



Stakeholder Updates



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We are an **active voice** for a **healthy river.**

We champion **the long-term vitality** of the Texas Colorado River through education and engagement for all generations.

Educate



Collaborate



An active voice for a healthy River



Innovate



Engage



EDUCATE

709 students received hands-on TEKS aligned STEM education during Field Trips to the Wilkerson Center for Colorado River Education this school year.

COLLABORATE

Working with business leaders, elected officials, and community stewards **the Alliance celebrates and highlights those in the Highland Lakes** community who understand the importance of our Texas Colorado River and are working each day to ensure that all future Texans have ample access to fishable, swimmable, and drinkable Texas Colorado River water.

2nd Annual River Heroes of the Highland Lakes

2022 Honorees

City of Marble Falls

William Fowler

Keep Kingsland Beautiful



INNOVATE

In the past 12 months, **3,846** people experienced the **Mobile River**, which delivers TEKS aligned curriculum via a water-science-center-on-wheels featuring interactive models and fun, educational videogames housed inside a 42-foot airconditioned trailer at schools and community events from Bastrop to Marble Falls.



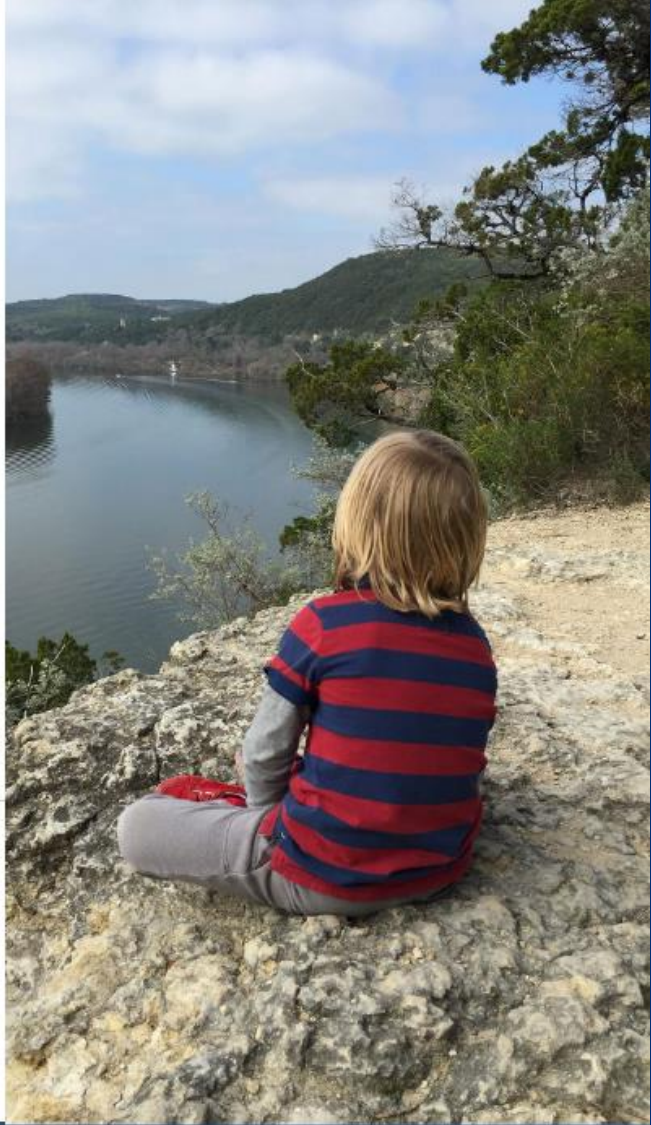
ENGAGE

On Sunday, April 24, 2022, along with Travis County Parks, privately owned dive shops from across Central Texas, and party-barge owners, **350** shoreline, park and dive volunteers from 31 zip codes removed **423** bags of trash totaling **10,080 pounds** which included large pieces of Styrofoam and wood, and lots of micro trash leftover from Easter festivities.



