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Domestic Geographic Names

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CASE BRIEF (Domestic)

**Ebba Springs**: spring; located 2 mi. N of Habbington Hollow; named for the Old English word “ebba” meaning ebb and flow, which describes the spring’s fluctuating water output; Travis County, Texas; 30°20’02”N, 97°52’41”W; USGS map – Bee Cave 1:24,000.

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Proposal: to make official a name in local use

Map: USGS Bee Cave 1:24,000

Proponent: Barbara Ritter; Austin, TX

Administrative area: None

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: No record

Local Usage: Ebba Springs (proponent; Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Water Resources Branch)

Published: None found

Case Summary: This proposal is to make official the name Ebba Springs for a spring located just outside the city limits of Austin. The spring is located on the proponent’s property and seeps out of rock bedding planes and fractures at the head of a small unnamed valley. Travertine deposits are found at the spring.

The proponent has used the name Ebba Springs for several years. An aquatic biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Water Resources Branch recently surveyed the springs and used the name Ebba Springs in the report. The proponent refers to the property as the “Ebba Springs Wildlife Refuge” and the house and property have been part of the annual Austin Weird Homes Tour.

The proponent has stated that “‘Ebba’ does not refer to any person or animal, but only to the springs.”

Proposed by: Barbara Ritter; Austin, TX

Submitted by: same

Prepared by: M. O’Donnell

Case ID: 5309

Reviewed by: J.Runyon

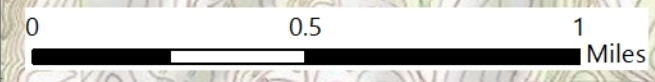
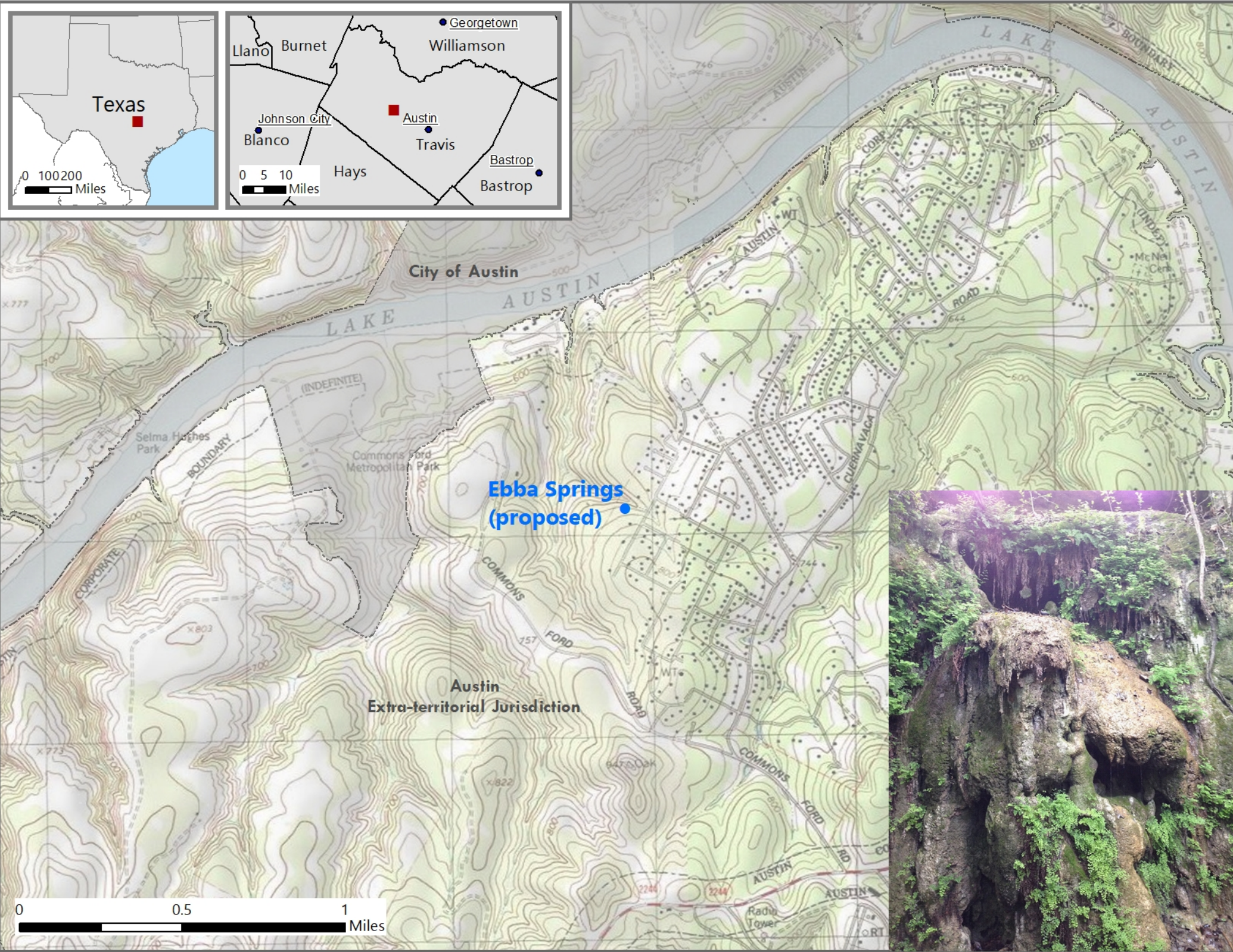
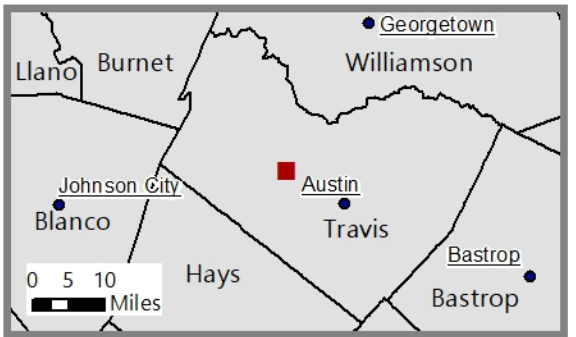
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Date: 6/4/20

