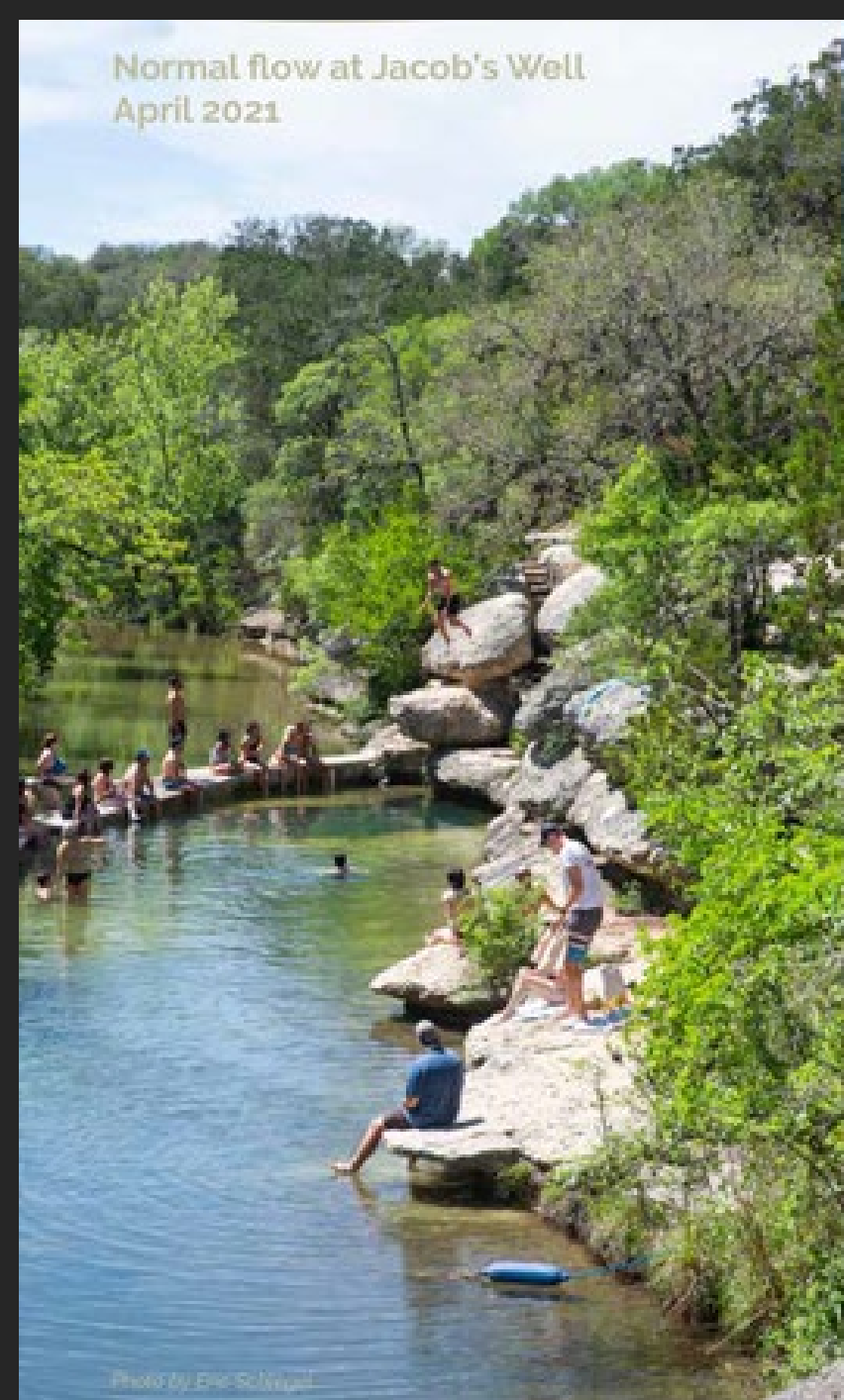


Normal flow at Jacob's Well
April 2021



Zero flow at Jacob's Well
October 2022



Cypress Creek Stakeholders Meeting
December 15, 2022

DROUGHT AND GROUNDWATER PUMPING

LESSENING IMPACTS

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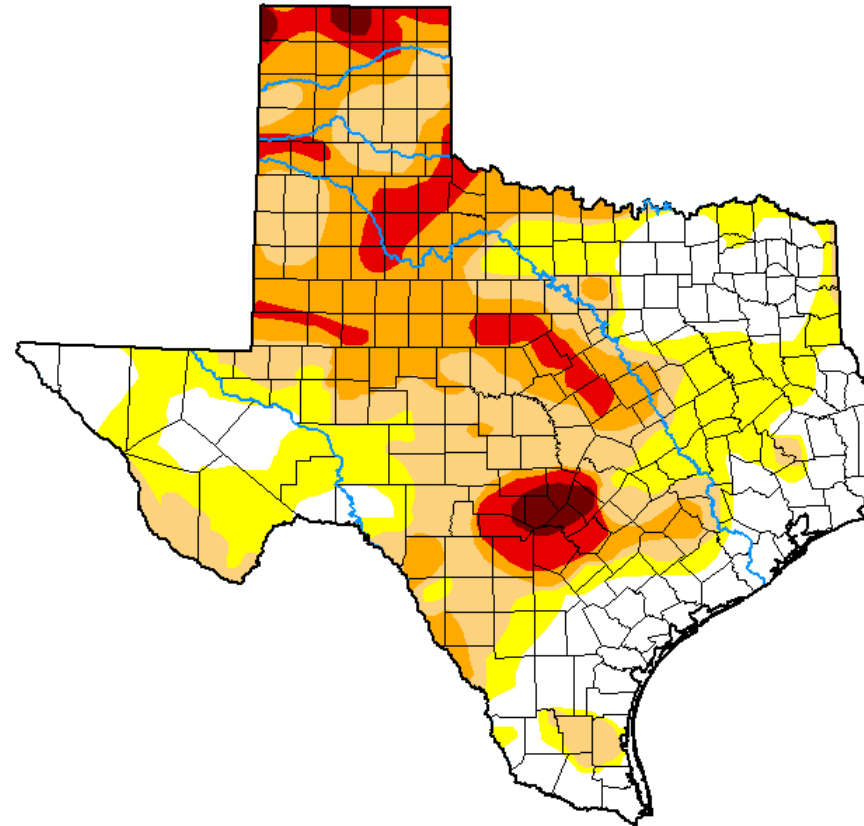
