



## Workshop Announcement

# Building Healthy Landscapes to Meet Urban Challenges

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The **Upper Guadalupe River Authority**, the **Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance**, and the **Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater Conservation District** will be offering a training on why and how landscape practices can assist communities in meeting air and water quality goals while reducing peak stormwater flood flows.

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Networking lunch from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Location:** Guadalupe Basin Natural Resources Center Auditorium  
125 Lehmann Drive  
Kerrville, Texas 78028

### Who Should Attend:

- Municipal or County staff responsible for grounds maintenance operations
- Landscape architects responsible for developing maintenance specifications
- Arborists and landscape maintenance professionals
- Landscape consultants

### What is Included:

- Presentation provided by subject experts
- Box lunch with beverages
- Handouts for attendees:
  - 1) *“A Field Guide for Practices to Meet Urban Challenges”* in English and Spanish
  - 2) Managing riparian areas and how to reduce erosion on slopes
- Certificate of Completion

### Topics:

- How Landscape Maintenance Practices Can Be Used and the Role of Healthy Soils
- Recommended Practices to Build Healthy Landscapes
- The Role of Trees and Their Proper Maintenance

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Visit to register: [www.ugra.org/public-information/education/blog/seminar-2025](http://www.ugra.org/public-information/education/blog/seminar-2025)

## Our Speakers

### Debbie Reid



Debbie Reid has worked in the field of natural resource management for more than 25 years. She has a BS in Soil and Crop Management and a MS in Horticulture from Texas A&M University. Her career in San Antonio began with the Bexar County AgriLife office where she worked closely with Horticulture Agent, Calvin Finch in every aspect from turf management to school gardens.

Since then, she has been a Nature Preserve Coordinator with the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation and was the City Arborist with Development Services for 12 years where she successfully used her skills in managing both plants and soils in urban areas to improve development and maintenance practices. Also during this time she assisted in the creation of the Native Landscape Certification program for the Native Plant Society. As one of the Technical Directors at the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, she has supervised the construction of various stormwater best management features, maintained them and developed their long term maintenance protocol. Seeing the great potential, she has worked for the past 5 years in promoting soil health to be used as a mitigation tool in meeting today's urban environmental challenges.

### Nathan Glavy

A San Antonio native, Nathan Glavy holds a Bachelor of Science in environmental studies and a Master of Water Management in water management and hydrological sciences from Texas A&M University. Joining the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance in 2022, Nathan serves as one of the Technical Directors who oversees water quality and soil health research, wastewater policy, and education and outreach. He brings to the Alliance years of experience in the fields of riparian and stream restoration education and outreach, wastewater regulation, and watershed protection planning.



Before joining GEAA, Nathan served as a program specialist for the Texas Water Resources Institute at Texas A&M University and Texas A&M AgriLife. He has also spent time working with the US Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 office's Children's Environmental Health and Schools division, the United States House of Representatives for Congressman Filemon Vela, the water conservation department of the San Antonio Water System, and the water resources department of the City of College Station.

