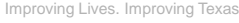


Plum Creek Watershed Partnership
 Steering Committee Meeting

Lockhart, Texas
 November 13, 2008






Meeting Overview



Nikki Dictson
 Texas AgriLife Extension Service



Update on Submitted Plum Creek Implementation Proposal

Matt Berg
 Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Update on Agricultural and Feral Hog Implementation Proposal

Approval Received:

- Implementation of voluntary Water Quality Management Plans on agricultural lands through local Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Continued coordination and facilitation of implementation in the watershed by Extension



Update on Agricultural and Feral Hog Implementation Proposal

Item Not Approved:

- Targeted feral hog management by Texas Wildlife Services



Update on Agricultural and Feral Hog Implementation Proposal

Revised Proposal:

- Hire Wildlife Extension position in watershed to coordinate with private management efforts by landowners themselves
- Development and distribution of educational materials and cooperation with planned feral hog management workshops
- Utilize online feral hog reporting system to work with landowners



Update on Agricultural and Feral Hog Implementation Proposal

New Proposal (FY 2009):

- Discovered Executive Order 13112 calling on federal agencies to “(i) prevent the introduction of invasive species; (ii) detect and respond rapidly to and control populations of such species”
- Identifies 4 land vertebrates as invasive species; including feral hogs
- Funding agencies willing to revisit proposal
- Reinitiated proposed feral hog management by Texas Wildlife Services



Update on City of Kyle 319 Proposal to TCEQ

James Earp
Assistant City Manager, City of Kyle



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 was initiated



City of Kyle Implementation Proposal to TCEQ Continued

- Continue conducting trash clean-up day on Plum Creek at Steeplechase Park
- Water quality monitoring, data collection and validation – E.coli and nutrients
- James Earp is the project lead
- The proposal is for three years Oct. 2008-2011
- EPA has awarded the City of Kyle the grant with a proposed start date in October 2008.



Update on Plum Creek Outreach and Education 106 Grant Project

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Exciting Watershed Highlights Continued

- Received \$150,000 in September for water quality outreach and education from a TCEQ Clean Water Act 106 funding
 - Watershed Protection Campaign Brochure
 - NEMO – Urban Growth Workshops
 - 4 Online Modules- Stormwater Mgmt; Wastewaters Treatment Plants; OSSFs; and Fats, Oils, and Grease
 - Septic System Workshops
 - Illegal Dumping/Litter Campaign
 - TCEQ Fats, Oils, and Grease Workshops and Site Assessment Visits



Outreach and Education with 106 Grant Funding Continued

- Received \$150,000 in September for water quality outreach and education from a TCEQ Clean Water Act 106 funding
 - Watershed Protection Campaign Brochure has been printed and is being distributed
 - Marketing and Outreach Plan



NEMO - Managing Urban Growth: Quality of Life and Environmental Issues

- The 9:00 am – 2 pm trainings are FREE and lunch was provided by Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust
- Extension Specialist, John Jacobs was the featured speaker and is the Texas NEMO Coordinator.
- The first NEMO training was held on Tuesday, February 26 at the Texas Disposal System Pavilion and was a great success.
- The second training was held on Tuesday, May 13 at The Fountains with over 40 attendees.



Online Educational Modules

- Stormwater Management
- Fats, Oils, and Grease
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Module is complete and has been advertised by email and post cards that were mailed out
- The WWTP Module has also received an award from the Water Environment Association of Texas – 2008 Presidential Award for Outstanding Effort Towards Public Outreach and Communication.
- This award will be presented to GBRA on December 17 at their Board Meeting.



Online Educational Modules Continued

- The Onsite Septic System Module
 - Is in the final review stage
 - Will be on the GBRA Website and linked from our website



Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Workshops

- August 26, Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems 201 Workshop was held for practitioners at the Hays County AgriLife Extension Office in San Marcos for 60
- August 29, Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems Workshop was held at the Caldwell County AgriLife Extension Office in Lockhart for 20.
- These will be held again in 2009.
- A free Aerobic System Workshop will be held in Comal County on Dec. 17 at the AgriLife Extension office located at 325 Resource Drive in New Braunfels from 9 to 4:30.



OSSF Assistance in Hays County

- Meet with Hays County on July 10 about ORCA funding for Septic Systems.
- On August 8, received email from Jeff Hauff, Hays County Grants Coordinator that they were going to apply for ORCA for a project in Wimberley this go round, but want to start a work group to continue working on this issue.
- The county is very interested in building partnerships to connect OSSF homes to WWTP and apply next year.
- Wanted some time for the Hays County Water and Wastewater Regional Study to help prioritize locations.
- Need to create a Wastewater Working Group



Outreach and Education with 106 Grant Funding Continued

- TCEQ Fats, Oils, and Grease Workshops are in the process of being coordinated
- Site Assessment Visits have been scheduled for the
 - Luling Water Treatment Plant
 - GBRA Managed Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility



Plum Creek Outreach and Education Grant Update

- Assessment/Identification of Illegal Dumping at road crossings has been completed
- Roadway signs for cleanup and No Dumping signs have been delivered to Counties and posted
- Lee Gudgell with GBRA made presentations to multiple groups within the watershed on this cleanup effort
- Caldwell County received a Solid Waste Grant to fund a person, truck and trailer to clean up illegal dumping in the county



Lockhart Town Branch Community Cleanup

- Lockhart Community Cleanup occurred on Sept. 20 from 9:00am -1:00pm
- Cleanup of five City of Lockhart Parks along Town Branch
- Great Success with over 400 people in attendance
- Environmental Fair and local Band played
- Will become the Earth Day Event in Lockhart



Town Branch Cleanup



Texas Watershed Steward Training

- December 4, 2007 at Plum Creek Community Meeting Room in Kyle
- 42 Participants for day long training, received a certificate
- 2nd TWS training August 6 in Luling
- 85 Participants for day long training
- Great remarks were received in the surveys from both trainings



Urban Sector Turf & Landscape Management

- Jim McAfee, Extension Specialist at the Dallas Urban Center will be providing a SAFE Training for those in the Plum Creek Watershed in the fall
- SAFE includes morning indoors instruction and than an afternoon field irrigation audit
- Charles Swanson, Extension Program Specialist held a two-day irrigation audit training in San Marcos this past July.