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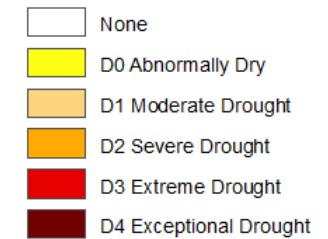
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U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

December 6, 2022
(Released Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Intensity:



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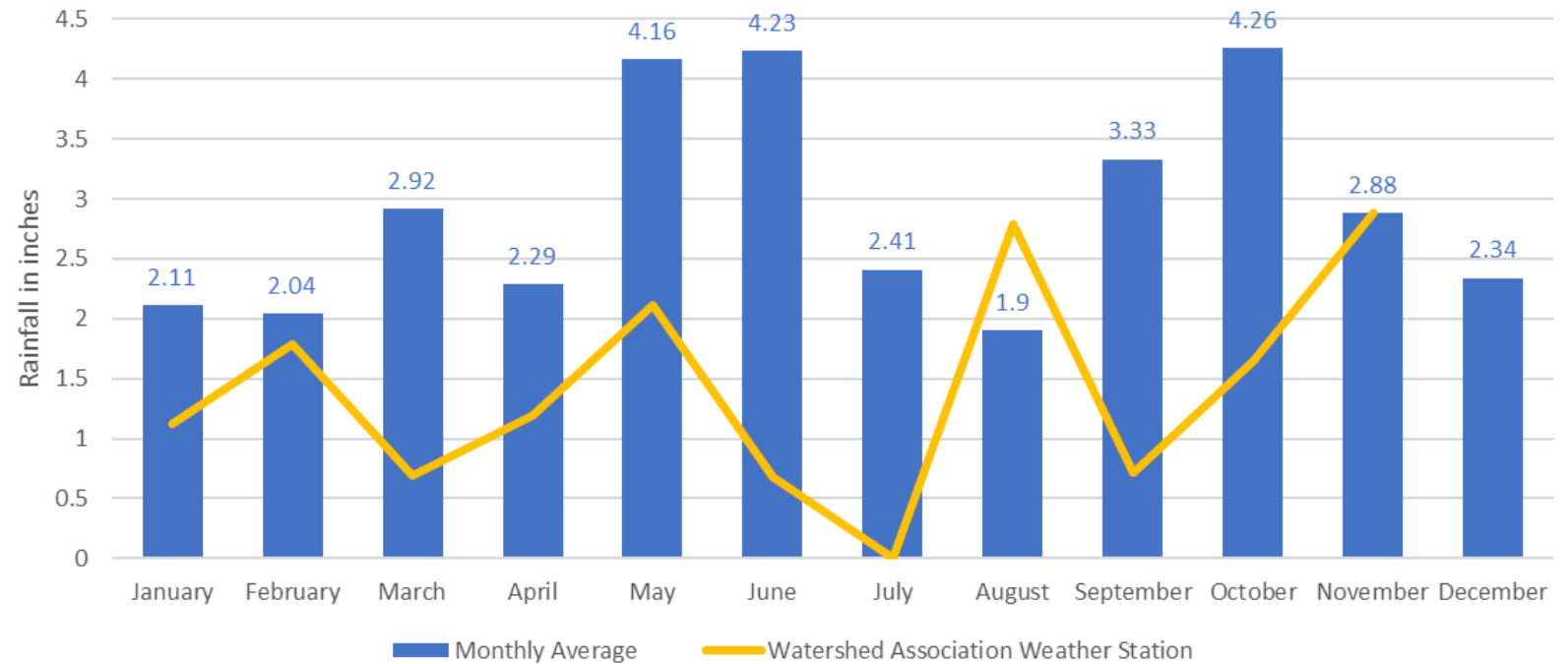


