

July 2, 2010

Dear Lampasas River Watershed Partners,

June proved to be a productive month for the Lampasas River Watershed Partnership. In our second round of Work Group meetings, we discussed the initial results from the SELECT (**S**patially **E**xplicit **L**oad **E**stimation **C**alculation **T**ool) model.

The Wastewater Infrastructure and Urban/ Suburban Work Groups met jointly on June 18th to discuss and finalize the estimates of potential bacteria loading from septic systems, wastewater treatment facilities and domestic dogs. The two Work Groups want to combine all future efforts and work under the new name of “Urban Nonpoint Source Work Group”.

The Agricultural Issues and the Habitat and Wildlife Work Groups also met jointly on June 21st to discuss the initial SELECT results and finalize the estimates of potential bacteria loading from livestock and feral hogs. The work groups did request some changes to the assumptions concerning the deer and horse populations; these changes will be presented at the upcoming Steering Committee meeting. These two work groups also want to combine all future efforts and want to be called the “Agriculture and Wildlife Work Group”.

The Education and Outreach Work Group met on June 21st to discuss their efforts to develop a Partnership logo and identify audiences for educational activities.

At our upcoming meeting on July 15th, the Partnership will establish water quality goals, discuss the needed bacteria load reductions within the watershed as well as review the initial SELECT results that were presented in the Work Group meetings. The Steering Committee will review and consider all above mentioned as well as the combining of the work groups and changes to the Partnership Ground Rules for approval. The information for the meeting is below:

Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 15, 2010, 6 – 9 p.m.

Lampasas County Farm Bureau Building

1793 U.S. 281, Lampasas, TX 76550

We have a lot to accomplish at this meeting, so we encourage everyone to attend to be sure that your voice is heard. More information about the Lampasas River Watershed Partnership as well as materials from previous Work Group meetings, including meeting summaries are available on our website (<http://lampasasriver.org>). Thank you for your continued participation. If you have any questions, please call me at (254) 774-6008 or email lprcin@brc.tamus.edu.

Sincerely,

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