

Dear GEAA Members and Friends,

GEAA is pleased to announce that, thanks to a \$10,000 grant from Rackspace, during 2014 GEAA Education Director, Joann De Luna, presented GEAA's Aquifer Education program to 1,553 students in the San Antonio area and took 300 students on field trips to Government Canyon so that they could see for themselves how a watershed supplies us with fresh water. Most gratifying is that 86% of students participating demonstrated a solid grasp of the information presented. Thanks, Joann!

Thanks, too, to GEAA Technical Director, Carol Fisher and UTSA Graduate Intern, Carla Burrell for dogging the individual projects that threaten to compromise the Edwards Recharge Zone during 2014. I recall someone saying that this is like trying to put out a forest fire with a squirt gun. But, we prefer to think of it as throwing a wet blanket on the worst of these projects. Our research and media alerts, combined with your voice, have resulted in some solid successes during 2014 - most notably the combined efforts of BCI, GEAA, Ron Nirenberg, and you that resulted in the public purchase of land slated for development that threatened the Bracken Bat Preserve.

While we would love to see comprehensive reform that would ensure large scale protection of our Aquifer, that doesn't look likely to happen during the upcoming legislative session. No legislators from our regional delegation have responded positively to our request to file legislation that would prohibit discharge of sewage effluent into water ways that recharge the Edwards Aquifer. And, we don't see any other plans for legislation needed to impose some common sense on development of the Edwards Aquifer watershed. We do anticipate being plenty busy with squelching legislation that would compromise our groundwater, and we will keep working hard to make Texas a State that properly appreciates clean water. At least we know that our Junior High and High School students get it.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!

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