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EDWARDS AQUIFER
PROTECTION PROGRAM

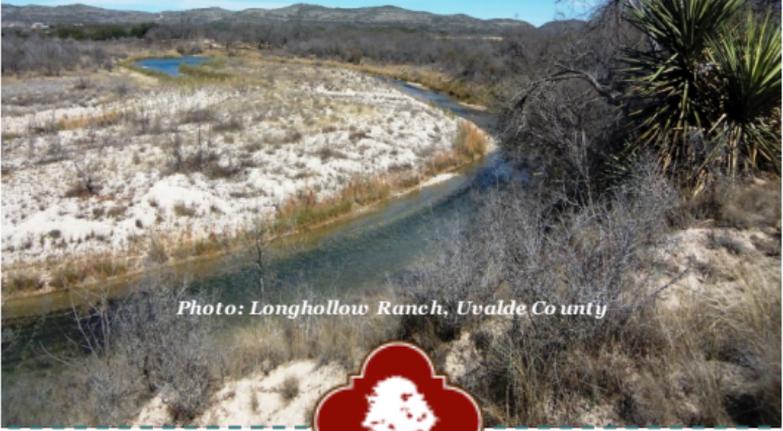


Photo: Longhollow Ranch, Uvalde County



Safeguarding San Antonio's Primary Source of Drinking Water:

Edwards Aquifer Protection Program Accomplishments & Future Funding Plan



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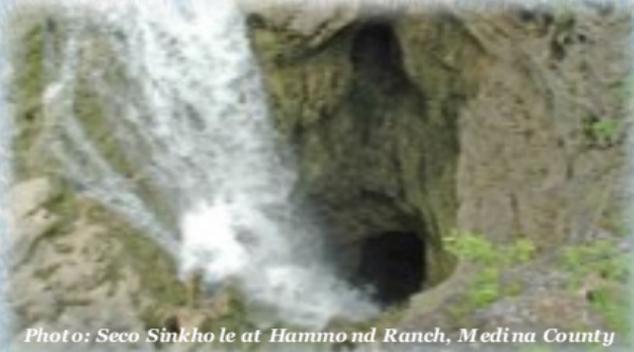
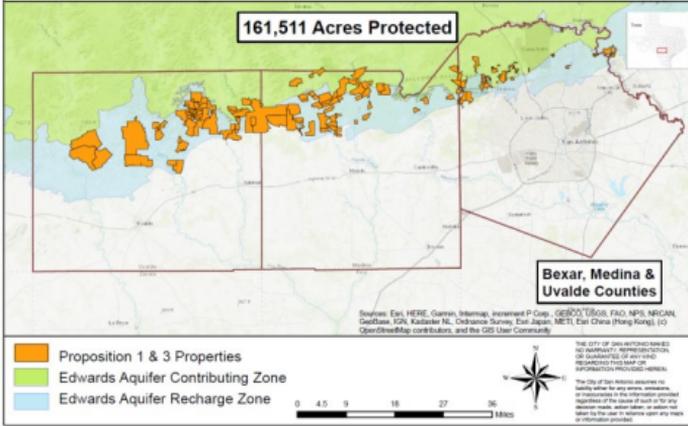


Photo: Seco Sinkhole at Hammo nd Ranch, Medina County

EAPP Funding History & Accomplishments

Program (Year)	Funding Approved	Acres Protected
Proposition 3 (2000)	\$45 Million	6,553
Proposition 1 (2005)	\$90 Million	90,150
Proposition 1 (2010)	\$90 Million	51,078
Proposition 1 (2015)	\$100 Million*	13,730 (to date)
TOTAL	\$325 Million	161,511

* \$90M approved for acquisition of property and conservation easements; \$10M approved for water quality demonstration projects in Bexar County over the recharge and contributing zones.

FUNDING THE FUTURE OF EAPP

On August 13, 2020, San Antonio City Council approved an Ordinance which places a proposition on the November 3, 2020 ballot for workforce training and higher education to be funded through the 1/8-cent sales tax venue currently dedicated to funding the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP) and Linear Creekway Program which is projected to expire in the Spring of 2020.

Given the significant importance and accomplishments of the EAPP, the City has developed an alternative funding plan to continue protecting the aquifer, the City's primary source of water. The following are key highlights:

- ⇒ *Funding from the sales tax proposition approved in 2015 is projected to fund the Program through fiscal year 2022;*
- ⇒ *Alternative funding plan for the Program approved by City Council on September 17, 2020;*
- ⇒ *No interruption of EAPP activities as the alternative funding will begin in fiscal year 2023;*
- ⇒ *City commits to \$100 million in funding the EAPP over a period of up to ten years;*
- ⇒ *Funding for the EAPP will come from the issuance of debt, cash funding, or a combination of both;*
- ⇒ *The City will allocate funds in its annual budget to pay for the funding requirements (debt service requirements and/cash funding) for the EAPP;*
- ⇒ *[Click here](#) for detailed information on the funding plan.*

FUNDING PLAN BENEFITS



Program Funding in the amount of \$100 million will support additional protection of sensitive lands over the Edwards Aquifer recharge and contributing zones;



Provides continuation of the EAPP with seamless transition to the alternative funding plan;



Current EAPP operating structure including the role of the Conservation Advisory Board remain intact;



Any material changes to the Alternative Funding Plan for the EAPP would require City Council to amend through formal action and only after two public hearings were held at least thirty (30) days apart.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Will the San Antonio Water System be taking over operation of the City of San Antonio's Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP)?

A: *No. The City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department will continue to manage and staff the EAPP. The EAPP will continue to acquire conservation easements and properties while monitoring protected properties under the new funding plan.*

Q: What will happen to the Conservation Advisory Board (CAB)?

A: *The CAB will remain in place and function as it does today. The CAB will provide guidance and recommendations to staff on conservation easement acquisitions and program strategies.*

Q: What happens to the conservation easements and land purchased under the EAPP with sales tax funds once a change is made to the alternative funding plan?

A: *The conservation easements and land purchased under the EAPP exist in perpetuity and are not affected by the change to a new funding plan. These program acquisitions will remain with the City of San Antonio and continue to be monitored for compliance by EAPP staff.*

Q: Will the alternative funding plan for the EAPP cause a SAWS rate increase?

A: *No, under the alternative funding plan, the City will be funding the requirements for the EAPP through its annual budget from growth in the General Fund Operating Budget.*

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