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Upper Trinity Conservation Trust

The new Upper Trinity Conservation Trust, recently authorized by Upper Trinity Regional Water District, will have its first meeting on June 16, 2010 - - a date that happens to be the 21st anniversary of the founding of Upper Trinity itself. According to its Certificate of Formation, the mission of the Conservation Trust is *“to help protect water quality in streams and lakes and water resource assets in local watersheds.”*

The Upper Trinity Conservation Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees, each of whom is scheduled to receive the oath of office at the meeting on Wednesday. The meeting will take place at Upper Trinity Regional Water District’s Headquarters located in Lewisville.

Trustees of Upper Trinity Conservation Trust

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| 1. Linda Williams | 5. Owen Yost |
| 2. Janet Aune | 6. Thomas Muir |
| 3. Bruce Arledge | 7. Trent Lewis |
| 4. Jerry Lane | 8. Ken Dickson |
| 9. Don Hill | |

As a key strategy to help protect water quality, the Trust, as a non-profit corporation, will accept conservation easements from property owners who wish to protect special land features from destruction or development. Land features such as wooded areas, tree lined creeks, wetlands and meadows help protect downstream water bodies from pollution.

According to Tom Taylor, Executive Director of Upper Trinity Regional Water District, “The Conservation Trust will focus its initial efforts on protecting the watershed above Lewisville Lake, an important source of drinking water for the Denton County area.” Taylor added, “To preserve and protect valuable watershed and riparian assets will cost very little if done in advance - - but, will cost a fortune if we wait until it is too late.”

The Conservation Trust wants to be a partner with private citizens in protecting the quality of life in this region and to pass to our grandchildren healthy watersheds with clean water. Taylor gave one tip, “Dedication of Conservation Easements to the Trust can create tax benefits for the landowner; more importantly, such easements can help safeguard precious specimens of environmental heritage for future generations to enjoy.”

About Upper Trinity Regional Water District

Upper Trinity is a regional governmental agency created by the State of Texas for the benefit of the Denton County area. Its mission is to develop regional plans for water supply - - and, to provide both water and wastewater services on a wholesale basis to the cities and utilities within its service area, including all of Denton County and portions of Dallas and Collin Counties. More than 30 cities, towns and utilities are involved in the Upper Trinity regional program.

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