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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### This month's GEAA member group spotlight features: Save Barton Creek Association (SBCA)

Save Barton Creek Association (SBCA) is dedicated to protecting all Central Texas streams and aquifers for future generations. They do this through public education, community outreach, and collaborative advocacy. They work on a full range of water-related issues to preserve water quality, conserve water supplies, prevent flooding, and promote environmental equity.

SBCA was founded in 1979, making them one of the oldest grassroots environmental groups in the state. They're currently working with their partners in the Wastewater Conservation Coalition to protect Hill Country streams from pollution caused by treated sewage. SBCA was one of four groups that petitioned TCEQ in 2022 to stop issuing new wastewater discharge permits on the state's last remaining streams. And last year they joined with GEAA and others to raise the funds for research that convinced TCEQ to issue a new wastewater permit on the South San Gabriel River with the lowest limit ever on algae-causing phosphorus.

In their hometown of Austin, they're working with city staff and local neighbors to preserve the Shudde Fath Tract, a 77-acre undeveloped property next to the Barton Creek Greenbelt. They hold regular events for the public, including monthly Happy Hour speaker talks, guided hikes along Barton Creek, and nature-restoration workdays with their partners.

*For more information, you can contact them at [SBCA@SaveBartonCreek.org](mailto:SBCA@SaveBartonCreek.org), or by visiting [SaveBartonCreek.org](http://SaveBartonCreek.org).*

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