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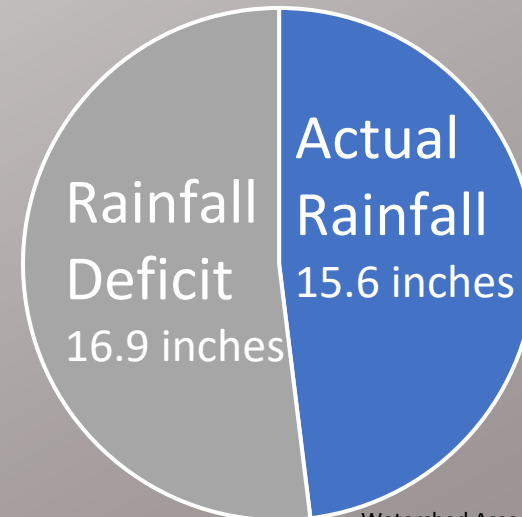
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Monthly Average vs. 2022 Measured Rainfall



Average Rainfall Jan-Nov
32.5 inches

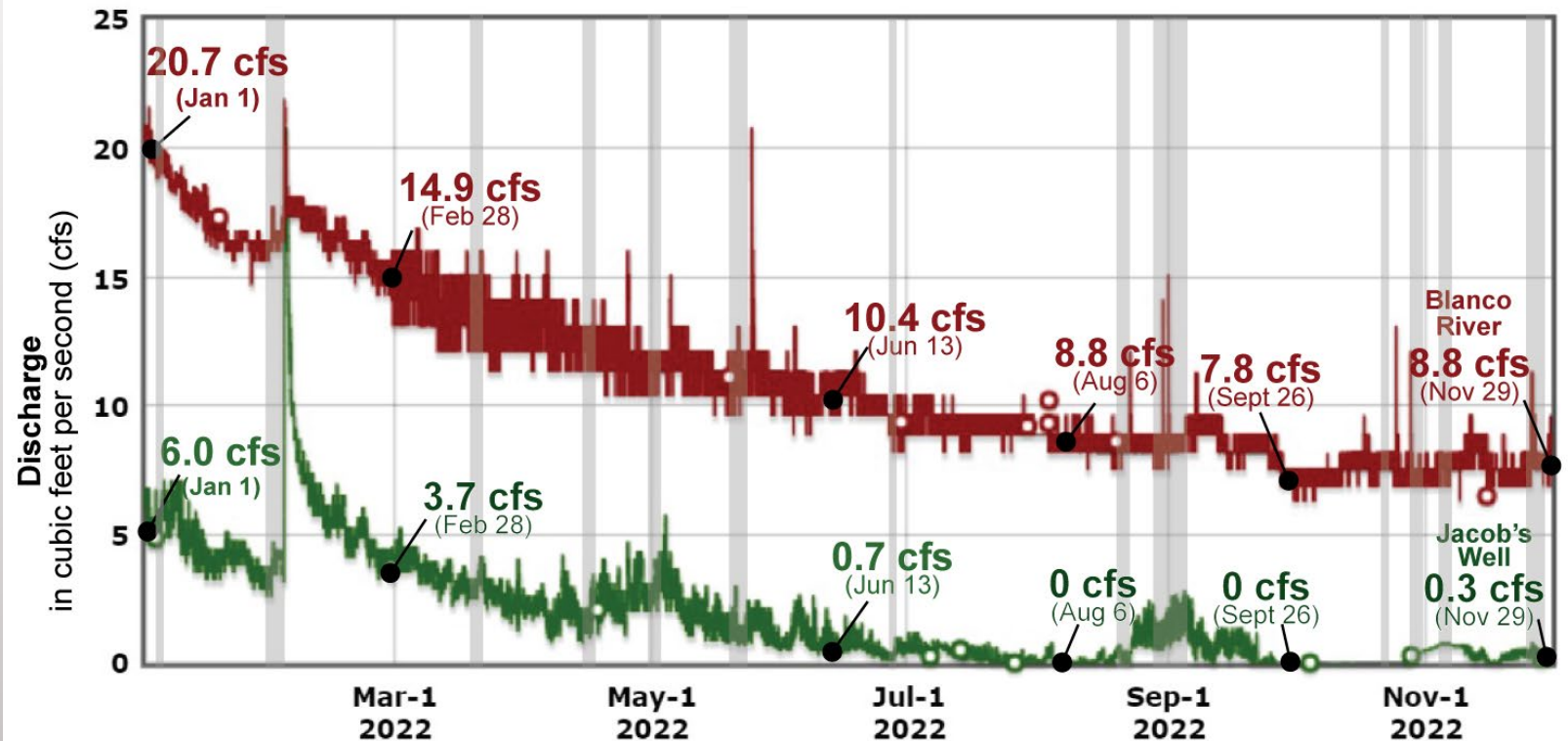


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Blanco River: USGS 08170950 Blanco Rv at Fischer Store Rd nr Fischer, TX
