



Neighbor to Neighbor

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The Mission of the Hill Country Alliance is to bring together an ever-expanding alliance of groups throughout a multi-county region of Central Texas with the long-term objective of preserving open spaces, water supply, water quality and the unique character of the Texas Hill Country.

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Hill Country News

TRCA 2010 State Conference, March 12-13 in Kerrville

The mission of the Texas Rainwater Catchment Association is to provide Texas citizens with credible information and resources on rainwater collection, to promote the advancement of rainwater conservation and to work with state, county and other local government units in promoting rainwater catchment. The agenda of this conference has been put together with that mission in mind. - [Details and Registration](#)

Texas Water Matters

Texas Water Matters is an outstanding resource on all things related to water planning in Texas. The site is full of current information on all water planning processes. Recently the project added new features to their website illustrating the “interconnectivity” of surface and ground water supplies. Check out the [Living Waters Project](#) and specifically the latest material on interconnectivity [here](#).

Protecting the Legacy of your Land

President Lyndon Johnson said "The best fertilizer for a piece of land is the footprints of its owner." Ranchers and farmers develop a close relationship with the land, and most realize that there is always more to learn about being a good steward of their property. And then there is the question about what happens to the land after the owner passes on, or sells his beloved land. [Read more...](#)

Boerne's Herff Farm Listed as Endangered Historic Place

It has survived hostile attacks and the fury of Mother Nature but the Herff Farm in Boerne could face its toughest challenge yet: urban sprawl. But now the historic homestead is getting some needed attention after it was named an Endangered Historic Place. Texas Public Radio's David Martin Davies has the story [here](#).

Report Outlines Threats to James River, a Major Llano River Tributary

The James River is a relatively unknown and unspoiled gem in Central Texas. Environmental Defense Fund's new report, "The Unknown River of Central Texas," describes the importance of the river's water resources to local communities, ranchers and wildlife, in an area that would otherwise be void of surface water. [Read more...](#)

Ranchers team up with feds to clear cedar, boost water supply

As water supplies become more valuable, conservationists say proper range management is an important way to improve them in urban areas, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service has begun an effort it calls Rural Land-Urban Water to promote the connection to urban audiences. "We can't make it rain in Texas when and where it's needed," state conservationist Don Gohmert said. "But conservation measures on the state's vast rural lands can increase the amount, and improve the quality, of water available to Texas cities." Read full Statesman.com article [here](#).

Drop by Drop: Seven Ways Texas Cities Can Conserve Water

The National Wildlife Federation and the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club released a joint report today recommending seven common-sense water conservation measures. The report reviews 19 cities around the state to see where these measures are in place and concludes that, with some exceptions, most of the cities surveyed are not doing enough to make the most efficient use of existing water supplies. [Read more...](#)

Watershed group meetings slated for spring in Seguin, New Braunfels

The Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Partnership will conduct various workgroup meetings this spring in Seguin and New Braunfels. Data obtained from these group meetings will be used in watershed characterization and evaluation toward developing a Watershed Protection Plan. [Read more](#)

Upcoming Events

March

March 12-13 in Kerrville - Texas Rainwater Catchment Association 2010 State Conference - [Details and Registration](#)

March 12-14 in Junction - Riparian Essentials in Practice Workshop - Hosted by Texas Riparian Association - [Details](#)

March 25 - Water Issue Symposium “Kids, Water and Science: Perspectives from Our Future” - [Details](#)

March 25 in Boerne - Free Texas Watershed Steward Training Program - [Details](#)

March 27 - Lyndon B. Johnson Historical Park announces the 3rd annual LBJ 100 Bicycle Tour - [Details](#)

March 31 in Austin - 2010 Envision Central Texas Regional Forum Series - Bringing together regional leaders to examine the critical infrastructure needs and resource constraints facing Central Texas and how to translate these challenges into opportunities - [Details](#)

April

April 6 in Canyon Lake - Annual Research Update on Geology in the Canyon Lake Gorge, Presentation by Southwest Research Institute - [Visit Website](#)

April 13 in Kerrville - “The Geology of the Hill Country” - Hosted by Riverside Nature Center - [Details](#)

April 17 in Kerrville - Earth Day Celebration - Sponsored by Riverside Nature Center and the Kerrville Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas - [Details](#)

April 24 in New Braunfels - 4th Annual New Braunfels Earth Day Celebration - [Details](#)

April 28-30 in Austin - 2010 Statewide Land Conservation Conference - [Details and Registration](#)

May

May 31 - Last day of 2010 Hill Country Alliance Photo Contest.

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