

LOUIS RENÉ BARRERA

1958-2019

City of Austin, Environmental Conservation Information Specialist 1995-2018

Louis René Barrera was a man of many talents. Since 1995, he served as an Environmental Conservation Information Specialist for the City of Austin. He worked many years as a Preserves guardian and helped to manage the Barton Creek Greenbelt and Wilderness area. He helped to protect and restore the native habitat, and at the same time, educated many of his fellow citizens about their community and the natural world.

René was recently recognized by Mayor Steve Adler for his trailblazing work managing the 2,200 acres of 15 parcels of the City's Nature Preserve program. René received many honors and awards for his work and service including the Keep America Beautiful National Award and the Keep Austin Beautiful Award. To honor his hard work and dedication, the Indiangrass Nature

Preserve was recently renamed the Louis René Barrera Indiangrass Wildlife Sanctuary. René was the consummate land manager and conservationist. He truly loved caring for nature and we know his work will live on through his many colleagues, and volunteers, who continue to beautify and protect the Creek.

-remembrance by John Chenoweth



