



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 6, 2013

CONTACT: Michael E. Morrison, City Manager

424 S. Castell Ave.

New Braunfels, TX 78130

830.221-4280

mmorrison@nbtexas.org

City Recognized by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

New Braunfels, Texas —The City of New Braunfels has received notification from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) that their initiatives to protect the Guadalupe and Comal River systems have received recognition as a finalist in their Texas Environmental Excellence Awards program.

Presented annually by the Governor of Texas and the TCEQ Commissioners, the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards spotlight the state's highest achievements in environmental preservation and protection. The awards recognize outstanding, innovative, environmental programs in nine categories.

The City is being recognized in the Civic/Community category for the steps they have taken to restore, protect and preserve the rivers through creation of riparian buffers, protection of endangered species, pollution control and public education.

"We are grateful for the acknowledgement by the Governor and TCEQ staff," said Mayor Gale Pospisil. "City Council, City staff and numerous other community stakeholders have taken a variety of initiatives leading to this honor and we continue in our commitment to make safeguarding the environment a priority."

The Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee, who made final recommendations for recognition to the Governor and TCEQ Commissioners, was comprised of representatives from industry, local government, civic organizations, schools and statewide environmental groups.

Award recipients will be acknowledged for their outstanding projects at the organization's awards banquet on May 1, 2013 in Austin.

#