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## Berkefelt Family Places 208-Acre Easement with Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust

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COMAL COUNTY - More than 200 acres of property along the Edwards Plateau in Comal County is being preserved through a conservation easement with the Berkefelt family and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust (Trust). The easement was executed at the end of August.

Stan Berkefelt and his family own the 208-acre tract of land situated in the eastern Edwards Plateau and bordered by Rocky Creek. The land is on an incline that provides a stunning view of the surrounding Hill Country. It also features limestone outcroppings that contain fossils that are relicts of the cretaceous reef once found there.

"After many conversations and determining that there were common interests, the Trust was fortunate to develop this partnership with the Berkefelts and to help bring the land into a conservation easement," Janae Reneaud, Trust executive director said.

A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and a conservation organization or government agency that permanently limits a property's uses in order to protect the property's conservation values.

"We felt the need to preserve our property from future development and my family's goals align well with the Trust," Berkefelt said, adding that "In the great scheme of things, this tract of land may be small, but it is very meaningful to me and my family and we wanted to maintain the integrity of this special piece of property."

Reneaud explained that it is in the interest of the Trust to see the riparian zone maintained to ensure future water quality in the river, for wildlife and for the protection of the beautiful vistas in the Texas Hill Country.

The Trust is a charitable, non-profit 501(c)3 organization that was developed to conserve the land and water of the Guadalupe River watershed for its natural, recreational, scenic, historic and productive value.

The mission of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust is to promote and encourage the conservation, stewardship and enjoyment of the land and water resources of the Guadalupe River watershed, while maintaining its unique and irreplaceable natural heritage.

More information about the Trust is available at [www.gbrtrust.org](http://www.gbrtrust.org).