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## Healthy Creeks Initiative Spring 2018 Update

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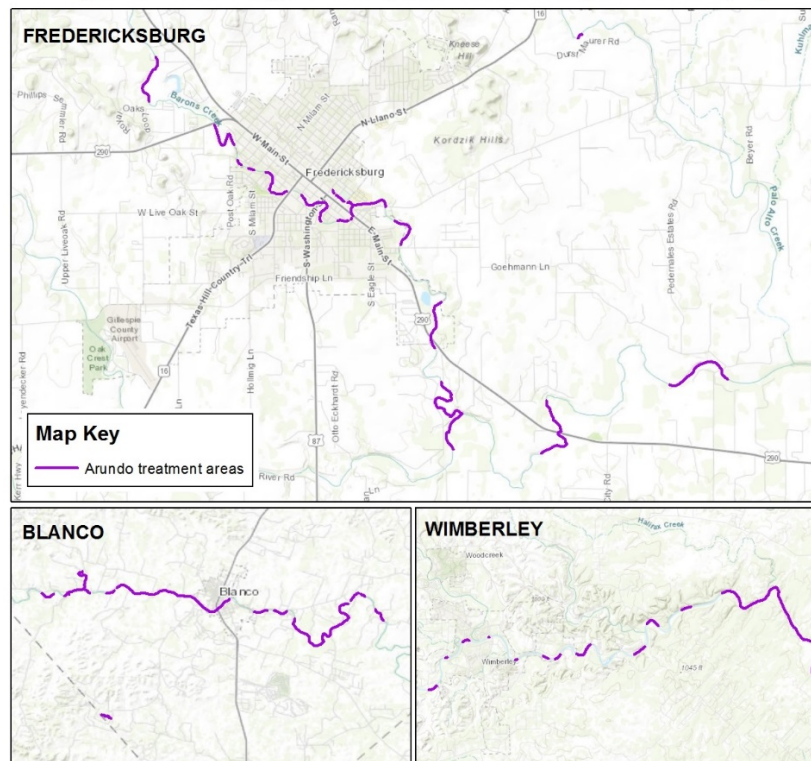
Dear Partner,

Invasive plants like Arundo threaten the healthy function of creeks and rivers and the habitats alongside these waterways that are vital to the health of our creeks and the aquatic life they support. As a partner in the Healthy Creeks Initiative to manage Arundo and other invasive plants, you're helping to protect our natural heritage in the Texas Hill Country. We'll occasionally be sending you email updates like this one to keep you tuned in to what's happening with the project. **If you've sold your property, please email us at [healthycreeks@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:healthycreeks@tpwd.texas.gov) to let us know.**

### What's new with the Healthy Creeks Initiative?

Arundo treatments have been very effective! In 2017, only ~26% of the Arundo treated in 2016 required re-treatment. Since the initiative began, we've treated more than 30 acres of Arundo and 180 landowners have joined us! This spring, we'll be re-surveying the Arundo, holding workshop(s) in your area, and working to recruit new landowner partners. You can help by spreading the word. This summer, we'll be treating (or re-treating) the Arundo and may also contact you to offer treatment for some of the other problematic invasive plants. In the fall and winter, we hope to re-seed and plant some areas with native plants to help the recovery process along. **You can see a larger version of this map online – see the healthy creeks web address below.**

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(Fredericksburg, Blanco, and Wimberley Areas Maps)



## The Healthy Creeks Initiative is Growing!

In 2018, the Healthy Creeks Initiative is growing to include not only the Upper Pedernales River (and tributaries like Barons Creek) and the Blanco River but also the Upper Medina River and tributaries (Bandera County) and the Upper Guadalupe River and tributaries (Kerr County). You're part of something big!

### Healthy Creeks Yard Sign Delivery

Starting next Wednesday and Thursday (March 21-22), we'll be delivering yard signs to landowner partners. We hope that you'll display the sign to show your proud participation in the Healthy Creeks Initiative and to help spread the word to others. Use a permanent marker to check off the boxes on the sign to share what you're doing to help keep our Hill Country creeks and rivers healthy!



*Healthy Creeks Initiative Yard Sign*

### HEALTHY CREEKS INITIATIVE CONTACTS

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- **Upper Guadalupe (Kerr County):** Tara Bushnoe (UGRA), [tbushnoe@ugra.org](mailto:tbushnoe@ugra.org), 830-896-5456
- **Upper Medina (Bandera County):** Levi Sparks (BCRAGD), [lsparks@bcragd.org](mailto:lsparks@bcragd.org), 830-796-7620
- **Nueces (Pull.Kill.Plant. Program):** Sky Lewey (NRA), [slewey@nueces-ra.org](mailto:slewey@nueces-ra.org), 830-278-6810

### ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Healthy Creeks Initiative Webpage:** <http://tpwd.texas.gov/healthycreeks>
- **Arundo Control Man – A Prevention Program for Texas:** <http://tpwd.texas.gov/arundocontrolman>

