

## **We can't ignore the growth challenges in the county**

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This weekend (April 17-18) you shared a helpful depiction of the growth pains and struggles of our precious Hill Country setting. After noting the drama for home seekers and purchasers in our Comal County market and beyond, you gave visibility to the legislative efforts to create needed oversight for unincorporated Hill Country development. The land and water resources placed at risk if not pursued in a smart manner are considerable!

An impressive number of local and regional folks are appreciative that Rep. Biedermann and some others in the Texas House are eager to promote HB 3883 and, if necessary, tweak it so as to get to the floor of the current session.

As one of the advocates for this legislation said, "if not now, when?"

County governance lacks the ability for oversight to insist on caution for our water sources and wastewater discards.

The way some of the fragile areas of property are allowed to develop needs to be based on the natural land circumstances rather than how to sketch out a dense subdivision in less fragile areas.

Should passage of these matters be postponed, perhaps the question along with better water conservation measures could become the basis of an interim study looking toward further discussion and action in the near future.

Again, thanks for good, timely reporting!

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