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As a New Jersey/Philadelphia native, one of the first things that shocked me when I arrived in Austin was its beautiful waterways. I could not believe that people could swim and play in natural creeks and pools located right in the middle of the city. I thought that kind of privilege was only reserved for remote nature preserves way out in the country!

As one of Austin's many newcomers, I became really interested in learning how Austin got this way, and discovering how I could leave behind the kind of legacy that previous generations had left for me. Lucky for me, I had a platform from which to do so, as Editor-in-Chief of the Austin EcoNetwork (now The Austin Common) and co-host of Shades of Green radio show. With my work, I really focused on telling Austin's environmental history for other newcomers like me, who knew little about the stories that have long been legend amongst Austin's existing environmental community. In particular, I focused on the work that still needs to be done to ensure that Austin is a beautiful and equitable place to live for years to come, explaining that places like Barton Creek don't happen by accident. They're only here because of the hard work and dedication of local activists.

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