

## Plum Creek stakeholders to discuss bacterial source tracking results on February 15

KYLE – The Plum Creek Watershed Partnership (Partnership) welcomes the public to participate in our next quarterly stakeholder meeting set for February 15 at the City of Kyle, Fire Station #1 – Community Room.

Fire Station #1 is located at 210 W. Moore Street, Kyle, TX 78640.

Sign in and social time begin at 6 p.m. with food and refreshments to be provided for all meeting attendees. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Please visit the Partnership website at <http://plumcreek.tamu.edu/> to RSVP online. You may also RSVP by calling or texting the Partnership at 512-213-7389.

“If you have an interest in the Plum Creek watershed and a desire to join the community of stakeholders working to restore water quality in Plum Creek, this is definitely the meeting you should attend,” said Nick Dornak, Plum Creek Watershed Coordinator.

The meeting will kick off with Partnership Steering Committee project updates including low-impact development in the City of Kyle and results from a joint USGS and Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Study to determine nitrate sources and chemical loading in Plum Creek.

Project updates will be followed by a presentation from Dr. Terry J. Gentry, Texas A&M University Department of Soil and Crop Sciences. The presentation will detail the process known as bacterial source tracking (BST) and the results of a 12-month BST study recently completed for the Plum Creek Watershed. BST is a set of techniques used to determine the sources of fecal indicator bacteria in the environment.

“We are very excited and fortunate to have one of the industry’s most respected professionals on BST at this quarter’s Partnership meeting,” said Dornak. “The results from of the Plum Creek BST study will allow our stakeholders to better understand fecal bacteria sources in the watershed and to direct resources accordingly,” Dornak added.

For more information on how you can help restore and protect Plum Creek, go to <http://plumcreek.tamu.edu/>. You can also email Watershed Coordinator, Nick Dornak, at [ndornak@plumcreekwatershed.org](mailto:ndornak@plumcreekwatershed.org). Funding for the development and support of the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan is through a Clean Water Act grant provided by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.