

September 3, 2010

Dear Lampasas River Watershed Partners,

Well, it seems that Fall is finally upon us with cooler temperatures. Our Partnership has had a busy and productive summer, working towards our goal of a holistic, stakeholder driven plan to protect and improve water quality throughout the Lampasas River watershed.

Our Steering Committee and Partnership met in September to discuss the completed water quality analysis. Our analysis indicated that bacteria levels exceeded the water quality goals only during very high flow conditions which cannot be feasibly managed. Proposed water quality monitoring sites for a new bacterial source tracking project were also discussed in-depth with the stakeholders. The Steering Committee also voted to dissolve the Outreach and Education Work Group and to distribute their tasks among the Urban NPS and Agriculture and Wildlife Work Groups.

October will be a busy month as well for our Partnership with several events on the calendar. We have Work Group meetings scheduled to continue our discussion about management practices that may help us reduce the bacteria loads. Please note that the Agriculture and Wildlife Work Group meeting location has changed from previous meetings.

Urban Nonpoint Source Work Group

Friday, October 15, 2010, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
City of Killeen Solid Waste Building
2003 Little Nolan Road, Killeen, TX 76542

Agriculture and Wildlife Work Group

Monday, October 18, 2010, 6 – 9 p.m.
Lampasas County Annex Building
409 S. Pecan St, Lampasas, TX 76550

The Partnership is also working in conjunction with the USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service to host two Riparian Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) Workshops. Each workshop consists of ½ day in the classroom and ½ day in the field visiting streams. These workshops are open to landowners, municipal, state or federal agency employees, and others who are interested in the values and functions associated with riparian areas and streams. There is no charge to attend these workshops, but pre-registration is required. If you would like to attend please email or call me at the contact information given below. Both workshops will cover the same material. Maps and an agenda are available on our website.

Killeen PFC Workshop

Thursday, October 28, 2010, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Class: Parrie Haynes Ranch– Equestrian Center
13816 North Maxdale Road, Killeen TX 76549
Field: Parrie Haynes Ranch
179 Gann Branch Rd, Killeen, TX 76549
Lunch provided by City of Killeen

Evant PFC Workshop

Friday, October 29, 2010, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Class: Evant Methodist Church-Community Room
On North Highway 281, 1 blk north of Evant square
Field: Meis Ranch
2560 CR 2965, Evant, TX 76525
Lunch provided by City of Lampasas

More information about the Lampasas River Watershed Partnership as well as materials from previous meetings are available on our website (<http://www.lampasasriver.org>). If you have any questions, please call me at (254) 774-6008 or email lprcin@brc.tamus.edu.

Sincerely,
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