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Envision Central Texas  
Community Stewardship Awards Committee  
P.O. Box 17848  
Austin, TX 78760

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Bastrop submits that Environmental Stewardship exemplifies the criteria necessary to be Envision Central Texas' 2009 "Raising Public Awareness" award recipient.

We believe that Environmental Stewardship has increased the level of community awareness and participation on numerous issues, policies and projects that impact the quality of life in Bastrop city limits and beyond, furthering Envision Central Texas' principles. Environmental Stewardship has provided insight to overlapping topics and has assisted in the identification of opportunities for coordination and cooperation amongst a variety of stakeholder groups throughout the City and the County.

Their strong leadership has been exemplified through actual 'brick and mortar' projects, such as the 30-acre Lost Pines Nature Trails and River Access site along the Colorado River, and the new annual community event, NatureFest. These are key examples of Environmental Stewardship's continued commitment to the public.

We believe that Environmental Stewardship has not only increased public awareness on specific issues and topics, but have provided a gateway for individuals to continue to expand their awareness level. Increased self awareness of what is happening around them with an increased belief that they can have a true impact on how their community grows by working with fellow citizens while preserving the community's unique attributes.

The City of Bastrop's Planning and Zoning Commission applauds Environmental Stewardship's tireless efforts to raise public awareness and increase public involvement and hope that the Envision Central Texas Community Stewardship Awards Committee concurs by awarding Environmental Stewardship with this year's "Raising Public Awareness" Award.

Respectfully,

Lisa Patterson, Chair  
On behalf of the City of Bastrop's Planning and Zoning Commission