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When I returned from living in Germany in 1993, I was deeply impressed with the growing effort by concerned Austinites to protect Barton Creek and Barton Springs from uncontrolled growth. I wanted to help.

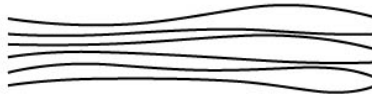
I have been working for Clean Water Action and Clean Water Fund since 1995, and we helped pass the landmark SOS initiative and numerous bond initiatives to purchase water quality conservation lands in the watershed, beginning in the 1990s.

We also work to protect landmark national laws like the Clean Water Act that protects creeks like Barton and its tributaries. We are also working to prevent discharges of sewage effluent into creeks that flow into the recharge zone, to downsize or stop highway projects that threaten the creek, and promote 'One Water' approaches to stretch and protect local water supplies and eliminate the need to pipe water into the watershed from outside the region.

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BARTON CREEK



TIME STREAM