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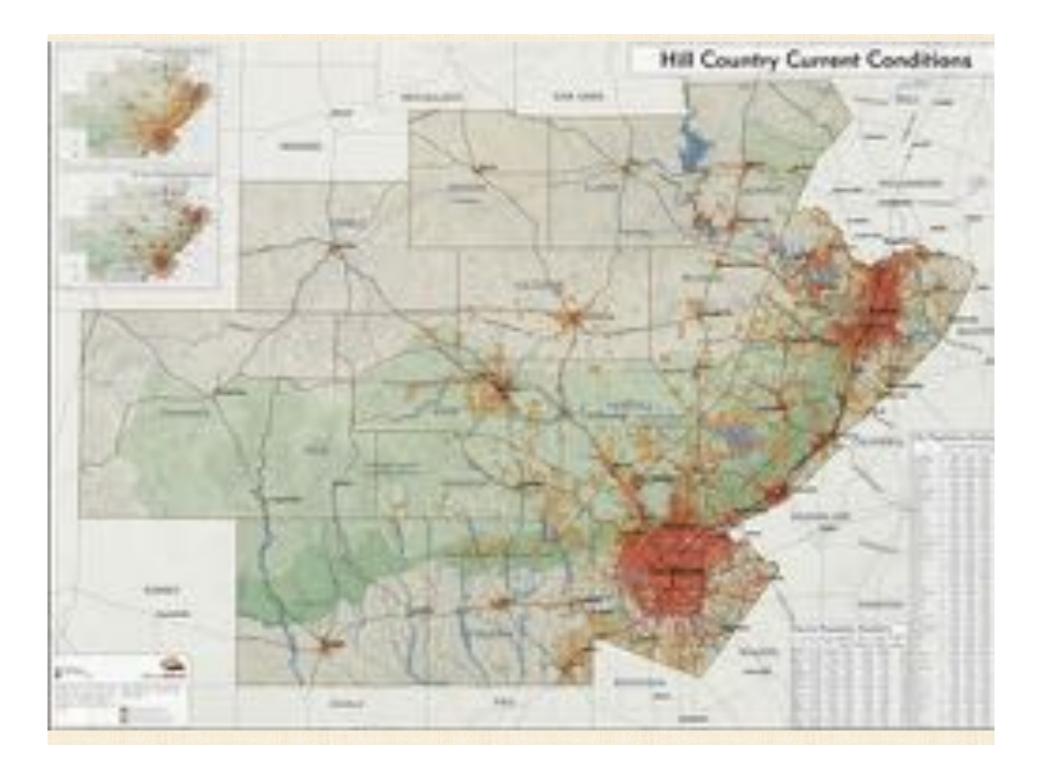
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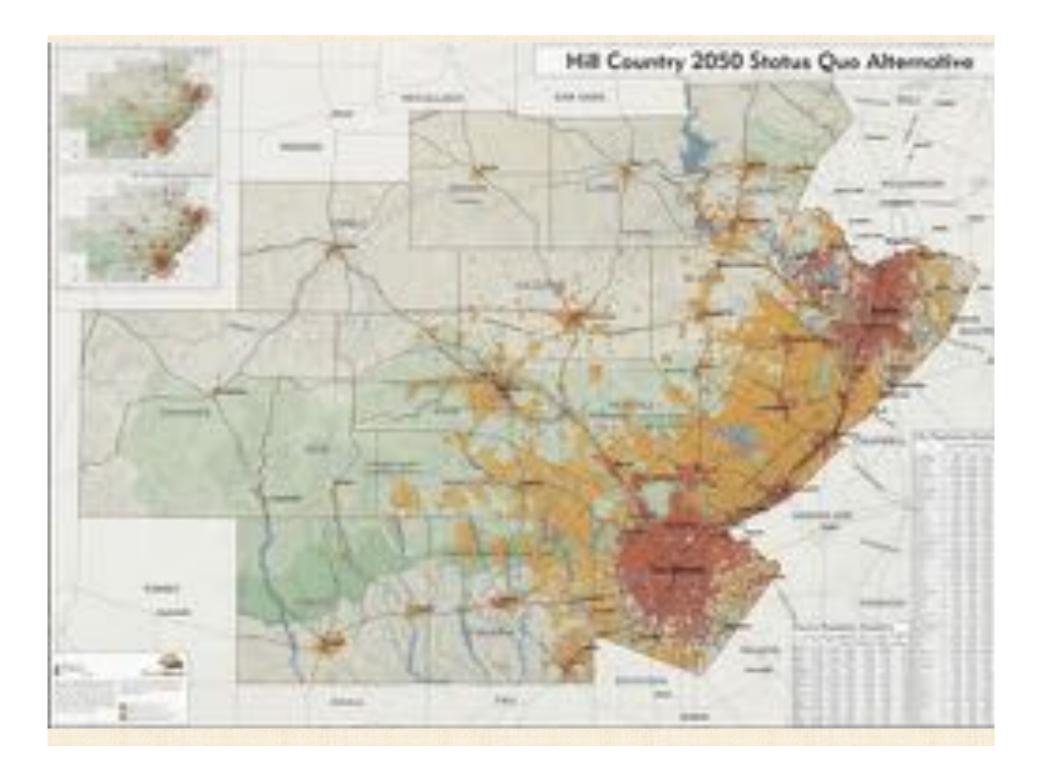
- State of the Hill Country today
- Why form a Network
- What has the Network accomplished
- Getting involved













## STATE OF THE HILL COUNTRY: Industrial Activity



#### 1,114 Standard Air Permits granted in 2017. 0 Denied.

## STATE OF THE HILL COUNTRY: Direct Discharge



### 2.1BILLION gallons of discharge per year

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#### **BUILDING A NETWORK: Successes**

To maximize the protection of the Hill Country's natural resources through enhanced collaboration.