- Recruiting Fall Interns: ALL interns receive a stipend of at least \$1,000
- Hiring: Communications and Outreach Position
- Strategic Planning Process
- River Heroes of the Highland Lakes June 9
- Lake Travis Underwater Cleanup September 11
- Cocktails for the Colorado October 13

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Looking ahead



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Austin Youth River Watch

Program Impact Report: January 2022 -May 2022



Staff: Melinda Chow (Executive Director), Beth Bennett (Program Manager), Chanel Davis (Program Manager), Emma Walsh (Special Projects Manager), David Morris (Operations Manager), Andrea Bailey-Ortiz (Program Specialist), Austin Myatt (Program Specialist)

Water Quality Testing:

- # of data sets collected:
 - 29
- WQ testing locations:
 - Williamson Creek
 - Blunn Creek
 - Colorado River (multiple locations)
 - Buttermilk Creek
 - Bouldin Creek
 - Walnut Creek
 - Boggy Creek
 - Bartholomew
 - Little Walnut Creek



Trash Cleanups:

- Pounds removed from Austin's parks and waterways: **812 lbs**
- Cleanup locations:
 - Bartholomew Park
 - Dove Springs Recreation Center
 - Blunn Creek Nature Preserve
 - Barton Creek
 - Nicholas Dawson Park
 - Buttermilk Creek



Trees and Riparian grasses:

- # of trees: **99**
- Species:
 - Palo Verde, Mountain laurel, Live Oak, Huisache, Bald Cypress, Texas Mulberry, Box Elder, Cedar Elm

- # of native grasses: **236**
- Species:
 - Eastern Gamma Grass, Inland Sea Oats, Wild Rye, Creek Sedge, Gulf Muhly



MLK Day of Service:

- # of trees planted: 24
- Pounds of trash cleaned up: 572 lbs

Restoration Project @ Circle Acres Preserve:

- Number of native grass plugs planted: 200
- Number of trees planted: 2

Restoration Projects

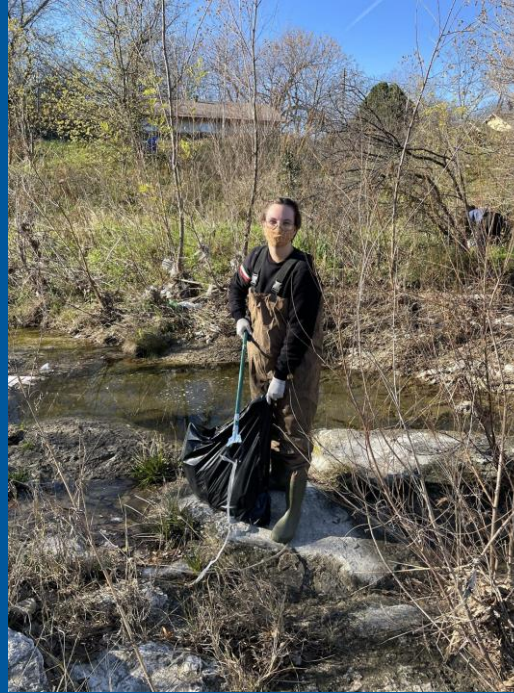
Barton Creek Cleanup:

- Pounds of trash removed: 120 lbs
- # of volunteers: 20



AEL Intern Service Learning Project:

- Total # of WQ data sets collected: 14
 - Tested bi-weekly for 14 weeks at Longhorn Dam & FM 973 bridge
- Knowllwood Community Event with Colorado River Conservancy & AYRW:
 - Meet community members
 - Talk about water issues in their neighborhood
 - Recruit WQ monitoring volunteers
 - WQ demo



Nicole- Southwestern University Graduate



Looking ahead:

Summer Programming:

- WQ testing
- E.coli sampling
- GSI with ACCC

Austin Colony Community Event:

- AYRW & Colorado River
Conservancy
- Date is TBD

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