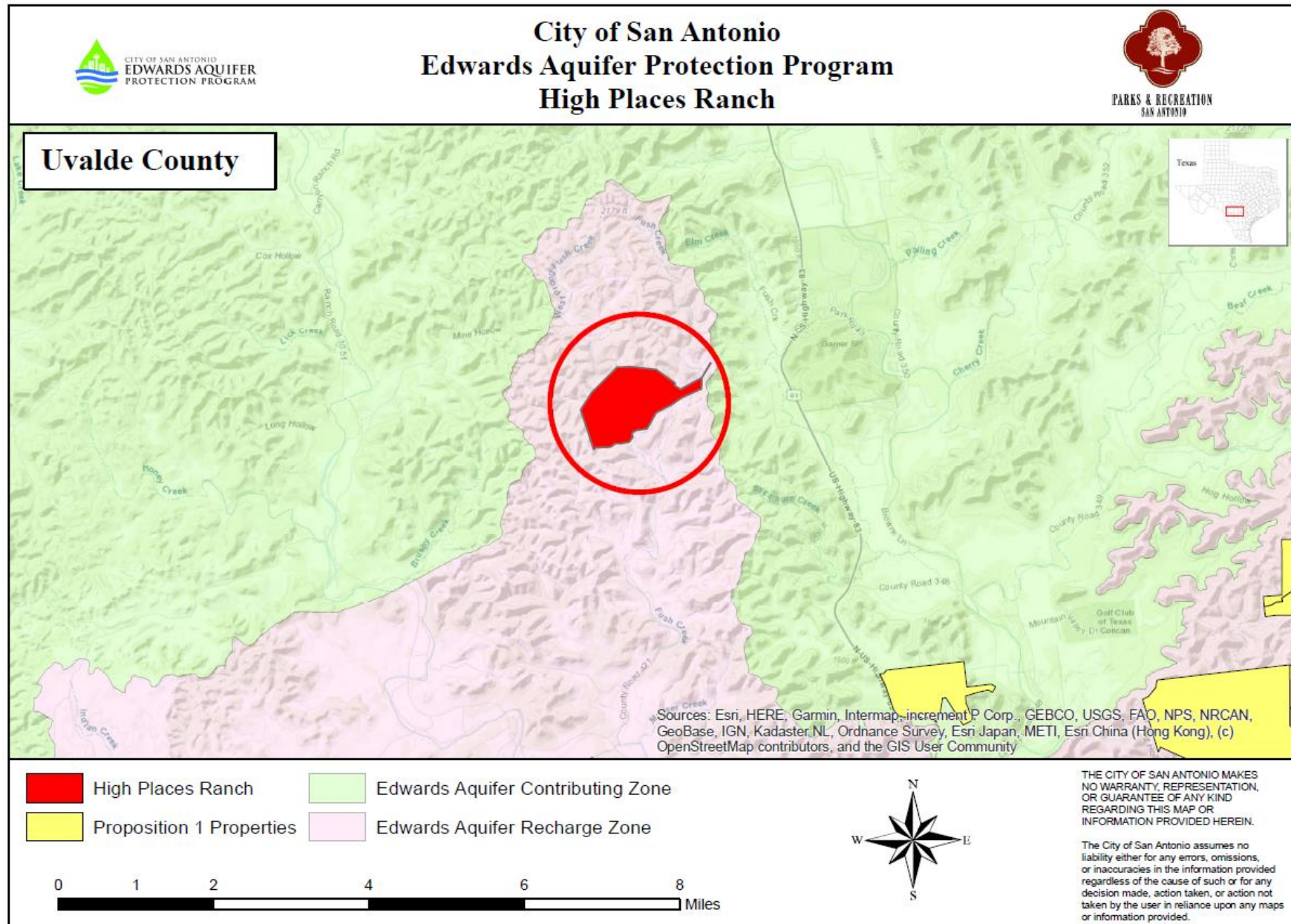
- Purpose of EAPP is to protect the quality and quantity of water recharging into the Edwards Aquifer
  - Land Acquisition
  - Conservation Easements
- Overseen by Conservation Advisory Board (CAB)
- Current Funding Source – 2015 Sales Tax Issuance
  - \$100M (\$90M for Acquisition; \$10M for Water Quality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



