

Wise Water Words

Hello Fellow Gardeners and Happy 2022!

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful holiday season.

As you all know, the goal of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Bexar County Master Gardeners is to educate our community on proper horticultural and environmentally correct Earth Kind™ techniques. This not only creates beautiful landscapes but also protects our environment and helps us save water. The San Antonio Water System and the Bexar County Master Gardeners, as a SAWS conservation partner, were invited to participate in a resiliency project this past fall with the Atlantic Council Organization, who is associated with the Adrienne Arsht-Rockefeller Foundation Resiliency Center. The project features 10 Cities with programs that are building environmental resilience, and San Antonio was selected because of the successful efforts that our city has had in saving water as a community over many years.

The Arsht-Rockefeller foundation created an interactive map that is available to the public to help raise awareness of climate risks and build resilience for communities across the United States. The purpose is to allow people and communities to see different ways climate related challenges (fire, drought, flood, heat) can be addressed successfully. Within the interactive map are videos and articles that highlight the 10 different cities, including San Antonio. The San Antonio site features video interviews and an article highlighting our community's success and our BCMG water conservation programs.

The video and article can be found here:

<https://mappingresilience.onebillionresilient.org/sanantonio>

If you would like more information regarding the Atlantic Council or Arsht-Rockefeller Foundation, here is their link:

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/programs/adrienne-arsht-rockefeller-foundation-resilience-center/>

San Antonio citizens should be proud of the collective efforts to conserve and protect our water, and we should continue to strive to increase the numbers of resilient landscapes in all our neighborhoods throughout Bexar County. Our Master Gardeners should also be proud of their role in helping educate the community and in conserving and protecting our precious resource of water.

Conservationally yours,

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