Cypress Creek: USGS 08170990 Jacobs Well Spg nr Wimberley, TX

Rainfall: 0.25" 2.7" 0.7" 1.2" 0.6" 1.6" 0.25" 0.9" 3.6" 0.5" 1" 0.9" 2.3"



Compiled by the Watershed Association with data from USGS, Hays Trinity GCD, and Edwards Aquifer Authority.

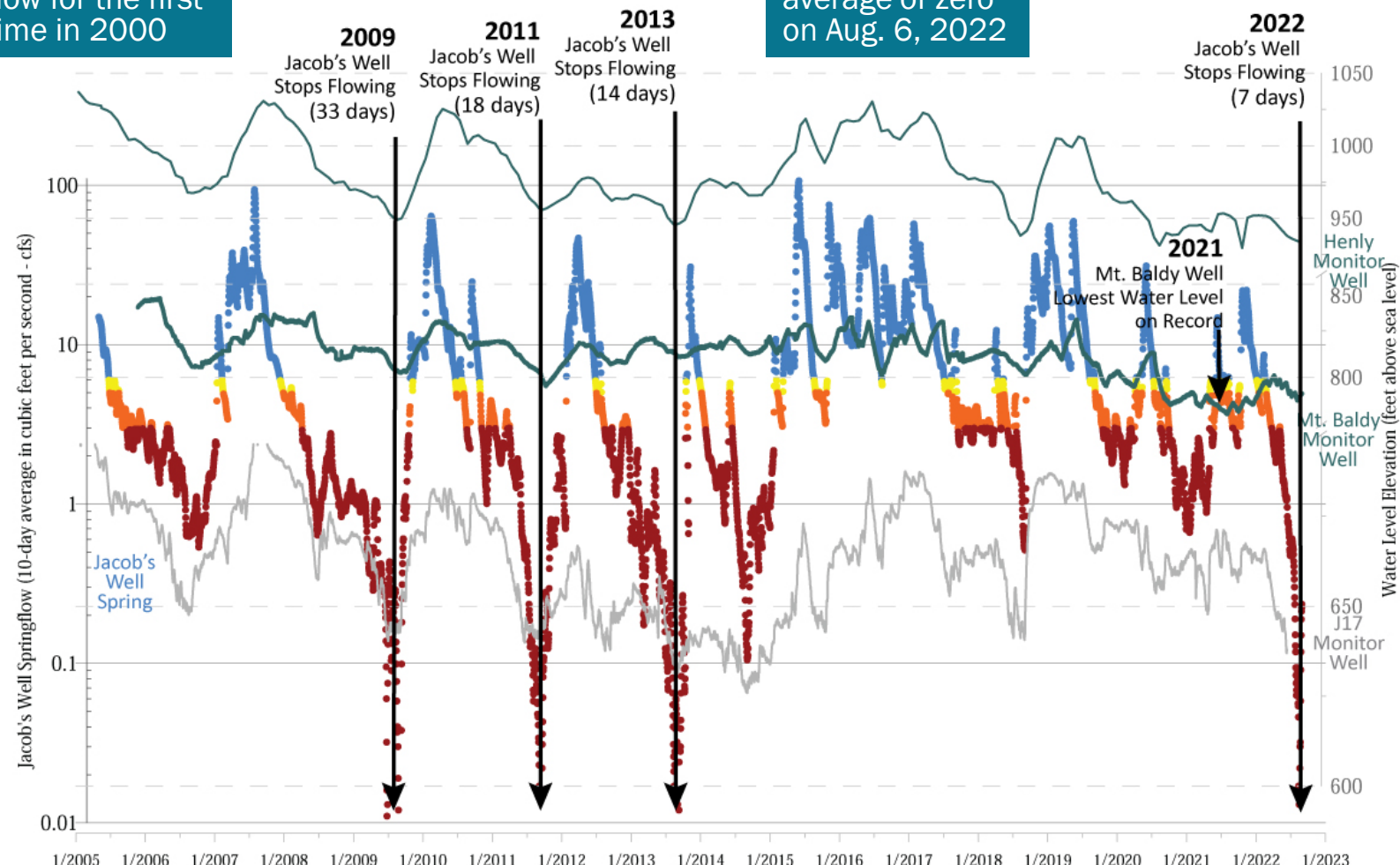
Note: Pleasant Valley and Park Springs provide the Blanco River baseflow measured at the USGS Blanco River site shown above.

