July 23, 2021

Director Kelly Schmidt
Dripping Springs Parks & Community Services
511 Mercer Street
Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

Dear Ms. Schmidt and the Hays County Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Commission,

As Hays County continues to grow it is critical that parks and wild spaces be maintained for the enjoyment of the public, the well-being of fish and wildlife, and for the protection of our primary drinking water source.

Conserved and undeveloped land and waterways are critical for optimal aquifer recharge in the Texas Hill Country. The Rathgeber Natural Resource Park & Outdoor Education Center project and its conservation of upper Barton Creek can play a key part in maintaining the high-quality drinking water on which Dripping Springs residents rely.

The Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District supports our partners at the Dripping Springs Parks and Community Department in helping protect our most valuable underground asset.

Thank you for your continued dedication and good works,

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