

Honey Creek State Natural Area

Dear GEAA members and friends,

One of the cleanest waterways in the Texas Hill Country, Honey Creek, may soon be sullied with effluent discharge from a residential subdivision. Silesia Properties, LP (developer Kelly Leach) has applied for a permit to discharge up to 500,000 gallons/day of sewage effluent from a <u>wastewater treatment</u> plant in Spring Branch via pipe into "a dry tributary: thence to Honey Creek; thence to the Guadalupe River" near the <u>Honey Creek State Natural</u> <u>Area</u> and <u>Guadlaupe River State Park</u>. You can read more about the project <u>here</u>.

A meeting held by GEAA on October 17, 2018 to inform citizens about this permit was very well attended. We believe that there is a critical mass of us who are determined to contest the prospect of sullying yet another Hill Country waterway.

In order make our case to protect Honey Creek, we need baseline water quality studies to present as evidence of the outstanding treasure that we have in these pristine waters. The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment has generously offered to partner with GEAA to conduct the necessary tests, contributing \$3,000 in services. We are asking GEAA members to contribute \$2,000 to pay for lab testing.

Can you help out by making a tax deductible donation in any amount today? If so, <u>click here</u> or mail a check to the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, PO Box 15618, San Antonio, TX 78212.

Honey Creek has heretofore been protected to the extent that Texas Parks and Wildlife does not even allow pets to accompany their owners on visits to the preserve. It would be a crying shame to allow sewage effluent to flow through Honey Creek State Natural Area and on to Guadalupe River State Park. **Please join us by** <u>making your donation today</u>.

Stay tuned for legislative updates. GEAA staff is working hard at the State and local level to protect our Hill Country waterways from the worst aspects of suburbanization.

Thank you, and have a great weekend!

Annalisa Peace

Executive Director Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance

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