

Dear GEAA members and friends in Bulverde and Comal County,

Thank you for attending the 10/17 meeting about the permit applications to discharge sewage effluent into Honey Creek and Indian Creek. As promised, we are getting organized to contest both of these permits.

Our next meeting will be:

When: January 23, 2019 at 6:30PM

Where: GVTC Auditorium, 36101 Farm to Market 3159, New Braunfels,

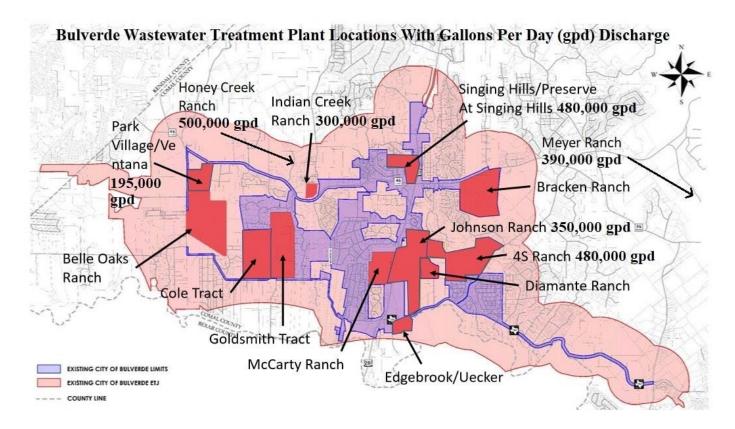
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What: Strategy Meeting Regarding Indian Creek Ranch Wastewater

Permit

We will discuss strategies for fighting a local developer's attempt to dump up to 300,000 gallons per day of treated sewage into Indian Creek, a tributary of Cibolo Creek. This strategy meeting will help us prepare for a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) public meeting regarding the Indian Creek permit, (Permit #WQ0015092001), to be held on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rahe Bulverde Elementary School Cafeteria, 1715 East Amman Road, Bulverde, Texas

In just the past year, multiple developers in the Bulverde area have filed permit applications with the TCEQ to dump treated sewage from their developments into area creeks. If these permits are approved, water quality of local streams and Edwards and Trinity wells and springs could be degraded. The map below shows the different Bulverde-area land tracts and the sewage treatment plants that are either operational or currently under construction.



The total permitted amount of treated sewage discharges in the Bulverde area could exceed 2.7 million gallons per day. While treated sewage discharge from one wastewater plant alone can have detrimental impacts, the cumulative impact of having multiple discharges within such close proximity is especially alarming.

We are really gratified that you are concerned about the impacts these projects may have on our Hill Country streams and the Edwards and Trinity aquifers. You can learn more about the impacts of discharging treated sewage effluent into Hill Country waterways here. We will be adding information as it becomes available.

I look forward to working with all of you to keep Bulverde area creeks free from flowing sewage. I am optimistic that, working together, we will make a difference.

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Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance

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