

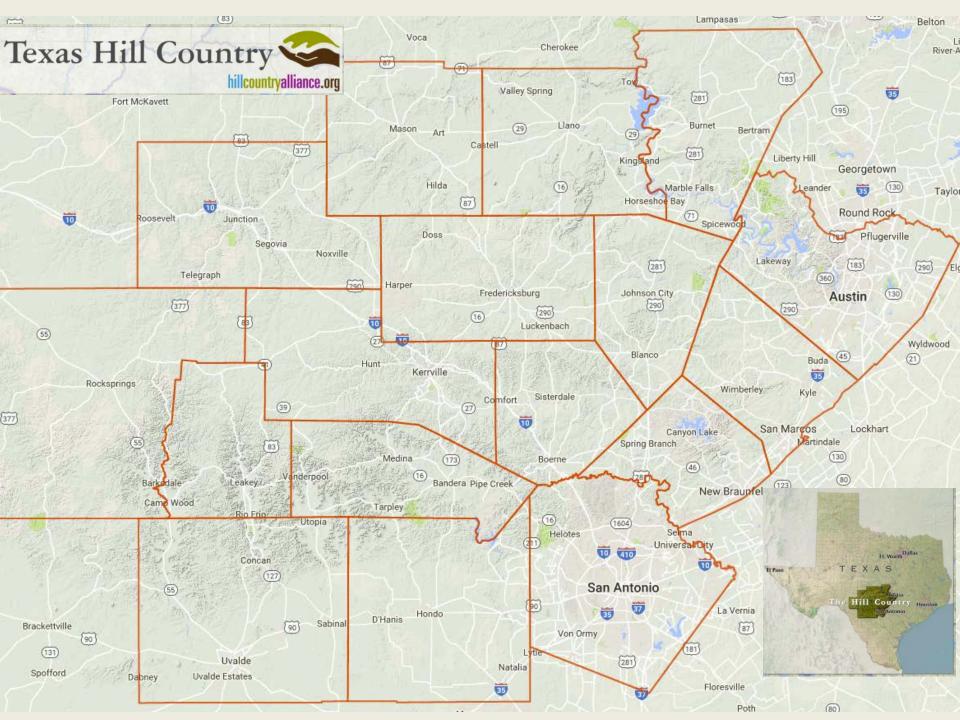
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Presentation Overview

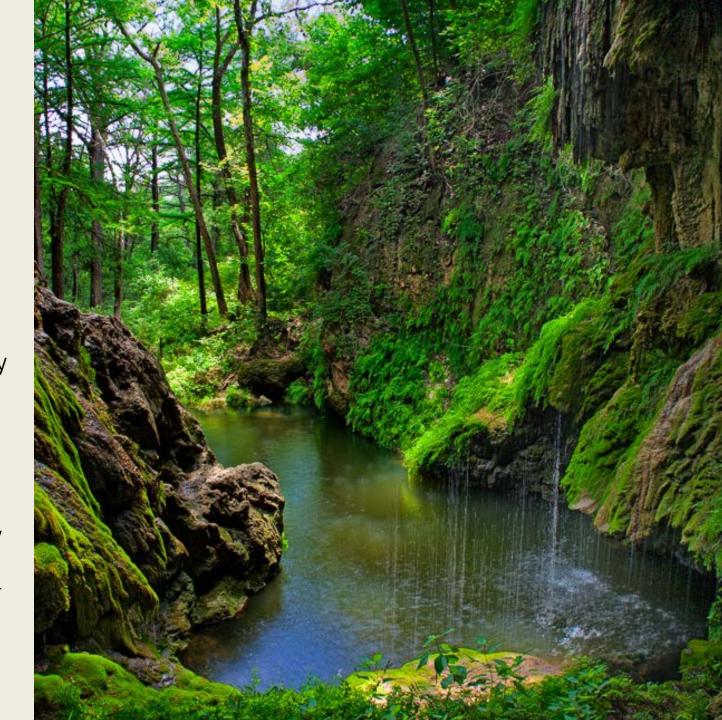
- Who is the Hill Country Alliance
- Value of the Hill Country to Austin
- Growth and its Impacts
- UT Design Studio
- Opportunity for collaboration





Value of the Hill Country:

