

Alamo, Austin, and Lone Star chapters of  
the Sierra Club  
Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas  
Bexar Audubon Society  
Bexar Green Party  
Boerne Together  
Cibolo Nature Center  
Citizens Allied for Smart Expansion  
Citizens for the Protection of Cibolo Creek  
Environment Texas  
First Universalist Unitarian Church of  
San Antonio  
Friends of Canyon Lake  
Friends of Dry Comal Creek  
Friends of Government Canyon  
Fuerza Unida  
Green Party of Austin  
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 Nature Center  
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  
West Texas Springs Alliance  
Water Aid – Texas State University  
Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation  
Wimberley Valley Watershed Association

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Dear Chairman Larson and Members of the House Natural  
Resources Committee,


It is with great delight that I submit this letter in support of H.B.  
1536 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 H.B. 1536 is the  
right step in this direction and is worthy of your approval.

Sincerely,



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