

10:45-11:15am

Preserving the Natural Night Skies at US National Parks and Beyond

In recent years, the National Park Service (NPS) has embraced the night skies as a vital component of their parks, deserving of focused preservation efforts. This talk will provide insights into the NPS strategy that can be adapted for Hill Country parks and communities.

Li-Wei Hung, Ph.D., National Park Service

11:15-11:45am

Hill Country Sewage Scorecard: The State of Direct Discharge to Hill Country Waterways

As more people move to the Hill Country, we are seeing an increase in permit applications to discharge treated wastewater into creeks, streams and rivers around the region. Learn about research from the Save Barton Creek Association that uncovers the impacts of these facilities on water quality in the Hill Country.

Brian Zabcik, Save Barton Creek Association

11:45-12:00pm

Hill Country Success Stories and the Road Ahead

As we close our first ever virtual Leadership Summit, hear from HCA's executive director about the path forward for the Hill Country. From economic development to flood infrastructure, land conservation and stewardship, and a regional approach to protecting our view of the stars at night, opportunities abound for the kind of landscape scale thinking that will ensure the Hill Country we know and love is here for future generations.

Katherine Romans, Hill Country Alliance