

August 26, 2011

Lampasas River Watershed Partners,

I hope that you are all surviving this long hot summer and finding ways to stay cool. Even though we are in the midst of Texas's most severe one-year drought on record, according to Texas State Climatologist, I have hopes that we will see rain again (one-day)!

We had hoped that our June Steering Committee meeting would be our last before the release of our draft WPP for public comment. However, while we had good turnout at the meeting, we did not have enough Steering Committee members present to make formal recommendations. Our Partnership Ground Rules state that at least 51% of our 18 Steering Committee members must be present to finalize recommendations. To remedy this, we must have an additional Steering Committee meeting in September. We will discuss the Work Group recommendations and hopefully reach a consensus on what should be included in the draft WPP. It is very important that all of our Steering Committee members present to finalize these recommendations so that we may move forward.

After we have finalized the Work Group recommendations, we will hear from some of the folks involved in the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership. Plum Creek was also listed as impaired for not meeting the surface water quality for bacteria, as well some nutrient concerns. They have a completed WPP and are now in the midst of implementation. In addition to their Watershed Coordinator, Nikki Dictson, Dr. Jim Cathey will discuss the Plum Creek Partnership's efforts to control the feral hog population and B.J. Westmoreland will discuss their agricultural BMP implementation. Meeting information is below.

**Steering Committee Meeting**

Thursday, September 15, 2011, 6 – 9 p.m.  
Lampasas County Farm Bureau Building  
1793 U.S. 281, Lampasas, TX 76550

We are also planning another round of our NRCS Riparian Area Workshops on September 27 and 28, in Lampasas and Bell Counties, respectively. More information will soon follow as field sites are finalized. These workshops are free, but space is limited. If you would like to pre-register, please call or email me (254) 774-6008 or email [lprcin@brc.tamus.edu](mailto:lprcin@brc.tamus.edu).

More information about the Lampasas River Watershed Partnership as well as materials from previous meetings are available on our website (<http://www.lampasasriver.org>).

Sincerely,

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