



## 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

### **FLOW on over to Wimberley September 11-13 For Love Of Water**

This water event is unique in bringing together the heart and soul of water to ease the fears brought on by drought, dried up rivers and springs and dusty wells. The speakers present information you need to be aware of and practical actions you can take, collectively and individually, to improve the water cycle, to catch the raindrops where they fall, to reduce waste and to collaborate with others to insure our water resource is sustainable far into the future. Learn more [here](#).

### **The Texas Drought Project: Helping Texans Pass "the Test"**

The Texas Drought Project will bring together experts in farming, ranching, hydrology, civil engineering, climatology, conservation and environmental science to present forums in key regions most affected by drought in Texas. Click [here](#) to learn more.

### **Hill Country Conservancy shifts into high gear**

Scott Storm decided the best way to keep his family's ranch together was through a conservation agreement that would protect more than 5,000 acres covered in live oak, Spanish oak and native prairie grasses. So he started working with the Hill Country Conservancy to do so. Read full Austin Business Journal article [here](#).

### **Town Hall Meeting debate over City of Austin's Water Treatment Plan 4**

Water Treatment Plan 4, is a City of Austin project to pump, treat and pipe water from Lake Travis – ultimately producing 300 million gallons of water a day. There will be a Town Hall style meeting 6:00pm Thursday, September 17th at St. Edward's University to debate this issue. Take a look at Lake Travis and consider if we ought to think this through carefully. Show up at the debate. Learn more about this issue [here](#).

### **Drought drying Barton Springs**

The most severe drought in the nation is drying up one of Austin's most treasured natural resources, the spring-fed Barton Creek Pool where more than 400,000 visitors from around the world flock each year. Read full SA Express story [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

September 11-13 in Wimberley - 2009 For the Love of Water (F.L.O.W.) Conference - [Details and Registration](#)

September 14 in Austin - CAMPO Transportation Policy Board meeting - [Details](#)

September 16 - World Ozone Day

September 24-25 in Austin - Conservation Easement Seminar - [Details and Registration](#)

September 24-25 in Houston - Sustainable Economics for the Texas Triangle Conference - [Details and Registration](#)

September 25-27 - Renewable Energy Roundup & Green Living Fair - [Details](#)

September 28 - Green Consumer Day

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