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A sanctuary where eagles can continue to live in peace, away from encroaching sprawl and development, has been established along a half mile of forested shoreline on Lake Livingston in east Texas.

The donors, Suzanne B. and George H. Russell, purchased the land in 1998 from Charles Hurwitz, who also owns Pacific Lumber, with the dream of someday being able to permanently protect it as a part of our nation's vanishing natural heritage.

Shortly before Christmas, an eagle flew from the shores of what would become the new preserve, to the Russell's "Alligator Ranch" house where he perched in a tall tree. George went outside to get a better look and the eagle looked down at him as if talking, with a musical "cluck-cluck-cluck----cluck-cluck-cluck-cluck" that reminded him of a happy hen.

Russell said, "I believed that the eagle was attempting to politely ask me to please protect his home for the sake of his children and grandchildren, so I resolved then and there to establish a perpetual sanctuary, not only for the eagle but for the hundreds of other species that reside in the ancient forest and along the shores of the lake as well."

Within a few days, the Russells had made arrangements to donate a conservation easement to Natural Area Preservation Association, a Texas Land Trust, to establish the "Cuauhtlatotzin (Talking Eagle) Sanctuary" in honor of the Ethician Saint, Juan Diego, the Aztec Prince whose name in Nahuatl, is Talking Eagle.

Under the terms of the easement, the 111 lots that had been surveyed on the 46 acre property can never be developed, nor can any trees be cut or wildlife be killed. According to the Russells, waterfront property of this quality is already selling to developers for up to \$200,000 per acre on Lake Conroe only a few miles to the south, and prime waterfront lots on Lake Livingston are selling for up to \$300,000.

“I had been worrying about what might happen if someday a grandchild or great grandchild of ours should eventually inherit the property and be tempted to sell the eagle’s home to developers,” said Russell. “Now that it will be protected as a remnant of Planet Eden forever, I can sleep more peacefully,” he continued.

“When I returned from the San Jacinto County Courthouse, where I had just filed the easement document, my daughter Anne, excitedly told me that the eagle had landed in a tree adjacent to the Texas and American flags at my parent’s home on Pelican Point, a rocky peninsula just up river from the new sanctuary,” Russell exclaimed. Anne chimed in, “It was as if he had come to thank us for protecting his home.”

(Visit www.edenlost.org, www.freephotogallery.org, and www.eastersunrise.org for more information about the sanctuaries the Russell family are establishing)

George H. Russell, an outspoken opponent of the death penalty, is a resident of Huntsville, Texas, known worldwide as "The City of Death."

He is founder of The Patriot Network, and author of its 35+ web sites located at www.patriotnetwork.org, as well as founder of The Universal Ethician Church, an interfaith ministry with a worldwide following via the church's 275+ web sites located at www.salvationnetwork.org.

Russell, 57, is an educational video producer, environmental activist, historic preservation specialist, photographer, art and antique collector, philanthropist, American patriot and ethician.

Additional biographical information may be found in *Who's Who in America*, through Internet searches, and in other publications. Images of Mr. Russell suitable for downloading for publication may be found at www.salvationnetwork.org.