



MALRC On The Move

Welcome

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A huge thank you to our colleagues and friends in the Lower Rio Grande Valley who made the Border Research Initiative II a success. There are many individuals who worked hard to welcome us, too many to thank individually. A special thanks to the City of Alton, to the University of Texas - Pan American and to the Texas A&M Health Science Center South Texas Center.

And to the A&M participants in the Border Research Initiative II, it was a real pleasure getting to know all of you better. Seldom do we get the opportunity to share extended, quality time together. Among all the other benefits and opportunities that result from this trip, our time together is one of the most valued. Thanks!!!

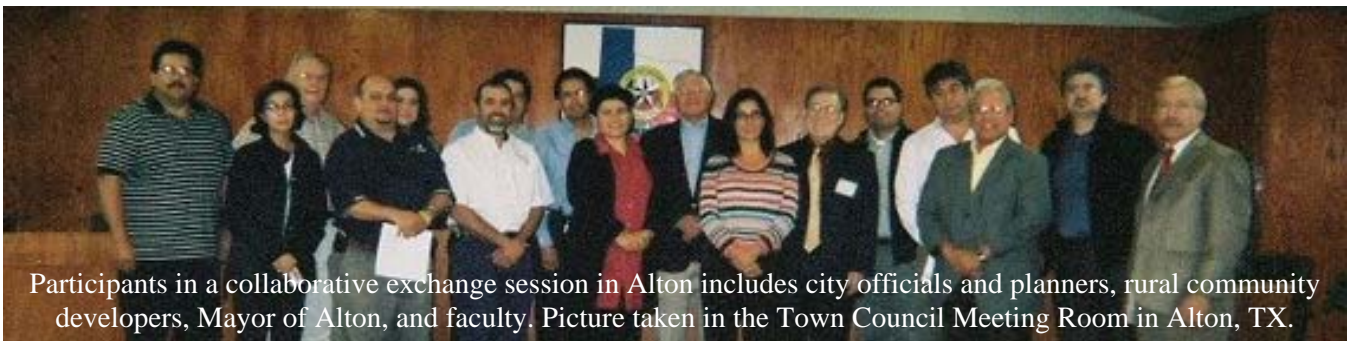
We look forward to seeing you on our next adventure.

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Hidalgo County—Border Field Initiative

MALRC was on the move in February, 2006, hosting six faculty and one Ph.D student on the second Border Research Exploration Initiative trip to the U.S.-Mexico border. Six faculty and one Ph.D. student left College Station on Wednesday, February 10 for a three day research exploration trip in the Lower Rio Grande Valley where we were hosted by the city of Alton, the University of Texas Pan American and the Texas A&M School of Rural Public Health South Texas Center. Over the course of two days, we met with over 25 faculty, local officials and community leaders to explore potential research collaborations in fields as diverse as environmental justice, education, health, media, and economic development.

The purpose of MALRC's Border Research Exploration Initiative is to network A&M faculty with potential research partners on the Border. Its objective is to facilitate the creation of research collaborations, some of which may generate applications to the MALRC's Fellows Grant Program. Beyond this objective, however, the Border Research Initiative trip has proven to be a great 'mixer' professionally and personally for the A&M participants who travel together.



Participants in a collaborative exchange session in Alton includes city officials and planners, rural community developers, Mayor of Alton, and faculty. Picture taken in the Town Council Meeting Room in Alton, TX.

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↖ Our thanks to Alicia Omaña, Assistant Director, for welcoming us to the South Texas Center of the Texas A&M Health Science Center.

Eugenia Conde-Dudding, Wendy Jepson, Edward Murguía, Nadia Flores and Jose Villalobos at the South Texas Center. ↗



↘ A Different View: The Farmer's Market ⇨

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Jose Villalobos, Edward Murguía, and Nadia Flores posing for the camera with each leg in a different country. They are standing on the Progreso and Nuevo Progreso International bridge. The concrete and metal sign behind them marks the official border between Mexico and the United States.

↙ A taste of Mexico at Restaurante Ay Jalisco.



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