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As a resident of the village of Salado, the Salado creek represents the heartbeat and charm of this little town. It provides a space to connect with friends, family, meeting new people, or escaping for some solitude in nature. Our summers are filled with hanging at the creek to cool off from the Texas heat. Our boys can often be found fishing in the waters of the creek. Our youngest son was baptized in what he calls the honey hole because of the specialness of the creek. That day those waters were not only special, but became sacred, holy ground. The creek is a huge part of what makes living in Salado set apart from other places. Please reconsider this proposal and keep Salado Creek waters free from becoming a dumping ground for so much wastewater. Attached are some pictures of our time at the creek.











