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Member Group Spotlight:

Save Salado Creek

Bell County

Mission

The mission of Save Salado Creek is to safeguard the health of Salado Creek and its environment through science-based practices, sustained advocacy for long-term watershed protection, and community engagement.

History and Progress

Save Salado Creek was formed by community members who recognized the ecological and cultural importance of Salado Creek and the growing pressures threatening its health. As development expands across Central Texas and especially in Bell County, the creek and its watershed face increasing risks from pollution, habitat loss, and unsustainable land use.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is currently reviewing permit applications for 12 new wastewater facilities that could discharge up to 8 million gallons of treated sewage per day into Salado Creek, a stream that flows over the Edwards Aquifer. This is one of the largest concentrations of new wastewater permit applications anywhere in Texas. Five of the permits have already been approved, and the remaining proposals could significantly impact the creek's ecosystem if allowed to proceed.

Potential consequences include harmful algae blooms that could limit recreation, contamination risks for nearby drinking water wells, and increased threats to the endangered Salado Salamander.

Save Salado Creek is working to oppose these permits and raise awareness about the importance of protecting the creek's water quality, riparian habitats, and surrounding green spaces. Through community organizing, partnerships with local conservation groups, and engagement with local decision-makers, Save Salado Creek continues to advocate for responsible development practices, stronger environmental protections, and better stewardship of the watershed.

How to Follow and Support

- Learn more about Save Salado Creek and how you can support their work by [visiting their website](#).
- Stay connected with their latest updates, advocacy efforts, and opportunities to get involved by following their social media channels.