1970s – 1980s

1975 – Conservation Society transfers Acequia Park to the City.

The Espada dam causes water to pool in order to divert it to the acequia watering the mission lands.

1976 – Conservation Society transfers Espada Aqueduct to the City.

Second San Antonio Missions National Historical Park bill introduced in Congress by Congressman Abraham “Chick” Kazen.

1978 – San Antonio Missions National Historical Park bill passed by Congress following last-minute lobbying by Conservation Society members.

1983 – San Antonio Missions National Historical Park opened.

Society president Lynn Bobbitt (1982-84) sits third from the left as Archbishop Patrick Flores (at podium), addresses a gathering at the 1983 signing of the agreement creating the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park.

1984 – Conservation Society joins with several individuals and corporations in pledging $25,000 to found Los Compadres de San Antonio Missions (now called Mission Heritage Partners), a private support group.