

REQUEST FOR COVERAGE:

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AGUA and GEAA Call on City of San Antonio and VIA to Halt Plans for Park & Ride that Threatens the Edwards Aquifer

On Thursday, November 29th, the City of San Antonio will request the City Council to approve the rezoning of 20 Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone acres located at US HWY 281 and Marshall Road to allow for a Transport Park & Ride facility. According to a 1995 US Geological Survey (USGS) and San Antonio Water Systems (SAWS), the proposed site is one of the “most permeable” areas in the Recharge Zone, risking contamination of the Edwards Aquifer.

What: Aquifer Guardians (AGUA) and the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) discuss the proposal to put a Park & Ride facility on an extremely sensitive site in the Edwards Recharge Zone, which will be voted on this Thursday at the City Council hearing.

Where: AGUA/GEAA Office, 1809 Blanco (Parking in front of building – or on Elsmere or Lynwood—west side of Blanco)

When: Wednesday, November 28, 2007 @ 10:30AM

AGUA and the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance urge the Mayor and City Council to deny this request to increase impervious cover in this extremely vulnerable part of the Edwards Recharge Zone (ERZ) from the current limit of 15% to 65% to build a facility inappropriate for this location on the ERZ.