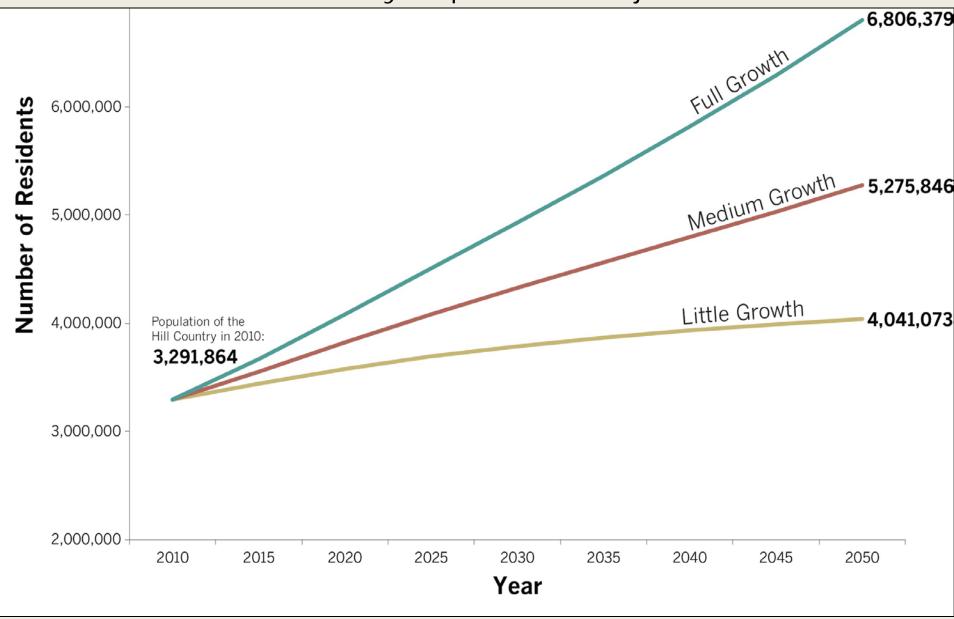
- Water
- Clean Air
- Flood Mitigation
- Recreation
- Regional Identity
- Habitat
- Quality of Life
- Culture & History
- Economic Driver