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Jacob's Well reached zero flow for the first time in 2000

Jacob's Well reached a daily average of zero on Aug. 6, 2022



Middle Trinity Aquifer Monitor Sites: Jacob's Well Spring (USGS), Mt. Baldy Monitor Well (TWDB), Henly Monitor Well (HTGCD) Edwards Aquifer Monitor Site: J17 (EAA). Graphic by Robin Gary, Watershed Association, September 2022

GROUNDWATER USE

- Groundwater Supplies
- Groundwater Districts
- Monitor Wells to Watch

Water Utilities (CCNs) by Source

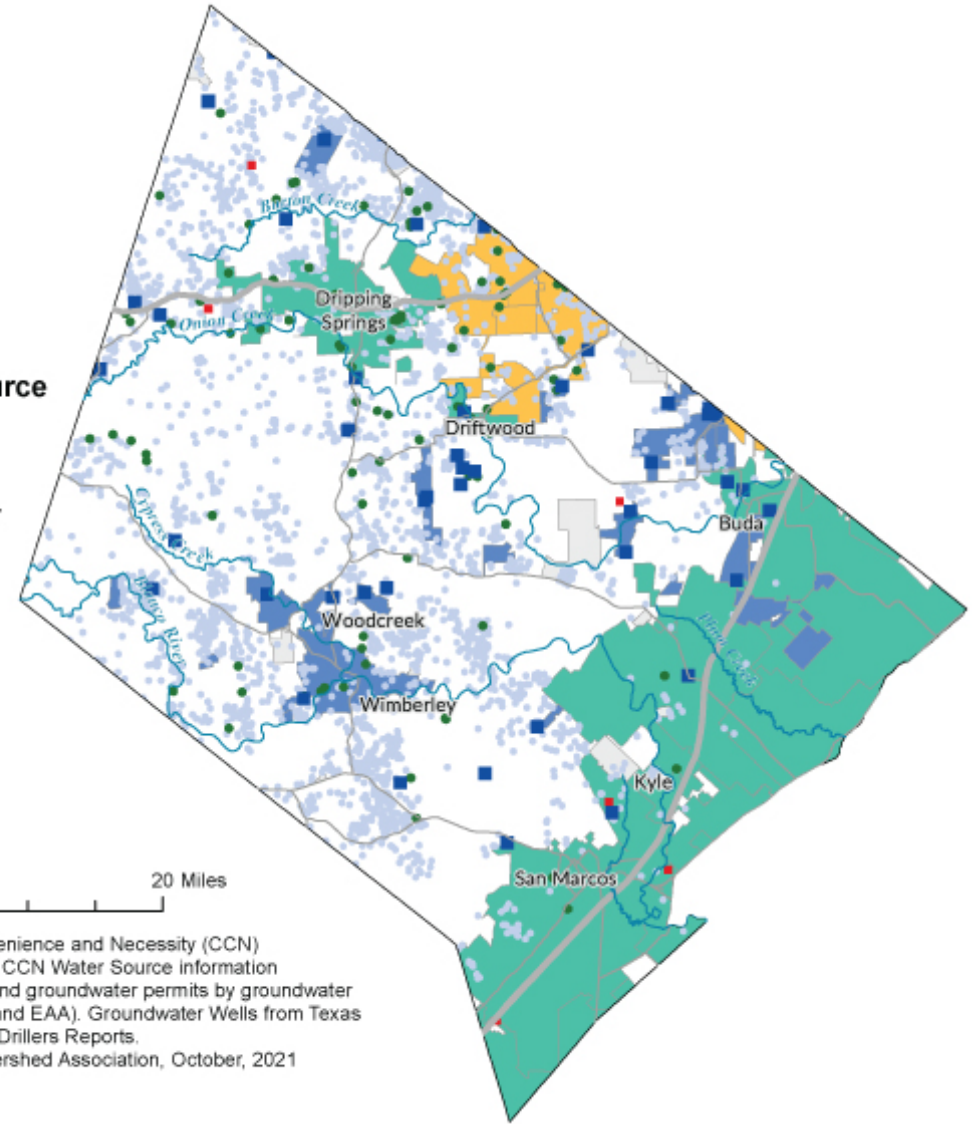
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Groundwater Wells by Use