# Conservation Easement Acquisition

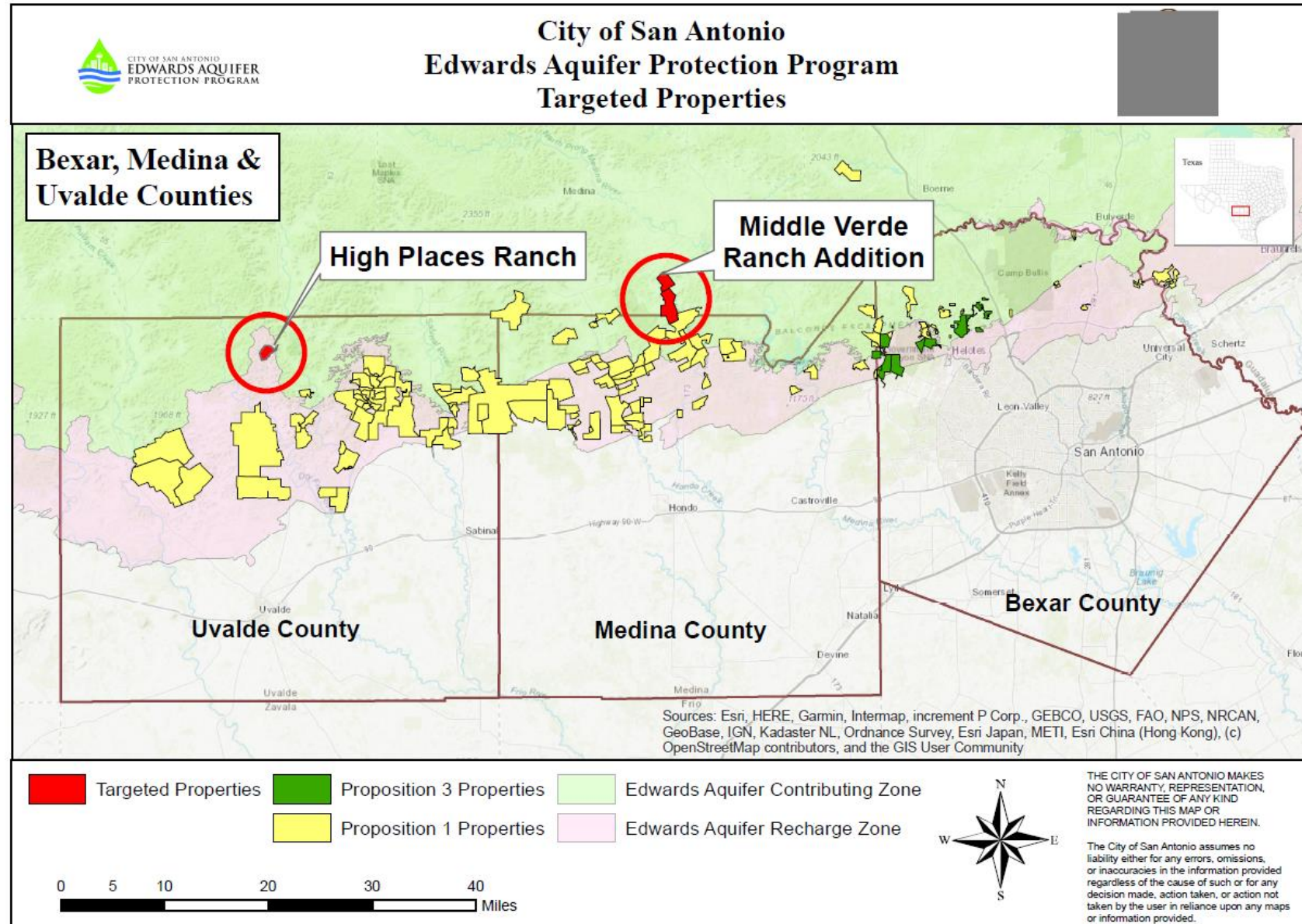
Property	County	Acres	Cost
High Places Ranch	Uvalde	562.44	\$538,772.05

# Increase of 562.44 Protected Acres in Uvalde County





# Total Land Protected = 172,553 acres



# Acquisition Benefits

- Property located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone
- Important recharge features on property
- High water quantity and very high water quality benefits
- Results in increase of 562.44 acres





# Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval