

# HENRY BROOKS JR & HENRY BROOKS III

Land Stewards



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My son, Henry, and I live on and personally manage ranch land located in the Barton Creek water catchment. My grandparents, parents, my son and I have collectively owned the land for more than a century.

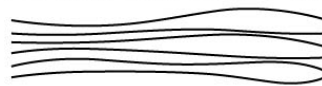
We manage the ranch to foster water quality and quantity by encouraging growth of a savannah consisting of a healthy, heterogeneous plant community of grasses, forbs and trees common to this area. Browsing by wildlife along and with controlled rotational browsing by cattle and goats helps us maintain, enhance, and harvest that plant community. Some of the tallgrass prairie grasses growing here include big bluestem, Indiangrass, switchgrass, and eastern gamagrass.



Tending to land in a manner that will improve water quality and quantity by enabling the land to return to conditions which may have existed a century ago is one of our primary goals. We try our best to take care of the plant community, the soil, and the water because if we take care of them, then, they will take care of all of us.

Over the years, I have coordinated with the Watershed Protection Department of the City of Austin and the Save Barton Creek Association and have come to know them well. I regard their conservation work as exemplary.

**BARTON CREEK**



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