#### Landscape-Level Impact Goals

#### SCALE LAND CONSERVATION

#### PROTECT WATER QUANTITY

#### ENSURE WATER QUALITY

**Goal 1**: Scale permanent land conservation and stewardship practices and shape sustainable development practices

- 100,000 acres protected
- \$400 million in bond funding

**Goal 2**: Ensure adequate spring and river flows for human and ecological systems

 Advance the use of One Water region-wide

**Goal 3**: Protect the water quality in Hill Country creeks, waterways, and aquifers from contamination by wastewater and run-off.

• Create a regional watershed conservation plan.

#### **Process and Systems Goals**

#### BUILD AWARENESS

SCALE

**INVESTMENT** 

INCREASE

COLLABORATION

**Goal 4**: Grow awareness and support for Hill Country conservation among public and

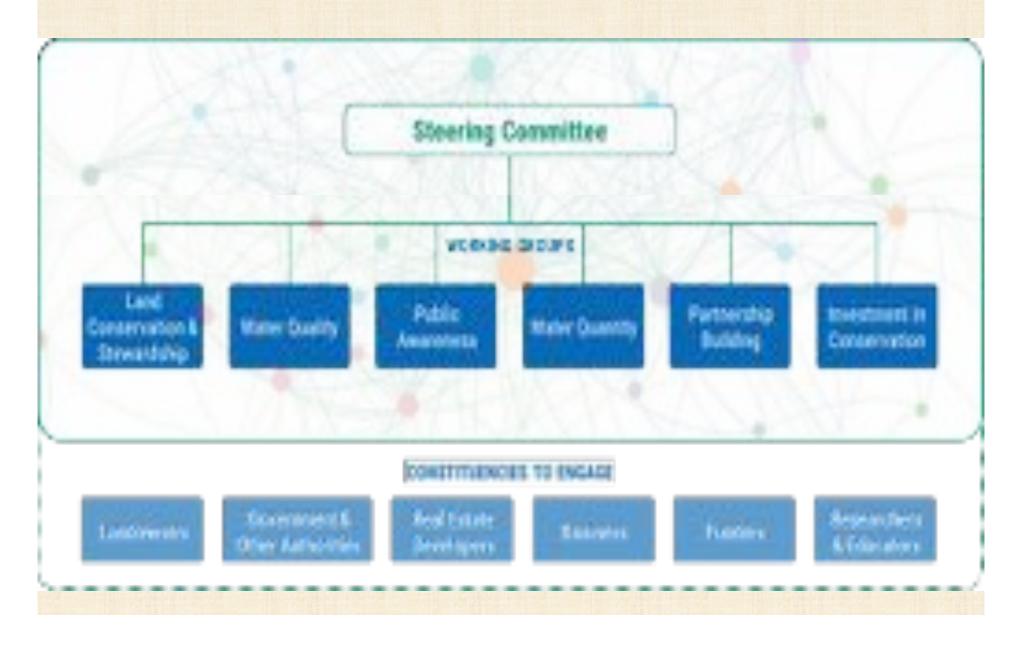
Public Awareness Campaign
 utilizing Hill Country celebrities

**Goal 5**: Scale up investment in Hill Country conservation

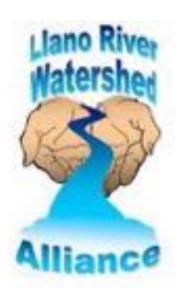
- Create a conservation war chest
- Grow capacity of Network
   partners by 10%

**Goal 6**: Build long-term partnerships for durable conservation of the Texas Hill Country

 Solidify governance of the network









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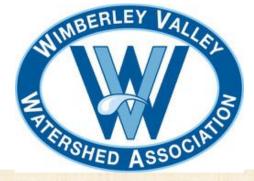
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#### **BUILDING A NETWORK: Looking ahead**

- State of Hill Country metrics and report

   January 2019
- Outreach & Education Campaign
  - Preliminary design 2019
- Capital campaign planning
  - Creation of conservation fund for the Hill Country
- RCPP Rollout
  - First projects by 2019

#### **GET INVOLVED!**



- Join the Texas Hill Country Conservation Network breakout discussion
- Find shared goals within Network Strategic Plan and your organization
- Reach out to Ryan Spencer, ryanspencer@txstate.edu

### The Phases of Collaboration



#### **BREAKOUT CONVERSATIONS**



#### WRAP UP AT 4PM

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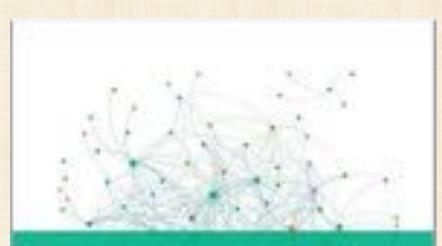




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