

Lampasas River Watershed Partnership Newsletter

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Partnership Meeting

Howdy! As we conclude the 3rd quarter of 2017, we reflect back on the year. Its been a busy one, between our typical programs and wrapping up old projects and beginning new ones, its been productive! We invite you to our upcoming Partnership meeting on October 12 at the Lampasas County Farm Bureau Building located at 1793 U.S. Hwy 281 in Lampasas to learn more about our activities over the last year. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. We will also discuss the results from our 24-month water quality sample program during our Partnership meeting, as well as our current sampling project.

We will introduce a new project that is the first phase in addressing bacteria contributions from septic systems within the watershed at the Partnership meeting and ongoing efforts to provide technical and financial conservation assistance to agriculture producers. An agenda for the meeting can be found at <http://www.lampasasriver.org/>. This meeting is free and we welcome interested newcomers!

Free Soil Fertility Test Program

We are pleased to offer a free soil fertility test to residents within the watershed this Fall! No matter what you are growing, your soil is important! That's why the Lampasas River Watershed Partnership is offering FREE soil tests to FARMERS, RANCHERS, and HOMEOWNERS in the Lampasas River Watershed. Fertilizer is expensive and excessive application hurts your wallet and our local streams and rivers.

If you own or manage land within the Lampasas River watershed (see map on page 2, larger maps can be seen at <http://www.lampasasriver.org/> or

Free Soil Fertility Test Program *(continued from page 1)*

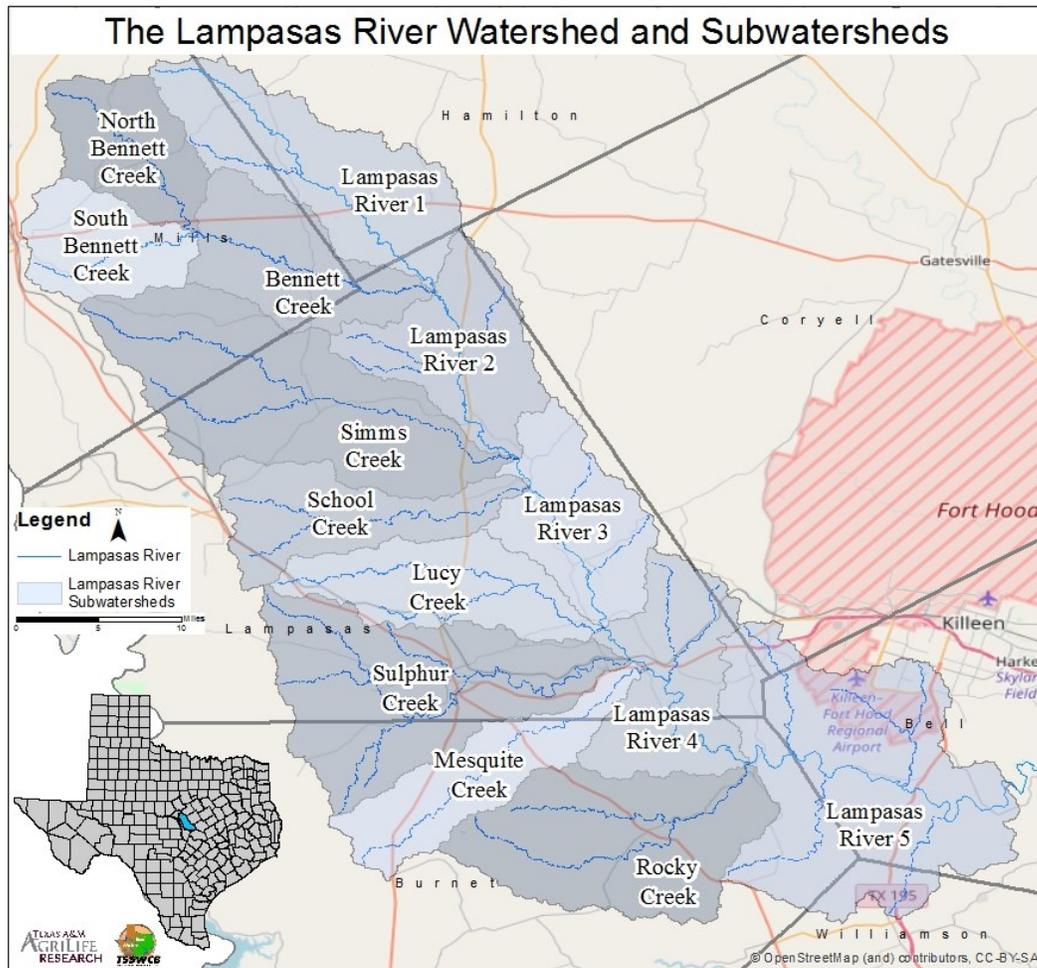
the county extension offices), you are eligible to receive free soil fertility tests (a \$10 value each). Pickup sample bags and submission forms between October 18th and November 8th at these local AgriLife County Extension offices: Bell, Burnet, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, and Mills Counties. Return soil samples to the same office by 5:00 pm, November 8th. You will receive your results and learn how to interpret them at a free, one-hour program at one of the following locations:

December 4th —Lampasas County Farm Bureau at 6:00 p.m.

December 5th — Mills County Community Center at 2:00 p.m.

December 5th — Texas A&M University –Central Texas, Founders Hall at 6:00 p.m.

For more information or to determine if you are in the watershed, please contact Lisa Prcin either (254) 774-6008 or lprcin@brc.tamus.edu or the AgriLife Extension Agent in one of the participating counties. An interactive map of the watershed is also available at www.lampasasriver.org.





Lone Star Healthy Streams Program

We are pleased to partner with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to offer the Lone Star Healthy Streams Program in Goldthwaite on October 18th. The course is free and will be held from 1:00 — 5:00 p.m. at the Mills County Community Center, 1003 Parker St. The goal of the Lone Star Healthy Streams program is to educate Texas livestock producers and land managers on how to best protect Texas waterways like the Lampasas River from bacterial contributions associated with livestock production and feral hogs. The program helps land managers concerned with maximizing livestock production and maintaining a healthy landscape find workable solutions to problems that may exist.

Workshop presentations will focus on basic watershed function, water quality and specific best management practices that can be implemented to help minimize bacterial contamination originating from beef cattle, horses and feral hogs.

The workshop will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 5 p.m. The program and materials are provided at no cost, but an RSVP is requested by October 16th. To RSVP for the workshop, contact Lisa Prcin, the AgriLife Extension office in Mills County at (325) 648-2650 or visit <http://lshs.tamu.edu/workshops/>.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture general continuing education credits will be provided for certified pesticide applicators.