

## ***Texas Native Seeds Program Pipeline Prairies Initiative Webpage***

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Restoration of native plant communities following installation of new pipelines is a major land management need across Texas. Because of increased oil and gas production, many new pipelines are being built that extend from the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford Shale regions to the Gulf Coast of Texas. Selection of the appropriate native plant seed mixes for restoration can be difficult, because of the need to use locally-adapted seed sources, and because of commercial seed supply issues. To provide pipeline companies and landowners with timely information on commercially available native plant seeds to use for upcoming projects, we developed a new web-based tool to provide needed seed mixture recommendations.

- The new web tool includes a map where with three mouse clicks users can select a county-level seed mix recommendation for major soil types in any region of Texas.
- After identifying the county and soil type of the project, a PDF file is provided with a recommended seed mix and *Texas Native Seeds Program* regional contact information for further technical guidance.
- This web page was used over 3,200 times by spring 2020 after going live in October 2019.
- Of those using the website tool, 86% were new users to our website.
- In recognition to its importance in helping restoration efforts, the pipeline prairies tool and associated webpage received the 2020 Outstanding Electronic Media Award from the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

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