

Dear GEAA members and friends,

While we are late in wishing you all a happy World Water Day, I assure you, we have been celebrating water all week here at the GEAA office.

Some of you met Jacques Nsengiyumva, who came to work with GEAA from the Rwanda Environmental Management Agency through a fellowship from the US State Department. Jacques' mission was to learn about using bioengineering and Low Impact Development practices to improve water quality. We were delighted to receive word that Jacques and REMA have completed their first project in Kigali. This project, at a local university, is designed to clean up sewage effluent before it is released into local waterways. We are pleased and proud that the sustainable techniques that GEAA promotes to mitigate water pollution are being put to use in Africa.



Meanwhile, here in San Antonio, we are in the midst of selecting nine sites for our [Community Rain Gardens](#), which will apply those same Low Impact Development techniques to clean up stormwater before it recharges the aquifer. The tenth will be incorporated into campus expansion plans at UTSA.





If you live in a neighborhood over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone and would be interested in having a rain garden in your common area, contact Greg Harman, our Community Rain Gardens Project manager, at gregharman@gmail.com. If you would like to install a rain garden in your yard, check out [GEAA's Low Impact Development manual](#). for instructions and plant guides.

Thank you to all of you who have renewed your memberships for 2016! So far, we are still \$6,000 short of making the full match that is on the table from the S/M Hixon Foundation. If you have yet to renew your membership, please do so today. Your membership dues keep our office going and contributes directly to all the good work we do to preserve our water – and our watersheds in the Texas Hill Country.

Stay tuned for more – and, have a great weekend!

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