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**Heard Preservation Campaign
PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION
On Earth Day
Thursday, April 22nd at 5:30 PM**

WHAT The NTMWD has staked the pipeline route through the sanctuary. The Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary is organizing a peaceful demonstration to give the community an opportunity to be on the sanctuary and voice their opinion about the NTMWD's use of eminent domain to put a 3,500 foot long sewage line through the Heard sanctuary and under the wetlands.

WHO Responsible citizens who have a passion for habitat and wildlife conservation and for nature education, people who would like to help protect the sanctuary from having a sewage line run through the prairie and wetlands. This will be a peaceful demonstration.

WHERE Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary
1 Nature Place, McKinney, 75069
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Bring your walking shoes!

WHEN **Earth Day**, Thursday, April 22nd at 5:30 PM
The demonstration will happen Rain or Shine

REMINDER:

The Town Hall Meeting is still scheduled for Thursday, April 29th at 6:30 PM at the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary. The Heard board will be present and an invitation will be extended to the NTMWD. Citizens who have a passion for nature and wildlife conservation and nature education are encouraged to attend!

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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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