



Land Conservation Options for Comal County was a big success!

Dear GEAA members and friends,

About 100 people came out on a cold rainy night last week to participate in a discussion of [Land Conservation Options for Comal County](#) at the McKenna Center in New Braunfels. Judging from the feedback and the great turnout, we believe it was an evening well-spent. Read the report from the New Braunfels Herald Zeitung [here](#) and a more detailed report at [My Canyon Lake.com](#).

A [panel discussion](#) that included presentations from regional [experts](#) outlined what other individuals, groups, and counties are doing to preserve open space in the Edwards and Trinity Aquifer regions. You can view and share the presentations by clicking [here](#) and scrolling down to "Conference Presentations".

Most of us are aware of the [growth predicted for communities along the IH 35 corridor](#) between San Antonio and Austin. GEAA member groups like [San Marcos River Foundation](#), [Save Our Springs Alliance](#), and [Wimberley Valley Watershed Association](#) have made real progress in permanently protecting parcels of land that are crucial to delivering clean stormwater to recharge San Marcos and Barton springs and Jacobs Well. Within the past month San Marcos City Council [voted to enter a lease-purchase agreement](#) with the Trust for Public Land to purchase 102 acres of undeveloped land, while Travis County citizens approved [\\$16 million in bond funding](#) that will go towards conservation easements aimed at preserving open space and protecting water quality.

It was clear that many in attendance were inspired to engage in future efforts to emulate these projects in Comal County. GEAA and co-presenters, [League of Women Voters of the Comal Area](#) and the [Hill Country Alliance](#), are thrilled that there seems to be a desire to keep exploring – and acting on – options for preserving precious tracts of land in Comal County that contribute clean water to our springs and rivers and, that make Comal one of the most beautiful counties in Texas.

To facilitate further discussion, we have added a comment section on the Land Conservation Options for Comal County [web page](#) where Comal residents can share ideas, news, and suggestions with others who visit the site.

We have also provided the means for Comal residents who were not in attendance to [sign up to participate](#). Just scroll down to "Stay Informed". Please feel free to forward an invitation to sign up to anyone who may be interested in contributing to the discussion and receiving news and notices of future events.

We are grateful to all who participated to make [Land Conservation Options for Comal County](#) a great event, and to all of you who make it possible for GEAA to present programs such as this.

Stay tuned for more and have a wonderful weekend!

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