- Domestic
- Industrial
- Irrigation
- Public Supply

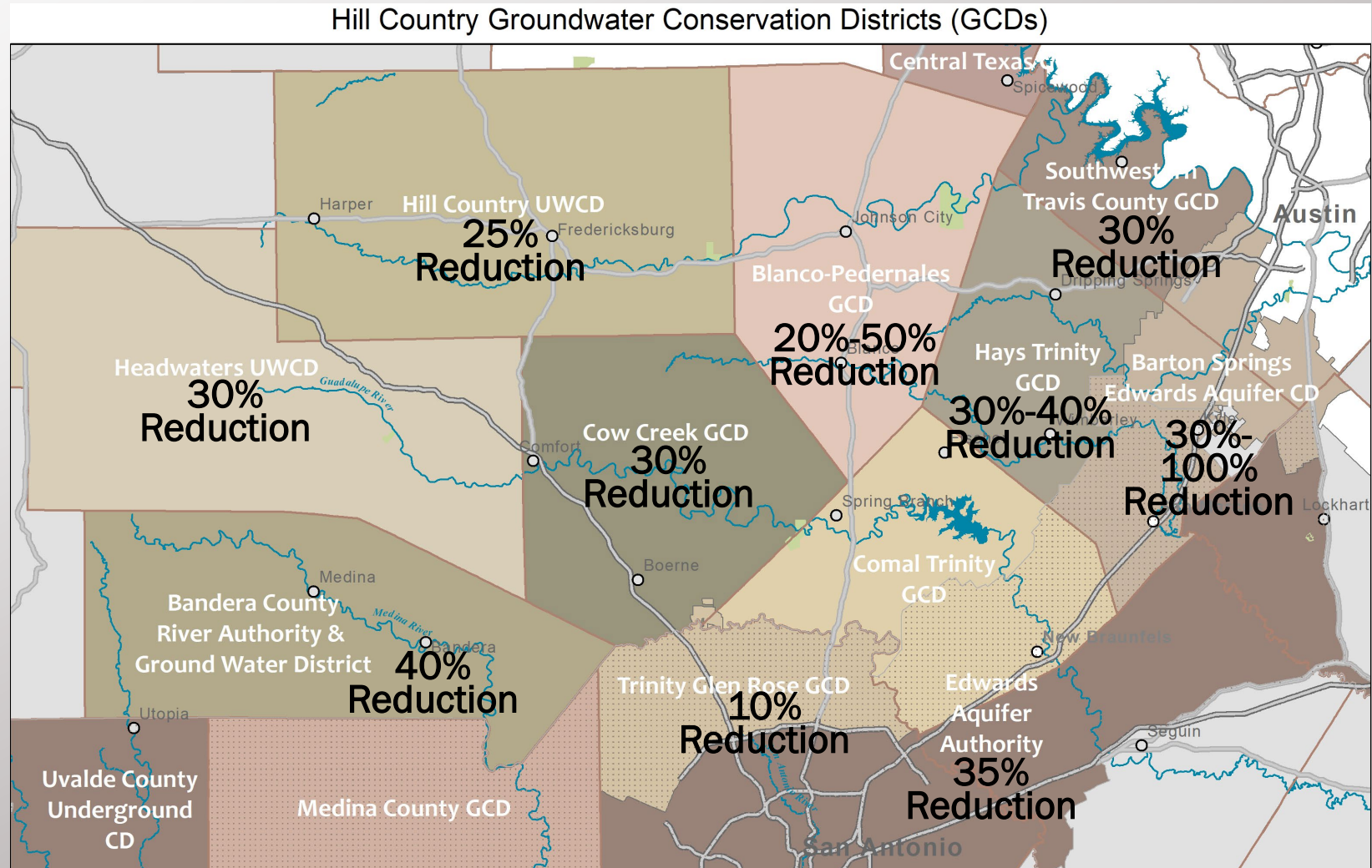
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Basemap: Water Utility Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) boundaries from Public Utility Commission, CCN Water Source information compiled from the 2022 State Water Plan and groundwater permits by groundwater conservation districts (BSEACD, HTGCD, and EAA). Groundwater Wells from Texas Water Development Board Submitted Well Drillers Reports.
Map by Robin Gary, Wimberley Valley Watershed Association, October, 2021



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Basemap: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Groundwater Conservation Districts
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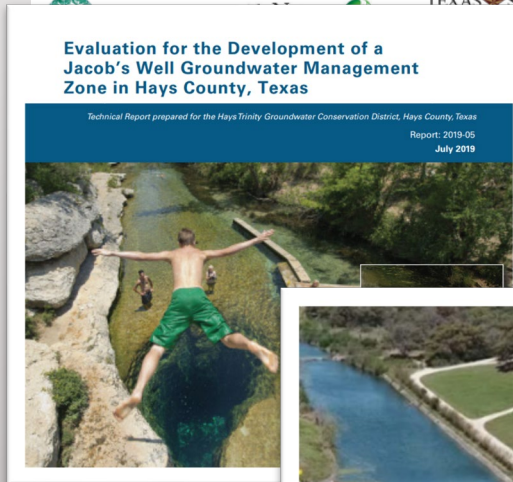


