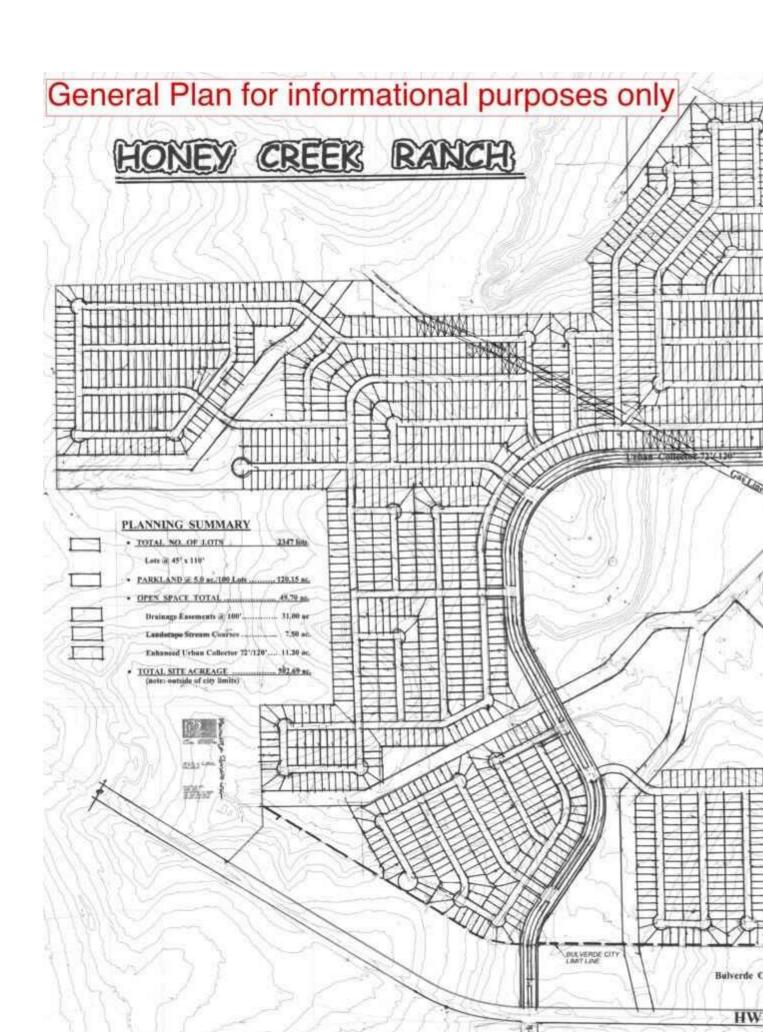
Dear GEAA members and friends,

A big thank you to all of you who responded so quickly to our appeal to fund baseline water quality monitoring for Honey Creek. We are delighted to report that over the weekend donations came in that put us very close to our goal.

I am also delighted to report that on February 12th, the Mayor and City Council of Bulverde passed a resolution opposing legislation for the creation of a Comal County Honey Creek Ranch Municipal Utility District.

Unfortunately, when a determined developer is involved, cities and citizens don't always have the last word. We have learned that the developer of Honey Creek Ranch is seeking legislation to allow for the creation of this MUD despite local opposition to their plan to discharge sewage effluent from 2,396 houses on 592 acres next door to Honey Creek State Natural Area.



With a site this densly developed, there is likely the prospect of polluted stormwater impacting Honey Creek, as well.

We hope that <u>State Senator Donna Campbell</u> and <u>State Representative Kyle Biedermann</u> will decline to sponsor this legislation in light of the many problems associated with this project and with respect to the wishes of their constituents in Bulverde.

In the event that a bill does get filed to enable the creation of a Honey Creek Ranch MUD, GEAA will be coordinating efforts to stop it. So, stay tuned for more.

All too often, stealth legislation like this is filed to create special districts where there is local opposition to projects. Read more <a href="here">here</a>. We would ultimately like to see some sorely needed reforms adopted by the State to address these issues.

We are keeping busy looking at all the legislation related to GEAA's mission of protecting our water resources and the Texas Hill Country. As always, we will be sending out our legislative agenda listing bills we like and bills we hate and we will keep you posted on actions you can take.

If you would like to help us make up the remaining \$425.00 to fund baseline water quality monitoring for Honey Creek <u>click here</u> or mail a check to the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, PO Box 15618, San Antonio, TX 78212.

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