The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) not only builds and maintains highways, but has grown to include the District's environmental protection and enhancement programs. TxDOT has a responsibility to develop and maintain a balanced portfolio of environmental programs that help preserve and protect our natural resources. The department is dedicated to achieving its mission of providing quality transportation while preserving the environment.

Texas coastal plain — A federally listed threatened species, the Texas coastal plain gopher frog, is a small, secretive frog found near the coastline in portions of Central and East Texas. In order to help prevent potential threats of this species, TxDOT has developed a management plan. The plan includes efforts to prevent habitat loss through development and the introduction of non-native fire ants into their environment.

American alligator — A large, robust species, the American alligator is found in southern Texas and along the east coast of the United States. TxDOT has developed a management plan that details how and when TxDOT will mow and use herbicides near these species. The plan helps preserve the San Marcos salamander by protecting and promoting habitat for this species. The plan includes the creation of windsocks and banners on light poles to give the birds a visual cue to steer clear of the highway. The plan also includes the maintenance of each site, biological monitoring, and education programs.

Texas blind salamander — A federally listed endangered species, the Texas blind salamander is a small species of salamander that is found in the south-central part of the United States. TxDOT has developed a management plan that includes the maintenance of each site, biological monitoring, and education programs. The plan also includes the creation of windsocks and banners on light poles to give the birds a visual cue to steer clear of the highway. The plan includes the maintenance of each site, biological monitoring, and education programs.

Texas poppy mallow — A federally listed endangered species, the Texas poppy mallow is a large, robust species that is found in the south-central part of the United States. TxDOT has developed a management plan that includes the maintenance of each site, biological monitoring, and education programs. The plan includes the creation of windsocks and banners on light poles to give the birds a visual cue to steer clear of the highway. The plan includes the maintenance of each site, biological monitoring, and education programs.

American egret — A large, robust species, the American egret is found in southern Texas and along the east coast of the United States. TxDOT has developed a management plan that includes the maintenance of each site, biological monitoring, and education programs. The plan includes the creation of windsocks and banners on light poles to give the birds a visual cue to steer clear of the highway. The plan includes the maintenance of each site, biological monitoring, and education programs.

Golden-cheeked warbler — A federally listed endangered species, the golden-cheeked warbler is a small, robust species that is found in the south-central part of the United States. TxDOT has developed a management plan that includes the maintenance of each site, biological monitoring, and education programs. The plan includes the creation of windsocks and banners on light poles to give the birds a visual cue to steer clear of the highway. The plan includes the maintenance of each site, biological monitoring, and education programs.

Tobusch fishhook cactus — A federally listed endangered species, the Tobusch fishhook cactus is a small, robust species that is found in the south-central part of the United States. TxDOT has developed a management plan that includes the maintenance of each site, biological monitoring, and education programs. The plan includes the creation of windsocks and banners on light poles to give the birds a visual cue to steer clear of the highway. The plan includes the maintenance of each site, biological monitoring, and education programs.