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WHAT IS THE SMRF

SMRF addresses a wide range of issues impacting the springs and river, including responsible development in flood plains and sensitive areas around the aquifer recharge zones, non-source point pollution, and wastewater discharges. SMRF is also involved in planning for both droughts and flooding, the impact of heavy recreational use, stormwater control, and the spread of invasive species threatening habitats of endangered species found in the river.

SMRF started with annual clean-ups along the river, which has now turned into a city-wide program in collaboration with Keep San Marcos Beautiful, and education so that local residents will understand how the aquifer works and the unique species that exist both in the aquifer and river. During this period, SMRF worked to identify water quality problems and seek out solutions for improvement.

FOUNDED IN 1985

Founded ensure the continued flow of the San Marcos Springs, improve water quality and protect the natural beauty of the river through the establishment of parks and habitat restoration.

THE RIVER

Considered to be one of the most diverse ecological systems in the southwest, there are many projects underway to ensure that these species continue to thrive in the face of explosive regional growth, increased demands for water, and the threats of prolonged droughts.

Known for its beauty, visitors from all over the world come to the river to tube, kayak, swim, fish, and snorkel in the crystal-clear waters, which are also home to a number of endangered species unique to the San Marcos River and Edwards Aquifer. These include Texas Wild Rice, the Texas Blind Salamander, the Fountain Darter, and the San Marcos Salamander, all of which require clean and continuously flowing aquifer water with a stable temperature.





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