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PUC, this information is concerning docket number [52455]. My name is Anne Weary and I live at 1542 LR Campbell Rd. Italy Texas. Oncor is putting a transmission line in my area. Two of their links go through my property. The Texas Nature Conservancy has identified a rare prairie and old growth hardwood forest on my property. I have enclosed the Nature Conservancy's letter identifying my rare unique prairie and old growth forest. I am working with David Bezanson from the Texas Nature Conservancy to put a conservation easement on my prairie and forest. One of the links-the EEE line goes right in the middle of my prairie and then into the heart of my rare old growth forest. The Prairie and hardwood forest would be devastated and destroyed. I live on the property and have a 3000 sq. ft. home and horse barn. I have a homestead exemption and wildlife exemption on my property. My homestead area- home and yard is about 450 ft. to where the lines show to go into the woods. The line would be seen directly in front of my porch and yard destroying my view. The line also seems to go on or near my driveway/Rd. from the entrance of my property to my house. From the very beginning in July when maps of the possible routes of the lines were displayed in Italy TX for the public to see, my 3000 square ft. home and horse barn were not identified on the maps giving the false belief that the property was vacant. My property is a full time home. My property and home were misrepresented from the very beginning and should have been identified for all to see and know that there was a full time home on this property. This beautiful property is my home and homestead. This fact of my 3000 square foot home and horse barn on the property and the existence of my rare environmentally significant prairie and rare old growth forest on my property should be identified to let people know it's there. I have not seen one map identifying a home on my property. It is misrepresentation. This needs to be corrected before the mediation meeting February 8th. Thank you, Anne Weary

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Ms. Anne Weary
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Dear Ms. Weary,

I'm writing to confirm that your property on Campbell Road west of Italy, Texas, contains high quality examples of two rare plant communities which are unique to North Texas. Specifically, the property contains a remnant of native blackland prairie, a globally rare plant community dominated by native tallgrasses such as little bluestem, Indiangrass and switchgrass and a wide variety of wildflowers, including Maximilian sunflower, blue sage, purple prairie-clover, purple coneflower, gayfeathers and milkweeds.

Your land also contains an excellent example of North Texas calcareous woodland, an unusual plant community which occurs on limestone soils and outcrops in a few counties. This unusual plant assemblage occurs at the interface of Midwestern forests and the Texas limestone prairies and is dominated by bur oak, Shumard oak, pecan, black walnut, redcedar, elms, redbud, Carolina buckthorn, and rusty blackhaw with native wildflowers such as trout lilies and wild violet.

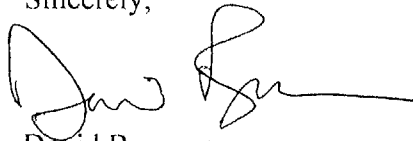
In both cases, very few remnants of these plant communities in good condition are known to exist. Blackland prairies once covered more than 10 million acres in northern and central Texas, but have been reduced to less than one percent of their former extent. Most remaining examples are small and fragmented and lack important species. The prairie remnant on your property is relatively intact, with many native species present.

Calcareous woodlands are even more unusual because they were always limited in extent by natural geology and hydrology. While examples extend from south of Dallas north to the Red River, few have been conserved and many have been lost due to population growth and conversion to other land uses.

Your property is significant and worthy of conservation. I hope that you are able to protect it from the threats to wildlife habitat which are increasing with the rapid population growth and urbanization of your area, including changes to hydrology, condemnation for roads and infrastructure, and encroachment issues.

Feel free to contact me any time at 512/217-0025 or dbezanson@tnc.org if I can provide any more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bezanson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Bezanson
Associate Director of Land Protection
The Nature Conservancy, Texas Chapter



