

Plan My Land tool released

A new online tool could help residents manage their property. The latest online resource from the Texas A&M Forest Service, Plan My Land, was recently released with the intent of helping individuals support their land. “The Plan My Land tool provides information on the soil type for a local area, and users can map their property and determine various characteristics and parameters associated with the soil type,” Program Coordinator Hughes Simpson said. The site also provides information about water resources on a specific property, as well as typography, with users able to access tools such as placing a buffer around critical features and determining things needed like the proper size of a culvert. “Having that specific information about your property can really help land owners with management of their properties,” Simpson said. View the tool here: <http://bit.ly/2auSEjE>

May 13, 2015—COLLEGE STATION, Texas—Want to put in a road on your land? Protect your water resources? Enhance wildlife, harvest trees or clear vegetation? Texas A&M Forest Service’s newest online tool, [Plan My Land Operation](#), is designed to help you protect your property and ensure sustainability as you begin your next land improvement project.

Geared toward landowners, contractors and land managers, Plan My Land Operation is key to planning any improvement to your land. This tool helps you plan and layout your project based on your specific terrain, soil and water resources. As a user, you can quickly map a property boundary, identify sensitive areas, place a buffer around critical features, and determine things needed like the proper size culvert.

“Planning any land operation is a critical first step to protecting your land and water resources. Without a good operational plan, your land may be at risk,” Hughes Simpson, program coordinator for Texas A&M Forest Service said.

As a service-based state agency, TFS strives to provide land managers advanced tools to help efficiently and effectively implement land operations.

“Ordinarily, in order to do something like this you need an extensive GIS system or to be a land operation expert. Now, anyone with access to the Internet can map their property and generate detailed operation planning reports,” Simpson said.

A unique feature of the Plan My Land Operation tool is that it is also useful to hikers and outdoor enthusiasts. Users can map out their trail and it will show the distance, elevation and slope of that trail. While full capability of the tool is statewide, this function is available nationwide.

Plan My Land Operation is the newest online tool added to an already extensive lineup of interactive online tools located at texasforestinfo.com. This website provides landowners, managers, government officials, local community groups and the public state-of-the-art access to custom Web mapping applications with capabilities to discover and explore an array of maps depicting forest conditions, and query and download data on a variety of forest interests.

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