



News from the Helotes Heritage Association

Dear Readers,

The sustained health and safety of the Edwards Aquifer are threatened by development over the recharge and contributing zones, which are the source areas for this valuable, yet vulnerable, resource. Sadly, local governments make short-sighted decisions to disregard sensible zoning for the sole purpose to increase the local tax base. Tragically, the long-term cost to our principal source of drinking water could be much, much greater if unbridled development continues and sources of recharge are degraded and contaminated.

Although HHA has supported efforts by the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) to oppose the City of San Antonio's City Council continued actions to rezone the Edwards Aquifer recharge and contributing zones from low density residential to high density commercial, our combined efforts have not been successful in stopping or even slowing this continuous erosion of sensible land-use planning.

For this reason, HHA believes the only reasonable approach to protect the Edwards Aquifer is to bring sensible planning to development over the recharge and contributing zones. HHA will work toward this goal by helping to educate the public and to influence elected officials to better appreciate the long-term threat that poorly planned development poses to the Edwards Aquifer recharge and contributing zones.

There will be a presentation and field trip this Saturday to explain the nature of recharge of the Edwards Aquifer to better understand the importance of protecting the source areas. The following statement has been sent to advertise this event:

"Ron Green, PhD, a local hydrogeologist, will make a presentation on 'Helotes Creek and Its Importance to the Edwards Aquifer' at 1 pm on Saturday December 29, 2007. The presentation will be made in the open field across from Floore Country Store in Helotes. The presentation will include a general discussion of the Edwards Aquifer, the nature of Helotes Creek, and the importance of Helotes Creek to recharge of the Edwards Aquifer. The presentation will include a short field trip of Helotes Creek in Helotes. The presentation is free and open to the public. Children and families are welcome. In the event of rain, the presentation will be postponed until a future date."

Sincerely,
Ron Green, President
Helotes Heritage Association