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Local Watershed Planning to Begin in Plum Creek Watershed

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Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE) and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) are partnering with local citizens to protect and improve water quality in Texas' watersheds by helping to develop and implement watershed protection plans. Watershed protection plans are designed to restore and/or protect surface waters impacted by nonpoint source pollution by implementing best management practices. Plum Creek, which runs through Hays and Caldwell Counties, has been selected for development of a watershed protection plan based on water quality data for bacteria and nutrients.

Public action is the best means for addressing local water quality problems and concerns. Local stakeholders like you will help identify potential sources of pollution and then select and promote implementation of practices to improve water quality. Key local partners supporting the process include the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority, Plum Creek Conservation District, Caldwell-Travis Soil & Water Conservation District and Hays County Soil & Water Conservation District. The ultimate goal of the program is to develop and implement a plan that protects water resources in the region now, and into the future.

To kick-off the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership, three public meetings will be conducted to introduce the program and encourage local citizen involvement. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend one of the meetings to learn how to get involved in solving these important water quality issues. Refreshments will be available at 6:00 pm and meetings will start at 6:30 pm at the following locations:

April 10th, 2006
Courthouse Annex
1400B FM 20 East
Lockhart, TX 78644

April 25, 2006
Tobias Elementary School
1005 East FM 150
Kyle, TX 78640

April 26, 2006
Luling Primary School
118 West Bowie
Luling, TX 78648

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