

May 20, 2011

Lampasas River Watershed Partners,

Well, here we are, nearing the end of the development of our Watershed Protection Plan for the Lampasas River Watershed! The Partnership has had a very busy first half of 2011! We just wrapped up the Spring 2011 NRCS Riparian Proper Functioning Condition workshops. Thanks to those stakeholders that attended. In case you missed out on these workshops, we are working to schedule another round for this Fall. If you are interested hosting a workshop on your creek or stream, please let me know. These workshops are particularly useful to landowners and land managers interested in managing their riparian areas to its fullest potential. Special thanks goes out to our instructors, Kenneth Mayben, Zone Engineer and Ricky Linex, Biologist, both with NRCS and to the City of Killeen and Texas AgriLife Research for providing our participants with lunch!

It has been a while since we have met as an entire group, but our Work Groups have been working diligently over the last several months to develop management strategies that should be appealing to all of our stakeholders. They have developed a laundry list of recommended practices and programs that can be utilized to mitigate bacteria within the watershed. We will review all of these strategies at our upcoming Steering Committee meeting.

We need to garner much interest and participation at this Steering Committee meeting to be sure that we have addressed all stakeholder concerns. Remember, this may be your last chance to have input on what goes into the WPP before it is released for public comment! The draft WPP will be made available this summer for a 45-day Public Comment period. During the Public Comment period, we will hold a public meeting to allow stakeholders to give verbal comments. Please be sure to join us.

Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2011, 6 – 9 p.m.

Lampasas County Farm Bureau Building
1793 U.S. 281, Lampasas, TX 76550

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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