

2026 DEVELOPER ROUNDTABLE

Building True to the Texas Hill Country

About the Developer Roundtable

The Texas Hill Country is changing fast and leaders across local government, development, and conservation spheres are looking for new ways to protect what makes this region extraordinary—while still building the homes, communities, and economic opportunities residents need.

The 2026 Developer Roundtable is **designed for professionals across the development landscape**, including developers, engineers, equity partners, architects, and beyond. This series will bring leading voices together for an immersive program hosted at some of the region's most forward-thinking developments.

Program Goals and Benefits

- 🏠 **Explore cutting-edge examples** of conservation-minded development
- 🏠 **Build lasting relationships** with leaders and experts across sectors
- 🏠 **Shape a regional vision** that strengthens both communities and the environment
- 🏠 **Gain clarity on regulations** and funding opportunities unique to the Hill Country
- 🏠 **Share lessons learned** from your own work and explore partner case studies
- 🏠 **Gain practical tools** you can apply to your projects immediately

Program Structure

- Four day-long roundtable sessions held in April, June, August, and November 2026
- Hosted at unique Hill Country sites, featuring guided property tours that showcase real-world solutions
- Focused on four key themes addressing the most pressing challenges and opportunities facing Hill Country development
- Sessions blend expert presentations, peer discussion, and case studies
- Designed to provide practical tools, on-the-ground insights, and new partnerships
- Developed in collaboration with regional developers, elected officials, and subject matter experts



Our purpose is to engage, empower, connect, and inspire regional developers dedicated to the long-term vitality of the Texas Hill Country

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Local leaders
Regional challenges
Real solutions
Lasting relationships

Program Timeline

THE HILL COUNTRY - COMMON GROUND & CONTEXT

April 2, 2026 - Mirasol Springs

Understand the Hill Country's unique development conditions — its beauty, challenges, and enormous opportunities. Learn how project siting, early design, and cross-sector collaboration can support both economic and environmental success. Hear from developers, local officials, conservation leaders, and technical experts, before touring the host property to see lessons and innovation in action.

TRAVIS COUNTY

WATER - CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

June 12, 2026 - Fredericksburg

Water defines the Hill Country. Explore where our water comes from, how it's used, and what the future holds. During this session, we'll gain insight into groundwater districts and permitting, wastewater choices, reuse systems, and emerging regulatory pathways. Case studies and hands-on discussion time will help participants envision and understand water-wise development models ready for use in real projects.

GILLESPIE COUNTY

LANDSCAPE & LIGHTING - BECOMING NATIVE TO PLACE

August 27, 2026 - Headwaters at the Comal

Dive into the economic and environmental advantages of low impact development, landscaping with native plants, preserving dark skies, and designing communities aligned with the Hill Country's natural character. Learn from utility providers, lighting experts, developers, and landscape architects who have learned lessons along the way, before putting ideas into practice with a guided site tour and native plant walk.

COMAL COUNTY

PEOPLE - BUILDING THE COMMUNITIES WE WANT

November 5, 2026 - Campsite at Shield Ranch

In our final session, explore shared wins around affordability, community partnerships, regulatory alignment, and market-ready conservation development. Hear real success stories from local developers and leaders, reflect on insights from the full program, and celebrate with an afternoon of networking, an inspirational keynote, and a closing happy hour. Afternoon refreshments and an inspiring tour will close out the year's programming.

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Learn More & Apply

Space is limited and applications are encouraged by **March 15, 2026**. Maximum enrollment is capped at 15 to deliver a personalized experience.

To express interest or request details about participation, contact Leah@hillcountryalliance.org

