

**BIOGRAPHY OF LAURA HUFFMAN  
TEXAS STATE DIRECTOR OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY**

Laura Huffman assumed the role of Texas State Director of The Nature Conservancy in June 2008.

Founded in 1951, The Nature Conservancy is a global non-profit organization that uses a science-based approach to protect the world's most ecologically important places and the life they support.

Ms. Huffman heads a Texas staff of more than 100 scientists, conservation experts and support staff working at 35 preserves and projects spanning from West Texas to the Big Thicket and the Panhandle to the Gulf Coast. The Conservancy also has more than a dozen major freshwater conservation projects in place throughout the Texas and works closely with private landowners—as well as municipal, state and federal governments—on issues of conservation and freshwater protection that are of critical importance to the State of Texas.

A native of Austin, Texas, Ms. Huffman's has a long and distinguished record of public service. Throughout her career she has devoted substantial energy toward advancing environmental causes to benefit the lives of citizens, including undertaking important projects to protect water supply quality and public green spaces. As deputy city manager of San Marcos from 1994 to 2002 and assistant city manager of Austin from 2002 to 2008, she spearheaded important watershed protection and neighborhood and economic development initiatives for both cities.

Ms. Huffman has earned a Master of Public Affairs degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a B.Sc. in Political Science with a minor in History from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

The Nature Conservancy is among the most trusted and respected conservation organizations in the world and—with the support of more than 1 million members worldwide—has protected 117 million acres of land and 5,000 miles of rivers across the planet. Working in all 50 states, more than 30 countries and at 100 marine conservation projects, the Conservancy protects habitats across the globe ranging from Mongolian grasslands to Indonesian coral reefs.

The Nature Conservancy of Texas has conserved nearly 750,000 acres of ecologically important lands and waters across the state. Additional information about the work of The Nature Conservancy of Texas can be found at [nature.org/texas](http://nature.org/texas).

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