Hill Country Population Projections

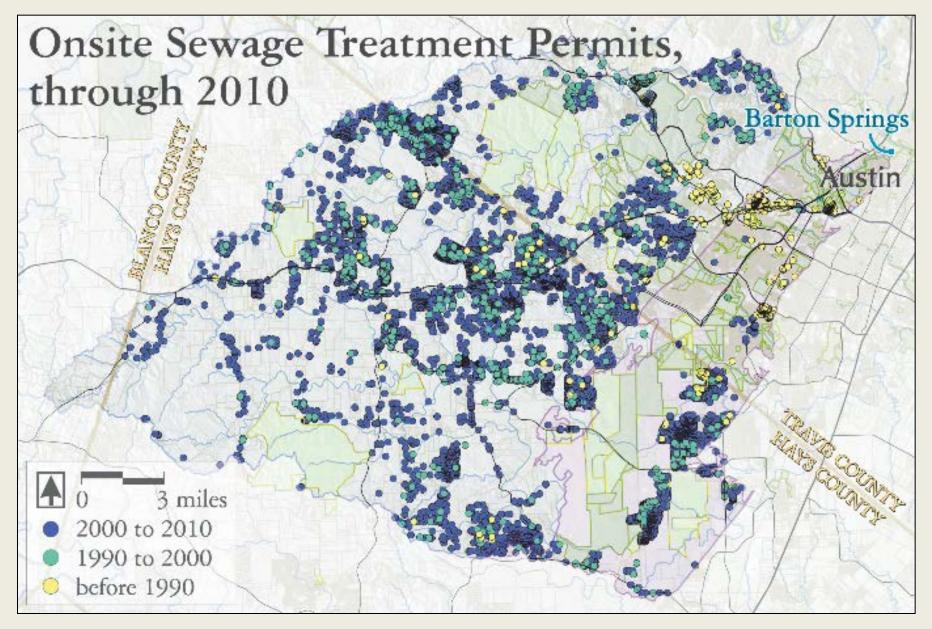








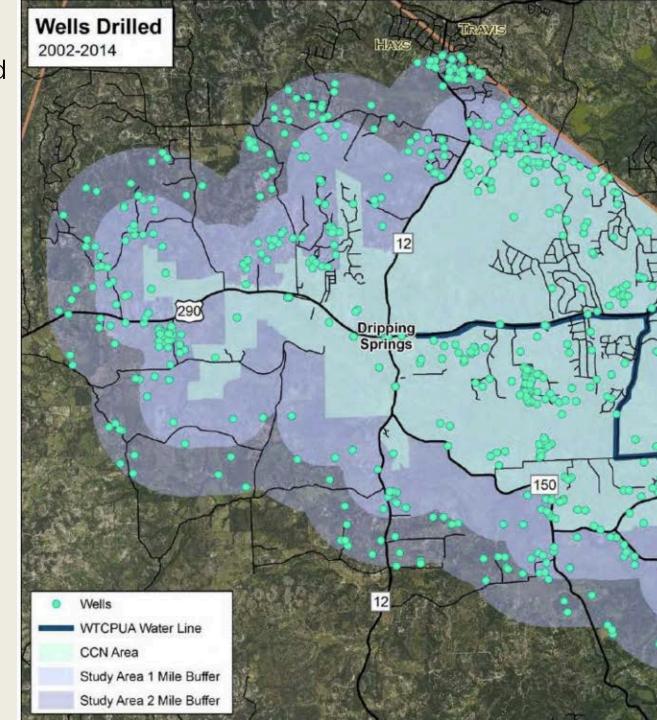
WATER QUALITY: Change in the Barton Springs Watershed



The Texas Landscape Project, 2016

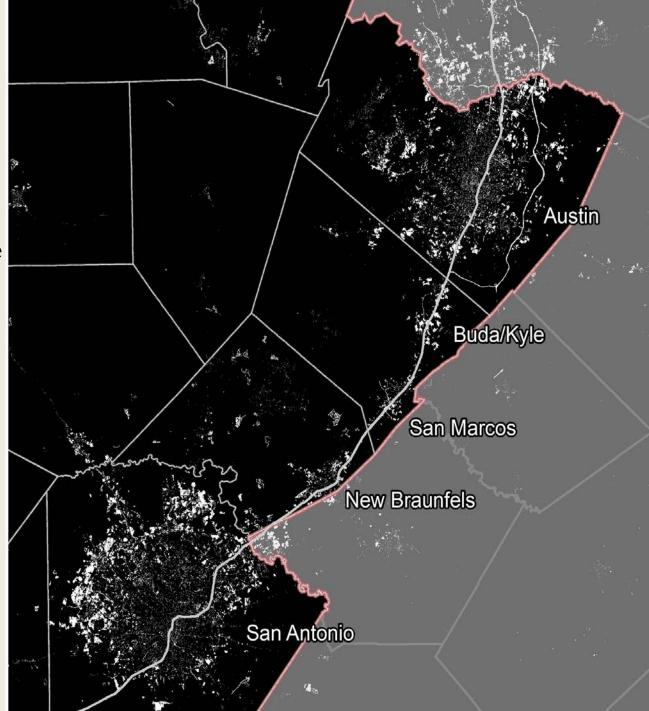
WATER QUANTITY Groundwater Demand in Dripping Springs:

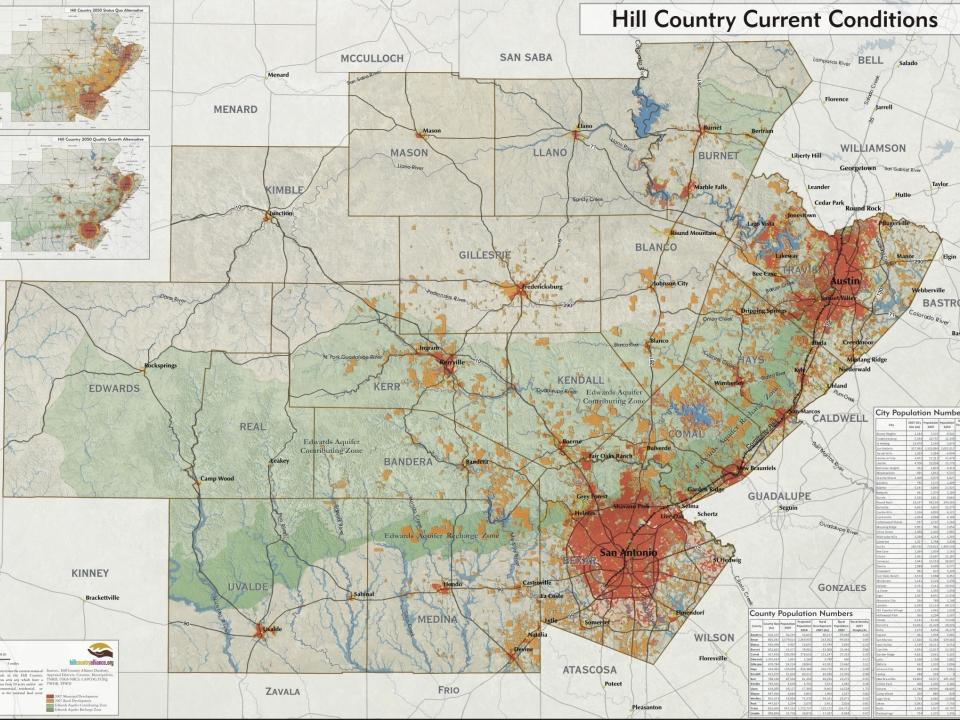
- More wells
- Estimated 3.5 million gallons per year in 2002
- Estimated 88 million gallons per year 2014.
- 2,354% increase.
- Impacts on spring flow?

