Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance

Member Organizations

Act Now Comal
Alamo, Austin, and Lone Star chapters of the Sierra Club
Bexar Audubon Society
Bexar and Travis-Austin Green Parties
Bexar Grotto
Boerne Together
Bulverde Neighborhood Alliance
Bulverde Neighborhoods for Clean Water
Cibolo Center for Conservation
Citizens for the Protection of Cibolo Creek
Comal Conservation
Congregation of Divine Providence
Environment Texas
First Universalist Unitarian Church of SA
Fitzhugh Neighbors
Friends of Canyon Lake
Friends of Castroville Regional Park
Friends of Dry Comal Creek
Friends of Government Canyon
Fuerza Unida
Green Society of UTSA
Guadalupe Riverkeepers
Guadalupe River Road Alliance
Guardians of Lick Creek
Hays Residents for Land & Water Protection
Headwaters at Incarnate Word
Helotes Heritage Association
Hill Country Alliance
Kendall County Well Owners Association
Las Moras Springs Association
Leon Springs Business Association
Llano River Watershed Alliance
Native Plant Society of Texas -- NB
Native Plant Society of Texas – SA
Northwest Interstate Coalition of Neighborhoods
Pedernales River Alliance – Gillespie Co.
Preserve Castroville
Preserve Lake Dunlop Association
Preserve Our Hill Country Environment
River Aid San Antonio
San Antonio Audubon Society
San Antonio Conservation Society
San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance
San Marcos River Foundation
Save Barton Creek Association
Save Our Springs Alliance
Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage Alliance
Securing a Future Environment (SAFE)
SEED Coalition
Signal Hill Area Alliance
Sisters of the Divine Providence
Solar San Antonio
Texans for Environmental Awareness
Texas Cave Management Association
Trinity Edwards Spring Protection Assoc.
Water Aid – Texas State University
Watershed Association
Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

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The Honorable Mayor Ortiz-Jones and Members of City Council
Sent via email

Honorable Mayor Ortiz-Jones and Members of San Antonio City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the fifty-nine member organizations and thousands of individual members of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) to urge you to add repeal of S.B. 2038, which was passed during the 88th legislative session.

S.B. 2038 provides property owners a mechanism to disannex their land from a city's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Since its implementation, hundreds of petitions for release from ETJs have been submitted to and approved by municipalities throughout Central Texas.

The released areas are now subject only to county and state regulations. These releases have the potential to put much of the land over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone and throughout the environmentally sensitive Edwards and Trinity Aquifer watersheds at risk of environmental degradation, threatening the health, safety, and quality of life of Texans.

Cities have no real ability to deny a petition for release. As long as the petition meets the provisions of the law, the land will be automatically released from a city's ETJ 45 days after submission, even if the petition is denied.

In 2024, GEAA released a report, "A Review of the Impacts of Senate Bill 2038 on Land Use and Water Supplies in Central Texas" that details the considerable negative impacts of S.B. 2038 from the time it took effect on September 1, 2023 to May, 2024.

Given the need to enforce San Antonio's Edwards Aquifer Protection ordinances in our ETJ, this would be an appropriate item to add to the City's legislative agenda.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

Respectfully,

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