HEADWATERS AT THE COMAL™ | WHERE IT BEGINS.

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND NATURE BY SHOWCASING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COMAL SPRINGS.

EDUCATE & DEMONSTRATE

Inspire lifelong practice of enjoying, protecting, and stewarding cultural and ecological resources in those that live in, visit, and make decisions about texas hill country natural resources.

Connected 3,798 program participants through a variety of different programs including 11 SEAM programs & 9 Watershed field trip and summer camps. In addition, headwaters partnered with Hill Country Alliance and the Texas Water Foundation to host finding the flow: managing water resources in a growing community, a panel discussion with over 84 participants.

Many thanks to you our donors and partners for making these programs possible:



PARTNER IN RESEARCH

Headwaters provides a space allowing for exploration and discovery, connects New Braunfels with Regional and Social Science and identifies and demonstrates solutions to real world problems. The Texas Stream Team took 40 water samples for water quality measurements and Citizen Scientists captured 809 species of pollinators, birds, insects...



We also held a flint knapping workshop and discussion excavation for attended by 35 visitors, on the significant findings from the researched archaeological excavation.

Photo from Great Backyard Bird Count

PROTECT & CONSERVE

Ensure protection and conservation of the Comal Springs/Comal River System, including the headwaters and the endangered species it supports, in perpetuity.



Staff and volunteers partnered with Eden Hill Communities, US Fish & Wildlife Partners, the Colorado River Land Trust to improve uphill stormwater run-off capture and diversion of sediments into the Headwaters Spring Run through handmade construction of check dams and thinning of underbrush.

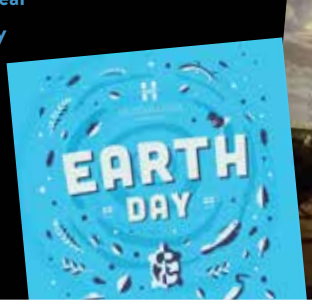
Weekly Volunteer groups also removed many pounds of invasive species and planted new native plants and trees.

- **In total, volunteers contributed 1,969 hours of service to Headwaters at the Comal**
- **2021 "Atanacio Campos Volunteer of the Year" Award was presented to Ellen Petray who gave 79 hours and participated in a variety of programs and outreach that benefited the community, including helping with our Watershed Education Programs. Thank you, Ellen!**

CREATE COMMUNITY

Provide an innovative, nature-oriented gathering and meeting space that builds a regional ethic of valuing cultural and ecological resources.

- **Over 3,798 visitors this year**
- **2 Free Events - Earth Day and Evening of Lights.**





FRAMING THE FOUNDATION

Strengthening the relationship between the community & nature by showcasing the significance of the Comal Springs.

$6.2 Million Raised



Thank you NBU $4M, New Braunfels EDC $1.2M, Community >$1M

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