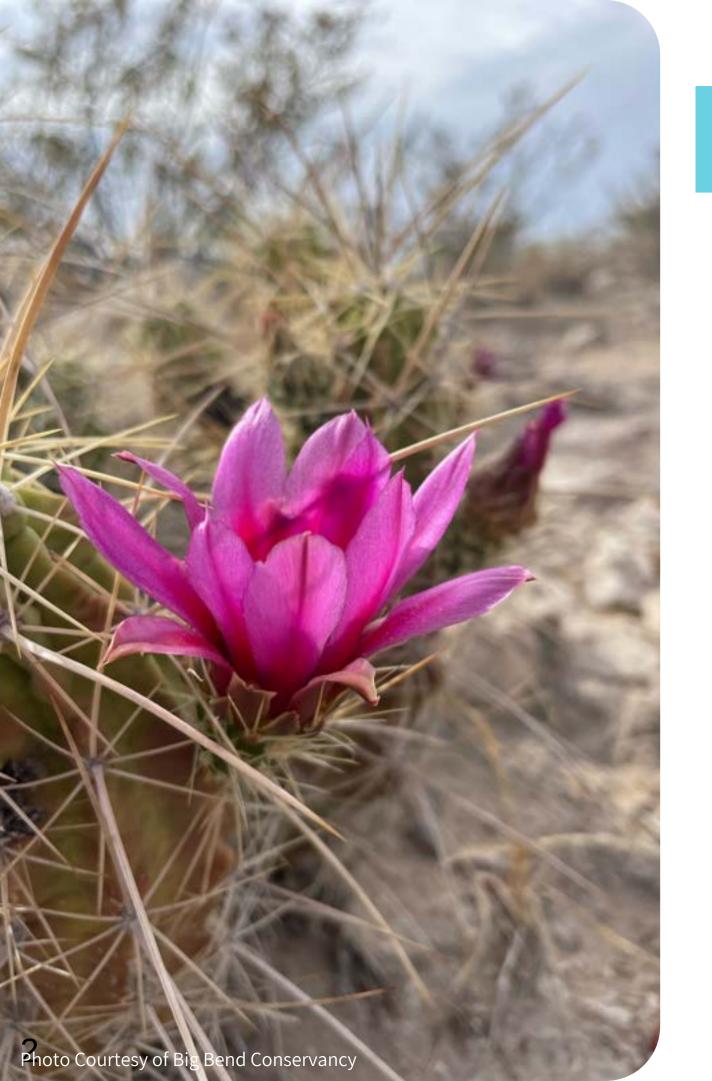


# Environmental Empowerment

HOW A COMMUNITY OF NONPROFITS, BUSINESSES, AND INDIVIDUALS ARE **TRANSFORMING TEXAS** 

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## **2023 Impact Report**



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EarthShare Texas is a 501(c)(3)nonprofit federation consisting of 34 Texas-based environmental and conservation organizations. We are offering more support to our members, our board is evolving, and our efforts to fundraise unrestricted funds for environmental nonprofits are more diverse.



#### **Mission**

Through collaborative fundraising and partnership building, EarthShare Texas empowers mission-driven members to pursue positive environmental and health impacts across the Lone Star State for the benefit of all.

#### Vision

A collaborative alliance of environmental organizations, public institutions, and businesses conserving and sustaining a healthy environment for all Texans.

#### A Letter from the Board President and Executive Director

Fellow Stewards of the Earth,

We are thrilled to share with you an in-depth look at the transformative journey of EarthShare Texas in our latest Impact Report. As we navigate the vast and diverse landscape of Texas, themes of community, connection, and empowerment have become the driving force behind our mission. This report is a testament to the remarkable impact our federation has achieved, thanks to the unwavering support of our dedicated community.

As fellow Texans, we have many concerns about the challenges our state faces in terms of climate change, desertification, and stress brought on by population growth. We believe that local nonprofits hold the solutions to many of these challenges, especially because they work directly with their communities - YOUR communities. Because they are also members of your PTA, your volunteer group, or your community leadership, they share an interest in creating thriving Texas communities. They are the change-makers we seek to empower. These challenges bring many opportunities, too. We are confident that by weaving a collaborative ecosystem of nonprofits, communities, businesses, and individuals, we are made stronger and more innovative in our approach. Through connection, resource sharing, and inspiration, we can create a better environment for all current and future Texans.

We invite you to be a part of this solution. As members of this community, we know you care about the future of Texas, and we know you have great things to contribute. The EarthShare Texas team gives you a hearty "thank you" and we look forward to collaborating with you further.

Onwards,

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Executive Director





Photo Courtesy of Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition Photo Credit: Roy Ulibarri

## EARTHSHARE TEXAS STAFF



EarthShare Texas staff members are committed to the empowerment of our nonprofit members and the preservation of the Texas environment. Our team is passionate, talented, and ready to lead Texas towards a greener, more sustainable future.



