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This information is concerning docket number 52455. My name is Anne Weary, I own and live on my property at 1542 L.R. Campbell Rd., Italy Texas 76457. This is my Testimonial requested concerning the route of the transmission line.

The original route proposed made more sense to me because it went along the existing road. It did not go through environmentally sensitive and rare forestland, prairie land, sensitive creeks and waterways. This original route did not go through my property and destroy my rare prairie, forest, sensitive creeks and homestead. I supported this route.

Then I was disappointed when Oncor told me the original route was not under consideration. I was told I had to make a choice between 2 routes/lines that went through my property. Of the 2 choices, the 152 route - DDD line was less destructive to my environmentally sensitive property and homestead. I agreed to settle on the 152 route which passes through the corner of my property.

Prior to the announcement of the power lines, I had been working with David Bezanson from the Texas Nature Conservancy to put a conservation easement on my property to protect my rare forest, prairie and wild life from development. Rare plants and trees on my property have been documented by the Texas Nature Conservancy.

My Testimonial is my first choice was the original route that did not go through my environmentally sensitive property with rare prairie and old growth forestland. I agreed to settle on route/line 152 DDD that was less damaging to my property of the 2 choices I was offered. I have enclosed documentation from the Texas Nature Conservancy concerning importance of preserving my property.

Thank you, Anne Weary



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512-217-0025

September 9, 2021

Ms. Anne Weary
1542 L R Campbell Road
Italy, Texas 76651

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.

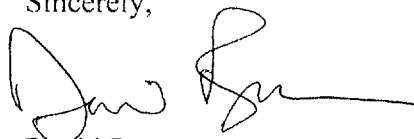
In both cases, very few remnants of these plant communities in good condition are known to exist. Blackland prairies once covered more than 10 million acres in northern and central Texas, but have been reduced to less than one percent of their former extent. Most remaining examples are small and fragmented 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





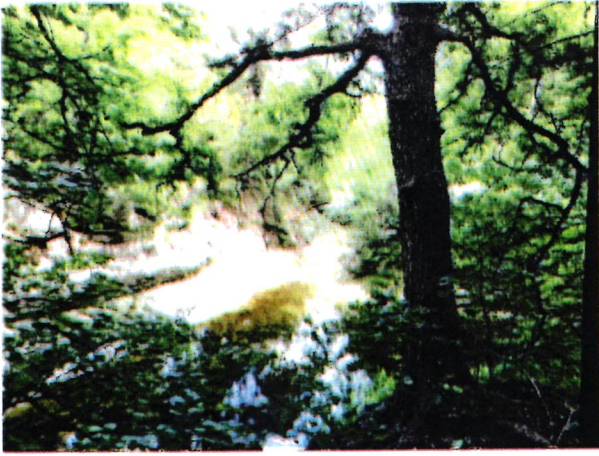
old growth forest



Trout Lilly



Creeks



prairie flowers



Mexican Buckeye