Rainwater Harvesting Workshops

- August 16, Rainwater Harvesting Workshop in San Marcos at Hays County AgriLife Extension Office.
- This was the third workshop with 100 registrants in Hays County.



Update on Targeted Water Quality Monitoring Project

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Texas Stream Team Workshop

Eric Mendelman
Texas Stream Team



Update on Texas SH-130 Wetlands Mitigation Project on Plum Creek

John Ortlieb
Raba-Kistner Infrastructure, Inc.



Update and Discussion on 501©3 Potential

Matt Berg
Texas AgriLife Extension Service



Nonprofit Group Formation

Attended Program Sponsored by Center for Nonprofit Management October 7

- Multiple legal steps to forming a group
- Corporation formed upon obtaining Employer Identification Number (EIN); the first of many required government forms



Nonprofit Group Formation

Developing an organizational strategy

- Group must have clear-cut, unique mission
- Should develop mission statements and recognizable tagline
- Determine current local need
- Ensure not duplicating mission, efforts of another group



Nonprofit Group Formation

Financial structure

- Should have financial structure in place before obtaining nonprofit status
- Determine where assistance will come from for first several years of the group's existence
- Most funds typically from memberships and donations
- Groups should not form merely to pursue grants



Nonprofit Group Formation

Organizational structure

- Groups must have at least 3 officers
- Duties must be distinct and conducted by different individuals
- Executive director sometimes used to implement decisions by board of directors



Nonprofit Group Formation

Becoming legal entity

- Articles of incorporation filed with State of Texas
- Identifies group as nonprofit entity under state law
- However, granting of tax-exempt status comes from federal level



Nonprofit Group Formation

Group operation

- Bylaws necessary but can be written by the group itself following proper format (legal assistance technically not necessary)
- Includes job descriptions for board members, officers, etc.
- Thorough documentation of group decisions and minutes of meetings very important



Nonprofit Group Formation



Obtaining tax-exempt status

- More forms, submitted with initial fee of \$300-700
- Process takes approximately one year to complete
- With tax-exempt status, groups cannot engage in political activity, including supporting candidates or policy





Update on Caldwell County Regional Water And Wastewater Planning

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Update on Hays and Caldwell County Greenprinting Projects

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Central Texas Greenprint for Growth

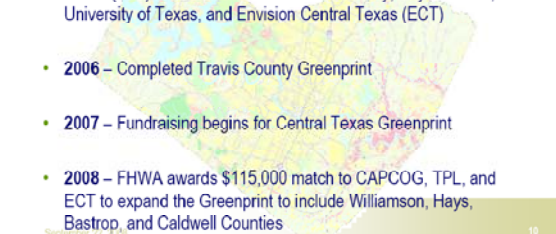
- I was invited and so were many of you to the Stakeholder meeting on October 23, 2008
- A new project coordinated by:
 - Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG)
 - The Trust for Public Land
 - Envision Central Texas
- I was also invited to be on the Technical Advisory Team and meeting on Oct. 24.
- Project will take the next 18 months



Central Texas Greenprint for Growth

Greenprint Timeline:

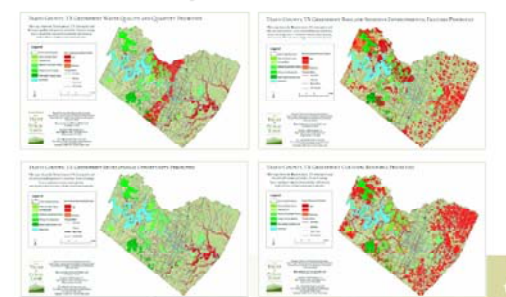
- 2005 – Travis County Greenprint initiated by Trust for Public Lands (TPL) in coordination with Travis County, City of Austin, University of Texas, and Envision Central Texas (ECT)
- 2006 – Completed Travis County Greenprint
- 2007 – Fundraising begins for Central Texas Greenprint
- 2008 – FHWA awards \$115,000 match to CAPCOG, TPL, and ECT to expand the Greenprint to include Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, and Caldwell Counties



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Central Texas Greenprint for Growth

Travis County Conservation Priorities



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Central Texas Greenprint for Growth

Overall Travis Conservation Priorities



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Central Texas Greenprint for Growth

What happens next?

- **Phase I July- September 08:** Interview key leaders in the county. Inventory existing resources and develop a comprehensive database of existing parks and open space in the county. Create Regional Steering Committee, Technical Advisory Team and County Stakeholders groups
- **Phase II September- October 08:** Conduct stakeholder-input meetings in each county to identify resource areas and identify priorities.
- **Phase III November - March 09:** Develop an interactive model that defines and prioritizes the parks and conservation acquisition needs in each county based on local weighting of goals.
- **Phase IV: January- February 09:** Present model for review by stakeholders and finalize results.
- **Phase V: June- August 09:** Place the model online and publish final report.

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Next Steps

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PCWP Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2008
6:00 to 9:00 pm
First Lockhart National Bank, Lockhart

Next Steps

- Continue to gather and report any new data or information
- Initiate and Track Implementation Programs
- Continue working on strategies and finding funding support
- New Plum Creek Brochure for your review and comment

