



# 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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## Recent News

### It’s Not Just About the Drought

Many more people have moved to the Hill Country since the last drought and have substantially increased demand on the water supply. “In some places, we have already exceeded a safe yield - water that is available during a drought,” Read the full article [here](#).

### ECT hosts 81st Legislative Roundup Luncheon August 31st

The Envision Central Texas Land Use Committee is hosting a forum on Monday, August 31st from 11:30 to 1:15 at the Hyatt Regency Austin. This important event will provide a unique opportunity to hear from members of our Central Texas Legislative Delegation regarding issues critical to our region’s future, specifically related to transportation and land use policy. Seating is limited, if you are interested in attending, register today. Learn more [here](#).

### Austin water treatment plant debate

City Council keeps treatment facility on pace for spring construction as some members begin to question need, cost. Read the full Statesman article [here](#). A special meeting has been called for September 17th to debate this issue before a definitive vote in October. Previous news on this issue [here](#).

### The latest news and updates about Hill Country transmission lines (CREZ)

[SOS Hill Country Environment](#), a group out of Gillespie County provides regular updates about wind farms and transmission lines in the scenic Hill Country landscape. Find out the latest about the LCRA plans, PUC comments and upcoming hearings [here](#). For additional information from Kimble County see [www.clearviewalliance.org](http://www.clearviewalliance.org).

### Northern Hill Country residents organized along the Lampasas River

Much like the ClearView Alliance and SOS Hill Country Environment, the Save the Lampasas River Group has formed to promote wise and careful planning of proposed transmission lines through the Texas Hill Country. Learn more on their new website, [www.savethelampasas.org](http://www.savethelampasas.org). The group’s first fundraiser has been announced for August 22nd.

## Meet the Alliance

Discover the many “[Friends of HCA](#)”. Together we are creating a strong community of groups who are working towards a sustainable future for this precious region. [Contact HCA](#) about adding your group or business to our network of friends.

## Upcoming Events

August 10 in Austin - CAMPO Transportation Policy Board meeting - [Details](#)

August 13 in Austin - PUC Open Meeting - CREZ on the agenda - [Details](#)

August 14 in Bandera - Rainwater Harvesting for your House - 4th in Bandera County and Texas AgriLife Extension Service's four-part rainwater harvesting series - Call for details 830-796-7755

August 17-21 in Bandera - Texas Watershed Planning Short Course - Seats limited - [Details and Registration](#)

August 19 in Helotes - The Fate of a Raindrop - Presented by Matt Wagner, Texas Parks and Wildlife - 6pm at Helotes Creek Nature Center - [Website](#)

August 22 in Killeen - Save the Lampasas River Fundraiser - [Details](#)

August 31 in Austin - Envision Central Texas 81st Legislative Roundup Luncheon - [Details](#) and [Registration](#)

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