

September 3, 2010

Dear Lampasas River Watershed Partners,

I hope that the month of September has found you well. Our Urban NPS and Agriculture and Wildlife Work Groups both met in August to discuss management practices to reduce bacteria and other pollutants within our watershed. We also discussed different programs that offer technical and financial assistance for implementing management practices. Speakers from the USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board, Texas Parks & Wildlife and Texas Forest Service were featured at the Agriculture and Wildlife Work Group meeting, while representatives from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the City of Killeen spoke at the Urban NPS Work Group meeting.

We are preparing for our next Steering Committee and Partnership meeting. We are finalizing our work on the water quality analysis which will be presented for discussion. In particular, we will be looking at the monitoring sites that have a bacteria concern or impairment. The Steering Committee will decide on the use of a margin of safety for our water quality goals and at what level. Once this decision is made, the bacteria load reduction needed to meet the Partnership's water quality goals can be determined.

The Steering Committee will also consider dissolving the Education and Outreach Work Group and tasking the Agriculture and Wildlife and the Urban NPS Work Groups with developing their own outreach strategy. Stakeholder input is also needed about tentative water quality monitoring sites within the Lampasas River Watershed for the Bacterial Source Tracking Project that has recently received funding from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. The information for the meeting is below:

Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 23, 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,
Lisa Prcin
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