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From: Leo Tynan, President, HCA Board of Directors
To: Friends and Supporters

It is with deep gratitude and a sense of sincere optimism that the board of the Hill Country Alliance announces the impending departure of our executive director, Christy Muse.

After 10 years in the director's chair, Christy will be stepping down in February 2016 to become Director of External Relations of the Shield Ranch and lead its community engagement program. The historic and ecologically significant Shield Ranch is a noteworthy example of large-scale wild land preservation in the Hill Country.

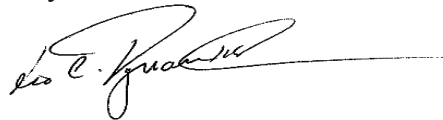
As HCA's founding executive director, Christy has overseen our organization's expansion from an informal, neighborhood group of committed and passionate Hill Country residents to a widely recognized alliance of regional land trusts, landowners, community leaders, ranchers, developers, groundwater conservation districts, chambers of commerce, elected officials, and active citizens—working together to preserve the natural legacy of the Texas Hill Country.

Though Christy will be dearly missed at the helm of HCA, we are confident in her continued involvement with Hill Country issues and that she will remain an active member of the HCA family.

As this board searches for a new director, we're committed to remain a strong presence and an influential organization in this region. With the recent completion of an in-depth regional planning study by graduate students in the Community and Regional Planning department at the UT School of Architecture, we have identified exciting new opportunities for regional strategies and partnerships among many Hill Country stakeholders.

All great organizations go through periods of transition and growth which, when managed wisely, can bring about astonishing evolution. It is our true intention to grow and evolve in mission and strength with contributions from an ever-growing pool of talent that is the Hill Country Alliance. Thank you for being a valued partner in our success.

Stay involved! You won't want to miss the journey.



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President, Hill Country Alliance

