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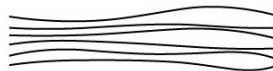
My work that is most closely related to Barton Creek has been research on understanding the evolution and biodiversity of the Groundwater Salamanders of the Edwards Aquifer. This led to the scientific description of two new species of salamanders that live in Barton Springs, the Barton Springs Salamander and the Austin Blind Salamander, both of which are now listed as federally endangered species. I have also worked closely with the City of Austin, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife to develop appropriate strategies for recovering and protecting these species.

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For more on the topic <https://www.esi.utexas.edu/talk/salamander-saved-city/>



**BARTON CREEK**



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