



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Southwest Region



Uvalde National Fish Hatchery American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

Project Description

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has awarded \$55,100* in Recovery Act Funds to Heartland Midwest, LLC of San Antonio to install a new water supply pipeline at Uvalde National Fish Hatchery (NFH) in Uvalde County, Texas.



The center tract of land will be the location of the new water supply line at Uvalde NFH.

The project will provide a badly needed underground water supply line to 10 production ponds that are used to cultivate two endangered species: the razorback sucker and bonytail chub. The new water line will supply water to the shallow end of each pond, which these ponds currently lack.

The National Fish Hatchery System, managed by the Service, is the world's premier system of aquatic species management and cultivation. Uvalde NFH, located 85 miles west of San Antonio, Texas, captively propagates other endangered species; San Marcos fountain darters, Comanche Springs pupfish, and Texas wild-rice (aquatic plant) as part of FWS Recovery efforts. All three of these species are endemic to Texas. The hatchery provides refugia populations for these species, should a catastrophic event occur to the wild populations. Channel catfish are also captively reared to provide recreational fishing opportunities throughout Texas and other areas within the region.

Project Benefits

The new water supply line will help increase Uvalde's day-to-day ability to cultivate five endangered species by bettering the hatchery's ability to control water flow and quality and increasing its overall capacity.

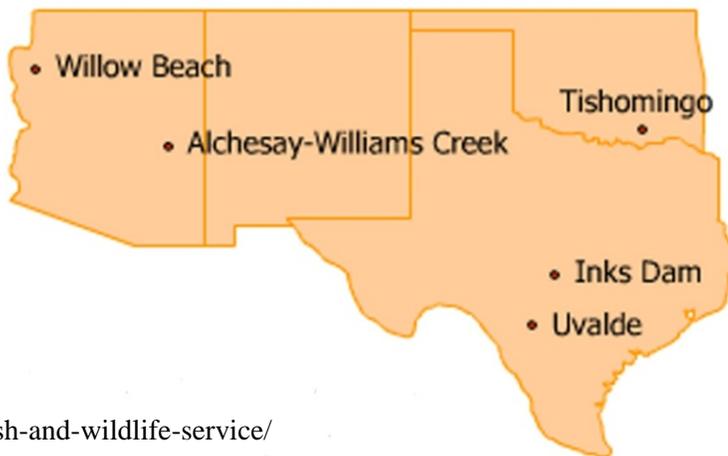
Total Budget Information for 8 Projects at:

- Uvalde NFH: \$343,000* *
- New Pipeline Award: \$55,100*

For More Information

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