

# Austin Water – Center for Environmental Research



Austin Water – The University of Texas – Texas A&M University  
A Partnership for Urban Ecology and Sustainability: Community, Ecology, Research  
located at the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant  
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## CER Events October 2018

**Oct 2**

**Tuesday 630pm-8pm at the CER**

- **Hornsby Bend Stakeholder Public Meeting – Anyone interested in the future of the Hornsby Bend facility are encouraged to attend.**
- **Agenda**
  - Presentation on the research, projects, and programs of the Center for Environmental Research
  - Presentation on the mission and operations of the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant
  - Update on tree removal project
  - Overview of upcoming construction projects at Hornsby Bend that will impact public access to parts of the treatment ponds

**Oct 6**

**Saturday 8am meet at the CER**

- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership - River Monitoring Trip**
- Join Claude Morris and the Travis County Colorado River Monitoring trip for a day on the river monitoring birds and more, and help the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership learn more about the ecology of the Colorado River.
- Meet at the CER parking lot at 8:00AM
- A river trip to monitor birds and vegetation along the river and you MUST provide your own boat.
- Contact Claude Morris at [cgmorris70@gmail.com](mailto:cgmorris70@gmail.com) to participate
- More about the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership at the CER website Research, Programs, Partnerships page <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/research-projects-partnerships-and-programs>
- Check out the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership Facebook Page for updates and photos from the river monitoring trips [www.facebook.com/austinbastroprivercorridor](http://www.facebook.com/austinbastroprivercorridor)

**Oct 10**

**Wednesday NOON to 1pm at PARD Senior Activity Center  
Lamar+29<sup>th</sup> St at 2874 Shoal Crest Ave, South Room**

- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- 2018 Lunchtime Lectures – Nature and the American Mind
- **October CER Lunchtime Lecture - Farming with Nature: Sustainable Agriculture and the American Family Farm**
- Wendell Berry writes, “I would argue that we do not need just the great public wildernesses, but millions of small private or semiprivate ones. Every farm should have one; wildernesses can occupy corners of factory grounds and city lots – places where nature is given a free hand, where no human work is done, where people go only as guests.” Yet, as he also points out, “...we cannot hope – for reasons practical and humane, we cannot even wish – to preserve more than a small portion of the land in wilderness. Most of it we will have to use.” Join us this month, as we explore the responses of Wendell Berry and other pastoralists about how we should use land and the relationship between farming and nature in America.
- Now online as podcasts! Check them out here - <http://austineconetwork.com/nature-in-the-city/>

- Oct 11**      **Thursday NOON to 1pm at One Texas Center**  
**505 Barton Springs Road + South First Street, Room 325**
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- Oct 13**      **Saturday 7am-11am meet at the CER**
- **Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory Program Monthly Bird Survey**
  - The HBBO Bird Survey is open to all levels of birder interested in intensive monitoring, although this is not a field trip. In the morning, we have teams covering different areas of the Hornsby Bend facility, and they count numbers of all birds seen. It is 4 hours of hiking and counting, but lots of fun along the way. We meet again around 11am to tally up the species. More information about the CER HBBO program at [www.hornsbybend.org](http://www.hornsbybend.org)
- Oct 16**      **Tuesday NOON to 1pm at the Center for Environmental Research – Hornsby Bend**
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- Oct 20**      **Saturday 730am – 11am at the CER**
- **HBBO/Travis Audubon Society - Hornsby Bend Monthly Birdwatching Fieldtrip – FREE!**
  - Meet at the CER 730am, no registration needed – all levels of birder welcomed, an easy morning of walking and learning the birds of Hornsby Bend. Bring binoculars and some water if the weather is warm. More information at [www.travisaudubon.org](http://www.travisaudubon.org) and [www.hornsbybend.org](http://www.hornsbybend.org)
- Oct 24**      **Wednesday NOON to 1pm at University of Texas**  
**Norman Hackerman Building (NHB). 100 E 24th St, Austin TX, 78712 Room 1.720**
- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
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- Oct 27**      **Saturday 9am – 1pm at the CER**
- **Ecological Literacy Volunteer Day** – Help maintain Hornsby Bend! Did you know that all the Hornsby Bend trails, habitat gardens, and kiosks were built and are maintained by volunteers? If you enjoy birding or walking along the Colorado River here, please join us in maintaining these amenities and supporting public access at Hornsby Bend.
    - Wear work clothes [long pants], hat for shade, and sturdy shoes; bring water and binoculars if interested in birds.
- Oct 30**      **Tuesday 10am – Noon at the CER**
- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership Bimonthly Meeting** – Open to anyone interested in the Colorado River – a stakeholder partnership about the future of the river corridor in Travis County and Bastrop County.

For more information about these events contact - Kevin M. Anderson [kevin.anderson@austintexas.gov](mailto:kevin.anderson@austintexas.gov)