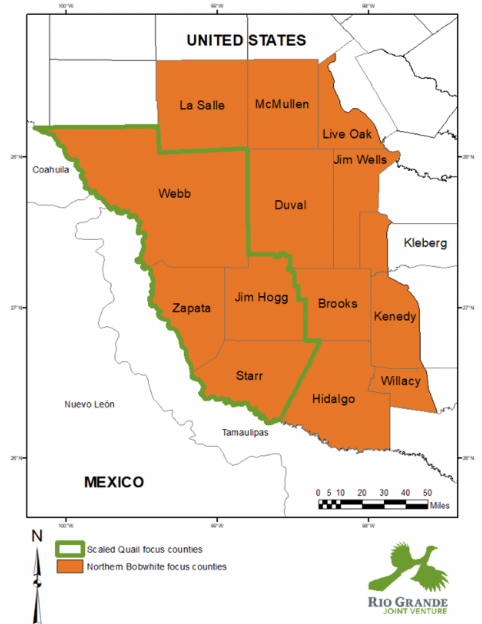


**South Texas Grassland Restoration Incentive Program
 (STX GRIP)
 Enrollment now open**

“The STX GRIP Program and working with GRIP program staff and the NRCS Biologists was the exact kick-start we needed to transform our overgrown and overgrazed non-productive, under-utilized ranch land consisting of too much mesquite, blackbrush, and prickly pear into much more productive land with acres and acres of diverse grassland. The range now appears much more useful for grazing cattle, wildlife, and recreation purposes. The program was a great benefit to our operation. ”

- McMullen County landowner



South Texas, January 2024–

Landowners with property in the priority area shown on the map (LaSalle, McMullen, Live Oak, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Duval, Brooks, Kenedy, Willacy, Hidalgo, Webb, Jim Hogg, Zapata, and Starr counties) can now enroll in the South Texas Grassland Restoration Incentive Program, a project of the [Rio Grande Joint Venture](#) and multiple other partners -see below. The goal of the program is to restore degraded grasslands back to productive native grasslands for wildlife and working lands. Species targeted for improvement include Northern Bobwhite (25 acre minimum) and Scaled Quail (160 acre minimum), but livestock, pollinators and other species of wildlife will also benefit.

Qualifying Management Practices under the program include

- prescribed burning
- prescribed grazing



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- interior fencing
- firebreaks
- invasive herbaceous plant control
- range planting
- early successional habitat development, and
- brush management

Interested landowners work in coordination with a project manager (your choice of your local Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, or Natural Resources Conservation Service biologist) who provides technical guidance to prepare and submit a STX GRIP Project Proposal. A [STX GRIP program flyer](#) is also available for download or printing.

For more information or to apply, contact your preferred technical assistance provider:

PFQF: <https://www.texasquailforever.org/biologist-corner>

TPWD: https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/technical_guidance/biologists/

NRCS: <https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=TX>

Landowners may also contact the Program Coordinator, Jesús Franco at (956) 578-2207 or Nolan Talkington, Quail Forever at (806) 674-0325.

The program operates on a first-come, first-serve basis until program funds are exhausted. In 2023-24, approximately \$500,000 in funding is available. To date, the STX GRIP program, begun in 2017, has impacted over 12,000 acres in south Texas.

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