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Lampasas River Watershed Partners,

We are making huge strides towards having a complete Watershed Protection Plan for our watershed and only lack a few final decisions. Our Work Groups met in February and worked diligently to develop management practices that they felt would help lessen the impacts of various bacteria sources within the watershed. They also discussed the potential sources of funding that are available to help with the costs of implementing those management practices.

Another important component in a successful Watershed Protection Plan is an education and outreach component. Education and outreach is crucial to maintain public involvement as well as to raise awareness of the program and its goals and support the implementation of management practices. Work Groups will meet again in March to outline an Education and Outreach strategy. We will also discuss long-term water quality monitoring for the watershed. Meeting times and locations are:

Agriculture and Wildlife Work Group

Thursday, March 24, 2011, 6 – 9 p.m.
Lampasas County Farm Bureau Building
1793 U.S. 281, Lampasas, TX 76550

Urban Nonpoint Source Work Group

Friday, March 25, 2011, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
City of Killeen Solid Waste Building
2003 Little Nolan Road, Killeen, TX 76542

We will meet again in April for a Steering Committee meeting to discuss recommendations made by the Work Groups. The topics to be discussed include BMPs to reduce bacteria, interim goals, financial and technical assistance, long-term monitoring and the outreach and education strategies.

Decisions made at the April Steering Committee will be incorporated into the draft WPP. We need to garner as much interest and participation in our upcoming meetings to be sure that we have addressed all stakeholder concerns. The draft WPP will be made available this summer for a 45-day Public Comment period. We will hold a public meeting during the Comment period to allow stakeholders to give verbal comments.

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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