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# **OUR STORY**

EarthShare Texas was founded as the Environmental Fund for Texas in 1992 and later became an affiliate organization of EarthShare. Our priority at EarthShare Texas is to empower opportunities for partnership among our alliance and with the living planet.



EarthShare Texas' network of 30+ environmental and conservation organizations is a powerhouse that has collectively conserved **19,000+ acres of Texas land**, removed over **2 million pounds of trash** from waterways, and organized **169,000 hours of volunteer opportunities**.



Our alliance represents environmental nonprofits, businesses and eco-conscious individuals teaming up to create positive, sustainable collective impact for the benefit of all.



Photo Courtesy of Sustainable Food Center



# **Supporting Local Solutions**

Texas is facing unprecedented change and opportunity to shape a sustainable future for the state. With its abundant renewable energy resources, diverse ecosystems and passionate residents, Texas has the potential to set an inspiring example for others to follow. We are Texans, too. These changes not only impact us, but future generations - our children, and theirs. In order to preserve the Texas environment, we must act for the future - today.

"Growing up in North Texas, I spent hours playing outside in fields of wildflowers and gurgling creeks. It is a privilege to work for an organization that values not only the nature I love, but the groups working tirelessly to protect it." - Jordan Goodrich, EarthShare Texas



#### **Population Growth**

Texas' population is now over 30 million; second only to California. Texas is the 4th fastest growing state (U.S. Census, 2022).



#### Land Development

Changing land use and fragmentation alters and threatens natural habitats (TPWD, 2023).

