


# The Lampasas River Watershed Partnership

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# How do we achieve **SUCCESS???**

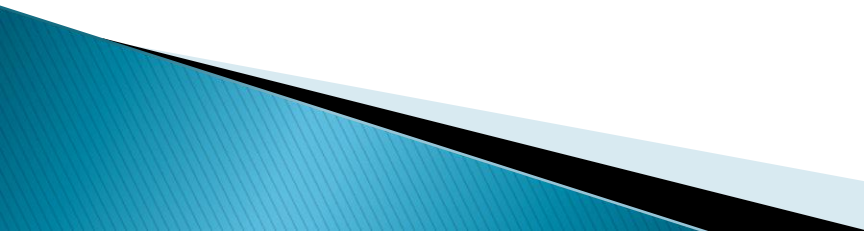
- ▶ WPP Success = Leverage for **STAKEHOLDERS** (community & individual) in competition for conservation grants
  - ▶ WPP Success = Improved value and function of Lampasas River watershed for **STAKEHOLDERS**
  - ▶ Success of a Watershed Protection Plan is dependent on the involvement and cooperation of all **STAKEHOLDERS!!!**
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# Who are the stakeholders?

Those who make and implement decisions, those who are affected by the decisions made, and those who have the ability to assist with the implementation of decisions.

- ▶ Individuals & Non-government Entities
  - Landowners
  - Citizen groups
  - Community service organizations
  - Religious organizations
  - Homeowners' associations
  - Recreationist
  - Business & Industry representatives
  - Environmental & conservation groups
- ▶ Local & Regional Government Entities
  - Soil & Water Conservation Districts
  - Underground Water Conservation Districts
  - County or regional officials
  - Local municipal representatives
  - Universities, colleges & schools
- ▶ State & Federal Agencies

# What is the Partnership and it's purpose?

- ▶ Established Partnership will include:
    - Steering Committee
    - Topical Workgroups
    - General Members
    - Technical Advisory Panel
    - Watershed Coordinator
  - ▶ Develop strategies to address water quality issues within the watershed
  - ▶ Carry the WPP through to implementation
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# Roles in the Partnership

## ▶ Stakeholder Roles

### ◦ Steering committee participation

- Structure to be decided by members
- Composed of 10 - ??? number of members
  - Local citizens and non-government entities
  - Local and regional government representatives
- Decision-making body of the partnership
- Individuals can volunteer, be invited or nominated to serve on the committee
- Attendance at regular meetings

# Roles in the Partnership

## ▶ Stakeholders Roles cont'

### ◦ Topical workgroup participation

- An extension of the steering committee
- Relevant workgroups are determined by steering committee
- Possible workgroups:
  - Agriculture, Wastewater Infrastructure, Outreach & Education and Urban Issues
- Make recommendations to steering committee and assist in the development of relevant components in the WPP
- Provide leadership in implementation of practices
- Members of the steering committee and other interested stakeholders
- Attendance at regular meetings

# Roles in the Partnership

- ▶ Stakeholders cont'
  - General partnership member
    - Anyone who is not actively participating on steering committee or workgroup
    - Encouraged to attend all meetings
    - Less time-intensive commitment than other roles

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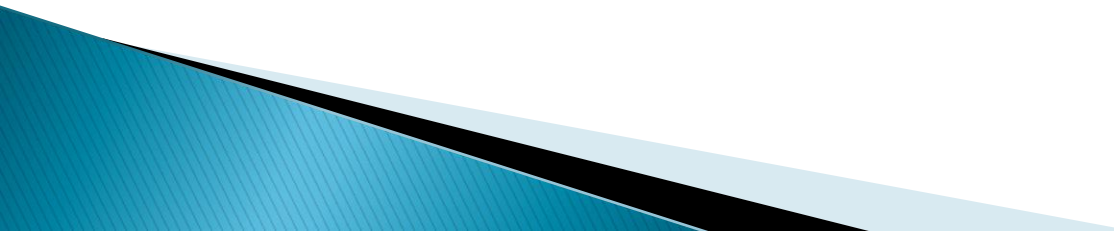
- ▶ Technical Advisory Panel
  - Comprised of state and federal agency experts to provide technical advice
  - Provide workgroups and steering committee with information/knowledge to develop strategies to improve water quality in the Lampasas River Watershed
  - Members can include, but not limited to:
    - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
    - U.S Department of Agriculture – Natural Resource Conservation Service
    - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
    - Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
    - Texas Parks and Wildlife
    - Texas Department of Agriculture
    - Texas AgriLife Extension
    - Texas AgriLife Research
    - Brazos River Authority
  - Assist on an as-needed basis



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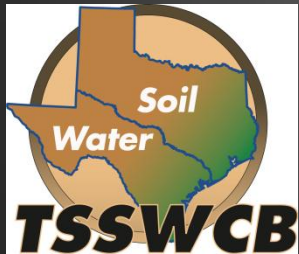
- ▶ Texas AgriLife at Blackland Research & Extension Center
  - Serve as Watershed Coordinator
    - Facilitate steering committee and work group meetings
  - Complete watershed characterization and analysis
  - Ensure that all voices are heard
  - Provide information needed for stakeholders to make decisions
  - Provide communication lines between technical expert panel, work groups, steering committee and public
  - Write the WPP based on the Partnership's decisions
  - Work to ensure smooth transition from plan development to implementation
  - We work for YOU!!!

# How to get involved?

- ▶ Fill out the stakeholder survey!
  - ▶ Serve on steering committee or workgroups
  - ▶ Participate in partnership meetings
  - ▶ Tell your neighbors about the Lampasas Watershed Protection Plan
  - ▶ Let us know if we've missed anyone
  - ▶ Are there issues that you know need to be addressed?
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# Thank You



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