

Final Environmental Impact Statement/
Habitat Conservation Plan
for Proposed Issuance of a Permit to Allow Incidental Take
of the Golden-cheeked Warbler, Black-capped Vireo,
and Six Karst Invertebrates in Travis County, Texas

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With the permit application, the applicants submitted documentation that complies with the application requirements of 50 CFR 17.22(b)(1) for an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act.

The documentation identifies the impacts of the proposed take; shows how the impacts will be minimized, monitored, and mitigated; and demonstrates that the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP) will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild.

The participants in the BCCP have identified areas where endangered species habitat will be lost, have identified preserve areas and other mitigative measures for these species, and have developed a financial and legal framework for implementing the proposed BCCP.

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