



# Texas Hill Country Conservation Network

## Challenges to the Hill Country

The Texas Hill Country is at a crossroads and facing tremendous threats. This region filled with natural beauty and a rich cultural heritage is falling victim to ever-increasing land fragmentation, rapid expansion of impermeable surfaces, unsustainable groundwater pumping, changing climate patterns, and a unique set of regulatory challenges making it difficult to sustainably manage a booming population and industrial growth. Wide open spaces, much-loved vistas, clear clean spring and stream flow, natural habitats for wildlife, rural character, starry night skies, and small-town charm are in jeopardy.

## What is the Network?

In 2017, a coalition of organizations and agencies came together to form the Texas Hill Country Conservation Network (THCCN/the Network) to advance shared goals for conservation of the Texas Hill Country. The Network aims to significantly scale up the impact of conservation-focused organizations working together to protect natural resources and quality of life.

## Why a Network?

Without collaboration and focused efforts, we will not keep pace with the loss of open space, the threats to water resources, and the challenges facing our region. Together, we can inspire greater action and realize more significant results than any one organization could achieve alone.

In addition to making positive impacts on the ground, the Network seeks to increase the visibility of collaboration among conservation-focused organizations and to help them scale their ambition, activities and collective impact. The Network provides a clear platform from which conservation-focused organizations can collectively engage with landowners, businesses, farmers and ranchers, local and county officials, city and county leaders, state and federal agencies, outdoor and hunting enthusiasts, tourism industry members, and many other groups.

*The window of opportunity to keep our beloved Hill Country region natural and scenic will likely close within our generation.*

### MISSION STATEMENT

**To maximize protection of the Hill Country's natural resources through enhanced collaboration.**

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