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Protecting the water, nature, and wildlife of a wholly unique area on Earth, the Barton Creek and the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer, and upholding Austin's cultural heritage as caretakers of our natural environment seemed like the best use of my efforts as an attorney.

Using the law and community organizing I have tried to reduce the pollution and paving of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer watershed. As previously rural areas upstream and outside Austin's jurisdiction have urbanized, protecting the watershed now requires educating, organizing and taking legal action on polluting issues in the communities surrounding Austin.



In the photo provided I am with attorney Stuart Henry representing the group Protect Our Water, Inc., along with POW Board Member Wes Pitts, at a meeting where 300 residents of Dripping Springs gathered to demand a sewage treatment plan that would not pollute Onion Creek, local wells, and the Barton Springs watershed.

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