

Texas AgriLife Research and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board invite you to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss solutions to water quality issues in the Lampasas River watershed. As you may be aware, the State of Texas has identified the Lampasas River as impaired due to elevated levels of E. coli bacteria. North Fork Rocky Creek, a tributary of the Lampasas River, is also impaired for depressed dissolved oxygen.

As a result of these impairments and concerns expressed by local stakeholders, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board has provided grant funding to AgriLife Research to facilitate the development of a watershed protection plan for the Lampasas River watershed. The watershed planning process uses a series of cooperative, iterative steps, driven by stakeholder decision making, to characterize existing conditions, identify and prioritize potential sources of pollution, define management objectives, and implement protection or remediation strategies.

To kick-off the Lampasas River watershed planning process, two public meetings will be conducted to introduce the program and encourage participation from local landowners and citizens. You are cordially invited to join us to learn how to become involved in solving these water quality issues. Refreshments will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. at the following locations:

Thursday, May 7, 2009
City of Killeen Solid Wastes Building
2003 Little Nolan Road
Killeen, TX 76542

Tuesday, May 12, 2009
First Texas Bank
501 East 3rd Street
Lampasas, TX 76550

A meeting agenda and an informational brochure are included with this letter. More project information is available on the Lampasas River watershed website at <http://www.lampasasriver.org>. If you have any questions regarding the status of this project, please contact me by phone at (254) 774-6038 or by e-mail at spotter@brc.tamus.edu.