



Member Organizations

- Alamo, Austin, and Lone Star chapters
- Sierra Club
- AGUA
- Bexar Audubon Society
- Bexar and Austin Green Parties
- Boerne Together
- Cibolo Nature Center
- Citizens Allied for Smart Expansion
- Citizens for the Protection of Cibolo Creek
- Environment Texas
- Environmental Stewardship Committees of the Episcopal Church of Reconciliation & Episcopal Diocese of West Texas
- First Universalist Unitarian Church of San Antonio
- Friends of Canyon Lake
- Friends of Dry Comal Creek
- Friends of Government Canyon
- Fuerza Unida
- Headwaters at Incarnate Word
- Hays Community Action Network
- Helotes Heritage Association
- Helotes Nature Center
- Hill Country Planning Association
- Green Society of UTSA
- Guadalupe River Road Alliance
- Guardians of Lick Creek
- Kendall County Well Owners Association
- Kinney County Ground Zero
- Leon Springs Business Association
- Medina County Environmental Action Association
- Native Plant Society of Texas – SA
- Northwest Interstate Coalition of Neighborhoods
- Preserve Castroville
- Preserve Lake Dunlop Association
- San Antonio Audubon Society
- San Antonio Conservation Society
- San Geronimo Valley Alliance
- San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance
- San Marcos River Foundation
- Save Barton Creek Association
- Save Our Springs Alliance
- Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage Alliance
- Securing a Future Environment
- SEED Coalition
- Solar San Antonio
- Sisters of the Divine Providence
- Travis County Green Party
- Water Aid – Texas State University
- Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation
- Wimberley Valley Watershed Association

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Honorable Chairman Perry and Members of the Senate Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs Committee,

It is with great delight that I submit this letter in support of [S.B. 2026](#), authored by Senator Rodríguez, on behalf of the fifty-two member organizations of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA). The bill directs TCEQ to produce a biennial report on Green Stormwater Infrastructure & Low-Impact Development (LID).

GEAA has been promoting the use of LID for the past ten years as a sustainable method of incorporating new development into the landscape of the Edwards Aquifer Region. Towards this goal, we have published "[Watershed Stewardship for the Edwards Aquifer Region](#)", have joined with graduate students at UTSA to research the effectiveness of LID in improving water quality and encouraging groundwater recharge, and have had great success with our [Community Rain Gardens program](#) in engaging Home Owners Associations in using LID in their common areas.

The City of San Antonio is currently distributing \$10 million in funding for projects that incorporate LID on the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. Voters approved this funding in recognition of the benefits of LID in managing stormwater in this flood prone area.

The State of Texas should take every opportunity to enhance recharge into our aquifers and ensure that our surface water supplies are replenished with high quality stormwater by encouraging the use of these common-sense and affordable techniques. We believe, and hope you agree, that S.B. 2026 is the right step in this direction and is worthy of your approval.

Respectfully,

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