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Public Invited to Plum Creek Watershed Project Meeting

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The Plum Creek Watershed steering committee will meet at 6 p.m. June 20 at Lockhart State Park to establish work groups and begin planning. The public is encouraged to attend.

The draft "2004 Texas Water Quality Inventory and 303(d) List" of impaired waters indicates that Plum Creek has elevated nutrient concentrations and bacteria levels.

The Plum Creek Watershed begins in southeastern Hays County north of Kyle and runs south through Caldwell County, passing near Lockhart and Luling. It then joins the San Marcos River in northern Gonzales County.

"Plum Creek Watershed includes the main stem and all of the tributaries that drain into it, all of which are affected by what happens in the surrounding cities and towns," said Nikki Dictson, Texas Cooperative Extension water quality program specialist.

Extension and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board are partnering with citizens of Caldwell and Hays counties and other areas to protect and improve the area's water quality.

The meeting will focus on wastewater infrastructure, urban storm water and nonpoint source pollution, habitat and water quality, agriculture nonpoint source pollution, and outreach and education.

More information on the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership can be found at <http://pcwp.tamu.edu> . More information on the Texas Watershed Steward program can be found at <http://watershedsteward.tamu.edu> .