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Date: 6/23/20



## DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL SUMMARY

## PROPOSE NEW OR CHANGE NAME

Name Proposal ID:

9855

Date Created:

27-APR-20

Date Submitted:

27-APR-20

Proposed Name:

Ebba Springs

Action Requested:

Name an unnamed feature

Existing Name:

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Unnamed Evidence:

The springs are on private property and have only been seen by a few people. The name has been GNIS queried, I personally checked the maps, and Chad Norris of Texas parks and Wildlife completed a springs survey and no names appeared in his research.

Locally Used:

No

Locally Used Years:

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Local Conflict:

No

Local Conflict Detail:

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Additional Details:

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## FEATURE INFORMATION

GNIS Feature ID:

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Feature class:

SPRING

**Descriptive information:**

See attachment for the Texas Parks and Wildlife report

**Meaning or significance:**

Ebba is an ancient Celtic word meaning the return of the waters, the root of our English ebb and flow. We created the name ourselves, as we watch the waters in the spring come and go.

**Commemorative:**

No

**Biographical information:**

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**Supporting materials:**

Yes

**SUPPORTING MATERIALS**

Filename	Comments
Ebba Springs Springs TPWD Norris.docx	Springs study by Chad Norris, Texas Parks and Wildlife
Ebba Springs Map and Photo.docx	Other maps and photo
Ebba Springs_TOPO.jpg	-

**STATES AND COUNTIES**

State Name	County Name
Texas	Travis

**GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES**

Obtained From	Describe Other	Lat Deg	Min	Sec		Long Deg	Min	Sec		Decimal Lat	Decimal Long	Details
Geographic Information System	-	30	20	3.36	N	97	52	41.02	W	-	-	-
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**ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS**

Administrative Area Type	Administrative Area Name	Details
OTHER (describe in Details field)	The springs are located on land in Travis County and fall under the regulation of the Extra Terrestrial Jurisdiction of the City Austin to protect the nearby Colorado watershed.	Private property in Travis County Texas, ETJ City of Austin Texas
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**MAPS AND DOCUMENTS WITH NAME**

No information entered.

**OTHER (VARIANT) NAMES AND THEIR SOURCE**

No information entered.

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