#### WHAT WE'RE FACING



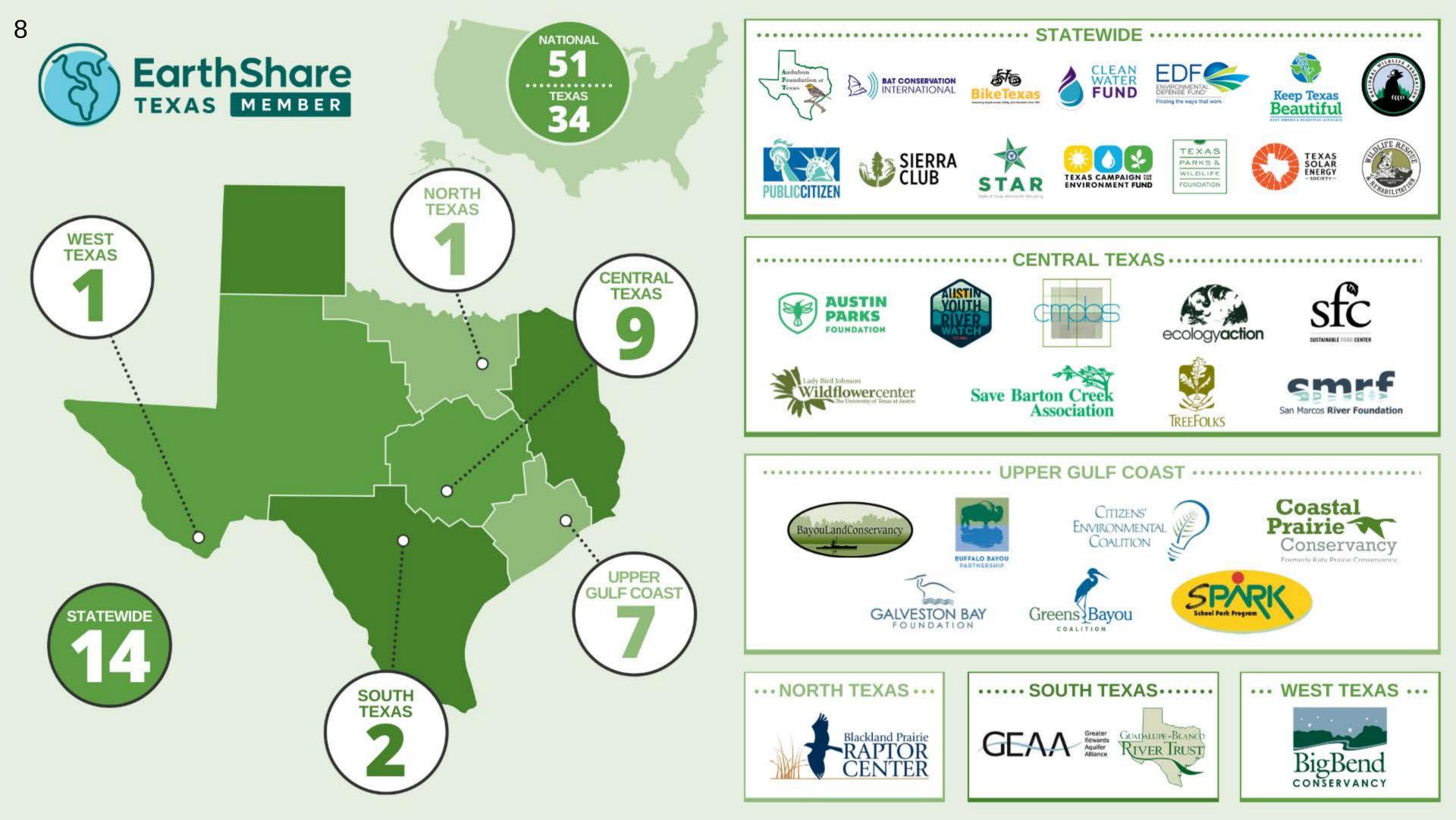
#### Water Consumption

Many different Texas groups rely heavily on water, but Texas rivers and wildlife cannot thrive wiithout it (Texas Living Waters).



#### **Climate Impacts**

Most of the state has warmed between one-half and one degree (F) in the past century (EPA, 2016).



## Advocacy & Environmental Justice

Photo Courtesy of Public Citizen of Texas

Several of our members focus on building public support for conservation, clean water, and climate and environmental justice. They represent the frontline for environmental policy change in Texas and building a more inclusive community.





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# Environmental Education

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Photo Courtesy of Austin Youth River Watch

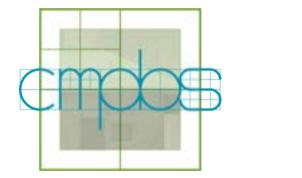
These nonprofits help spread environmental education to rural and urban communities all over the Lone Star State. Their work encourages a growing awareness and understanding of our partnership with the living earth.



## Infrastructure & Sustainable Design

Photo Courtesy of Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems

Innovation in energy, infrastructure, and design is essential to build more resilient and coexistent communities. Learn more about our members that are leading efforts in renewable energy, LEED design, and other forward-thinking solutions for a new world.









Over 95% of Texas land is privately owned, which underscores the importance of conservation efforts in our state. Many of our conservation groups work with the state, federal government, and private landowners to keep this land available for wildlife and future generations.













## Parks & Public Space

Photo Courtesy of SPARK School Parks Program. Photo Credit: Tom Callins

Many Texans utilize public spaces to gather as communities, rest and de-stress, and stay active. Our members establish, expand, and maintain those outdoor resources for the public's enjoyment.







School Park Program





## Water Resources

Photo Courtesy of Save Barton Creek Association

The quantity and the quality of our life source is under daily threat in our state. It's vital that our member organizations can protect our water resources, and ensure everyone can access clean drinking water. Life literally depends on the enduring efforts of locals, like you.













Photo Courtesy of Blackland Prairie Raptor Center. Photo Credit: Annamarie Saavedra

To protect and prosper wild livelihoods, and our own, wildlife organizations work to rehabilitate and serve all kinds of animals, birds, and other native and nonnative species.











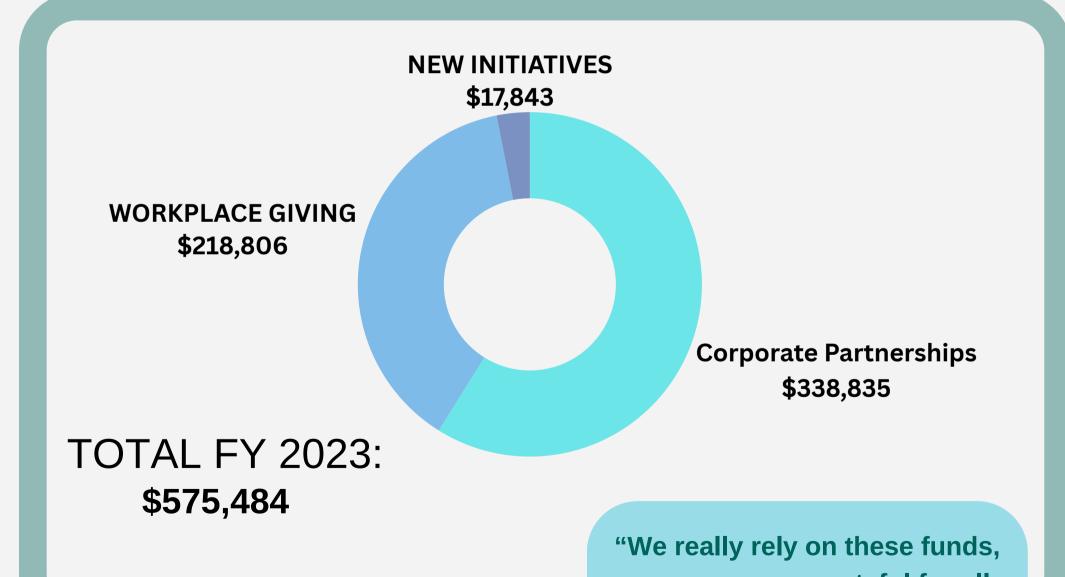
# **EMPOWERING NONPROFIT MEMBERS**

From payroll giving to partnering with companies for cause-marketing campaigns, we empower our nonprofit members by supplying sustainable, unrestricted funding. Our fundraising efforts are always evolving and we welcome new collaborators. We also offer our members support through networking, outreach, and marketing opportunities.

