Dear Hays County GEAA members and friends,

This heads up comes to you thanks to GEAA member groups, <u>San Marcos Greenbelt</u> <u>Alliance</u> and <u>San Marcos River Foundation</u>. We want to ensure your views are reflected in the **Hays County Parks Master Plan.** Connectivity, water quality, and conserving publicly accessible natural areas for recreation benefits all citizens of Hays County.

Please pass the word: fill out the survey - support connectivity along creeks for flood and natural resources protection and connecting the San Marcos river parks to the Walk for A Day Trail along the Blanco River. San Marcos has shown that protecting natural areas while allowing for recreation works. Let's make sure that our vision is included and expanded in the Hays County Master Plan.

We urge you to complete the survey

at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HaysCountyParks. It will take approximately five minutes to complete. Then forward the link to your fellow Hays county friends, family, and neighbors.

The deadline is Saturday, May 14th.

Read more about SMGA's vision <u>here</u>. For more information on the master plan, or if the link to the survey does not work, visit http://www.co.hays.tx.us/index.php/living-and-visiting/parks-department/parks-master-plan/.

And, we urge our San Marcos members to get involved in opposing the addition of new sewage infrastructure on the Recharge Zone. Hold May 17 on your calendar for a public hearing at City Council. At that meeting Council will vote on running a sewer line thru the Spring Lake Preserve to serve new development and existing development. The new development would be devastating for the water quality of the river, as it would be in the recharge zone immediately upstream of Spring Lake along Sink Creek. That creek flows directly into the lake and the head of the river. To comment if you cannot attend that night, cityhall@sanmarcostx.gov is the email address to use.

Thank you so much for making your voice heard on these very important issues.

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