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Heard Preservation Campaign
TOWN HALL MEETING
Thursday, April 29th at 6:30 PM

WHAT The Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary is organizing a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the North Texas Municipal Water District's use of eminent domain to try to put a 3,500 foot long sewage line through the Heard sanctuary and under the wetlands. The Heard would like to prevent this from happening and appreciates the public and press and media support to help keep the Heard sanctuary as it is. BE HEARD. Miss Bessie Heard bought the land to preserve it, to create a place of refuge for wildlife and for people; she bought the land to protect it, to keep something exactly like this from happening!

WHERE Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary
Science Resource Center (drive past the main museum building)
1 Nature Place, McKinney, 75069
972.562.5566
www.heardmuseum.org

WHEN Thursday, April 29th at 6:30 PM

Support the Heard and Take Action Now at www.heardmuseum.org

Latest Details At-a-Glance

Efforts to resolve the dispute between The North Texas Municipal Water District (“NTMWD”) and The Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary have failed. The dispute arises from NTMWD’s efforts to acquire an easement for a 42” sewer line through the Wildlife Sanctuary. NTMWD filed a lawsuit to take the land for the sewer line by eminent domain.

In an effort to resolve the dispute, Heard’s Board of Directors commissioned a study of the likely effects of the placement of a 42” sewage line through its property. The study was conducted by Mr. Aaron Brewer of W & M Environmental Group, Inc. out of Austin, Texas. The study found that the current plans for the sewage line through the Sanctuary will disrupt a 110 ft. wide, 3,500 foot long area of the Museum’s Wildlife Sanctuary, damaging native prairie grassland and wetlands. Based upon that study, the Heard offered an alternative route that would mitigate damage to the prairie grassland and minimize the impact upon the Wildlife Sanctuary. The proposal was rejected by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the lawsuit is set for trial.

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