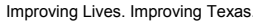


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Plum Creek Watershed Partnership
 Steering Committee Meeting


Lockhart, Texas
 January 31, 2008



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School Water Quality Service Learning Project



- Lockhart Plum Creek Elementary
- Lockhart Clear Fork Elementary
- Lockhart Navarro Elementary
- Luling Leonard Shanklin Elementary
- Luling Jr. High






Meeting Overview



Mark McFarland
 Texas AgriLife Extension Service



Update on Open Public Comment Meetings

Nikki Dictson
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Media Advisory/Public Notice

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Wednesday, December 3, 2007

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Public Invited to Comment on Draft Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan


Contents of the Plum Creek Watershed portions of Kerr, Caldwell, and Travis Counties are being asked and encouraged to provide input and comment on the Draft Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan, which is aimed at improving water quality in the stream and its tributaries in the watershed. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has reviewed that Plum Creek has water quality impairment for bacteria or E. coli in the contact recreation and concerns the adjacent natural area.

The Texas Cooperative Extension is facilitating the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership's (PCWP) development of the Watershed Protection Plan, which is entirely voluntary. Funding for the plan development is provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) through the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. The PCWP includes a steering committee consisting of local stakeholders, a technical advisory group consisting of local, state and federal agencies, and five regional work groups composed of steering committee members, agency personnel and other interested citizens. The PCWP has evaluated the water quality issues in the watershed, determined needed pollution load reductions, and completed the development of the Draft WPP.

Public comment for the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan can be submitted by phone, mail or fax through January 11, 2008. Draft copies of the plan are available at <http://www.pcmw.org>. For paper copies of the plan or to provide comment contact Nikki Dictson at (979) 415-3478 or ndictson@tamu.edu. Comments may be e-mailed, faxed (979-845-5004) or mailed to Nikki Dictson, Texas Cooperative Extension, 2474 TAMU, College Station, Texas 77843-2474.

In addition, three public comment meetings will be held in the watershed, at which project representatives will be available to receive comment personally and answer any questions. The public is urged to attend and send a copy of the document to the meeting. After the public comment period ends, all comments will be evaluated by the PCWP and incorporated into the final draft, as appropriate. The plan will then be approved by the PCWP and forwarded to the USEPA in February 2008. For more information on the project go to <http://www.pcmw.org>.

Public Comment Meetings:
January 7, 2008, 10 am - 2 pm at the Luling City Hall
January 10, 2008, 10 am - 2 pm at the Rich City Hall in Rich, 100 W. Center Street
January 13, 2008, 10 am - 2 pm at the Lockhart Courthouse Annex, 1415B Blackhawk St.




Newspaper Advertisement

- Luling Newsboy (weeks of 12/17, 1/1/08)
- Lockhart Post Register (same)
- Hays Free Press
 - Ran 12/19/07 & 1/2/08, cost \$185
- Kyle Eagle
 - Ran weeks of 12/17, 1/1/08, cost \$227.50
- San Marcos Record (\$876.48/3 days)
- Country World




Update and Discussion on Proposal Development

Matt Berg and Nikki Dictson
Texas AgriLife Extension Service




Plum Creek Outreach and Education Grant Update

- Assessment/Identification of Illegal Dumping at road crossings has been completed
- Discussions have begun with the Counties on clean up and tributary and roadway signs
- The brochure is being reviewed by TCEQ and once completed it will be printed and distributed
- The WWTP online module has been developed and is in the review process




Top 5 Ranked Sites for Clean up of Illegal Dumping

Clean up Ranking	Station ID*	Site Location	County	Cleanup Necessary
1	12648	Plum Creek at Old Kelly Road (CR 186)	Caldwell	Appliances, Scrap Metal, Plastic Sheets, Assorted Litter
2	N/A	Cal-Main Runoff Ditch at Chuckwagon Road (CR 143)	Caldwell	Furniture, Mattress, Appliances
3	99934	Salt Branch at Salt Flat Road (Spruce Avenue)	Caldwell	Concrete Blocks, Scrap Metal, Tires, Assorted Litter
4	12642	Plum Creek at Biggs Road (CR 131)	Caldwell	Couch, Tires, Garbage Bags, PVC Pipe, Scrap Metal, Plastic Sheets, Assorted Litter
5	12647	Plum Creek at Old McMahon Road (CR 202)	Caldwell	Appliances, Scrap Metal, Dead Hogs, Lawnmower


