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Request for Coverage

**Hill Country Planning Association and Other Neighbors of Camp Bullis
Unite With Army to Request Same Actions within Buffer Zone**

WHEN: Tuesday, June 24th, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

**WHERE: Western District Court of Texas front steps
655 Durango - Round Bldg in Hemisphere Park**

WHAT: The Hill Country Planning Association, counting many members who live within the five mile buffer zone requested to protect Camp Bullis, unite with other member groups of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance and the U.S. Army to request specific measures to address their common issues:

- Require developers to follow the current law - If a tract within the buffer zone is greater than two acres and half of the trees are to be cleared, an Endangered Species Survey should be submitted to US Fish & Wildlife prior to clearing.
- Notice of new activity within the buffer zone for projects greater than two acres where half of the trees within the project area are to be cleared. Currently, the Army and property owners are only notified of projects within 200' of their property line.
- Require those selling land within the buffer zone to disclose that fact, and that the property may be affected by operations at Camp Bullis.

HCPA members will also address problems with light pollution, flooding, the loss of historic and cultural sites, loss of recharge for the Trinity and Edwards karst aquifer systems, loss of wildlife habitat and other issues associated with high-density development around Camp Bullis. Speakers will include Susan Beavins, Myfe Moore, Bebe Fenstermaker, Jennifer Nottingham, and Annalisa Peace. Other GEAA member groups, including San Geronimo Valley Alliance, Helotes Heritage Association and AGUA will be represented, as will the U.S. Army.

Hill Country Planning Association- (HCPA) was formed in response to the escalating challenges brought to the Hill Country by rapid development in northern Bexar County. Concerned citizens began meeting in 2007 to share ideas about strengthening community activism and educating the public about regional planning, conservation development and a more responsible approach growth in the hill country.

The **Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance** unites 43 organizations from throughout the Edwards Region behind a comprehensive plan to protect the Edwards and Trinity aquifers, their springs and watersheds, flora and fauna, and the Texas Hill Country. For additional information on the Greater Edwards Aquifer

Alliance visit www.aquiferalliance.org.

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Alamo Group of the Sierra Club
Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas
Austin Regional Sierra Club
Bexar Audubon Society
Boerne Together
Cibolo Nature Center
Citizens Allied for Smart Expansion
Environmental Stewardship
Committees of the Episcopal Church
of Reconciliation & Episcopal
Diocese of West Texas
Environment Texas
First Universalist Unitarian Church of
San Antonio
Friends of Canyon Lake
Fuerza Unida
Government Canyon Natural History
Association
Hays Community Action Network
Helotes Heritage Association
Helotes Nature Center
Hill Country Planning Association
Guardians of Lick Creek
Kendall County Well Owners
Association
Kinney County Ground Zero
Medina County Environmental Action
Association
Northwest Interstate Coalition of
Neighborhoods
Preserve Castroville
Preserve Lake Dunlop Association
Preserve Our Water-Blanco County
San Antonio Conservation Society
San Geronimo Valley Alliance
San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance
San Marcos River Foundation
Santuario Sisterfarm
Save Barton Creek Association
Save Our Springs Alliance
Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage Alliance
Securing a Future Environment
Sisters of the Divine Providence
Smart Growth San Antonio
SEED Coalition
Texas Water Alliance
West Texas Springs Alliance
Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation
Wimberley Valley Watershed
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