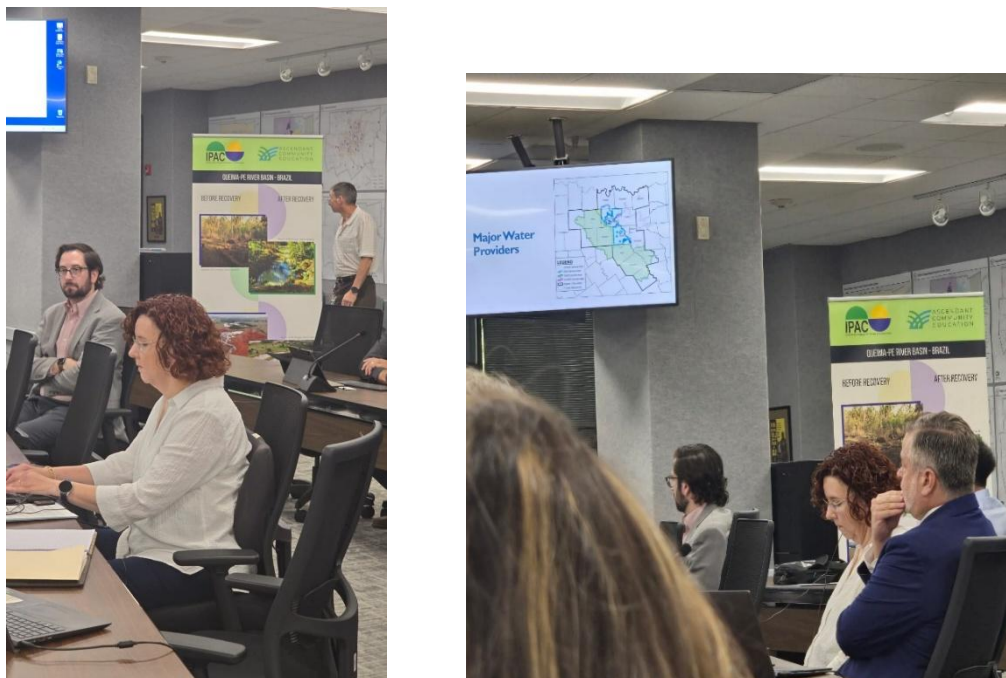


IPAC presents the results of the recovery of the Queima-Pé springs at a meeting of the Region C Water Planning Group - RCWPG in Texas, USA

The Institute for Environmental Preservation and Conservation (IPAC) participated in the Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) Meeting, held in the State of Texas, United States on May 19, 2025.

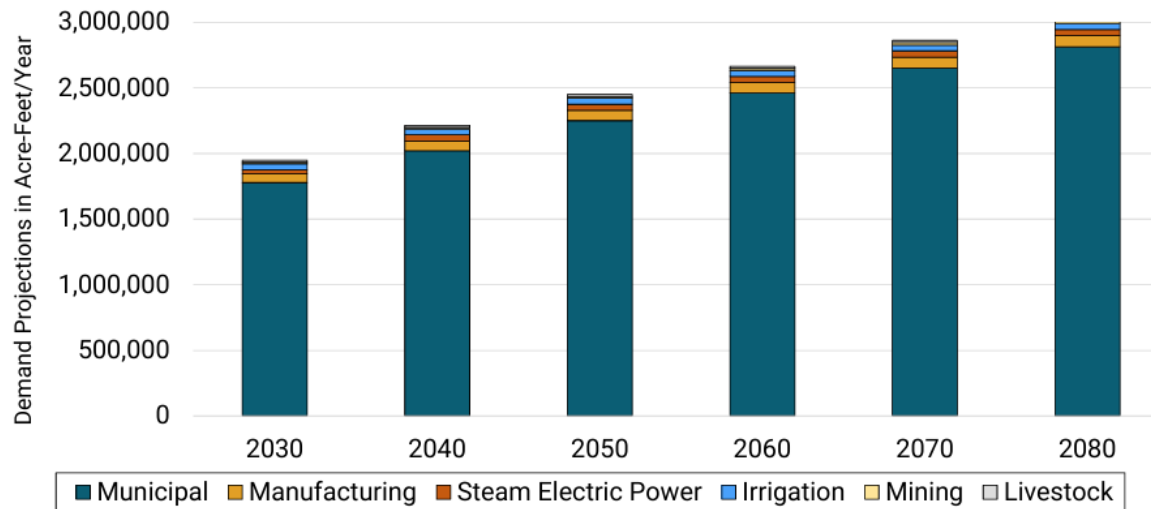
During the meeting, a summary of the document that IPAC prepared, as a contribution to the 2026 Water Resources Plan for Region C, which is in the final stages of preparation, was presented. Images of the recovery work of the Queima-Pé springs, a project that aims at the ecological restoration and preservation of water resources in the Tangará da Serra region, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil, were shown on a banner placed in the conference room (Figures below). This initiative demonstrates the institute's efforts to promote sustainable practices that ensure water security and environmental balance.

