2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

A YEAR OF TRANSFORMATION

HEADWATERS
AT THE COMAL™

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Humanities Texas
$13,000

STILL WATER FOUNDATION
$50,000

San Antonio Area Foundation
$25,000

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$75,000

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$15,000

JOHN R. & GRELI N. LESS CHARITABLE TRUST
$100,000

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$150,000

2 NATIVE TEXANS
(ANONYMOUS DONOR)
$100,000

278
INDIVIDUAL DONORS

Each contribution brings to life our shared vision for a resilient future, protecting the Comal Springs for generations to come!

HEADWATERS MADE INCREDIBLE PROGRESS ON CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW FACILITY.

This will allow youth, residents, and industry professionals to engage in water conservation, connect with nature, and learn about the Comal Springs that have sustained our region for millennia.

Throughout the year, we hosted hard hat tours for community leaders and supporters, showcasing the sustainable features of the building. Our fall preview event allowed us to celebrate key milestones and envision how the new spaces will serve our community.



2023

Over the past year, we've seen adaptive reuse in action, with 30% of the old warehouse repurposed into the Lake|Flato designed Center, with the roof installed on the original steel beams in January and repurposed concrete pavers creating a beautiful front walkway in August. By October, a large rainwater harvesting system was added, and by December, landscaping began for the picnic area, which will feature drought tolerant native plants.



2024



OUR MISSION

CONNECT COMMUNITY TO NATURE, AND PROTECT THE COMAL SPRINGS THAT HAVE SUSTAINED THIS REGION FOR 10,000 YEARS.

EDUCATE & DEMONSTRATE

Whether it's native plant classes, youth field trips, yoga, summer camp, or photography, Headwaters' education programs have something for everyone. This year we engaged over 1,000 visitors with 120 hours of programs for youth and the general public. We also showcased Headwaters as a demonstration site on 32 tours for community groups and industry professionals.

2061	TOTAL VISITORS
14	NATIVE PLANT AND WILDLIFE CLASSES
25	SCIENCE AND NATURE PROGRAMS
3	CAMPS FOR 32 STUDENTS



PROTECT & CONSERVE

Volunteers are the backbone of the Headwaters project, helping to maintain the site's native prairie ecosystem. The green stormwater infrastructure on our site helps improve water quality of the Comal Springs, and provides habitat for pollinators and native wildlife. This year Headwaters became a Certified Firefly Habitat.

25	BIOBLITZ EVENTS
150	NEW SPECIES RECORDED
5051	iNAT OBSERVATIONS
1048	HOURS VOLUNTEER SITE MAINTENANCE



PARTNER IN RESEARCH

This year, we continued monitoring the positive impact our site has on the community and local ecosystems. Community Science volunteers contributed 689 hours, conducting water quality tests, butterfly surveys, bird counts, and Bioblitz events. A scientist from Xylem Analytics also measured stream flow, producing a detailed report for us.

14	BIRDING EVENTS
33	WATER TESTING DAYS
689	COMMUNITY SCIENCE VOLUNTEER HOURS
2976	BUTTERFLIES RECORDED ON 33 SURVEYS



CREATE COMMUNITY

At Headwaters, we value partnerships that strengthen our community. Support from our members and collaboration with groups like NPSOT, Master Naturalists, and others help us make a bigger impact through added program offerings, activities at our annual Earth Day event, and greater community involvement in our shared goals for a sustainable future.

339	VISITORS ENJOYED EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES
137	HEADWATERS MEMBERS
57	ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS
2,466	TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS



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