



# CULLINAN CLOSE UP

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## Update : Phase 1 Improvements

It's happening!!!! Cullinan Park improvements are underway. On your next Park visit you will see work on the expansion of the existing trails, a new overlook under construction on the east side of White Lake, a new improved entry from Hwy 6 and wonderful permanent restroom facility!!!!

The improvements should be completed before this summer!

The Conservancy is actively fundraising for the remaining Phase 1 projects including the White Lake loop trail, children's nature exploration area, overlook on the west side of White Lake and more trail expansion. To keep up to date on Park happenings, please visit [www.cullinainparkconservancy.org](http://www.cullinainparkconservancy.org)

## Cullinan Park Founders Circle

The Circle is closed! Our exclusive Founders Circle is now complete with 50 members who have invested in the future of Cullinan Park.

These donors receive unique benefits as well as the satisfaction that funds are being used to improve the Park. Their names will be permanently displayed in the Park.



## Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Awards Cullinan Park Conservancy \$200,000

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (TPWC) recently approved a \$200,000 grant to fund a trail around White Lake at Cullinan Park.

Cullinan Park Conservancy's application was the sixth highest scored application among 67

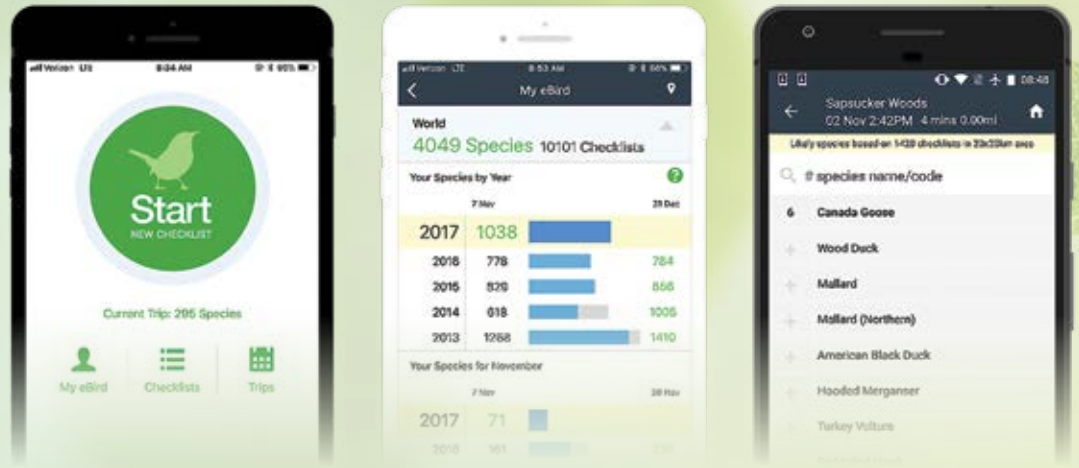
applicants, receiving the max award amount available.

A dirt trail currently exists around White Lake, but it is an unofficial trail that is not maintained and often floods. The new accessible trail will be a mixture of decomposed granite and boardwalks.

## Find us on eBird!

**E** Bird.org is a popular website for birders – amateurs and professionals – to track what birds they see, when they see them and where. At the time of writing, 250 different species of birds have been spotted at Cullinan Park by the general public using their app. Some of the recent species spotted include wood ducks, white-winged doves

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### eBird Mobile

Easy data entry from the field, even when offline. All your lists and stats in your pocket. Wherever you go, eBird is there. Available in 27 languages on iOS and Android, all for free.



## Fishing in White Lake

**A**ll the fish in White Lake are subject to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) fishing regulations. Anglers wanting to fish here must be licensed with TPWD and follow their established catch size and bag limits.

### Fish you may see in White Lake

- Longear Sunfish
- Largemouth Bass
- Alligator Gar And more!



## Fishing Line Litter

Fishing line can cause major problems for wildlife if it is not disposed of correctly. The most popular type of fishing line – monofilament – takes about 600 years to decompose! Fishing line that is left behind can injure wildlife in primarily two ways:

1. Entanglement
2. Ingestion

Like the camping and hiking ethic of “Pack it in, Pack it out,” so it should be with fishing too.

If you get your line caught in a nearby tree or plant, please do your best to cut it out and throw it away. And if you are a Park visitor who happens upon fishing line litter, please help us keep our wildlife safe by trying to dispose of properly as well.

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and aningas to name a few.

Cullinan Park is the second largest "hot spot" in Fort Bend County, second only to Brazos Bend State Park. Further, only 346 species in all have been noted in Fort Bend County by eBird visitors - which translates to Cullinan Park hosting a large percentage of the varied species in our County.

Several years ago, a botanical survey of the parkland revealed a host



of local flora and fauna (not to mention many invasive species). This vegetation and the wildlife, like the numerous birds, can be further protected if the park is functioning at an optimum level where self-led environmental education opportunities can take place on the trails and waterways. This is key to why the Conservancy raises funds for this large, passive nature park!

You can visit [ebird.org](http://ebird.org) or your own app store on your smartphone to download the app and start tracking the birds you see at Cullinan Park!



## WETLANDS ECOSYSTEM



### WHAT MAKES WETLANDS WONDERFUL?



Photo Credit: Cullinan Park Conservancy

#### IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

Wetlands act as a natural sponge to absorb and filter sediments, nutrients and other pollutants.



Photo Credit: Cullinan Park Conservancy

#### PROVIDE HABITAT

Wetlands provide homes to thousands of fish, bird, amphibian, reptile and mammal species.



#### REDUCE FLOOD DAMAGE

Wetland plants help slow the flow of water and reduce erosion during flood events.

### HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU ARE IN A WETLAND?



#### Water

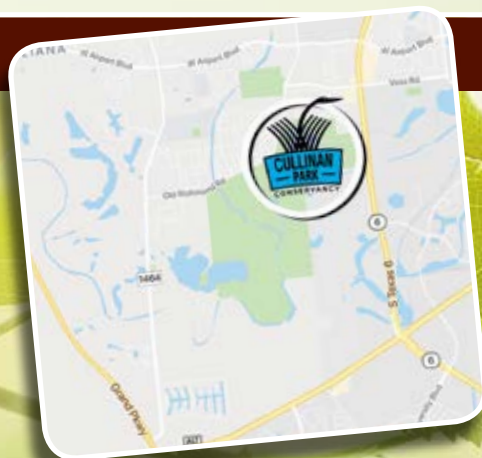
Wetlands have water that stands or flows through low areas for at least part of the year. The water can be freshwater or saltwater.

#### Plants

Plants found in wetlands are specially adapted to live in their hydric soils. Thousands of plant species grow in wetlands, from mosses and grasses to shrubs and trees. In Cullinan Park you can see Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) and Savannah-Panicgrass (*Phanopyrum gymnocarpon*). Both are plant species almost always found in wetlands.

#### Soil

Wetlands have soil that becomes saturated from rain, lakes and rivers or from ground water. The soil can be saturated year round or seasonally creating an absence of oxygen or anaerobic conditions. We call these hydric soils.



## TO DONATE OR SUPPORT

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