The meeting included a presentation of the preliminary version of the 2026 Water Resources Plan for Region C, which covers 16 counties in the Greater Dallas Region. This plan considers population and economic growth estimates and water demand projections through 2080.

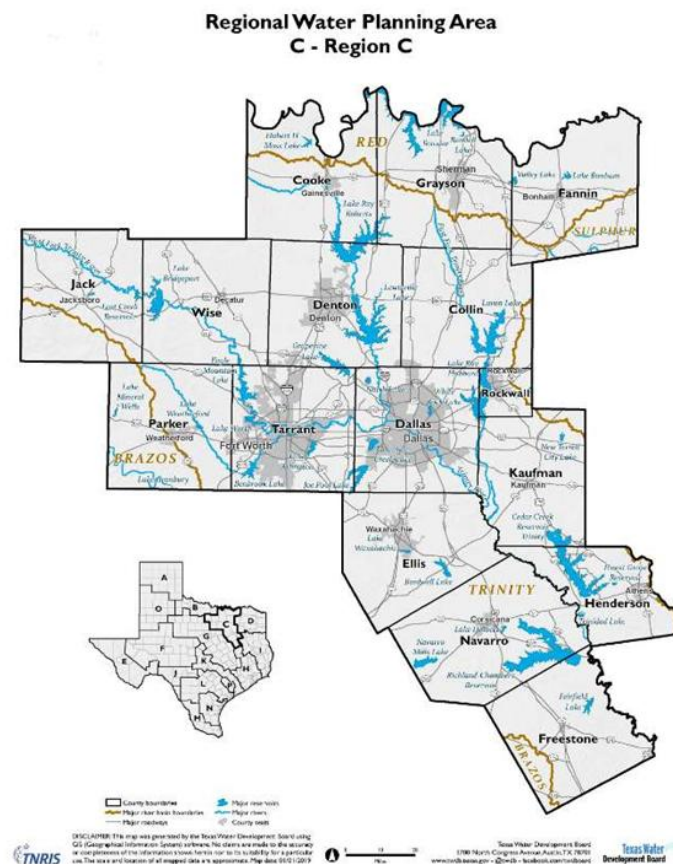


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Chapter 2: Population and Demand Projections



The State of Texas is divided into 16 Water Planning Regions. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) was created in 1950 and, since 1997, has been responsible for developing regional Water Resource Plans.



Map of Texas' 16 Region C Counties and 16 Water Planning Regions

The Water Planning Groups are each comprised of approximately 20 members representing a variety of interests, including agriculture, industry, environment, public, municipalities, business, water districts, river authorities, water utilities, counties, groundwater management areas, and power generation.

Texas is the second most populous state in the U.S. and has attracted more new residents than any other state since 2000, largely due to its thriving economy and expanding metropolitan areas. Texas has grown faster than the national average every decade since the 1850s.

Projections adopted by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) reveal that the population of Texas is expected to increase by more than 70% during the planning horizon, from 29.7 million in 2020 to more than 52.3 million in 2080.

IPAC forwarded to the Councillors of the Region C Water Planning Group-RCWPG a document with proposals for the recovery of water resources, which will contribute to increasing water availability in the region.

Six actions are being proposed:

- Recovery of springs;
- Soil conservation;
- Recovery of riparian forests;
- Construction of containment basins;
- Control and recovery of erosion processes; and
- Installation of groundwater recharge intensifiers.