



January 25, 2017

Dr. Andrew Sansom
Executive Director,
The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment
Texas State University
601 University Dr.
San Marcos, TX 78666

Dear Dr. Sansom,

This letter is to confirm our support for the upper San Marcos Watershed Protection Plan (WPP), as well as the Meadows Center's and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's efforts to begin implementation of the Plan, also known as the San Marcos Watershed Initiative (SMWI). Since 2013, we have had representation on the Stakeholder Committee, playing a strategic role in supporting, advising, and voicing its interests during the development of the Initiative and we have long supported the goal of implementing a community approved and federally accepted WPP for the upper San Marcos River.

There are many pressures on the River, its tributaries and its source waters, the Edwards Aquifer. The development and implementation of this Plan will help the community and the SMWI Stakeholders, including water resource managers, land developers, NGOs and City, County and University leaders improve and protect water quality in the upper San Marcos River long into the future.

We look forward to supporting the community and the Meadows Center with the proposed Implementation efforts to prevent non-point source pollution in the Upper San Marcos Watershed, including:

- Structural best management practices for new developments and retrofits for existing development
- Demonstration projects to encourage adoption of water quality protection practices
- Education and Outreach Strategies
- Analysis and improvement of Codes & Regulations impacting water quality and
- Information gathering and monitoring to address remaining data gaps

We can specifically offer the following support for Implementation activities:

- Assist with education and outreach activities
- Provide in-kind contributions to maintain best management practices (rain gardens, natural features, etc.)

Sincerely,

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Beth Ramey
President, Hays County Chapter
Texas Master Naturalists