

Dear GEAA members and friends,

As you will see from this article in today's San Antonio Express News, GEAA will be very busy during the coming months and years working with landowners to address problems coming with sprawl over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. Lately, this has taken the form of protesting many plans to put in new sewage infrastructure that threatens to pollute the Edwards. There are four plans that we know of to build new infrastructure to support high density development and discharge sewage effluent at the headwaters of the Comal River. We have been very busy working with the great folks who live nearby to make sure this doesn't happen.

We are also working with <u>TESPA</u> to stop the water grab by Electro Purification, with the folks in San Antonio to pass the <u>City's Aquifer Protection Initiative</u>, with our friends in north Bexar County to <u>protect the Edwards karst critters</u>. And, we are making progress. More and more Hill Country residents and elected officials are coming to share our view that the best and highest use of land on the Edwards and Trinity watersheds is to remain sparsely developed so that it can keep providing us with high quality water.

Still, we have a sense of urgency to our work lately. These are uphill battles. We are asking you to help GEAA to impose some common sense on new development slated for Bexar, Comal, Travis and Hays counties.

As of today, we lack \$15,000 to earn the full match offered by the S/M Hixon Foundation. The Hixons have generously offered to match all donations of \$200 or more this year. If you have yet to renew your GEAA

membership, please consider making a donation that puts us on the way to securing all matching funds that are on the table.

Stay tuned for news tomorrow of what's up at the legislature.

Thank you, and **HELP!** 

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