

Quick Facts

↓ **24%**

Decrease in Particulates
(24-Hour PM_{2.5}, 2002 to 2017)

↓ **28%**

Decrease in Ozone
(2000 to 2017)

↓ **42%**

Decrease in Nitrogen Dioxide
(Annual NO₂, 2000 to 2017)

↓ **78%**

Decrease in Carbon Monoxide
(1-hour CO 2000 to 2017)

Source: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Data

100+

Truss Bridges TxDOT has
Moved or Repurposed¹

31

Archeological Sites Excavated
in the Past 18 Years²

11.7M

Tons of Paper
TxDOT has
Recycled since 1994³

660,000

Gallons of Alternative
Fuels Consumed by
TxDOT vehicles in FY 2017⁴

¹TxDOT Experts ²TxDOT Experts ³TxDOT.gov ⁴Pocket Facts FY 2017

Environmental Compliance

TxDOT's Environmental Affairs Division thoroughly reviews a project's environmental impacts before clearing it for construction. TxDOT considers several factors related to a project's location, including **air and water quality issues, environmental justice and noise impacts, historic properties, endangered plant and animal species and more.**

Cultural Resources

Before TxDOT builds projects, archeologists and historians consider how they will affect Texas' history, heritage, and cultural environment.

TxDOT consults with the Texas Historical Commission, the cultural resources community, and federally recognized Native American tribes to determine how to manage archeological sites and historic buildings and bridges under the guidance of the National Historic Preservation Act.



Wildlife

TxDOT biologists work with engineers to plan for the conservation of wildlife habitats. To prevent animals such as the ocelot (pictured below) from becoming extinct, TxDOT is committed to doing its part through a number of innovative programs, including **wildlife crossings, roadside maintenance, and stream and habitat maintenance as part of its work under the National Environmental Policy Act.**



Campaigns

Don't mess with Texas: For over thirty years, the Don't mess with Texas campaign has educated Texans on the real cost of littering. The campaign raises awareness and gets people involved in cleaning up roads.

Drive Clean Texas: Drive Clean Texas is a statewide initiative that encourages drivers to keep their car in shape and take simple steps that will help keep the air clean.

Beyond The Road: TxDOT has a long history of discovering and preserving the resources of Texas before constructing projects. The Beyond The Road campaign tells stories about TxDOT's environmental work to inspire the public to learn about and engage with TxDOT.

Programs

TxDOT Green: TxDOT recycles for the benefit of the environment and to generate revenue for the agency. The initiative collected 23,363,656 pounds of recycled paper over the last 24 years.

Pollinator Program: Butterflies, bees and other pollinators help TxDOT keep its 800,000 acres of roadsides and 5,000 species of beautiful flowering plants alive and well. Plants provide color and habitat for wildlife.

Clean Air Plan: The Clean Air Plan is TxDOT's internal effort to reduce air pollution. In FY 2017, TxDOT vehicles used about 660,000 gallons of alternative fuels, including biofuels, CNG and propane.

For more information, visit TxDOT.gov and keyword search "Environmental Affairs".