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**The Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary**  
*Always Passionate About Preserving Nature*

The Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary is very disappointed that the North Texas Municipal Water District is planning to disrupt a 110-foot wide, 3,500 foot-long area for a sewage line through the museum's pristine wildlife sanctuary, affecting native prairie grassland and wetlands. The Heard received a lawsuit from NTMWD on October 27<sup>th</sup> and the hearing is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>. The Heard recognizes the importance of having more sewage lines to accommodate the area's rapid population growth, but it is disappointed with how the NTMWD project would disrupt the sanctuary's wildlife and vegetation.

The Heard emphasizes that Ms. Bessie Heard had the foresight to preserve the land in 1967 for wildlife to make their home and for future generations to enjoy. For 42 years it has been a wildlife sanctuary and it has become a sanctuary for people as well—where they can experience the tranquility and beauty of nature. The Heard's goal is to continue educating people about nature as well as how the NTMWD project would impact the environment short term and long term. The museum is working on getting an environmental study impact report and is exploring their rights under eminent domain.

The Heard is passionate about preservation and the well-being of the wildlife that has found their home in the sanctuary as well as the nature education it provides to the community. The museum's mission has been and always will be to "bring nature and people together."

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