Managing Urban Growth: Quality of Life and Environmental Issues

- The 9:00 am – 2 pm trainings are FREE and lunch is being provided by Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust
- The first NEMO training is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26 at the Texas Disposal System Pavilion, registration by Feb. 20
- The second training will be held Tuesday, May 13 at The Fountains, registration by May 7
- <http://www.gbora.org/Education/ManageUrbanGrowth.aspx>




OSSF Trainings and Assistance

- Dr. Bruce Lesikar and I met with the Hays County Commissioners Court and Senior Sanitation Staff in Hays County on OSSFs
- February 13th, we will meet with Kasi Miles in Caldwell County and Diana Woods, CM of Umland on OSSFs, training and assistance



Texas Watershed Steward Training

- December 4, 2007
- Plum Creek Community Meeting Room in Kyle
- 42 Participants for day long training
- Everyone received a certificate
- Great remarks on the training from the survey at the end of the day
- Will have additional training in Lockhart and possibly Luling in conjunction with Teacher in Service Days in August



City of Kyle Implementation Proposal to TCEQ

- Retrofit Detention Facilities at Steeplechase and Plum Creek Subdivisions
- Storm Sewer Marking and Education Program
- Stormwater Mapping and Control Plan
- Dog Waste Collection Stations and Education
- Street Sweeping Program initiated



City of Kyle Implementation Proposal to TCEQ

- Continue conducting trash clean-up day on Plum Creek
- Water quality monitoring, data collection and validation – E.coli and nutrients
- James Earp is the project lead
- The proposal was for about \$285,000 for three years



Plum Creek Implementation Proposal to TSSWCB

- Proposal for three years of Implementation



TSSWCB	
Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board CWA 1939(a) Agricultural Subwatershed Nonpoint Source Grant Program FY 2008 Program Application	
PROJECT SUMMARY	
The purpose of this project is to develop and implement a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) for the Plum Creek Watershed. The project will focus on water quality monitoring, data collection, and validation, as well as implementing various Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce nonpoint source pollution. The project will also include public outreach and education efforts to increase awareness of water quality issues and encourage citizen participation in water quality monitoring and protection.	
Project Title:	Water Quality Monitoring and Validation - E. coli and Nutrients
Project Objectives:	1. Monitor water quality at various locations in the Plum Creek Watershed. 2. Collect and analyze data on E. coli and nutrient levels. 3. Identify sources of nonpoint source pollution and implement BMPs to reduce runoff. 4. Conduct public outreach and education efforts to increase awareness of water quality issues and encourage citizen participation in water quality monitoring and protection.
Project Tasks:	1. Develop a monitoring plan. 2. Hire a technician to collect and analyze samples. 3. Conduct public outreach and education efforts. 4. Implement BMPs to reduce runoff.
Project Type:	Water Quality Monitoring and Validation
Project Location:	Plum Creek Watershed, Bexar County, Texas
Project Start Date:	September 1, 2008
Project End Date:	August 31, 2011

Project Tasks

- ▶ Promotion and implementation of WQMP program (44 plans)
- ▶ Tracking implementation success
- ▶ Promotion and implementation of feral hog control program
- ▶ Support and facilitation of WPP implementation



- ▶ Promotion and implementation of WQMP program (44 plans)
 - Hiring of full-time TSSWCB District Technician
 - Development of WQMPs in cooperation with producers
 - Acquisition of cost-share funds and implementation of BMPs
 - Total of \$873,911
- ▶ Tracking implementation success
 - Annual WQMP status review and certification
 - Map WQMP implementation
 - Total of \$97,101
- ▶ Promotion and implementation of feral hog control program
 - Hiring of full-time TWDMS Technician for hog control
 - Create online reporting system
 - Conduct feral hog control efforts
 - Total of \$326,955
- ▶ Support and facilitation of WPP implementation
 - Total of \$194,538

Project Total \$1,492,504



Next Steps

Nikki Dictson
Texas AgriLife Extension Service



PCWP Steering Committee Meeting

Adopt and Sign the Watershed Protection Plan

Tuesday, February 19, 2008
6:00 to 9:00 pm
Courthouse Annex, Lockhart



Next Steps

- Continue to gather and report any new data or information
- Track implementation efforts
- Update the group on any new data, water quality data, SWAT, and implementation efforts
- Updates will be provided by email and posted to the website.



Future Meetings

- Quarterly Partnership/Steering Committee Meetings – 2nd Thursday of the month
- Work Group Meetings as necessary
- Quarterly Partnership Meetings would occur May, August, November, February
- Remain at the Bank Location?



PCWP Steering Committee Meeting

Adopt and Sign the Watershed Protection Plan

Thursday, May 8, 2008
6:00 to 9:00 pm
First Lockhart National Bank, Lockhart

