

## *Donor Spotlight: Concho Invests in Native Seed Program*

**A** \$275,000 gift from Concho Resources Inc., a Midland-based oil and gas company, has funded the first of a three-phase project to establish a West Texas Native Seeds Research Center in Alpine. When completed, the \$2 million center will produce bulk quantities of native seeds for use in virtually any type of land restoration, including highway right-of-ways, oil and gas development reclamation, pipeline revegetation, and replanting after natural disasters.

Concho Resources is the largest pure-play Permian Basin operator, with nearly one million gross acres. The company employs more than 1,100 people in the region and has annual sales of more than \$1.6 billion.

The greenhouse, which is the first phase of the project, will enable us to grow seeds in controlled conditions, identify which species grow best, and then determine priority plants for mass production. Phases two and three of the project will include a parking area, walking garden and outdoor classroom, and a laboratory and work space.

“Concho is committed to the responsible development of our natural resources and is excited about contributing to a project that will have a lasting impact in West Texas,” says Scott Kidwell, Concho’s Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs. “We consider it our corporate responsibility to promote sustainable development and environmental stewardship.”



*The new greenhouse for the West Texas Native Seeds program will allow researchers the ability to plant, propagate, and evaluate native seed collections in a controlled environment, furthering our ability to restore habitats across west Texas.*