Friends of the Brazos River

Working to restore and ensure a clean, healthy, flowing Brazos River for present and future generations
Friends of the Brazos River comprises concerned citizens, landowners, boaters, anglers and recreational users who have discovered and love the Brazos River ...
... the most beautiful piece of flowing water within easy reach of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex; indeed, one of the most scenic rivers in Texas.
FBR's efforts support a sound ecological environment . . .
... healthy avian and wildlife populations, and provide a wide range of recreational opportunities.
Friends of the Brazos River is providing public education through a benchmark study that it funded and published on the water needed in the Brazos for a healthy and sustainable river system. This instream flow analysis for the Lake Granbury-Whitney stretch is available on the Friends’ website.
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• Annual River Clean-up

FBR, along with several local businesses, sponsors its annual clean-up the first Saturday in April. Since 2002, we have removed and recycled thousands of tires and untold tons of trash.
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- To understand and protect the ecological, historical, cultural, recreational and economic values of the Brazos River.

- To determine, through scientific study, what releases from existing reservoirs and what other instream flows are adequate in the river system to maintain a healthy riparian ecosystem in the Brazos.

- To measure and communicate to the Brazos River Authority (BRA) and all others who derive benefits from this resource the positive rewards of restoring and maintaining a clean, flowing river.
- Friends of the Brazos River is currently participating in the decision of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) on an application filed by the Brazos River Authority to expand its water rights.

- Friends of the Brazos River is expanding its membership and capabilities through the recruitment of like-minded citizens, riverfront landowners and businesses, anglers, boaters and recreational users who are committed to a balanced allocation of water in the Brazos river for recreational uses, fish and wildlife and aesthetic values.

- Friends of the Brazos River is working with the Brazos River Conservation Coalition, local officials and state representatives to extend the John Graves Scenic Riverway from Palo Pinto and Parker Counties to Hood and Somervell Counties.

- Friends of the Brazos River is working with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Glen Rose Convention and Visitors Bureau to establish a Texas Paddling Trail in the Glen Rose area.
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• John Graves
  — Legendary author John Graves, whose love story to the Brazos, *Goodbye to a River*, is a national treasure, wrote a letter to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in support of the Friends of the Brazos’ filing of the contested case hearing.
June 20, 2006

Dear Brazos River Authority,

I am really thankful that you made it possible for us to have the wonderful experience of going on a canoe trip. I really enjoyed flipping over. I was glad there was plenty of water to fall in! I had the best time going down the current. Thank you for putting enough water in the river so we wouldn’t hit ourselves on the rocks on the bottom. Thank you for making this trip possible for our 6th grade. I hope that next year’s class will have as much fun as we did.

Thank you,

Heather

Rico 6th grade

J. Erik Jonsson