#### DISTRIBUTIONS

FROM 1992 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2023: WE RAISED MORE THAN \$21 Million

FOR OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS



"We really rely on these funds, so we are very grateful for all your activities." - ESTX Member

# **From Our Members**

As growth booms in communities across the Texas Hill Country, the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance is here to provide recommendations and support for best practices to manage new development and protect our water resources. We are sincerely grateful to ESTX for being a generous and reliable source of support for our organization. ESTX contributes greatly to the stability of the Aquifer Alliance and, we believe Texas is better for it! - Annalise Peace

EarthShare Texas has enabled the San Marcos River Foundation to greatly expand its volunteer activities to beautify the river and open our award-winning citizen science water quality training program to a statewide audience. [ESTX] enabled us to expand our outreach in the community and offer easy and convenient opportunities for individuals or groups to become involved in the protection of their watershed. - Rachel Sanborn It's an honor and a privilege to join hands with the more than 30 statewide EarthShare Texas organizations that are raising awareness and inspiring every Texan to adopt bold environmental and conservation strategies to ensure our children inherit a diverse, resilient, clean energy future. Texas Solar Energy Society is honored to be one of EarthShare Texas' statewide environmental organizations. -Pete Parsons

[EarthShare Texas] is [a] fantastic organization doing incredible work to help us move the environmental needle in the right direction in Texas. – Nonprofit Member

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We appreciate what you do for us. It's a rough world out there and we're all struggling to take care of our tiny part of it. - Nonprofit Member

> Photo Courtesy of National WIIdlife Federation Photo Credit: Tomek Baginski



# **AMPLIYFING IMPACT**

EarthShare Texas has expanded our support to include training opportunities that help our nonprofits reach underserved communities and develop more representative staff. We also launched the Green Leaders Fellowship. In order to continue improving support for our members, we are engaged in strategic planning that will inform the next three years of programs.



### **A Nuanced Solution**

The Green Leaders Fellowship facilitates meaningful partnerships between Texas environmental nonprofits and leaders in the Green Workforce.

The mission of the EarthShare Texas Green Leaders Fellowship is to foster a vibrant and diverse Green Workforce that will lead Texas in sustainable development, creating a positive impact in our communities and throughout our state. In 2023, EarthShare Texas successfully placed fellows with five environmental nonprofit organizations.

Paid fellows placed with ESTX nonprofits

**Inclusivity training for** participating nonprofits

Leadership & development programs

These three services

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# **Green Leaders Fellowship**

Through hands-on experience, professional development training, and meaningful connections, we strive to empower fellows to become leaders in the environmental field, within their communities, and beyond. EarthShare Texas has the size, network, and experience to create a robust program that meets the needs of green leaders and environmental nonprofits.



Click the logo to learn about each project



# **GREEN BUSINESS COMMUNITY**

By partnering with EarthShare Texas, businesses can showcase their green values by engaging in our Earth Month Offerings, the Sustainability Challenge, Employee Engagement opportunities, and our growing Green Business Community.



hoto Courtesy of Rachel

Using a highly engaging mobile app, employees can compete individually or on teams, showing off how they incorporate sustainable energy and lifestyle choices to conserve

satisfaction, perform better, and stay longer. With EarthShare Texas, you can act on

and development designed to take your sustainability goals to the next level, and

#### THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

"Every morning, as I wake up, I say thank you, thank you, thank you. It's something my dad taught me growing up. It's good to look back on your day and forward to the next, giving thanks for the sun, our life-abundant Earth, and the communities that share its bounty. I'm thankful that you are a part of our community." - Francoise Van Keuren, EarthShare Texas

#### JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

EarthShare Texas is growing - and so is our community. You are an integral part of that growth, and we invite you to join in on the conversation. Tell us what you want to see from EarthShare Texas by signing up for our newsletter and sharing your passions.



# EARTHSHARE TEXAS SUPPORTERS

Photo Courtesy of Ecology Action

# **OUR DONORS**

We know Texans are not the type of people to back down when faced with a challenge. Texans have the power to protect and conserve. Let's cultivate our collaborative alliance and empower a sustainable partnership with the environment and each other - for future's sake.

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