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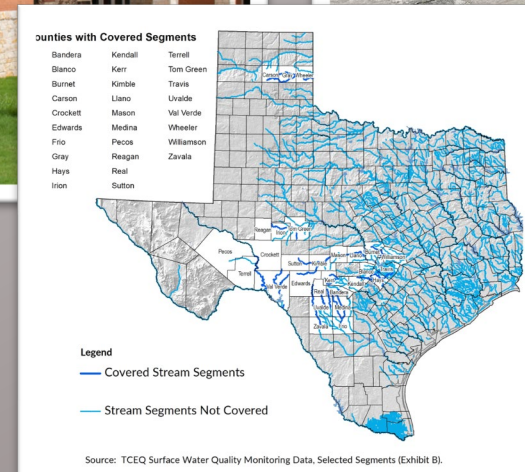


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SUCCESSES

- Cypress Creek Watershed Protection Plan
- Creation of Jacob's Well Groundwater Management Zone
- WISD's One Water School
- Green Infrastructure Projects
- Water Quality, Flow, Groundwater Monitoring
- Blanco Water Reclamation Task Force
- *Pristine Streams Protections*

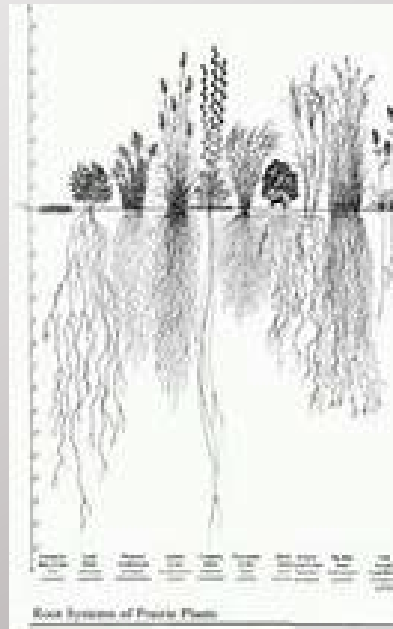


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“When the well runs dry, we know the **worth of water.**”
Benjamin Franklin

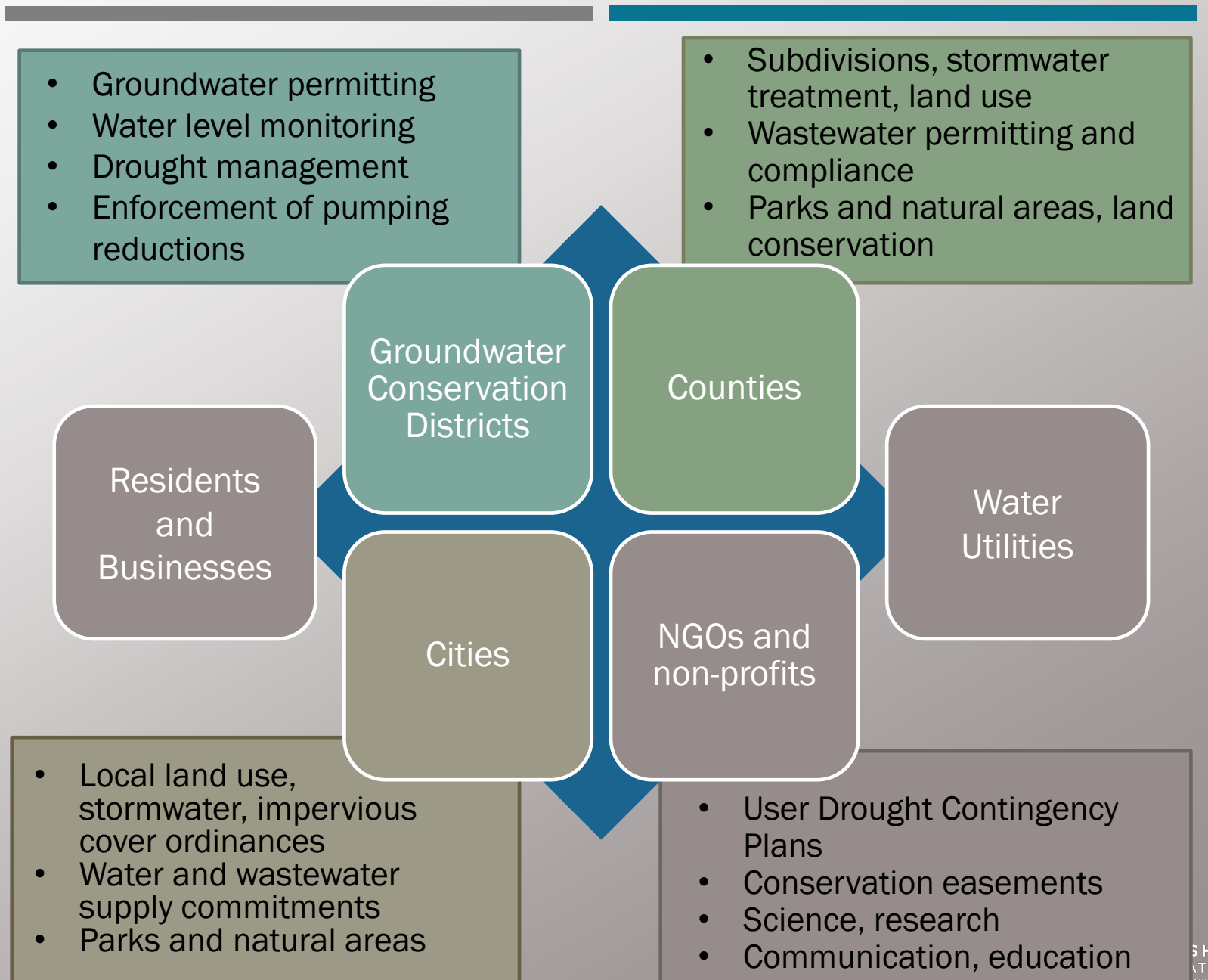
- Use Hill Country native plants in landscaping
- Check for leaks often
- Catch rainwater for irrigation needs



