



2025 Restoration Round-Up: Sand Hill Farm Workshop & Tour

Discover the beauty and science of prairie restoration with local experts at **Sand Hill Farm, located in the heart of the Katy Prairie**. Start the day with engaging classroom sessions, then head outdoors for an exclusive guided tour of thriving **native grassland and wetland restoration sites**.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to see restoration in action and learn from restoration professionals!

Topics Will Include:

- Management of Sand Hill Farm
- Land Trust & Landowner Partnerships
- Grassland Restoration
- Wetland Restoration
- Grassland Birds & Habitats
- Guided Afternoon Walk of Restoration Sites

Lunch will be provided.

Cost: \$40

Event Details:

 Fri, October 3rd, 2025

 8:30am - 3:30pm

 Sand Hill Farm
Clubhouse
14812 Mathis Rd,
Waller, TX 77484

 713-523-6135 ext. 2

 coastalprairieconservancy.org

Limited Spots
Available! Register At:

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Join us for a day of learning and exploration on the Katy Prairie, with exclusive access to Sand Hill Farm.

Located in the heart of the Katy Prairie Preserve system, discover Sand Hill Farm. Protected under conservation easements held by the Coastal Prairie Conservancy, Sand Hill Farm has been making significant strides to restore their property to native grassland and wetland habitats. These Conservation Easements are located just south of the iconic Sand Hill Farm Golf Course, and have been vital to expanding the Katy Prairie Preserve system and enhancing the permanent protection of the area's quickly disappearing coastal prairie habitat.

This workshop brings together conservation professionals to highlight the crucial role Texas landowners can play in native grassland and prairie restoration, along with the benefits of taking action. Morning presentations will cover landowner-land trust partnerships, the grassland and wetland restoration process, and the vital role landowners play in supporting grassland bird populations.

Following informative classroom sessions and lunch, participants will visit the southern part of Sand Hill Farm. Here attendees will receive exclusive guided tours of active restoration sites. Overall this event is an excellent opportunity to see conservation efforts firsthand and connect with the professionals working on these landscapes in an interactive and hands-on setting.

Registration is \$40. Lunch will be provided. Come dressed for the outdoors!

Registration Link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/gsdmju4>

AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00 am | Registration

9:00 – 9:15 am | Opening Remarks

Welcome and overview of Sand Hill Farm's history and current restoration efforts.

- *Karla Dulaney, Events & Facilities Manager, Sand Hill Farm*
- *Marc Ealy, Ranch Manager & Wildlife Biologist, Sand Hill Farm*

9:15 – 9:30 am | Land Trust & Landowner Partnerships

Learn how collaboration between landowners and land trusts has protected thousands of acres of coastal prairie and wetlands.

- *Wesley Newman, Conservation Director, Coastal Prairie Conservancy*

9:30 – 10:00 am | Grassland Restoration: How-To's & Funding Opportunities

An inside look at WHF's recommended restoration process, along with available funding opportunities for landowners.

- *Garry Stephens, President & CEO, Wildlife Habitat Federation*

10:00– 10:30 am | Wetland Restoration: Lessons Learned & Q&A

Join for a casual, interview-style conversation as experts share stories from past wetland projects on the Katy Prairie Preserve. Learn about successes, challenges, and how each project contributes to long-term conservation goals.

- *Wesley Newman, Coastal Prairie Conservancy*
- *Garry Stephens, Wildlife Habitat Federation*

10:30 am – 11:00 am | Grassland Birds: Their Habitats & How Landowners Can Help

Hear from seasoned birders about the habitats grassland birds rely on and simple ways landowners can help. Come with your questions and leave with practical ideas.

- *Harvey Laas, Landowner*
- *John Burner, Local Birding Expert*

11:00 – 12:30 pm | Lunch & Travel to Field Sites

Your registration includes lunch and an exclusive opportunity to explore two restoration areas—a thriving native grassland and a restored wetland. Learn about habitat benefits for wildlife in an interactive, hands-on setting.

12:30 – 1:30 pm | Restoration Site Tours (Group A & B)

- Grassland Restoration Site Tour – *Garry Stephens, Wildlife Habitat Federation*
- Wetland Restoration Site Tour – *Marc Ealy, Sand Hill Farm*

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm | Switch Stations

2:00 – 3:00 pm | Restoration Site Tours (Group A & B)

- Grassland Restoration Site Tour – *Garry Stephens, Wildlife Habitat Federation*
- Wetland Restoration Site Tour – *Marc Ealy, Sand Hill Farm*

3:00 – 3:30 pm | Reconvene & Final Discussion

Wrap up the day with a recap of key insights, takeaways, and next steps for landowners interested in implementing restoration efforts