

# OBJECTIVES CITED

## City of Eagle Lake To Apply For Community Develop. Funds

The City Council at its January 14 meeting approved a resolution authorizing the city to file an application with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funds being made available by the "Housing and Community Development Act of 1973." The act provides for 100 Federal funding of approved projects. T. J. Smith has been appointed Director of Community Development for the City of Eagle Lake.

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 became effective January 1, 1975. The primary objective of the Community Development Act is the development of viable urban communities. This objective is to be reached by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. Consistent with this primary objective, the Federal assistance provided in this program is for the support of community development activities which are directed toward the following specific objectives:

- (1) The elimination of slums

commercial, industrial, recreational, and other needed activity centers.

- (4) The reduction of the isolation of income groups within communities and geographical areas and the promotion of an increase in the diversity and vitality of neighborhoods through the spatial concentration of housing opportunities for persons of lower income and the revitalization of deteriorating and deteriorated neighborhoods to attract persons of higher income; and
- (7) The restoration and preservation of properties of special value for historic, architectural or aesthetic reasons.

A city will be allowed to use community development grant funds for the following purposes:

- (1) The conservation and expansion of the Nation's housing stock in order to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for all persons, but principally those of low and moderate income;
- (2) The expansion and improvement of the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities;
- (3) A more rational utilization of land and other natural resources and the better arrangement of residential,

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## Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge To Reach 8000 Acres

**Editor's Note:** This is the final article of a series of four about the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and information about the local Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge located northeast of Eagle Lake.

The Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge was established on July 1, 1972, when the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service purchased a parcel of coastal prairie northeast of Eagle Lake, Texas. Land acquisition is currently underway, and the proposed size of the refuge is about 8,000 acres. In a very real sense, acquisition commenced in the mid 60's when The Nature Conservancy and the World Wildlife Fund, non-profit conservation organizations, purchased about 3,500 acres of land. These organizations obtained this land to hold it pending availability of federal funds.

The refuge was established to protect, restore and enhance the habitat so critically needed for the survival of the endangered Attwater prairie chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido attwateri*).

This species of grouse, now endangered by the threat of extinction, was once one of the most abundant resident birds on some eight million acres of tall grass prairie in Texas and Louisiana. Its former range extended along the Gulf Coast from the Corpus Christi, Texas, "area northward to the bottom lands of the Mississippi River and inland for an average distance of about 50 to 75 miles.

A committee has been selected to serve as an advisory group to the City Council. In addition all residents are invited to assist the City with the program by identifying projects of the community and needs to fulfill these needs.

## Library Dedication

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Miss Diane O'Bannon, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pressler, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Pressler, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Toward, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Wray, and Miss Nell Willmann, all of the above from Houston; Rep. and Mrs. John Wilson of La Grange; Cong. and Mrs. J. J. Pickle and Ray Todd of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. John P. Cowan of Rockport; and Mrs. John Albert Stobbe of Long Island, New York. Mrs. Stobbe is a guest of the Wintermans this week.

## RICE DISTRICT SCHOOL MENUS

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