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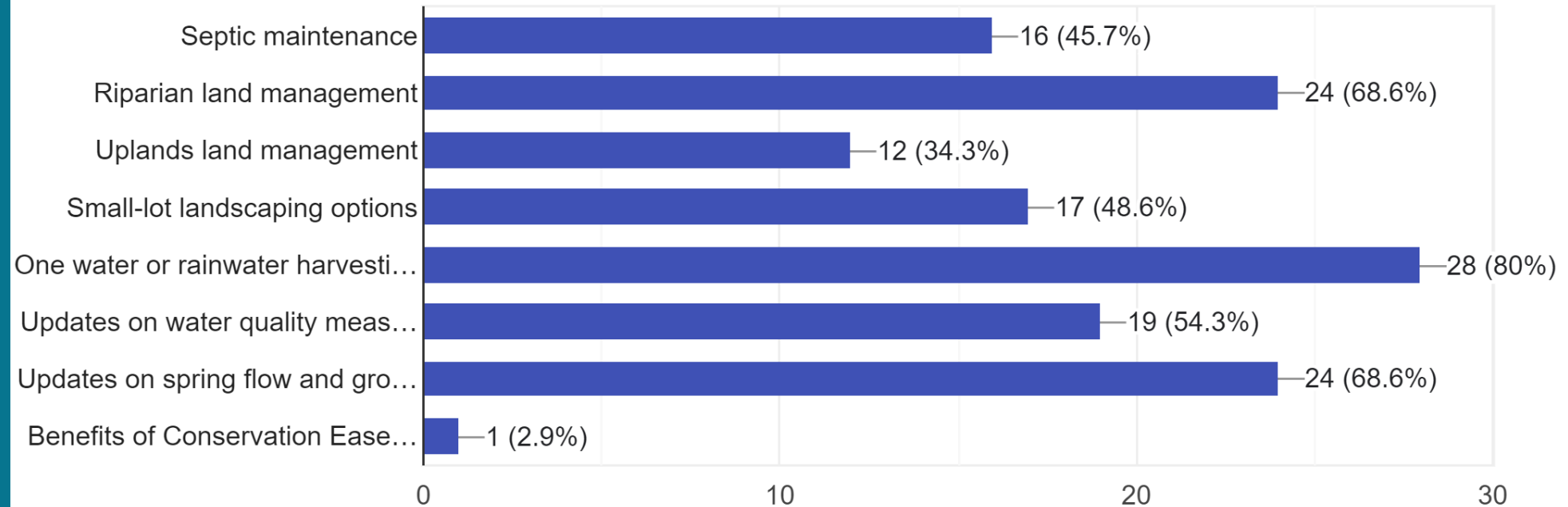
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NEXT STEPS

What are the education and/or communication opportunities needed for the next phase?

35 responses



NEXT STEPS

Special Projects:

1. Source switch or alternate water supply feasibility for growing groundwater demand (30)
2. Stormwater study, analysis, and/or engineering audit (20)
3. Community-scale Type 1 reuse feasibility study (benefits & pitfalls) (19)
4. Demonstration project or mitigation BMP for untreated downtown stormwater flows (15)
5. Impact analysis of water quality ordinance changes (14)

Additional options (because it's been a minute):

- Land, Water, and Transportation Master Plan
- Regional Recharge Study Area groundwater management zone
- Enhanced bacteria monitoring