

Vision

Join us in helping to create one of the most exciting and unique Living History Centers in the world. Eight different centers with adjunct facilities are envisioned to interpret the over 12,000 years of human habitation. Your support would be much appreciated in the form of your time, talents and financial resources. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to this worthy cause, please contact us using the phone number, fax number or mailing address listed below.

Founding Supporter	\$5,000
Corporate Supporter	\$1,000
Texan Supporter	\$ 500
Family Supporter	\$ 100
Individual Supporter	\$ 50
Student Supporter	\$ 25



Stoelje House Ruins (early 1800's)



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Watson/Presnall Ranch House

*Preserving, protecting and interpreting the natural,
archeological, historical and architectural
resources of a unique Bexar County Property*

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GOALS

Restore Watson/Presnall House for LHIA HQ
As a cultural center,
Exhibit center,
Generating rental fees,
Satellite offices for related organizations

Construct Living History Centers
Pre Colonial Period
Spanish Colonial Period
Pre Civil War Period
Post Civil War to Modern Period

Establish Museum
Housing artifacts collected by SAWS
Housing artifacts from the Smithsonian

Develop Regional Education center
2-3 classrooms with different uses
Teacher training
Training in GLOBE curriculum (K-12)
Interpretive signage

Equestrian Center
Bridle Paths
Stables
Exercise Pens
Education Center and Arena

Other Projects/Improvements
Restore Barns with farm & ranch demonstrations
Pedestrian crossing across the river
Use of site by artisans/craftspeople
Festivals
Primitive camping for Scouts and other groups
Use by Community Youth Ranch
Automobile parking
Active Archeological digs
Ongoing bird walks
Hike/Bike/Bridle Trails along the river
Restoration of native grasslands
Completed survey of flora and fauna on site.
Roaming longhorns/buffalo
Thriving native wildlife
Environmental stewardship
Land management education
College classes focusing on soil/water/vegetation
Flying site for Prop Busters
SA Aviation History Model Airplane Museum

DIRECTOR ORGANIZATIONS

Director Organizations

American Indians in Texas - Spanish Colonial Missions
American Institute of Architects
The Archaeological Conservancy
Bexar Audubon Society
Bexar Land Trust, Inc.
City of San Antonio - Parks & Recreation Dep.
City of San Antonio - Planning Department
Friends of the Medina River
Hot Wells Institute
Kids on the River
Mexico-North Research Network, Inc.
Mitchell Lake Wetlands Society
National Park Service
Our Lady of the Lake University
San Antonio Audubon Society
San Antonio Conservation Society
San Antonio Prop Busters
San Antonio River Authority
San Antonio Water System
Sierra Club
South San Antonio Chamber of Commerce
Tap Pilaam Coahuiltecan Nation
The Texas A&M University System
Texas A&M University, Kingsville System - Palo Alto
Texas Parks & Wildlife
USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Location of LHIA

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Land Heritage Institute Foundation is to acquire, maintain, preserve and develop the Medina River Property as a public open space, consistent with the Land Heritage Institute of the Americas Plan prepared by Texas A & M University, and to own and operate the facility known as the Land Heritage Institute of the Americas for the following charitable purposes:



Spring in South Pasture

Educational

To provide educational opportunities to the general public by providing access to the Medina River Property. Envisioned educational opportunities include training opportunities for soil and water sample studies, wildlife preservation, environmental studies, archaeological studies, farming studies, native grassland restoration studies, irrigation techniques, responsible grazing and ranchland techniques, living history demonstrations, heirloom gardening, wildlife habitat management demonstrations and geological studies.

Recreational

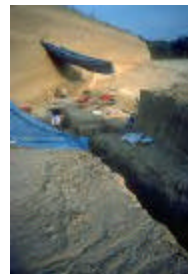
To provide a place for organizations to enjoy the outdoors in a responsible and managed environment. Envisioned recreational opportunities include providing campgrounds for families and for youth groups, hiking biking and bridal trailways, nature watching, and other organized open space activities that would allow the public to experience the vision of the Land Heritage Institute of the Americas.



Medina River Bottom

Archeological

To preserve historically and archaeologically rich sites on the property for study and for future generations. To pursue archeological evidence that would further the purposes of the Institute.



33 National Archeological Sites preserved



LHIA Use Map generated during the Medina River Charrette.

Environmental

To preserve the Medina River Property in natural state, protect the natural resources, preserve the wildlife habitat and population and to restore the habitat to a state that furthers the purposes of the Institute.

Cultural

To provide an opportunity to experience history and culture as it has been lived at the Medina River Property. To provide an opportunity for the public to explore and to experience the arts with inspiration from the natural environment and to see and learn about the many cultural resources that have molded the multi-cultural environment of the City of San Antonio region. These cultural groups include the Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, the Hispanic descendants and the European descendants.

Historical

To preserve and to conserve historical elements and structures, and restore these facilities in order to allow them to be seen, used and appreciated by the public.



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