

Dear GEAA Landowners,

You are invited to attend the initial meeting of a land stewards group for the San Antonio area that will be devoted to issues of importance to landowners and to the resources you steward. In the Austin area land managers recently met to discuss the myths and truths about ashe juniper—its origin and distribution, water “guzzling” reputation, behavior in a fire, etc. Participants brought citations from scientific/land management journals, discussed the issues, and a couple of people are compiling the citations which will be made available to all participants.

Jayne Neal, Park Naturalist for the City of San Antonio, wants to organize the same kind of collaborative lands stewards group for the San Antonio areat. In addition to land owners and land managers, she has invited resource experts and members of the academic community in hopes of connecting people who manage land with people who have research interests and/or resource expertise. Groups represented include landowners, agencies (such as Texas Parks and Wildlife, Edwards Aquifer Authority, San Antonio River Authority), environmental consultants, universities, and resource people (like the US Geological Survey).

The first meeting will be Tues., March 27, 1:30-3:30 at the Friedrich Wilderness Park classroom.

For directions, please see <http://www.sanaturalareas.org/fp/fpmaps.html>, or feel free to contact Jayne.Neal@sanantonio.gov .

Please come prepared to talk about your ideas for our group. What would you like to get from our meetings? How often should we meet? What topics should we discuss? What can you contribute?

Please let Jayne know if you are coming, and feel free to forward this invitation to others who might be interested.

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Have a great weekend!

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