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Soon!**

- A: To be dedicated by
La Cima**
- B: To be purchased with
Hays County POSAC
bonds**
- C: Gary Property**



Today we'd like to focus on the importance of another hard-working GEAA Member Group, the San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance! This all-volunteer group has been working to protect the quality of life for the people of San Marcos through the creation of interconnected parks and natural areas since its founding in 1998.

Since that time, SMGA has supported the efforts of the City of San Marcos to acquire over 2,000 acres of conservation lands, much of which is located in the Edwards Aquifer recharge and contributing zones, and in watersheds leading to the San Marcos River. This year, SMGA will celebrate its 25th anniversary!

SMGA's volunteer trail crew builds and maintains trails and overlooks in the city's natural areas, like the ones at Purgatory Creek and Spring Lake. At last count, the trail crew has completed over 20 miles of single-track trails.

This has not been an easy task but, with hard work and dedication it can be and is being done! From prickly pears to wild grasses, these beautiful areas are accessible and protected because of the hard work of SMGA.

Their work is creating places where community members can get outdoors, walk their dogs, and truly enjoy the natural world that's right behind their fences.

Moreover, the natural areas function to maintain water quality and mitigate flood hazards to the San Marcos community. SMGA is assisting the city with the development of a Natural Areas Management Plan that will protect San Marcos' natural areas for generations to come.

If you're interested in learning more about them and how to be a part of the beneficial changes that are coming from their good work, check them out at <https://smgreenbelt.org/>.

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