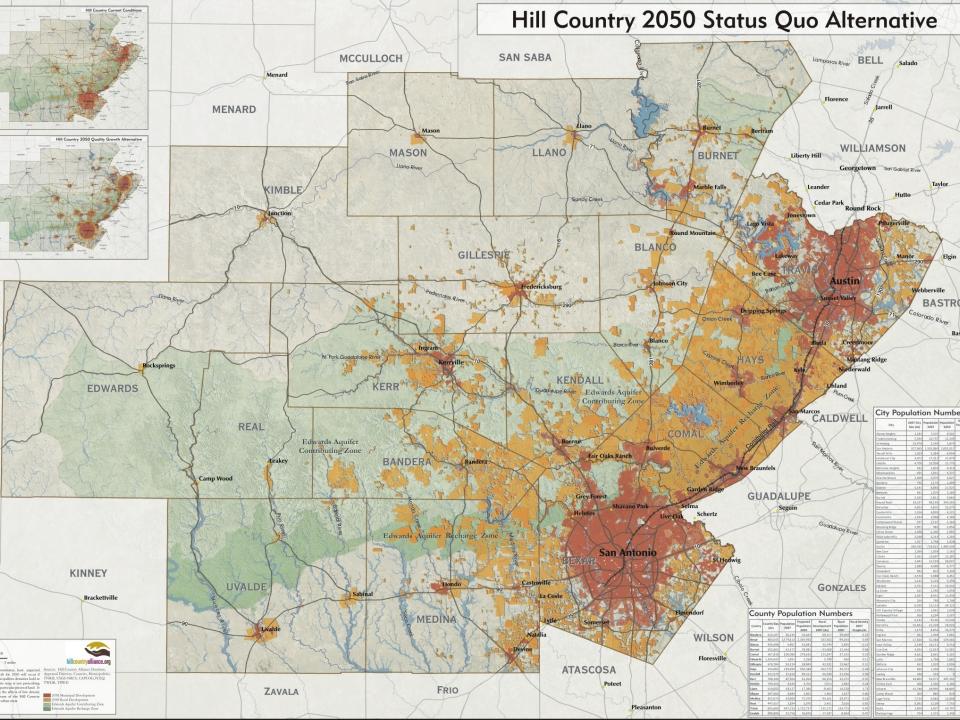


Increased impervious cover 2000 to 2010:

- 50,000 acres
- Preventing recharge and filtration
- Exacerbating flooding























Hill Country Endowment

Directs funding to:

- Resource Protection
- Infrastructure improvements
- Regional Transit
- Density and Affordability

Regional collaboration between:

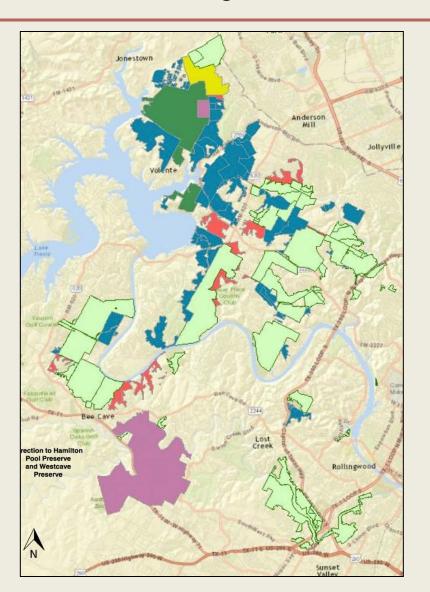
- Private Corporations
- Foundations
- Government



