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**Heard Preservation Campaign**  
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*Thank you to all who support the Heard Preservation Campaign. A Town Hall meeting at the Heard will be scheduled in a few weeks and the court date is yet to be announced.*

**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, 3500 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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