Hill Country Endowment



Hill Country Endowment: Local Precedents

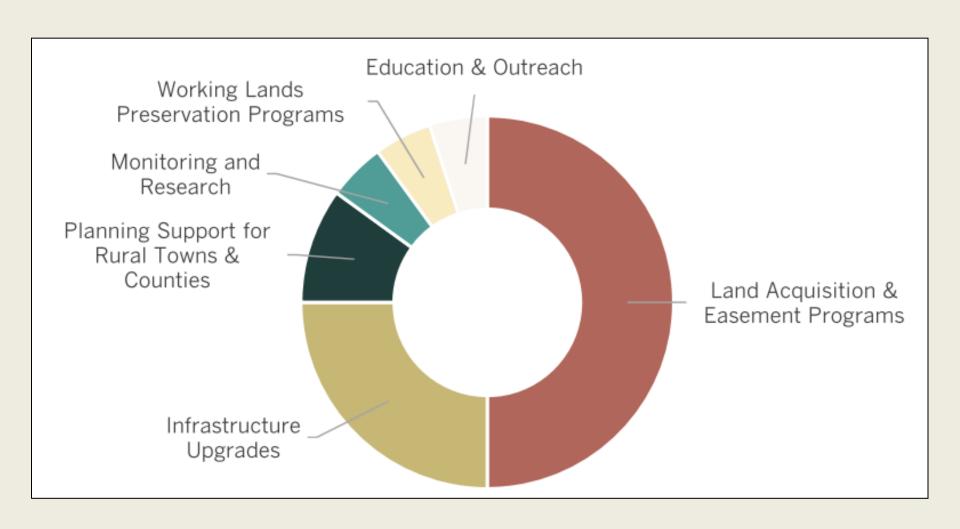


Balcones Canyonlands Preserve and Water Quality Protection Lands:

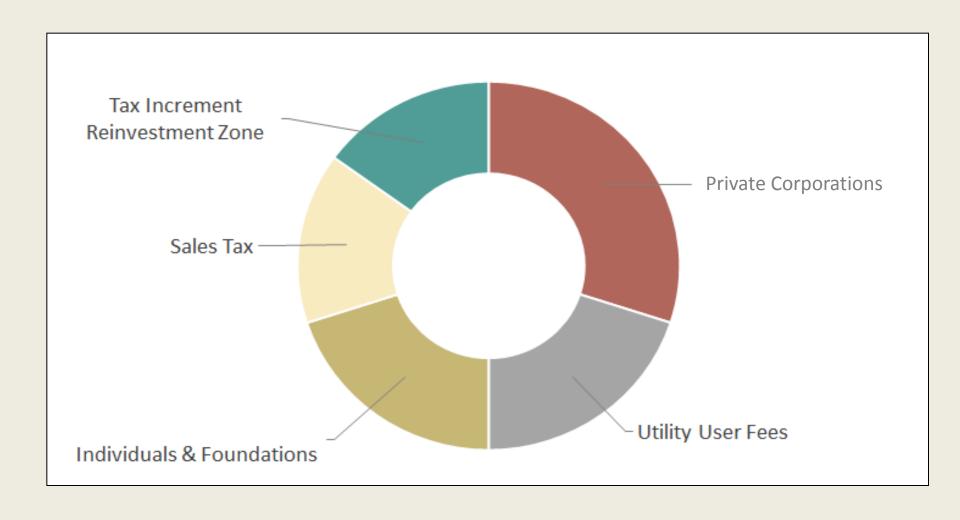
- Voters approved 9 bonds in 6 elections
- Between 1992 and 2012
- Investing approximately \$265
 Million
- Conserving approximately 58,000 acres

Similar Success Story in San Antonio (\$325 million, 136,000 acres)

Hill Country Endowment: Potential Allocation of Funds



Hill Country Endowment: Diverse Funding Sources



Hill Country Endowment: Next Steps

HCA's Steps Moving forward:

- Fostering collaboration
- Soliciting support from other corridor cities
- Convening rural community leaders
- Exploring financial opportunities and legislative constraints



Hill Country Endowment: Next Steps

Partnership with the City of Austin:

- Austin City Council /
 Parks and Recreation
 Board statement of
 support
- Allow Hill Country
 Alliance to return in
 the Spring to update
 Parks and Recreation
 Board



